

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

CLEMENTS, Jessie Lee, — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church.

JESSIE LEE CLEMENTS

1916-2002

Jessie Lee Clements, 85, of Pampa, died Jan. 11, 2002, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Central Baptist Church with Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor, and Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Clements was born June 9, 1916, in Fayette County, Ala. She married R.O. "Bob" Clements on Dec. 16, 1934, at Aspermont. She had been a resident of Pampa since March 1, 1943. She and Mr. Clements were the owners and operators of Clements Flowers from 1968 until 1984. She was a homemaker and a mem-

ber of Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Holmes and Ruth Duckett, and one brother, Donald Best.

Survivors include her husband, R.O. "Bob" Clements of the home; three sons, Robert Clements of Irving, Bill Clements of Arlington and Bailey Clements of Pampa; two sisters, Bertha Dean Ernest of Selma, Ala., and Neel Barfield of Alabama; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Gideons International, 400 W. 15th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

JOHN COWAN

John Cowan, 87, of Richardson, Texas, the sixth child of John Elijah and Inez Rebecca Moss Farmer, born in Bohman, Texas, went to join Edith and our Lord on Jan. 9, 2002. Services were Saturday at Restland's Wildwood Chapel in Dallas with the Rev. George H. Groves officiating. Interment was in Restland Memorial Park.

Mr. Cowan was born in Bohman, Texas, graduated Bonham High in 1933 as captain of the football team then briefly worked in the oil fields in the Texas Panhandle. In 1934 he was licensed to practice law in Texas at age 20 as the youngest practicing lawyer in Texas while a freshman at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. During his term as Assistant County Attorney of Fannin County, Texas, in 1938, he married Martha Edith Alexander of Sherman, Texas.

Subsequent terms as Fannin County Attorney were interrupted by his service in the Marine Corp during World War II, attaining the rank of Captain. He moved to Dallas in 1949 to join Lawyers Title Insurance

REGGIE NEAL RIPPETOE

1953-2002

CLARENDON — Reggie Neal Rippetoe, 48, died Jan. 9, 2002, in Clarendon. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in the Assembly of God Church with Rev. Clinton Elliott, pastor, and Rev. Darrell Burton, pastor of Marty Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Rippetoe was born March 15, 1953, in Dumas and was a lifetime resident of Clarendon. He married Sherry Selby on March

23, 1991 at Clarendon.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Rippetoe; his parents, Carrel and Neoma Rippetoe of Clarendon; three sons, Max Rippetoe of Guyton, Okla., Dave Sims of Clarendon and Jared Sims of Abilene; one daughter, Jessica Spicer of Claude; three brothers, Ronnie and Eric Rippetoe of Clarendon, David Rippetoe of Edmond, Okla.; three sisters, Sandy Cox and Debra Powers of Clarendon, Judy Bybee of Amarillo and three grandchildren.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, Jan. 11

Melford Neil Hanks Sr., 46, 816 N. Wells, arrested on two warrants for displaying expired registration and failure to yield the right of way.

Teresa Neal, 49, 7376 Sloan, theft over \$50 and failure to identify.

Leonard Anthony Scott, 37, 1141 Huff Road, evading, resisting and no driver's license.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, Jan. 11

Carla Michelle Dunn, 21, 404 N. Somerville, sentenced to rehabilitation.

James Dale Sells, 31, 710 Grant, violation of probation/driving while intoxicated.

Fred Henry Pitt, 43, McLean, possession of stolen property.

David Deschenes, 25, Enfield, Conn., arrested by the DPS on a money laundering charge.

Steve Corey Organ, 36, 1215 Crawford, violation of probation/possession of marijuana.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today, partly cloudy. Highs 60 to 65. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph becoming north.

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 25 to 30.

Monday, partly cloudy. Highs around 50.

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Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Highs 40 to 45.

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Chisum

endorsement given the fact "the elections aren't over yet. We're not sure who all the players might be. They bailed out way too early."

Swinford believes Craddick is going to win the speaker's job. He said Friday the supporters for Chisum and Laney "are the same folks" and he thinks that factor will wind up benefiting Craddick.

He told *The Pampa News* the main reason he and Smithee back Craddick is because of their (Swinford and Smithee's) commitment to support for rural and agricultural issues.

The "team" Craddick had built as part of his effort to become speaker was one that Swinford said was very weak in support for rural and agriculture needs.

After looking at how the support for speaker candidates lined up, we asked ourselves,

"What happens if Craddick does win? Where is agriculture?"

If Chisum wins, Swinford said, "We know agriculture will be covered ... and if Laney wins we know it will be, too."

Swinford is chairman of the House agriculture committee.

"It's just a step I had to take," Swinford said. "It's certainly nothing against Warren or Pete ... it was a tough decision but was something I just had to do. They are both great people and I hope we can be great friends. But all of us have to do what we have to do."

Chisum points to Craddick as a beneficiary of "big money" and said, "it's obvious in Craddick's camp that tons of money are being poured into the race. I hate to see outside big money control people in the House."

A six-term lawmaker, Chisum said he'll continue his speaker campaign saying, "The election's not over."

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Tax

addition to Pampa, "six are collecting more than last year - Canyon, Amarillo, Plainview, Hereford, Clarendon and Canadian."

With four months of sales taxes returned so

far in FY 2001-2002, \$728,042 has been received which is \$93,167 over the same time period last year, Horst said. That's a 14.67 percent increase.

The budget was built around an expectation of receiving \$1,970,000 for the year.

DA, victim's family hope some good comes from hockey verdict

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — As Thomas Junta was led out of a courtroom, prosecutors said they hoped parents of young athletes take note of his conviction in a man's beating death at their sons' hockey practice.

"Our hope tonight is that if there is any good that comes out of this, it will be that we will not see another parent on an autopsy table as a result of parental rage over children's sports," Middlesex Dist. Attorney Martha Coakley said.

Junta, 44, was convicted Friday of involuntary manslaughter in the July 2000 death of Michael Costin. Junta beat Costin to death at the Burbank Ice Arena in Reading, a suburb north of Boston, after the two men argued over rough play during the youth hockey practice.

Junta faces up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced Jan. 25, but guidelines recommend a sentence of three to five years for a first-time offender.

Costin's father, Gus Costin, said he hoped the verdict would make parents realize they can go too far in their fervor over children's sports.

"Every parent thinks their child is going to be the next Ted Williams or Bobby Orr," he said. "They need to smarten up. That's why things like this happen."

Junta claimed he killed Costin, 40, in self-defense after their argument descended into physical violence.

But two witnesses testified Junta struck Costin repeatedly in the head while pinning him to the thinly matted floor of the ice arena. They

said Junta ignored them as they screamed, "Stop! You're going to kill him!"

Other witnesses, including Junta's 12-year-old son, Quinlan, corroborated the defendant's claim that he threw only three punches.

Prosecutors repeatedly called attention to the difference in size between the men. Junta is 6-foot-1 and weighed 270 pounds at the time of the fight. Costin was 6 feet and 156 pounds.

Junta's chin trembled after the verdict as he was led out of the courtroom by court officers. Several of his brothers sobbed.

"Tom Junta is not the person he has been made out to be but in fact is a loving father and husband," defense attorney Thomas Orlandi Jr. said.

Earlier Friday, Costin's father put his hand on Junta's shoulder in the hallway of the courthouse and told him he held no animosity.

"I don't hate you. I forgive you," Gus Costin, 68, said he told him. He said Junta shook his hand and thanked him.

Costin's sister, Mary Barbuzzi, said she hoped no other family would have to endure such "senseless pain."

"Michael Costin succeeded in the hardest job there is — he was a good father," she said, standing next to Costin's four children. "Our family will never be complete again."

Junta had been tried for the more serious charge of manslaughter, which includes excessive use of force in self-defense. Involuntary manslaughter is defined as an unintentional killing during a battery.

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Rep Condit ignores Levy questions at political forum

MERCED, Calif. (AP) — Rep. Gary Condit participated in a candidates' forum Friday, the first time he has faced the voters since the furor over his connection to missing intern Chandra Levy.

"I have been effective on your behalf," Condit told the audience of about 100. "And I'm going to ask you. I've helped you. I'm asking you to help me in March."

Condit shook hands before his address and flashed his signature smile, but at times he appeared uncomfortable, biting his nails and grinning uneasily.

In one of the few contentious moments of the event at The Branding Iron restaurant, Modesto Councilman Bill Conrad, whom Condit defeated in a previous campaign, lashed out at the Democratic congressman.

"Gary Condit should not be in Congress," Conrad said. "It's an embarrassment what he's done this summer, his attitudes and the things that happened."

Conrad's words were drowned out by boos from a handful of Condit supporters.

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Without aid, farm earnings to drop 20 percent this year

WASHINGTON — With crop prices mired near record lows, the government says farm earnings will drop 20 percent this year unless Congress enacts a new farm program quickly or approves more emergency payments.

The Agriculture Department estimated Thursday that net farm income would fall to \$40.6 billion this year, down from \$49.3 billion in 2001, without additional federal aid. Congress is almost certain to increase government payments to prevent much or all of that projected drop.

"Congress is looking at these numbers and saying, 'We can't live with that,'" said James Richardson, an economist at Texas A&M University.

Wheat farms have the most to lose, an average of \$10,000 per operation, USDA says.

Lawmakers have passed a series of bailouts for the farm economy in each of the last four years, following a collapse in commodity prices in 1998, to supplement the payments the growers receive under the 1996 farm law.

Last year, farmers received \$21.1 billion in federal assistance. This year, government payments would drop to \$10.7 without additional assistance, USDA said.

Most of the money goes to farmers who raise grain, cotton and soybeans. Government payments account for 30 percent of the gross income of wheat farms

and 20 percent of revenue for other grains and soybeans, the report said.

Since 1992, net farm income has averaged about \$46 billion, while government payments have averaged about \$13 billion.

Congress is working on an expansion of farm subsidy programs that could take effect in time for this spring's crops. It is likely to include a new program that would provide payments tied to swings in crop prices or farm income.

If that legislation is not enacted in time for this year's crops, lawmakers are likely to consider another one-year package of supplemental payments.

"It has become a necessity the last four years and it will be again this year, if we don't get a farm bill in place," said

Tom Buis, a lobbyist for the National Farmers Union.

North Dakota wheat grower Alan Lee said farmers in his state can barely cover expenses without subsidies. "That government payment is really necessary for us."

Economists have expected the sluggish world economy and the strength of the dollar, which makes U.S. exports more expensive than those from other countries, will hold down commodity prices into next year.

On the bright side, USDA economists expect some continued improvement in revenue from crops in 2002, and the livestock sector is expected to remain relatively strong. Expenses also are moderating after big jumps in energy and fertilizer prices in 2000 and 2001.

'New Suit Contest'



(Courtesy photo)

Cristina Garcia, left, and Tiffany Solis, right, fourth graders at Lamar Elementary School, show-off their winning designs submitted during the "Design a New Suit for Santa" contest. Winners received a seasonal stuffed toy.

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

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

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

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Democracy: 'Lasting path' to Middle Eastern reforms

From the *Odessa American*:

Ever since the Sept. 11 attacks, Saudi Arabian officials have denounced Osama bin Laden and terrorism. But news reports suggest that the Saudi monarchy has been strangely supportive of Islamic radicals in the years leading up to the bin Laden attacks.

A recent ABC News story reinforces the idea that the U.S. government knows this, but wants to keep such information from the public. The network did its own translation of the videotape of bin Laden and his cohorts bragging about the attacks. It found that the U.S. government despite promising a full and accurate translation left out key elements that would have embarrassed the Saudis.

"Bin Laden's visitor, Khalid al Harbi, a Saudi dissident, claims that he was smuggled into Afghanistan by a member of Saudi Arabia's religious police," according to ABC News. "He also tells bin Laden that in Saudi Arabia, several prominent clerics some with connections to the Saudi government made speeches supporting the attacks on America."

Yet the likelihood that the Saudi regime has helped fundamentalists doesn't lead to clear answers about what to do about it. The problem, as writer Fareed Zakaria makes clear in a Dec. 24 Newsweek article, is that as "autocratic, corrupt and heavy-handed" as America's Middle Eastern allies certainly are, "they are still more liberal, tolerant and pluralistic than what would likely replace them." In other words, the United States knows that the Saudi leadership is a problem, but understands that embarrassing it and undermining its legitimacy can lead to something worse.

"We are used to thinking of democracy as good and dictatorship as bad, but we confront a world turned upside down in the Middle East," Zakaria wrote. It's a world where the public buys conspiracy theories and tends to support radical fundamentalist leaders, while the dictators are the ones who keep the nuttiness in check.

Zakaria isn't suggesting that democracy really is bad and dictatorship really is good. But he provides a dose of reality. Terrorism won't evaporate when Osama bin Laden is eliminated. And support for it in the Middle East won't go away by promoting democracy, which might bring terrorist-supporting Islamic radicals to power.

What should America do?

Pushing U.S. allies to improve human rights is a start. But the "lasting path to reform will be economic," Zakaria wrote. "Those countries that have made the transition from dictatorship to democracy with the greatest success ... first liberalized the economy, not out of any desire to expand freedom but rather because they wanted to get rich. But this expansion of economic liberty had steady spillover effects. Economic reform meant the beginnings of a genuine rule of law capitalism needs contracts openness to the world ... and, perhaps most important the development of a business class. ..."

"Business people have a stake in openness, in rules and in stability. They want their societies to modernize and move forward rather than stay trapped in factionalism and war. Instead of the romance of ideology, they seek the reality of material progress."

We think he's on to something and hope that American policy makers are paying attention.

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Next time, call before digging

• Last weekend I really didn't like the way I felt.

It wasn't that I was sick or anything but not having television made me uncomfortable, anxious.

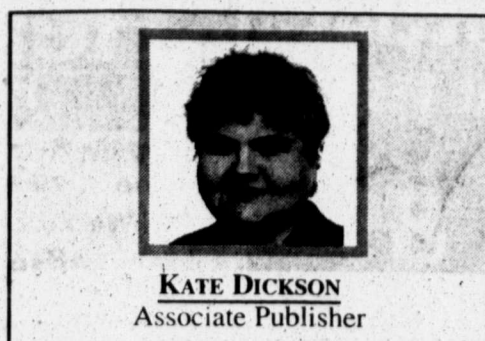
Then I felt even worse after realizing that not having TV for about 28 hours — not that I counted or anything — is some kind of *real* problem.

And, it's making me think twice about going on one of those vision quests for three or four days — no TV there for sure.

If you are one of the 6,000 households in Pampa that subscribe to Cable One services — some of you probably felt the same way, too.

There really was some feeling of withdrawal. It wasn't as bad as when I quit 'real' Cokes many years ago or anywhere near what cold turkey quitting smoking was like, but still, there was anxiety associated with it.

In case you were in a cave somewhere or have satellite television and missed all the hub bub, some Einstein who was putting up a fence out along Highway 152 cut through a fiber optic cable. Cable One workers found where a small section of cable had been ripped out of the ground and tossed into the field.

KATE DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Although there are signs up and down the easement that say: "Call Before You Dig," some folks seem to think "it won't hurt nothin'" to ignore them.

When the cable first went out I thought it was time for the every Saturday tornado warning system drill at noon. Only it wasn't noon yet.

After a while, I took a nap. Then, still no TV. So I turned on some music and decided to catch up on my reading. But even that made me anxious. I usually read while the TV is on. And if the TV is off, it's because I want it off.

When I went to bed I put the television on CNN and pushed the mute button. That way, whenever I awakened during the night, I could see if the TV had come back on.

It hadn't.

Come Sunday morning, that was it. No Cokie. No Sam. I couldn't stand it any more.

So, I headed for Amarillo for lunch and a movie. I wasn't sure if I was going to get to a restaurant in time to beat the Sunday-after-church lunch bunch. I really didn't want to take a number and wait.

But looking at the clock in the car, I calculated that I could at least beat the Baptists.

Having been reared Presbyterian, I knew about beating the Baptists to lunch. We did it every Sunday when I was growing up. Actually, we beat the Methodists, too.

AND, we had to drive two miles to get to Hazel's Cafe. The Baptists and Methodists didn't.

It was the same every Sunday. First the Presbyterians, then the Methodists and finally, the Baptists. Truth be known, most of the Presbyterians were leaving, or about to, when the Baptists arrived.

And sure enough, as I left the restaurant in Amarillo, a big crowd had assembled ... all awaiting seating.

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— U.S. Senator Bob Graham (D-Fla.)

"...a damnable piece of evidence!"

— U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.)

"Disgusting!"

— Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz

When in doubt, try looking up

Wendell Berry's new book, *Life Is a Miracle*, gives an eloquent comeuppance to those arrogant people who look upon science as the new religion and the final truth.

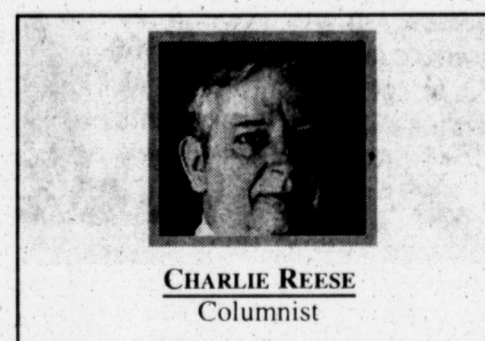
I won't spoil the book by quoting from it. Besides, the trouble with quoting Berry is that he is such an exquisite writer, you can easily end up quoting the whole book.

But science is neither a religion nor the proper subject of a religion. It is simply a collection of observations and measurements, and inferences drawn from them. But there is much more that science doesn't know than there is that science does know, once you separate fact from dogma.

No one knows, for example, how the universe began. The big-bang theory is just that, a theory. But if you accept the big-bang theory, you are still stuck with unanswered questions: What was there before the big bang? And where did it come from? Obviously, "nothing" cannot go "bang." Obviously, something cannot come from nothing. So it seems to me that ultimately the big-bang theory boils down to begging the question of how the universe started.

The size of the universe is itself, in human terms, a miracle. Scientists used to think that it was about 15 billion light-years in diameter. That's the distance light would travel at 186,000 miles per second in 15 billion years.

More recently, though, when the Hubble Space Telescope was focused on an area about 1/30th the size of the moon,

CHARLIE REESE
Columnist

it recorded something humans had never seen before and did not know existed: billions more galaxies. When it comes to the universe, "forever" and "infinity" seem to be reality, rather than abstract concepts.

When we consider the size of the galaxies and the vast distances that separate them, when we consider how exactly everything had to be just so without even one atom's difference to produce us and our habitable planet, then it seems to me more superstitious to believe it is all a meaningless accident than to believe in intelligent design and an intelligent designer.

That is not to say you have to believe in a God who involves himself in partisan politics, tribal warfare and mankind's other petty disputes. With a limitless universe to tend, I strongly doubt he would waste his time on such infinitely petty matters.

On the other hand, there seems to be evidence of a caring God. Men know how to create hell, but if you subtract the activities of man, there is no natural hell on this planet. It has everything we need.

It is beautiful. It was not created by God with either killing fields or Auschwitzes. If we defile and despoil it, that's not God's fault.

I believe we have free will. Determinism, whether of the religious or secular variety, negates morality. People who have no choices cannot be said to be good or evil. As long as human beings have the power to make choices, there is reason for hope that the right choices will be made. Therefore, optimism is natural and pessimism is unnatural. Optimism at least recognizes that the right choices could be made, while pessimism asserts that wrong choices will always be made. Even a slot machine pays off once in a while.

I prefer mystery and God to materialistic dogma wearing the false mantle of science. Wiser men than I have observed that if there is indeed no God, then anything goes and everything is pointless. That might be the kind of world some people want, but such people are my enemies. We have seen tastes of that world in Nazism, communism and the late Roman Empire. It is a foul taste.

But if you require proof that mystery exists, just step into your own back yard on a clear night and look upward. It's not too much of an exaggeration to suggest that the electric light bulb might have been our problem all along, as it discourages and in some cases prevents us from gazing at heaven. It's still there. Give it a look.

(Charlie Reese can be contacted at brl@earthlink.net.)

FROM OUR FILES

40 years ago

SUNDAY, Jan. 14, 1962.

Seven persons were killed and two others critically injured

Saturday when a station wagon whose driver probably was asleep hit a parked truck on U.S. Highway 66 on the outskirts of Groom.

MONDAY, Jan. 15, 1962.

The Newcomers' Club entertained with a coffee for new-

comers to the community on Saturday morning in the Cibola Room of the Coronado Inn.

THURSDAY, Jan. 18, 1962.

District Attorney Bill Waters yesterday gave a talk to the Pampa Rotary Club on the history of the election laws of Texas.

25 years ago

FRIDAY, Jan. 14, 1977.

Gray County soon will be totally out of debt for the first time in 10 years, according to Judge Don Cain.

Gray County

Commissioners, in session this morning, approved payment in full on Feb. 1, of the balance due on hospital and airport bonds.

SUNDAY, Jan. 16, 1977. Pampa got perhaps the finest

dual performance from its starting guards this season and whipped the Liberal, Kan., Redskins, 68-58, before 1,000 fans Friday night in Harvester Fieldhouse.

TUESDAY, Jan. 18, 1977.

Ed Sweet, 2224 N. Zimmers, has been named coordinator of the Pampa Chapter of the High Plains Epilepsy Association.

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(Courtesy photo)
Matt Smith, Collingsworth 4-H, won Reserve Grand Champion of Show Barrow at the 2002 Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show held recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa.

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SHOW

H. grand champion; Rebecca Warminski, White Deer FFA, reserve champion.

Breed Champions. Travis Fish, Gray 4-H, Fine Wool; Trenton Gaines, Wheeler 4-H, Medium Wool; Caleb Gaines, Wheeler 4-H, Medium Wool; Shaun Smith, Pampa FFA, Southdown.

Reserve Breed Champions. Shaun Smith, Pampa FFA, Fine Wool; Brendan Haiduk, White Deer FFA, Fine Wool Cross; Rebecca Warminski, White Deer FFA, Medium Wool; Nikki Hefley, McLean FFA, Southdown.

Senior Division. Kyna Shields, first place; Trenton Gaines, second place; Kendra Cartwrights, third place.

Barrows/Junior Division. Daniella Arnold, first place; K'Lyn Holmes, second place; Misty Pairsh, third place.

Senior Division. Byron Norton, first place; Marcie Langley, second place; T'Andra Holmes, third place.

STEERS/Junior Division. Jake Dunlap, first place; Krista Smith, second place; Courtney Crawford, third place.

Senior Division. Chloe Smith, first place; Travis Brown, second place; Tracy Brown, third place.

Lamb show winners
Finewool. Travis Fish, Gray 4-H, BC; Shaun Smith, Pampa FFA, RBC.

Medium Weight Finewool Cross. Brendan Haiduk, White Deer FFA, first place; Travis Fish, Gray 4-H, second place; Nicholas Hardcastle, Wheeler 4-H, third place; Tommy Meek, Wheeler 4-H, fourth place; Zachary Odom, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Amy Freeman, Pampa FFA, sixth place.

Heavy Weight Finewool Cross. Trenton Gaines, Wheeler 4-H, first place; Nicholas Odom, Gray 4-H, second and sixth place; Lily Anders, Borger FFA, third place; Kristen Odom, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Shantell Meek, Wheeler 4-H, fifth place.

Light Weight Medium Wool. Trenton Gaines, Wheeler 4-H, first place; Joshua Hardcastle, Wheeler 4-H, second place; Nicholas Hardcastle, Wheeler 4-H, third place; Heather Hampton, Wheeler 4-H, fourth place; Katie Baggerman, Roberts 4-H, fifth place; Chloe Smith, McLean FFA, sixth place; Shantell Meek, Wheeler 4-H, seventh place; Hadley Jackson, Hemphill 4-H, eighth place; Lance Jackson, Canadian FFA, ninth place; Amber Maddox, Wheeler 4-H, 10th place; Payton Austin, Wheeler 4-H, 11th place; Skylar Moneymaker, Hutchinson 4-H, 12th place; Steven McAlpine, Fort

Elliott, 13th place.

Light Medium Weight Medium Wool. Kendra Cartwright, Panhandle FFA, first place; Joshua Hardcastle, Wheeler 4-H, second place; Brenna Reid, Hansford 4-H, third place; Nikki Jo Hefley, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Shanna James, Wellington FFA, fifth place; Calee Henley, Gray 4-H, sixth place; Chloe Smith, McLean FFA, seventh place; Nikki Hefley, McLean FFA, eighth place; Addam Ferguson, Hansford 4-H, ninth place; Heather Hampton, Wheeler 4-H, 10th place; Skye Niccum, Pampa FFA, 11th place.

Medium Heavy Weight Medium Wool. Rebecca Warminski, White Deer FFA, first and 10th place; Tanner Mitchell, White Deer FFA, second place; Kendra Cartwright, Panhandle FFA, third place; Tyler Hartman, Collingsworth 4-H, fourth place; Cody Heck, Perryton FFA, fifth place; Nikki Jo Hefley, Gray 4-H, sixth place; Trent Cadna, McLean FFA, seventh place; Seth Clemmons, Hansford 4-H, eighth place; Macy Woodside, Hemphill 4-H, ninth place; Justin Hefley, Fort Elliott, 11th place; Lance Jackson, Canadian FFA, 12th place; Robert Douglas, Gray 4-H, 13th place; Kirsti Edwards, Collingsworth 4-H, 14th.

Medium Heavy Weight Medium Wool. Kendra Cartwright, Panhandle FFA, first place; Kali Shields, Hansford 4-H, second place; Haley Sprague, Lipscomb 4-H, third place; Haley Reid, Hansford 4-H, fourth place; Travis Fish, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Shaun Smith, Pampa FFA, sixth and 13th place; Stephanie Baker, Wheeler 4-H, eighth place; Trent Cadna, McLean FFA, ninth place; Cash Langford, Collingsworth 4-H, 10th place; Alisa Langford, Collingsworth 4-H, 11th place; Tanner Cadra, Gray 4-H, 12th and 16th place; Chelsie Douglas, Gray 4-H, 14th place; Brittany Bryan, Lipscomb 4-H, 15th

Heavy Weight Medium Wool. Kendra Cartwright, Panhandle FFA, first place; Kali Shields, Hansford 4-H, second place; Haley Sprague, Lipscomb 4-H, third place; Haley Reid, Hansford 4-H, fourth place; Travis Fish, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Shaun Smith, Pampa FFA, sixth and 13th place; Stephanie Baker, Wheeler 4-H, seventh place; Kaycia Mitchell, White Deer FFA; Trent Cadna, McLean FFA, ninth place; Cash Langford, Collingsworth 4-H, 10th place; Alisa Langford, Collingsworth 4-H, 11th place; Tanner Cadra, Gray 4-H, 12th and 16th place; Chelsie Douglas, Gray 4-H, 14th place; Brittany Bryan, Lipscomb 4-H, 15th place.

Southdown. Shaun Smith, Pampa FFA, first place; Nikki Hefley, McLean FFA, second place; Kali Shields, Hansford 4-H, third place; Tommy Meek, Wheeler 4-H, fourth place; Amber Maddox, Wheeler 4-H, fifth place.

STEER SHOW WINNERS
American and American Cross. Royce O'Neal, Pampa FFA, first place; Sandy French, Canadian 4-H, second place; Tyler O'Neal, Gray 4-H, third place.

Light Weight English and English Cross. Courtney Crawford, Gray 4-H, first place; Tracy Brown, Hansford 4-H, second place; Shay Morris, Collingsworth 4-H, third place; Tate Baumgardner, Collingsworth 4-H, fourth place; Adam Estrada, White Deer FFA, fifth place; Ashlee Lucas, Gray 4-H, sixth place; Magan Bivens, White Deer FFA, seventh place; Reese Talley, Hemphill 4-H, eighth place.

Medium Weight English and English Cross. Chloe Smith, Gray 4-H, first place; Tate Baumgardner, Collingsworth 4-H, second place; Brenna Reid, Hansford 4-H, third place; Collin Bowers, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Ryan White, Collingsworth 4-H, fifth

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BCIS-1405 .031	06:00PM	08:50PM	T	BUSINESS COMPUTER APPLICATIONS
	TBA	TBA	T	Lab
BIOL-1322 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION
BIOL-2402 .031	04:00PM	06:50PM	M	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II
	07:00PM	09:50PM	M	Lab
BIOL-2420 .031	04:00PM	06:50PM	T	MICROBIOLOGY
	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	Lab
BUSI-1307 .021	01:00PM	02:15PM	TR	PERSONAL FINANCE
CHEM-1112 .021	01:30PM	04:00PM	M	GENERAL CHEMISTRY LAB II
CHEM-1312 .021	11:00AM	11:50AM	M W F	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II
COSC-1401 .021	11:00AM	12:15PM	TR	INTRO TO COMPUTER INFO SYSTEMS
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CRJU-1306 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	COURT SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES
ECON-2302 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	M	MICROECONOMICS
ENGL-0308 .031	05:00PM	05:50PM	M	PREPARATORY ENGLISH
	TBA	TBA		Lab
ENGL-1301 .021	08:00AM	09:00AM	M W F	ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I
ENGL-1301 .022	09:00AM	09:50AM	M W F	ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I
ENGL-1301 .023	11:00AM	12:15PM	TR	ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I
ENGL-1302 .021	10:00AM	10:50AM	M W F	ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II
ENGL-1302 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	M	ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II
ENGL-2331 .021	09:30AM	10:50AM	TR	NON-WESTERN WORLD LITERATURE
ENGL-2332 .021	11:00AM	11:50PM	M W F	WORLD LITERATURE I
ENGL-2333 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	WORLD LITERATURE II
GOVT-2301 .021	10:30AM	11:45AM	TR	AMERICAN AND TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS
GOVT-2301 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	AMERICAN AND TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS
GOVT-2302 .021	01:00PM	03:45PM	T	AMERICAN AND TEXAS GOVERNMENTS
HIST-1301 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	R	HIST OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1877
HIST-1301 .032	07:00PM	09:50PM	W	HIST OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1877
HIST-1302 .023	02:00PM	03:15PM	M W	UNITED STATES HISTORY FROM 1877
HIST-1302 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	UNITED STATES HISTORY FROM 1877
HIST-2312 .021	01:30PM	04:20PM	R	WESTERN CIVILIZATION II
HITT-1305 .031	06:00PM	08:50PM	W	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY
HUMA-1315 .031	06:30PM	09:20PM	T	FINE ARTS APPRECIATION
MATH-0307 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	BEGINNING ALGEBRA
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MATH-0307 .032	07:00PM	09:50PM	R	BEGINNING ALGEBRA
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MATH-0308 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	T	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA
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MATH-1314 .031	06:00PM	09:50PM	R	COLLEGE ALGEBRA
MATH-2413 .031	05:00PM	09:50PM	W	CALCULUS I
MCHN-1317 .031	03:00PM	03:50PM	M W F	MACHINE SHOP BLUEPRINT READING
				Lab
MCHN-1319 .031	05:00PM	06:50PM	M	MANUFACTURING MATERIALS & PROCESSES
	05:00PM	07:50PM	W S	Lab
MCHN-1320 .031	04:00PM	04:50PM	MTWRF	PRECISION TOOLS AND MEASUREMENT
MCHN-1408 .031	05:00PM	07:50PM	T	BASIC LATHE
	08:00PM	09:50PM	TW S	Lab
MCHN-1413 .031	05:00PM	06:50PM	F	BASIC MILLING OPERATIONS
	05:00PM	09:50PM	R S	Lab
MCHN-1438 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	M	BASIC MACHINE SHOP I
	07:00PM	09:50PM	F	Lab
MUSI-1116 .021	02:00PM	02:50PM	T	ELEM SIGHT SING & EAR TRAINING I
	TBA	TBA		Lab
MUSI-1311 .021	03:00PM	05:50PM	T	MUSIC THEORY I
PHED-1123 .031	06:00PM	08:50PM	M	BOWLING
POFI-1401 .021	01:00PM	04:00PM	W	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS
POFL-2301 .021	04:00PM	05:20PM	M W	LEGAL DOCUMENT PROCESSING
POFM-1309 .021	04:00PM	05:20PM	TR	MEDICAL OFFICE PROCEDURES
POFT-1302 .021	09:00AM	12:00PM	M R	BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS I
	TBA	TBA	M R	Lab
POFT-1319 .021	09:00AM	10:50AM	W	RECORDS & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
	TBA	TBA		Lab
POFT-1321 .021	01:00PM	02:50PM	R	BUSINESS MATH
	TBA	TBA		Lab
POFT-2312 .021	09:00AM	12:00PM	TW	BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS II
	TBA	TBA		Lab
POFT-2401 .031	01:00PM	04:00PM	MT	DOCUMENT FORMATTING & SKILL BLDGNG
	TBA	TBA		Lab
PSYC-2301 .031	07:00PM	09:50PM	R	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC-2301 .032	07:00PM	09:50PM	W	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC-2314 .031	06:30PM	09:20PM	T	HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
READ-0308 .031	06:00PM	06:50PM	M	EFFECTIVE READING
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SOCI-1301 .021	02:00PM	04:50PM	W	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
SOCI-2301 .021	02:00PM	04:50PM	T	MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY
SPAN-1411 .021	09:00AM	09:50PM	M W F	ELEMENTARY SPANISH I
	TBA	TBA		Lab
SPAN-1412 .021	10:00AM	10:50AM	M W F	ELEMENTARY SPANISH II
	TBA	TBA		Lab
SPCH-1315 .021	02:00PM	04:50PM	M	PUBLIC SPEAKING
*SPCH-1318 .031	06:00PM	09:50PM	F	**INTERPERSONAL SPEECH
	08:00AM	04:00PM	S	**Special Weekend Class - ask for details
SPCH-1321 .031	06:00PM	08:50PM	W	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING

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place; K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, sixth place; Meagan Crawford, Gray 4-H, seventh place; Chance Bowers, Gray 4-H, eighth place; Chandler Bowers, Gray 4-H, ninth place.

Heavy Weight English and English Cross. Travis Brown, Hansford 4-H, first place; Blake Nusser, Gray 4-H, second and fourth place; Sheldon Franks, Lipscomb 4-H, third place; Lindsey Price, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Angela French, Carson 4-H, sixth place; Cade Klink, Collingsworth 4-H, seventh place; Shanna James, Collingsworth 4-H, eighth place.

Light Weight Exotic and Exotic Cross. Jake Dunlap, Collingsworth 4-H, first place; Caleb Baumgardner, Collingsworth 4-H, second place; Trinidee Talley, Hemphill 4-H, third place; Cody Bivens, Groom FFA, fourth place; Meredith Couts, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Lindsey Price, Gray 4-H, sixth place; Shanna James, Collingsworth 4-H, seventh place.

Medium Weight Exotic and Exotic Cross. Bailey Reid, Hansford 4-H, first place; Tracy Brown, Hansford 4-H, second place; Cody Bivens, Groom FFA, third place; Byron Norton, White Deer FFA, fourth place; Taryn Adcock, Miami FFA, fifth place; Chance Bowers, Gray 4-H, sixth place; Michael Pergeson, Gray 4-H, seventh place; Matricia, Gray 4-H, eighth place.

Medium Heavy Weight Exotic and Exotic Cross. Travis Brown, Hansford 4-H, first place; Andrew Sprague, Lipscomb 4-H, second place; Krista Smith, McLean FFA, third place; Magan Bivens, White Deer FFA, fourth place; Kara Lewis, White Deer FFA, fifth place; Hayden Morris, Collingsworth 4-H, sixth place; T'Andra Holmes, Pampa FFA, seventh and eighth place.

Heavy Weight Exotic and Exotic Cross. Camille Graves, Perryton FFA, first place; Scott Sims, Collingsworth 4-H, second place; Brett Britten, Groom FFA, third place; Garrett Couts, Gray 4-H, fourth place; D'Lyn Souder, Collingsworth 4-H, fifth place; Sawyer Sims, Collingsworth 4-H, sixth place; Shay Morris, Collingsworth 4-H, seventh place.

BARROW WINNERS

Berkshire. Destinee Manhart, Gray 4-H, first place; Devan Shults, Gray 4-H, second place; Kevin Smith, McLean FFA, third place; Bradley Brown, Panhandle FFA, fourth place.

Medium Weight Chester. Stephen Kirby, White Deer FFA, first place; Elizabeth Thomas, Gray 4-H, second place; Devan Shults, Gray 4-H, third place; Austin Strawn, Ochiltree 4-H, fourth place; Monty Hand, Fort Elliott, fifth place; Gage Zeek, Gray 4-H, sixth place; Heather Ponce, Pampa FFA, seventh place.

Heavy Weight Chester. Shantell Meek, Fort Elliott, first place; Shaun Smith, Gray 4-H, second place; Brooke Owens, White Deer FFA, third place; Stefanie Harvey, Perryton FFA, fourth place; Elizabeth Campbell, Pampa FFA, fifth place; Michael Pergeson, Pampa FFA, sixth place.

Light Weight Duroc. Ryan McCarley, Pampa FFA, first place; Jeremy Pritchett, Pampa FFA, second place; Destinee Manhart, Gray 4-H, third place; Drake Jackson, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Jimmy Craig, Pampa FFA, fifth place; Jake Swanson, Panhandle FFA, sixth place; Brittany Kimble, Roberts 4-H, seventh place.

Medium Weight Duroc. Stephanie Akins, Pampa FFA, first place; Kori Dunn, Pampa FFA, second place; Ryan Baggerman, Gray 4-H, third place; Amber Maddox, Fort Elliott, fourth place; Delinda Simpson, McLean FFA, fifth place; Brenton Goerend, Wheeler 4-H, sixth place.

Heavy Weight Duroc. Blake Nusser, Gray 4-H, first place; Elizabeth Thomas, Gray 4-H, second place; Bo Bryant Bohannon, Collingsworth 4-H, third place; Garath Reining, Panhandle FFA, fourth place; Cole Wilson, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Marium Hannon, Miami FFA, sixth place; T'Andra Holmes, Pampa FFA, seventh place.

Light Weight Hampshire. Amber Maddox, Fort Elliott, first place; Britney Evenson, Carson 4-H, second place; Kurtis Kimble, Roberts 4-H, third place; Emilea Greer, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Marcus Arnold, Panhandle

FFA, fifth and seventh place; Danielle Arnold, Panhandle FFA, sixth place.

Medium Weight Hampshire. Brandon Harvey, Perryton FFA, first place; Stephen Holmes, Perryton FFA, second place; Emily Nusser, Gray 4-H, third place; Emily Jackson, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Hilary Thomas, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Amanda Lawrence, Gray 4-H, sixth place; Kayla Smith, White Deer FFA, seventh place.

Medium Heavy Weight Hampshire. Matt Smith, Carson 4-H, first place; Katherine Martin, Roberts 4-H, second place; Byron Norton, White Deer FFA, third place; Tatum Ellison, Hemphill 4-H, fourth place; Dakota Pairsh, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Ashley Price, Gray 4-H, sixth place; Libby Dyson, Gray 4-H, seventh place.

Heavy Weight Hampshire. Byron Norton, White Deer FFA, first place; Destinee Manhart, Gray 4-H, second place; Karli Douglas, Gray 4-H, third place; Dusty Billings, Hemphill 4-H, fourth place; Ryan Baggerman, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Medium Weight Spots and Polands. Caitlyn Hulsey, Perryton FFA, first place; Ashlee Lucus, Gray 4-H, second place; Danielle Arnold, Panhandle FFA, third place; Amber Freeman, Pampa FFA, fourth place; Krista Shults, Gray 4-H, fifth place.

Heavy Weight Spots and Polands. Emily Nusser, Gray 4-H, first place; Misty Pairsh, Gray 4-H, second place; K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, third place; Jessica Baggerman, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Tommy Meek, Fort Elliott, fifth place.

Light Weight Yorkshire. Zachary Licklider, Gray 4-H, first place; Marcie Langley, Collingsworth 4-H, second place; Amber Maddox, Fort Elliott, third place; Karli Douglas, Gray 4-H, fourth place; John Luke Covalt, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Shea Craig, White Deer FFA, sixth place.

Medium Weight Yorkshire. Misty Pairsh, Gray 4-H, first place; Libby Dyson, Gray 4-H, second place; Emily Nusser, Gray 4-H, third place; Macy Woodside, Hemphill 4-H, fourth place; Lindsey Couts, Pampa FFA, fifth place; Zachary Licklider, Gray 4-H, sixth place; Raven Sappenfield, Wheeler 4-H, seventh place.

Medium Heavy Weight Yorkshire. Kendra Sappenfield, Allison FFA, first place; Zachary Licklider, Gray 4-H, second place; Shane Swenhausen, Perryton FFA, third place; Bryson McAllister, White Deer FFA, fourth place; Hunter Hebert, Hemphill 4-H, fifth place; Mark Smith, Gray 4-H, sixth place.

Heavy Weight Yorkshire. K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, first place; Holly Miller, White Deer FFA, second place; Kori Dunn, Pampa FFA, third place; Ethan Greer, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Macy Woodside, Hemphill 4-H, fifth place; Katie Baggerman, Roberts 4-H, sixth place.

Light Weight Cross. Marcie Langley, Collingsworth 4-H, first place; Stephen Holmes, Perryton FFA, second place; Trent Cadna, McLean FFA, third place; Tyler Glenn, Perryton FFA, fourth place; Jarron Clark, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Jackie Dukes, Fort Elliott, sixth place; Cody Lee, Pampa FFA, seventh place.

Medium Weight Cross. Wendi Sooler, Perryton FFA, first place; Shea Craig, White Deer FFA, second place; Hilary Thomas, Gray 4-H, third place; Stormy Howard, fourth place; Kristen Dunn, Pampa FFA, fifth place; Jacob Booz, Roberts 4-H, sixth place; Lindsey Price, Pampa FFA, seventh place.

Medium Heavy Weight Cross. Blake Nusser, Gray 4-H, first place; Byron Norton, White Deer FFA, second place; Caitlyn Hulsey, Perryton FFA, third place; Lauren Couts, Gray 4-H, fourth place; Seth Shields, West Texas FFA, fifth place; Marcie Langley, Collingsworth 4-H, sixth place; Lindsey Couts, Pampa FFA, seventh place; Stephen Kirby, White Deer FFA, eighth place.

Heavy Weight Cross. Tyler O'Neal, Gray 4-H, first place; K'Lyn Holmes, Pampa FFA, second place; T'Andra Holmes, Pampa FFA, third place; Brittini Bohannon, Collingsworth 4-H, fourth place; Emilea Greer, Gray 4-H, fifth place; Bo Bryant Bohannon, Collingsworth 4-H, sixth place.

U.S. Supreme Court to eye ADA liabilities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to decide if cities can face big-dollar punitive damage verdicts for not accommodating the disabled.

The eventual ruling could have implications for cities nationwide that have tried, some more successfully than others, to make their buildings

and services friendly to the disabled.

The decision to review the issue gives justices another chance to continue a trend of narrowing the federal law that mandates the accommodations, the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act.

At issue is government protection from lawsuits like the

one a paraplegic man filed against Kansas City, Mo., police after he was injured while being taken to jail for trespassing at a country-western bar.

Jeffrey Gorman, who uses a wheelchair because he was paralyzed below the waist in a car accident, warned officers that their van did not have special equipment to transport him safely, his lawyer told the Supreme Court.

"Ignoring Gorman, officers removed him from his wheelchair, propped him on a bench, and tied him to the van wall," attorney John M. Simpson wrote in Gorman's filing.

Gorman injured his shoulder and back and has had surgery, Simpson said.

Kansas City is not contesting the \$1 million in actual damages that a jury ordered it to pay for medical costs and lost income.

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State relaxes sex-offender law for youth

By LISA SANDBERG
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

SAN ANTONIO — The boy was only 11 when he asked to see his 6-year-old sister's private parts.

Fearing for the safety of her daughter, the boy's mother reported the offense, unaware of the state's mandatory registration laws for sexual offenders. Now she regrets her decision.

The boy, now 14, was found to have committed indecency with a child by exposure. His picture is posted on a free, public Web site along with the state's worst adult predators.

"I never thought it would come to this," said the boy's mother, who did not want her name used.

Close to 1,400 juveniles have their names, photographs, addresses and offenses posted on the Internet. Of those, 77 are age 15 or younger. Some have been shunned at school or driven from their neighborhoods after schoolmates found the postings.

For years, Texas has made registration automatic for sex offenders over the age of 9. Stung by criticism that they had gone too far, state lawmakers quietly decided last spring to relax community notification laws for juveniles, allowing courts to decide the appropriateness of public warnings on a case-by-case basis.

"A 14-year-old who has a petting relationship with a 12-year-old is not the same thing as an adult rapist," said state Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, who sponsored the law that unanimously passed both houses. "This law puts it back in the D.A.'s lap. It gives them flexibility."

The boy successfully completed his two-

year probation, but he will be required to register for another decade unless he can convince a judge otherwise.

"He was just little. He didn't know what he was doing," the boy's mother said.

Her son, she said, doesn't belong with child molesters and serial rapists on the state's Department of Public Safety Web site, and she hopes to bring his case to court before classmates find him there.

Sex-offender registration laws, designed to warn communities of predators in their midst, trumped all privacy rights afforded to juveniles. Registration was required for nearly all sex offenses, ranging from aggravated sexual assault to a second conviction for indecent exposure. Some cases involve juveniles who have consensual sex with another youth who is a year or two younger.

Those who work with juveniles believe the new law will achieve a balance between the concerns for public safety and the special needs of young offenders, who should be allowed to learn from their misdeeds, they say, rather than simply punished for a decade or more.

Parents of young offenders say there is little time to stall, citing another new law that subjects all registered sex offenders, regardless of age, to DNA testing. Parents also know how quickly information can circulate in this click-of-the-mouse information age.

Word of the new law appears to have circulated slowly, which may explain why juvenile courts aren't swamped with petitions to have young offenders' information removed from public Web sites.

Since the law went into effect on Sept. 1,

only one family has brought its case before the courts in Bexar County. They prevailed.

In Tarrant County, the courts have suspended registration laws for about 10 new cases from September through November. A court there also ordered the de-registration of the one offender who took his case before the judge, said David Montague, a prosecutor and a strong backer of the more flexible registration laws.

Juvenile courts have four options under the new law: They can excuse an offender from all registration requirements; require registration only with law enforcement agencies; compel full public registration; or opt to defer the decision.

Kevin Collins, a San Antonio lawyer who represented the Bexar County juvenile who petitioned the court, called the old law "a high-tech scarlet letter."

"We're talking about kids who have been discharged from probation, who have had a successful resolution of their cases, (but) who continue to have their photos (posted on public Web sites)," Collins said. "We're labeling them as throwaway kids."

Richard A. Garcia, the Bexar County director who oversees the probation department's intensive supervision program for juveniles, agreed. "I'm not going to say that we've never had a kid that didn't go back and reoffend. But we've had success rates of 90 percent. Some of these kids are doing real well in therapy, but still they're being persecuted. What is the incentive to do well?"

Garcia said he tries not to minimize the offenses of those he supervises. He realizes that a rape victim isn't going to be less of a

rape victim just because the attacker was, say, 16.

People who work with young sex offenders say some juveniles need to be placed on public Web sites because they pose a real public danger. Despite therapy, they may be unable to empathize with their victims. They may have used weapons or violence to attack their victim. There may be more than one victim.

But most juveniles are not the predators that community notification laws, which all 50 states adopted in some form during the past decade, were written for. Compared with adults, juvenile sex offenders have a greater chance of being rehabilitated, experts say. More often than not, they are first-time offenders.

Public exposure also can impede rehabilitation efforts, by turning some marginalized kids into pariahs. The result has ranged from fingerpointing to death threats.

"This information gets posted around school," said Montague, the prosecutor in Tarrant County. "Basically, nobody has anything to do with the kid except someone who thought it was cool to be a sex offender. How can you be successful in treatment when you destabilize every aspect of their lives?"

"Even school officials call, saying, 'We've got a sex offender. Get him out of here,'" Garcia said, adding that in most cases, the schools are out of luck.

By allowing courts to defer registration decisions, the new law provides juveniles with an incentive: Do well and you may never have to register.

Those who work with juveniles say it is too soon to know how much of a deterrent that will be.

911 Relief:

Rash medicine kills anthrax bacteria, too

TYLER (AP) — Dennis Holland of Tyler said he knew his product, 911 Relief, was a good all-around treatment for pain caused by burns, rashes, insect bites and stings, as well as itching.

But he did not know if it would kill the bacteria that has been in the news a lot since Sept. 11 — anthrax.

"We got curious because our product is anti-bacterial and it's very acidic," said Holland, who markets 911 Relief through his company, Eagle Enterprises, near Lake Tyler East.

But would it kill the anthrax bacteria?

Holland had the product tested in October at Texas A&M University. The university's Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory System returned to him documentation that said its test with the product showed it did kill *Bacillus cereus*, or anthrax.

A drop of the 911 solution was placed on a lawn inoculum of both *Sternes vaccine*, a vaccine containing active anthrax bacteria, and *Bacillus cereus*. Both cultures showed lysis — disintegration or dissolution —

by the solution following overnight incubation, said a statement the Texas A&M laboratory returned to Holland.

Holland said he has begun marketing this new use for his product because the public became concerned after some people tested positive for anthrax exposure and some died as a result of their exposure.

"People are worried," he said. "We're trying to let people know there is something out here (that will kill the bacteria). It's simple, it's easy and you can take it with you wherever you go."

Holland has the patent for 911 Relief, which he and a Fort Worth chemist developed, and began marketing 10 years ago.

The water-based, over-the-counter first-aid spray is not oily, it is environmentally safe and it will not damage clothes or carpeting, he said.

The product is sold in smaller pharmacies in Southern states, and it has found particular success in institutions and government offices, Holland said. About 1,300 school districts purchase it, as do 500 cities and towns and 500 businesses, he said.

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Winter calls for precautions to curb insects

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Although winter's weather is helping fight Texas insects, farmers still need to take precautions this year in order to produce good yields, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Freezing temperatures throughout Texas last week disrupted the life-cycle of many of the insects that plague Texas farmers.

"Freezes always help in removing insects by killing host plants; however, there are various events that are responsible for outbreaks in crops each year," said Dr. Roy Parker, professor, and extension entomologist. "The proper sequence of events: rainfall, the time of planting and the emergence pattern of insects can all determine the outcome of pest damage in a given year."

Despite the cold, different species of insects have various ways of surviving throughout the winter months. Many of the insects spend the winter here in the state and then go north for the spring.

"Although insects represent more animal life than all others on earth, only 3 percent are

considered to be pests — pests in that they spread disease or bother crops or structures," said Parker. This tiny fraction of insects, however, costs the state millions of dollars each year, he said.

Parker said producers need to keep several things in mind about their crops concerning insects. Pre-planting and post-harvest procedures that farmers take can determine whether they have a good yield or end up with severe pest infestation.

"Take cutworms for example," said Parker. "Cutworms operate mainly in fairly cold conditions in January and February. They will lay their eggs in last year's wheat hosts, so producers need to have no green weeds or plants in the fields at least six weeks before planting. If the eggs are in the plants before planting, it could be harmful."

Next, Parker said insect cycles can be broken by rotating crops and early planting.

A more recent event in the fight against insects is the selection of variety or hybrid crops to plant. Each year, more producers are

choosing to use genetically engineered crops. Genetically-engineered cotton and corn are only a few of the examples that producers have been and are choosing to use this year and in the future.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: No information available.

SOUTH PLAINS: No information available.

ROLLING PLAINS: No information available.

NORTH TEXAS: No information available.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Very cold temperatures with light frosts and measurable rainfall. Winter pastures providing grazing. Haying and supplemental feeding active; cattle conditions good; market prices steady. Pecan harvest complete.

FAR WEST TEXAS: No information available.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: no information available.

CENTRAL TEXAS: No information available.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Winter forages are growing well. Cattle feeding continues. Land preparation continues; repairing equipment.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. A hard freeze has caused grasses in pastures and ranges to go into mid-winter dormancy. The harvesting of cabbage, carrots, spinach and greens continues without any evidence of damage. Onions may be affected.

COASTAL BLEND: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Cold weather conditions. Most crop land is fallow at this time. Cool weather has slowed grass growth and supplemental feeding continues. Livestock are in good conditions.

SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture is short to adequate. Light freeze last week. No damage to crops except peppers which suffered very little damage. Sugarcane and citrus harvesting continuing. Concerns for water for cotton in upcoming spring.

Firm to market germ-resistant beef Farm show's heavy equipment display awes young and old

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

Farmland National Beef, the nation's fourth largest packer, hopes this summer to market beef made germ-resistant by a newly approved protein it touts as an all-natural improvement in food safety.

Lactoferrin has been shown to prevent harmful bacteria like E. coli and salmonella from attaching to beef, while also inhibiting germs' growth, Farmland senior vice president David Hall said Thursday.

The effect, the company said, lasts from the slaughterhouse to the dinner table, surpassing traditional disinfecting methods, which rely largely on cool temperatures to control bacteria during storage and sale.

The U.S. Agriculture Department last month

approved Farmland's use of the protein, which occurs naturally in milk and is already used in baby formulas.

Farmland, based in Kansas City, will spray lactoferrin onto carcasses during its traditional cleansing process and again just before packaging finished meat, Hall said. Production will begin once final testing of the application process is complete, he said.

"Consumers are looking for improved food safety," Hall said. "To have an all-natural product that helps against bacteria is really exciting."

Farmland competitors will be able to use the protein and the application technology — for a price. A joint effort between Farmland and Dutch dairy giant DMV International, called aLF

Ventures, owns worldwide exclusive rights to sell lactoferrin for food safety uses.

"We want to be careful not to compete when it comes to food safety," said Eric Hale, president of Salt Lake City-based aLF. "We want food safety standards to continue to be raised. That's why we are allowing others to have this."

A spokesman for competitor IBP, the nation's largest meat packer, said the Dakota Dunes, S.D.-based company would like to learn more about the results of Farmland's lactoferrin research.

Food safety is "an area we take very seriously," said spokesman Gary Mickelson. "Certainly, we're interested in any new tools that are available in our industry."

Hale said Farmland beef would be labeled as lactoferrin-protected, but the company hasn't yet decided if it will pursue a more aggressive promotional campaign. Farmland, a division of Farmland Industries Inc., and DMV have invested more than \$4 million in the joint venture, Hale said.

Research on applying lactoferrin to beef began four years ago and is patented by A.S. Narain Naidu, formerly of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona.

Naidu now leads aLF's laboratory in Pomona, N-Terminus, which is studying ways to apply the technology to poultry, pork and fish production. That research is in the early stages, Hale said.

Hale said mother's milk contains lactoferrin, so she can pass protection to an infant whose immune system has not yet developed. Farmland's technology simply applies the principle to beef, he said.

The protein could also extend the beef's shelf-life, but the companies are not promoting that aspect. Hall said tests have shown the additive doesn't affect the beef's flavor, color or texture.

"It's the first all-natural food-safety technology that's been approved for use in some time," Hale said. "It has the ability to protect product from process to production ... so the beef is protected right on through to the consumer."

Pesticide exemption gets approval

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18, specific exemption to use imazapic (Plateau) and imazapic plus 2,4-D (Oasis Herbicide) to control grassy weeds in bermuda grass hay meadows and pastures. The specific exemption allows the use of Oasis from Feb. 1, 2002, until Oct. 31, 2002.

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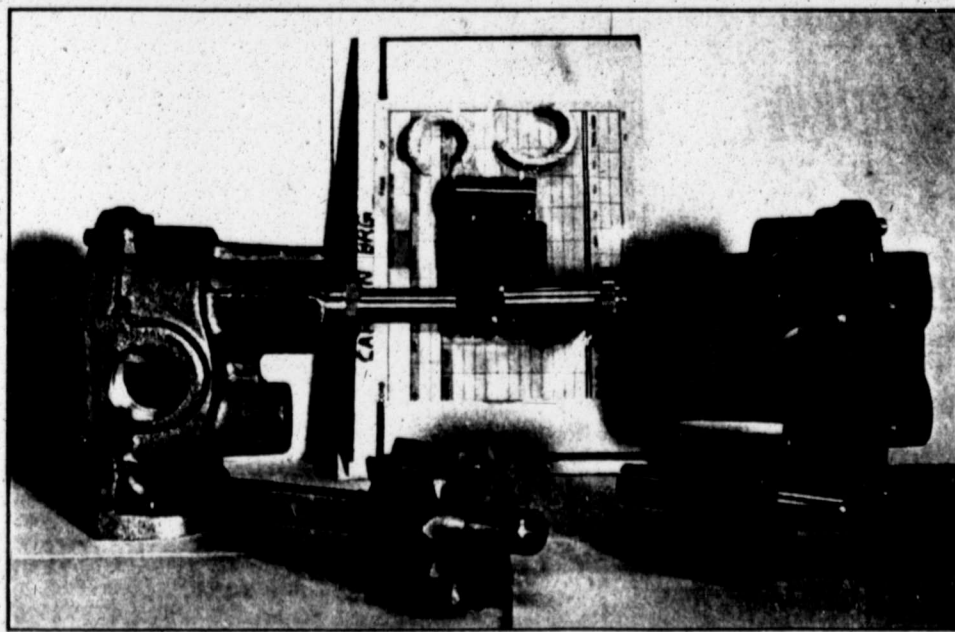
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Many young college grads facing crushing debt, recession

By MARTHA IRVINE
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Christian Miller can't get a car loan and, at age 27, has returned to his parents' New Jersey home, forced back by the double load of credit card debt and student loans.

Like other twentysomethings across America, he's found that graduating from college means having to face tens of thousands of dollars in debt. Some even drop out before they finish school, while a growing number are declaring bankruptcy.

"It stinks," says Miller, who arrived on his parents' Livingston, N.J., doorstep on New Year's Eve two years ago.

Financial experts predict this year's graduates will have an even tougher time. Never has a generation entered a recession-weakened job market so debt-ridden.

"I have a negative net worth of \$14,000 — it's great!" Jessica Lopez says sarcastically.

In some ways, the 24-year-old Lopez con-

siders herself lucky. A senior at Florida International University in Miami, she's saved money by living with her parents and has about \$2,000 in credit card debt — "tiny compared to some people I know."

Still, she's already been turned down for a small business loan to start a clothing company, even though she works a part-time job and actually owes less than the average college grad.

The federal General Accounting Office says students are graduating with an average of \$19,400 in student loans. Average student credit card debt rose from \$1,879 in 1998 to \$2,748 in 2000, according to the student loan agency Nellie Mae.

It is the growth of the latter statistic that has financial experts most worried, especially since bankruptcies filed by the under-25 crowd grew to a record 94,717 in 2000, according to a Harvard law school study.

A third of students have four or more credit cards, picked up everywhere from phone solicitations to the Internet. And some universities

have signed deals with particular credit card companies, giving them exclusive rights to market on campus and use school logos on their cards.

Delaware-based MBNA American Bank has such deals with about 600 colleges and universities, with about half a percentage point of interest earned on the cards going to the schools.

The company stresses that it targets alumni and upperclassmen, keeps its lines of credit at \$1,000 or less and offers regular campus seminars about responsible credit card use.

"The last thing we want to do is give a college student a credit card and they can't handle it," says MBNA spokesman Brian Dalphon.

Officials at Capital One, another major credit card provider, offer a "high school credit card" to teens, 16 to 18, who get the card guaranteed by a parent or guardian.

Diana Don, a spokeswoman for the Virginia-based company, says parents use the cards to teach their children how to be responsible

before going to college.

But some financial experts are wary. "It's like someone who's not educated about sugar walking into a candy store and buying everything," says Juliette Fairley, author of the book "Money Rules," a financial guide for people in their 20s and 30s.

Bob Doyle, of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, says students should be learning about financial responsibility from their parents well before buying on credit.

He advises parents to loan money to their teen-age children, and then make them find a way to pay it back. Too often, he says, parents forgive loans or continually bail out their children.

"That is doing more harm than good," says Doyle, a CPA and personal financial specialist from St. Petersburg, Fla.

Those already in debt and graduating into a recession may have to learn some tough lessons.

'New Suit Contest'



(Courtesy photo)

(Left-right) Nick Millikan, Celeste Gonzales and Heath Skinner, fifth graders at Lamar Elementary School, show-off their winning designs submitted during the "Design a New Suit for Santa" contest. Winners received a seasonal stuffed toy. All entries were displayed in the school hall near the library and Family Literacy Center.

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Texas governor candidates plan to debate in Spanish

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls Dan Morales and Tony Sanchez will debate in Spanish, believed to be a first-of-its kind event for a major political race.

Spanish-language networks have carried state and municipal debates before, but the Morales-Sanchez encounter apparently will be the first time candidates for a major office will take and respond to questions in Spanish, said Larry Gonzalez of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

"I think it's an absolute indication of the power of the Hispanic vote," he said. "Particularly the fact that there are two Latino candidates. It is an indication of how far we've come."

Hispanics made up 33 percent of the Texas population of 20.9 million in 2000 and were responsible for 60 percent of the state's population growth in the 1990s, according to the U.S. Census. The nationwide Hispanic population grew almost 40 percent

in the past decade.

Barbara Hankins, Texas League of Women Voters board member, said the debate is part of a broad trend to increase outreach to Hispanic voters. The league regularly publishes a nonpartisan voters' guide that has parts in Spanish. This year, the league is publishing an all-Spanish version.

"This is a way, one more effort on our part, to bring information to minorities and one of our things is everyone should vote," Hankins said. "We are hoping this can contribute to improvement in vot-

ing. I think this all-Spanish debate is just part of that trend and I think it's a good thing."

Debating in Spanish should help the candidates reach the Hispanic voters on a cultural level, Gonzalez said. But in the end, the voters will want to hear about issues.

"It's a step in the right direction and it's going to continue to happen in campaigns throughout the country," Gonzalez said.

The debate will be carried by the Spanish-language Telemundo network. The date has yet to be determined. The Texas primary is March 12.

Enron's Lay resigns from Compaq board

HOUSTON (AP) — Kenneth Lay, chairman and chief executive of beleaguered Enron Corp., has resigned from the board of directors of fellow Houston corporate giant Compaq Computer Corp.

Lay, 59, resigned effective Dec. 31, the computer maker said Friday. He had been a Compaq director since 1987, before the 1980s startup became a worldwide computing powerhouse.

Lay also has resigned board membership from Dallas-based software developer i2 Technologies Inc.

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FOOTBALL

KINGSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Clarence Coleman of Ferns (Mich.) State caught two touchdowns and returned a punt for another score to lead the East All-Stars to a 42-12 win over the West in the NCAA Division II Cactus Bowl all-star game.

Quarterback Brian Stallworth of Central Arkansas found Coleman, voted the game's most outstanding offensive player, for touchdowns of 12 and 45 yards.

Coleman finished the contest with four catches for 102 yards and 56 yards in kick returns.

The East was also aided by six West turnovers.

BASKETBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A victory did little to mask the turmoil that is dogging the Philadelphia 76ers.

"I'm just glad tonight was a quiet game because it wasn't a good day today," Philadelphia's Dikembe Mutombo said. "I just hope we find a way to bring peace."

Allen Iverson scored 37 points and the 76ers beat the San Antonio Spurs 101-84 Friday night, just hours after Iverson was kicked out of the Sixers' shootaround by coach Larry Brown.

Iverson, who shot 14-for-31 from the field and 9-for-10 from the line, chose not to speak about the Sixers' victory over the team with the NBA's third-best record. Instead, the league MVP talked about his relationship with Brown.

"I was asked to leave and I left, those things happen sometimes," Iverson said. "But I learned from last game to get myself together before talking. It becomes a circus."

Iverson was critical of Brown's handling of the team after Philadelphia's 102-91 loss to the Orlando Magic on Wednesday. Brown declined to speak about Iverson but said, "obviously, after all that's happened since Wednesday, this was a huge win."

Iverson offered no apology for the comments he made on Wednesday.

"I didn't lie about anything, all I did was speak my mind," said Iverson, who has sparred with Brown on numerous occasions.

Flashback

1969 — Jim Gallman scored 27 points as Pampa defeated Palo Duro 49-46 in a District 3-4A opener.

Mike Edgar was second-leading scorer with 10 points for the Harvesters, who won their fifth game in a row. Gallman, a 6-6 senior, also pulled down 10 rebounds.

Harvesters stun Borger, 66-49

PAMPA — Pampa leaped out to a 14-0 lead and never looked back, coasting to a 66-49 win over Borger in District 3-4A action Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa improved to 2-3 in district and 12-12 for the year. Borger is 1-4 in district and 11-9 for the season.

Some torrid 3-point shooting lifted the Harvesters to their early lead. Kyle Francis drilled a pair of 3-point goals and Chadd Platt added a trey. Guard Dustin Johnson contributed 5 points to the 14-0 run.

Borger battled back and trimmed Pampa's lead to eight (30-22) at the half, but top scorer Adam Rodgers helped the Harvesters pull further away in the third quarter. The 6-0 senior scored seven of Pampa's 13 points to give the Harvesters a 15-point bulge (43-28) going into the fourth quarter.

Rodgers finished the night with 16 points, 12 coming in the second half. Ryan Zemanek had a solid game inside for the Harvesters, coming off the bench to score 15 points and haul down 11 rebounds. Zemanek's board work helped give Pampa a 37-25 rebounding advantage. Francis closed with 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

Gabriel Garcia led Borger with 15 points, followed by Kendrick Dickson 12.

Other scorers for the Harvesters were Johnson with 9, Platt 5, Max Simon 4,

James Silva 4 and Matt Crow 2. Johnson was particularly effective at taking the ball inside against the Bulldogs.

It was an impressive win for the Harvesters, especially since Borger was coming off a 55-52 win over Canyon last weekend. Pampa had lost to Canyon 53-47 a week ago.

In the girls' contest, Pampa suffered a heartbreaking 52-50 loss in a District 3-4A game which had 15 lead changes and 13 ties.

With 18 seconds remaining, Pampa's Valerie Velez banked a 3-point shot off the glass to tie the score at 50-50.

Borger worked the ball inside in the closing seconds to Marilyn Sauls, who shot the winning basket as time expired.

Neither team gained more than a four-point lead. Borger led at halftime 25-23.

Sauls finished with 16 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs in scoring. Chelsea Tabor followed with 11.

Lindsey was the leading scorer for Pampa with 14 points and she also gathered in 9 rebounds.

Following Naron in the scorebook were Abbi Covalt with 9 points, Velez 8, Jennifer Lindsey 7, Cali Covalt 4, Ashley Derington 4, Randa Morris 2 and Jennie Waggoner 2.

Pampa hosts Palo Duro on Tuesday night in a District 3-4A doubleheader. The girls' game tips off at 6, followed by the boys' game at 7:30.

Second baseball owner had loan arrangement with a Pohlads company

NEW YORK (AP) — A second baseball owner admits one of his companies accepted a loan from a business controlled by Minnesota Twins owner Carl Pohlads.

Colorado Rockies owner Jerry McMorris said Friday that baseball commissioner Bud Selig gave advance approval for the loan to McMorris' Timnath Farms Inc. Earlier this week, Selig admitted he arranged for his Milwaukee Brewers to take a loan from a Pohlads company in 1995.

Baseball has a rule preventing teams and officials from "directly or indirectly" lending money to other teams and their officials.

"If we've got an arcane rule in there, then we ought to clean it up with all the mergers and acquisitions that have gone on," McMorris said after the loan was revealed Friday by The Star Tribune of Minneapolis.

In addition, the St. Louis Cardinals borrowed money from 1996 into last year from Provident Bank, whose largest shareholder is Cincinnati Reds owner Carl Lindner. The New York Times reported Saturday.

Owners voted Nov. 6 to eliminate two teams, and Minnesota and Montreal are the most likely targets. Pohlads could get more in a contraction payment than a sale of the team, and has not said whether he will deal with Donald Watkins, an Alabama busi-

nessman who wants to buy the Twins.

The contraction plan prompted criticism from some in Congress, leading to squabbling between Selig and Rep. John Conyers Jr., the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee. Conyers, citing the close relationship between Selig and Pohlads, has called for Selig's resignation and the end of baseball's antitrust exemption.

"This is a little bit like Chrysler and Ford meeting to conspire to eliminate General Motors," Conyers said at a news conference in Detroit. "Nobody would tolerate it for a moment."

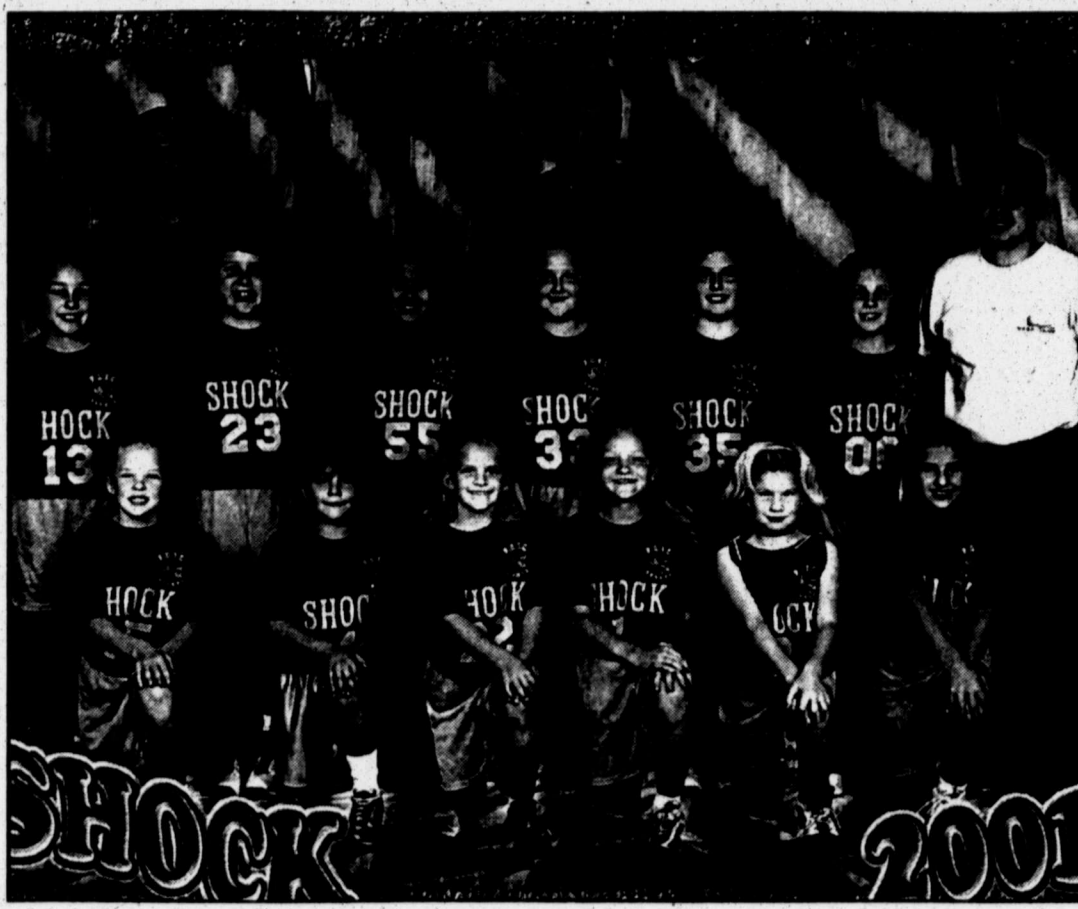
Conyers is to meet with one of Selig's lawyers next week in New York and wants another hearing.

"I had no intentions of calling another one, but Selig was not forthcoming," Conyers said. "He's a great witness, he's very verbose, articulate. He knows a lot, maybe not as much as he thinks he knows, but he's a great witness. He's got lots of answers for everybody, not always to the questions you ask him."

Selig, who did not return a telephone call seeking comment, has denied any improprieties.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., backed Selig, saying contraction "should not cause questions about the integrity of a good man who has devoted his life to baseball and to his community."

A perfect record



(Courtesy photo)

The Shock 4th grade girls' team completed the Optimist Basketball League season with a perfect 8-0 record. Team members are (front, from left) Cheyenne Collins, Rudi Rivera, Kylee Wyatt, Hayley Steger, Kailynn McClelland and Emily Jean; (second row, from left) Kara Stephens, Brooklyn Barker, Ashley Facio, Carolyn Teichmann, Kaitlin Winegeart and Emilie Troxell; Coaches are (from left) David Teichmann, Jimmy Barker and Bino Facio. The last two seasons this girls' team has a 23-0 record. The team had to pull out several close contests to keep their perfect record intact. The Shock won both City and League Tournament titles. The Shock 3rd grade girls also had an outstanding season, finishing the regular season as league co-champions with a 5-1 record. They were runnersup in the City Tournament.

How to hunt deer? You make the call

By DOUG PIKE
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Deer hunters answer to two authorities — the law and their own consciences. As long as what we do meets that first standard, none of us should be quick to judge each other on the second.

The next debate around a Texas campfire over high fences or baiting or hunting from vehicles will not be the first. There are lifelong outdoorsmen here who think poorly of any hunting method short of crawling through the brush in camouflaged boxer shorts with a sharpened stick between clenched teeth.

One friend of that ilk said he modeled his hunting techniques and skills after those of Native Americans. Which is OK, except that the contemporary Native American's hunting skills evolved right along with everyone else's.

It is human nature to select the most effective tools available to complete a task, whether that task is hunting deer or changing a flat on a pickup. Those who opt to hunt with less than a scoped, high-powered rifle make a personal, ethical choice and in so doing assume neither an inferior nor superior position relative to other hunters.

It is easy for outsiders to point fingers at Texas, which is somewhat unusual among the contiguous states in the way its deer are hunted. On private property, this state's hunters are allowed to use food as an attractant and to hunt from vehicles. Few other states offer those options.

Texas also sets one of the longest deer hunting seasons in the nation, more than two months generally, with another month dedicated to archers and still more time devoted to "antlerless-only" hunting in many counties. Some landowners even

are allowed by special permit to open their seasons early or extend them in order to maintain healthy balance within the deer populations that reside on their properties.

Not coincidentally, Texas also happens to boast one of the most impressive white-tailed deer herds in the nation. Other states grow physically larger whitetails, but that extra mass is simply a product of adaptation to harsher winters. Heavier antlers turn up elsewhere most years, as well, but no single state stands taller than Texas in straight-up competition against the rest.

Bottom line, Texas is known for producing lots of big bucks — and for being an expensive place to hunt them. But Texas is not the only state where you pay a premium to hunt tall antlers. The ticket can be as steep in dozens more states on hundreds more ranches, and there is always someone willing to pay the asking price.

There is no shortage of wealth in this world, and some people use their money to skip hunting's harder steps. Rather than learn from experience, they pay for access to someone else's field skills. There is no greater example of shortcuts for sale than in Russia's space program, where anyone can skip astronaut school and hitch a ride to the international space station by penning a check for \$25 million.

Every issue raised by those who dislike Texas hunting methods has a flip side that lends it some measure of legitimacy.

What some people call baiting, for example, others call supplemental feeding. Without question, the tons of corn and high-protein feed spread by hunters increases the Texas deer population and extends the lives of individual whitetails. That same corn puts thousands of deer in hunters' cross hairs, too, but the ability to compare many deer around a feeder enables hunters

to select a specific animal for harvest. Where baiting is not allowed, where pressure is high and seasons are short, hunters often feel compelled to shoot the first deer that steps into view.

Texas' private lease system makes deer hunting relatively expensive. So are tickets to professional sports contests and Broadway shows. Not everyone can afford carte blanche access to 10,000 acres in the Brush Country, but any Texan who wants to hunt deer badly enough can find a place to do so.

Fortunately for all Texans, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is doing a fine job of increasing public hunting opportunity — despite growing opposition to all consumptive outdoor activity.

Hunting on private leases seems safer than hunting on public land, where competition among strangers can foster a sense of urgency that may lead to poor judgment. It makes good sense to know where other hunters are stationed — and that they know where you are — when all are carrying weapons that can shoot a mile or farther.

Shooting from a vehicle isn't my favorite hunting method, but some people like it, and Texas law says the tactic has no negative impact on the herd. Driving a private lease certainly enables hunters to see more ground than by sitting a fixed blind, but the strategy in no way guarantees a hunter will see more or better game. It is merely a different way of doing things. Some like it. Some do not.

Under current regulations, Texas' wildlife managers have established a premier whitetail herd beneath the Lone Star. If that herd is ever threatened and new rules are required to repair the damage, Texas hunters will adapt to those changes just as fishermen here have accepted and abided by regular tuneups to their rule book.

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Grossman returning to Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — On the final day underclassmen can declare for the NFL draft, Rex Grossman decided to play quarterback for Florida next season under new coach Ron Zook.

The Gators weren't as lucky with several other All-American underclassmen. First-team wide receiver Jabar Gaffney and offensive tackle

Mike Pearson, and third-team cornerback Lito Sheppard are headed to the NFL, along with wideout Reche Caldwell. Wide receiver Taylor Jacobs, who considered leaving, will return.

Also, Alabama linebacker Saleem Rasheed said he's leaving after leading the Crimson Tide with 115 tackles last season. Rasheed is projected as a second-round pick.

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Thomas emerges as Miami's star

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Wearing a sleeveless T-shirt and gray sweat pants, Zach Thomas stands at his locker, shorter than most of the reporters clustered around him. Someone hands Thomas an award for being cooperative with the media.

"I've got him fooled," Thomas jokes.

Unassuming, nondescript and plain as the prairie in his native Texas, Thomas has nonetheless emerged as the Miami Dolphins' biggest star in the post-Marionero era. He anchors a dominating defense and has been chosen for the Pro Bowl the past three years.

But he may be only the second-best middle linebacker today when Miami faces the Baltimore Ravens and Ray Lewis in a wildcard playoff game.



Zach Thomas

"Zach is probably the best linebacker I've played against," Ravens center Mike Flynn said, "minus playing the guy here."

Both were drafted in 1996, Lewis in the first round and Thomas in the fifth.

Lewis was chosen the NFL's defensive MVP and Super Bowl MVP last season, while

Thomas is considered an undersized overachiever — a description he regards disdainfully as faint praise.

Aside from a neck thicker than the trunk of a royal palm, Thomas is unimposing physically. He's listed at 5-foot-11, and that may be with a helmet on.

But somehow he has managed to make 936 tackles in six NFL seasons — 10 1/2 per game. Perhaps his most memorable was a head-to-head goal-line collision with Atlanta's Maurice Smith two weeks ago that sent Thomas staggering to the sideline but saved a touchdown.

"The thing that amazes me about Zach is how he lays it on the line week in and week out," Dolphins tight end Hunter Goodwin said. "With a lot of superstars you don't

see that. He's among the one-half of one percent who play hard every play."

Lewis may have more talent, more tackles (1,083) and a better knack for self-promotion. Thomas doesn't mind. "I like watching him play," Thomas said. "I'm happy for him. We came out of college at the same time and made the All-American trips together. He's a guy they said was small, and he's bigger than me."

"I'm happy he's doing good. I just hope he doesn't do that well this game."

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Editor's note: Zach Thomas is a 1992 Pampa High School graduate where he was an all-state player. He was an All-American at Texas Tech.

Woods contends at New Zealand Open

PARAPARAUMU BEACH, New Zealand (AP) — Tiger Woods splashed his way into contention in the New Zealand Open on Saturday, shooting a 4-under-par to close within six strokes of the lead.

Woods had a 3-under 210 total, while Steve Alker of New Zealand and Stephen Leaney of Australia topped the leaderboard at 9 under after completing 13 and 12 holes, respectively, in the

round delayed by rain and flooding for 3 hours, 15 minutes.

Alker, Leaney and 12 others had their rounds suspended because of darkness Saturday. They will complete their third round Sunday morning, before the start of the final round.

Woods, paid \$2 million to make his first appearance in New Zealand, again complained about the condition of the greens, saying they were

inconsistent and bumpy.

"It doesn't really matter some of your reads," said Woods, whose caddie, Steve Williams, grew up near the Paraparaumu Beach course. "Sometimes they break left and bounce right. You hit and hope it will find its way to the bottom."

Woods, who spent the rain delay "eating a lot and watching TV," said he got some help from the course workers when they rolled water off the

greens.

"The good positive thing is with the rain coming down like that they squeeze the greens and that makes them a little bit smoother," Woods said. "I made the putts on those greens."

Woods and playing partner Martin Pettigrew of New Zealand started the third round as heavy rain hit the course, reducing visibility and making conditions close to unplayable.

Pampa Pacers claim tournament wins

AMARILLO — Last weekend, the Pampa Pacers competed in the Bible Heritage Round Robin Tournament in Amarillo. Both the men's and women's teams came home as tournament champions.

On Friday, the Pacer men met the Cardinals of Ascension. The Pacers were ahead by two, but were cold in the final two quarters, and were behind 46-31 at the buzzer.

Troy Ludvick was Pampa's high scorer with 16 points, followed by Marlon Echols 10. Others who scored were Coy Devoll and Luke Raber 2 each, and Johathan Epperson 1.

In the second round of play Friday, Pampa met the Amarillo Homeschool Rockets. The Pacers dominated the first half of play and led 21-8 at the break. The Rockets, however, turned things around in the second half and pulled out a one-point victory, 47-46. Marlon

Echols put in 21 points to lead the Pampa attack, followed by 17 points from Troy Ludvick. Coy Devoll had 4 points, Clint Devoll and Luke Raber 2 each.

On Saturday afternoon, Troy Ludvick opened the game against host Bible Heritage Eagles with three 3-pointers for the Pacers. They led throughout the game, defeating the Eagles by a 49-44 score. Marlon Echols had 16 points, Ludvick 15, Bryce Taylor 13 and Coy Devoll 5.

Three teams carried a 1-2 won-loss record for the second-place team into the final round. The tie was settled by a coin toss, which was won by the Pacers.

In the championship game, they again had to play the Ascension Cardinals. The Pampa team jumped out to an early lead with 3-points from Troy Ludvick, but it was the consistent free throw shooting of Bryce Taylor in the final minutes that enabled them to keep their lead to win 58-53.

Scoring for the Pacers were Bryce Taylor and Troy Ludvick, each with 22 points, and Marlon Echols 14.

The Pampa Academy Lady Pacers dominated in all four their games in the girls' division.

In the first game against Bible Heritage, the Lady Pacers walked away with a 61-24 win.

Kellie Mullican had an outstanding game, scoring 23 points. Erin Raber followed with 17 points and 17 rebounds. Kendra Raber had 12 points, Courtney Echols 4, Stephanie Willoughby 2, Tabitha Epperson 2 and Shay Chapman 1.

Round Two matched the Lady Pacers against San Jacinto junior varsity. After holding their opponents to only one field goal in two of the four quarters, Pampa came out on top 53-21. Erin Raber and Kellie Mullican led the scoring with 17 and 15 points, respectively. Kendra Raber put in 13 points and stole the

ball a dozen times. Courtney Echols and Stephanie Willoughby each added 4 points.

On Saturday, the Lady Pacers defeated Lady Cardinals of Amarillo Ascension Academy 57-35.

Kendra Raber scored 24 points and led the team in assists (7) and steals (7). Erin Raber pulled down 18 rebounds to go with her 15 points. Kellie Mullican had 9 points, Tabitha Epperson 5 and Shay Chapman 4.

In the championship game, the Pacers met Bible Heritage of Amarillo and won 73-39 to become tournament champs.

Kellie Mullican again led the scoring with 24 points, including eight free throws. Erin Raber put in 19 points, followed by Kendra Raber 16, Courtney Echols 6, Shay Chapman 4, Stephanie Willoughby 2 and Tabitha Epperson 2.

Wally's NBA World

By The Associated Press

Wally was on, and the Timberwolves were off and running to a win over the Los Angeles Lakers.

"He's a better basketball player than I thought," the Lakers' Kobe Bryant said after Wally Szczerbiak scored 34 points to lead Minnesota to a 120-102 victory over Los Angeles on Friday night.

Szczerbiak was 10-for-17 from the field and 13-for-13 from the line, while Kevin Garnett chipped in with 32 points — 23 in the first half. The Wolves hit their first 30 free throws and finished 30-for-32, with Chauncey Billups missing the final two attempts.

"That was as nice a game as anyone played against us this year," coach Phil Jackson said after the Lakers' NBA-best record fell to 26-7.

Minnesota, tied with Sacramento for the league's second-best mark at 26-9, won its seventh straight; Los Angeles, giving up 100 points or more for just the sixth time this season, had its six-game winning streak halted.

In other games, it was:

Philadelphia 101, San Antonio 84; Milwaukee 105, Washington 86; Toronto 94, Atlanta 91; OT; Charlotte 92, Los Angeles Clippers 91, OT; Portland 92, Orlando 84; Indiana 97, Chicago 90; Boston 104, Detroit 90; and Seattle 102, Cleveland 100.

The Wolves, now 16-2 at home, shot 61 percent from the floor in the first half and led 63-55 at the break.

The Lakers cut the deficit to 91-86 early in the fourth quarter on a jumper by Devean George, but Minnesota went on a 13-3 run that made the score 104-89 with six minutes to go.

Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers with 29 points, and Bryant finished with 23, hitting just 9-of-27 shots from the floor.

"I know Kobe was not pleased with his game," Jackson said.

"Szczerbiak got going early, and he tried to match, which sometimes takes some of our players out of their game."

Added Wolves coach Flip Saunders: "If you're guarding Wally, you're going to have to work. He puts on a great amount of pressure."

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Vikings hire O'Leary as assistant coach

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice is more interested in George O'Leary's football success than off-field troubles.

It was that success that led Tice to hire his former high school coach on Friday, naming O'Leary the Vikings' defensive line coach and assistant head coach.

"Anybody knows I'm going to lean on George tremendously," said Tice, named head coach earlier in the week. "He has a lot more head coaching experience than I do. I want to make sure that people understand his role, not only as a defensive line coach, but a sounding board for me and a mentor for me that I'm able to work with at this stage in my career."

Nearly a month ago, O'Leary resigned in disgrace only five days after getting his dream job as head coach at Notre Dame.

He quit following revelations he had lied on his resume about his academic and athletic credentials.

Now, Tice has provided O'Leary another chance at doing what he loves.

"I've always told my players, I can't stand self pity," O'Leary said. "It's how you handle setbacks that's important. I think that's what I'm doing."

"I'm just happy to be part of the picture right now. I'm looking forward to it. I've been dealing with a lot of other problems as you know, but I'm looking forward to coaching, and that's what I really enjoy."

Tice played for O'Leary in New York at Central Islip High School in Long Island.

At a news conference to announce O'Leary's hiring, Tice asked reporters to stay away from questions about the Notre Dame situation.

Asked afterward if the Notre Dame problem weighed on his mind when considering O'Leary, Tice replied: "Not even a bit."

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PPHM exhibit to feature cowboy boots

CANYON — On Jan. 17, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will present "Heels and Toes and Everything Goes: The Cowboy Boot as Art," a presentation of the Dwight and Linda Huber Collection. Put together over the past decade, the collection charts the development of cowboy boot design and decoration from the 1890s through the 1950s.

The boot originated from a neutral shape, which was built for neither right nor left foot but rather form-fitted over time. Subsequent changes included stitching the uppers to stiffen them; inlaying and overlaying the uppers with geometric, pictorial, even narrative patterns; adding foxing to heels and toes; and attaching toe and heel caps.

McLaughlin, the first boot maker in Amarillo, built the earliest pair in the Huber collection. They are typical of cowboy boots made in the early part of this century — tall, stove tops, minimal stitching on the uppers. The collection also includes several outstanding examples made by the classic bootmakers of the 1930s through the 1950s: Rios of Raymondville, Lucchese, Stewart-Romero, Hyer, Justin, Nocona, Olsen-Stelzer and Blucher. Huber also owns boots formerly



(Courtesy photo)

These boots, worn by Lyndon B. Johnson, will be on view when the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "heels and Toes and Everything Goes: The Cowboy Boot as Art" beginning Jan. 17.

worn by such notable celebrities as President Lyndon B. Johnson and actors Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and Mary Pickford.

Through this exhibition, viewers will be able to trace changes in boot design and decoration that not only satisfied the needs of working cowboys, but also satisfied

the fashion needs and tastes of those who bought custom-made boots as wearable art.

In conjunction with the cowboy boot exhibit, the Museum will also open an exhibit of "Ranch Oak" furniture. The A. Brandt Company, Inc., founded in 1900 at Ft. Worth, manufactured "Ranch Oak" from 1938 until 1988.

Made of solid white oak, the almost indestructible furniture has a rustic, handhewn appearance. Originally produced only in a natural (blonde, limed-oak) finish, "Ranch Oak" was available in at least five different shades of brown by the 1970s and 1980s. Carved western motifs, such as horse and steer heads, cactus and horse shoes, decorated some of the earlier pieces. Mass production eliminated most of the carvings by the late 1960s when the company worked around the clock to produce thousands of pieces of furniture per year.

The company not only manufactured several lines of furniture for home use, they also produced furniture for commercial and institutional use in hotels, motels, restaurants, lodges, clubs, military bases and the like. The durability of "Ranch Oak" has resulted in the survival of much of this furniture and its recycling for homes as well as continued commercial use today. Much of the furniture purchased for homes, especially from the 1930 until the 1950s, has become treasured, family heirlooms.

Both exhibits will continue through September 22. For additional information about the Museum, call (806) 651-2244 or go to the website

A&M graduate reunited with ring after 32 years

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Although it was quite a roundabout journey, Joseph Brown found his 10-karat gold ring after 32 years on Friday. Still, it turned up about two weeks too late.

In 1969, the Texas A&M University graduate lost his 1965 graduation ring while on an outing with his friends at Calaveras Lake in San Antonio. As a thunderstorm unexpectedly rolled in, Brown lost the ring while he and his friends escaped their flooding boat.

"It seemed to be happening in slow motion," Brown told the San Antonio Express-News in a story for its Saturday editions. "I remember feeling and watching the ring slide off my finger."

Last month, Brown's mother offered to buy him another ring while he visited her in the hospital. She had given Brown the ring, which had a diamond from his grandmother's wedding band within the center of the shield atop the ring's dome, after his graduation in 1965.

"I told her it wouldn't be the same because it wouldn't have grandma's diamond in it," he said.

His mother died on Dec. 9.

Meanwhile, a teacher and 26 fifth-graders from St. Paul's Catholic School wrote the Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University in College Station, saying they had found an Aggie ring and asked for help in finding to whom it belonged.

"We're called on to do this often — about a couple of times a month — to reunite a stolen or misplaced Aggie ring with its owner," said Amy Glass, board manager for the Aggie alumni club. "But the circumstances aren't usually this extraordinary."

One of St. Paul's students, 11-year-old Mario Cervantes, found the ring on the lakeshore about two years earlier during a fishing trip with his grandfather.

"Me and my sister got bored so we started walking along the shore and I saw something shiny," Mario said. "I took it home and my grandma and mom tried to clean it up."

The ring was forgotten until October when Mario's teacher was discussing minerals and gemstones.

"He said he found a ring with a diamond in it so I asked him to bring it in to show the class," said St. Paul's teacher Kristi Sorenson. "The moment I saw it, I knew we had to locate the owner."

Two weeks after his mother died, Brown got a phone call telling him his A&M ring had been found. He was reunited with his ring during a presentation Friday in the library of St. Paul's Catholic school.

"I truly believe it was a Christmas gift from my mom," he told the San Antonio Express-News. "She really wanted me to have it."

Muhammad Ali gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The greatest star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame belonged to Muhammad Ali on Friday.

That's because the champ insisted his star be installed on the wall of the new Kodak Theater complex instead of being embedded in the sidewalk of Hollywood Boulevard with the other 2,188 famous names.

Ali said he didn't want to be walked on by people who "disrespect him."

"All my life, growing up as a little boy, I always said if I could get famous I would do things to help my people that other people won't do," the boxer said. "I don't care about being famous. I care about getting the ear of people, because if people hear truth, some will accept it."

The subject of a new movie starring Will Smith, Ali was the world heavyweight boxing champion who courted controversy along with his fame. He goaded opponents who star honored him for "theatrical performance."

At the pinnacle of his career in 1967, Ali refused induction into the Army during the Vietnam war for religious reasons. He was convicted of draft evasion, stripped of his title and banned from boxing before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the conviction in 1971.

He went on to regain the title with a dramatic knockout of George Foreman, to lose it and to win it back.

Widow's home seized after son's drug possession arrest

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Police have seized the house of an 82-year-old widow because they say she knew her son dealt drugs there and did nothing to stop him.

Fannie Gresham's small home was seized Thursday under a state law allowing authorities to confiscate property linked to the illegal drug trade.

Authorities also arrested her 50-year-old son, Tommie "Top Dollar" Gresham, on a drug charge after he allegedly dropped several rocks of crack cocaine and fled.

Police records show 29 incidents of drug activity at the address since 1992 and authorities say drug dealers were caught numerous times fetching drugs from the house for street sales.

Based on that, and police claims that the elder, widowed Gresham was helping her son's alleged operation, Superior Court Judge Stephen Boswell issued a court order in December allowing the seizure. Boswell gave Fannie Gresham 14 days to move her belongings.

Her attorney, Jim Smith, likened the seizure to the widespread illegal taking of property and land from blacks that he says tarnishes America's past.

"They have never seized any drugs in this house. This lady is not accused of a single thing," he said.

Man gets two years for selling eagle feathers, parts

SEATTLE (AP) — A Canadian Indian who sold feathers and other parts of bald eagles for tribal ceremonies was sentenced to two years in prison Friday for violating U.S. laws that protect the species.

Terry Antoine, a member of the Salish tribe's Cowichan band in Duncan, British Columbia, argued he was acting as a medicine man by transporting dead eagles

across the border and bartering with Indian tribes that use feathers or other parts of the bird for religious ceremonies.

He was convicted in October of one count of illegal importation and four counts of violating the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. His lawyer said he planned to appeal.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly also ordered Antoine to pay \$147,000 in restitution

and spend three years under supervised release.

In the United States, only religious practitioners in tribes recognized by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs are allowed to obtain eagles from a national repository near Denver, and use the feathers, talons and other parts in ceremonies.

Antoine faces similar charges in Canada, which has a similar permit system.

Once endangered, bald eagles are now listed as threatened in the Lower 48 states. They are not threatened in British Columbia, but it is illegal to hunt them.

Ford will slash 35,000 jobs, close five plants in cuts

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co.'s decision to slash 35,000 jobs is the latest round of bad news to hit employees at the beleaguered automaker.

Workers have seen jobs and benefits cut, faced questions about vehicle quality and witnessed a shakeup at the top. Now many are stunned by the massive cuts that include the shutdown of five plants and the loss of four models.

"They just dropped a bombshell on us," said Dave Seitz, a 30-year Ford employee who works at the Cleveland Aluminum Casting Plant, which will be closed.

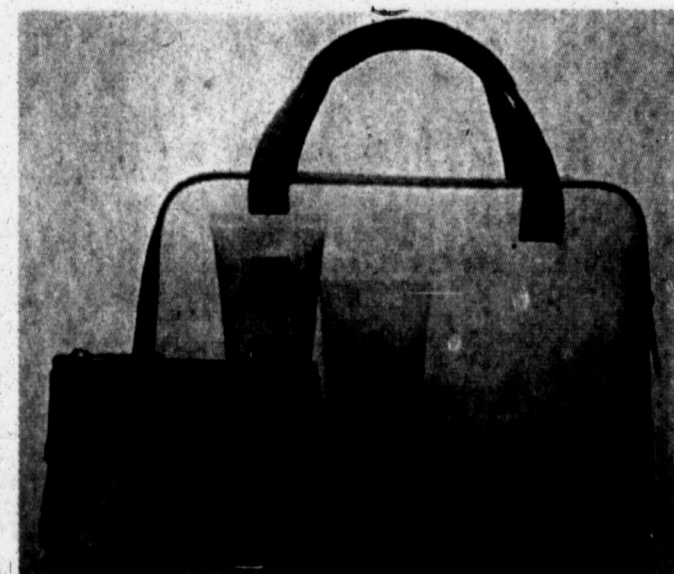
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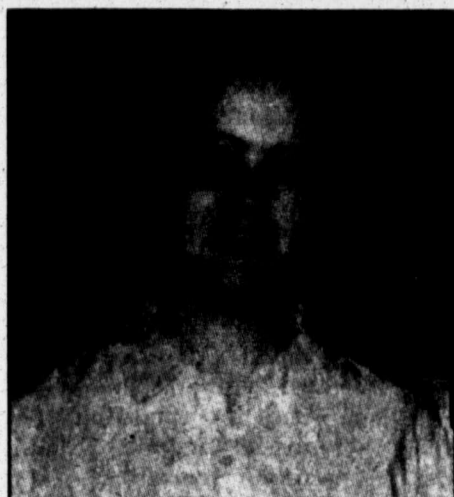
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Deanna Dreher



Randi Davis

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Deanna Dreher of Pampa and Randi Davis of Shamrock were among 63 Southwestern Oklahoma State University students at Weatherford named to the 2002 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The Who's Who award is one of the biggest academic honors on campus, because the students are selected from among some 1,000 seniors on the Weatherford campus.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory selected the students based on their academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The SWOSU students will be honored at a reception at 2 p.m., on Feb. 17 in the Student Union Ballroom on the Weatherford campus.



Cara Swart

LUBBOCK — Cara Swart of Miami was recently named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for the 2001 fall semester, earning a 3.8 grade point average.

Swart, a communication disorders major, is the daughter of Ron and Kay Swart of Miami and is the granddaughter of Cecil and Marie Gill of Miami.

COMING EVENTS

'LEGACY'

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

FRESHSTART

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation support series sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Jan. 7, 10, 14 and 17. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 214 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 214.

GRAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

Gray County 4-H Livestock Show is in the offing Jan. 12 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

HOSPICE WINTER 2002 VOLUNTEER TRAINING

BSA Hospice will offer a free "Winter 2002 Volunteer Training and Community Education Class" from 1-4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 6 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center in Pampa. The class is designed for adults interested in becoming a hospice volunteer or for those who simply wish to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. CEUs will be available. For more information, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985. (See EVENTS, Page 24)

For Generations



(Courtesy photos)

Top photo, Ruben Baggerman showed the Reserve Champion Sheep in 1946 at the livestock show held at the Pampa Stock Show Barn. His son, John Mark, center, showed animals during the late 1970s. Two granddaughters, Jessica Baggerman and Tyler O'Neal, right, will be showing animals in the 2002 Gray County Junior Livestock Show. The girls are also the granddaughters of Jerry O'Neal, making them 'double' third generation.



Stock shows are rural Texas way of life

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Animal production. That's what 108 Gray County young people are doing, and these young men and women are preparing for the Gray County Junior Livestock Show. And they are learning what it's really like to be in the business of raising pigs, cows and sheep.

Smell of manure and the feeding of the animals becomes a way of life for these young people as they realize the animals are dependent on them to care for their needs. It's a type of life that seems to run in the family.

Gray County 4-Hers and Future Farmers of America are readying for the Annual Gray County Junior Livestock Show to be held January 17-21.

The livestock show has come a long way since its humble beginnings in the 1940s.

Third generations from three county families are competing in the 2002 Gray County Junior Livestock Show.

The Ruben Baggerman family has participated in the show for three generations. Ruben and son, John Mark, have both participated in the show.

Granddaughter Jessica will be exhibiting pigs at the show this year. Through her livestock showing projects, Jessica was invited to attend an Animal Science Camp at Texas Tech

University in Lubbock. She was one of only 100 girls invited to attend this camp.

Her career goal is to become a veterinarian.

Jim Greene, current Gray County Commissioner, participated in his first show when he was nine years old. His children, Thad, Jaime, and Amie, exhibited livestock during their school years.

Grandsons Casey Coleman and Cody Lee will be participating in the upcoming show.

Another third generation family is the Jerry O'Neal family. Jerry, along with sons Terry and Gary, and grandson Sean have all exhibited livestock at the Gray County Show.

This year his grandson Royce and granddaughter Tyler are both entered in the livestock show.

One of the first livestock shows held in Gray County was in 1944. The animals were exhibited on a parking lot between the present day sheriff's office and the Combs-Worley Building, according to research compiled by Randy Dunn, Pampa High School Vocational Ag teacher. In 1948, the show was moved to its present day location.

The animals were stalled in the building that is currently used as the pistol range, he said. In 1948, the Top O' Texas Hereford breeders barn was used. The animals were exhibited in the lot in front of the barn.

"Exhibiting livestock is an excellent opportunity for families to spend quality time together," said Dunn. "This activity teaches young people responsibility, ethics, sportsmanship and leadership skills."

The Joe Coutts family has been exhibiting livestock for two generations. Cheryl Coutts said, "I enjoy my kids showing livestock because it gives them a positive activity to be involved with. It also provides them with an opportunity to travel to different parts of the state and make lifelong friends."

The Coutts' oldest daughter, Megan, is a freshman animal science major at Texas Tech. She credits the livestock for helping her to decide her college major and career goal.

Lambs, pigs, steers, and heifers will be exhibited at the show. Weigh-ins for the show will be Jan. 17. Livestock exhibition will begin at 8 a.m. Jan. 19. The premium sale will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. A hamburger supper for buyers will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The 4-H and FFA youth of Gray County encourage everyone to attend the 2002 Gray County Junior Livestock Show and Sale and continue the tradition.

Information compiled by Randy Dunn, Pampa High School Vocational Ag teacher.



Cheryl, Meredith, Megan, Garrett and Joe Coutts celebrate Megan's 1st place in the light-weight Crossbred barrow division at Houston Livestock Show in 2001.



Royce O'Neal showed his steer at the 2000 Gray County Livestock Show. He is another third generation participant as he is the son of Terry O'Neal and grandson of Jerry O'Neal.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Snider-Loggins

Becky Denise Snider and Jack Joseph Loggins, both of Pampa, plan to wed Feb. 9, 2002, at Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Nancy Snider of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Homer and the late Margie Snider of Pampa and Cecil and the late Helen Russell of Panhandle. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1990 and is currently employed as office manager for Dr. Ann Harral.

The prospective groom is the son of Mary Ellen Loggins of Amarillo and is the grandson of Ruth Stricklin of Bayfield, Colo. He graduated from Canyon High School in 1988 and is currently employed as a journeyman lineman with Southwestern Public Service.



Jack Joseph Loggins and Becky Denise Snider

Trevino-Epperson

Leticia Lynn Trevino of Boise City, Okla., and Derek Charles Epperson of Amarillo plan to wed Feb. 2, 2002, at Christian Heritage Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jesse Trevino and Shaye Shirley of Boise City and Winona Jeannette of Marksville, La. She graduated from Boise City High School in 2001.

The prospective groom is the son of the Rev. Bob and Debra Epperson of Skellytown and Joy Epperson of Brandenburg, Ky. He graduated from White Deer High School in 1995.



Derek Charles Epperson and Leticia Lynn Trevino

ANNIVERSARIES

Nisbet anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nisbet were recently honored on their 50th wedding anniversary in Fort Worth at the home of lifelong friend, Mrs. John Hugh Tull. Children of the couple hosted the dinner reception for 50 friends and relatives.

Carl Scott Nisbet and Bobbie Lee Harris were married in the First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo on Dec. 31, 1951, with Dr. B.O. Wood, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Nisbet, an engineer, retired from Cabot Engineering Division in 1983 and from Celanese Chemical Company in 1996.

Mrs. Nisbet, a Real Estate Broker, has worked in the real estate business since 1969, first with Joe Fischer Realty and later owning her own firm.

The couple moved to Pampa from Houston in 1966. Children of the couple are Michael and Susan Nisbet of Duncanville, Texas; Lee Nisbet Hood of Richardson, Texas; Susan (Nisbet) and Gary Richardson of Texarkana, Texas; and Janet (Nisbet) and Michael Tipton of Dumas, Texas.

Five of the couples' eight grandchildren and one of three great-



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nisbet

grandchildren were present to honor their grandparents.

Friends from Dallas, Houston, Ardmore, Granbury, Lubbock, Fort Worth, Canyon and Pampa also attended the anniversary celebration.

MENUS

WEEK OF JAN. 14-18

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Donuts, sausage.

Lunch: Fish strips or pizza, English peas, corn, pears, rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: French toast sticks.

Lunch: Sub sandwiches or burritos, tomato soup, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes, fresh fruit.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.

Lunch: Cheeseburger pockets or chicken nuggets, blackeyed peas, salad, pineapple tidbits.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits.

Lunch: Soft taco or chef salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, lettuce/tomatoes, apple sauce.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Pizza sticks or hot dogs/chili, green beans, potato wedges, chocolate cake.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

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

Lunch: Polish sausage wraps, beans, chili, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

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

Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, corn, garlic toast, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch: Chicken strips, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

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

Lunch: Barbecue wieners, mini burritos, beans, cole slaw, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

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

Lunch: Stromboli, chick-

en noodle soup, vegetables, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or salmon patties, mashed potatoes, succotash, spinach, northern beans, caramel cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Moch filet mignon or chili rellenos/cheese sauce, cheese grits, Scandinavian blend, Spanish rice, beans, strawberry shortcake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, beets, corn cobbles, butter beans, German chocolate cake or cherry icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or liver and onions, rosemary potatoes, broccoli casserole, carrots, beans, lemon strussel cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or barbecued sausages/onion rings, potato wedges, green beans, beans, French vanilla cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Sausage/gravy, hash-browns, green beans, cookies.

TUESDAY

Chicken/dressing, gravy, English peas, cranberry sauce, pumpkin bars.

WEDNESDAY

Hamburgers, tater tots, applesauce.

THURSDAY

Ham, hominy casserole, mixed vegetables.

FRIDAY

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, Italian blends, sliced apples.

Seed catalogs whet the appetite for spring

Was I outside enjoying the mild days, fluffing around in my flowerbeds and anticipating the tulips? Did I sit on the porch relishing the warm sunrises? No. Laid low and felled like a giant sequoia, I whimpered in my chair.

Vaguely, I remember a big blanket, a wheelchair, a stethoscope and a kind doctor diagnosing the flu. Other than The Unfortunate Sofa Incident and a double root canal, do I recall such intense agony. My skin felt like it



BY
KATHY DAVIS
GARDEN WISE

had been scrubbed with sandpaper and immersed in lighter fluid. All things pass, thank goodness. Homebound, the beautiful days slide by endlessly on the

other side of the windows. How I wish I could play outside! The day that I return to my life as a well person, the temperature will plummet, the wind will howl and playing outside will not be an option.

In spite of feeling like death on a soda cracker, the lure of the seed catalogues overwhelmed me. If I propped my blanket just so and tucked a pillow behind my head, I could pour over them without too much discomfort. What beauties lurk in those glossy pages!

Dreamily I wandered through the pages searching for a spectacular specimen able to live in Zone 6. Stunning purple clematis twined around pearl pink roses. Giant yellow marigolds mixed with happy-faced cosmos. Scarlet, stout rhubarb with wide tropical leaves. Mammoth sunflowers with plate-sized blooms. Pungent sage and spicy curry

plants. These are the dreams of gardeners.

Even the toxic castor bean holds great charm; its splayed, deep green leaves reach to the sky. Though not winter hardy here, it grows fast and tall in one season. My dear friend, Pamela, always tosses a few castor beans in her yard. Within weeks, the leaves cover a six-foot arc at the corners of her fence. In her full sun yard, beneath those towering giants, shade-loving hostas and impatiens bloom profusely.

While the catalogues whet my appetite for spring, many chores beg for attention before I can even think of planting one stick of anything. The shovels need sharpening. The basket of seeds needs sorting again. The water hoses and sprinklers need checking for leaks. All manner of trivial but essential repairs call my name.

These chores are not so terrible. The sharpening happens in the warmth of the porch with the cats lazing at my feet. Sorting seeds is a good reason to linger another cup of coffee. The watering devices require stomping about in the yard. Everything has an up side! Except, maybe, for the flu.

"In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular." — Kathleen Norris

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WEDDINGS

Dietz-Wright

Amy Dietz of Borger and Jay Wright of Canyon were wed Dec. 22, 2001, in First Baptist Church of Borger with Andy Dietz, father of the bride, officiating with Bradley Graham of Canyon assisting. The maid of honor was Liz Smith of Canyon. The bridesmaids were Lindsey Webb and Kim Dietz, both of Amarillo, and Amy Rambo and Misty Chitwood, both of Canyon. The flower girl was Caitlin Gillispie, niece of the bride of Canyon.

The best man was Tyler Wilterding of Nebraska. The groomsmen were Matt Wright of Amarillo, Tory Giddens and Ryon Nuckols, both of Canyon, and Britt Sims of Lamesa.

The ushers were Chris Friemel, Jonathan Lair, Matt Trevathan and Seth Wieck, all of Canyon. The candlelighters were Ryan Glidewell of Crowley and Scott Langford of Pampa, both cousins of the bride.

Registering the guests was Sarah Langford, cousin of the bride of Pampa, and Kaitlyn Chavez of Amarillo.

Music was provided by vocalist Gweyn Hicks of Canyon, the bride and groom, and a band which included members Bryan Sims of Virginia, Matthew Dietz and David Dietz, both brothers of the bride, and Ian Ferguson, all of Canyon, Zack Dietz, brother of the bride, and Chris Brown, both of Borger, and Jeff Dietz and Kyle Goldsmith, both of Amarillo.

A reception was held in the parlor of the church with Lisa Dietz, Emily Panter and Shawn Graham, all of Canyon, Lindsey Coffman of Amarillo and Megan Arlan serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Andy and Becky Dietz of Borger.



Amy Dietz and Jay Wright

She holds a degree from Borger High School and from West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is currently a teacher.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Jean Wright of Canyon. He graduated from Canyon High School and holds a degree from West Texas A&M University. He is currently a worship leader in Amarillo.

Grandparents of the bride and groom are Lindon and Wynola Sanders of Pampa, Liz and Bob Dietz of Borger and Mary Wright of Austin.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to New York City where they were on "Today Show." They intend to make their home in Canyon.

Meddock-Nickel

Vicki Kay Meddock and Rodney Wayne Nickel, both of Spearman, were wed Dec. 8, 2001, at First Baptist Church in Spearman with the Rev. Patrick Six, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Valerie O'Brien of Pampa. The bridesmaid was Katina Creagor of Beloit, Kan. The flower girl was Jordan Weakley of Fort Worth.

The best man was Lance Swan of Spearman. The groomsmen were Michael Ray of Lefors. The ring bearer was Trent White of Spearman.

The ushers were Tanner Ray and Taylor Ray, both of Lefors, and Cameron and Zeke Meddock of Spearman. The candlelighter was Kendra Ray of Lefors.

Registering the guests was Melanie Ray of Lefors.

Music was provided by musicians Carol and Neil Pack of Spearman and vocalists Keith Roberson of Lefors and Ashley Fronterhouse of Canyon.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Makala Weakley of Fort Worth and Sandy White and Barbara Hand, both of Spearman, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Laura Hand of Spearman. She graduated from Spearman High School and from Frank Phillips College School of Nursing. She is currently employed at



Rodney Wayne Nickel and Vicki Kay Meddock

Hansford County Family Clinic in Spearman.

The groom is the son of Kenneth and Mary Kay Nickel of Lefors. He graduated from Lefors High School and from Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy in Amarillo. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving five years, and is currently employed as a police officer for the City of Spearman.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Ruidoso, N.M., and intend to make their home in Spearman.

Safety in slow cooker if careful

There is nothing like a bowl of beef stew or chicken noodle soup to warm you on a cold winter day. Many consumers wish to use a slow cooker for these foods, but they are concerned about the safety of food prepared in it.

According to the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of the United States Department of



By
JOAN GRAY
EXTENSION AGENT

cooker, the center of large pieces of meat could remain in danger zone temperatures (40F to 140F) for many hours, allowing time for harmful bacteria to multiply to dangerous levels.

A slow cooker should not be overfilled. Fill the appliance one-half to two-thirds full. When filling, place vegetables on the bottom and around the sides because they cook more slowly than meat or poultry. Add meat, poultry, or other ingredients and cover the food with liquid.

The lid of a slow cooker should only be removed to stir the food or check for doneness. Food is cooked through heat and steam and removing the lid allows some of the steam and heat to escape.

Many cookers have at least

two settings. For food that is to be cooked all day, use the low setting. If possible, cook food on the highest setting for the first hour and then turn it down to a lower setting or the setting recommended by the recipe. Foods that are cooked on low for the entire time, however, should be safe to eat, according to FSIS information.

If the power goes out during the cooking process and you are at home where cooking is taking place, immediately finish cooking the food if another cooking source is available, such as a gas stove. Throw the food away if no other cooking source is available or if the power goes out when you are not at home, even if the food appears to be done.

Leftovers should be stored

in shallow containers, and refrigerated within two hours. Never reheat leftovers in the slow cooker because the food will not reach proper temperature within the recommended time. Instead, leftovers should be brought to 165F (steaming hot or boiling) and then they can be placed in a preheated slow cooker to keep them hot.

For more information about safe cooking, call Joan Gray, County Extension Agent-FCS, Texas Cooperative Extension - Gray County, at 669-8033.



Book by Austin author offers taste tour of Texas

BY SUSAN PARROTT
Associated Press Writer

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Lone Appetit!

A new book by Texas author Rhonda Cloos takes readers on a culinary tour of the Lone Star State's famed food makers.

"Texas Food Companies: A Tasty Guide" includes traditional favorites, like Blue Bell Creameries of Brenham, and oddities such as Chick-o-Sticks and Okra Pickles, along with histories of the companies that make the unusual edibles.

Cloos, an Austin freelance writer with a degree in home economics, chronicles 118 Texas-based companies churning out palate-pleasing products like chili, cheesecakes, corn chips and chocolate.

"I looked for companies that were unique or classic Texas companies," she said. "Many companies started when a family with a good recipe couldn't keep up with demand from family and friends."

Take Texas Firehouse, a trio of Corpus Christi firefighters who make blazing hot salsas and chili mixes with names like Jalapeno Flashover and Texas Search and Rescue.

The enterprise started in 1993 when J.C. Dykes began making his dad's famous picante sauce along with other recipes he tried out on his buddies at the station house.

When he couldn't keep up with orders, he launched a business with fellow firefighters Scott Rasmussen and Eddie Saenz.

They sell the products on the company's Web site, in selected retail stores and at food shows, where the men wear their uniforms and use flashing red lights as props.

Some brands are longtime Texas treasures, like Pioneer Brand baking mixes from San Antonio and Stubb's Bar-B-Q from Austin. Meanwhile, Old World Gingerbread from Dallas, chocolate tamales from Houston's Asher Products and bread-and-butter jalapenos from West Texas Pepper Traders in Abilene are drawing new devotees.

There's the upscale-sounding: Dallas-based Lady Walton's Gourmet Cookies and Mother

Teresa's Fine (Italian) Foods from Clute; and those with good-ol'-boy names like Bubba's Spices of Houston, Billy Beans Bar-B-Que Sauce from Abilene and Texas Gunpowder ground jalapeno from Mesquite.

Other Texas food trivia:

— C.H. Guenther & Son is the oldest continuously family-owned company in Texas. Founded in the 1850s, the San Antonio-based company makes Pioneer Brand products.

— Collin Street Bakery started its mail order business in the late 19th century when the original Ringling brothers of circus fame asked to order the company's fruitcake, still made in Corsicana.

— Chick-o-Sticks, made by Atkinson Candy Co. in Lufkin, contain no chicken, and are flavored with coconut and peanut butter.

Texas Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Beverly Boyd said anything "grown, sown or processed in Texas" is popular.

"The Texas mystique sells, not only in the state and country, but around the world," she said. "There is such a vast array of products in Texas."

Cloos, 48, said Texans are proud of their state and the foods made here by nearly 1,000 manufacturers.

"I developed a fascination with Texas foods," Cloos said. "It all started with the Texas-shaped tortilla chip. So many food are shaped like Texas, I couldn't think of another place on the planet like that."

The state's ethnic diversity also is reflected in the dishes. Much sausage comes from German recipes and peppers and salsas reflect Hispanic influences.

Others are undeniably "Texan." Cloos said. Chili, also known as a "bowl of red," is the official state dish of Texas.

Cloos, a Chicago native who has lived in Texas for 20 years, said her research had but one drawback — her cholesterol soared 22 points.

The paperback book is available at major bookstores in Texas and through several online retailers, including the publisher, Plano-based Republic of Texas Press. It sells for \$18.95.

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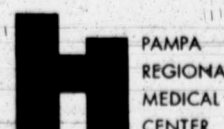
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Agriculture (USDA), the long cooking times, direct heat and steam of a slow cooker create an environment which kill harmful bacteria, making food safe to eat.

Foods most often recommended for cooking in these appliances include soups, stews and chili. Other foods with high moisture content may also be safe. It is important to defrost food before cooking it in a slow cooker.

Large pieces of meat such as roasts should be divided into smaller pieces before cooking. Because foods cook very slowly in the slow

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Cholesterol-lowering even helps study group with healthy levels

BY DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Even heart patients with seemingly healthy cholesterol levels live longer and better if they take cholesterol-lowering drugs, a discovery that could vastly increase the number of people using these already ubiquitous medicines.

The findings emerge from the largest experiment ever to test the power of so-called statin drugs, which already are recommended for about 36 million Americans at risk of dying from heart disease.

Statin drugs include Pravachol, Lipitor, Zocor, Mevacor and Lescol.

Dr. Rory Collins of Oxford University, who directed the study, compared the results with the landmark discovery in the 1980s of the benefits of aspirin in warding off heart trouble.

"Statins are the new aspirin," Collins said. "But it's not either-or. They add to the benefits of aspirin."

The study was conducted on 20,536 people who were considered at high risk of heart disease. Earlier research had not settled whether they specifically benefit from statin therapy.

One-third of the patients in the study had cholesterol levels that were already below the level recommended for statin treatment in the latest U.S. health guidelines. Yet they, like everyone else in the study, lowered their risk of new heart attacks and strokes by one-third if they took the drugs.

"This means that anybody who has any evidence of heart disease should be on a statin," commented Dr. Antonio Gotto, dean of Cornell University's medical school.

About 25 million people worldwide already take statins.

Collins estimated that the latest findings mean about 200 million worldwide would benefit from the drugs, roughly double the number for whom they are currently recommended.

The 5 1/2-year study involved men and women ages 40 to 80. They were considered at high risk because of diabetes, previous heart attacks and other signs of clogged arteries, such as poor circulation in their legs.

The study was the first to include substantial numbers of diabetics with no outward signs of heart trouble, as well as women and people over age 70.

Besides lowering the risk of heart attacks and strokes by one-third, the study found that statins also reduced the need for arterial surgery, balloon angioplasty and amputations.

The researchers calculated that if an additional 10 million high-risk people went on statins, that would save 50,000 lives a year. They estimated that for every 1,000 people treated for five years, statins would prevent heart attacks and strokes in:

- 100 people who previously have had a heart attack.
- 80 people with chest pain or other evidence of coronary heart disease.
- 70 people with diabetes.
- 70 people who have survived a stroke.
- 70 people who have had blocked arteries in the legs.

The study, conducted at 69 British hospitals, cost \$32 million. It was financed by England's Medical Research Council, the British Heart Foundation, Merck & Co. and Roche Vitamins Ltd. The results were released at a meeting of the American Heart Association.

Guidelines issued last May by the U.S. National Cholesterol Education Program recommend statin treatment for heart dis-

ease patients whose levels of LDL, the bad cholesterol, are above 130. For levels between 100 and 130, the guidelines say treatment is at the doctor's discretion.

In this study, 33 percent of the patients had LDL cholesterol below 116.

Over the past decade, a series of large studies has progressively broadened the population of people who might benefit from statin treatment, from heart attack victims with high cholesterol to people with much less ominous outlooks.

The latest study "is likely to have a major impact," said Dr. Harlan Krumholz of Yale University. "It may simplify our approach to patients."

Several doctors said they will be more aggressive in offering statins to heart patients even if their levels already seem safe.

"I'll approach my patients with even greater conviction that, if they have heart disease, they will benefit from statin therapy," said Dr. Sidney Smith, the heart association's medical director.

The statin used in the study was Merck's Zocor. However, Collins said he believes that all brands of statins are effective.

The study found no evidence that vitamins are good for the heart, an idea already discounted by some previous studies. Half of those studied also took daily beta carotene plus vitamins E and C.

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Liver transplant donor system revamped, applies sophisticated new criteria

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sophisticated medical criteria will be used to rank patients waiting for donated livers under a system approved unanimously by the nation's transplant network.

The new system replaces one that relies heavily on how long a patient has been on a waiting list, although it does not break down the geographic boundaries that allow much shorter waits in some parts of the country.

The new system gives each patient a score based on three lab tests and is expected to predict better which patients will die without transplants.

"It's a much more objective way to rank patients," said Dr. Richard Freeman, a liver surgeon at Tufts University, who chairs the liver committee for the United Network for Organ Sharing.

The transplant network, meeting in Alexandria, Va., voted 33-0 to implement the new system, although it cannot take effect until the network's computers are reprogrammed, probably in February.

Development of the system began amid a fight over the fairness of geographic boundaries that govern the distribution of organs.

Because patients and donors are not distributed evenly around the country, the wait for a liver is much longer in some places than it is in others. Critics say it's wrong for a patient in one city to die while a healthier patient elsewhere gets a transplant.

That fight has cooled, and advocates of the new liver distribution method hope critics will appreciate the effort to get livers to the sickest patients, at

least within each area.

"This is science now," Freeman said. "We're looking at this in scientific ways rather than emotional ways, which is really good for patients."

Still, the geographic boundaries remain. Patients will be able to compare the score needed to get a liver in one part of the country vs. another.

Under the current system for distributing livers, patients are grouped into four broad categories. Within each group, those waiting the longest get first chance at the livers.

But many transplant experts believe waiting time is a poor way to measure how sick a patient is. For instance, some doctors encourage patients to get on the list before they real-

ly need a transplant so they can accumulate waiting time and be closer to the top when they need it.

The new policy retains just one of the current categories. Patients classified as Status 1, who have become suddenly ill and are expected to die within a week, still will get first chance at donated livers.

Everyone else will get a number. For adults, they range from 6 to 40, with the highest numbers for the sickest patients. For children, they range from minus-10 to 70.

Patients who got transplants under the current system had an average score of 18.

When a similar system was implemented in New England,

there was a 31 percent reduction in the number of people who died on the waiting list, Freeman said.

Patient scores will be determined by a combination of three medical factors: the body's ability to clot blood; the ability to break down hemoglobin; and kidney function, which can be affected by a failing liver. The system was first developed by the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and is known as MELD, for Model for End-Stage Liver Disease.

Ties in patient scores will be broken by waiting time.

The network also agreed to restrict further who can get livers from donors with blood type O. Medically, these livers

can go to any patient, disadvantaging those with type O, who can receive only O livers.

Under the new policy, only patients with blood type O, or with type B who have a score above 20, can get O livers.

The network will now submit the policies to the Department of Health and Human Services. Under a new regulation giving HHS more oversight authority, the department may order changes.

The nation faces an acute shortage of livers, with about 18,500 people waiting for donated livers. Some 5,000 liver transplants were performed last year, but 1,636 people died waiting.

Study finds anti-cancer drug may help stents keep arteries open

BOSTON (AP) — A drug ordinarily used against cancer, when coated onto the surface of a stent, helps the wire tubing keep reopened heart arteries from clogging back up, a preliminary study says.

Arteries stayed clear for six months in every patient. The recent findings add to expanding

evidence that such drug-coated stents can help solve one of the biggest problems in the treatment of heart disease.

Doctors this year will perform angioplasties on about 1 million Americans, inflating a balloon to push open a clogged artery. In the vast majority of cases, doctors also insert a stent,

wedging it inside to buttress the vessel.

Stents have greatly advanced the treatment of coronary disease in recent years. In about 20 percent of cases, though, inflammation and scar tissue build up and block the artery again. Another angioplasty is needed, as for Vice President Dick Cheney in March.

Injected or swallowed, drugs that ease the buildup would generally be toxic. However, in recent tests, drugs have been first applied to stents, which slowly release them right where they are needed.

In the preliminary study, researchers at three German hospitals covered stents with low doses of the drug paclitaxel, which is normally used to treat ovary and breast cancers. The drug kept flowing from the stent for up to 28 days.

The researchers tested a total

of 61 patients for six months in the experiment, an early step designed mainly to test the safety of the procedure.

None of the patients in the test group had reclogging, compared with 11 percent in a comparison group under normal treatment. No major harmful effects were found.

Jim Barry, a supervising biochemist at test sponsor Boston Scientific, said the cancer drug appears to work by blocking cell growth that produces scar tissue. Wild cell growth is a hallmark of cancer. The drug may also help reduce inflammation in arteries.

Boston Scientific, of Natick, Mass., released the findings at a meeting of business analysts in Maple Grove, Minn. The company hopes to put its drug-coated stent on the market in Europe next year and in the United States, in 2003.

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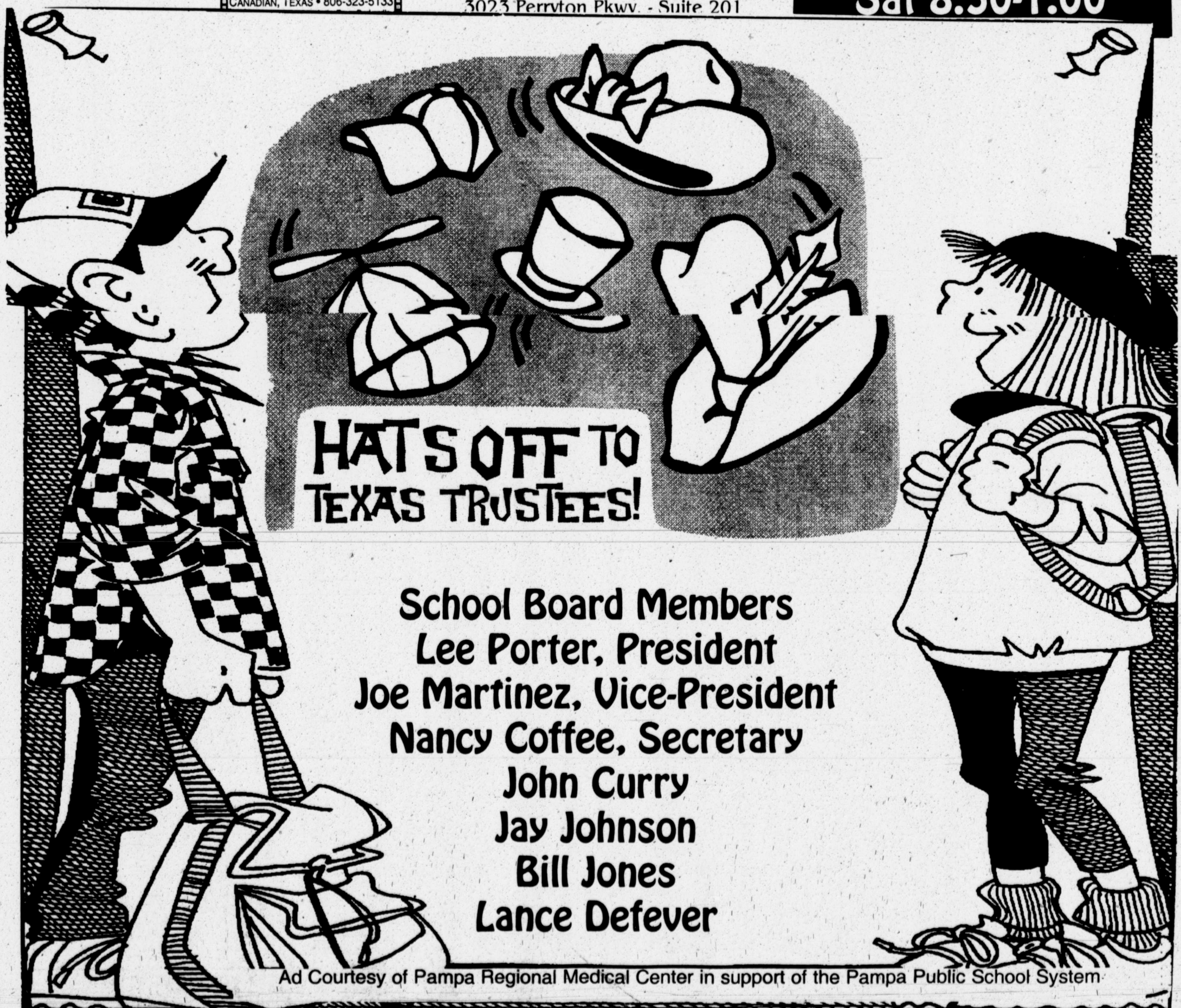
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Memories We Cherish Are Of People, Not of Things

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My beloved 93-year-old Grandma Beanie passed away recently. She was kind and gentle, and we were lucky to have her as long as we did. Her funeral gave my family and me time to reflect on what is really important in life.

What I remember and cherish most about Grandma Beanie are not the material things she gave me over the years. In fact, I can't remember a single toy she gave me as a child, although there were many.

What I *do* remember are the countless times she let me help her make strawberry jam; the afternoon she took us kids into the woods and taught us how to hunt for mushrooms; the nights she patiently played Yahtzee with us; the fact that she made the most delicious chocolate chip cookies in the world; and how she loved it when we took her out for Chinese food.

There are many more memories. The point is, she did not share herself in material ways, but rather in the love she showed in everything she did with us.

When this world of ours seems scary, please remember that the child's hand you hold today — and the time spent with the child — is what makes this world a better place.

CATHY IN MASON CITY, IOWA

DEAR CATHY: Right you are. You were fortunate to have had such a positive role model in your life. The most precious gift a person can give is a gift of self.

DEAR ABBY: A friend sent me a clipping that I think is very worthwhile, so I'm passing it along to you. Wouldn't it be great if everyone would follow these rules?

HAPPY GRANNY IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR HAPPY GRANNY: It certainly would. There would be a lot less stress in the world. Read on:

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A LONG AND PEACEFUL LIFE

(1) Thou shalt not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.

(2) Thou shalt not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.

(3) Thou shalt face each problem as it comes. You can handle only one at a time.

(4) Thou shalt not cross bridges before you get to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.

(5) Thou shalt not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.

(6) Thou shalt not borrow other people's problems. They can take better care of them than you can.

(7) Thou shalt be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It's very hard to learn something new when you're talking.

(8) Thou shalt not try to re-live yesterday for good or ill — it is gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life today.

(9) Thou shalt not become bogged down by frustration, for 50 percent of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive actions.

(10) Thou shalt count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones — for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.

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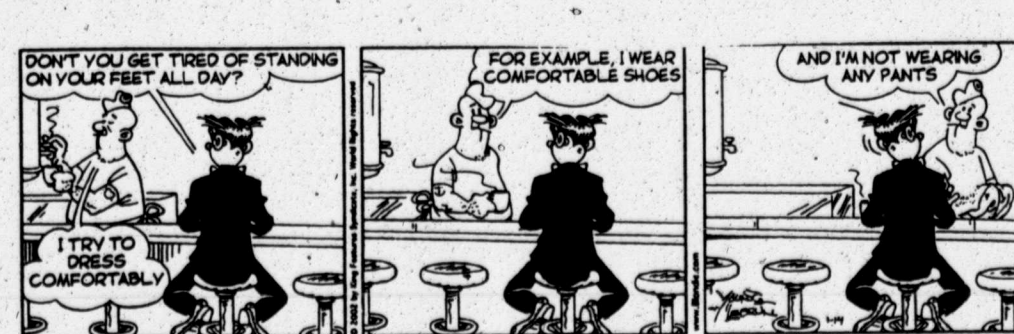
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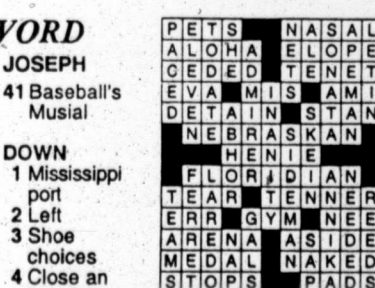
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Where have you gone, Danny Almonte?

Terror attacks turned earlier news into trivia

By DAVID CRARY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

President Bush was in Florida, promoting plans to boost reading skills. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld declared "war on bureaucracy" at the Pentagon. Health groups were busy on the eve of "National 9-1-1 Day" — meant to raise awareness about heart attacks.

That was Sept. 10.

By late the next morning, America was a changed land, counting its dead and beginning to fashion a new set of heroes, villains, fears and preoccupations. Much of what happened in the first 36 weeks of the year suddenly seemed distant or trivial.

Just a few weeks earlier, news media had declared "The Summer of the Shark" after a handful of grisly attacks along the Atlantic Coast. U.S. Rep. Gary Condit was America's most reluctant TV star, dogged by camera crews for months while dodging questions about his relationship with missing intern Chandra Levy.

There was trouble aplenty — or so it seemed at the time. California suffered rolling blackouts, Cincinnati endured race riots. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani grappled simultaneously with prostate cancer and bitter divorce proceedings. A man brandishing a gun opened fire near the White House.

Abroad, before Kabul and Kandahar became household names, India suffered a calamitous earthquake. Nepal's royal family was massacred by its crown prince and Yugoslavia's former leader, Slobodan Milosevic, was indicted for war crimes.

Even Sept. 10 — a day that now symbolizes less

worrisome times — was bloody. A former security guard wanted in the slayings of five people killed himself after a hectic chase and shootout with Sacramento police. "I giveth and I taketh away," 20-year-old Joseph Ferguson said in a video suicide note.

He was just one of many villains now eclipsed by the al-Qaida network. People like former Ku Klux Klansman Thomas Blanton, Jr., convicted in the 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls in Birmingham, Ala., and the Texas prisoners who gunned down a police officer during an escape that lasted 42 days — they've all faded back into obscurity.

For President Bush and the U.S. military, now popular protagonists in the war on terrorism, the pre-9/11 world was less daunting than the present but still full of pitfalls.

Bush was sworn in Jan. 20 after a near dead-heat election in which he lost the popular vote. One Cabinet nominee, Linda Chavez, withdrew amid controversy; another, John Ashcroft, faced bitter confirmation hearings before gaining the job of attorney general that now puts him in charge of the terror and anthrax investigations.

Bush's dominant policy concerns included tax cuts and stem cells; perhaps his biggest setback was the defection of James Jeffords that tilted control of the Senate from Republicans to Democrats.

For the military, 2001 had been a downright bad year. A Navy submarine struck and sank a Japanese fishing boat near Hawaii, killing nine people. A Navy spy plane collided with a Chinese jet fighter;

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the American crew was held for 11 days on a Chinese island. Training accidents — including an errant bombing in Kuwait and several aircraft crashes — killed dozens of soldiers and airmen.

It hadn't been a much better year for law enforcers. The FBI uncovered a long-term spy in its ranks, and its mishandling of documents briefly delayed the execution of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh — America's unofficial public enemy No. 1 before Osama bin Laden assumed the role.

Like members of the armed forces, New York City's police officers are now national heroes. But earlier in the year, the city agreed to an \$8.7 million payment to a Haitian immigrant tortured in a police station bathroom, and an officer was charged with the drunk-driving killing of a pregnant woman, her son and her sister.

Even the news media benefited from an improved public image in the wake of the attacks as serious stories — often with international angles — took precedence over lifestyle features and celebrity gossip. Whether the change is lasting remains to be seen.

"One would hope that serious news has established a foothold, but I think the jury is still out," said Carroll Doherty, editor at the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

"What about China? Drugs in Colombia? The Argentine debt crisis? These are not minor stories. When the crisis subsides, what is the media going to do? And is the public going to tune in?"

Many of the characters who made their way into the spotlight during the first eight months of the year now seem like answers in a trivia contest. Among them:

—Denise Rich (socialite/songwriter who helped gain a pardon from President Clinton for her ex-husband, billionaire fugitive Marc Rich).

—Danny Almonte (over-age Little League pitcher, at last report attending eighth grade in the Bronx).

—Karin Stanford (her affair with married civil rights leader Jesse Jackson produced a daughter).

—Dennis Tito (first space tourist).

—Tommy Maddox (first, and last, Most Valuable Player of the late and largely unlamented XFL).

And how many Americans remember Thierry Devaux, a Frenchman whose motorized parachute got tangled on the Statue of Liberty's arm in August?

"It's an artistic way for me to express myself," Devaux said of his stunt-gone-awry.

To many New Yorkers, and hundreds of inconvenienced tourists, the artistic impulse seemed foolish at the time. But three weeks later, when other foreigners came out of the sky and turned a taller New York landmark into a killing field, anyone recalling Devaux for even an instant might have forgiven him.

Seeking normalcy, America trudges on

By DAVID FOSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

There is no pill to undo evil, no magic word to resurrect the good old days when jetliners didn't turn into bombs and anthrax didn't come in the mail. Since Sept. 11, America has struggled to find a new normal, one that could wrap itself around the sharp edges of terror and war.

We tried a thousand ways to adapt: We flew less and prayed more. We hoisted flags and draped holiday greens in red, white and blue. We canceled trips to Las Vegas and went to grandma's house instead. We gave blood, wrote checks to charity and dusted off atlases to find Kabul and Jalalabad. We cried.

Day by day, we came to realize it wasn't just the world that had changed. So had we.

One day in November, a misdelivered letter showed up in the mailbox of fitness instructor Susan Wallace. The slim envelope had been mailed from a business in Cherry Hill, N.J., to a family-support center in Trenton, N.J.

Nothing very odd there — except that Wallace lives in Olympia, Wash. She became suspicious: How had the letter made it all the way across the country? Why did it come to her? Could this be the work of terrorists?

She searched Internet directories for the addresses on the envelope but came up blank. She called directory assistance in New Jersey, but neither business was listed. Finally, she called the Olympia police, who advised her to throw the letter away.

Donning latex gloves, Wallace sprayed disinfectant on the envelope, gingerly sealed it inside two zip-lock plastic bags, then dropped the whole thing in the trash.

She felt a bit silly. "It's highly unlikely that it was anything," she said. "But still, I wasn't willing to take the chance of getting anthrax. That seemed even sillier."

Given the times, few would fault her reaction. The ruling motto: You can't be too careful.

Americans stocked up on oil lamps, portable generators and survival books that had been gathering dust in warehouses since the Y2K scare. There was a rise in sales of firearms, such as the line of "Homeland Security" shotguns offered by the Ithaca Gun Co. "in our current time of national need."

"National Guardsmen with

rifles roamed airport corridors. Security officers patrolled oil refineries. Coast Guard cutters escorted cruise ships leaving port.

Public tours were canceled at the White House and Capitol. Visitors to Mount Vernon found a guard at the front gate, searching bags. The wait at airport security points went from long to longer, and the wait at border crossings became interminable.

Not that Americans were in much of a mood to travel, anyway.

It was a time for cocooning,

not venturing out. In Hawaii, tourism was off more than 30 percent in October from the year before. Nationwide, extravagant parties were out, and staying home to watch videos was in. People bailed out of diets, seeking comfort in chocolate.

Normal meant paying attention to simple things, like being alive. It meant remembering what is important: friends, family, charity, love.

"I'm hearing from my children much more than in the past," said John Crowther, 72, a retiree in Sun City, Fla.

"They want to get together more, even though they live up North."

For some, the new normal meant defiantly clinging to old routines. "Live your lives," urged President Bush, and people set about the task with vigor, attending football games and planning business trips as if any deviation from life-as-usual would have been a concession to the terrorists.

Dreams, however, betrayed our hidden fears.

Kelly Bulkeley, a dream researcher in Berkeley, Calif., said he was flooded with

reports of nightmares, many of them juxtaposing horrific images with the ordinary: huge jetliners nudging the Earth out of orbit, soldiers marauding through suburbia, office workers unaware that their building is about to be destroyed.

"The attacks tapped into anxieties that people have been dreaming about for years: a fear of airplanes, fear of bombs, fear of tall buildings, fear of terrorist attacks," Bulkeley said. "September 11th literally was a nightmare that came true."



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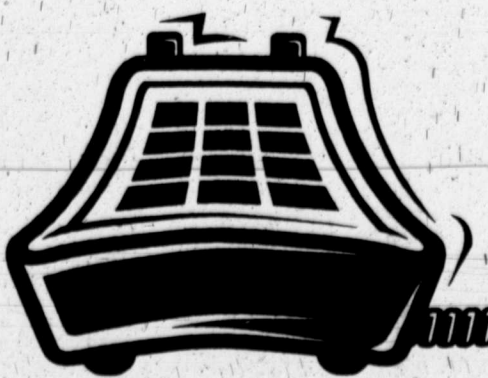
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EVERGREEN - Two story brick, four bedroom home with two living areas. Woodburning fireplace, all bedrooms up-stairs. Central heat and air, 1-3/4-1/2 baths, patio, hot tub, storage area, storm cellar, double garage. MLS 5596.

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N. SOMERVILLE - Three bedroom home with central heat and air. Garage has been rewired, water softener in basement. Covered patio, 1 3/4 baths, mock fireplace, detached double garage. MLS 5471.

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

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CALENDAR

PATHWAYS

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

DIALOGUE

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

MUSIC THERAPY

Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center's Quality of Life Project/Palliative Care Services offers free Music Therapy Sessions at 10:30 a.m. weekly on Wednesdays at the Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room. Patient and adult family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 291.

BEGINNINGS

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

BREAST CANCER 101

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

QUIT CLUB

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer the "Quit Club" for smokers from 6-7 p.m., the third Monday of each month at various intervals at the center's Quality of Life Center. For more information or to register for the next session, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 214.

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.

GREEN THUMB INTERNET SITE

Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an on-line service featuring the handiwork of seniors from across the country. The site is a must for shoppers looking for distinctive, often one-of-a-kind gifts. Geezer.com includes scores of artisans and craftspeople with more than 2,000 hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories — apparel, art, doll houses, home and hearth, music and videos, pet store, sports, recreation, toys and games, yard and garden and more.

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."

BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB

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

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.

TEXAS VACATION PACKAGES

The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com on the Internet.

SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM

Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

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.

FIT

Foundation for Intercultural Travel is seeking host families for exchange students. Students bring their own spending money for clothes, entertainment and other expenses and provide their own medical insurance as well. Host families agree to room and board and to

include the exchange student in the family. For more information, call (877) 439-7862.

POWER WHEELCHAIRS

Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

SENIOR WHEELS USA

Senior Wheels USA Program makes available power wheelchairs — at no cost — to senior citizens (65 years and up) and to the permanently disabled. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-246-6010.

NARCONON

Narconon, active in the field of drug rehabilitation and education since 1966, provides free professional counseling, evaluation and referral services to internationally recognized alternative and traditional facilities via its hotline and website, 1-800-468-6933 or www.stopaddiction.com. Narconon means "No Drugs."

COFFEE MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER

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 no cost to qualifying recipients. For more information, call Dennis Karnes toll-free at 1-800-344-5764.

HOSPICELINK

Hospice Education Institute, a non-profit organization, has established HOSPICELINK, a national toll-free telephone hotline for people seeking information and education regarding hospice care. The service offers referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is available to consumers free of charge. HOSPICELINK maintains a continually updated computer database of all hospices, national and internationally, so referrals are accurate and appropriate to each patient's needs. For more information about HEI, call 1-800-331-1620. HOSPICELINK lines are open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays, Eastern time.

MEDICINES.MD

U.S. senior citizens now have access to legitimate e-mail order links to the world's lowest prices on prescription drugs by visiting www.medicines.md on the Internet, allowing them to have their prescriptions filled by licensed pharmacies abroad. The service adheres to FDA guidelines and offers free access to regularly updated international price lists for the 120 most popular brand-name prescription drugs as well as 1,300 generic medications.

LIFESTYLE MEDICAL

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EVENTS

FOSTER CARE MEETING

Catholic Family Service, Inc. is in need of couples who are interested in fostering and/or adopting children with special needs who are currently in the Texas foster care system. There will be an information meeting from 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 15 to discuss the program at the Tyler Street Resource Center, 200 S. Tyler, in the upstairs conference room. Training for prospective families will be held in a series of informative sessions Jan. 19, 26 and 29. Both husband and wife need to attend all sessions. Single applicants are also welcome. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and, if applicable, married for at least two years. For more information, call (806) 345-7908 to make your reservation.

CPC LUNCHEON

The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo will sponsor a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs from 11:45-1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 at Luby's Cafeteria, 4530 Canyon Dr., Amarillo. The guest speaker will be Trent Morris, Employment Services supervisor, Texas Workforce Center. For reservations or for more information, contact Edmond Esparza, (806) 372-3381.

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.

GRAY COUNTY LIVE-STOCK SHOW

Gray County Livestock Show will be staged Jan. 17-19 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray

County Extension office at 669-8033.

PCCA CONCERT

Pampa Community Concert Association will present "Rhythm Kings" Jan. 20 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-0343.

GRAY COUNTY LIVE-STOCK SALE

Gray County Livestock Sale will be conducted Jan. 21 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. For more information call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

ADOPTION SEMINAR

Catholic Family Service, Inc. is in need of applicants for its infant adoption pool of approved families. An informational meeting will be 7-9 p.m., on Jan. 22. An Adoptive Parent Education Seminar will be held from 8:30-4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1. There is no fee for the informational meeting; however, there is a \$500 fee per couple to attend the seminar. Both meeting and seminar will be held at the Tyler

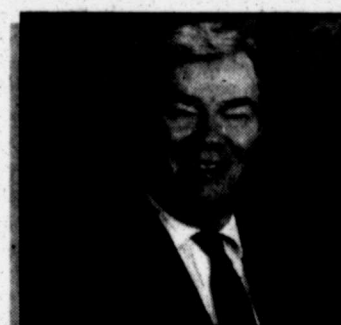
Street Resource Center, 200 S. Tyler, in the upstairs conference room. Both husband and wife need to attend all sessions. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and married for at least two years. For more information, call (806) 345-7908. Reservations are required.

ARC FIRST AID/CPR CLASS

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

TRALEE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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



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