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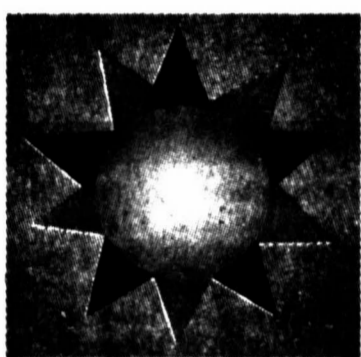
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**Missing man found alive and well at brother's house**

A man reported missing by his wife has been found alive and well, police said Friday.

Garland "Pete" Watts was reported missing by his wife Jo Ann Watts, 1219 E. Francis, on July 19. Mrs. Watts told police she had not seen her husband since he left for a job in Borger on July 18.

Col. Terry Young Friday said the man had been found and he was staying with his brother.

**Lefors ISD board to meet in special session Monday**

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District board of education is to meet in special session at 7 p.m. Monday, elementary school library, 160 6th Street, to discuss personnel matters.

**Search underway for Coast Guard officers**

KEMAH (AP) — Search crews used helicopters and boats off the southeast Texas coast to help find two U.S. Coast Guard officers who were last seen going for a swim early Saturday.

The male officers, who weren't being identified pending notification of relatives, were last seen going for a swim while off-duty in a channel near the Kemah Boardwalk about 1:30 a.m. Saturday.

Richard A. Archer, 52, Williams Energy employee.  
Nelda Monday, 87, homemaker and sales clerk.

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District Attorney Rick Roach

## DA: Office needs help, \$'s

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

For the past eight years — perhaps even 25 years — the 31st District Attorney's Office has operated on a part-time basis, said current 31st DA Richard (Rick) J. Roach.

"The office has been run pretty much on a part-time basis," said Roach. "Cases which I consider to be priority cases were sort of handled on a routine plea bargain type status. This is something I believe the citizens are interested in doing something about."

Roach said the "rules of the game" changed beginning in January 2001.

"In order for us to do what we said we

'It has become apparent to me that we are just grossly understaffed.'

— Rick Roach  
District Attorney

would do, it has become apparent to me that we are just grossly understaffed," he said. "Since April we have been operating with out an assistant. I have had to handle all the routine affairs in all five counties." Roach said he has had some assistance

from special prosecutors in trials of cases. David Scott of Perryton served as special prosecutor on several occasions, he said. "We've been very successful at these," said Roach.

He said there are two district courts — 223rd and 31st — who are both desirous of handling cases and moving cases so that the dockets are not overloaded.

"They are just trying to do their jobs," said Roach. "The chain is only as strong as its weakest link. If we are to do what the people want us to do, we're going to have to strengthen up the district attorney link in the chain."

(See DA, Page 3)

## Prison chapel plans begin to shape up

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

Plans continue to take shape for a building to meet the spiritual needs of inmates at the Jordan Prison Unit.

In six months, the Jordan Chapel Builders board of directors, 12 individuals from different denominations throughout the community, have accomplished a number of the preliminary tasks. They've set up bylaws, they've incorporated, and they're on the threshold of receiving tax exempt status from the federal government.

The board heads a group of local volunteers who hope to raise enough money to build a chapel at the Jordan Prison Unit east of Pampa. Cost estimates for the multi-purpose building range from \$300,000 to \$350,000. Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) institutional program does not build facilities specifically for faith-based programs, officials said. The programs are non-denominational and geared to meet multiple faith needs of prison inmates

and their families.

Reed Kirkpatrick, who has spearheaded the community effort since its inception, said board members are reviewing plans for the proposed building while waiting for the Internal Revenue Service to give the Jordan Chapel Builders tax exempt status.

"Don Zumpstein talked to a lady at the IRS and she was very encouraging," Kirkpatrick said. "We just needed to make a few changes in the (application) wording and then it should go through okay."

Kirkpatrick said Zumpstein, one of the board members, was to have sent the requested wording changes by last Friday.

Meanwhile, he said, the chapel board are studying several architectural drawings of the proposed facility. One of the proposed floor plans includes a sanctuary that contains 312 seats, along with an elevated stage with additional seating. The sanctuary area can be divided into two sections, if needed. Also included are two class

(See CHAPEL, Page 2)

## Fruit basket turnover



(Pampa News photo by Dean Lynch)

Fruit and vegetables lie strewn across the pavement after a car ran into Bob Weldon's Produce Stand at Gwendolyn and Hobart streets Friday. Pampa firefighters and Rural Metro ambulance personnel place a woman who was trapped in her car on a stretcher before she was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center complaining of back pain. Further details of the collision were not available from Pampa Police Department Saturday.

## Pentagon planners struggle with defense strategy

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's developing national security strategy could mean a smaller military with less emphasis on coping with several crises at once, Pentagon officials say.

Rumsfeld and his top military and civilian advisers have modified — yet again — a document that is supposed to help them determine the size, shape and goals of U.S. forces around the world, now numbering about 1.4 million active-duty personnel and 1 million reserves.

In recent days, Pentagon leaders have dropped language from the document that said America should base enough troops overseas to deter aggression by "swiftly defeating an enemy's effort with minimum reinforcement," said a senior defense official familiar with the strategy discussions.

The planners also have revised sections using the term "concurrency," which refers to the need to be able to perform several major military missions simultaneously, rather than one after another.

Earlier this summer, the planners decided to eliminate the formal require-

ment that the military be able to fight two major wars in different parts of the globe at nearly the same time.

The latest changes may mean the military could get along with fewer men and women, though those decisions are still to be made, said the senior Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Pentagon officials are struggling with the task of writing the blueprint for the future military as they are coming under fire from President Bush's conservative allies looking for larger defense budgets.

"Does anyone think we can maintain our current responsibilities around the world with an Army smaller than 485,000

men and women? I really don't think so," complained William Kristol, editor of the conservative Weekly Standard magazine. He said Bush told Rumsfeld to "go over there and transform the military. I do not believe you can do transformation on the current budget."

Kristol, who made his comments Wednesday on PBS's "NewsHour" with Jim Lehrer, wrote a heated editorial last week urging Rumsfeld and his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, to resign to protest "the impending exorcism of the American military."

Bush and Rumsfeld pledged to (See STRATEGY, Page 2)

## Sunday Snapshot



Name: Meghan Lewis  
Occupation/activities: Student, mow

lawn, raise Chinese pugs.  
**Birth date and place:** Sept. 18, 1986.  
**Family:** One sister and a mom. Dad is deceased.  
**When I grow up I want to be:** An opera singer or a missionary.  
**My personal hero:** My mom.  
**The best advice I ever got was:** My dad would look me in the eye and say, "It's gonna be all right."  
**The best word or words to describe me:** Nice cheery person.  
**People will remember me as being:** A Christian witness.  
**The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be:** Jessie Norman, Mom, Kathleen Battle and Jesus.  
**My hobbies are:** Softball, swimming and feeding birds.  
**My favorite sports team is:** Pampa Harvesters.  
**The last book I read was:** "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul."  
**My favorite possession is:** My Bible.

**The biggest honor I've ever received is:** When I won the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest.  
**My favorite performer is:** Opera singer Luciano Pavarotti.  
**I wish I knew how to:** Ski.  
**My trademark cliché or expression is:** "Whatever."  
**My worst habit is:** Biting my nails.  
**I would never:** Use any kind of drugs.  
**The last good movie I saw was:** "Noah," starring Tom Danza.  
**I stay home to watch:** We don't have television (by choice).  
**Nobody knows:** I am afraid of snakes.  
**Someday I want to drive a:** Red Mercedes convertible.  
**My favorite junk food is:** Ice cream.  
**My favorite beverage:** Classic Coke.  
**My favorite restaurant is:** The Sekura in Amarillo.  
**My favorite pet:** Penny and Otis, two Chinese pugs.  
**My favorite meal is:** Chicken and

dumplings.  
**I wish I could sing like:** Opera singer Kathleen Battle.  
**I'm happiest when I'm:** With my family.  
**I'm tired of:** People getting on to me.  
**I have a phobia about:** Violent storms.  
**The electrical device I couldn't live without is:** My CD player.  
**My most embarrassing moment:** When I had to sing on stage.  
**The biggest waste of time is:** Watching TV.  
**If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is:** Keep 20 percent for myself and give 80 percent to the poor.  
**If I had three wishes they would be:** 1) To see my dad again; 2) to be a millionaire; 3) sing like a star.  
**If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be:** The drinking problems.

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# Letters to the editor

## Hog farm appears to be a done deal

To the editor,  
Once again our community is split over a hog issue. The first time this occurred I wrote a letter in protest about the location of a pork slaughter house locating in our community.  
According to comments made by the PEDC at the first public meeting, Tuesday evening, July 10, 2001, to discuss the current hog facility for our community, Mr. Richard Stowers, president of the PEDC Board, commented in respect to stopping the current facility: "This is a free market, free enterprise. In that respect there is really nothing you can do. I think NPD is a great fit for Pampa." (Comment from The Pampa News dated July 11, 2001.) After Mr. Stowers' comment, what's all the fuss about? "It's a done deal."  
So let's see what the "pig in a poke looks like."  
A \$1,500,000 payroll per year, sounds good, according to NPD this includes benefits. Let's deduct 20 percent for benefits, which do not appear on paychecks, leaving a \$1,200,000 payroll, it takes six-months for the average worker to get all of his taxes paid, deduct 50 percent, leaving \$600,000 (\$50,000 per month) to spend after benefits and taxes. Will it be worth this amount to businesses of Pampa?  
Concerning Mr. Dale Roth's comments published in a recent Sunday edition of The Pampa News concerning the deterioration of the walls of the "poop lagoons," he is correct. Go to Recreation Park and compare the south shoreline with the north shoreline and see what a prevailing wind can accomplish.  
One positive side benefit from this PEDC accomplishment would be to finance a new firm, additional income for Pampa's businesses, to spray parks and residential yards with this effluent. Since it is odorless and without flies, it would make excellent fertilizer.  
Organic vegetables and fruits are popular with the more intelligent and affluent of our great nation, the PEDC should contact growers of these products and encourage them to relocate to Gray County. We will have all the basic requirements for this enterprise in the near future, the good land, water (?), technology and a large economical supply of organic fertilizer. An alert business executive will seize this opportunity.  
Our neighboring community of Miami has a cow calling and cow chip throwing contest to celebrate its cattle ranching heritage. This event draws a large crowd every year, bringing money into the community's businesses.  
Aided by the PEDC, the Pampa community can "copy" this event and celebrate our hog farming heritage by having a hog calling and hog chip (?) throwing event. Celebrating our heritage and bringing additional income into the community.  
There's just no end to the possibilities of hog farming, why they are unlimited. Go for it, Pampa — oh, we done went!  
James R. Braxton  
Pampa

employs a large personnel, such as manufacturing."  
The United Medicorp, which the PEDC was instrumental in bringing to Pampa is not a business; you can't go inside there and buy something. It is a group of people engaged in the processes of the medical profession. The money to pay their salaries is brought in from "out of town"; while local businesses recirculate money that is already in Pampa.  
The two dairies east of town bring in new money from the cities that buy their milk — they are a new industry. Likewise the prison brings in new money from Austin. Celanese and National Oilwell are also good examples of "new money."  
Pampa's number one need is more industry and not necessarily new business, which follows industry's payroll.  
W.H. Monroe  
Pampa

## Never underestimate kindness of strangers

To the editor,  
I am writing in regards to a special, caring citizen of your community. On Friday, July 20, in Perryton, Texas, we suffered the tragic loss of one of our youth, 13-year-old Donnie Cheatum.  
It was his mother's wish that he be buried in his baseball uniform. As the search began, we learned that the uniforms had been loaned out and this simple task would not be so simple after all.  
Some friends of ours had recently told us about a wonderful sporting goods store in Pampa, Holmes Sporting Goods. We thought, perhaps, they were the store that made the jerseys, so we called Randy Holmes on the evening of Saturday, July 21, at home. We explained our dilemma to him.  
To make a long story short, we ended up finding Donnie's original #9 Phillies jersey after an extensive search. In the meantime, however, we called Mr. Holmes out of his barn where he was shearing sheep, not just once, but twice!

This man did not know us or Donnie nor had he made the jersey, but during our conversations he expressed condolences and offered not only to drop everything and go to his store to make a jersey for Donnie, but also to drive and meet us between Perryton and Pampa with the shirt.  
In closing, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Randy Holmes and also convey to your community what a kind, sincere person this man is. We will never underestimate the kindness of strangers after this encounter. This man will never be forgotten for his selfless act of kindness and glimmer of hope during such an awful time.  
Thank you again, Mr. Holmes.  
Rick and Lisa Stiles  
Perryton

## Local citizens need to band together

To the editor,  
In your paper, Sunday, July 15, 2001, we God-fearing, patriotic subscribers of your paper were treated to a letter to the editor that was the most incoherent, babbling bunch of nonsense I've ever read.  
It should have shared space on the cartoon page due to its predictable nature by the man who penned it. Mr. Tripplehorn, my name is John Richards, I don't "slither around on my belly under the cover of darkness" nor did I have anything to do with the signs which prompted you to express your dislike with "commies" but I'll tell you: PEDC, I'm watching.  
Like many others who call Pampa home, I'm concerned with the goings on in our city government, and it's done absolutely *nothing* to spur growth in the community. I don't want my children cleaning out hog pens. Like many parents, I have higher aspirations for my kids, as I hope you did, but it seems the only thing that will be left for them will be the trivial jobs brought to Pampa by the city fathers and the PEDC.  
As you started your letter, so will I: "Pampa, be advised" your town, my town, is dying. Citizens of Pampa, let's save our town! Pampa could be an economic gold mine on the high plains. We could have decent paying jobs with decent companies, but they are turned down for the simple fact that a select few don't want them here because it will cause a "competitive-wage war" wherein they will have to pay a hard working man a decent wage, instead of a wage that lets a family "just get by."  
Couldn't have that, could we?  
All of our existing companies are losing their work force to better paying jobs with better benefit packages. Wouldn't want, who you describe as the good ol' boys, to have to "ante" up and pay a man what he's worth, not keep him on because it's the only job around.  
All of us "peasants" as you describe us, have a voice, and talking to many people I know, (who for your information, John, are not long-haired, dope

## 'Long hair' doesn't mean unpatriotic ...

To the editor,  
This is in response to the letter that ran recently in the Letters to the Editor, entitled "Stupidity is nothing to be proud of."  
I agree, signs should not be placed on the Memorial.  
Does Mr. Tripplehorn know who did this? If not, how does he know they are long-haired, dope smoking, self-styled dictators of the 1970s?  
Not every man with long hair smokes dope and does terrible things. He really needs to rethink what he said and who he is accusing.  
I know some very patriotic men in this town who have long hair. My husband is one of them. He is well-respected, spent 11 years in the Navy and has his own business. He is a disabled vet and very patriotic.  
Please be careful who you accuse, it could ruin friendships.  
Lavon Mackey  
Pampa

smoking, communists) think the PEDC is a joke, who's record speaks for itself.  
Citizens of Pampa, speak up! Let's band together and change things! If the PEDC can't bring us change, change them to someone who cares about the future of a dying town.  
If John's self-described good ol' boys who run "everything of value" in Pampa oppose us, vote them out! You are the majority, they, the minority. Time is now for action to ensure a decent economic environment for our children, or there won't be enough children growing into adults staying in this pre-ghost town to man those shovels at the hog farm that the PEDC wants to bring us.  
We need open-minded "BIG-thinkers" to guide us to prosperity, not this nickel-dime, small-thinking junk we've been subjected to.  
God bless American. God bless Texas. God bless free speech and free enterprise. And most of all, God bless Charlie Daniels, whose song "Uneasy Rider" seems to have played a major influence in Mr. Tripplehorn's July 15 letter to the editor.  
John D. Richards  
Pampa

and more every day," Wyatt commented. "People are starting to realize its importance and what is at stake for the people of the Panhandle. Let's work together so that everyone in the District can become better educated about water and its conservation methods."  
Wyatt said the District hopes to establish networks with private and parochial schools. Another goal is to provide educational programs for civic, social and youth clubs.  
"Water is in the news more

## Pampa needs more 'industry' to come in

To the editor,  
Reference is made to the recent comments on the performance of the PEDC. There seems to be some confusion as to the operations between the Chamber of Commerce and the PEDC.  
The Chamber works with local businesses in the coordination of local activities such as Christmas holidays, parades and other promotions during the year. The PEDC was organized to bring into Pampa industry and to assist local industry, which is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "one that

to even reach more students next year."  
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## PGCD expands educational programs

WHITE DEER — During the 2000-01 school year, the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) reached a record number of students through its educational programs.  
Bart Wyatt, PGCD educational coordinator, said a total of 1,888 students in 42 different schools were given presentations, maps and waterwheels. According to Wyatt, this number was a 300 percent increase from last year's total number of students.  
"The District was overwhelmed and truly thankful for the participation of all the schools," he said. "We were also pleased with the overall cost to the program, which was only \$3.81 per student."  
Wyatt said the past school year proved to be successful, yet challenging. The PGCD, annexed most of Potter County into its District last August, adding 26 public elementary schools to its educational program.  
"With the accomplishment of a new network of schools comes new goals," Wyatt explained. "This past school year was amazing, but we hope

readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.  
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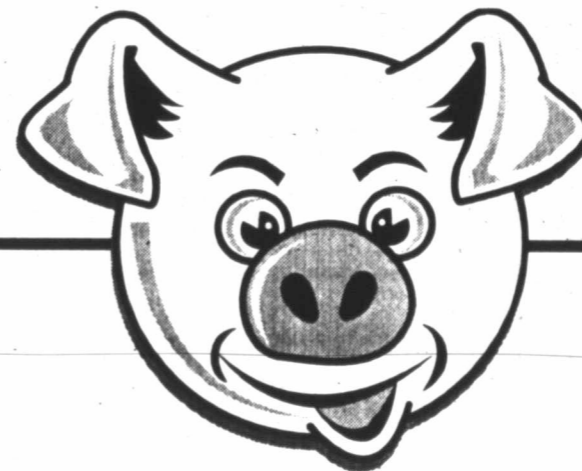
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The "Smithfield Agreement": What does it say?*
- (3) [http://www.time.com/time/magazine/1998/dom/981130/special\\_report.corporat2a.html](http://www.time.com/time/magazine/1998/dom/981130/special_report.corporat2a.html)  
*this is Time Magazine's article about Seaboard Corp. and what they did in Albert Lea, Minnesota and Guymon, Oklahoma*
- (4) <http://www.sierraclub.org/factoryfarms/report99/smithfield.asp>

After reading these articles on the Internet sites, make copies and give them to your friends and neighbors, so that they can make informed decisions about pig factories coming to Gray County. You may go to Smithfield Foods web site, but the information you obtain will be like going to Phillip Morris for health advice, or to Firestone Tires for the safest tires to buy.

Voters of Gray County: To sign the petition that states "The undersigned Gray County citizens request a County-wide vote to prohibit Gray County officials from offering any type of tax incentives (abatement) to any swine-related industry", come to the Easley Animal Clinic (Loop 171 and Highway 70) Monday and Tuesday, July 30 and 31. County commissioners meet Wed., August 1 at 9:00 a.m. at the old SPS office at 315 Ballard.

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# MEDICAL

## TDH: Observe safety during swimming season

AUSTIN — "I only turned my back for a few seconds."  
Too often these are the words spoken by a parent after a child drowns. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children under 4.  
Weekend water outings in June can be the most deadly. Most drownings take place on weekend afternoons in May through August, with June the peak month. In Texas, 63 people drowned in June 1999.  
Preliminary data also shows that in Texas 387 adults and children died from drowning in 1999, usually in a lake, river or creek

(153) or a swimming pool (64). Another 270 were admitted for at least 24 hours of hospital treatment and 97 were treated but not admitted. Frequently the drowning victim was a child who was left unattended.  
"Even the most innocent lapse in parental attentiveness can be deadly," said Jim Soper, manager of the Public Swimming Pool Inspection Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Small children can drown in the time it takes to answer the phone, and there's rarely splashing or cries for help to alert anyone that a child is in trouble."

According to a U.S. Product Safety Commission survey, most drownings and accidents occur while children are being supervised by one or both parents. An incredible 77 percent of young drowning victims were missing from sight five minutes or less, 46 percent were last seen in the house, and 69 percent were not expected to be at or in the pool where they drowned.  
"What's needed is active attentiveness by an adult for the entire time the child is near the water," Soper said. "Good barriers are also necessary — the more the better."

Drownings at residences often happen not at the child's home but at the home of grandparents or neighbors who have no young children.  
"These homeowners often ask 'why do I need fences or other protection around my pool? I don't have any kids.' But it's visiting children who get into trouble while the adults are elsewhere chatting," Soper said.  
Almost half of all submersion incidents at pools happened at someone's home, and half of these were at the victim's home and the other half at another person's home.

Health officials advocate layers of protection around swimming pools because one good barrier may not be enough. Having multiple safeguards such as fences, door latches and alarm systems is more effective. Install pool covers designed to prevent children from falling or otherwise entering the pool. If poorly designed covers are used, children can fall into the pool and drown.  
Pool safety is a community issue, and many communities have fence codes. Some local building codes require a fence, an alarm or other barrier to prevent access from the back door to the

pool. Parents may call local police or health departments to report a pool without a fence or other protection. They also can encourage their communities to adopt local building codes that require additional safety barriers for pools.  
You can help reduce the chances your child will be a statistic. Teach children these safety rules:  
—If you're playing with something that falls in the swimming pool, do not go into the pool to get it yourself. Ask an adult to get it for you.  
—Never play close to the edge of the pool because you can fall in.  
—Always stay away from the deep end of the pool.  
—Never run on the pool deck or boat dock.  
—Always jump in feet first.  
—And a rule that's excellent for all ages: Never swim alone.  
Some additional suggestions to help keep your children safe:  
—Never leave your child alone near the water, even for just a few seconds. Be actively attentive and keep small children within arm's reach.  
—Avoid swimming in natural bodies of water where water may not be sanitary and dangerous currents, debris and rocks can't be seen from the surface.  
—Always use approved personal flotation devices rather than inflatable toys to keep your child afloat.  
—Have a first-aid kit, a phone and emergency phone numbers nearby.  
—Be sure all neighborhood pools have fences or walls at least 4 to 5 feet high all the way around that do not have footholds for children to climb. Avoid vertical bars more than 4 inches apart and chain link fences that provide footholds.  
—Keep chairs, tables and other items that would enable a child to climb over away from pool fences.  
—Fence gates should be self-closing and self-latching. The latch should be out of a child's reach.  
—Purchase alarms. Door alarms cost about \$6 at hardware stores. Wrist alarm bands go off when children get wet. And a pool alarm goes off if anything weighing more than 10 pounds falls in.  
—Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.  
For more information, call TDH's Recreational Sanitation Branch, at 512-834-6635, or check the TDH Web site at [www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/gsp/ols.htm](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/gsp/ols.htm).

## Antibiotic within three days of tick bite prevents Lyme disease

BOSTON (AP) — For the first time, doctors have shown that a quick dose of antibiotics can ward off Lyme disease after a tick bite, but they caution against overusing the treatment.  
Some physicians already give antibiotics to people who are bitten by deer ticks, the bugs that spread Lyme disease. However, many experts oppose this, because there has been no clear evidence the treatment actually prevents the disease, even though antibiotics can clear up Lyme disease once it occurs.  
Now there is proof the approach works. A study conducted in New York's Westchester County, where Lyme disease is common, found that just two pills of doxycycline are highly effective if given within three days of a bite.  
"Ours is the first study to show that Lyme disease can be prevented after a tick bite," said the study's chief author, Dr. Robert B. Nadelman of New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y.  
The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, was released on the journal's website because of its importance.  
About 15,000 cases of Lyme disease are reported annually in the United States, mostly in the Northeast from Maine to Maryland; the Midwest in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and the West in northern California and Oregon.  
While confirming the effectiveness of so-called prophylactic antibiotics, the study also shows that even in a Lyme-infested area, deer tick bites rarely result in infection.

In fact, only nymphal stage bugs filled with blood posed a risk.  
The latest study involved 482 people who had removed an Ixodes scapularis tick — the deer tick — from their bodies within the previous 72 hours and brought it with them to the doctor for identification. They were randomly given either a 200-milligram dose of doxycycline or dummy pills.  
The antibiotic was 87 percent effective at preventing Lyme disease, even though the overall risk was low, just 3 percent among those getting the dummy pills. This means it would be necessary to treat about 40 people to prevent one case of Lyme disease.  
Still, Nadelman said it may make sense to treat people if they are bitten by a blood-filled nymphal stage deer tick in an area where Lyme disease is common.  
Deer ticks go through three stages. Larval stage ticks have six legs, while nymphal and adult ticks have eight. An unfed nymphal tick is the size of a poppy seed and an adult the size of a sesame seed. Nymphal ticks exist in most places only from May through July.  
Lyme disease causes fatigue, fever and joint pain that can persist for weeks, and some patients develop severe arthritis. Lyme also can badly damage the heart and nervous system if it goes untreated by antibiotics.  
Signs include rash and flu-like symptoms. Daily tick checks, vaccinations and insect repellent are recommended as preventive measures.  
The idea of giving antibiotics to tick bite victims even before they show signs of Lyme disease has long been

controversial. Last year, the Infectious Diseases Society of America released guidelines saying this should not be done routinely.  
"Guidelines are made to be revised and revisited," said Nadelman, who helped draw up last year's recommendations.  
However, he said doctors should use antibiotics judiciously, because the medicine can cause nausea, especially if taken on an empty stomach.  
"The danger is whether it will be used in situations where there is a very low chance of someone having Lyme disease," said Dr. Alan Barbour of the University of California at Irvine. "People hear about this and ask their doctor, and the doctor is more likely than not to go along with their requests."  
Barbour said doctors should be taught in medical school how to identify deer ticks. Some confuse them with other creatures, such as tiny spiders, lice and other more common kinds of ticks.  
Most people who get Lyme disease can be cured with antibiotics, although occasionally people have lingering symptoms. Other research in the journal from Dr. Mark S. Klempner of Boston University School of Medicine found that prolonged antibiotic treatment is ineffective against this condition.  
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On the Net: [journal: http://content.nejm.org/](http://content.nejm.org/)

## Study: Bypass surgery soon after heart attack may increase risk of stroke

DALLAS (AP) — Patients who undergo bypass surgery soon after a heart attack may have an increased risk of stroke — a finding that suggests there may be a price to pay for aggressively treating heart disease, researchers say.  
Researchers involved in the study, called the largest of its kind, looked at more than 18,000

patients who had either mild heart attacks or a type of chest pain called unstable angina between 1995 and 1998.  
People who had bypass surgery within two weeks of being hospitalized were twice as likely to have a stroke as those who had later bypasses. The early bypass patients were four times more likely to have a stroke

than those who did not have surgery at all.  
"Doctors may have a valid and important reason for referring patients for bypass surgery," said Dr. Shamir Mehta, a cardiologist at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and a study co-author. "We all are adopting a more aggressive approach to the management of these patients, which I think is largely appropriate. Our study simply sends a gentle reminder to physicians that, in certain high-risk patients, there is an increased stroke risk after early bypass surgery."  
During bypass surgery, surgeons take a blood vessel from another part of the body, such as the leg, and construct a detour around the blocked part of a heart artery. Stroke as a complication of bypass surgery is considered rare.  
Only 238 of the patients, or 1.3 percent, had strokes during a six-month follow-up. But 46 of them, about one-fifth, were fatal.  
"There was a marked early increase in strokes during the first month after admission, fol-

lowed by a lower rate of increase over the next five months," according to the study in Monday's Circulation, a journal of the American Heart Association.  
The research did not find an increased stroke risk for patients who underwent procedures such as balloon angioplasty, in which a tiny balloon is used to unclog a blood vessel.  
The patients who had strokes were older and more likely to have higher blood pressure, diabetes and other risk factors.  
Syphilis in American infants down  
ATLANTA (AP) — American women passed syphilis to their babies last year at less than half the rate they did just four years ago, bringing health officials closer to stamping out the disease, the government recently reported.  
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recorded 529 cases of congenital syphilis last year, down from 1,077 in 1997. That puts the current rate at about one infected baby for every 7,500 live births.  
"Three years is literally a heartbeat in public health time," said Dr. Judith Wasserheit, the CDC's prevention chief for sexually transmitted diseases. "We should all be celebrating the news."  
The government said it was

more evidence that syphilis, a disease that has fallen to record lows in the United States, can be nearly wiped out in this decade.  
Experts credited a national anti-syphilis effort launched in 1999 that centers on community-based prevention programs, faster response to syphilis outbreaks and better access to clinics.  
Syphilis rates for women of childbearing age dropped almost as sharply — 38 percent. The syphilis rate in 2000 was about one case for every 27,000 women ages 15 to 44.  
CDC wants to bring total cases under 1,000 and make 90 percent of American counties syphilis-free — its definition of elimination — by 2005.  
Health officials are confident the goal is reachable. All but two states — Arkansas and South Carolina — met health officials' expectations for congenital syphilis rates in 2000.

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## Lind found between skin blotches and diabetes; schools to screen

By LYNN BREZOSKY  
Associated Press Writer

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — No amount of scrubbing would get rid of the blotchy mark on 7-year-old Gharislaine Crystal Villarreal's neck. Creams didn't work, either.

"We sent her to the doctor, and the doctor didn't know what it was," said Chris Villarreal, Gharislaine Crystal's father. It was the school nurse who told the family the blotches meant the girl might be showing early signs of diabetes.

The medical name for the blotches is acanthosis nigricans, and Texas researchers have documented a link between them and the overactive pancreas that is a sure sign type 2 diabetes is developing. Under a new law discussed at the University of Texas Pan American recently, elementary schools in a region covering half of Texas will add screening for the marks to routine vision and hearing tests.

The screening takes only seconds. Nurses need only look for markings at the nape of the neck and at other spots where they occur: knuckles, elbows, armpits, knees, abdomen, thighs and soles of the feet.

But the potential value of the screening is already apparent. A 1999 pilot testing program of 102,733 children turned up 14,794 cases of acanthosis nigricans, about 14 percent of the total screened. Almost all the children were dangerously overweight.

What follows are calls to parents who are urged to take their child to the doctor for insulin screening levels. Poor, uninsured parents are linked to public assistance funds to pay for the doctor visits. Ideally, diabetes is prevented by changes in diet and exercise patterns, preventing the blindness, loss of limbs, insulin shots and dialysis machines that can accompany diabetes.

"Once a month I'll call that student in and say 'how are you doing, what's your diet?'" said Lisa Garcia, a school nurse with the Shary-Land School District in Mission who participated in the pilot. "I'll say 'OK, for this week no sodas, only water.'"

The bill was sponsored by state Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, whose argument for the program focused both on the epidemic of diabetes in South Texas and its costs. Eighty percent of the Medicaid dollar spent in South Texas goes to diabetes, and lifetime treatment for diabetes can cost more than \$100,000, he said.

But diabetes is far from limited to South Texas, and childhood diabetes has been identified as companion to the nationwide problem of childhood obesity, a problem linked to soaring soda and snack food consumption and the popularity of sedentary activities such as video games and Internet surfing.

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office, asking to be included in the \$700,000 program just signed by Gov. Rick Perry. They were, along with schools in El Paso, Corpus Christi, Victoria, Austin, San Angelo, and San Antonio.

Dr. Paul Villas, director of the Texas/Mexico Border Health program at the university and champion of the legislation, said he's gotten calls from across the nation, asking for information about this simple screening.

A doctor from Minnesota called him after the child of a migrant farm worker brought a brochure about the blotches to the doctor's office.

Villas hopes to see the screenings go nationwide. The research into the marks began in Galveston, when Dr. Charles Stuart noticed the prevalence of the blotches among Hispanic children. He later found that in South Texas, the prevalence was about 15 percent.

"Doctors didn't know what it was, so they've been prescribing," Villas said. "Selsun Blue, fungal ointment, Retin A, vitamins, 'stay out of the sun,' I've heard it all." Change the diet and reduce insulin levels and the marks go away, he said.

Outside of the Pima Indian reservation in Arizona, there are more diabetics in South Texas than anywhere else in the country, Villas said. Some 20 percent of South Texans are diabetic, compared with about 5 to 6 percent nationally, Villas said.

It's partially genetics, he said. "There are some genetic differences, but it doesn't mean one's programmed for diabetes. We need to go back to our historic foods," Villas said.

By switching her diet and limiting sweets to occasional snacks, Gharislaine Crystal has so far lost 11 pounds in four weeks, down from 118. She proudly pulled her stretch pants up past her belly button to show how loose they are.

"That's no sweets, no sodas, no cheese, no nachos, no chips," she said.

## Non-surgical operation may replace bypass

DALLAS (AP) — A bypass procedure that transforms veins into arteries without opening the chest cavity could one day offer treatment for patients with severe coronary artery disease who cannot undergo traditional bypass surgery or angioplasty, experts said.

A case study being published in a recent *Circulation*, a journal of the American Heart Association, documents the first nonsurgical bypass using catheters to make the coronary vein a conduit for blood flow around the diseased coronary artery. The catheters are inserted in a leg and threaded into the coronary arteries.

Dr. Stephen Oesterle, director of invasive cardiology services at Massachusetts General Hospital, and his researchers successfully conducted the new procedure, called percutaneous in-situ coronary venous arterIALIZATION, or PICVA, in November 1999 in Germany.

"This is newsworthy because we have explored using the coronary veins. We have shown that the technology can be used in humans," Oesterle said.

The study patient, a 53-year-old German man, had severe chest pain from a heart artery blocked by atherosclerosis, a

buildup of fatty deposits in vessel walls. He was not a candidate for bypass surgery or angioplasty because his artery was almost completely blocked, Oesterle said.

Now, more than a year after the procedure, the patient remains pain free, he said.

The new procedure is considered safer and less painful than traditional bypass surgery, which requires opening the patient's chest, temporarily stopping the heart and harvesting vessels from the leg or chest.

But Oesterle warns that the procedure would not necessarily be preferable to angioplasty or bypass surgery.

"If we could do angioplasty, we would do it," he said. "But there are 400,000 patients who can't do it because their arteries are badly diseased or too damaged. We think we can capture a lot of patients who are not candidates for angioplasty or bypass surgery."

"This is an alternative to surgery," he added. "We're still exploring feasibility of it."

More than 336,000 people in the United States underwent coronary artery bypass surgery in 1998, according to the American Heart Association.

Unlike bypass surgery or

angioplasty, PICVA requires only two needle-sized punctures in the upper thigh to insert an ultrasound-guided catheter, which is threaded into the diseased coronary artery. A needle from inside the catheter is pushed through the artery wall and in the adjacent vein.

A thin flexible wire is threaded through the needle and the needle and catheter are withdrawn. Following the wire like a monorail, a small angioplasty balloon is used to widen the channel and a tubular device similar to a stent is inserted to keep it open for blood to pass.

Then the vein is blocked just above the new channel. Blood from the artery is rerouted down the vein, reversing the flow of blood to feed the oxygen-deprived heart muscle.

Oesterle said the procedure requires no anesthesia and takes only a couple of hours. The patient can be released from the hospital the next day, he said.

Dr. Samuel Goldhaber, a staff cardiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston who was not involved with the case, said the technique has the potential to revolutionize the way doctors manage patients who require coronary treat-

## Avoiding the dangers of summer: Tips to keep kids safe

HOUSTON — A new report from the National Safe Kids Campaign ranks summer as the most dangerous season for children, with drowning the greatest accident risk for those age 14 and younger.

Susan Hirtz, manager of Texas Children's Center for Childhood Injury Prevention, offers these tips to help keep kids safe:

—Know where children are and what they are doing at all times.

—Do not let children swim without adult supervision.

—Teach children never to dive headfirst into a pool or body of water.

—Ensure life jackets are worn when boating, regardless of a child's swimming ability.

—Match the proper protective equipment with the sport or activity.

—Check playground equipment and swimming pools for potential hazards.

—Teach children to be safe pedestrians and always buckle up in vehicles.

## Parental pressure takes fun out of children's sports

HOUSTON — Playing sports is a great way for children and adolescents to have fun, exercise and learn important values such as cooperation and teamwork. But parents who push their children too hard put them at risk for physical and psychological problems.

Parents naturally want their kids to succeed," said Dr. Albert Hergenroeder, chief of adolescent and sports medicine at Texas Children's Hospital. "My sense is many children are being pushed harder than ever, and more young athletes are sustaining overuse injuries."

Young athletes tend to have problems with the legs, shoulders and elbows. Some children also may suffer from psychological problems leading to or caused by a lack of self-esteem because they are not living up to their parents' expectations. Females particularly are at risk for a condition known as the 'female athlete triad' eating disorders, absent or infrequent menstrual periods and osteoporosis.

## Modify sugar content in children's cereals

HOUSTON — For families on the go, cereal with milk is a fast and favorite choice for breakfast. With just a few modifications, parents can make it a healthier choice as well.

It's important to read labels and check for nutritional values, including sugars, iron and fiber," said Jenifer McKee, a registered dietitian at Texas

Children's Hospital. "Be certain sugar is not the first or second item in the ingredients list. If your child insists on eating a high-sugar cereal, try mixing it with low-sugar cereal to reduce the sugar content. Another option is to serve a low-sugar cereal with fruit to make it more appealing."

When selecting low-sugar cereals for young children, be sure to avoid brands with high fiber. The American Dietetic Association recommends a daily intake of five grams of fiber, plus the child's age, for ages 2 to 20.

## Create family memories this summer

HOUSTON — Summer and travel seem to go hand in hand, but what if a summer vacation is not in the budget? Parents can use some creativity and local resources to plan fun events in and around town.

"Parents can help make summer special by spending quality time with their children and planning memorable activities," said Dr. Teri Turner, a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital.

Here are some suggestions. —Visit local aquariums, zoos, parks, museums and galleries. Many facilities offer free admission or reduced rates one day or evening a week.

—If money is tight, make a list of area theme parks and family attractions. Give everyone an opportunity to provide input and select one or two options.

—Pack a lunch, pull out the map and explore an interesting nearby town.

—Visit the library and check

out story hours and other events.

—Create memories at home. Gather the children and plant a garden, build a birdhouse, try a new sport, make homemade ice cream or create a family album for each child.


## Help children cope with peer pressure

HOUSTON — Although peer pressure is not a new phenomenon, today's young people feel more pressure to conform than previous generations. Heavy media influence from suggestive music videos to magazines touting thinness and beauty is a major contributor.

"Peer pressure is about fitting in, and the ability to fit in with one's peers involves different types of pressure at different ages," said Dr. Marcia Laviage, a clinical psychologist in the Learning Support Center at Texas Children's Hospital.

Younger children are concerned with being accepted by their own gender and sharing similar interests such as keeping up with current music and movies. In adolescence, peer pressure expands to focus on being accepted by same-sex peers and the opposite sex. New pressures are added, such as the temptation to smoke, use alcohol and drugs and experiment with sex.





As pressures mount, parents can help their children by encouraging self-confidence and individuality while avoiding criticism. Expressing empathy, using active listening skills and letting children find solutions to develop their problem-solving skills also are important.



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# AGRICULTURE

## Farm struggles to keep 18th-century animals alive

By SONJA BARISIC  
Associated Press Writer

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Red cattle graze, long-haired lambs frolic and funky-looking chickens strut about, adding to the 18th-century farm feel.

But Colonial Williamsburg isn't just trying to be historically accurate. For 15 years, the recreated colonial capital of Virginia has been striving to preserve once-popular livestock breeds that fell out of favor with farmers.

"Until very recently, I don't think people realized that these animals were being lost," said Elaine Shirley, manager of rare breeds at Colonial Williamsburg.

"For instance, the last Lincolnshire Curly Coat pig went to the butcher in the '60s, and probably the people who sent it off didn't realize that that was the last one," she said.

Shirley explained that until about 100 years ago, farmers tended to be generalists. A cattle farmer raised cattle to produce milk and meat, and used the same cattle to pull plows and do other heavy

work.

Then farming became more specialized, and a farmer who milks cows raised a different breed of cattle than a beef farmer.

"They're really the far ends of the spectrum. So the cattle in the middle — which is what would have been used in the 18th century — are being lost," Shirley said.

Today, those cattle in the middle are not necessarily valuable economically, Shirley said. But "to lose that genetic potential that has been worked on and worked on and worked on for hundreds of generations is really very shortsighted and very tragic," she said.

For example, older livestock breeds could turn out to be resistant to certain diseases, she said. And the red-haired American Milking Devon cattle being raised at Colonial Williamsburg may not be inherently valuable, but they might have genetic information that could be helpful to other breeds, she said.

"What we really have to realize is that rare breeds are important," Shirley said. "They are a safe-deposit box for the future, with genetic potential

we have not even tapped."

Consider the Leicester Longwool sheep, a breed with 18th-century roots that was developed to provide meat as well as long, curly fleece for the wool trade. The breed died out in this country in the 1930s and '40s as farmers concentrated on short-haired sheep for meat and didn't care about the long fleece, Shirley said.

Colonial Williamsburg reintroduced the breed into America by importing some Leicester Longwools from Australia in 1990. Colonial Williamsburg sometimes sells some of its animals to farmers and others interested in keeping them, and today there are 200 to 250 Leicester Longwools in the United States, Shirley said.

Specialization isn't the only factor affecting demand for certain breeds. Animals, just like clothes, can fall out of fashion when consumers' change their tastes, Shirley said.

For example, supermarkets trying to please shoppers usually carry large and extra-large eggs — tough luck for older chicken breeds that lay small eggs, such as the Silver Spangled Hamburgs, among the chickens at Colonial Williamsburg.

The rare breeds program has about 25 cattle, 25 horses, 30 to 40 sheep and 80 to 100 poultry, including unusual white-and-black striped Dominique chickens that were popular until the demise of the backyard flock in the mid-20th century.

The only rare breed at Colonial Williamsburg that isn't correct for the 18th century is the American Cream draft horse, Shirley said. That's a 20th-century breed, but Colonial Williamsburg needs sturdy, steady horses that won't spook easily among tourists.

"The significant part about what's happening at Colonial Williamsburg is that it's a sort of shop window conservation project, where thousands, maybe millions, have an opportunity to see what they are doing there," said Don Bixby, executive director of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, a nonprofit organization that works to protect nearly 100 breeds from extinction.

On the Net:  
Colonial Williamsburg: <http://www.history.org>  
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## Report: Large farms getting more of farm subsidies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Large farms are getting a bigger share of government subsidies, and the payments are making it difficult for young people to go into farming because land values have been driven up, according to a congressional report.

Farms with sales of more than \$500,000 a year received 22 percent of government payments in 1999, up from 13 percent in 1993, the General Accounting Office said in a report by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Farms with sales of between \$250,000 and \$500,000 received 21 percent of payments in 1999,

compared to 18 percent in 1993.

Because the subsidies are tied to both historic and current production levels, the largest payments tend to go to established corn and wheat farms in the Midwest, the report said.

"The bottom line is we must have a fairer system for providing support to farmers in the next farm bill," said the Senate committee's chairman, Iowa Democrat Tom Harkin.

Harkin wants to shift some federal farm spending into a proposed new conservation program that would subsidize farmers for good environmental practices, such as those that help

control runoff of manure and farm chemicals. The payments would help many producers, including fruit and vegetable growers, that don't get federal subsidies now, Harkin says.

Defenders of the federal programs say that since large farms produce most of the food it's only natural that most federal assistance would go to them. Farmers say they have been forced to expand their operations in order to cover their expenses.

Both the House and Senate agriculture committees are holding hearings this week on a rewrite of farm programs that are set to expire in 2002. One major issue facing lawmakers is whether to raise the limits on subsidies that individual farmers can receive.

The GAO report said the federal payments hurt aspiring young farmers by making it more expensive to buy or rent land.

Finding affordable land is the biggest obstacle to people who want to get into farming, the report said.

## Farm Scene...

### Farmers vary crops to make up for losses

BOSTON (AP) — Faced with a crumbling cranberry market, area farmers are growing beach plums, selling gravel, and turning their land into golf courses in an effort to make up their losses.

After years of strong crops and expanding acreage, the Massachusetts Agriculture Department recently ordered a sales limit of 4.6 million barrels — 65 percent of the normal limit — to alleviate a glut of the fruit.

Some 500 Massachusetts growers farm 14,000 acres of bogs and an additional 48,000 acres of adjacent uplands and wetlands.

The drop in cranberry bog values has left family farmers with thousands of acres of open space at risk to land developers if farmers don't look elsewhere.

"Successful farmers diversify," Jeffrey LaFleur, director of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association, said.

"Cranberry growers haven't had to do that in the past, but things have changed."

One Plymouth grower has converted his land into an 18-hole golf course which winds around the family's bogs.

"We didn't harvest last year and we won't this year either," said William Sterns Jr., who opened the Soother's Marsh Golf Club weeks ago with his father.

"We're just doing the minimum to keep the vines alive in case the industry comes back, but I don't think there's much chance of that."

### Plan to protect sparrow may increase risk of flooding near Everglades National Park

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The latest federal plan to protect the endangered Cape Sable seaside sparrow has farmers and residents near the Everglades concerned about the increased risk of flooding.

The plan, scheduled to go into effect as early as this week, is intended to pump more water into the dry eastern edge of the Everglades National Park, where the tiny songbird has some of its habitat.

The corps plans to do that by raising water levels in a canal near residential areas and removing several miles of levee in west Miami-Dade County.

But that could increase the flood risk of farmland and homes in areas on the edges of the Everglades following heavy storms.

"I think we can both coexist, the urban area and the animals in their area," Sweetwater Mayor Jose Diaz said.

"What we can't do is jeopardize people because we want to improve the status of some little bird."

Scientists estimate 3,267 of the songbirds exist in the Everglades. The sparrow needs water depths "just right" to lay eggs.

Under the plan, the level of the canal would raise 3.6 inches and pose only a minimal flood risk, said Dennis Duke, the corps' acting program manager for South Florida.

Farmers argue the higher canal levels will raise the underground aquifer and rot roots. And residents say it conflicts with protective measures a county task force called for two years ago in the wake of Hurricane Irene.

Environmental groups sued the Army Corps of Engineers and water managers in 1999, saying they were pushing the bird toward extinction by not following a protection plan spelled out in a biological opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1995.

### Yurt-style huts provide temporary shelter for Napa Valley migrant workers

YOUNTVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Migrant farmers moving into the Napa Valley to harvest the region's grapes were greeted by a yurt village of round, tentlike structures.

The village will provide temporary shelter for about 40 workers.

"This is the first migrant farmworker yurt camp anywhere, but I believe it will be first of many," said Lynn Fitch, spokeswoman for Nesting Bird Yurt Co. of Port Townsend, Wash., which built the shelter.

The yurts are covered by vinyl roofs and cotton fabric walls insulated with foam. Mongol nomads used yurts made of camel skins for centuries as they migrated across the Siberian desert.

The tents are surrounded by a circle of wooden rafters for support.

The shelters were built over the weekend. Dormitory-style housing also will be provided for several more farmworkers throughout the area.

"In the meantime, it's better than sleeping in cars or under bridges," said Monsignor John Brenkle, member of the Napa Valley Farmworker Housing Oversight Committee.

The 12 yurts cost \$130,000 and were paid for by the Napa Valley Housing Authority.

Farmworkers will pay \$10 a night to stay there, a fee that includes three meals a day.

Trailers with portable showers and toilets were set up, along with a dining hall and recreation room with a television and lounging area.

The farmworkers will stay on the county-owned property until the grape harvest is completed in October, when the village will be disassembled and stored until next year.

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# Murders at millionaire's mansion not forgotten 25 years later

By ANGELA K. BROWN  
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Even a quarter century later, a shooting rampage at an oil tycoon's mansion continues to frustrate the prosecutors, anger the victims and intrigue the public.

Cullen Davis, then the wealthiest man ever to stand trial for murder, faced the death penalty in the slaying of his 12-year-old stepdaughter on Aug. 2, 1976. His estranged wife's boyfriend also was killed, and she and a family friend were wounded.

Despite several witnesses saying Davis was the disguised gunman, he was acquitted. Two years later, he was found innocent of hiring someone to kill the judge handling his divorce.

But the saga didn't end there. Developments through the years kept it fresh: Davis' well-publicized religious conversion in the early 1980s, and testimony in civil lawsuits filed by gunshot survivors. Several books about the case renewed the public's interest, as did the 1995 television miniseries "Texas Justice."

And earlier this year, new allegations surfaced that defense attorneys bribed an investigator in the prosecutor's office to reveal strategy.

"The case has got a life of its own," prosecutor Joe Shannon said recently. "It's got a little something for everybody: wealth, sex, drugs, murder. It runs the gamut of human experiences. It kind of never dies."

Shannon had been with the Tarrant County district attorney's office six years when he was assigned the Davis case, which was moved to Amarillo because of pretrial publicity.

Shannon felt he had a strong case even with some circumstantial evidence.

The day of the murders, a judge had approved Priscilla Davis' request to postpone the divorce trial. She already had been granted temporary custody of the couple's Fort Worth mansion, which Cullen recently had been barred from entering.

"We had all the physical evidence prior to hearing (Priscilla's) story. The blood types, the slugs, the bloodstains ... everything fit what she told us," Shannon said. "That was what I felt was damning to him."

Priscilla Davis testified that her estranged husband, wearing a wig, shot her and then Stan Farr, who died. Another witness testified seeing Cullen Davis shoot a family friend outside the mansion, Bubba Gavrel.

But after defense attorneys portrayed Priscilla as a drug-addicted, unfaithful wife who wanted to frame Cullen so she could get his millions in the divorce, Shannon was not surprised about the ensuing acquittal.

A year later Shannon decided to practice family law, which he did until returning to his job as a Tarrant County prosecutor in 1999.

Today, a couple of courtroom sketches from the 1977 trial hang in his office. Shannon says he remains frustrated by the verdict.

"In my opinion, the evidence clearly indicates he is guilty," Shannon said.

Steve Sumner had recently graduated from law school when he was chosen to lead the defense team's investigation.

"It was a monstrous responsibility for a young lawyer to assume that role with the stakes being as high as they were," Sumner said. "I'd say it advanced my career about 15 years because it generated so much notoriety, and I was able to work with such good attorneys on both sides."

Sumner, who opened his own firm in Dallas in 1986, also defended Davis in the \$16.5 million wrongful-death lawsuit filed by Priscilla Davis over the slaying of her daughter, Andrea Wilborn. The 1987 suit ended in mistrial.

"The civil case was front-page news, almost like the (killing) had happened yesterday," Sumner said.

Davis now lives with his third wife in Colleyville, where he sells skin cream and other industrial products from his home and remains active in church. He has maintained his innocence through the years.

"You don't have to ask God to forgive you for something that you did not do," Davis told Texas Monthly magazine last year.

Sumner says he believes his client.

"I've probably had to ask that question more than anybody," Sumner said. "I knew the case better than anybody and also saw a lot of evidence that never

made it to the public domain. ... A jury has never been able to convict him. Beyond that, I don't believe he did it."

Jack Strickland was a top death penalty prosecutor when he helped lead the state's murder-for-hire case against Davis in 1978.

Davis, who faced life in prison, was accused of hiring someone to kill his divorce court judge and a dozen others — including his younger brother and some witnesses who testified against him during the murder trial.

Strickland says FBI audiotapes, pictures and a videotape showed Davis looking at a faked photo of the judge dead and then paying his friend \$25,000 and giving him a handgun with silencer, allegedly to kill others.

Defense attorneys said the friend did most of the talking and, working with authorities, was trying to set up Davis.

A Houston jury deadlocked, resulting in a mistrial. In the second trial in 1979, moved back to Fort Worth, a jury found Davis innocent.

"People confused his wealth with innocence," Strickland said. "I think maybe the public is a little more perceptive, a little more cynical now."

Strickland left the district attorney's office in 1980 and since then has been a defense attorney in Fort Worth.

"I wish I had prevailed, but I don't think I'd be alive today if I had," Strickland said. "... Cullen would have been a lot less forgiving."

Priscilla Davis died in

February of breast cancer with few possessions, according to family and friends.

"I had a daughter killed. You never get over that. I also saw the person doing the shooting. I don't care what the verdict was. I live knowing that every day," she told The Dallas Morning News years ago.

Bubba Gavrel, who also was shot that night, reached an out-of-court settlement in his civil suit against Cullen Davis and cannot discuss the case.

Gavrel, who still has a bullet in his spine, remains paralyzed in his right leg and walks with crutches. He is married, has a daughter and is doing well, said his father, Gus Gavrel Sr.

The family has tried to put the case in the past, and no one broaches it anymore, the elder Gavrel said.

"Time has faded it," Gus Gavrel Sr. said. "But ... don't let nobody kid you. He done every bit of it."

# Texas Guaranteed approves first teacher loan forgiveness benefit

AUSTIN — An elementary school teacher from Tarrant County Independent School District in Texas is the first applicant to satisfy all the requirements to qualify for the Department of Education's Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program. This week, Texas Guaranteed (TG) issued the maximum forgiveness amount to be applied toward the teacher's outstanding loan balance.

The Department of Education established the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program through the 1998 Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. However, July 1, 2001, was the first date that regulations that govern the program went into effect. To qualify for the forgiveness program, a borrower must be able to certify that he or she has taught full-time for at least five consecutive, complete academic years at a low-income school that qualifies for Title I funds. The borrower must also certify that he or she had no outstanding balance on a federal Stafford loan at the time he or she obtained a loan on or after October 1, 1998, in addition to other criteria.

Borrowers may qualify for up to \$5,000 in loan forgiveness through the program.

Since the final rules for the program were issued in November 2000, TG's customer assistance team has been developing systems and procedures to

process Teacher Loan Forgiveness applications in a timely manner. Tracy Lindsay, customer assistance team leader, has been overseeing the preparations and was involved in processing the first application. She is confident that this is just the beginning of what TG hopes will be a successful and effective program to motivate people to enter and continue in the teaching profession.

"TG is ready to process applications to help borrowers take advantage of the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program," said Lindsay. "We are pleased to be able to offer teachers the option, under the federal program, to pay off some or all of their student loan balance."

For more information about the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program, call TG's customer assistance department at (800) 845-6267, or send an e-mail message to [cust.assist@tgslc.org](mailto:cust.assist@tgslc.org).

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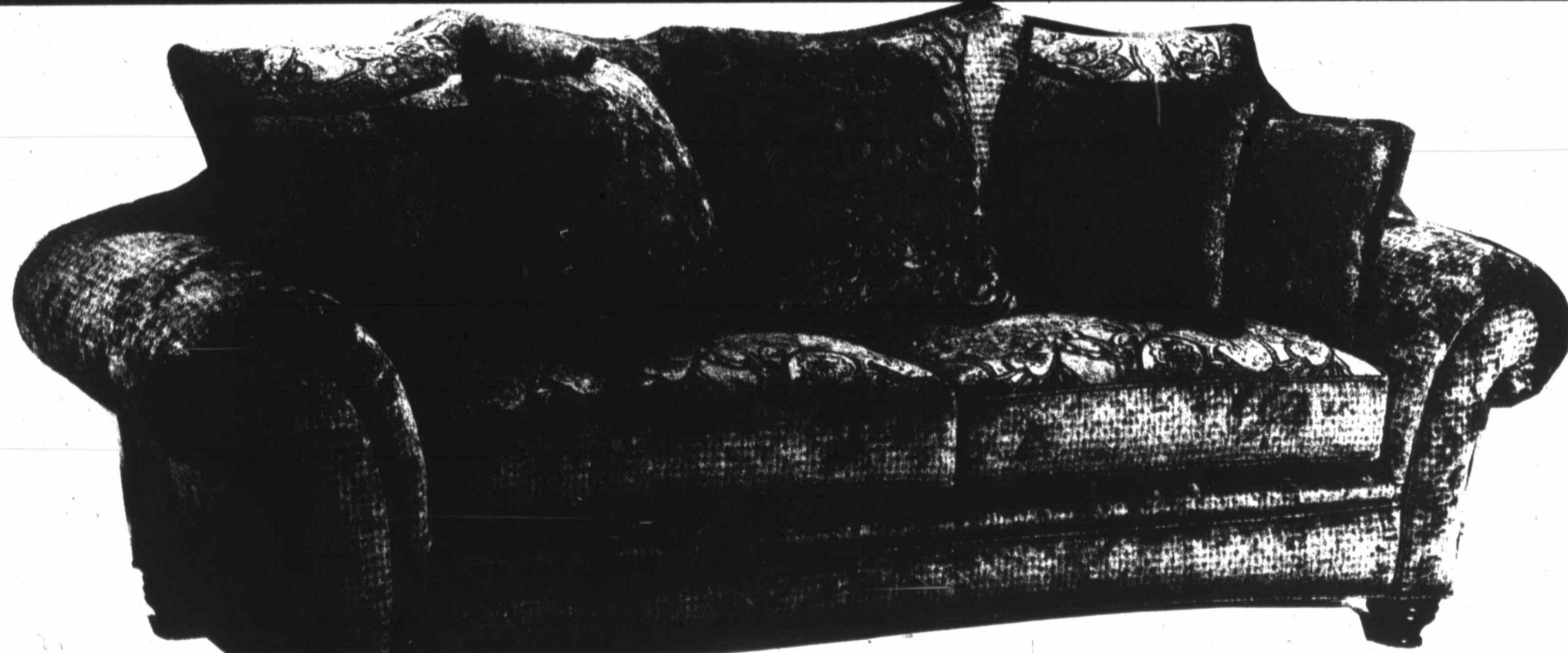
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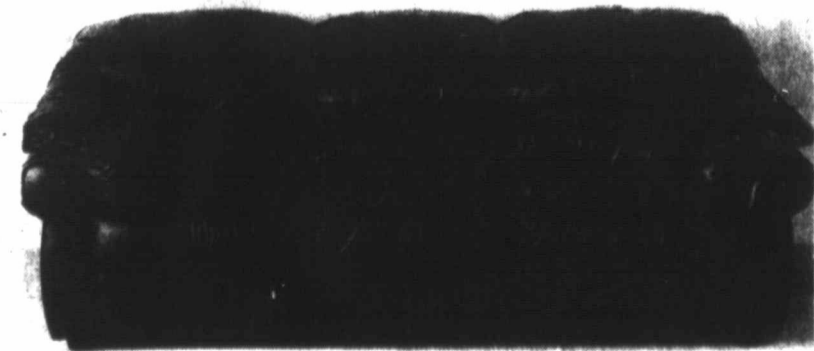
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### Extension Service: Quail Appreciation Day slated at ranch in Childress.

CHILDRESS — Individuals interested in bobwhite quail and wildlife management should mark Aug. 31 on their calendars. That is the date for a Quail Appreciation Day at the Rocking Chair Ranch, sponsored by Extension offices in Childress, Cottle and Hardeman Counties.

"We will cover a lot of information at this meeting. It will be a valuable resource for landowners and others who want to know how to manage for and promote quail on their property," said Tim Tremble, Childress County Extension agent-agriculture. "Those who attend can also earn two continuing education units (CEU's)."

Participants will gather at 7:20 a.m. at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Childress. The program will begin with registration at 8 a.m. at the Rocking Chair Ranch.

"The morning sessions will include a pre-test of participants' quail knowledge, an anatomy lesson, and a presentation on how to evaluate quail habitat," Trimble said. "We will adjourn to the Reunion Room at Childress City Park for a noon lunch."

"Afternoon sessions will feature information on the Bobwhite Brigade, the quail decline initiative, quail management, hunting lease directories and Texas Parks and Wildlife program. We will also discuss the purpose and activities of Quail Unlimited. We will wrap up the program around 3:30 p.m. with a post-program test of participants' quail knowledge."

Featured speakers at this event include: Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo; J.F. Cadenhead, Extension range and brush control specialist, Vernon; as well as Dana Wright and Scott Sudkamp, both with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Pre-registration before Aug. 21 costs \$15 per person. Registration thereafter costs \$25 per person. The fee includes refreshments, lunch and some materials. Trimble noted.

To register, send your name, address, telephone number and registration check to: Childress County Extension office, 100 Ave. E Northwest, Courthouse Box 9, Childress, TX 79201.

Landowners can get more information on this event by calling Trimble at (940) 937-2351; Justin Nash at the Cottle County Extension office, (806) 492-3151; or Langdon Reagan at the Hardeman County Extension office, (940) 663-6301.

## More grandparents getting to bring up babies

By CATHERINE TSAI  
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — At age 48, Shirley Sogah won custody of her two grandsons when her daughter fell on hard times.

Six years later, 10-year-old Jeremy tells of his aspirations of becoming a professional baseball player to a grandmother he calls "Mom." And when his 14-year-old brother, Jeremy, needs school supplies or help with homework, he goes to his grandmother.

"I'm not a grandparent anymore, I'm a parent," said Sogah, who is 54 and single. "But there are a lot of benefits. I feel like I'm 35 again."

Sogah and her grandchildren are among a growing number of households headed by grandparents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Social workers and census officials attribute the increase to economic and social problems and perhaps welfare reforms that have pushed families into three-generation households.

For some retirees, it means learning how to maneuver through the legal system to resolve custody issues and scrambling to raise a family on meager pensions and Social Security.

"It really is challenging for grandparents in a lot of ways. But I tell you what, I've never heard a grandparent say they wouldn't want to do it," said Margaret Hollidge of AARP, formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons. "I always think of them as heroes and saints."

Hollidge, senior program

coordinator at the AARP Grandparent Information Center, wound up caring for her daughter and grandchild.

"My daughter was 22 years old, looked around the world, chose the wrong man and said, 'I can't make it — me and the baby,'" Hollidge said. "So the three of us lived together for five years, just until she could get her feet under her again."

"There are no good circumstances that bring a grandchild to live with a grandparent. In some way, all of these kids have lost a parent to death, to disease, to the streets, to jail — just a set of circumstances that's not good."

Disabled foundry worker David Willis cares for his 10-month-old grandson, Jacob, while his wife and daughter work. He and his wife, Sharon, took on the responsibilities after their daughter became pregnant at age 18.

Today, a high chair has returned to the dining room of the Willis home in Wurtland, Ky., and an assortment of toys, including Jacob's favorite plastic lawnmower, are scattered about.

"I was worried at first, thinking how are we going to raise another baby. But now we couldn't imagine being without him," said Willis, who lost half

of both feet in an industrial accident.

The 2000 Census was the first that asked respondents directly whether children were living in households run by grandparents. The question was part of a random sample delivered to an estimated one in six households nationwide, said Jerry O'Donnell, a public information officer in Colorado.

Complete data in the category will not be released until next year, he said.

Census officials calculated the number of children who lived with grandparents increased 50 percent from 2.2 million in 1970 to 3.3 million in 1990, O'Donnell said. The calculations were based on answers to questions about who was provided food and shelter by the respondents.

A 1997 Census survey showed 5.5 million children were being raised by grandparents.

In Colorado, Census figures showed 59,715 children were living in households run by a grandparent, up 73 percent from the 1990 calculation. That compares with a 31 percent increase in the state population during the same time.

Twilla Stiggers, a case work supervisor for the Denver Department of Human Services, said she first noticed an increase in grandparents serving as parents eight years ago.

"When services were needed, we got very creative," Stiggers said. "If we had grandparents who needed clothing, we contacted Wal-Mart, schools, other foundations."

One hundred and fifty to 300 new cases of grandparents raising children are filed every month in Denver, Stiggers said.

Services offered by her department range from support groups for grandparents to mental health services for children. The largest problem remains money.

Associated Press Writer Roger Alford in Pikeville, Ky., contributed to this story.

On the Net:  
Census Bureau:  
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### Local fire chief attends training

Kim Powell, head of Pampa Fire Department, completed National Fire Academy Executive Development course in Emmitsburg, Md., recently.

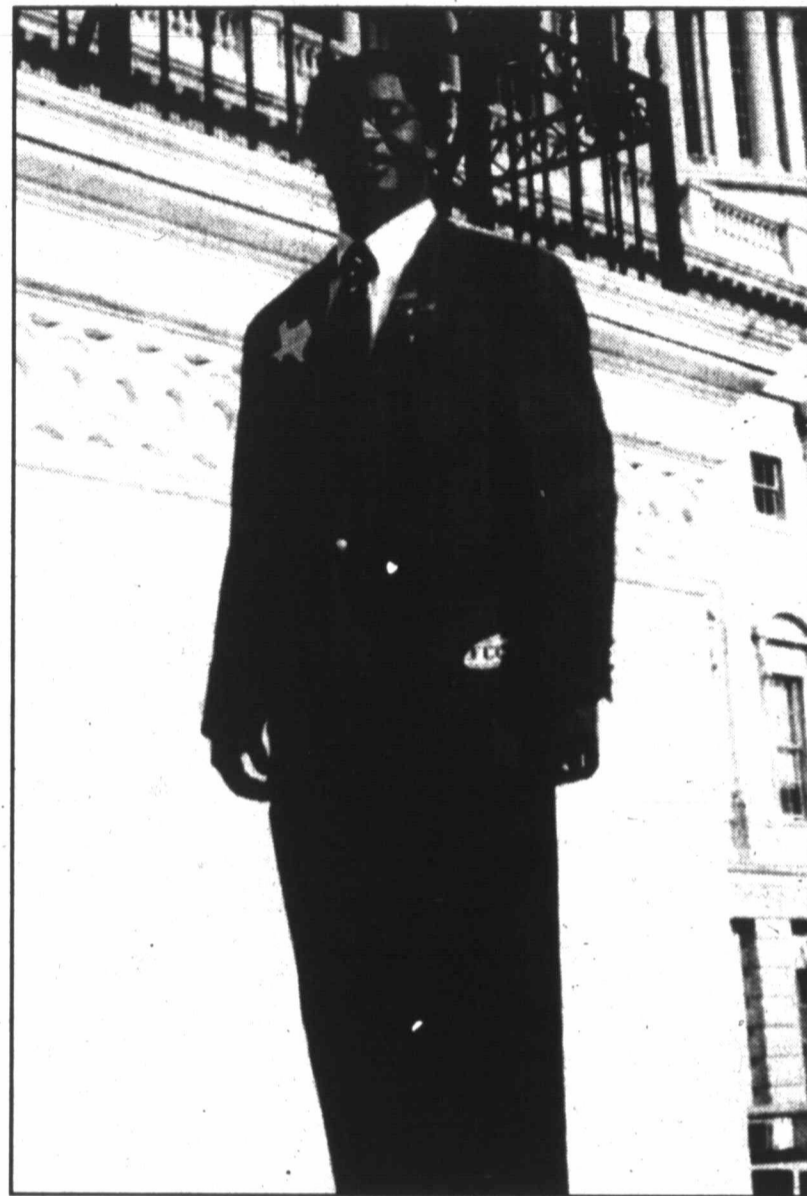
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Through the programs offered by the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy and Emergency Management Institute, FEMA promotes professional development of emergency professionals.

FEMA's training goals are to enhance the capability at the community-level and to better prepare for emergencies by improving technical competence and public policy perspective of key emergency managers and staff.

### FCCLA delegate



(Courtesy photo)

Pampan Justin Lemons, above, State FCCLA president, recently traveled to Washington, D.C., as a delegate to the 2001 Government-in-Action Youth Tour, an expense-paid trip sponsored by The Electric Cooperatives of Texas and New Mexico. Approximately 1,500 delegates from across the nation attended the tour which included stops at the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Smithsonian Institute and the Lincoln Memorial. One of the highlights of the trip, Lemons indicated, was a visit with Rep. William M. "Mac" Thornberry. "The tour was a great learning experience for me," Lemons said, "as we also traveled by bus through several states on our way to Washington, D.C."

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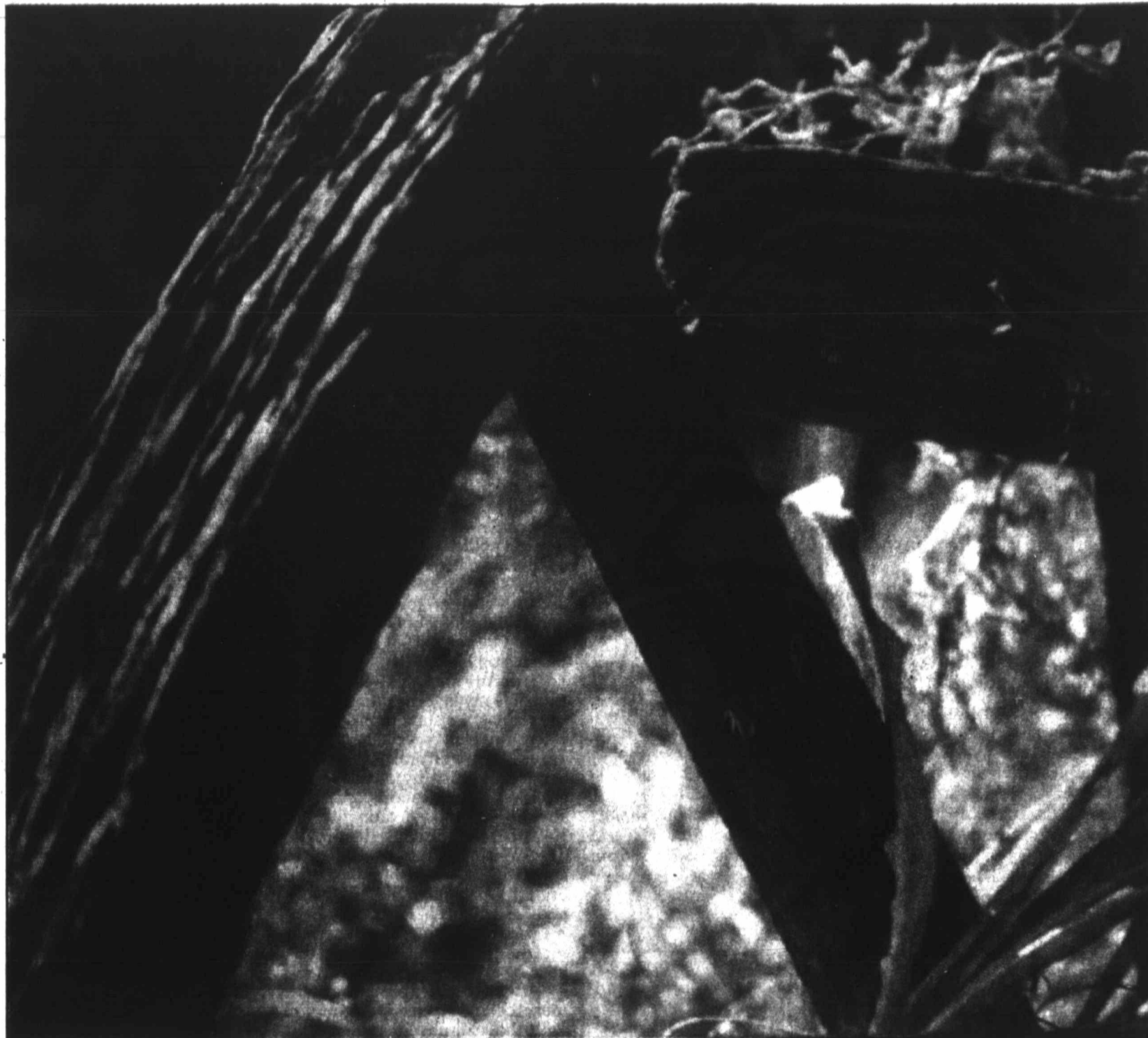
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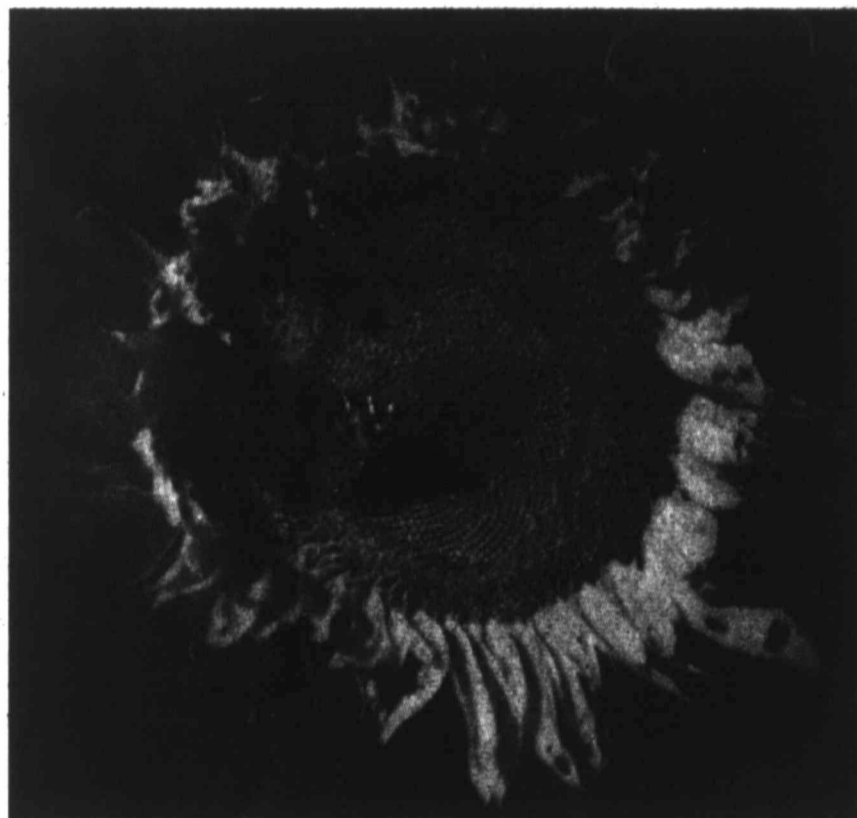
# Local 4-Hers win state honors



Dustin Neef won a red ribbon for a photo of his cousin, Brinton Henegar, in the Color People category.



Emily Elliott of Pampa received a blue ribbon in Color Landscape for her close-up of a wagon wheel.

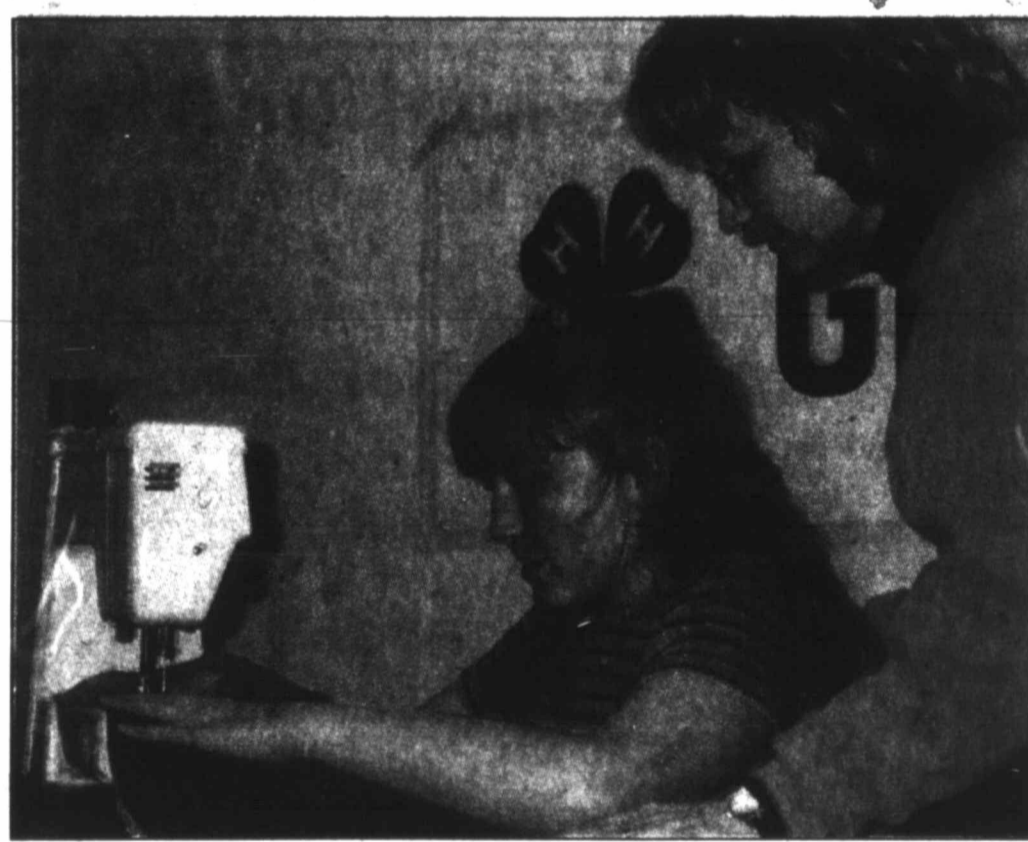


Drake Jackson of Lefors won a blue ribbon in the Color Flora and Plants category with this close-up.

**Winning photos in the black and white categories of the State 4-H photography competition appear on Page 24.**



Elva Fees was the subject for her grandson, Dustin Neef, in the Color Humor category. He won a blue ribbon.



Emily Jackson of Lefors earned a blue ribbon for this Color Promote 4-H picture of her mother, Lendi, assisting clothing student Megan Pettit.

By JUDY ELLIOTT

The unique beauty and character of the Panhandle were displayed in photos submitted by Gray County 4-Hers in recent state competition. Six student photographers received awards in the 2001 State 4-H Photography Contest in College Station.

First year photographer Dustin Neef of Pampa won two blue and two red ribbons. His photo of his cat, "Pebbles," won a blue ribbon in the Color Animals category. His grandmother, Elva Fees, was the subject of his blue ribbon-winning Color-Humor photograph. Dustin's red ribbons were for a photo of his cousin, Brinton Renegar (Color-People), and a photo of his dog, "Bandit" (Black and White-Animals).

In her fifth year at state competition, Emily Elliott of Pampa earned two blue ribbons and one red. In Color-Landscape, she received a blue ribbon for her close-up photo of a wagon wheel. She also received a blue ribbon for her photo of Jessica Baggerman (Black and White-People) and a red ribbon for her photo of Sarah Schwab assisting Jessica with a sewing project (Black and White-Promote 4-H).

Besides being the subject of photos, Jessica Baggerman of Pampa also was

behind the camera for two photographs that competed at state. She earned a blue ribbon for her close-up photo of trees reflected in the water of a creek bed (Black and White-Landscape and Scenic). Both photos were taken at Lake McClellan. This was Jessica's first year to participate in photography.

This was the third year for Drake Jackson of Lefors to compete at the state level. He won a blue ribbon in the Color-Flora and Plants category for his close-up photo of a butterfly on a sunflower.

First year photography student Emily Jackson of Lefors earned a blue ribbon for a photo she took of her mom, Lendi, helping clothing student Megan Pettit (Color-Promote 4-H).

Finally, first time photographer Nick Miller of Lefors won a white ribbon in Black and White—Humor for his photo of his friend, Drake Jackson, clowning around.

The state contest included over 900 photography entries from around Texas. All entries were judged on the Danish system of ribbon awards—blue, red and white. Photos were judged on an individual basis of quality. The photos will be on display at Lovett Memorial Library throughout the month of August. In September, the stu-

dents will have the opportunity to enter the photos in competition at Tri-State Fair.

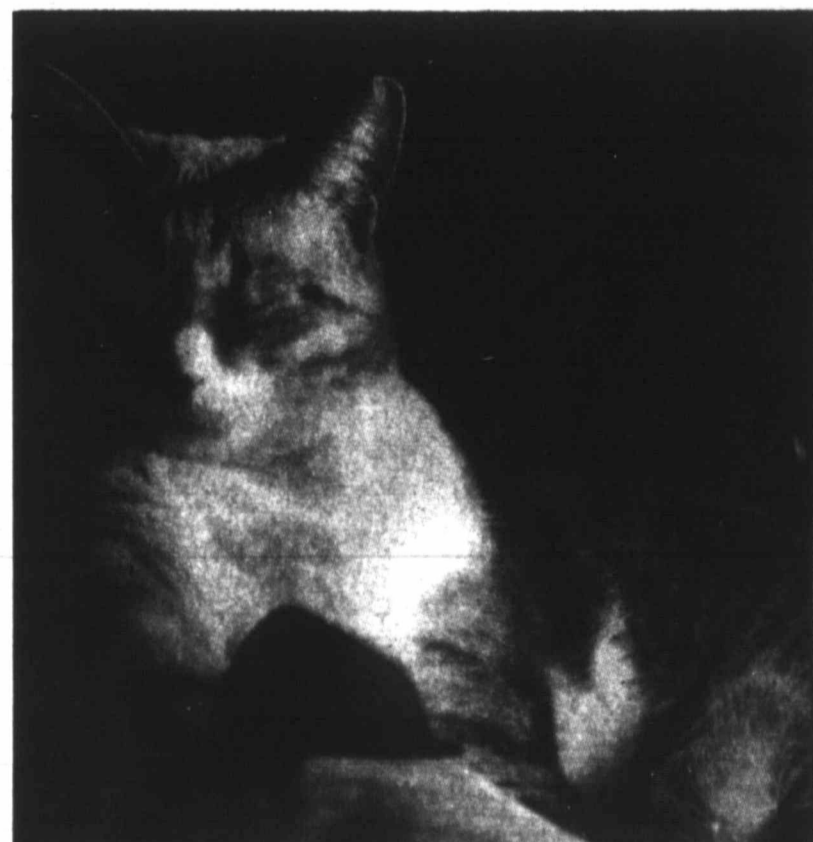
Gray County 4-H will offer a basic photography class again this year. Meetings will be scheduled every 3-4 weeks from September through March, with the county competition in the spring. Anyone interested in participating should contact the 4-H office at 669-8033 for more information.

Other 4-H projects to be offered this year include beef, clothing and textiles, dog, food and nutrition, horse, lamb, shooting sports, swine, and veterinary science. Contact the Gray County 4-H office for more information or plan to attend the 4-H Enrollment Party on Friday, Aug. 17.

Current and new members are invited to sign up and enjoy an evening of swimming at the M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, 701 E. Kentucky.

Beginning at 7 p.m., club managers and project leaders will be on hand to answer any questions about the 4-H program and activities.

Anyone registered in the 4-H program will be able to swim for \$1.50. Students age 9 (or in the third grade) up to age 19 are eligible to participate in 4-H. Don't miss out on the fun and the opportunity to get involved with this exciting program!



Dustin Neef of Pampa won a blue ribbon in the Color Animals category for this photo of his cat, Pebbles.

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# LIFESTYLE

## It's a peachy harvest in the Hill Country

By KITTY CRIDER  
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Peach carrot muffins, peach salsa, peach strudel, peach ice cream, peach compote, peach bellinis, peach vinaigrette, peach margaritas . . . Steve Howard's love for peaches rivals Forrest Gump's fondness for shrimp.

And this summer, Howard, a Fredericksburg chef, is ecstatic: "The peaches this year are magnificent! Just incredible!"

Not to be outdone is Rebecca Rather of Rather Sweet Bakery and Cafe in Fredericksburg, who shares his enthusiasm for the Hill Country orb. Every day she makes at least half a dozen recipes with peaches: lemonade, cobbler, fried pies, kolaches, scones, muffins or pies.

ample cool temperatures to overcome dormancy."

Mother Nature behaved and held off on those nasty hailstorms that can wreck orchards instantly. As a result, growers are grinning.

Jimmy Duecker, owner of Burg's Corner in Stonewall, says what set this year apart is that every tree had peaches. "They all made. That's what made this a bumper crop."

And it's attracting attention

aplenty. The Hill Country is alive with peaches, not only on touristy weekends, but during the week as well. Case Fischer, president of Fischer & Wieser, which makes all kinds of peach preserves and salads, says the business at their retail location, Das Peach Haus, easily is up 25 percent this year.

"Without a doubt, it is attributed to the good peach season," he said last week from New York City, where he was showing Fischer &

Wieser products at the annual fancy food show.

Then it was back home to celebrate the summer of 2001, and the plethora of peaches. Enough to have them morning, noon and night. To savor their in-season goodness, picked so close to the orchards that the flavor doesn't get lost on the highways.

**Peach bites**

A long season: In the Hill Country, a dozen varieties are usually available throughout the summer. Each variety generally is picked for 10-14 days.

It's time for freestones: Basically, there are three types of peaches. Cling peaches are those whose flesh clings to the pit. They are usually the first to come in, generally in May. Semi-freestones (with looser pits) follow. Then come the freestones, whose flesh separates easily from the pit. They are very popular because they are so easy to separate and slice. Freestones are in season.

Is it ripe? Although a bright red blush gives a peach its attractive appearance, it is the progression of the background color from green to cream or yellow that is the best indication of a ripe, flavorful peach.

But how ripe? A firm-ripe peach, which gives only slightly when gently squeezed, is best for canning, freezing or storing without bruising. A soft-ripe peach is excellent for eating immediately, and making ice cream or jam.

How long will they keep? Peaches can be held at room temperature until soft enough to eat, and then refrigerated for up to two weeks.

How many should I buy?

Depends on who's doing the peeling. Growers today most frequently sell their peaches in half-bushel or smaller containers.

Some amounts to remember: Three to four medium-size peaches equal a pound. One bushel equals 48 pounds and will yield 18-24 quarts if you are canning or freezing.

Want to pick your own? Go to www.texaspeaches.com for locations in Stonewall and Fredericksburg, or stop by the visitors centers for maps.

- 10 peachy ideas**
1. Fold fresh peach slices into whipped cream or topping and use in place of syrup on waffles or French toast.
  2. Fill fresh peach halves with scoops of raspberry or lemon sorbet for a refreshing summer salad.
  3. Drop fresh peach slices into summer punches, teas and drinks.
  4. Diet on fresh peaches and no-fat cottage cheese with a sprig of fresh mint.
  5. Blend fresh peaches into your favorite smoothie.
  6. Grill peach halves and serve with pork or poultry.
  7. Go for the purple and gold. Steve Howard recommends making two batches of margaritas: one prickly pear (buy the purple-hued puree) and the other peach. Swirl together in a glass.
  8. Slice peaches on your oatmeal.
  9. Alternate slices of fresh peaches and fresh cherries for kabobs.
  10. Make a peach salsa of chopped fresh peaches, onion, cilantro, red bell pepper and chiles.

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Beginning immediately, *The Pampa News* is instituting a new policy concerning photographs that appear in the newspaper.

- Anyone bringing photographs that bears a photographer's name, a studio name or a copyright must have a signed publication release from the studio or professional photographer.
- The release must accompany the photo to the newspaper or the photo will not be accepted.



Jennifer Leigh Wolfenbarger and J. Brent Skaggs

### Wolfenbarger-Skaggs

Jennifer Leigh Wolfenbarger, and J. Brent Skaggs plan to wed Oct. 6, 2001, in First Christian Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Linda and Dave Lavis of Virginia and Craig and Janet Wolfenbarger of Ohio. She graduated from Cooper High School in Abilene in 1992 and holds a bachelor of arts degree in education from Angelo State University in San Angelo. She is currently employed as a teacher in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Karen and the late Bill Skaggs of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1992 and earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University. He is currently employed as a commodity broker at Amarillo Brokerage Company.



Kellie Stokes and Kyle McKinney

### Stokes-McKinney

Kellie Stokes and Kyle McKinney, both of Lubbock, were wed June 16, 2001, at First Baptist Church in Pampa with Randy White, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Jasper Geissler of Tempe, Ariz. The bridesmaids were Keista Newell of Nashville, Tenn., and Tiffany Reeder of Oklahoma City, Okla. The flower girl was April Childs of Lyons, Kan.

The best man was Mike McKinney of Tempe. The groomsmen were James McKinney Jr. of Keller and Casey Stokes of Lubbock. The ring bearer was Zach Segura of Tempe.

The ushers were Harry Keyes of Pampa and Mark Haase of Amarillo.

Registering the guests was Kelly Houlihan of Tempe. Music was provided by pianist Brandi Bilyeu of Orlando, Fla., and soloist Krystal Haase of Amarillo.

A reception was held following the service at the church with Peggy Reeder and Misty Crow, both of Billings, Mont., and Ashley Childs of Lyons serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Debbie Stokes of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and is currently a student at South Plains College, pursuing a degree in radiology.

The groom is the son of James McKinney Sr., of Deary, Ind., and Kindice Drodowski of Tempe. He graduated from McClintock High School in 1997 and is currently employed at Cox Communication.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Orlando to visit Walt Disney World and intend to make their home in Lubbock.



### Our Bridal Registry

- Amanda Sims ~ Karl Schoenenberger
- Michelle Wallis ~ Shaun Hurst
- Callie Babcock ~ Greg Winter
- Amy Ware ~ Tanner Winkler
- Jennifer Ward ~ Shawn Whiddon
- April Marburger ~ Brooks Gentry
- Mandy Parks ~ Bryan Waldrip
- Sarah Depee ~ Brian Rekus
- Mary Lee Adamson ~ Chad Clardy
- Amber Gilbreath ~ Buddy Plunk
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# Menus July 29-Aug. 3

## Pampa Schools

**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Pancake-and-sausage-on-a-stick.  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, whipped potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, rolls.

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast.  
Lunch: Pizza or steak fingers, green beans, applesauce.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast.  
Lunch: Turkey French fryz or steak fingers, whipped potatoes, salad, pears, rolls.

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy.  
Lunch: Bologna sandwiches or steak fingers, vegetarian beans, lettuce and tomatoes, fresh fruit.

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.  
Lunch: hot dogs with chili or steak fingers, French fries, salad, peaches.

**Senior Citizens**

**MONDAY**  
Chicken fried steak or salmon patties, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, northern beans, German chocolate cake or banana cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**TUESDAY**  
Ham salad or smothered steak, yams, green beans, corn, beans, lemon pudding

cake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, carrots, butter beans, black forest cake or blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY**  
Chicken strips or pork and dressing, tater tots, cabbage squash, beans, applesauce cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.

**FRIDAY**  
Catfish and hush puppies or meatloaf, potato wedges, broccoli, beans brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

**Meals On Wheels**

**MONDAY**  
Chopped sirloin, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, pumpkin bars.

**TUESDAY**  
Sausage/rice, cauliflower, English peas, cookies.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Stew, cornbread, vanilla wafers.

**THURSDAY**  
Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, green beans, cake.

**FRIDAY**  
Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, broccoli, jello.



Maricel Enanoria Cruz and Anthony Tatum Gonzales

## Cruz-Gonzales

Maricel Enanoria Cruz and Anthony Tatum Gonzales, both of Amarillo, were wed July 22, 2001, at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The maid of honor was Nannette Cruz, sister of the bride of Honolulu, Hawaii. The bridesmaids were Cristan Gonzales, sister of the groom of Pampa, and Sherry Barrientos of Amarillo. The flower girl was Ashleigh Guerrero, cousin of the groom of Amarillo.

The best man was Sam Barrientos of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Andrew Gonzales, brother of the groom of Pampa, and Gerald Cruz, brother of the bride of Honolulu. The ring bearer was Daniel Alvarado, brother of the bride of Honolulu.

The groomsmen served as ushers. Music included the song "Truly, Madly, Deeply." A reception was held following the service at The Wellington Room in Amarillo.

The bride is the daughter of Gemma Cruz of Honolulu. She graduated from Waipahu High School in Hawaii in 1997 and is currently employed at Dillard's.

The groom is the son of Johnny and D'Ann Gonzales of Pampa. He is the grandson of Sherry Begert and the late Dean Begert, Sonny and Susie Riojas, all of Amarillo, and Santana and Olga Gonzales of Mexico and is the great-grandson of Edna Begert Trask of Pampa. He graduated from Highland Park High School in Amarillo in 1995. He served in the U.S. Army and is currently employed at Pantex.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, Nev., and intend to make their home in Amarillo.



Renae (Fred) Ledford and Micheal Hess

## Ledford-Hess

Renae (Fred) Ledford and Micheal Hess, both of Lakewood, Colo., plan to wed Sept. 1, 2001, at Country Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jerry Ledford of Mansfield and Darlene Ledford of Skellytown. She graduated from White Deer High School in 1996 and is currently attending Red Rocks Community College. She is an administrative coordinator for Universal Utility Services, LLC., in Wheat Ridge, Colo.

The prospective groom is the son of Charles Lindell of Denver, Colo., and Kathy Blair of Hurst, Texas. He graduated from Sanford-Fritch High School in 1994 and is currently a testing specialist for Xcel Energy in Golden, Colo.

## Books: A rich diet of food for thought

### Bridal Registry...

- Callie Babcock ~ Greg Winter
- Alason Dyess ~ Clint Curtis
- Mandy Parks ~ Bryan Waldrip
- Jennifer Ward ~ Shawn Whiddon
- April Marburger ~ Brooks Gentry
- Sarah Depee ~ Brian Rekus
- Jennifer Wolfenbarger ~ Brent Skaggs

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## Newsmakers



Valorie Johnson

Valorie Johnson, 1999 graduate of Pampa High School and daughter of Chris and Rose Johnson of Pampa, was recently inducted into Phi-Theta Kappa Honor Society at Clarendon College in Clarendon.

Johnson plans to pursue a degree in family consumer science education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock this fall. Past honors include 1998-99 FHA president.

Johnson is the granddaughter of Elizabeth L. and the late Hubert E. Johnson and M.T. Nichols and Correne Nichols, all of Pampa.

LEAWOOD, Kan. — Dan C. Powell, MD, a family physician from Pampa, recently completed continuing medical education (CME) requirements to



Dan C. Powell

retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

AAFP members are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing

medical study every three years. The Academy, with 89,400 members, is one of the largest medical specialty organizations in the country. It was the first national medical group to require CME for its members. Dr. Powell has practiced at Family Medicine Center of Pampa for seven years. He was also recently selected for inclusion in "Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare" (2000-01); "Who's Who in America" (2002); and "Who's Who in the World" (2002).

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University recently announced students awarded degrees at the conclusion of the spring 2001 semester.

Students receiving diplomas included: Shannon Elaine Ervin, bachelor of business administration; Randy Kyle Johnson, bachelor of arts; Bryan Eugene Pierce, master of engineering; Victor Eugene Roden, bachelor of science (BS);

Regina Wana Scott, BS; and Shaun Ben Hurst, BS, all of Pampa; and Tamara Noel Lane, master of education, of Lubbock.

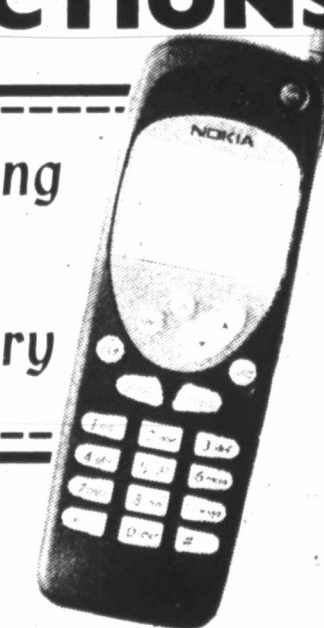
Ervin graduated from Tech cum laude in the top 10 percent of her class with a degree in management information systems.

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2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one

month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in *The Pampa News* office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to *The Pampa News*, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

## Tibetan art exhibit attracting crowds

By Susan Yerkes  
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — New art may be cool, but the Mystical Arts of Tibet exhibit, which opened recently at the Institute of Texan Cultures in the heart of downtown, is red-hot.

Earlier this month staffers and volunteers were bracing for a crowd of more than 700 who had responded to UTSA prez Ricardo Romo's invitations to the Tibetan show's formal opening an unprecedented turnout for such an opening at the institute in recent years, according to spokeswoman Juli Favor.

The story of the collection is fascinating in itself, and its implications are as political as they are artistic and mystical.

It begins in 1416, when Drepung Loseling monastery was founded near Ladakh, the capital of Tibet, "the rooftop of the world."

This was one of Tibet's largest and most sacred places of worship and study, where many of the early Dalai Lamas, the leaders of Tibetan Buddhism, lived and taught about 15,000 monks.

In 1959, when the communists invaded Tibet and tried to wipe out the country's culture and religion, more than 6,500 monasteries were razed, Drepung Loseling among them. (If you saw Brad Pitt in "Ten Years in Tibet," you got a cinematic sense of the scale of the massacres.)

But a mere handful of monks, about 250 of them, escaped with a few sacred objects and founded a new incarnation of their monastery in southern India.

In 1991, friends of the Dalai Lama living in Georgia gave land to the group of Tibetans to set up a U.S.-based study center, now affiliated with Emory University and dedicated to the preservation and study of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition of compassion and wisdom.

Hollywood hotshot Richard Gere, a devotee of Tibetan culture, helped fund a series of cultural outreach tours that could carry Tibetan traditions around the world.

From that spot, their teaching has begun to spread again, in performances and exhibitions of some of the most colorful and

captivating of the Tibetan sacred rituals. They include sand mandalas, prayer chants and dances, and this collection of some of the most sacred symbols of the old, old spiritual tradition now exiled from its mountain home on the other side of the world.

You know you're headed for something exotic just walking up to the Institute, where colorful prayer flags wave on the poles across the bridge, and a giant mystic eye gazes down at visitors from a faux-carved entryway.

Inside and downstairs, the chants of the monks reverberate through the space filled with Tantric Buddhist talismans, geared to impart some understanding of the religion itself, as well as a rich serving of the magnificent, imaginative creations of its followers.

Ancient prayer wheels, rich tapestries and elegant statues of the Buddha and many of the "support divinities" around him are featured images that in the Tibetan tradition have great power and can even speak to very holy humans, such as the Dalai Lama himself.

The current Dalai Lama contributed many of the most precious parts of the exhibition. Among them are paintings, silver objects used in prayer ceremonies, instruments that make the memorable sounds of Tibetan liturgy, jewelry and even a silver-encrusted saddle from the 1600s, said to have been used by the 15th Dalai Lama. (We can infer from its size that he was a small man, riding a small horse.)

The staggering numbers of folks who said "yes" to the July 7 opening show are certainly not all Buddhists, but the institute's program director, Laurie Gudzikowski, says she has discovered that there are quite a few Tibetans now in Texas.

Most of the Tibetans in the United States are in New York or Minnesota, Gudzikowski says, but a number have recently come to Texas as refugees from the continued Chinese religious persecution. There's even a Tibetan Association in Austin, where a group of refugees lives.

U.S. interest in Buddhism is at an all-time high, and the gorgeous, intricate objects and

images on display here through Sept. 3 (not to mention a first-time Tibetan shop in the institute, adjacent to the show) give us all a chance to taste another rich and spiritual culture one that even conquest could not kill.

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## Play it safe this summer with Xcel safety tips

Whenever you're outside at play or tackling chores around your house and yard this summer, it's important to remember basic safety information regarding overhead and underground power lines. Xcel Energy offers the following tips for electrical safety:

—Be aware of overhead lines while participating in any outdoor activities. Always assume that lines are energized.

—Never play on or near power poles, towers or electric substations. Do not climb trees if the branches touch or reach close to power lines or other electric equipment. Overhead lines are not insulated and conduct electricity at high voltage, so any contact with them must be avoided. A tree limb touching a power line will become energized and touching the limb would be just as dangerous as touching a live line.

—Warn children about the dangers of flying kites or model airplanes during storms or near electric power lines. If a kite or airplane becomes tangled in a power line, abandon it and call your power company. Don't use wire as kite string or to control a model airplane, and never fly such toys with a wet string. Even a dry string can conduct electricity, so stay well clear of lines when operating.

—Never use an electric lawn mower on wet

grass, and postpone using electric tools if working surfaces are wet or if it's raining.

—Be aware of power lines near rivers and lakes when boating or fishing. The masts on sail boats conduct electricity, as do some types of fishing line. Avoid casting near power lines no matter what kind of fishing line you use.

—If a pet climbs a power pole, it's safest for all concerned to let the animal come down on its own. Don't attempt to climb the pole to rescue the pet; it would put you and your pet at risk of touching an energized line.

—Stay away from downed power lines and anything they come in contact with, and always assume that electrical energy is running through downed lines. If you see a downed line, immediately call Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-1999, or call 911. When letting pets out after a storm, always check your yard and the neighborhood for potential downed lines beforehand.

—Don't use a metal ladder or stepladder near power lines because they will conduct electricity if they come in contact with the lines. Even a wooden or fiberglass ladder could contain conductive material, so always make sure to look up before using any kind of ladder to ensure it doesn't come near or touch an electric line.

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## NEWSMAKERS

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2001 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Shannon Elaine Ervin, Mark Wayne Ford III, Brian Andrew Frels, Dillon

Ross Hill, Brent Thomas Phelps, Scott Eugene Rose and Christopher Sean Stowers, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 to 3.9 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Justin Earl Barnes, Dean Allen Fields, John Trey McCavit, Tiffany Lyn McCullough, Kimberlea Mae McKandles, Sagrario Mejia, Brian Steven Phelps, Bryan Paul Rose, Samuel Gordon Roundy and Jonathan David Waggoner, all of Pampa.

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- \* Decreases fewer pregnancy-related discomforts
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- \* Increases speed of recovery after delivery

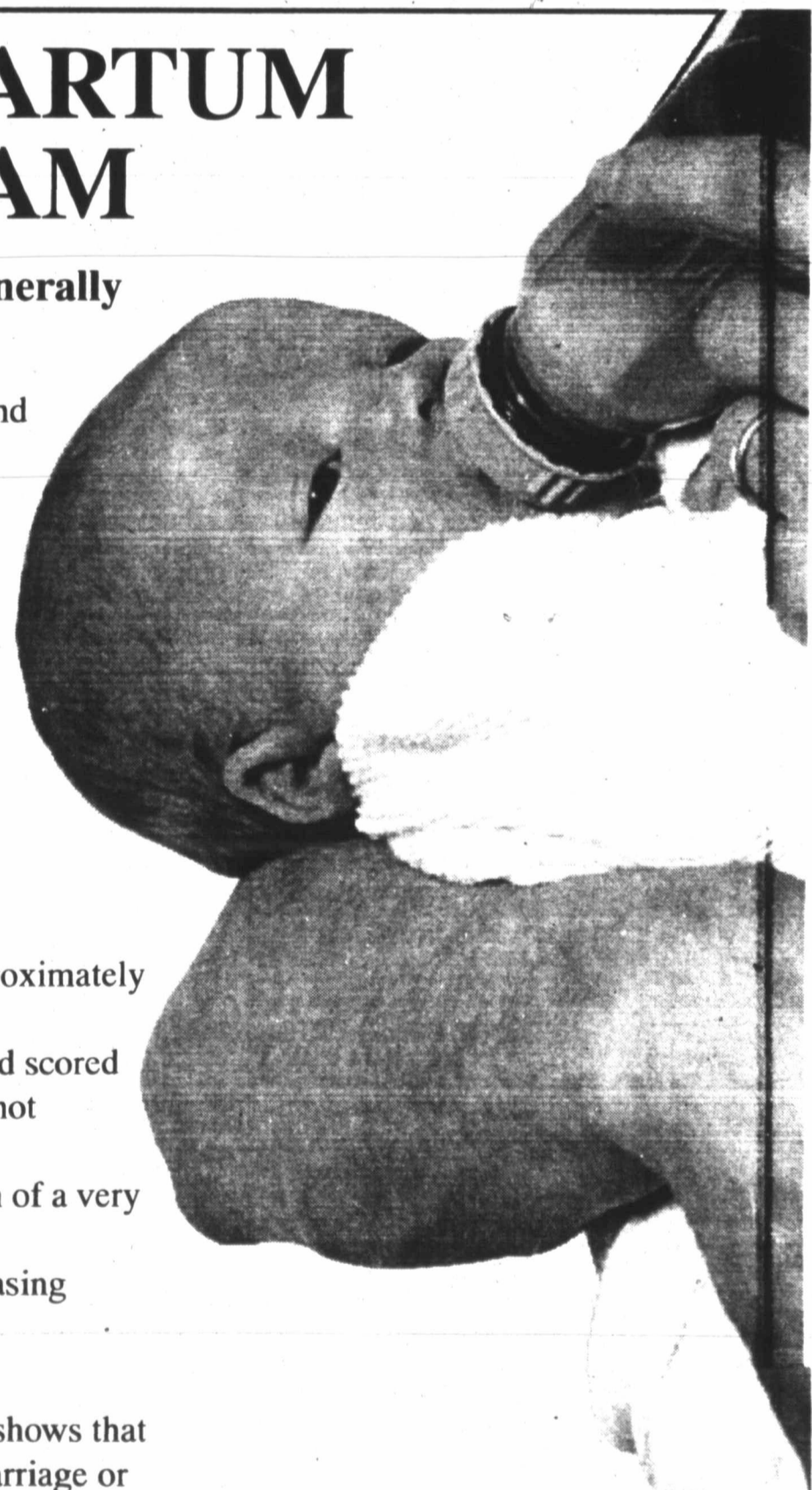
### What are the benefits of exercise during pregnancy for the baby?

- \* Studies have shown that women who exercised strenuously during pregnancy had babies approximately 8 ounces lighter than fit mothers who stopped exercising during pregnancy.
- \* Studies show that children of mothers who exercised during pregnancy tended to be leaner and scored significantly higher on intelligence and language skill, test, than children whose mothers did not exercise during pregnancy.
- \* Recreational exercise may actually decrease the chances of both premature labor and the birth of a very small baby.
- \* Continuing regular, vigorous exercise throughout pregnancy decreases fetal fat without decreasing overall growth.

### Does exercise hurt the baby?

- \* According to the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, there is **NO** evidence that shows that exercise during pregnancy has any harmful effects on the baby or increases the risk of a miscarriage or birth defects.
- \* Exercise does not increase the chance of premature labor or membrane rupture.

The program is held for a total of twelve (12) sessions and will meet bi-weekly. PRMC will also be offering a postpartum exercise program that consists of four (4) sessions and will meet bi-weekly. Exercise sessions will be August 13 through September 20. For more information, Contact Pampa Regional Medical Center Rehabilitation team at (806) 663-5566 Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

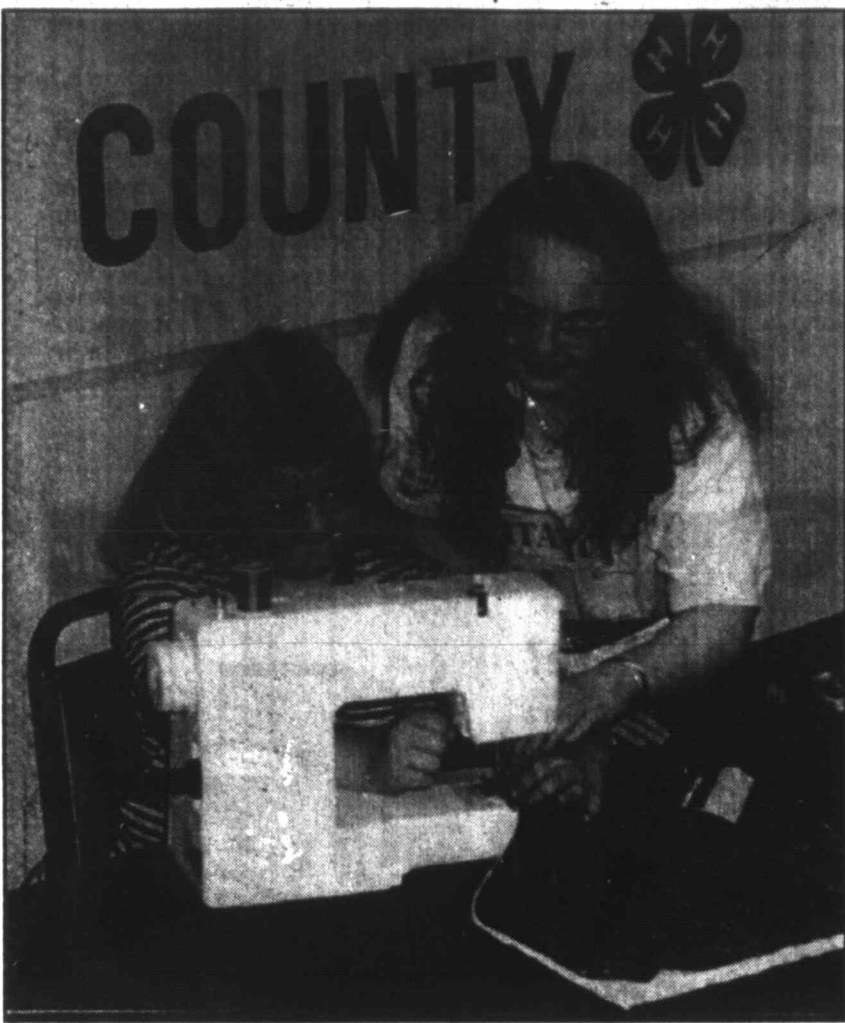


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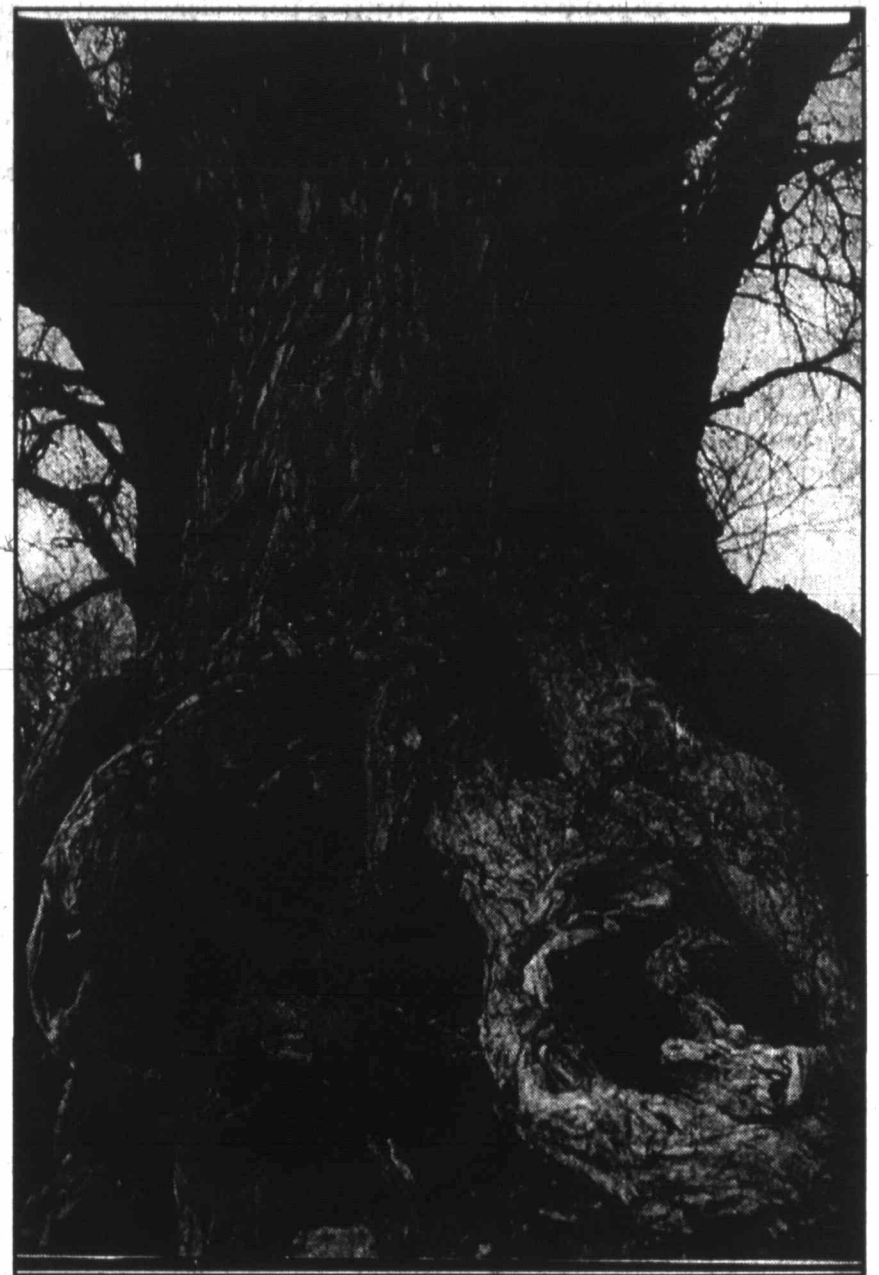
# Black and white 4-H photo winners



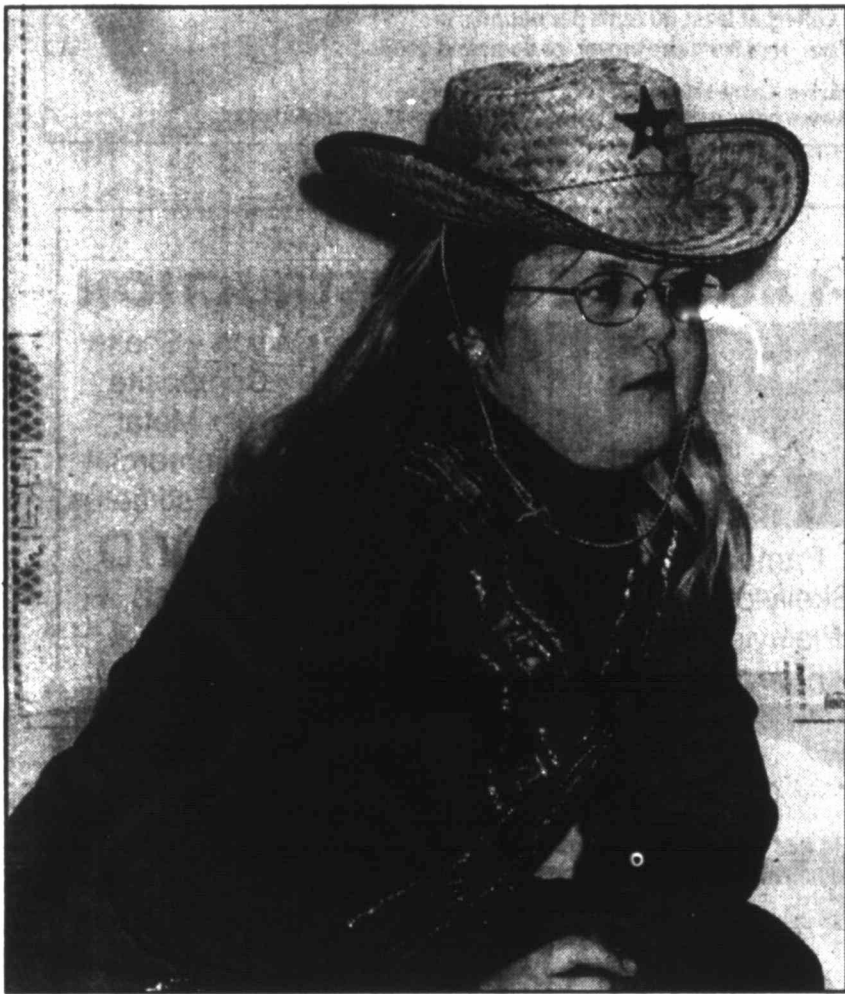
Emily Elliott received a red ribbon for her photo of Sarah Schwab assisting Jessica Baggerman with a sewing project.



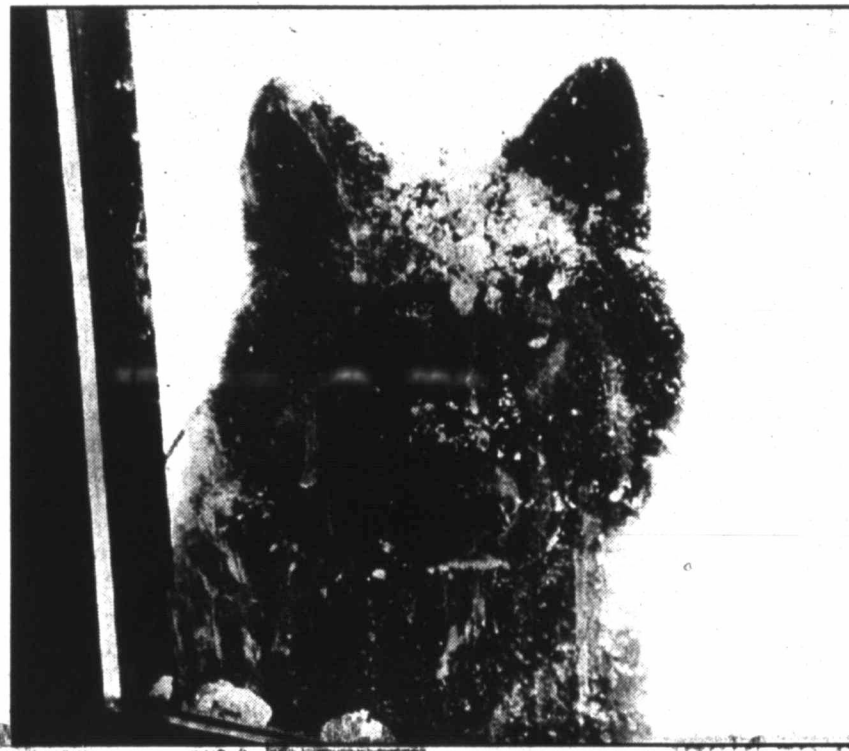
Nick Miller of Lefors won a white ribbon in the humor category for his photo of his friend, Drake Jackson, who was clowning around. This was Nick's first year to participate in the photography project.



Jessica Baggerman took a blue ribbon for her close-up photo of distinctive tree roots. The photo was taken at Lake McClellan. This was Jessica's first year to compete in photography. She received statewide honors in two photos at the state competition.



Emily Elliott received a blue ribbon for her photo of Jessica Baggerman.



Dustin Neef of Pampa received a red ribbon for a photo of his dog, Bandit, in the state competition. He won two blue ribbons and two red ribbons at the state 4-H photography competition held at Texas A&M.

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Jessica Baggerman received a blue ribbon for her photograph of trees reflected in the water of a creekbed. The photo was taken at Lake McClellan. Jessica took a red ribbon in another category and was the subject of two photos entered by Emily Elliott, who is a five year competitor at the state contest. The color award winning photos are featured on today's Gallery Page of *The Pampa News*.

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## Workaholic Mom Regrets Time She Didn't Spend With Daughter

DEAR ABBY: The letter I am enclosing with mine was written to you in March 2000 by my daughter, Kelsey Leigh Holland. She never mailed it. Kelsey died in her sleep of respiratory failure on Dec. 29, 2000. She was only 13.

"DEAR ABBY: My mother is a workaholic. She works at work, at home, after dinner and after all hours. She never has any fun. I'm afraid she's on the verge of a nervous breakdown — if not already over the edge.

"I've talked to her, so have my brother and my father. How do I send the message to Mom that life is not just paperwork and deadlines, but fun and happiness? Signed ... OUT OF IDEAS"

"Oh, how I wish I could change the past and spend less time working, volunteering, etc., and more time with Kelsey! But that's impossible. What I can do is be a better mother to my son, and pass along my daughter's message to your readers.

Parents, please spend more time with your children. Listen to them, share with them, teach them. Every moment of life is precious and we truly don't know how much time we have left.

Thank you, Abby, for listening. I wish I had listened before it was too late to spend more time with Kelsey.

LORI HOLLAND,  
RIVERSIDE, CALIF.

DEAR LORI: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your daughter. I'm printing your message as a reminder to other parents. The working world can be extremely

### Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

demanding — and often there are not enough hours in the day to do what needs to be done. But children are young only once, and they are with us for such a little while.

Readers, the tragedy that has befallen this mother may never happen to the vast majority of you — but in life, there are no guarantees. I could lecture for paragraphs, but I think you get the message.

DEAR ABBY: Because you sometimes print letters about acts of kindness, I would like to tell you how three guardian angels came to my aid this past winter.

I was traveling from New Orleans to visit my boyfriend in Dubuque, Iowa, when my connecting flight from Chicago was canceled. Another flight that day was unlikely because of bad weather.

In line at the ticket counter, I

overheard two women talking. They were also going to Dubuque. I asked what they intended to do about reaching their destination. They introduced themselves as Mary Ann and Monica, and showed me a bus schedule they had gotten. After some negotiating, we managed to purchase tickets on a bus that would take us as far as Rockford, Ill., where Mary Ann's husband would pick us up. The women stayed with me the entire time and reassured me that everything would work out.

After a short wait in Rockford, Mary Ann's husband, Jim, arrived in the pouring rain and drove us safely to Dubuque, dropping me off at the door of my boyfriend's dorm. I tried to give him \$10 for his trouble, but he refused it. All three of them waited in the car until they saw that I was safely inside.

Jim, Mary Ann and Monica, thank you. I will never forget your kindness.

KATIE IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR KATIE: I'm sure you won't. Your guardian angels literally went the extra mile — and many more — for you.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

### Have A Story Idea...

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### Wildwood



### Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

#### ACROSS

- 1 Chihuahua
- 5 Hobo
- 10 Turn
- 12 Barber's need
- 13 Missouri or Ohio
- 14 Not oblivious
- 15 Rink
- 16 Mischievous one
- 18 Powell's costar
- 19 Walked boldly
- 21 Writes
- 22 Mariner's milieu
- 24 Computer key
- 25 Top of the world
- 29 Role
- 30 Playful mammals
- 32 Time before
- 33 Pub pint
- 34 White House spokesman
- 35 Furies
- 37 Like some basins
- 39 Eat loudly

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- 1 City
- 2 on the Seine
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- 4 Harsh
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- 10 Victims
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- 14 prop
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- 21 Manifest
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- 23 Singing groups
- 25 New Mexico native
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- 29 Bar in a cage
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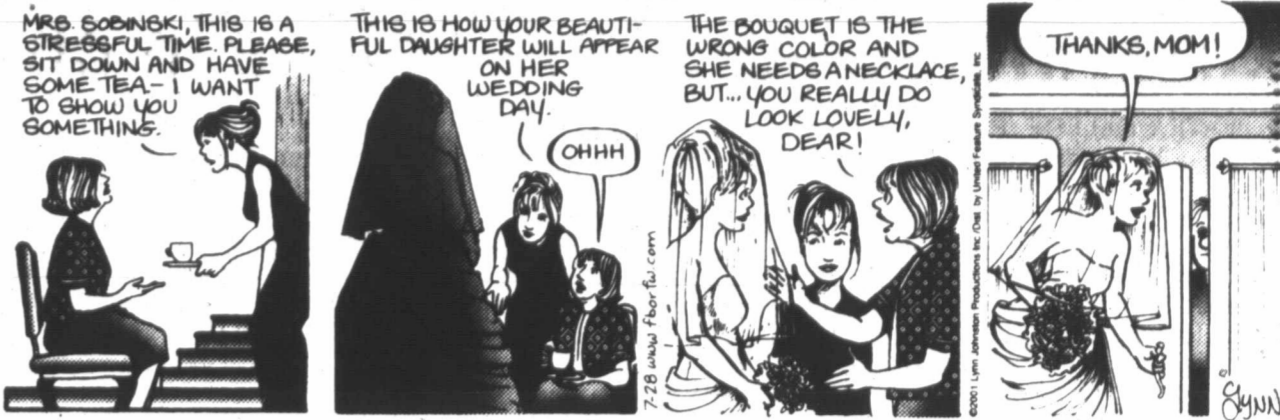
### Marmaduke



### The Family Circus



### For Better or For Worse



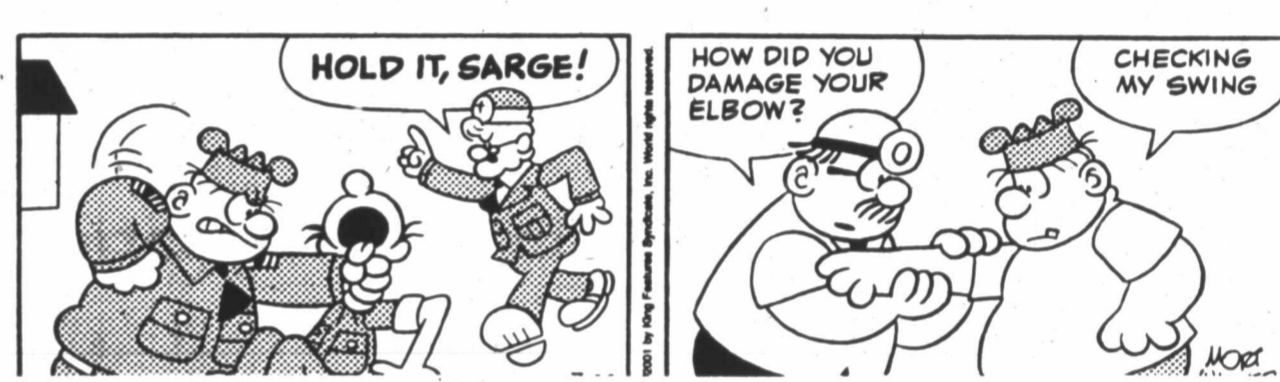
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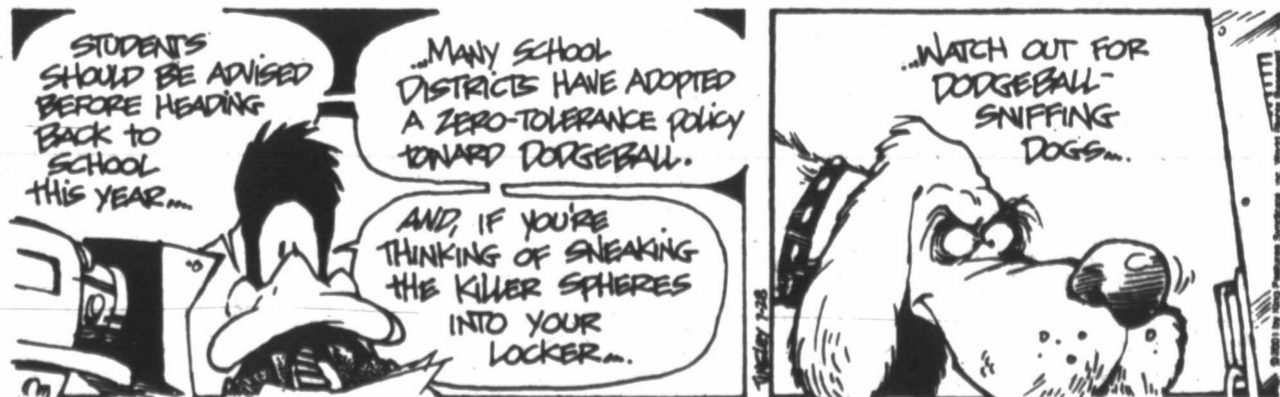
### Peanuts



### Blondie



### Mallard Filmore



### STUMPED?

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# Toys needed for children with special needs

By JOANN LIVINGSTON  
Waxahachie Daily Light

ENNIS, Texas — When an occupational therapist started working with Kobe Trojacek, who was born with Down syndrome in July 1999, she told his mother some of her other patients didn't have any toys at home.

"I'm thinking, where are the grandparents? The church? What do you mean, they don't have toys?" Sandy Trojacek recalled. "She told me how

they were trying to stimulate the child with a wooden spoon or something like that. These children aren't going to be stimulated with a brown spoon."

Sandy and her husband, John Trojacek, decided to do something to help. The Kobe's Gifts toy drive for special children is now under way in Ellis, Navarro and Johnson counties for a second year. Sandy is again spearheading the drive, which ends July 31.

Kobe participates in the

Early Childhood Intervention program, which assists children ages 3 and under with special needs. His family wanted to give back to the program they have found so helpful.

"He didn't really need any more toys because everyone has been so generous and helpful and, wouldn't it be neat if every child in the program could get a toy?"

When Kobe's first birthday came around, it was more than a party. It was a celebration of Kobe's overcoming several, serious health problems.

Kobe spent almost the first four months of his life in the hospital, and had open-heart surgery as a 3-month-old. He's allergic to protein and remains on a special formula. Kobe also was born with a very rare form of leukemia, for which he undergoes periodic testing to determine its status. He also is being treated for hypothyroidism.

He's done well in the last few months, however.

"We've been hospital-free for a long time," Sandy said. "In looking back, I wonder how we ever did all of that."

Kobe's first birthday party marked the first collection for Kobe's Gifts, with all the family members and friends attending asked to bring a toy for the ECI program.

"We collected 155 toys, enough to cover every child in ECI in Ellis, Johnson and Navarro counties," Sandy said.

This year, in addition to collecting toys from Kobe's relatives and friends, Sandy has invited the public to participate.

The ECI program continues to grow in the numbers it serves, and more toys are needed. At this time, about 180 children are enrolled across the three-county region.

"He's been so blessed," Sandy said of Kobe, who continues to make great progress in his work. "He started walking this weekend. He works hard ... I'm learning day by day how smart he is."

Because Kobe is expected to talk later than most children, he has learned sign language to have an effective way to communicate. He knows about 20 words now and continues to add more as the weeks go by.

He recently showed off his new walking skills and readily signed words back and forth to Sandy, his ECI therapist and visitors in his mother's shop.

Taking a break from eating his Cheerios, he crawled over to a tent filled with colorful plastic balls, diving in headfirst to retrieve one before rolling it merrily around the room.

"We have all types of children: Down's, speech, bedridden, cerebral palsy, globally delayed. There are a lot of different reasons a child is eligible for ECI.

"He'll have speech therapy up until he goes to school because he probably won't speak until much later," Sandy said. "When he's ready to speak, he'll drop the sign language."

Kobe has enjoyed tremendous family and community support, Sandy said, gesturing around the large playroom at her store where different, colorful toys abound.

"You can see why he doesn't need any more toys."

Kobe will participate in ECI, receiving physical, occupational and speech therapy through age 3, when he will enter another program, such as prekindergarten or Head Start.

Children are eligible for ECI if they are delayed in any one of six areas, according to ECI coordinator Lisa Marak.

"We have all types of children: Down's, speech, bedridden, cerebral palsy, globally delayed. There are a lot of different reasons a child is eligible for ECI.

"We serve children ages 3 and under. At age 2, we start discussing options and work towards their transition into another program. By age 3, they know their options and they knew where to go."

The toys are important because they are used to work with children's fine motor skills and eye-to-hand coordination, Marak said. They can be used to teach a child to point, use his hands and rotate his wrists.

They can help a child learn to pick up, to grasp, to tolerate different textures against his or her skin and to draw visual interest so as to encourage a child to

move his or her eyes. Placed a little ways away from the child, the child can be encouraged to move toward the toy.

"A lot of times, with a cute toy, you can put it across the room, and they will crawl or roll to get to it," Marak said. "It gets them motivated and interested. Whatever they are working on, a toy can be used in their therapy."

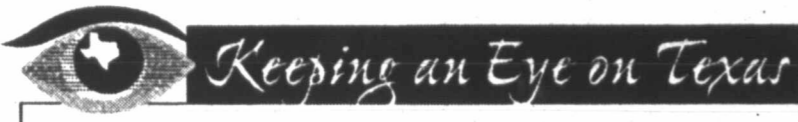
"It was a whole new learning experience," said Sandy, who said she never realized how important a role the right toys can play. Holding up what at first glance appears to be a simple stuffed alligator, she pointed out its different aspects, including its different textures ranging from smooth to knobby, and its different colors and patterns, ranging from red to yellow to green and from stripes to solids to circles.

"There's so many things this one little toy can do," she said. "The toys are not expensive."

"These toys cost \$5 or less in the infant section at the store," she said. "The brand names are Sassy, Kids 2 and Fisher Price. They have different colors, patterns and textures — anything that will stimulate a child's interest."

Toys can be dropped off at Sandy's business, KidCo., located at 113 W. Ennis Ave. Donations also are being accepted at ECI offices, which are housed with MHMR in Waxahachi, Corsicana and Cleburn. For more information, contact Sandy at KidCo. at (972) 875-4326.

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Propane grills, Coleman stoves and covered charcoal grills may be used in designated camping and picnic areas only. The fire ban will be lifted as soon as conditions permit.

Fire danger readings are extreme and are expected to remain dangerously high until adequate precipitation occurs and vegetation green-up begins. An abundance of dormant vegetation, temperature and winds on the rise, and low relative humidity have created serious fire danger conditions throughout the Texas Panhandle.

Park officials ask visitors be extra careful with charcoal or stoves. Charcoal fires should be kept small and completely extinguished with water. Cigarettes should be completely out and disposed of in metal containers. The heat from a vehicle's catalytic converter can ignite vegetation, so all vehicles should be kept on established roads or parking areas.

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