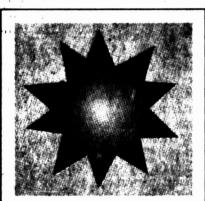
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Candidate notice

Persons announcing candidacy for the March primary elections in The Pampa News must turn in the announcement and one photograph by 5 p.m., Jan. 2. The announcements will run in the newspaper as space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Norwood in concert Dec. 20 in Lefors

LEFORS — The 2001-02 efors Senior High School Class will present country music recording artist Daron Norwood in concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 20 in the high school auditorium.

Intermixed Norwood's unique brand of country music will be his personal message against the dangers and evils of drug and alcohol abuse.

Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance from a senior class member or at the Lefors High School office. Cost is \$10 per ticket. For more information, call (806) 835-2355.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Silas L. Copeland dies at 81

CONROE (AP) — Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Silas L. Copeland, a 31-year veteran who served in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars, has died. He was 81.

Copeland was the highest noncommissioned officer from 1970 until he retired in 1973. He died Tuesday.

As the third soldier to hold the rank of sergeant major of the Army, Copeland advised the Army chief of staff on all enlisted personnel matters, including training and quality of life.

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PPD officer, firefighter of year picked



Pampa Police Officer Michael 'Chad' Johnson accepts the Kiwanis Club award for Police Officer of the Year from Kiwanian John Warner. Joining him are his wife, Susan, and 3month-old niece Lanee Willis.

Kiwanis Club presents first yearly awards

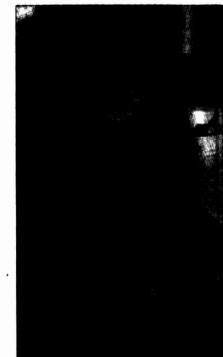
When Pampa Police officer Michael 'Chad' Johnson and Fire Captain W.D. Thomas arrived at Friday's Kiwanis Club meeting, both thought they were there to give the program.

Instead, they were there to be honored as the first Pampa Kiwanis Club firefighter and police officer of the year. It's an honor the club plans to give yearly in December.

Kiwanian John Warner introduced the two men, both of whom had family members and co-workers in attendance, and here's what he told the audience about each one.

Michael 'Chad' Johnson

Being a police officer is hard work, if it is done properly. Some officers think of it as a job. Others see it as a calling. Michael 'Chad' Johnson is just one of our Pampa officers who sees his position as a police officer for the City of Pampa as a



Hope Lane, 4, claps for her grandfather, Fire Captain W.D. Thomas as he was honored as Firefighter of the Year.

Chad has shown a great aptitude to be a police officer by maintaining a 4:0 grade point average in the Amarillo Police (See PPD, Page 5)

County clerk announces bid for re-election



Winborne

Gray County Clerk in the 2002 March Republican

First elected to the position in November, 1998, she said she seeks re-elec-

tion to continue to serve the people of Gray County.

Winborne said her priority since assuming the elected posi-

Winborne upgrade technology in the will seek re- clerk's office. She focused on that in order for the public to have better access to records. Current records are indexed on computers for easier access.

The clerk's office is now scanning all real estate records so that documents received can be returned within three business

"My goal is to continue to use technology to make the Gray County Clerk's office as progressive and efficient as possible,"

(See WINBORNE, Page 5).



Joined by wife Jan, Fire Capt. W.D. Thomas, center, accepts the Kiwanis Club award for Firefighter of the Year from Kiwanian John Warner.

Changes afoot in Texas House as filing begins

By KELLEY SHANNON **Associated Press Writer**

AUSTIN (AP) — After a rough round of redistricting, casualties are starting to pile up among high-ranking Democrats in the Texas House.

Seven legislators who chair House committees and help form Democratic Speaker Pete Laney's leadership team are among those who have announced in the past week that they won't seek re-elec-

who has chosen not to seek re-election. They have accomplished a great deal for the people of Texas. Change is inevitable in the Legislature, particularly after redistricting," Laney said.

chairmen were placed in new House districts with fellow incumbents by the GOP-controlled Legislative Redistricting Board.

Among those Democrats announcing "I respect the decision of each member—retirement from the House are Rob Junell of San Angelo, chairman of appropriations; Paul Sadler of Henderson, chairman of public education; Patricia Gray of Galveston, chairwoman of public health; Clyde Alexander of Athens, chairman of Most of the departing Democratic transportation; Fred Bosse of Houston, chairman of civil practices; Tom Ramsay of Mount Vernon, chairman of county affairs; and Ron Lewis of Mauriceville, tor in her new district.

chairman of energy resources.

All but Junell and Lewis were "paired" with other incumbents in their new districts by the redistricting board, chaired by Republican Attorney General John Cornyn

Ramsay has filed to run for state agriculture commissioner.

Rep. Judy Hawley, D-Portland, leader of the House Rural Caucus, also is leaving. She was paired with another legisla-

(See CHANGES, Page 5)

Sunday snapshot



Occupation/activities: Selfemployed house cleaner. Birth date and place: June 24, 973, Amarillo.

Family: Brian, Kari, Ashley. If I had a different job, I'd be a: Cosmetologist.

My personal hero: My hus-The best advice I ever got

was: Trust in the Lord. People who knew me in high

school thought: I was friendly The best word or words to describe me: Hard-working and

straight-forward. People will remember me as

being: Me. The four guests at my fantasy

dinner party would be: My dad, my fingernails. Elvis, Grandpa Jack and Garth Brooks.

My hobbies are: Cleaning. My favorite sports team is: Dallas Cowboys. The last book I read was:

"Growing Strong Daughters." My favorite possession is: My

The biggest honor I've ever received is: The birth of Kari and

My favorite performer is: Garth Brooks. I wish I knew how to: Play the

My trademark cliche or expression is: "Oh, my gosh." My worst habit is: Chewing

I would never: Steal. The last good movie I saw was: "Men of Honor."

I stay home to watch: "Who Wants to be a Millionaire.' Nobody knows: My secrets. My favorite junk food is:

Chocolate My favorite beverage: Dr.

My favorite restaurant is: La

Fiesta. My favorite pet: Puddin', our My favorite meal is: Carne

Guisada. I wish I could sing like: Lead singer of the Dixie Chicks.

I'm happiest when I'm: loking future for my girls.

and laughing.

Lregret: My first marriage, but not my children. I'm tired of: People bashing

My biggest fear is: Falling. The electrical device I could-

n't live without is: Hair-dryer. My most embarrassing moment: When I fell down in

the street roller-blading. The biggest waste of time is:

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: i would give, give, give.

If I had three wishes they would be: 1) Happiness always; 2) my children safe; 3) successful



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Daily Record

Obituaries

BARBARA F. BRAKE

Brake, 96, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, at Fort Walton Beach. Local arrangements are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mrs. Brake was born Dec. 3, 1905, in Panna Maria, Texas. She married Stanley Brake in 1930 in Pampa. He preceded her in death in 1968.

She came to Pampa in 1930 from White Deer, Texas, moving to Fort Walton Beach, Fla., in 1978. She was a homemaker and a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fort Walton Beach.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Vivien and Clyde Hollingsworth of Shalimar, Fla.; a sister, Mary Flaherty of Virginia; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department investigated the following accident.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 Evelyn Wheeler Reger, 72, 1252 S. Wilcox, was cited for failure to yield the right of way when the 1990 Oldsmobile she was driving at North Hobart and West Kentucky collided with a 2000 Mercury driven by Helen Waites Spalding, 75, 834 S. Banks. No injuries were reported.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	
SPS	
Water	

Police report

The Pampa Police Department made the fol-FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. — Barbara F. lowing arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 7 Misty Michelle Minyard, 29, 306 Roberta,

Crystal Dawn Parsley, 19, 928 Murphy, arrested

on three warrants for failure to attend school. Pete Vargas Perez, 23, 935 Murphy, evading arrest, resisting arrest.

Jeffery Dewayne Hunt, 39, 605 Deane, evading arrest, resisting arrest.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Patrick Mize, 20, 1118 S. Wells, arrested on Lefors warrants for running a stop sign, expired registration, expired inspection, no insurance and no motorcycle endorsement.

Timothy Dewayne Fields, 23, 1108 Varnon, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, Dec. 7 Lamont L. Nickleberry, 26, 1100 Prairie, violation of probation.

Fires

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

Friday, Dec. 7 8:50 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 900 block of Fisher on a medical

assist. 9:49 am. - Two units and six firefighters responded to Pampa Mall, 2545 Perryton Parkway, where workers had accidentally set off

the fire alarm.

People in the news ...

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The National ing driver Dario Franchitti are to marry in Scotland Endowment for the Arts is reconsidering a grant for Dec. 12, a registrar said. the Berkeley Repertory Theatre to produce a new play about Afghanistan by Pulitzer Prize winner intent to marry at the town of Bonar Bridge on Jan. Tony Kushner.

NEA officials have not explained why the \$60,000 grant has been held up, and Kushner told The Madonna and Guy Ritchie were married last year. Associated Press that he would not comment until New York on Dec. 19.

With or without the money, the Berkeley company vows to stage "Homebody/Kabul" in April, but it hopes the play will not become the center of a debate revealed. about the government's role in funding the arts.

"Officially, it is nothing more than speculation, bu believe the grant has been pulled," Berkeley Contra Costa Times. "If the NEA has any sense at all,

The play deals with religious and political extremism in Afghanistan. It was in the works four years author is best known for "Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes," which won a Pulitzer and two Tony Awards.

"People will assume he wrote the lines after 9/11, but he hasn't touched it. It's a remarkable piece of writing; why wouldn't we do it?" Medak said.

Medak said she suspects the NEA has not read the play, and said the agency could be making its decision based on descriptions the company sent in its application. The company has received generous after Thanksgiving. grants from the NEA in the past.

On the Net:

Berkeley Repertory Theatre Web site: http://www.berkeleyrep.org/

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singers Faith Hill and Tim McGraw are parents again.

Hill, 34, gave birth Thursday to Audrey Caroline McGraw, said her spokesman Paul Freundlich. The couple have two other daughters, 4-year-old Gracie and 3-year-old Maggie.

"To be blessed with a beautiful healthy baby girl — what a way to kick off the holiday season for us,"

McGraw, 34, said he "couldn't be happier." His latest hit is "The Cowboy in Me."

"I'm still king of the house and my girls will always keep me in line," he said.

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Faith Hill official Web site: http://www.faithhill.com/

McGraw official site: http://www.TimMcGraw.com/

LONDON (AP) — Ashley Judd and Scottish rac- Hurricane.'

The pair had originally posted their notice of 31, but moved the date forward and change I the location to Dornoch, near Skibo Castle, where

Local registrar Lesley Connor confirmed the he was informed of the reasons. The play opens in change on Friday, saying she had received notice of it from the General Register Office in Edinburgh, the Scottish capital.

The exact location of the ceremony has not been

Judd, 33, has starred in the films "Kiss the Girls" nd "Double Jeopardy." Her mother, we do know, in fact, the rumors are good enough to and her sister, Wynonna Judd, are country singers. The people of Dornoch don't seem to be letting

Repertory managing director Susan Medak told the their status as a celebrity hangout go to their heads. "I hope that the people who come north will they will fund it; it will be more controversial if they receive true Highland hospitality, which includes not interfering with their privacy," said Dornoch councilor Duncan Allan.

"In Dornoch we treat celebrities with amusement, before the terrorist attacks on the United States. Its we see a lot of them coming here to play golf, we're quite used to it," he said.

> LOS ANGELES (AP) - Steven Spielberg is recovering from minor injuries sustained in a scooter accident last week, his spokesman said.

> The 54-year-old filmmaker, whose famous image from "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" involved a bicycle flying from a cliff, toppled off the scooter near his home in the Hamptons in New York several days

He twisted his knee, but did not suffer any broken bones or head injuries, spokesman Marvin Levy said

Spielberg has a brace on his knee, but is otherwise in good health and no surgery is believed necessary to repair the joint, Levy added.

The director is currently in post-production on his Tom Cruise sci-fi adventure "Minority Report" and in preproduction on the con-artist drama "Catch Me If You Can."

The injury is not expected to interfere with his work, Levy said.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rod Steiger received a said Hill, whose hits include "This Kiss" and "Wild lifetime achievement award from the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival during a screening of his latest work, "A Month of Sundays."

The film, in which Steiger stars as a dying man who goes on a nationwide tour with his teen-age granddaughter, was shown at the Vogue Theatre in Los Angeles on Thursday.

"As you get more experienced and time passes, you appreciate such awards much more," Steiger,

His films include "On the Waterfront," "In the Heat of the Night," "The Player" and "The

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Texas round up

Yates gave no indication

children were dead during 911 call HOUSTON (AP) - Andrea Yates gave no indication to a police dispatcher that her five children

were dead, tapes of her 911 call show. Despite questioning by the Houston Police Department dispatcher who answered the call on June 20, Yates would not say why she wanted police to come to her southeast Houston home.

"Uh, I just need them to come," Yates answered in a flat voice when she was asked about her prob-

The Clear Lake mother has since been charged with capital murder in the deaths of three of the five children. All of them had been drowned.

file at the Harris County district clerk's office on Jury selection in Yates' trial is scheduled to begin

Jan. 7. Yates has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. If convicted, she could be sentenced to In her brief conversation with the 911 operator on

June 20, Yates was calm but uncommunicative, telling the dispatcher that her sister was with her. Yates has a sister, Michelle Freeman, who lives in Georgia and was not at the Yates home that day, the

Yates met officer David Knapp at the door and said, "I killed my kids," Knapp testified this week in a pretrial hearing.

Houston Chronicle reported in Saturday editions.

She then led him to the master bedroom where he found the four youngest children's bodies in bed, as though they had been tucked in for the

Laid-off Enron workers say they have one thing left: Resolve

HOUSTON (AP) - They lost their jobs, and many of them their retirement, but laid-off Enron employees say the energy company has given them one thing that is helping them survive its swift and stunning downfall: resolve.

"What was unique about Enron is even in the throes of bankruptcy we felt like we were the New York Yankees and that we can still win in the ninth inning," said John Allario, who said he lost tens of thousands of dollars in stock as well as his job.

"There was this 'not until the last out are we out," and even when the last out came and we went into bankruptcy ... the same attitude pervaded the company and the people stayed there and said we are going to win this game," he said.

But Enron was losing millions, and in a matter of weeks, it went from being among the nation's top 10 companies, in terms of revenue, to filing the largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history.

Investors and traders alike evaporated amid revelations of questionable partnerships that helped and the company's acknowledgment that it over- reasons.

stated profits for four years. Enron stock fell from a

peak of \$90 a year ago to less than a dollar.

The company sought protection from creditors on Sunday after Dynegy Inc. backed out of a planned takeover amid worries about Enron's finances and deteriorating business. On Monday, the company laid of Allario and 4,000 other employees, most of them at its Houston headquar-

On Friday, 200 more employees were cut from the company's prized power trading unit, Enron Americas, taking the total cuts to 25 percent of Enron's 21,000-member work force.

Fugitive in murder case was A recording of the call was placed into her case brazen figure while on the run

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — As he made his way around the country in a bid to evade arrest on murder charges, New York real estate heir Robert Durst behaved almost like a man trying to get caught.

A day after jumping bail in Texas, the millionaire fugitive brazenly used the name of Morris Black the man he is accused of dismembering - to rent a car in Mobile, Ala., police say.

At an apartment in New Orleans, he left behind mementos related to two other cases he has been investigated in: a medallion belonging to slain Los Angeles writer Susan Berman and a videotape of a TV news report on the unsolved 1982 disappearance of his wife, Kathleen Durst.

His run ended near Bethlehem last week when a security guard said he tried to shoplift a \$5.99 sandwich, a Band-Aid and a newspaper from a grocery store near his alma mater, Lehigh University. Inexplicably, Durst had \$500 in his pockets when he was arrested.

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Durst's behavior has puzzled police, who are struggling to reconcile friends' descriptions of him as quiet, brilliant and generous, with a man who posed as a mute woman, lived for nearly two decades under assumed names and is charged with butchering a neighbor in Texas.

Sept. attacks forced security issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The terrorist attacks of September forced the government to radically overhaul efforts to make airports and airlines safer, officials say.

Just as Attorney General John Ashcroft emphasized prevention over prosecution the Transportation Department has put safety and security ahead of conveniences like on-time flights and passenger service.

"It galvanized people's commitment to do this better and do this right," Deputy Transportation Secretary Michael Jackson said in an interview.

Even before Congress created a new transportation security administration with broad powers, the Federal Aviation Administration began evacukeep billions of dollars in debt off Enron's books ating terminals and delaying flights for security

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ager position available. Apply in Nancy 806-886-1887. person at Dunlaps!

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25 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with lows in the lower 30s. Monday, increasing clouds with

highs in the lower 50s. Monday evening mostly

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, mostly Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a sunny and breezy with highs chance of rain. Lows 35 to 40. around 65. Southwest winds 15 to

Highs 45 to 50. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Highs 40

Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs 50 to 55. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in

the upper 20s. Highs 55 to 60.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

Odessa American on Internet safe from taxes for now: The Internet is safe from taxation for two more years. The Senate approved extending an existing ban by passing the Internet Non-Discrimination Act.

The Act was passed by the House in August. President Bush announced his intentions to sign the bill. The United States currently has more than 30,000 state and local tax jurisdictions, each of which could begin taxing the Internet

Imagine being a business in Texas trying to figure out what tax customers are supposed to be charged in Detroit, Des Moines, Atlanta, Miami, etc. down to every burg and backwater in the country.

The passage of the tax moratorium comes shortly after a previous ban on Internet taxes expired on Oct. 21.

Some senators were trying to advance legislation that would allow states to impose Internet taxes after 20 states synchronized their sales tax laws, supposedly eliminating all the problems of multiple tax jurisdictions. But that still would leave 30 states and thousands of tax jurisdictions with different laws.

Fortunately, in the end the Senate wised up and passed a simple extension. The new Internet tax moratorium comes in the midst of worsening economic woes. Allowing Internet taxation would have meant new burdens for almost every business in the country that does any business over the Net.

Not only would the taxes have to be paid, but new bureaucracies set up in company accounting departments to figure out what money to send to which tax jurisdiction.

Rep. Chris Cox of California has been trying to work on a permanent ban, but that has been shelved for the present. "A permanent extension is preferable precisely because the existing moratorium does not overreach," he said in testimony before Congress.

"Because it bars only Internet access and other specialized Internet taxes, its fundamental structure is ideally suited to become permanent policy. Whatever disagreements there might be on other aspects of the Internet tax debate, I hope we can all agree as a starting point that the Internet should never be subject to new, multiple or dis-

Congress now, should begin work on making this tax ban. permanent. Especially in tough economic times, businesses need to be assured that they won't get walloped with another tax, but are free to grow and create jobs.

From our files

SUNDAY, Dec. 10, 1961. Five Pampa oil men this week received formal notification of their re-election to the board of directors of Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, according to Rip C. Underwood, Amarillo association district vice president.

MONDAY, Dec. 11, 1961. Louise Richardson, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richardson, 1717 E. 16th, a junior in Panipa High School, was one of eight students from 45 area bands selected Saturday to attend the all-state band concert to beheld in Dallas Feb. 1, 2 and 3. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13, 1961. Official approval of Pampa's

1962 Top O' Texas Rodeo was received today from Lex-Connally, managing director of the Rodeo Cowboys Association, Denver, Colo. 25 years ago

THURSDAY, Dec. 9, 1976. Seventeen members of the Pampa Junior High School Band won places in the All-Region Band during competition Dec. 3 in Dumas.

FRIDAY, Dec. 10, 1976. Packerland Packing Co. of Texas will suspend killing cattle in Texas today, including slaughtering operations at its Pampa plant.

SUNDAY, Dec. 12, 1976. A new administrator for Highland General and McLean General Hospitals, Guy Hazlett II of Lubbock, was unanimously approved Saturday morning by the board of managers.

MONDAY, Dec. 9, 1991. Pampa's Prison Exchange Expansion Steering Committee met late last week and has begun a full-speed-ahead effort to bring more jobs to the city

through the TDCJ. TUESDAY, Dec. 10, 1991. Weeks of speculation about the future of the criminal investigation division of the Pampa Police Department were partially put to rest today with the

announcement that 27-year veteran Lt. Roy Denman is retir-

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11, 1991. A group of Pampa ISD school district counselors presented a plan to school board members Tuesday night that would introduce sex education into the high school and middle school.

Let's canvass the facts once more

Mrs. Tripplehorn has made some statements about my integrity to which I must respond. She says to get the facts. Here they are.

Mrs. Tripplehorn wants more on my interview with John Carter. I chose not to include these in previous columns because I felt that some things are better left unsaid

I reported that John, Mac Safley and I discussed diseases in hogs, to which John did not profess any knowledge. When I opened my notebook and presented the USDA report on diseases in hogs, they did respond with comments such as: well, that is possible, that is only in hogs.

I previously presented this list in a letter to the editor. My notebook remained open and on the table, intentionally. I had an Environmental Protection Agency pamphlet on top. The title to this pamphlet is "Odors From Confined Livestock Production."

We discussed the fact that lagoons or cesspools are outlawed for municipalities in Texas. Mac and I talked about odors from the Texas Farms pig operation in Ochiltree County, which Mac had designed. He was interested in the TNRCC report on odors from this facility. The tests were made in August when the lagoons were operating at their greatest efficiency (least odor) and odors still approached the threshold limits, not the maximum allowed. (I would like to see the tests repeated when the lagoons are warming in the spring and odors are stronger.)

John was not interested at this point and had suggested that the meeting terminate. Mac and I kept talking. At the close of the meeting, I made the statement that "Texas was going to outlaw lagoons." (Which I firmly believe, but can not set a date.) John said "what did you say?" and I repeated the statement. John then said "what about municipalities?" to which Mac replied "lagoons are outlawed for municipalities in Texas." (This had been in the conversation as I mentioned earlier.) When Commissioner Jim Greene discussed the lagoon problems in North Carolina with John Carter, he replied that the new regulations were "too little, too late."

Mrs. Tripplehorn questioned my knowledge of Animal Anaerobic Lagoon Systems. This is a subject no one really wants to know much about, until someone wants to put one in nearby.

Since July, I have read and studied everything I could locate on the subject. I have made an attempt to share some of what I have learned with our readers. I have driven to Dalhart to find out more about their facility, and talked with the engineer on the phone about the system and how it

His comment was that they were presently installing two anaerobic digesters because of odors created by the current system (Aerobic). I asked Mrs. Tripplehorn if I could go on one of her tours to the non-stinking lagoons in Ochiltree County: I was told how to get there and went ties are, but I did find five that do supply plentiful

Mrs. Tripplehorn questioned my engineering background. I started to work with the engineering section of the Texas Highway Department (now Texas Department of Transportation) in 1952. In that capacity, I did field survey work, plan preparation, cost estimates, field construction inspection and final closure documents and final cost estimates for contractor payment.

drainage, soils, roadway base material, concrete culverts and bridges, concrete paving, asphalt surface application, all phases of building a state or



Dale Roth

Guest columnist

U.S. Highway. My starting title was a Rodman, working up to senior inspector and engineering aide IVa

In 1966, I decided to try and better myself for my family and applied for a job (any job) at Celanese Chemical Co. One of their contractors was Merriman and Barber Consulting Engineers, and I received a call from Mr. Gene Barber about contract services at Celanese. I interviewed with Mr. Barber and Mr. Bernard Shield of Celanese and went to work there on June 1, 1966. On Jan. 1, 1969, I became a permanent employ-

Department. During my tenure at Celanese, I worked on a variety of projects, road work, concrete, buildings, piping, vessels, towers, reactors, heating, air conditioning, electrical, survey, property deed preparation, fire protection, road crossing casements. You name it, and I have been involved with it.

Of notable instance pertaining to the present issue is the installation of the anaerobic digester. I was not responsible for purchasing the major components, but I did have to purchase other equipment and was responsible for the design and installation of the components to make them all work together.

I designed and supervised installation of the concrete slope protection on the holding ponds and tailwater pond on the "Land Farm." Also included was the concrete slope protection on the golf course ponds which many of you are familiar with. In 1975, when construction costs were increasing at an alarming rate, I was asked by the an electronic well log to interpret the various stracompany to join the American Association of Cost ta. Engineers. I became an associate member. In 1985, I was accepted as a full member of the American Association of Cost Engineers. Yes, I am an engineer. I retired form Celanese in 1996. Do I have an engineering background?

Mrs. Tripplehorn brings up the subject of Dr. Auvermann. Yes, I attended his presentation. I reviewed comments that were made in a previous letter to the editor. I respect Dr. Auvermann for his knowledge and position. He stated that a lagoon, properly designed and maintained, will not stink. eywords designed and maintained. He fails to address the variables that will always be present. I "Theory vs. Reality."

twice, I still don't know where the no-stink facili- on which side of the fence you are on. The other side always has misinformation. I have attempted to bring factual information to the readers and explain the situation.

The reader is free to choose and form his/her

own opinion. Anything that has been printed, I can back up with the source of the information. This may be from the EPA, TNRCC or other reliable sources. Much information comes from the Internet and personal contacts with reliable people. I have heard rumors of happenings in other places Plan and field Inspection duties included and tried to find the source and the truth before I passed on any such information. If it was not verifiable, preferably in writing, it was not repeated. Mrs. Tripplehorn makes the comment, "Just please do it now. Thanks.

look at what he calls the lagoon systems -'cesspools and sewage lagoons.' In fact, anaerobic lagoon systems are built to handle organic material." The term "lagoon" is an attempt to make a cesspool sound more acceptable to society.

Cesspools, sewage lagoons, anaerobic lagoons all handle organic material. The anaerobic function applies to all, even if it is not included in the name. Human waste is probably more digested than hog waste, but the lagoon does not know the source of what is coming into it.

The bacteria do their thing with whatever they come in contact with if it is digestable. They will adapt to the environment they are in to the point that they will attack stainless steel. If Mrs. Tripplehorn really likes the stuff you buy at Wal-Mart to put on her lawn, flowerbeds and garden, I have offers from friends who would be more than happy to supply her with a supply fresh from the pig. That should be even more organic.

On preventing contamination of the Ogallala Aquifer, that is what I am working for. That is not ee of Celanese in their Project Engineering a scare tactic. It is a very real potential. I hope my efforts will help to keep it pure. The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District has expressed concerns of contaminating the Ogallala Aquifer in a previous edition of The Pampa News. Grad County should take steps to make sure that we are not the first to contaminate the Aquifer, the TNRCC should take steps to assure that Texas does not pollute the Aguifer.

On the subject of 300 to 1,000 years for pollution to reach the Ogallala Aquifer, this is more theory versus reality. Celanese, Texaco and Pantex have already had contamination of the Ogallala, it took 30- to 40-years for it to happen. The only difference: is the 18-inches of clay that will line the bottom of

Variables also happen in the underground for mations. Some are clay, some are sandy. The permeability of the soil varies greatly between these classifications. I participated in on-site permeability studies at Celanese. At one time, I could read

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District has stated that the clay liner will leak, it is only a matter of time. Does 18-inches of clay buy five years, 10 years — whatever the number, the total does not equal 300 to 1,000. The sludge accumulation in the bottom of the pit is supposed to help the clay seal the bottom of the lagoon. Nitrates are a part of the sludge, and very difficult to contain. They have contaminated numerous water sources. Is it worth the risk?

Mrs. Tripplehorn is the one using a scare tactic to promote her interests. No action has been taken against the cattle industry. The proposals to the addressed this issue in the guest column titled Commissioners Court have been carefully worded to exclude the cattle industry from any resolu-On the subject of misinformation, that depends tion presented. The lagoons used by the cattle industry do not use large amounts of water to flush the waste into a pit that has to be sized to accommodate the flush water as well as the solid material in the waste.

Friends, neighbors, countrymen and other readers, I have attempted to provide you with factual information as I know it, some is application of common sense. You are the judge. If you support what I have written, let our elected officials know. Contact you're county commissioners and county judge, our state representatives and senators. Let them put pressure on the TNRCC to do as their letterhead states, "Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution." I need your help,

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2001. There are 22 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 9, 1907, Christmas seals went on sale for the first time, at the Wilmington, Del., post office; proceeds went to fight tuberculo-

On this date: In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in

their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II. In 1941, China declared war on runoff by a landslide. Japan, Germany and Italy.

In 1942, the Aram Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet. In 1958, the anti-Communist John

Birch Society was formed in Indianap

In 196, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1979, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the religious broadcaster,

In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential In 1995, Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-

Md., was chosen the new head of the NAACP. Ten years ago: Soviet President

Mikhail S. Gorbachev challenged Boris Yeltsin's declaration that the Soviet Union was dead, branding a new Slavic commonwealth "illegal dangerous." European Community leaders meeting in the Dutch city of Maastricht tentatively agreed to begin using a single currency by 1999.

Five years ago: More than four Trophy.

In 1940, British troops opened died in New York City at age 84. months after the Olympic bombing, the FBI posted a \$500,000 reward. The United Nations gave Iraq the go-ahead to resume oil exports for the first time since 1990 to buy food

and medicine. Archaeologist and

anthropologist Mary Leakey died in

Kenya at age 83. One year ago: The U.S. Supreme Court ordered a temporary halt in the Florida vote count on which Al Gore pinned his best hopes of winning the White House. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak announced he would resign and call a special election. Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke won the Heisman

Coincidences may not be coincidental

Mathematicians argue that coincidences occur a lot more often than most people believe. And who am I to argue with anybody who knows calculus?

Nevertheless, there are a number of coincidences involved in the war on terrorism.

It is a coincidence that there are large oil and gas reserves in South Asian countries north of Afghanistan whose governments we have recently provided with undisclosed millions of dollars, allegedly for the use of old Soviet air

It is a coincidence that the logical route for pipelines runs through Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Therefore, I suppose it is a further coincidence that the United States suddenly has an interest in not only getting rid of Osama bin enemies list. Laden, but with replacing the government in

And it is another coincidence that after nearly 10 years of dumping on Pakistan, we have suddenly re-embraced that country as one of our best friends.

And it is a final coincidence, and one that prompted this column, that the Central tossed out the American oil company along Command has just stated publicly that when with the dictator and is now doing business there won't be a need for a U.S. military pres- Sudan has become a big enemy, a sponsor of multinational corporations.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

ence in the region. I suppose it is only a coincidence that we end up with a permanent military presence in the vicinity of huge gas and oil reserves, and that countries with oil and gas that think those resources should benefit them, rather than people in London and New York, end up on our

The previous dictator of Sudan, for example, was just as enthusiastic about slaughtering rebels in the south as the current government. But he had cut a deal with an American oil company. And, by coincidence, the United States thought Sudan worthy of American military protection. The present government

terrorism and a violator of human rights which, by coincidence, is a perfect description of the previous American-loved dictator.

I don't mean to sound cynical. If our president says his motivation is to save future generations from evildoers, I certainly believe that he believes that. I'm not sure his idealism is shared by everyone in his administration.

There is a cabal in the administration trying to make a case for attacking Iraq by claiming Iraq had something to do with the Sept. 11 attack. It is a coincidence that on Sept. 21, the British newspaper The Daily Telegraph reported that Israeli intelligence officials said they had not detected any, link between Iraq and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

I'm sure they're better informed than the Saddam Hussein lynch mob in Washington. Saddam, by coincidence, is one of those nationalists who thinks oil profits should be invested in the Arab world to benefit the Arab people rather than in London and New York. He is one more former ally of the United States (oh, yes, we were all for him when he was fighting Iran) who has run afoul of the internationalists.

It is naturally only a coincidence that all too often, American foreign-policy objectives dovethe war in Afghanistan ends, it doesn't mean with the Chinese. Hence, by coincidence, tail nicely with the economic objectives of

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Chad is one of the new officers who has come to the Department through the Cadet program. He was one of three selected for the program last year from over 200 applicants. Chad and his wife, Susan, have one child, 2-year-old

Chad mainly works traffic. By the first week of November of this year, he had issued 339 citations, more than 60 more than the closest officer to him. He lead the Department with the number of incidents investigated with 197. He also had 61 other arrests, fourth among all active officers. Chad is an alternate with the Police Department's Special Response Team, which often involves very detailed and haz-

the public through law enforce-

Police Chief Charlie Morris not only raves about Chad's dedication to the job, but emphasizes that Chad "always maintains a positive attitude" and has earned the respect of his fellow officers.

Upon accepting the award, Johnson thanked the Kiwanians but most of all he thanked his

"I want to say thanks to my parents for teaching me right from wrong ... and showing me the way it should be," the young officer said. "I have the perfect family."

And to others, he said "thanks for trusting and believing in me," adding a special thanks to Police Lt. Fred Courtney

Capt. W.D. Thomas there are "bold" firefighters but church and caused the roof to col- "He will do just about anything

of six children born to Charlie is a bold firefighter. and Gladys Thomas.

1966, April 15.

of Lefors caught fire, W.D. was he remain anonymous. one of the Pampa firefighters

works hard and often volunteers ers. W.D. Thomas is living proof caught in the collapse. W.D. saw for overtime. He is enthusiastic that this old saying is wrong. He the peril unfolding, disregarded about the opportunity of serving is an "old, bold" firefighter. the risk to himself, caught the Born in Bentonville, Ark., on man by his bunker boots and Sept. 27, 1946, W.D. is the oldest hung on to pull him to safety. He

W.D. may appear gruff on the W.D. and his wife, Jan., have outside, but his fellow firefighteight children and 13 grandchil- ers know that his weakness is dren between them. They were children. Many times he has married on a "taxing" day in taken his own and other firefighters' children hunting and has On Nov. 1, 1972, W.D. went to taught them about gun safety work for the City of Pampa Fire and how to hunt. Recently an 8-Department at the North Station year-old boy was injured while with Capt. Ray Fisher and Driver riding his bicycle. Ambulance Richard Norris. He now has over personnel were gathering up col-29 years of continuous service to oring books and Hot Wheels for the people of Pampa and Gray the boy who was in the hospital County. He has answered more in Amarillo. Even though he did than 3,700 fire calls and more not go out on the call, W.D. heard than 1,000 medical assists. Thus, about the situation and conyou see he is an "old" firefighter. tributed \$50 to help the young When the First Baptist Church man's family with a request that

The longest tenured member of There is an old saying that who answered the call. The fire the Pampa Fire Department, he is there are "old" firefighters and quickly swept through the protective of other firefighters.

ardous arrest situations. He there are no "old, bold" firefight- lapse. A Pampa firefighter was for you," said a fellow firefighter who told of W.D.'s heading up collection efforts for a firefighter's wife who had cancer.

Firefighter of the Year by a vote of his fellow firefighters, an honor which would make the award mean even more to him.

Upon accepting the award, and I wouldn't change a day of it. hands."

He said he has plans to stay on another six or seven years.

"I want to say thanks to everyone, thanks to (Fire) Chief Kim W.D. was selected as the Powell and thanks for this award. I appreciate it very much.

Warner closed by saying, "If these two men are examples of the Pampa Police Department Thomas said, "I have enjoyed it. I and Pampa Fire Department we have enjoyed every moment of it can truly say we're in good

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Another of her goals is for the Gray County Clerk's office to be online with the Texas Department of Health. "Once the office is online with the state, anyone born in the State of Texas can obtain his or her birth certificate in the Gray County Clerk's office," she said.

"Right now, only people born in Gray County can get their birth certificate here."

Winborne is a member of the County and District Clerk Association of Texas, Celebration of Lights, Gold Coats and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

She was reared in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School

Winborne and her husband, Danny, have been married for 30 years. They are the parents of two children: Matt lives in Houston and Lisa lives in Pampa. The couple also have two granddaughters, K'lyn and Hailee.

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CHANGES

Announcements by the retiring legislators began shortly before a monthlong candidate filing period opened Monday. Filing closes Jan.

With no fanfare, Laney, who intends to run for an unprecedented sixth term as House speaker in 2003, filed his candidacy papers Friday for re-election to his West Texas district next year.

In a news conference in Galveston, Gray didn't mince words about why she was leaving. Redistricting "means that some of us leave not because we want to,

or because the voters have demanded it, but because three Republicans have decided for us," she said. Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander and Land Commissioner

David Dewhurst, both Republicans, joined Cornyn on the five-member redistricting board in voting in the new House district bound-Laney and acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, the two legislators on the

redistricting board, opposed the House and Senate plans that pre-A federal court recently upheld all of the LRB's Senate plan and

most of its House plan. So far, re-election announcements in the Senate haven't been startling as those in the House.

The turnover occurring in the House is of a "massive scale," said Austin political consultant Bill Miller.

Judge: Dallas ISD board violated open meeting law

tricting map.

Brewer and district attorneys

"These trustees were essential-

School board President Ken

"The judge made a ruling

Zornes said he was disappointed

with the ruling but said the district probably won't appeal.

based on knowledge of the law,

and I'm going to go along with that decision," Zornes said.

a straw, vote on any maps and

never intended to break the law.

process acted in good faith," he

said. "In closed session, some

things are said that people don't

A trial date was scheduled for

Dec. 17 to determine how to deal

want to be said in public.

with the violations.

He said that trustees never took

"The board during this entire

ly discussing what map they

said the ruling could nullify the

board's 5-4 vote on a new redis-

DALLAS (AP) - Trustees on the Dallas school board broke the law when they met behind closed doors to discuss a proposed redistricting map, a judge ruled

would adopt and what their story would be," Brewer told The Dallas Morning News in Saturday's edition. "Well, they've The ruling was handed down by 191st Civil District Judge Catharina Haynes in a lawsuit filed by Hispanic leaders against the Dallas Independent School

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs alleged that the board violated the Texas Open Meetings law when it discussed the redistricting process while in closed ses-

The law allows matters such as lawsuits, personnel decisions and property negotiations to be discussed in closed session. After reviewing hundreds of

pages of transcripts from the closed meetings, the judge found that the trustees violated the law at least nine times, said William A. Brewer III, lead attorney for the plaintiffs.

Halliburton shares plunge on verdict

DALLAS (AP) - Shares of Halliburton Co. plunged more than 40 percent Friday after the oilfield-services revealed that a jury ruled against it in an asbestos-related lawsuit.

 A six-member state court jury in Baltimore found a former subsidiary of Halliburton's Dresser Industries unit and other companies responsible for the asbestos exposure of five people and awarded them \$40 million.

Halliburton said its portion of the verdict against Dresser, which Halliburton acquired in 1998, totaled \$30 million.

Analysts at Salomon Smith Barney and UBS Warburg reduced their ratings Halliburton stock, citing about \$150 million in verdicts and judgments against Halliburton in the past two months.

The verdict came Wednesday after a trial that lasted several weeks, but news of Halliburton's liability reached most investors only after the Dallas-based company notified the Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday.

"You not only have turnover, but you have turnover at the highest level," he said, referring to the departures of top Laney lieutenants. 'The dominoes are tumbling.' Republican Gov. Rick Perry, as he publicly wished departing legis-

lators well, said Thursday there is a "fairly substantial" chance there will be a new speaker next session. House members vote on the speaker. Right now, Democrats control

the chamber 78-72. By some estimations, Republicans could capture as many as 88 to 90 seats under the new district boundaries. Three Republican lawmakers have indicated they'll seek the speak-

ership: Tom Craddick, R-Midland; Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin; and Brian McCall, R-Plano. But Laney has the loyalty of some Republican House members, who would likely vote for him in a speaker's race.

The key question is how much Republican support Laney could

Political consultant Tony Proffitt, a former aide to the late Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, said it may not be clear until after the November 2002 general election whether Laney will have the votes to be elected speaker again.

"It remains to be seen how many Democrats will file (to run) in districts Republicans thought they owned," Proffitt said.

As for the loss of some of his committee chairmen, Laney said there will be other qualified lawmakers to succeed them. "I am confident that the legislators who will replace them will work just as hard, be just as dedicated and build their own records of

achievement as they aspire to leadership positions in the House,"

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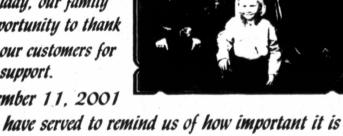
Laney said.

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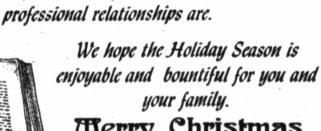
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Letters to the editor

Ex-Celanese employee well versed in 'lagoons'

I would like to respond to the attack on Dale Roth presented in a guest column in the Nov. 29 edition of The Pampa News.

Seventeen months ago, I retired as a production manager for Celanese with 34 years of service, 23 of which were at the Pampa plant. I have known Dale Roth during the past 25 years, and I am familiar with his experience and reputation.

In 1977, I transferred to Pampa as a project engineering group leader. Dale Roth was one of the people in my group. He was assigned, along with several other engineering personnel, to a project to eliminate untreated waste water lagoons at the plant.

The lagoon elimination project installed a new waste treatment system, consisting of an enclosed anaerobic reactor, an aerobic treatment basin, and a treated water evaporation pond. In 1976, Celanese had decided to stop using untreated waste water evaporation lagoons (an approach similar to the swine industry's manure

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lagoons). This project was very successful, and Dale Roth was involved in many of its details. Later, Celanese converted the remaining treated water pond to a farming operation, where the treated water was used to grow hay.

Dale has direct experience in the mechanical design of waste water treatment systems. In particular, he has experience in the design of treated water lagoons and in the design of liners for these lagoons. He knows how difficult it is to maintain liners with the wind conditions in our area.

Dale has conscientiously studied the manure lagoon system proposed by NPD. He has learned of modern alternatives to manure lagoons. He has held two discussions with NPD to encourage them to consider a better approach.

Dale Roth is hard working, tenacious, and very thorough and careful in his endeavors. He does not deserve the personal character attack.

John Forister

Lesson to be learned from Kingsmill community

I was interested in the guest columnist article by Susan Tripplehorn about anaerobic lagoon systems. I was especially surprised to learn that her three years of listening to lobbyists for dairies made her more knowledgeable than Dale Roth's years of working with an engineering group managing a lagoon system. I appreciate Dale Roth's sharing his extensive research and the first-hand knowledge he acquired from many years of management of a lagoon system.

Susan's "expertise," would indicate that the money PEDC paid for consultant fees for the dairy project was a waste of taxpayer's money.

Back in the 1970s, there was a small community just outside of Pampa called Kingsmill. That community no longer exists because of the water contamination issue. The company involved spent an astronomical amount of money in legal fees, settlements and buyouts. That experience should have taught us how easily our water could be, and has been, contaminated.

Our water is not the only issue to consider when we look at hog farms and dairies. We have to remember that they bring disease carrying flies, mosquitoes, and air-borne bacteria problems to the area. Have we ever heard of anthrax?

The odor would also be a deterrent to prospective businesses, as well as driving away taxpaying residents. The various dips and sprays used in these operations pollute the air and can cause or

Susan pointed out the effect of dairies and hog farms on the econ-

what we have, instead of risking polluting the air and water, and

Pampa

Shirley Nicholson

World too desensitized, youngsters feeling effects

For the kids here in town burning flags:

Wish I were the judge on this one. I would require they replace each flag with 10 (to one) and work money off in community service putting up flags, lowering them to half-mast, learning and memorizing flag rules and regulations. A daughter said to also memorize the Constitution.

I talked to service men, and women on-line; they said they should have to make 10 flags for every one burned and hand deliver them to New York and Washington, D.C., victims and explain why they

Either way, I wish I could be judging them. They would learn some real lessons in patriotism and respect before I was through with them. The world is still too desensitized!

Jequita Risley Pampa

Dusty street needs attention

I was so glad when you were asking people in the paper what they thought about the way the street department was doing its job. I keep hoping when I hear they are going to work on streets that

they might do something about the street in front of my house. Dust blew all summer, everytime a car went by, and when it rains t's a mud hole.

I don't know why they can't do anything about the streets west from Horace Mann.

They won't listen to me! **Nora Gabriel**

Pampa

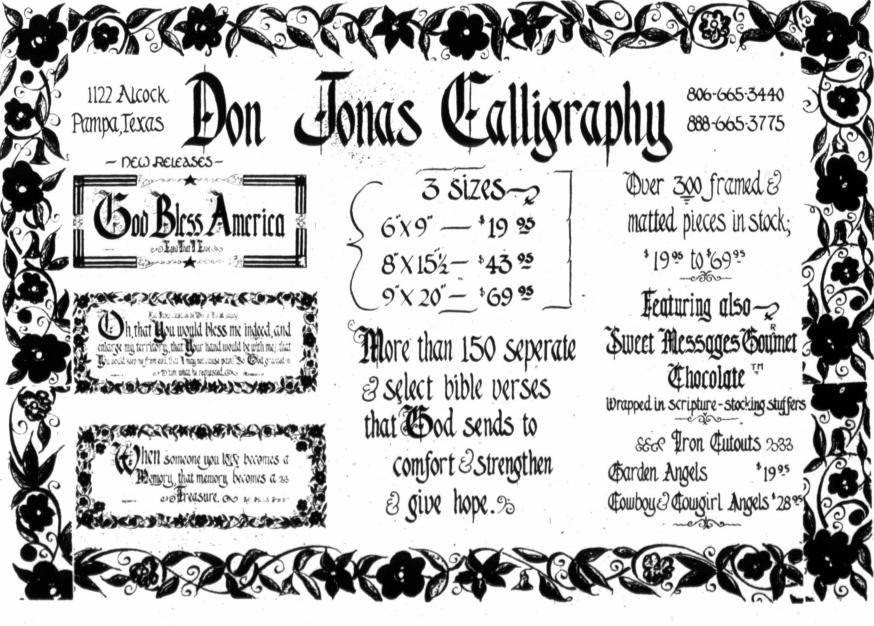
_evel playing field not in place

I must comment on an article on the front page of Monday's paper concerning the "Harry Potter" article. I heartedly agree with Mrs. Scothorn's opinion about the books. The author of these books is well known to practice witchcraft and that alone should make a loud statement. Do you hear the bell, folks? Whenever an author writes a novel, it usually contains circumstances from their own true lives they live or from past experiences they have had. RING! RING!

I also agree that if it is against the law of this land for a teacher, principal or any other school official to pray before a ball game or an assembly, then this teacher is breaking the law by teaching witchcraft in her classroom. The United States government has already established that witchcraft is a religion. Is this teacher allowed to have a Bible in her classroom to teach from? Is she allowed to say a prayer every morning before classes actually begin? Does she have a cross and a copy of the Ten Commandments in her classroom she can teach from?

If fair is fair, either teach the Bible also, or get rid of Harry Potter in the classroom and the entire school system!

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By L.M. SI Houston C

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Fast-food outlet cuts employee turnover rate

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON - If you go to a fast-food restaurant today and many of the employees.

Employees don't tend to stay for very long. It's hard, repetitive work that's not in the most glam- Chick-fil-A restaurants in The

Ready to go...

known for its enlightenment.

Ed Murray operates two outlets.

orous of settings, the hours are Woodlands, and annual turnover rants aren't open on Sundays. later he got a chance to buy the they're not happy with their erratic, and management isn't for him runs about 25 percent. nown for its enlightenment. Murray's experience with So it's unusual to see a fast-turnover isn't that much differfood restaurant come along that ent from the rest of the Atlantathen return six months later, manages to hold on to its based chain's 1,000 stores nationchances are you won't recognize employees. In fact, many who wide. And that compares with join a Chick-fil-A as teen-agers an average turnover rate of over end up owning their own stores. 100 percent at other fast-food

It helps a lot that the restau-

But it also helps that Murray makes the restaurant a nice place

Lots of managers talk about how much they care about their employees. But how many are like Murray, who goes to his employees' football games, soccer games and water polo match-

"It's not like they're twisting my arm to do it," said Murray, whose official title is operator, a lot about it, said Craig Rowley, promoted again to day manager. which is Chick-fil-A-speak for

Murray sets flexible work schedules, something rare in the industry. If a student wants to play football or participate on the debate team and it's too hard to balance his job and the team, Murray gives the student the semester off.

And students who go off to keeps them on the payroll and puts them back to work when they return for Christmas, spring break and the summer.

Scholarships provided

Murray also keeps many of his students working at the restaurant by giving each a \$250 scholarship each semester while they're attending college. That's on top of the \$1,000 scholarship Chick-fil-A gives.

D.J. Breazeale said the \$250 check helps him buy books and pay part of his tuition at Montgomery Junior College.

Murray also loads his employees into buses and sends them to Schlitterbahn and Splashtown for the day. And he takes them bowling, holds dinners for employees and hands out compact discs for doing a good job. Sabrina Prejean, 17, said she

really enjoyed the field trip to Splashtown in August. She also likes the free movie tickets that Murray hands out periodically. Murray is like many Chick-fil-

A operators, starting with the chain in San Antonio when he was 18. It was getting cold, Murray explained, and the lure of construction was beginning to

He put himself through college working at Chick-fil-A, and on his honeymoon he got a call asking if he'd like to take over a store in Houston. Three years

store in Greenspoint and then hours. bought the stores in The Voodlands.

Low turnover trims costs Chick-fil-A estimates it saved turnover low.

Surprisingly, other fast-food

vice president of the national service sector for the Hay Group in Dallas. Quick-service restaurants are

Rowley said. They work on fight schedules, and it really messes things up when someone wants Saturday afternoon off.

And it doesn't help that part- were chosen, college out of state? Murray just time employees, who typically aren't their families' primary income earners, can quit easily if Press

Breazeale said he never planned to stay so long at Chickfil-A. He joined the chain when he was a senior in high school, \$10 million last year by keeping but like many Chick-fil-A employees, he hasn't left.

He's been getting steady prorestaurants haven't put as much motions. After starting two years emphasis on reducing turnover. ago as a cashier and food bagger, Turnover is a big concern to he quickly became a team leader. the industry, but many don't do In October, the 20-year-old was

Over 50 percent of the chain's operators are former workers like Breazeale.

Murray is proud that four of somewhat hamstrung with the his employees are now operaflexibility they can provide, tors. Part of his job is to groom up-and-comers. And it helps to have that inside advantage. Last year, 10,195 people applied to be Chick-fil-A operators. Only 92

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A new Red Cross disaster vehicle was recently welcomed into service by local American Red Cross Director Jana Gregory and Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall. Energas donated the vehicle which has been refurbished and is ready for use in case of disaster in the area.

TPMHMR board approves lease agreement, members receive committee appointments

■ Chief Financial Officer J.T. Jolley addressed the board about the agency's billing system, and a lease agreement between TPMHMR and Moore County was approved for the use of the Moore County Annex in providing services to individuals with mental retardation.

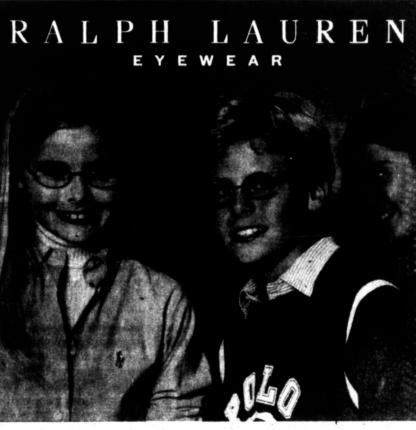
AMARILLO — Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation Board of Trustees recently convened its November meeting. During the meeting, the board heard from Ms. Anna Isom, director of Psychology Services, who discussed psychology services provided to clients with mental retardation.

Chief Financial Officer J.T. Jolley addressed the board about the agency's billing system, and a lease agreement between TPMHMR and Moore County Annex in providing services to Wellington.

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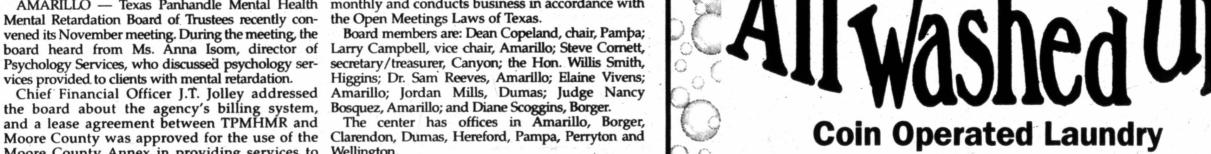
In other business, board chairman Dean Copeland appointed several board members to various committees, and a contract with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for the provision of psychiatric services to be offered by Dr. Barbara Rohland was approved. The board also reviewed its policies relating to the operation and oversight of the agency.

The nine-member board represents the citizens served by TPMHMR in the upper 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Its purpose is the provide over-sight for the operations of the agency. It meets monthly and conducts business in accordance with



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Dallas' last smallpox epidemic offers insights into challenges

By SHERRY JACOBSON The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — A kitchen worker at Parkland Hospital made Dallas medical history in 1939 when she toms that probably included a fever, headache, and rash.

Unwittingly, / the woman launched a smallpox epidemic in January that year that later spread to five newborns in the hospital nursery and to the city's poorest neighborhoods. By the time the final case was diagnosed that May, 82 people had been stricken with smallpox in Dallas County, two of them fatally.

It was just another epidemic to local health officials. But historically, it was the last smallpox the city would see before the disease was declared eradicated worldwide.

Today, as federal and local officials worry about what could happen if terrorists unleash a new smallpox epidemic, the dusty records of the Dallas outbreak 62 years ago crystallize the issues at stake.

It was a battle great and small. While whole families were quarantined, an infected but determined teen fought to go out dancing. As thousands of people were corralled for vaccinations, one pox-covered man traveled miles on public transit in search of treatment.

The 1939 outbreak shows how easily smallpox could get out of control, says Dr. Robert Haley, chief of epidemiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Still, there would be some differ-

'We couldn't say for sure that a terrorist attack would play out the era," Dr. Haley says.

For one thing, the strain of smallpox that hit Dallas in 1939 wasn't the more deadly kind. Instead of killing roughly a third of the people who developed the disease, the less-virulent strain causes only one. went to work with flulike symp- or two fatalities per 100 victims. Dr. Haley suspects terrorists would use the more deadly strain...

> "The terrorists aren't going to be dumb enough to give us the lessvirulent strain of smallpox," he surmises. "That would be a low mortality rate."

> The smallpox virus is believed to be all but impossible to obtain, with only two known supplies, in Russia and the United States. But still it is considered a bioweapon of choice because it causes such a highly contagious disease. The virus is spread primarily from person to person through the air on droplets from the breath, especially if the sick person is coughing. A person infected with the smallpox virus is most contagious after the fever has begun, usually 12 to 14 days after infection, and during the first week of the rash, which appears two or three days later.

> Smallpox epidemics plagued Europe and Asia until Edward Jenner developed a vaccine in 1796. But it would take until the late 1970s for a worldwide vaccination campaign to finally rid the planet of the disease. The last U.S. smallpox case was recorded in Hidalgo County in 1949.

Still, smallpox wasn't something that Dallas residents worried about much in the late 1930s. It was a time when children were required to be vaccinated against the virus in order to attend school. Most adults probably had been vaccinated, although many probably didn't bother to get additional shots to same way because the last epidem- sustain their immunity. In those ic happened in such a different days, the city would see occasional smallpox cases but not enough to

keep the old smallpox hospital

Officials had closed Union Hospital, known locally as "the pesthouse," a dozen years before the last epidemic hit Dallas. It was decided there was no need for an institution whose sole purpose was to isolate smallpox patients during the time they were contagious.

When the Parkland kitchen worker was found to have smallpox, local health officials tried to control the outbreak by vaccinating everyone who had come in contact with her. That meant her family and all of her co-workers, plus their close relatives if they hadn't been immunized.

Irregular periods may pose higher risk of diabetes

CHICAGO (AP) - Women with infrequent or very irregular menstrual periods face double the risk of developing adult-onset diabetes, a new study suggests.

Such cycles are common in women with a hormonal disorder called polycystic ovary syndrome, which previous research has linked to diabetes.

The 101,073 women studied weren't asked about the disorder. But because many participants with irregular cycles also had other symptoms of the hormonal disorder, the study bolsters the link between the disorder and diabetes, said lead researcher Dr. Caren Solomon of Harvard University's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Solomon said the study underscores the need for women and doctors to recognize "that these menstrual cycle characteristics are potentially a marker for other metabolic changes," such as polycystic ovary syndrome and diabetes, she said.

Women with infrequent or very irregular periods — those at least 40 days apart or too erratic to predict — should be evaluated for the hormone disorder and if it's diagnosed, should also be tested for diabetes, Solomon said.

Women who were the most overweight also were the most irregular and faced the highest diabetes risk.

That suggests that obesity — a known diabetes risk — rather than cycle irregularities can explain the findings, said Dr. Christopher Saudek, professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University and president of the American Diabetes Association

But Solomon said even normalweight women with irregular periods were more likely to develop diabetes than women with regular cycles.

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Most of the participants were white and 507 developed diabetes during the study. Whether similar results would be found in black women — who have higher rates of obesity and diabetes than whites — is uncertain, Solomon taken today.

"Mass vaccination is not going to be required initially," says Dr. Stuart Isaacs, an expert on pox viruses at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. "When things get out of hand is when those initial cases aren't recognized, such as the infants in the 1/8Parkland 3/8 nursery, and they begin passing smallpox on to others.

After the babies got sick, the Dallas health department concentrated on immunizing the city's black community because it represented the city's largest group of unvaccinated residents and was experiencing a disproportionate share of the early smallpox cases.

Health officials also asked employers to take charge of getting their black workers vaccinated. The effort included major hotels and households that employed black women as maids.

About two weeks into the 1939 outbreak, it became clear that the city couldn't control the spread of the disease unless it could force all of the infected people to stay home. With 17 confirmed cases including one man who refused to stay indoors citizens began demanding

ened to arrest every member of the strategies. Dr. J.W. Bass announced city where the patient could be

Another story in The Dallas Morning News told of a belligerent 16-year-old girl who was exposed to smallpox but tried nonetheless to sneak out to attend a dance. Officials threatened to get a court order to keep her home.

"I'm going anyway," the girl told her family, "not even smallpox is going to keep me away. I've been looking forward to this dance for a long time." She broke out with a County's population, were vaccirash the day of the dance. Whatever nated or revaccinated that year. happened after that appears lost to

How the government decides to quarantine people may prove to be the toughest issue of a future smallpox outbreak, offers retired Army nationally hardly enough if the dis-Gen. Dennis Reimer, who heads the Oklahoma City National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of

In 1939, when it became clear that

A similar approach would be that the city reopen its/smallpox quarantine wasn't working, the hospital. Instead, the police threat-city's health director changed patient's family unless they told the that every unvaccinated citizen needed to be protected from smallpox, news reports show, and the city flew in "113 pounds of vaccine" from Detroit.

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"We mean business in this epidemic," Dr. Bass was quoted as saying to The News. "We still have time to prevent a major epidemic if everyone will check up on his vaccination."

The availability of smallpox vaccine was not an issue. In all, about 135,000 people, a third of Dallas

Since then, the eradication of smallpox has meant that more than 100 million Americans have never been vaccinated, while only 15 million doses have been stockpiled ease swept the country anew.

"That brings up the second major policy issue," says Gen. Reimer, who was the Army's chief of staff Who declares when quarantine from 1995 to 1999. "How do you is necessary, and will it be volun- distribute a finite amount of vactary? Do you bring in the National cine? Who gets it and who does-

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Health briefs

Keep the kids in mind while meal planning

DALLAS - Including children in holiday meal planning and preparation will not only establish a new holiday tradition, but healthy eating habits as well, says Dr. Vickie Vaclavik, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Statistics show that 30 percent of children in the United States are overweight, and many meal plans are lacking vitamins A and C, calcium and iron," Vaclavik says. "Children learn by example. Seeing the preparation of healthier meals is a good idea and can be educational."

assist in preparing.

"It's also a good idea to use the Food Guide Pyramid. Try adding color, texture and differthe interest of your children," Vaclavik says.

Time to debunk cold-season myths

DALLAS — Your mother probably told you never to go outside with wet hair or you might catch a cold. But infectious disease experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say wet hair, cold temperatures or going without a coat outside can't cause a cold.

"Colds are caused by viruses transmitted person to person," says Daniel Skiest, associate professor of internal medicine. "Being outside with wet hair is not going to give you a cold."

A recent study found that

a cold is to wash your hands to ly remove tattoos with a low risk prevent spread of the virus through contact," he said.

coat or wet hair, doctors state that common sense should prevail. Dry your hair and button up your coat.

'Thin' may be sending wrong message

DALLAS - Psychiatrists report seeing patients with eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia nervosa at younger low and green, are more resisages than in the past. tant to the laser. Depending on Advertising and television may the tattoo's color and size, a peraccount in part for the trend.

Whole-grain baked breads and adult makeup and posing sugfruit desserts are some simple gestively in advertisements for girls in the pre-teen and early before getting one. teen years, says Dr. David Waller, a specialist in eating dis- A lesson for patients of ent shapes to the guide to spur orders and associate professor of all ages psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Waller suggests that parents first-graders. be alert to any sign that their. Doctors at UT Southwestern child may be developing an eating disorder. The signs include an obsession with food and/or exercise; wearing clothing that disguises the body; spending less time with friends and on formerly pleasant pastimes; frequent trips to the bathroom especially after meals; dieting; and changes in sleep patterns.

Tattoos may leave lasting impressions ...

DALLAS — For many college students getting a tattoo is a right of passage and symbol of self-expression. But once young nearly half of the people sur- adults enter the corporate world, veyed thought they could catch the once-favored symbol may

Dr. Jeffrey Kenkel, vice chair-

of scarring.

"A tattoo artist uses a needle

Even if you can't catch a cold to rupture the epidermis, or from going outside without a upper layer of the skin, and deposit pigment below the surface," Kenkel says. Lasers produce short impulses

of intense light that pass through these layers of the skin and are selectively absorbed by the tattoo pigment. The laser breaks up the pigment, which is absorbed by the immune system. Certain pigments, such as yel-

son must undergo six to 10 ses-Thin, teen-age girls wearing sions before it is completely removea.

Kenkel says tattoos are meant holiday treats that children can glamorize unhealthy bodies and to be permanent, and that's an unhealthy attitudes, especially important fact to remember

DALLAS — Following the directions isn't just a lesson for

Medical Center at Dallas say that failure to follow directions on medicine bottles can be a medical problem.

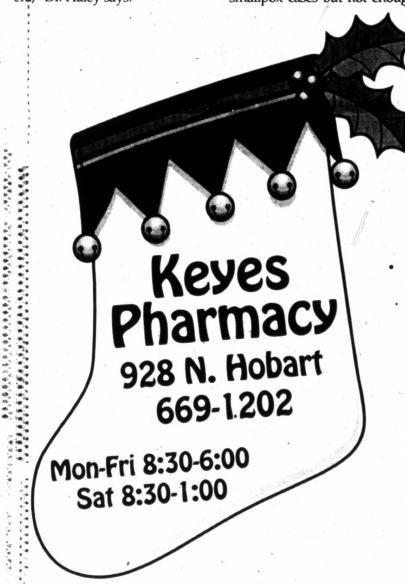
"Many people do try over-thecounter medicine to treat what ails them," says Dr. Kurt Kleinschmidt, associate professor of emergency medicine. "Unfortunately, attempts at home treatment often fail because people don't follow the directions listed on the medicine bottle.'

It sounds simple, but taking the right amount of medicine at the right time intervals can mean the difference between treatment success and failure.

"If you don't take a medicaisn't given a fair chance to work," he says. "Even when









this same article titled "District officials express pig farm, water con-

LETTERS

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And as for the "Harry Potter" books in the library, lets get rid of all of them. We have gotten rid of books such as "Little Black Sambo" (which, in my opinion, we should have) and other such books that play on the downside of other cultures. We can legally downplay and outlaw Christianity in our schools, but we need to make the playing field fair by getting rid of "Harry Potter" in our schools and

Mrs. Scothorn said "PMS Principal Tim Powers had told her the children did not have to take part in the assignment if their parents did not want them to." Now isn't that convenient! If one child feels Christian prayer in schools is offensive, well, that child is not exempt from the classroom while prayer is being said. We have to outlaw that practice across the whole United States to satisfy that child. I believe that putting these children in a different classroom whose parents object to "Harry Potter" are no less important than the children whose parents objected to Christian prayer.

And the last statement I wish to comment on comes from the fifth paragraph from the bottom of the article, and I will quote the entire paragraph. "Harry is a hero that the kids can identify with," Hanna explained. "He's powerless at first." Well, aren't we powerless about a lot of things at first?

Gynelle King

Figures for stagnation grim, future for area not bright

To the editor,

In the paper, I've been reading comments from all these "experts" telling us how they figure 26 low-paid workers from a pig farm wouldn't make any difference in our economy.

Of course, the hog farm people tell us it will be 45 workers. I've called people in both our city and county government and tax offices about some statistics, and I've estimated the impact of one employee at \$8 per hour working 45-hours per week, plus having a wife or girlfriend working 30-hours per week at Wal-Mart at \$5.50 per hour, and with one school-age child. (I've rounded the figures.)

One employee: \$8/hour x 45 hours x 48 weeks = \$17,280 per year + Social Security tax of \$1,123 = \$16,156.

One wife: $$5.50/hour \times 30 hours \times 48 weeks = $7,920 per year + SS$ tax of \$514.80 = \$7,405.

Total: \$23,561 a year.

House rent: \$23,561 - 4,800 (to landlord) = \$18,761. House taxes \$400 per year x 26 workers = \$10,400 in taxes. Minus \$4,000 (non-taxable expenses) from \$18,761 and you get \$14,761 x .065 (city tax) equals \$959 x 26 workers equals \$24,934 (equal one city employee. Water and sewer income: $$60/month \times 12 = $720 \times 26 \text{ workers}$

\$18,720. One child in school: \$2,900 in state aid x 26 workers = \$75,400(equals two teachers.)

Overall possible benefit of 26 area workers: House rent (\$124,800); city taxes for 26 houses (\$10,400); water and sewer/26 houses (\$18,720); city sales tax/26 families (\$24,929); total benefit to city for 26 new employees - \$178,849. Twenty-six children in school aid equals $$2,900 \times 26 = $754,400$.

Now I dare any of you expert anti-growth people to come with any closer figures of how much effect just one new area employee has on our town. If you think my figures are too high, cut it in half, and it's

I know you people will say I didn't figure in their income taxes, or I figured the city tax on their rent houses wrong. I can tell you, people at this low-income level don't pay much income tax, and without people, all of these rent houses will be abandoned in a few years, be declared of no value; consequently, the city will stop collecting taxes on them because no one lives in them. This is just at the first level of spending, since they say every dollar turns over at least seven times.

The bottom line is, one employee means approximately \$4,800 to some house owner per year. The bottom line is the city makes \$720 per year in sewer and water fees and \$958 in sales tax. The bottom line is our school makes \$2,900 per child per year in state aid. What are your figures for stagnation?

Calvin Lacy Pampa

Moral: Everyone should practice what they preach

Well, it looks like we are talking about facts again. Now, this time I do agree with Susan Tripplehorn on a couple of things. The first thing being that everyone should extend a little effort and educate themselves. The second thing I agree with her on is that you should call some of the numbers in her editorial and ask questions.

I know the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District in White Deer will tell you there has never been any water contamination from 'animal lagoon systems such as these,' because there have never been any lagoon systems such as these in this area before. But if you read their article on Oct. 16th, you would know that Ray Brady made this quote: "The question is not is (the waste lagoon) going to leak? It's when is it going to leak and how much? That's a given." In

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POX

in the 1939 outbreak involved the than notify those cities and states of 12th victim diagnosed with smallpox. The man, identified as 23-yearold Lee Stafford, broke out in a rash today if smallpox reappears, conwhile working in Corpus Christi. En route to his home in Dallas, he was turned away from public hospitals in San Antonio and Austin because he was not a resident of Georgetown, took a bus to Dallas, and, finally, a streetcar to Parkland, where he was placed in isolation.

The city's health officials immediately began searching for all the people who had crossed his path and could have been infected. Press

Some of the passengers on the bus had gotten off in Dallas, but others continued on to other places, so Perhaps the most telling episode Dallas officials could do little more what was heading their way. And that's even more likely to happen cludes Gen. Reimer.

"We are a much more mobile society than we were in 1939 when you consider the number of people who go through Dallas-Fort Worth aireither city. So he thumbed a ride to ports," he says. "If someone were to spread the smallpox virus there, it would become worldwide very quickly. "And if that happens, we're going to have to act very quickly."

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cerns," they state they are forwarding their concerns to the TNRCC. Now we all know that Dr. Auvermann makes his living designing lagoon systems, so we all know how he feels about them. The Texas Cattle Feeders may not have too much to say about lagoons, as their lagoons systems are designed for a different purpose. Now, a feedlot uses a lagoon for rain run-off. If you ever go by one, you will see the cattle standing on mountains of manure. The feedlot doesn't use thousands of gallons of water a day to flush all this manure into their

Dairies don't keep 8,000 cattle cooped up in pens inside buildings from birth to finish, so they have much less manure to wash into their lagoon. And if Mrs. Triplehorn would have been listening to any of the information given to her and the PEDC over the last few months, she would know that the feces from hogs is much more dangerously contaminating than cattle feces.

Mrs. Tripplehorn stated that these "anti" groups aren't going to stop with hogs. I am not sure where she got her information on this, because I am a member of one of these so called "anti" groups, and we have no problem with feedlots or dairies, except that the dairies don't seem to be a good investment for Pampa.

She says that Dale Roth has no background in livestock operations. Maybe so, but he does have background in lagoon systems. In the three years Mrs. Tripplehorn has been working at getting these dairies to come here and take our free money, was she studying lagoons? If Mrs. Tripplehorn has become such an expert in CAFOs in the last three years, why didn't the dairy consult her instead of the PEDC spending \$15,000 on a consulting firm? I would think a suc-

cessful dairy relocating would know how to operate a dairy, and not

need the PEDC to hire a consultant for them. Another thing I would like for someone to show me is: Any kind of organic material you go to the store and buy to put on your lawn, flower beds, or any other place around your house that shows on the label that it contains hog waste.

I have a background in gardening and landscaping, and have gone to college for all phases of amending soil conditions and safe chemical handling, and I know they don't put pig poop in any compost, or fertilizer. I wish I knew where these facts came from.

This is the same person who got up at the first meeting with the NPD and told us we don't have a fly problem in the Texas Panhandle because we don't have trees and enough moisture in the air. This is the same person who told everyone at a PEDC meeting that all the lawsuits against Smithfield foods had been dropped. Not the facts at

I don't know how others feel about getting told "get the facts" by someone who so obviously doesn't practice what they preach, but I take a little offense to it.

Tom McCracken

Israel's right to self-defense ...

(This is an open letter addressed to U.S. Representative Larry Combest, R-Texas.) Dear Rep. Combest,

Please find enclosed another Ben Sargent cartoon along with my first Merle Miller follow-up letter to be sent to all newspapers within this area. Also, an article by Benjamin Netanyahu entitled "This Is Israel's Fight Too.

So far our president gets an A in my grade book! The immigration policy is not of his making nor is the Arab versus Jewish problem! However, the offer to Arafat for a "state" while his terrorists were murdering the minister of the Israel Cabinet should serve as a lesson to all the so-called experts around our president. Israel has the right

2. We have no right to demand they "pull back." 3. They are our best friend and ally ... You dumb nitwits should wake up before we get

Not long ago Netanyahu wrote an article for the W.S.J. telling us how to fight this war. "Go after the ships of State from which these kamikazes call home"! Please listen to me, for it's your immigration policy which got us into this mess. Also, I would have thought that you would have woke up after the first bombing of the World Trade

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Towers! What a bunch of dumb idiots ... You get an F!
The Farm Security Act of 2001 should be labeled "The Government Bureau and Corporate Farm Welfare Act of 2001!" Also, your statement that you thought insurance should play a key role in solving our farm problems, tells me how very little you know about the farm insurance business. Hey! just try to collect for a crop loss! If I were in ? charge, I would have fired you, Phil, and Kay Bailey on Sept. 12, 2001, and rightfully so! I'm mad as hell!

John D. Seaman

Student seeking information about Lonestar State

My name is Karina. I am from Mount Vernon, Wash. Our class is researching states. I would much appreciate it if anyone reading this who has the time would to send me a letter or postcard telling about

Send mail to: Karina 5H, Madison Elementary School Library, 907 E. Fir St., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273.

Karina V.

Mount Vernon

RRC issues propane safety reminders

AUSTIN — The Texas trained service technician." Railroad Commission is reminding Texans of winter propane safety procedures now that colder temperatures any gas equipment, or if a gas have arrived.

"Most of the state received the season's first blast of winter weather recently," said Chairman Michael L. Williams. "And while the drastic drop in the temperature came as a surprise to some, it means now is the perfect time to make sure cle or area. Move everyone every member of your family away without using any elecis up to speed on propane safe-

"An estimated one-half million Texas homes use efficient the propane tank or cylinder. propane as their primary energy source," Commissioner Charles R. Matthews said. reliability and safety for you phone.

and your family this winter." to do if you smell a propane open or turn on the propane leak is critical to ensuring your supply valve. Do not re-enter safety," Commissioner Tony the building, camper or RV or Garza added. "Texans should area. Let a qualified propane familiarize themselves with service technician and/or basic safety guidelines and emergency personnel check for have their propane equipment escaped propane. regularly inspected by a (See, RRC, F

If you think you smell propane in your home, camper, RV or the area around alarm signals the presence of propane, the Texas Railroad Commission suggests that you immediately:

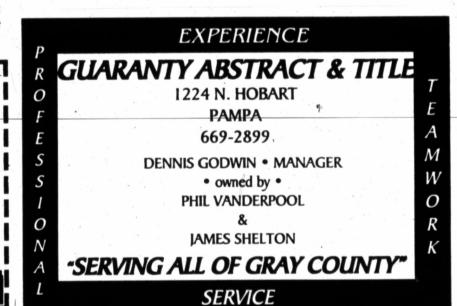
-Extinguish all smoking materials and any other open flames or sources of ignition.

-Vacate the building, vehitric switches, appliances, thermostats, or telephones.

—Close the supply valve on Turn the valve to the right as far as it will go.

—Call your propane suppli-"Knowing what to do if you er and/or your local fire smell propane and think you department from a cellular may have a leak will insure telephone or a neighbor's tele-

-Even if you do not contin-"Knowing in advance what ue to smell propane, do not





egacy of Phebe Worley still felt in area

Henry Worley, the first sheriff of Clay County, and his wife, Phebe Allan Jackson Worley, were living on their ranch near Henrietta, the county seat, when the challenge of the panhandle reached into central Texas. In 1882, the Worleys bought a ranch Wildorado Hereford. The land lay south of buried Henry in Charlie, Texas, Wildorado on the west bank of the Terra Blanco Draw (Buffalo the herd to the panhandle ranch. Lake). The Worleys filed on the Eleven days after Henry was Burt, Inez and Amanda.

Henry went back to settle the Phebe continued to operate the ranch sale in Henrietta, and to ranch with the help of the fore-

(near Wichita Falls) and brought

Museum Mementos

White Deer Land Museum

land and built a dugout for killed, the cowboys arrived with Phebe and their three children, S. the cattle and told Phebe about the accident.

to open barbed wire gates that pastures. separated the Occasionally Indians came by they were not hostile as they wanted only food.

Phebe kept a house in Amarillo when the children were attending school. Inez and Amanda continued school in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School. Inez married Frank Moore Carter, and Amanda married Earnest Elzy Reynolds.

Phebe became increasingly dissatisfied with the location of the Wildorado ranch — the blizzards were devastating and the flat prairie land offered no protection for the cattle. Phebe, with her sonin-law, Earnest Reynolds, and her foreman, Albert Combs, decided to partner on land that was more rolling. They went to where north of oil well Wilcox No. 1. Phebe's brother and sister-in-law,

The transaction was for 13 secest in four sections.

Wildorado, with the drive taking first oil well in Gray County was for those who worked on the about three weeks. A new house the Wilcox No. 1 Worley- site. stock barns, corrals and other Block 3, I&GN Survey. car accident, she realized the shelters. Amanda had a good Completed on Jan. 31, 1925, the need for another hospital in garden and planted fruit trees well was completed at 3,000 feet Pampa. With Dr. J.C. McKean, tank overflow.

sled on the snow-covered hills. ranch. Sometimes cows were so weak

This train was headed for the Wilcox refinery during a snowstorm. The refinery was located on the Combs-Worley Ranch. The track was set down three miles

William and Emma Jackson, had would bottle-feed them. Earnest selling milk, cream and butter Pampa's tallest and largest strucadjoining land from the White mule-drawn turning plow — cattle. Deer Land Co. at about \$2.50 per "land full of prairie dogs and rattlesnakes.

The cattle were driven from held the lease for 50 years. The was hauling water to the oil field in the first 24-hour test. It settled Hospital that opened in 1931 at Winter times were still hard. to be a 60-barrel producer before 402 W. Francis. Her name was Feed was put up in bundles in it was capped in 1980. Wilcox over the door of private room the summer and fed to stock in built a refinery, which ceased number 10 which she personally the winter by pulling a wooden operations in the 1940s, on the furnished.

from freezing, and Amanda cow!" However, she continued earth yielded in the shape of p.13, and other sources.)

settled four miles straight west of continued to develop the land, for years, using the money to ture. Lefors. The partners bought the breaking out the sod with a improve the orchard and herd of

Earnest and Amanda, was wash-

Also in 1931, the Combs-Phebe was milking a cow Worley Building at 120 W. that they were "on the lift," and when she was told that the first Kingsmill was completed to had to be "tailed up" ... rolled on oil well in Gray County had house the Combs-Worley ranch

Frank Moore "Buster" Carter is the great-grandson of Phebe Henry Reynolds, son of Worley and the grandson of Inez Carter. As the major stockholder When oil activity began in the ing dishes after school in a in the First State Bank of Miami, tions — Albert Combs being area of Gray County, Phebe Pampa cafe when oil men rushed he started a branch of the bank at partner in nine sections, and leased land to F. Wilcox Oil and in yelling, "We've got it! It's a Pampa in April 1998. The Earnest Reynolds one-half inter- Gas Co., an independent compa- well." Amanda was cooking for entrance to First State Bankny out of Oklahoma, and Wilcox the oil field hands and Earnest Pampa Branch is on the Kingsmill Avenue side of the Combs-Worley Building.

Over the entrance to the buildand cellar were built, along with Reynolds well in Section 62, After Phebe was injured in a ing on the Russell Street side are two distinctive cattle brands, the Rafter T-Bar for Combs and the 0-40 for Worley. Inside are some disthat were watered with the stock and produced 100 barrels of oil she helped to finance the Worley play cases on the south side of the corridor. One of these shows pictures of Phebe Worley and Albert Combs; a picture of the Combs-Worley Building ca 1930-31; the Combs-Worley ranch house in the 1930s; a saddle used by Albert Combs on many cattle trails; and a dress, hat and shoes worn by Phebe Jackson Worley, who was born in 1857 and died in 1937.

(From the story of Earnest and Amanda Reynolds in "Gray County new baby calves to keep them "I'll never milk another damn to "put back part of what the Heritage," FOCUS, Summer 1992,

Inez Carter, center, wore Phebe Worley's dress to to a sled and brought into the "blown in" on her land. The fam- and oil interests and Pampa pro-Altrusa Club's "Red Garter Saloon" fun night on Oct. barn for better food and shelter. ily story goes that she threw fessions and businesses. Albert 15, 1973. Above: (I-r) Kathy Zaph, Carter and Mary

Earnest Reynolds would bring in down her bucket and exclaimed, Combs and Phebe Worley wanted McDaniel.

The foreman and cowboys from Amarillo by train, stopping

start gathering his herd to move. man, Albert Combs, and the He and some of his cowboys other ranch hands. The first railwere driving the cattle across road west was the Rock Island country when Henry fell from that evidently came near their his horse and died as a result. land. They traveled to the ranch

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Texas Gun and Knife Show coming to Amarillo Civic Center

AMARILLO — On Dec. 15-16, the Texas Gun and Knife Association will present its 2001 "Holiday Gun and Knife Center.

Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Amarillo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade guns, knives and accessories. "These items you simply can't find every day," explains Don Hill, president of the Association. "And even if you could, you certainly couldn't find them all together in one place at one time like this."

Hill expects scores of exhibitors to participate in the upcoming show, and he himself will be available to visit with the public during the

Knife Show, guns and knives American and military memo- bird special will be offered durwill be just a part of the picture rabilia. For the ladies, gold and ing the first hour of each day's at the Amarillo show. There jewelry will be featured as well. show — admission will be two-Show" at the Amarillo Civic will also be a great selection of Show hours are from 9 a.m.-5 for-the-price-of-one. Children

wildlife art, historical artifacts, p.m., Saturday and from 10 under 12 get in free.

As in every Texas Gun and "Texana" items and Native a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. An early

Sisemore to speak at WTAMU fall commencement

Mayor Trent Sisemore, a 1985 graduate of West Texas A&M for six years before being applied for December gradua-University, will deliver the elected to a two-year term as tion. Graduation guests, grad-University's commencement the city's mayor in 2001. address at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 at the Amarillo Civic Center Amarillo Cal Farley Coliseum.

Sisemore, who earned a degree in economics, is general manager of Jack Sisemore Traveland and music director at San Jacinto Baptist Church

Amarillo in Amarillo. He served as an an airline transport pilot. Amarillo city commissioner

> mittee of the Amarillo lowing commencement. Chamber of Commerce Board Council for the Deaf.

black belt and is IA jet rated as Center.

More than 520 students have uates, family and friends are He is president of the invited to attend a reception Executive sponsored by the WTAMU Association and serves as a Alumni Association in the member of the executive com- Grand Plaza immediately fol-

WTAMU graduation cereof Directors. Sisemore is also monies are held each May, active on the Amarillo Prayer August and December. The Breakfast Committee and the Dec. 14 ceremony will mark Texas Good Roads Board. He the last time for a WTAMU also served a term as president graduation to be conducted at of the Amarillo Speech and the Amarillo Civic Center. Hearing Center, Panhandle Future commencement exercises will be at the Sisemore holds a third degree University's new Event



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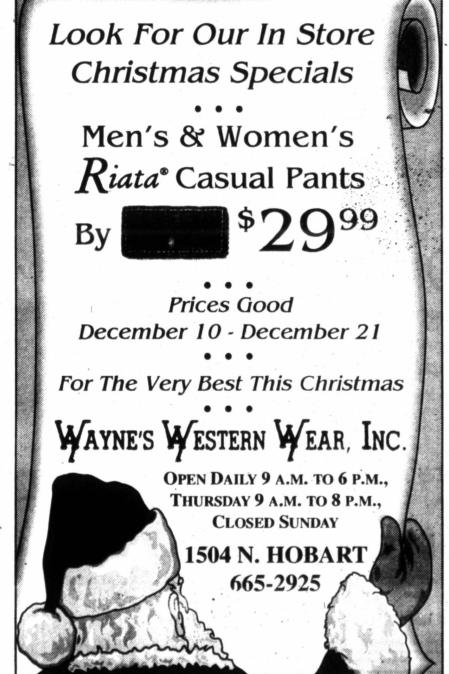
-Have a properly trained propane service technician repair any leaks detected. The service or emergency technician should determine that the leak situation has been fully solved. The propane service

technician should check all of your gas appliances and re-

light any appliance pilots. -Return to the building, camper, RV or area only when the service or emergency technician indicates it is safe to do

To help consumers properly use propane-fueled appliances, the Commission of Texas offers a free safety brochure entitled "Home Safe Home." Copies are available in both English and Spanish and can be obtained by contacting the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division tollfree at 1-800-64-CLEAR (1-800-642-5327).

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) is charged with researching and educating Texans about propane and other environmentally beneficial fuels.



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Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation announces new 'TEXAS' artistic director

CANYON - Texas Panhandle Ceremonies. The list goes on. Heritage Foundation, the nonly announced the addition of L. Lynn Hart as the new artistic director for the musical's upcom-

Hart brings with him a global and talented resume including a long-term history with "TEXAS" itself. Most recently his position as creative director for the Jack Morton Co. showcased his skills in the 2000 Winter Goodwill World Games, held in Raleigh, N.C., and the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in Madinah, Saudi Arabia.

Hart's long list of credits nclude Walt Disney American Adventure attraction at Epcot, writing a book and lyrics for two original musicals ("Ebenezer," and "Luna Park"), tion numbers for the 2000 Winter tion of new Corporate and

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Of his future plans for the profit producer of the outdoor musical drama, Hart stated, "It musical drama "TEXAS" recent-needs to be a professional quality presentation with down home approachability. People should be cheering one moment, and fighting back a lump in their throat the next. They should be awed and amazed at the special effects, while at the same time feeling they know the cast like a group of old friends. They should have a foot stompin' good old time full of laughs and Games in Lake Placid, N.Y, the surprises, yet feel they've 1999 Special Olympics Summer learned a bit about the history and heritage of the region as

Along with the introduction of this new company member, 2002 and "TEXAS" will introduce to you its new state-of-the art Disney sound and light booth, new crea-Imagineering, writing the lyrics ture comforts, new creative tal-"Golden Dream" for the ent, new magic and much, much

A greater respect for the cattleman and American Indian will reflect a more accurate historical and music and lyrics for produc- peak into the past. With the addi-Goodwill Games Opening Business Packages as well as Celebration, and 1999 Special Senior Citizen discounts, includ-Olympics World Summer Games ing the popular Summer Closing Vacation Packages program,

"TEXAS" will continue to provide an assortment of ticketing and vacation options to accommodate every visitors needs.

The Summer / Vacation Packages promote one stop shopping at its best and again returns to help those busy travelers schedule a fun, enjoyable and extended stay in the panhandle.

Continued contributions through sponsorships with AQHA, Gebo's and Wrangler, Coca-Cola and Wells Fargo Bank, and partnerships with such family members as West Texas A & M University and the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum reconfirm that "TEXAS" remains a valued part of this enriched and growing community.

"TEXAS" is already actively booking dates for 2002, with group sales already reflecting a gain over the previous season in paid reservations. In order to comfortably accommodate the new and specialized Corporate and Business Packages, early reservations are suggested.

WT foundation holds election

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University Foundation elected three new members to serve on its board of directors at the Annual Meeting and Donor Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Don Paxton of Amarillo, Charles Sammann of Lake Tanglewood and Steve Walton of Amarillo will serve 3-year terms on the board.

Paxton co-founded Systems Advisory Group Enterprises, Inc., a computer security software company. Sammann is the president of

Backyard Adventures, a familyowned company that manufacturers outdoor playsets for chil-

Walton is a partner in the Neely Craig & Walton Insurance The WTAMU Foundation is

the University's primary fund-raising vehicle, and with endowed assets of \$11.4 million it now funds more than 200 student scholarships annually, according to Pat Hill Cathcart, executive director of develop-

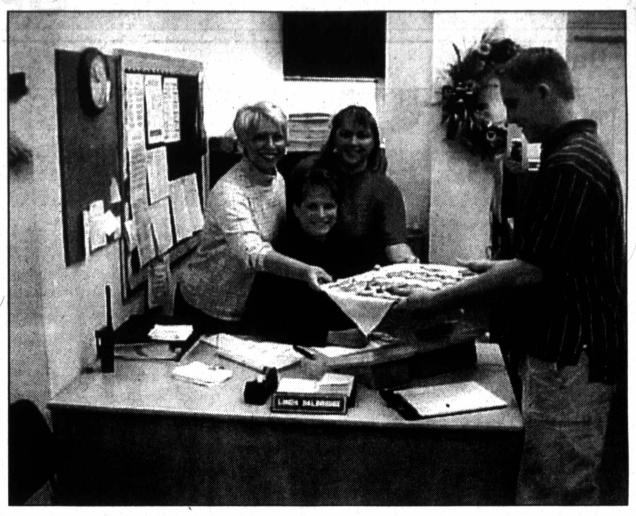
Foundation donors contributed more than \$1.3 million in the fiscal year 2000-2001.

Beckley, Robert Foundation president, presided over the annual meeting, and University President Dr. Russell commended Foundation for all it does to support the University.

Board members re-elected to their positions were Don Albrecht, Robert Beckley, Gary Hinders and Tisha Ware.

For more information about the WTAMU Foundation, contact Cathcart at (806) 651-2066.

Holiday treats



Tempting the taste buds! Second period Food Science Technology classes at Pampa High School recently prepared an assortment of cookies which sent sweet aromas throughout the building. Tommy Abernathy delivered some samples to the office staff. Above: Abernathy, Belinda Elms, LaLinda Baldridge and Melody Youree.

Lefors ISD honor roll

the second six-weeks grading period of the 2001-02 Lee Smith, Kolton D'Wayne Boaz, Seth Zachary school year.

A Honor Roll

Andrew Hayden Morriss, Spencer Hagen Nicholson, Jeffrey Kyle Smith, Ashley L. Towe, Taylor Wayne Ray, Seth Edward Scully, Meira Rhiannon Vaid, Shayley Renee Morriss, Joseph Cameron Barnes, Dani Michelle Law, Brittney Nicole Coombes, Ashlyn Denea Johnson, Gabriel Heath Miller, Amanda Rena Lawrence.

Hannah Dawn Maness, Amanda Marie Ponce, Stubbs, Alicia Whitehead, Nicholas Andrew Miller, Andis, Kayla Renee Boaz, Stacy Lavada Crump. Trenton Keith Roberson, Gareth Akash Vaid, Marie Schwab, Dee J. Preston

AB Honor Roll

Hayden Morriss, Story Lumae Pairsh, Kaittlynne Garcia, Laraine Lynn Hess, Cory Kevin Jackson, Michelle Porter, Dennis W. Sprouse, Kambra Jeann Joshua Dean Jackson, Angela Michelle Mullen, Boaz, Austin Hardy Brooks, Matthew Denton, Joshua Caleb Barnes, Virginia Ginny Nosek, Linda Sharon Brooke Franks, Casey Pine' Graham, Marie Searcy.

Lefors ISD recently announced its honor roll for Stormy Howard, Brenden Chase Kimbley, Roger Fry, Keenan J. Santacruz, Ashley Nicole Shephard.

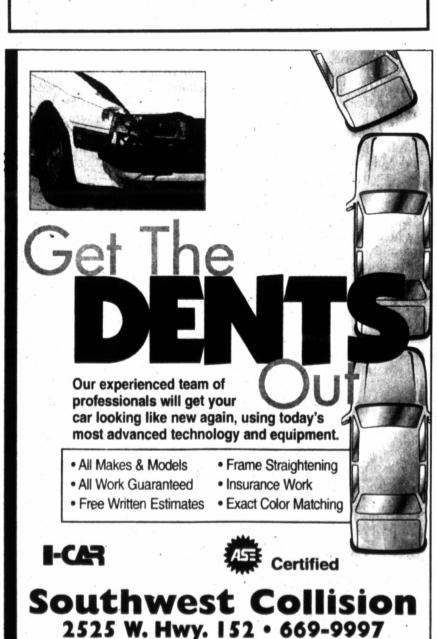
Haley Jeannette Smith, James Arun Vaid, Daniel, James Wariner, Kyle Lee Boaz, Christina Marie Cook, Amanda Helfer, Emily Joann Jackson, Rebecka Jovce Lawrence, Brandon Kyle Mcbee, Summer Morris, Julianna Rebecca Schuneman, Aaron Keith Spotts, Valerie Brooke Willis, Henry Nathaniel Withers, Chad Trey Kent, Victoria M.; Meeks, Jeremy Lucas Sprouse, Ethan E. Towe, Robert Lynn Wallen, Chelsea Adkins, Jerad Dafydd Vaid, Jacob Rudy Garcia, Lindsay Gail Marshall Andis, Chelsea Michele Cox, Dustin Duckworth, Drake Evan Jackson, Rachael May Michael Johnson, Tanner Michael Ray, Kayla Marie

Matthew Taylor Daugherty, Courteney Ann Gee, Katherine Jeanette Barnes, Dennis J. Boyd, Amanda Samantha Renae Ceniceros, James Lee Elrod, Lea Daugherty, Zachary Levi Lafawn Kidd, Sarah William Ryan Lewis, Andrew Ryan Jennings, Andrew Wiley Klein, Brandi Jo Ponce, Savanah Jeanine Smith, Erasmo Jesus Soto, Rickey Dee Bradley Bowden, Ryan Chase Holt, Andrew Vaughn, Mase Ryan Furgerson, Joshua Ryan

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County Judge Richard Peet and secretary Sandra

Martin admire the Gray County Centennial orna-

ment, designed locally to commemorate the

County's 2002 centennial celebration. The 24-karat

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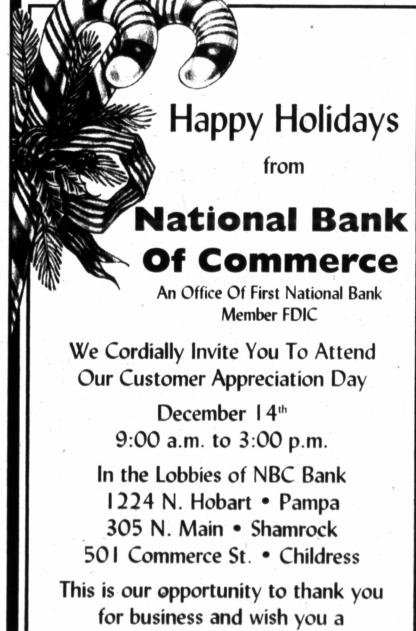
facturers of the State of Texas ornaments) sells for

\$10 and is available for purchase at Rheams

Diamond Shop, 111 N. Cuyler. All proceeds will benefit the Centennial fund. The next Centennial

Committee meeting is scheduled at 5 p.m.,

Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Chamber of Commerce.

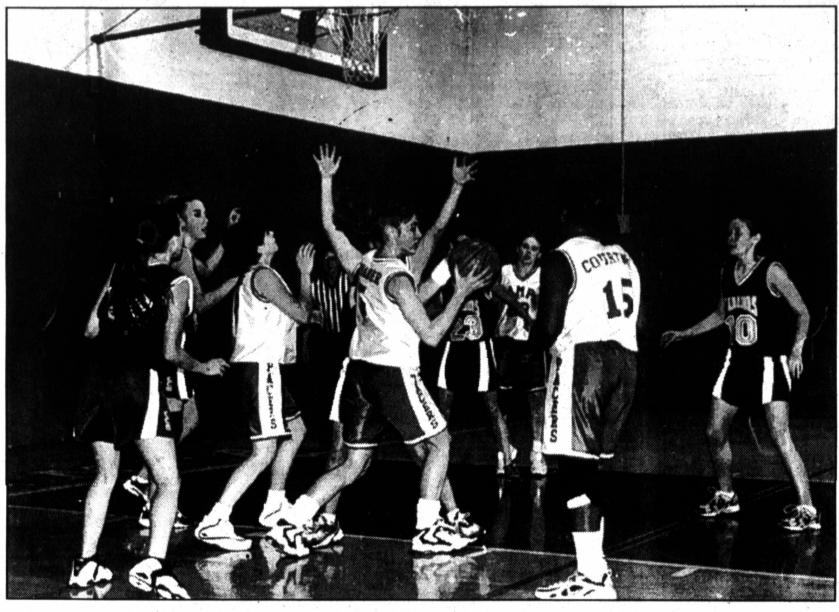


Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



SPORTS

Ball control



Kendra Raber (5) of the Pampa Lady Pacers controls the basketball against Hereford Community Christian School in high school basketball action Friday night at the middle school gym. Looking on is Raber's teammate Courtney Echols (15). The Lady Pacers defeated Hereford 64-21. The Pacers also won the boys game 67-32. The Pampa Academy of Christian Education teams play Tuesday at Plainview Christian School.

Harvesters drop a close contest against Graham

VERNON — It was a close Friday. over Pampa in the Vernon points for Groom. Invitational.

The Harvesters played Maroon Bracket.

29 points to lead Graham over Boys Ranch. against the Harvesters. Dane White Deer's scoring lead-

changes in the game, but 18. Childress scored 9 of the last A. Jones had 12 points for 11 points to claim the victory. the losers. James Silva scored 15

ing. Ryan Zemanek and Max defeated Spearman 62-44. Simon added 11 points each. Pampa's record is 5-7. Graham is 3-5.

ing in the Silver Bracket, lost to Harrold 51-35 Friday in the consolation round.

for Harrold and Garrett Robertson

contest all the way, but Laura Trahern was high Graham pulled away at the scorer for Borger with 16/ end for a 58-54 win Friday points. Candace Bohr had 19

Childress Saturday in the SUNRAY — White Deer consolation round of the boys, entered in the Sunray Tournament, opened the Casey Kirkland tossed in tournament with a 77-46 win

Harper chipped in 8 points. ers were Matt Henderson There were 21 lead with 25 points and Nick Ball

The Bucks advanced to the points to lead Pampa in scor- winner's bracket Friday and

Brian Knocke had 17 points and Dustin Harper 15 to lead White Deer. The Groom boys, compet- Spearman's Beedy had 14.

The White Deer girls are entered in the Lockney Classic. They lost to Justin Butler had 14 points Petersburg 52-31 Friday.

Britten had 13 for the Tigers. Petersburg with 12 points. In the girls division, Cassie Petty led the Does Groom lost to Borger 55-46 with 11 points.

TCU earns bowl spot with win over So. Mississippi

into the quarterback TCU expect- first time in five years.

Mississippi on Friday night.

The Horned Frogs finished penalties for 118 yards. with two straight victories to Houston on Dec. 28.

came out in front of a hostile weeks ago. crowd, on national television, and did what needed to be a done."

Printers passed for 1,159 yards games. and eight touchdowns in TCU's last four games.

said. "He still has some orneritions in TCU territory. ness to him, but the bottom line the season."

The Golden Eagles (6-5, 4-3)

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — lost their final two games and TCU 32, Kelly's wobbly pass going to me a lot," said Hilliard, beat some good teams,"

Frogs are headed to a bowl game. passes, rushed for 28 yards and before catching it while lying on the TCU 14, Printers and Madise Miss single-season completion been able to do some great Printers threw for 274 yards was at his best on third-and-long. his back at the 14. and a touchdown, and ran for Six times he converted on third- Kelly was hit on the play, but touchdown that gave the Horned Kelly finished with 214 and now, though, it's pretty tough to another score to lead TCU to a and-5 or longer, four on passes looked up just in time to see 14-12 victory over Southern and twice running, helping the Hilliard's juggling catch. Horned Frogs overcome 16

Adrian Madise caught six the gallery furniture.com Bowl in and a touchdown for the Horned "We wanted to play in another rations alive with a victory over down with 8 seconds left. bowl game," Printers said. "We /C-USA champ Louisville two

Madise finished what he called straight 100-yard receiving performance.

Jeff Kelly was 20-for-37 for 224 yards and a touchdown in his our defense pulled it out." "Casey is starting to mature," final game for Southern Miss, but first-year coach Gary Patterson threw three second-half intercep-

is he grew up in the last part of onds left and the Golden Eagles

driving. On a second-and-5 from the

Casey Printers has developed will miss the postseason for the sailed high over the middle and who had two interceptions. hit TCU's Kenneth Hilliard in the

"Your heart falls when you see that," Kelly said.

TCU avenged last season's 28gain a spot against Texas A&M in passes for a career-high 177 yards 21 loss to Southern Miss in the the ball with his right hand, shed GMAC Bowl. In that game, Kelly Frogs, who kept their bowl aspi- threw a game-winning touch-

> Kelly completed a 34-yard pass play of the last drive that had "crazy season" with four Printers worried about a repeat

"I thought, 'Oh, not again," he said. "I was a little nervous, but

Kelly's second pick came moments after Southern Miss' Antoine Cash sacked Printers in The final one came with 33 sec- the end zone for a safety that straight winning campaigns was made the score 14-12 late in the in the 1950s.

After Jason Goss' interception ed, and as a result, the Horned Printers completed 15 of, 31 chest. Hilliard bobbled the ball ended a Southern Miss drive at Kelly. He broke the Southern my head up because we have Frogs their first lead early in the threw his 51st touchdown pa third quarter.

Printers fired a high spiral deep down the sideline to a streaking Madise, who cradled a defender and cruised the distance for a 74-yard score that made it 14-10. '

"It was pure luck," Madise to Rocky Harrison on the first said. "I just put my hand out there and it stuck."

Brant Hanna had a chance to give Southern Miss the lead with 3:11 left in the game, but his 45yard field goal fell short and to the right.

TCU clinched its fourth straight winning season. The last time the Horned Frogs had four

"We didn't win a champi-"It seemed like he (Kelly) was onship, but we learned how to

Patterson said.

The news wasn't all bad for

one behind Favre and Lee Roberts' school record.

"I'm going to leave here with combined on highlight-reel record of 206 held by Brett Favre. things here," Kelly said. "Right

Class 4A playoffs

DIVISION I

Region I and II

Burleson (11-2) vs. Denton Ryan (13-0), 7 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving. Region III and IV

Nederland (11-2) vs. Region III Smithson Valley (13-0), 3 Stadium in Houston.

DIVISION II

Region I

Saturday at Memorial San Antonio.

season record in Dallas is 1-15-1,

with the last win coming at

Stadium in Wichita Falls.

Region II

Highland Park (12-1) vs. Ennis (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.

Jasper (12-1) vs. Bay City p.m. Saturday at Rice (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday at Astrodome in Houston.

Region IV

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Stars win first game played in new building

Stars have moved into a new building, yet it hasn't affected their home dominance of Edmonton.

Joe Nieuwendyk and Pat Verbeek scored in a 10-second span to spark a four-goal first period as the Stars beat

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Edmonton 5-0 Friday night to snap a six-game home winless streak.

The Oilers were playing their first game at the American Airlines Center but the Stars still stretched their regular-season home winning streak over Edmonton to 12 games.

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Reunion Arena on Jan. 17, 1996. "Every one of these games (against Edmonton) are hightempo games with a lot of passing and skating," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Our guys like

> that type of game.' Jere Lehtinen had two goals and Mike Modano added a goal and two assists for the Stars, who had been 0-3-3 at home since

Marty Turco stopped 24 shots for his second shutout of the season and fifth of his career as the Stars improved to 5-1-2 in their last eight.

Turco said nobody on his team made a big deal about the Stars' recent struggles at home — or about the Oilers' inability to win in Dallas.

'We needed a win, period,"

Edmonton's all-time regular- Turco said. "This gives us some confidence.'

> The Stars took advantage of early Edmonton turnovers and coverage mistakes and scored five times on their first eight shots.

"That was one of the few times this season when we beat ourselves," Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said. "It cost us the game. We couldn't recover."

Flashback

1987: Pampa slipped by Dumas 53-47 in a high school girls' basketball game.

Jackie Reed, a 5-10 senior, scored 17 points and Yolanda Brown 13 to lead the Lady Harvesters. Reed also had 10 rebounds.

Both teams had 5-2 district records going into the game.



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Indians offer arbitration to Gonzalez, A's Isringhausen set to sign with Cardinals

By RONALD BLUM **AP Sports Writer**

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35 free agents offered salary the Cleveland Indians.

Oakland for St. Louis. And Henderson; the New York Yankees and Francisco outfielder Eric Beane said. "We're here a year Friday as the first of base- Andres Galarraga. days passed.

The Athletics quickly filled prise. the upcoming vacancy in "From Juan's perspective, and 67 saves over the past two their bullpen, acquiring Billy the door in Cleveland seasons. Koch from Toronto in a trade remains open," said his He is for two minor leaguers.

Arizona, dealt disappointing itive experience in Cleveland sign Shaw. outfielder David Justice to the and was open to staying, Mets for underperforming even to the point of taking a Isringhausen will be worth third baseman Robin Ventura. discount if Cleveland wanted \$27 million over four years, The Yankees also added to to re-sign him."

million), Kansas City re- week's winter meetings. signed second baseman Luis The trade between the Alicea (\$800,000) and Los Yankees and Mets was their saves and a 3.57 ERA in three Angeles re-signed left-han- first involving major leaguers seasons with Toronto. der Jesse Orosco (minor since 1992, when the Mets sent to the major league roster).

Among those offered salary arbitration before the mid- traded from the Yankees to career saves." night EST deadline, includ- the Mets with the rivalry and ing San Francisco outfielder all of that," Justice said. "I'm baseman Jason Giambi and traded at any minute." outfielder Johnny Damon, man Bret Boone.

Players offered arbitration and 51 RBIs.

Scoring leaders for Pampa

games last week.

and Mariza Scott 7.

B team in scoring.

game by a score of 33-18.

grade division.

pitchers David Cone and homers and 61 RBIs. Juan Gonzalez was among Sox pitcher David Wells; to a contract with Giambi, Seattle pitcher Aaron Sele; who has led the AL in onarbitration, giving him Houston outfielder Moises base the past two seasons. another month to talk with Alou; Chicago Cubs shortwhile, was set to leave Diego outfielder Rickey years. San and

ball's big offseason deadline Cleveland's offer of arbitration to Gonzalez was a sur-

their bullpen, agreeing to a While the 32-year-old out- another team and two agents, \$22.25 million, four-year confielder had a great season who spoke on the condition tract with right-hander Steve with the Indians, batting .325 they not be identified. It Atlanta, meanwhile, kept the Indians turned down a er passing a physical. catcher Javy Lopez, agreeing \$14 million option, saying it Toronto got third baseman

Houston re-signed outfielder Moorad said Gonzalez was Justin Miller for Koch, who Orlando Merced (\$1.05 mil- unlikely to accept arbitration, went 2-5 with 36 saves in 44 lion), Tampa Bay re-signed and that contract negotia- opportunities while posting a shortstop Chris Gomez (\$1.25 tions would extend past next 4.80 ERA for the Blue Jays

Guetterman.

Barry Bonds and pitcher at that point of my career Jason Schmidt, Oakland first where you can always be

Justice, 35, was on the dis-Los Angeles pitcher Chan Ho abled list twice for an injured Park and Seattle second base- right groin this year and batted just .241 with 18 homers

have until Dec. 19 to accept Ventura, 34, fills the void Cleveland last season, then was or reject the offers and can left by Scott Brosius, who traded to Atlanta on June 22 keep negotiating with their retired, and gives the Yankees along with Steve Reed for former clubs through Jan. 8. the option of going slowly John Rocker and went 3-4 Those not offered arbitra- with Drew Henson, who with a 3.43 ERA in 43 games tion can't re-sign until May 1. played at Triple-A last sea- for the Braves.

Among those were Boston son. Ventura hit .237 with 21

Hideo Nomo; Chicago White The Yankees also are close

Oakland GM Billy Beane stop Ricky Guttierez; Los said the A's won't change their Jason Isringhausen, mean- Angeles closer Jeff Shaw; San offer of \$91 million over six "Our prom dress is still on,"

Mets pulled off a rare trade Davis and first baseman later with a corsage in our hands." Isringhausen, 29, had 34 saves in 43 chances and a 2.65

ERA for Oakland last season,

He is a native of Brighton, agent, Jeff Moorad. "I've Ill., near St. Louis, and turned The Yankees, retooling after made it clear in this process down an offer to join the their World Series loss to that Juan had had a very pos- Rangers, who may now try to

> The Cardinals' deal with according to an official on with 35 homers and 140 RBIs, would be subject to the pitch-

to a \$6 million, one-year deal. was too expensive for them. Eric Hinske and right-hander last season.

He was 11-13 with 100

"He's got a lot more experileague contract that would be pitcher Tim Burke to the ence than when Izzy first worth \$800,000 if he's added Yankees for reliever Lee came here at the same age," "It's kind of weird to be at age 26 and he has 100

The Yankees, who already have three quality relievers in closer Mariano Rivera and setup men Ramiro Mendoza and Mike Stanton, added Shea Stadium.

Karsay was 0-1 with one save and a 1.25 ERA in 31 games for

Farmers is still selling homeowners

Pampa lost 63-31 in the 8th and Logan Boles 4 each; Maggie Tice led in rebounds with 6 were Callie Cobb with 10 points While East had 5 and Boles 4.

Valleyview won the B team 39-19. Shandale Young was high scor-Kylie Winegeart had 7 points er with 22 points. Tanna Stowers

Pampa won the B team game

McKinsie East 5, Nicole Clark

and Andrea Hughes 4 to lead the had 6 points, Halei Skinner 4, Michelle Adams 4, Tamara Trevathan 2 and Destiney Dora 1. In the 7th grade division, Jenee Norris had 8 rebounds while Young and Dora had 5 Britteni Rice was Pampa's high each.

Merced stays with Astros

Pampa Middle School girls

have basketball games with

Valleyview, Westover Park

PAMPA — Pampa played point girl with 18 points. She was Valleyview and Westover Park in followed in the scoring column

Hopkins 2.

middle school girls' basketball by Cassie Tice with 6 points,

Merced, who led the majors in for-58 (.259) with four homers RBIs by a pinch-hitter last year, and 17 RBIs. He set an Astros signed a \$1.05 million, one-year record for RBIs and was one contract Friday to remain with short of a team mark for homers the Houston Astros.

Pampa lost to Westover Park 43-

Merced started last season as a non-roster invitee in spring training and hit .263 in 94 games, a career average of .279 with 94 including 20 starts.

HOUSTON (AP) — Orlando As a pinch-hitter, he was 15by pinch-hitter.

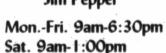
Merced, who became a free home runs and 529 RBIs.

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Spurs defeat depleted 76ers, 86-76

named Smith.

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By The Asso All Times ES

New England 7

Baltimore

Reserve Charles Smith scored a career-high 20 points, including three timely 3s in the fourth quarter, to lead the Spurs to a 86-Philadelphia 76ers on Friday 9:26 remaining.

games of the season on the injured list, shot 4-for-6 from 3point range, stealing the attention from starter Steve Smith, went more than four minutes who leads the league in 3-point shooting at 62 percent.

practice," Charles Smith said. 'It's paying off and I'm just giv- Gregg Popovich said. ing a full effort. That's all I can

Tim Duncan added 18 points and nine rebounds, and David Robinson and Antonio Daniels each scored 12 points for San Antonio, which is off to its best start at 14-4.

The 76ers played without Karsay, who was raised near average 44 points. Iverson said. "I felt like we won."

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The missed the game with a sprained San Antonio Spurs have another thumb. Coleman was a lasttended left knee.

Philadelphia, playing its third game in four nights, kept pace can't say you played too well." with San Antonio for most of the

Smith, who spent the first nine and blocked a shot, all in a twominute span, as the Spurs built a 74-65 lead. After a tip-in by Corie without a field goal.

"I shoot a lot before and after defense, which is zero fans, this

of Iverson, led Matt Harpring scored 14 points. three, 43-40, at the break. Philadelphia coach Larry Notes: San Antonio held an Brown looked past the loss.

guard Allen Iverson and forward perform like that against a great The Sixers lost their 15th straight Derrick Coleman, who together team, I'm proud of them," he in San Antonio, dating to

Harpring disagreed.

"All I know is we lost the long-range shooting threat minute scratch due to a hyperex- game," Harpring said. "Going out and playing hard, that's a given, but any time you lose you

With their top scorers sidegame, tying the score at 63 on a lined, the 76ers relied on the win over depleted driving layup by Raja Bell with long-range shooting of Claxton and Harpring. The Sixers tried to Smith then hit three 25-footers harass the Spurs with a scrambling man-to-man defense.

San Antonio led for most of the first quarter. Back-to-back 3s by Blount with 6:47 left, the 76ers Aaron McKie and Vonteego Cummings and a driving layup by McKie gave Philadelphia a "For anyone who likes 28-24 lead early in the second.

Smith responded with his first was a great game," Spurs coach 3-pointer, and a pair of free throws by Duncan started a 16-4 Speedy Claxton, starting in run that gave the Spurs their largest lead of the half, 40-32, Philadelphia with 19 points. with 3:49 remaining. Mutombo Dikembe Mutombo added 14 and Claxton each made two baspoints and 10 rebounds, and kets to pull the 76ers within

opponent to fewer than 80 points "As short-handed as we are, to for the third time this season. ... January 1986.

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Austin honor roll

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Ty Linder, Michael Martinez, Collin McClendon, George Patterson, Ryan Pearson, Karl Pfitzner, Railey Reeves, Karami Rice, Ryne Richardson, Ashtin Sackett, Farmer Schaeffer, Rance Schindler, Ian Smith, Kara Stabel, Colin Sutherland, Christopher Taylor, Elizabeth Terry, Nate Towry, Kailyn Troxell, Moises Vigil, Lyndi Whitson, Jessica Zellefrow.

AB Honor Roll
Libby Aler, Brooke Bradley,
Brandon Carroll, Tara Garcia,
Zachery Graves, Jacob Johnson,
Collin Killgo, Laura Kirkland,
Craig Little, Dalton Owens.

THIRD GRADE
A Honor Roll

Payton Alvey, Hudson Bentley, Olin Boyd, Karina Cabrales, Trent Carter, Haley Copeland, Rejoice Duggan, Katelyn Dunham, Lane Dyer, Brenna Ellison, Garrett Ericson, Chase Ferguson, Holly Gage, Lynsie Guyer, Emily Hart, Paige Holt, Pierce Holt.

Alex Housden, Gavin Jimenez, Jackie Karson, Matt Kelley, Evan McElwain, Jonathan Polasek, Tyler Rabel, Brenden Rice, Montana Richey, Mitch Simon, Hannah Smith, Ryan Stoffle, Shaylie Thompson, Cameron Wall, Conor Wilson, Ty Youree, Danielle Zuniga.

AB Honor Roll

Dallan Budd, Ashley Carter,
Travis Chester, Cori Cook,
Dwight Hamlin, Natosha
Hayes, Kolby Kemp, Shanda
Roberts, Danielle Sims, Alex

Smith, Koby Starnes.
FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Michael Adams, Evan
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Collins, Craig Conner, Kimberly
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Mitchell Killgo, Savannah
Hoover, Mary McKay,
Samantha Pearson.

Lauren Sutherland, Rebecca Taylor, Carlyn Teichmann, Emilie Troxell, Samantha Turley, Whitney Wade, Caitlin Walker, Kayla Ware, Kelsey Watson, Luke Watson, Hannah White, Ellen Whiteley, Ashley Williams, Leah Wilson, Kaitlin Winegeart.

AB Honor Roll

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Dec. 9 16 shopping days to Christmas It's beginning to look a lot

like Christmas

Seventeen-month-old Chace Williamson helps his family decorate the

Christmas tree in their home at 1137 Terry. The toddler is anxiously awaiting his presents from Santa Claus on Dec. 25. In the meantime, he is enjoying Santa and the Snowman, upper left, in the yard of the Gene Rippetoe home on Terry Road. Chace also is able to learn about the religious concept of Christmas from the Nativity Scene, below left, which is brightly dis-

Photos by Nancy Young

Jeff and Sharron Andrews' home at 2135 Charles Street is attracting young and old alike as several Walt Disney characters are featured among the many bright lights. At left, Pluto is approaching his doghouse as Mickey and Minnie Mouse, above, are dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus as a younger mouse plays.. Displays of the 101 Dalmations are also featured as well as a candy cane lined walkway. Sharron Andrews con-

structed and created all the displays.

Santa and his reindeer are featured in a lighted display at the Rick Harris home at 2555 Aspen. Several other brightly light-

ed displays are attractively featured during the holiday season.

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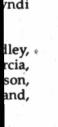
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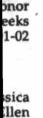
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Newsmakers

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society recently inducted 122 students.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher who rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship, according to Dr. Duane J. Rosa, Alpha Chi faculty sponsor and director of planning and analysis at WTAMU

Among the 122 students receiving this prestigious honor are: Kevin Coe, Lisa Gibson and Louise Reagan, all of Pampa; April Burton of Groom; and Karen Hillman of Lefors.

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CANYON - Cory Griggs, Deawn Guess and Patti Montoya, all mass communications majors at West Texas A&M University from Pampa, placed in the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) Region 6 convention held recently.

Griggs, a 2001 graduate in mass communications broadcasting, placed third in audio music/variety/segment category; Guess, a senior mass communications/broadcasting major, placed third in audio music/variety/segment category, and Montoya; a junior mass communications/public relations major, took third in experimental audio category.

Altogether, WTAMU brought home 25 awards from the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) Region 6 convention. Ten of those awards are now qualified for national competition in

spring 2002. The 25 awards represent work on WTAMU-produced audio and video pieces. In the audio category, WTAMU earned awards in commercial/promos/public serannouncements;

music/variety/segment; experimental; comedy program/segment; sports: pre-game, play-byplay or post-game; instructional/industrial/promotional program; and scriptwriting.

In video competition, WTAMU mass communications majors took awards in music variety/special program; commercial/promos/public service announcements; music video; documentary program; and instructional/industrial.

More than 100 students from Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas participated in the convention's video and audio production competition. Thirty-two students represented WTAMU, and they earned 25 of the 51 awards pre-

The University's Maroon Productions took a first-place award in music variety/special program and a third place in commercial/promo/PSAs in the video category and tied for commercial/promos/PSAs in

the audio category.

(See, NEWSMAKERS, Page 17)

Lips

Menus

Pampa Schools MONDAY

Breakfast: Pancake-and-sausage-on-a-Lunch: Corndogs or pizza, potato

rounds, English peas, peaches. TUESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Turkey, green beans, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, rolls. WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast. Lunch: Bean/cheese burritos or steak fingers, corn, Spanish rice, pineapple.

THURSDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits. Lunch: Oven-fried chicken or chef salad,

whipped potatoes, salad, fresh fruit, rolls. **FRIDAY** Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Pizza sticks, spaghetti sauce or hamburger, greenbeans, salad, applesauce.

Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Hot cereal, toast, cereal,

juice, milk. Lunch: Mini corndogs, meatloaf, potatoes, corn, salad, fruit, milk. **TUESDAY**

Lunch: Goulash, fish, tater tots, Roast beef brisket, brown gravy, or apples.

Oriental vegetables, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Pop tarts, cereal, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY Breakfast: Waffles, toast, cereal, juice,

Lunch: Pizza, macaroni and cheese, peas/carrots, green beans, fruit, milk. FRIDAY

Breakfast: Yogurt, toast, cereal, juice,

Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, French fries, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken ala king/cornbread, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, German chocolate cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

cook's choice, mashed potatoes, corn cobettes, turnip greens, beans, applesauce cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

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THURSDAY

Chicken strips or pork roast/stuffing, sour cream potatoes, baked cabbage, blackeyed peas, coconut cream cake or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. FRIDAY

Catfish and hushpuppies or Frito pie, potato wedges, cheese grits, pinto beans, devilsfood cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

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WEDNESDAY Hamburgers, tater tots, jello.

THURSDAY

Beef Stroganoff, broccoli, carrots,

FRIDAY

Chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, sliced

Keep wrapping in mind when buying those gifts!

Self-perceived as timid, my daughter says I am a social animal. Large gatherings terrify me. Small talk ties my tongue. Speaking in public gives me tunnel vision. I am a fraidy cat.

Maybe the daughter knows the mother better than the mother knows the mother. If the gathering is small and intimate or I am with a clutch of close friends, small talk flows and fear evaporates. Crowd or no crowd, shy or social, I always see a story in every face. And sometimes in a car.

Returning home from Wichita Falls on a blistering July day, a van passed my car. This was not a sleek mini-van trimmed with all the bells and whistles. This van was service-oriented, suited to hau and pretty ugly. A large redheaded woman commanded this tank Tied to the full length of the van's roof was a stack of willow furniture almost as large as the vehicle.

The van passed, swaying and dipping, and became the lead mule on the road. A few miles later, I passed the van stopped on the shoulder.



Kathy Davis GARDEN WISE

The redhead flung out and tromped to the back of the van. Clamoring upon the bumper, she began to wrestle with the ropes and furniture. From rearview mirror, I knew

the roped furniture would not win whatever fight it started. Onward ed spots on the highway.

parking lot, the van also stopped. willow furniture outside. The whole sight was even more hys-

lurked in the tangled furniture. Oma was her name. Though large and raw-boned, she was Christmas shopping is done." graceful and sure of herself. Her laugh lines framed her twinkling pieces of furniture?" golden eyes. She was no spring

She had five children and 17 grandchildren. They were driving I drove. Miles later, we again trad-her nuts, so she took a trip, destination unknown. After wandering I pulled into the Dairy Queen at from Wyoming to East Texas, she Chillicothe. As I walked across the stopped at a house to admire the

"Well," she said, "When we were terical up close and personal. A story through trading, his house and yard were empty. Except for the bed. His wife put her foot down. But, my

With an incredible sparkle in smile, brightened by straight, china- her eyes, she asked, "How do I white teeth, flashed quickly. Deep wrap willow sticks woven into 87

Enjoy Christmas shopping ... chicken, but yet appeared ageless. but keep the wrapping in mind!



Phillis Cole Contreras and Dale Garner

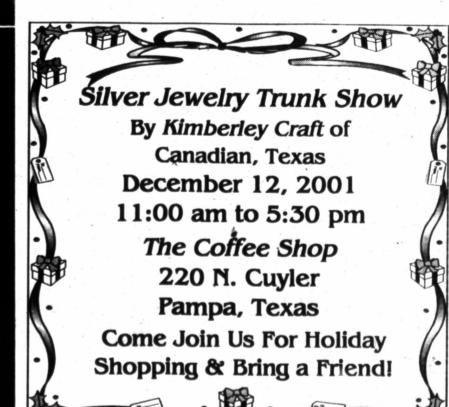
Contreras-Garner

Phillis Cole Contreras and Dale Garner, both of Pampa, were wed Nov. 21, 2001, at Las Vegas, Nev., with Joseph Washington of Las Vegas, deputy commissioner of civil marriages, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Clara Cole and the late Everette Cole of Amarillo. She is currently employed at BWXT-Pantex. The groom is the son of the late Nell and Calvin Garner of

Pearland. He is also currently employed at BWXT-Pantex.

The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas and intend to make their home in Pampa.





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Susan Rae Thornton and Brad Lee Redwine

Thornton-Redwine

Susan Rae Thornton and Brad Lee Redwine, both of Oklahoma City, Okla., were wed Oct. 27, 2001, at New Life Assembly of God Church in Pampa with the Rev. Harold Eggert, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Kriste Beavers of Borger. The bridesmaids were Becky Coats of Houston, Ginger Meers of Glencove, N.Y., and Shelley Vinson of Dallas.

The best man was Kevin Pshigoda of Perryton. The groomsmen were Craig Allison of Panhandle, Juston Oler of Flower Mound and Brian Veale of Oklahoma City.

The ushers were Eldon Reed of Galena, Mo., and Bernie Thornton Pensacola, Fla. They have three grandchildren. Music was provided by flutist Wendy Eggert and vocalist/pianist

Sherry Cox, both of Pampa, and vocalists James and Madonna Smith

A reception was held following the service at Briarwood Church in Pampa with Judy Reed of Galena and Jana Vinson of Pampa serving

The bride is the daughter of Raymond and Sue Thornton of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School and from Texas Tech University and holds a medical degree (May 2000) from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She is currently a pediatrician in her second year of residency training at the Children's Hospital of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City.

The groom is the son of Charles and Linda Redwine of Farnsworth. He graduated from Perryton High School and holds a degree from Texas Tech University. He is currently an art director at Smith and Associates Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations in Oklahoma City.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Oklahoma City.



Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thompson

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Thompson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thompson of Mobeetie celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Nov. 17, 2001, at The Coffee Shop. Children of the couple hosted the event.

Guy Thompson and Sharon Nabors were married on Nov. 17, 1961, at Amarillo. The have been Mobeetie residents for the past eight years and belong to Body of Christ Church in Pampa Mr. Thompson retired from Cabot on Oct. 1, 2001, after 42 years of

Mrs. Thompson retired from White Deer Independent School

District in May 1991, after 11 years of service.

Children of the couple are Billy Thompson of Mobeetie and Johnny and Susan Furgason of Pampa. They have three grandchildren.

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Mr. and Mrs. Luis Carlos Solis of Pampa recently celebrated their

25th wedding anniversary. Luis Solis and Amada Aguirre were married Dec. 9, 1976, at

Chihuahua, Mexico. They have been Pampa residents for 23 years. Mr. Solis is currently employed at Bradley Operators. Mrs. Solis works at Wal-Mart where she has been employed for 1

1/2 years. Children of the couple are Eva Guadalupe Solis, Cecilia Rodriguez, Saul Solis and Julia Solis, all of Pampa, and Luis Solis Jr., of

Live Christmas trees

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becoming more and more of a tradition, but consumers should be

careful of where the trees are coming from. Trees coming from out-

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Look for trees that are cut nicely, have a good shape and a deep color. The best thing to do when buying a pre-cut tree is clean the stand with a mild mixture of chlorine and water. Then, cut slices off the bottom of the tree until fresh wood is reached and water

of-state are at least a week old and will dry out quicker.

Joan Gray

Extension Agent



Heather Holly Lawrence and Tyson Lee Waycaster were wed Nov.

15, 2001, at the home of Gina Valdez, aunt of the bride, in Page, Ariz.,

with Pastor Manville Parks officiating. The maid of honor was Desbah Trujillo.

The best man was Tristan Smith.

The bride is the daughter of Barbra Lawrence of Arizona.

The groom is the son of Jeannie Smith of Arizona and Regie Waycaster of Georgia.

Both are currently employed at the Arizona Republic Newspaper. They intend to make their home in Page.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on as was the treasurer's report. a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each annual scholarship fund-raising week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 The pecans can be picked up at noon on holidays such as the home of Evelyn Boyd. Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publica- will volunteer Dec. 1 and 7 with tion. Thank you.

Magic Plains ABWA

American Business Women's Association met Nov. 12 at The a the National Convention held Coffee Shop in Pampa. Thirteen recently in Albuquerque, N.M. members and four guests were She and Evelyn Boyd attended as

conducted and announcements "Sugar and Spice Candlery" of

-Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved 10.

—The pecan sale, the chapter's project, is currently under way.

—The local ABWA members the Celebration of Lights display at Recreation Park.

 A Christmas party and gift Magic Plains Chapter of exchange is in the offing Dec. 10. —Pat Winkleblack reported on

The following business was The program was presented by

The next meeting will be Dec

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NEWSMAKERS

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possibility of mold.

SAN ANTONIO - Air Force Airman Nathaniel W. Roberts. son of Catherine Bybee of McLean, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the

Roberts is a 2001 graduate of McLean High School.

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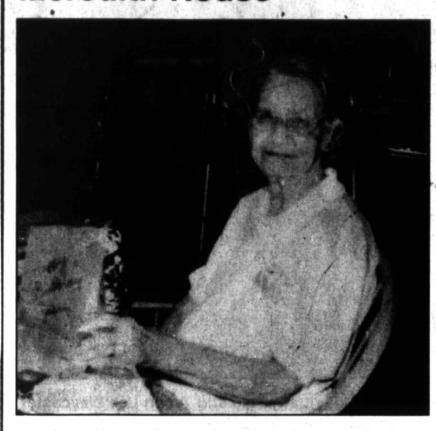
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Confederate group plagued by infighting:

By ALLEN G. BREED **Associated Press Writer**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — There is an uncivil war brewing within the nation's largest Confederate heritage group.

discreetly honor their rebel ancestors while working to assure others that racists have no place in their midst.

The other is represented by Kirk Lyons, a Texas lawyer who has defended members of the Ku Klux Klan, unabashedly declares himself a white separatist and takes every opportunity to battle what he calls "Southern ethnic

Sons of Confederate Veterans, a 105-year-old organization that our veterans. Nothing more. 'ters of the SCV.'

"Our cause and our colors are

honor and good name by electing ness. this candidate to a higher office."

sense, would be the heir to Gen. ther. Robert E. Lee.

being attacked," said Charles Mountain, N.C., he says, association," Lyons complains. able with fighting for the flag.

ans who established the group of the radical right." charged it with "the vindication of the Cause for which we Confederate soldier's good

being a racist.

leadership of one of the organiza- In 1990, the group passed a and the SCV must undergo a tion's three national divisions. resolution condemning hate "We cannot risk the potential groups. It points to black damage to our organization's members as proof of inclusive-

But as the Southern heritage Hawks, a 59-year-old retired movement grows and becomes In one camp are those who North Carolina state revenue more vocal, the SCV has found it officer, was among those increasingly difficult to stay on appalled last year when Lyons the sidelines. Groups like the was elected councilman for the League of the South and the Army of Northern Virginia, giving him a seat on the SCV's gening toward secession, and memeral executive council. Now, the bers of those organizations have two men are battling for the cov- cross-pollinated the SCV. More eted position of army comman-strident members such as Lyons der. The winner, in a symbolic are pushing the SCV to go fur-

Before he's even heard the Lyons agrees that if he wins complaints against him, Lyons At stake is the future of the during August's elections in begins to recite the "little litany Memphis, Tenn., it would repre- of things that I've supposedly sent a major change: "It would done or said or been." It starts goes by the motto: "Honoring be the death knell of the bedwet- with his 1990 marriage at the Aryan Nations Church in a cere-From his Southern Legal mony performed by neo-Nazi Resource Center office in Black leader Richard Butler. "Guilt by

Hawks, who is running to "They're the people who want to Lyons once commented that of two Confederate plaques in oppose Lyons in the race for go into a closet, turn the light on white Americans, will soon the state supreme court buildonce a year and fly their flag in become "extinct as the dodo ing. And in one of the most the privacy of a broom closet. bird" if something isn't done to recent cases, Lyons is seeking to And they've never been comfort- slow immigration and race mix- establish Southern national oriing. He proposed carving the "They'd just as soon polish country up into mini-states, each headstones and meet, eat and reserved for people of the same heritage.

In a recent issue of its Founded in 1896 to honor "Intelligence Report" magazine, Confederate dead, the Sons of the Southern Poverty Law Confederate Veterans has prided Center called Lyons a "white itself on being nonprofit and supremacist lawyer whose nonpolitical. Confederate veter- clients have been a 'Who's Who'

Lyons says the SCV is where fought" and "the defense of the the National Rifle Association was in the 1960s, when Congress passed sweeping gun control But it seems the group spends laws. The NRA went from being much of its time arguing with a sport shooting club that people about whether you can focused on education to the defend the Confederacy without staunchest defender of the Second Amendment, he says,

similar metamorphosis.

"We have 31,000 members," Lyons says. "We're the most effective Confederate heritage organization in the world, but it's not enough. ... We're going to have to raise a million members. We're going to have to raise millions of dollars. We're going to have to get where the NRA is today to do this.

In the meantime, Lyons is assailing those who would violate what he sees as Southern civil rights.

His law center has filed dozens of lawsuits and complaints alleging "heritage violations," and is mailing fund-raising letters to SCV camps around the country. He recently hired as his case manager the daughter of an SCV political-action committee leader.

Lyons has filed suit against President Bush's gubernatorial staff in Texas over the removal gin status by challenging the U.S. Department of Labor's decision banning a booth for 'Confederate-Americans" from a diversity day celebration.

Critics say Lyons has merely glommed on to a political cash

"Guess it doesn't matter that the client is claiming origin from a nation that hasn't existed since 1865," scoffs William "Chip" Pate Jr., an SCV member who works as a marketing specialist from Pittsboro. "Lyons portrays himself basically as the cavalry coming to rescue the heritage from the heathens."

Hawks had no plans to run for the "thankless job" of commander of the SCV's Army of Northern Virginia, named for one of the three Confederate armies and covering the region from Maryland to South Carolina. But he didn't want to see Lyons win unopposed.

"In my opinion, he is not mainstream SCV," Hawks says. Without calling Lyons a racist, he adds others will see him that way and "people will perceive the SCV as a racist organiza-

Lyons has the support of Russell Darden, the current commander.

Darden, a retired data processing manager from Courtland, Va., says Lyons has never expressed any racist or extremist views in his hearing.

"When you're in front leading the battle, you're going to get hit right straight forward," he says. "We just need more people like

James Turner, a former commander of the Army of Tennessee, another SCV region, says he was worried about some of the things he'd heard of Lyons and his clientele. But Turner says Lyons sat down with him and addressed every one of those concerns to his satisfaction.

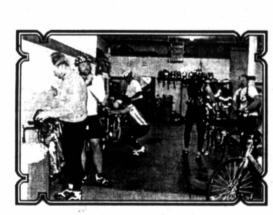
"They paint him with a tar brush, but it doesn't apply," says Turner, a Nashville, Tenn., accountant and architectural software distributor.

Lyons says it's the leftwingers that are stoking the controversy about him. But some of the loudest cries aren't coming from the liberal left — or from the outside.

(See, SOCV, Page 21)

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Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

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

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

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

- 1. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
- 2. "Family Affair," Mary J. Blige. MCA. 3. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
- 4. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope. 5. "Turn Off The Light," Nelly Furtado. Hammond. Verity.
- 6. "Get The Party Started," Pink. Arista. 7. "Differences," Ginuwine. Epic.
- 8. "Livin' It Up," Ja Rule (feat. Case). Murder Gospel.
- 9. "Whenever, Wherever," Shakira. Epic. 10. "I'm Real," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule)
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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10 EMI/Word/Verity/Zomba. (Gold) (Compiled from a national sample of sales

- reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan) 1. "Weathered," Creed. Wind-up. "Now
- Various EMI/Universal/Sony/Zomba/Virgin. 3. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha SoundScan Inc.
- "Scarecrow," Garth Brooks. Capitol Mainstream Rock Tracks Nashville.
- 5. "Britney," Britney Spears. Jive.
- 6. "Now That's What I Call Christmas!" Various Artists. EMI.
- 7. "Genesis," Busta Rhymes. J.
- 8. "Christmas Extraordinaire," Mannheim Steamroller. American Gramaphone.
- 9. "A Day Without Rain," Enya. Reprise. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units) 10. "Escape," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
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Hot Adult Contemporary

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
- 1. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope. -2. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.

- 3. "Simple Things," Jim Brickman (feat. Rebecca Lynn Howard). Windham Hill.
- 4. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
- "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
- 6. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA. 7. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville.
- 8. "All Or Nothing," O-Town. J.
- 9. "I Want Love," Elton John. Rocket. 10. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Hollywood.

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
- 1. "Live In London And More..." Donnie
- McClurkin. Verity. (Platinum) 2. "Christmas... Just Remember," Fred
- 3. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia.
- 4. "CeCe Winans," CeCe Winans. Wellspring
- 5. "Light Of The World," The Brooklyn
- Tabernacle Choir. Epic. 6. "Emmanuel," Norman Hutchins & JDI Christmas. JDI.
- 7. "Hymns," Shirley Caesar. Word.
- 8. "WOW Gospel 2001: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. 9. "Cliches," Greg O'Quin 'N Joyful Noyze.
- World Wide Gospel. 10. "The Storm Is Over," Bishop T.D. Jakes & The Potter's House Mass Choir. Dexterity
- Artists. Sounds. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
- 1. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
- 3. "Fade," Staind. Flip.
- 4. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
- 5. "Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal.
- 6. "Control," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless. 7. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
- 8. "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
- 9. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless. 10. "Down With the Sickness," Disturbed. Giant.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

- 1. "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
- 2. "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
- 3. "Alive," P.O.D. Atlantic.
- 4. "Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal. 5. "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.
- 6. "Fade," Staind. Flip.
- 7. "Chop Suey," Sustem Of A Down. American. 8. "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
- 9. "Stay Together For The Kids," Blink-182. MCA.
- 10. "In Too Deep," Sum 41. Island.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems) 1. "I Wanna Talk About Me," Toby Keith. List.
- DreamWorks. 2. "Run," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
- 3. "Riding With Private Malone," David Ball.
- 4. "Where The Stars And Stripes And The Eagle Fly," Aaron Tippin. Lyric Street.
- 5. "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
- 6. "I'm Tryin'," Trace Adkins. Capitol. 7. "Wrapped Up in You," Garth Brooks.
- 8. "Good Morning Beautiful," Steve Holy.
- Curb. 9. "Love Of A Woman," Travis Tritt. Columbia.
- 10. "Wrapped Around," Brad Paisley. Arista
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Top Country Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales DreamWorks. reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
- 1. "Scarecrow," Garth Brooks. Capitol Nashville.
- 2. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
- 3. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
- 4. "The Road Less Traveled," George Strait. MCA Nashville. 5. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. RCA
- (Nashville). (Gold— certified sales of 500,000. units) 6. "What A Wonderful Christmas," Anne
- Murray. StraightWay. 7. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
- 8. "Greatest Hits Volume III I'm A Survivor," Reba McEntire. MCA Nashville.
- 9. "The Magic Of Christmas Songs From Call Discos. Me Clause," Garth Brooks. Capitol.
- *10. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and Pires. Ariola.

Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists) 1. "U Got It Bad," Usher. Arista.
- 2. "Always On Time," Ja Rule feat. Ashanti.

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- Murder Inc.
- 3. "Rock The Boat," Aaliyah. Blackground.
- 4. "A Woman's Worth," Alicia Keys. J. 5. "Differences," Ginuwine. Epic.
- 6. "We Thuggin'," Fat Joe feat. R. Kelly. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
- "Butterflies," Michael Jackson. Epic.
- 8. "Girls, Girls," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
- 9. "Lights, Camera, Action," Faith Evans.
- 10. "You Gets No Love," Faith Evans. Bad Boy. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by
- 1. "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace.
- 2. "Genesis," Busta Rhymes. J. 3. "Invincible," Michael Jackson. Epic.
- 4. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule. Murder Inc.
- 5. "Indecent Proposal," Timbaland & Magoo. Blackground.

- 9. "Origenes," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony

Guadalajara," Joan Sebastian. Musart.

6. "8701," Usher. Arista. (Platinum)

8. "Faithfully," Faith Evans. Bad Boy.

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Hot Latin Tracks

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7. "Even In Darkness," Dungeon Family. Arista.

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1. "Dansin Wit Wolvez (Where My Tribe At?),"

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2. "Turn Off The Light," Nelly Furtado.

3. "Come On Down," Crystal Waters. Strictly

5. "Runnin'," Mark Picchiotti Presents Basstoy

7. "You Know It's Hard," The Crystal Method.

8. "Lettin' Ya Mind Go," Desert. Future

9. "Guitarra G," G Club Presents Banda Sonora.

10. "Impressive Instant," Madonna. Maverick.

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2. "Tantita Pena," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony

5. "Usted Se Me Llevo La Vida," Alexandre

"Inocente Pobre Amigo," Juan Gabriel.

10. "Cada Vez Te Extrano Mas," Banda El

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2. "Mis Romances," Luis Miguel. WEA Latina.

3. "Sufriendo A Solas," Lupillo Rivera. Sony

5. "MTV Unplugged," Alejandro Sanz. WEA

6. "En Vivo: Desde La Plaza El Progresso De

7. "El Autentiko Y Unico En Vivo," El Poder Del

8. "Somos Gitanos," Gipsy Kings. Nonesuch.

4. "Dejame Entrar," Carlos Vives. EMI Latin.

1. "Libre," Marc Anthony. Sony Discos.

1. "Dejame Entrar," Carlos Vives. EMI Latin.

4. "Heroe," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.

6. "No Me Concoces Aun," Palomo. Disa. 7. "Como Se Cura Una Herida," Jaci Velasquez.

8. "Yo Queria," Cristian. Ariola.

4. "Can Heaven Wait," Luther Vandross. J.

6. "Be Free," Live Element. Strictly Rhythm.

Rawlo Boys (feat. T.O.R.O. And Lil' Smoke).

5. "Buster," Dennis Da Menace. 1st Avenue.

6. "Think Big," Crimewave. Crimewave.

8. "I'm Your Girl," Dena Cali. Treyden. 9. "Special Delivery," G.Dep. Bad Boy. 10. "Got Ur Sefl A...," NAS III Will.

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DEAR ABBY: Every year, my husband and his co-workers get together for a holiday dinner at a nice restaurant. More than 20 of them participate. Most of the men are married, but most of the women who work there are single. The problem is that wives are not welcome at these parties.

My husband and I have been married two years. He says this is a nice tradition and that I shouldn't make waves about not being invited.

I can't believe the other wives are happy with this tradition, but to my knowledge, none of them openly object to it. Am I wrong to feel that both members of the couple should be invited to social functions? RESENTFUL IN SEATTLE

does not make the rules. Do not my dress make him feel guilty for attending the dinner without you. Abby. That kind lady mended my These occasions are part of the heavy heart. When the dress was

DEAR ABBY: There are times when we all need a pick-me-up.

Yesterday I was having a terrible day. It just kept going downhill. I had spent several hours at my one's day around. grandmother's nursing home, as I do every week. I enjoy being of service, but always leave with mixed Wildwood

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

I made a quick stop at a department store to look for something new to wear. I found a beautiful pale blue dress that was a perfect fit. However, after I paid for it, I noticed that a section of the dress had separated due to some missing stitching. Just my luck. Then I remembered an alteration shop that had recently opened near my home and thought I'd give it a try.

DEAR RESENTFUL: Yes, you admired the dress and assured me are wrong. Your husband is an it would be no problem to fix. I sat employee of the company and for a few minutes while she mended

job. There are plenty of other done, I grabbed my wallet to pay. nights when you and your husShe refused the money with a smile band can enjoy a holiday and said, "You pay next time" dinner at a nice restaurant of even though we both knew I wasn't your choosing. So please stop a regular customer and there could very well never be a next time. Her act of kindness lifted me up when I

needed a boost. may think that one simple act isn't all that monumental. I beg to differ. One simple gesture can turn some-

We can all do our part to make a gloomy day begin to shine by recog-

nizing acts of kindness when we report about their employee's gen-

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DEAR PASS IT ON: The lady in the alterations shop was more than a welcome ray of sunshine. She's an astute businesswoman with a flair for public relations. By making her gallant gesture, she assured that when you need alterations in the future, you'll consider her services. And I'll bet you have already mentioned her generosity to some of your friends and family.

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

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in

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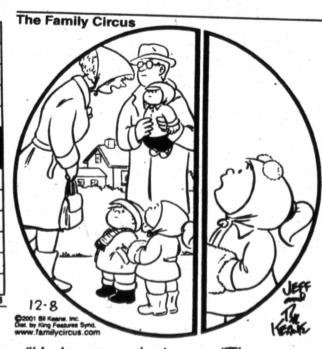
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Texas 'fences out' Colorado deer and elk

Texas animal health officials have shut the door on the importation of live elk and several species of deer from Colorado after cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal, degenerative brain disease of elk and deer, were confirmed earlier this fall in farmed elk herds in that state.

CWD belongs to the family of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies or TSEs.

Other similar, but unique diseases, include BSE, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, which sheep and goats.

state of Colorado, prohibiting the entry into Texas of live elk, mule deer, white-tailed and black-tailed quickly to prevent potential deer. The quarantine is to prevent exposure to CWD and will remain in effect until it is modified The restrictions do not include hunter-killed ani-tions. mals," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and head of the TAHC.

to provide as much protection against this disease have had a certificate of veterinary inspection as possible, while maintaining safe marketing and issued within the previous 30 days, meet stringent movement opportunities."

health officials lifted a movement ban that had corner of the state, where the disease is endemic.

Dr. Wayne Cunningham, Colorado state veterihave detected 11 positive elk, resulting in the quarthe Hill Country," commented Ken Waldrup, the purchase of the imported animal for testing. beginning in the non-endemic area of Colorado.

Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health excessive salivation, weakness, and loss of body in Texas less than three months, so there is little Colorado," he said

Eleven infected elk were found on Panhandle ranch. All had been imported from Colorado before 1998.

regulatory authority, also have traced a dozen elk function." that were imported to Texas from two of the

Colorado herds, prior to the detection of disease. "Colorado officials acted swiftly to notify other affects cattle; and scrapie, a disease that can affect states when they confirmed disease in the herds. Although this is extremely unfortunate, it's an Panhandle ranch were imported from Colorado "The TAHC issued the quarantine on the entire indication that the detection and reporting system prior to 1998 or earlier. works among states, and we're handling this issue

exposure to Texas hoof stock," said Dr. Logan. "It should be noted that the ranchers who had importor rescinded by the 12-member TAHC commission. ed the elk to Texas complied with all health regula-

Dr. Logan said, before being imported into Texas, deer and elk must meet a number of health require-"Texas has not had a case of CWD, and we want ments. Besides entry permits, the animals must tuberculosis testing requirements and test negative animals health officials, dant until late November, when Colorado animal cattle. The deer and elk also must come from a state with a CWD program that requires disease been in place on domestic elk since October. reporting and which imposes movement restric-Colorado officials will continue to restrict the tions on suspicious or positive herds. If the animals and any domestic elk that originate in the northeast animals must come from a herd enrolled in a CWD monitoring program for at least a year.

"We've located all of the imported elk, 11 of ease investigation. As of end of November, they and the 12th animal, which was sent to a facility in its herd mates, while negotiations are finalized for pronghorn antelope," said Dr. Waldrup. Veterinarians from the Texas Animal Health include extreme weight loss, unusual behavior, animal for testing," he said. "This animal has been captive wildlife research center in northeastern

Dr. Waldrup explained that the ranchers involved have excellent sale and movement records, making epidemiology work much easier for the TAHC veterinarians. The 11 elk on the

Two had been killed, and two each had been transported to Pennsylvania and Missouri. One had been returned to Colorado. Because there is no live-animal test for CWD, the four Coloradoimports remaining on the ranch were euthanizedNov. 9, and their brain tissue was sub- ers. mitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, for examination. The carcasses were incinerated as an extra biosecurity measure, Dr Waldrup said.

"We've also notified Pennsylvania and Missouri

"The TAHC quarantine on Colorado was redun- for brucellosis, a bacterial disease that can affect so that they can locate the four Colorado animals that were transported to their states," said Dr. Waldrup. "While we await the report from NVSL regarding the health status of the Colorado-imported elk, the other animals in the Panhandle herd movement of animals from quarantined facilities originate in a state that has CWD in its wildlife, the will be quarantined. If disease is detected, we'll take appropriate measures to cull and remove animals that may have been exposed."

chance that this animal poses a threat to the rest of its herd."

Dr. Logan explained that Colorado officials have required mandatory CWD

monitoring of farmed deer and elk herds in the state since May 1998, due

to the incidence of the disease in wildlife in the northeastern corner of the state. The monitoring program involves testing animals that die, regardless of the cause of death.

The TAHC offers a voluntary CWD monitoring program in Texas, encompassing all cervids, including fallow and white-tailed deer. About 20 herds are enrolled, added Dr. Waldrup. He said TAHC veterinarians are working with staff from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to determine ways to increase surveillance for Texas whitetailed deer raised under permit by scientific breed-

Dr. Logan said wildlife officials in Colorado. Wyoming and Nebraska also have collected brain samples for testing from hunter-killed animals in the targeted "endemic area," involving a small portion of northeastern Colorado, southeastern Wyoming and southwestern Nebraska. Hunters are notified when an infected carcass is detected. In Wyoming and Colorado, less than one percent of the elk and less than five percent of the deer have been found to be infected. Two hunter-killed infected mule deer have been detected in Nebraska.

"At this time, there is no evidence that CWD is transmissible to other hoof stock, such as axis or Dr. Waldrup said the Colorado elk taken to the fallow deer. In the endemic area of Colorado, there narian, said his staff has nearly completed the dis- which were moved to a ranch in the Panhandle, Hill Country ranch also is quarantined, along with has been no evidence of spread to cattle, sheep or "Experiments and monitoring are continuing in the antine of nine herds, involving about 1,550 ani- TAHC veterinarian and field epidemiologist. "Federal CWD indemnity funds are limited to area, so the veterinary and producer community mals. The infected herds will be depopulated, "When our veterinarians inspected these imported \$3,000 per animal, and since many of these animals can better understand this disease, which was elk, they had no clinical signs of CWD, which can are worth much more, it is difficult to let go of an unknown until 1967, when it was first seen in a

Texas Farm Bureau winds up 68th convention

wound up its 68th annual con- Reno, Nev. vention with the election of

carry on to the best of my abili- — where it has been found in ty," Patman said.

the unexpired term of then TFB Service. president Bob Stallman who resigned to become president of the American Farm Bureau Karnal bunt-infected wheat are Federation (AFBF). "I look for- severely limited. ward to a great year."

national issues the last two days handled as a quality issue. of the convention. State issues become policy for the TFB to folgested USDA should: low in 2002. National resolutions will be forwarded to the AFBF meeting of scientists to evaluate

Foremost among state issues Donald Patman to his second were a number of resolutions full-term as president of the dealing with Karnal bunt, a funstate's largest farm organization. gal disease of wheat. The devasgreat responsibility that I will Rolling Plains regional economy bunt fungi. president in January 1999 to fill to Texas Cooperative Extension bunt.

> Designated as a major plant disease, export opportunities for

Farm Bureau delegates adopt-TFB Board met and elected disease, saying the USDA and Kenneth Dierschke of San wheat industry should cooper-Angelo as vice president and ate in an all-out effort to gain Karnal bunt as a minor plant dis-

Specifically, the delegates sug-

-Sponsor an international

WACO — Texas Farm Bureau annual meeting in January in the status and strategies for man-lines. If those rights of ways do agement of smut and bunt diseases of cereals worldwide.

—Take a lead role in re-evaluation of international policies on the use of quarantines to prevent al wildlife-related provisions, "This is a humbling time and a tating disease has hurt the the movement of cereal smut and including: Support Texas Parks

four counties — to the tune of some level on smut and bunt dis- erty to provide public hunting Patman was first named TFB more than \$27 million, according eases of cereals, including Karnal opportunities; support classify-

In other state action, delegates looked at energy policy, and supthe use of fuel alcohol and taxes. They supported better researching problems associated Following the convention, the ed policy concerning the wheat incentives for the production of with white-tail deer imported renewable energy use.

In an energy-related matter, delegates recommended the gates: Dale Jeske of Alamo as secretary- acceptance, for designating Texas Legislature pass law's requiring utility companies to stock imports to protect domestic Some 870 voting delegates ease; Karnal bunt should be follow existing rights-of-way, livestock from foreign animal considered both state and immediately deregulated and where possible, with all utility diseases.

not exist, the suggested utility companies should follow established fence lines.

Delegates also adopted severand Wildlife Department's leas--Maintain a research effort at ing rather than acquiring proping exotic game as personal property not subject to regulation; support the Texas ported legislation encouraging Legislature's efforts to reverse quail decline in Texas; and supexempting fuel alcohol from state port Texas Parks and Wildlife from other countries.

In other state action, TFB dele-

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WT signs letter with FAO

A&M University, through its Dryland Agriculture Institute, has signed a letter of agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to produce a publication detailing methods of increasing worldwide cereal production on dryland acreage.

More than 60 percent of cereals in developing countries are produced under irrigation, but the development of additional irrigated land has become increasingly expensive, as high as \$4,000 an acre, according to Dr. B.A. Stewart, distinguished professor of agriculture and director of the Dryland Agriculture Institute.

Meanwhile, world population, presently about 6 billion, is expected to increase to approximately 8 billion by 2030.

"Some 90 percent of the population increase we expect to see will be in developing countries," Stewart said. "What the FAO hopes to do is, rather than expend \$4,000 an acre to irrigate more land, try to increase production on dryland acres to help take up part of the slack."

Stewart, who is authoring the publication in collaboration with Parviz Koohafkan of the FAO, said it won't be easy convincing farmers in developing countries to utilize the dryland approach because irrigation is "predictable, dependable and immediate."

"No matter how much you spend on dryland farming, you still can expect to experience increases and decreases in production due to droughts, so it's

CANYON — West Texas a tough sell," Stewart said. "But &M University, through its in a nutshell, that's what the FAO is aiming at."

Stewart, who because of the project has twice visited FAO headquarters in Rome, secured a \$7,500 stipend for the Dryland Agriculture Institute's participa-

Other collaborations between WTAMU and the FAO could arise as a result of the present project, Stewart said, including an effort to assess land degradation on a world scale.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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This Week: Deal with business matters on a one-on-one level, especially if the buck is involved. Detach. Stay in your

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* * * Errands demand your full attention. If feeling squeezed by time and resources, think about a more fanciful and "experience" type of gift for a loved one. Either tickets to a ballgame or maybe a weekend away make someone smile easily. Visit with a neighbor, who grins ear to ear when he sees you. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This Week: Rôll into work, ready for some last minute uproar. Your ability to cut through to the chase helps you. Others might not be ready to listen. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** * Your devil-may-care attitude emerges as you go off with a loved one or child. If single, a flirtation or a budding relationship will reflect what is possible. Be yourself, and everyone will have a good time. Visit a favorite holiday spot and relax with someone. Tonight: Let the naughty twin out.

This Week: Staying in tune with work could be difficult, as your mind swirls toward personal matters. Don't push others past their limits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

* * * You can't do enough to please others. Your family always appreciates of something special for a loved one at a a must appearance even if you want to your efforts, but your good humor distance. Schedule a mini-trip in the near hide away with your special someone. spreads to all those in your life. Go off future. Tonight: Add more mystery. and do your nurturing thing, because that This Week: You step up to home plate. This Week: Detach and hop on the Net; makes you, not to mention the receivers, happy. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

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This Week: Move past moodiness on Not only for you, but others need you to work. More is happening than meets the you get it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

away if you're single. Tonight: So what will receive. if tomorrow is Monday?

senting it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

emphasis on upcoming expenditures than *** Everyone turns to you; your you need to. You might want to please popularity soars. Take the time to visit others, but there are many ways other with others. Sometimes even the smallest than materially. Meanwhile, don't ignore gesture or the littlest attention can mean a special relationship. Make special a lot to someone. Clear out long-overdue plans. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: Others depend on you much in a professional matter. Tonight: You are more than you realize. Unfortunately, the leader of the pack. fulfill these needs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This Week: Though you think this week ferent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

** Allow others to imagine what ** * Deal with someone on a oneyou're up to. It really doesn't matter if on-one level. In some way, with a key they are right or wrong, you just don't relationship, you might feel like no one want to be busted! Take off and take care but this person exists in your life. Make

Monday. Put your creativity into your hit a home run. Don't spend money until

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Join your friends, if you **** You have some matters you wish. Watch a football game or get would prefer to keep hush-hush. Though together with a special loved one. You're you go about your errands with a big full of energy and charisma; others smile, don't let the cat out of the bag. respond to you in a big way. You're best Take a child with you, making sure to where the crowds are. You like the seavisit Santa at least once, if not twice. Flirt son's excitement. Tonight: Ask and you

This Week: If you feel fuzzy when deal-This Week: Speak your mind and curb ing with others (or even yourself!), negativity. Mull over an idea before pre- understand you are heading toward a Solar Eclipse in your sign Friday. Expect an energy drain.

*** You might be putting more CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) responsibilities. Your instincts guide you

issue isn't whether you are comfortable This Week: Move on key issues on with this; the issue is you must, it seems, Monday, because by Thursday, you'll be frazzled. You can only do so much. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Be more forthright with others. *** Your mind is anywhere but in In fact, someone who could cause you a the present. Go off and do what you need problem reverses his normal stance and to do in order to clear the cobwebs. For paves your way. Hang out with kids and some, it might mean doing an errand or family, but make it a point to clear out a two. For others, it might mean finishing holiday "must do." How about your off your cards. Go visit with friends cards? Tonight: Whatever makes you when you're up to it. Trust that you'll have a good time. Tonight: Choose dif-

could be a snap - surprise! Pretend to be This Week: Talk about career matters, a Virgo when handling your finances — but don't forget to assess what you really be detail-oriented. Many decisions will want. Events encourage this process later

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Young sex offenders need complex treatment

By CHRISTINA VANCE Wichita Falls Times Record News

WICHITA FALLS, Texas -They're not Ted Bundy or serial criminals off "60 Minutes."

Many of them only offend once. Most of them manipulate their victims differently than adults.

And, the situations of very young sex offenders demand "a lot, a lot, a lot of thought," said Kirk Wolfe, a spokesman for the Wichita County program for adolescent sex offenders.

"It's easier to know what you're going to do with a 16-year-old who jumps out from behind the bushes with a knife and rapes somebody," he said. "What do you do with an 11-year-old little boy munity and rehabilitate them in who has had intercourse with a 7- the community, that's optimal.

Wolfe and others started a locally based treatment program for juvenile sex offenders about two years ago. The idea was to treat low-risk offenders without yanking them

out of the community, he said. "Know that you're dealing with an adolescent, a juvenile, and you can't remove them from the community indefinitely," he said. "All sex offenders are dangerous, but you have to know what the degrees are.

After a child commits an offense, he works with counselors to figure out if he presents a danger to the community. If the danger is marginal, the child could enter the local program.

"If we can keep a kid in a com-That's not always possible," juve-In answer to that question, hile probation and parole officer

fter a child commits an offense, he works with counselors to figure out if **L** he presents a danger to the community. If the danger is marginal, the child could enter the local program.

Judy Crosley said. "We take our ing with a victim and we're dealing seriously. That's why we have of spokes on that wheel." experts involved."

should stay in the community doesn't just depend on the child. with the program, especially make sure treatment is working. because they must attend weekly counseling sessions, Crosley said.

"Parents have to be our allies. and work hard," she said. "We're not just dealing with an offense.

obligation to public safety very with a community. There are a lot

Cooperation doesn't just extend Deciding a young sex offender through the families, said Dr. David Sabine, a mental health expert who counsels the offenders. Parents must be willing to work He meets weekly with Crosley to

"The vast majority of these guys have no idea what they did was an offense. They just thought they They have to be willing to step up were doing what other kids do," Sabine said.

said changes don't happen instantes, breaking curfew and leaving ly, although no child entered in the county without the permisprogram has ever committed another sexual crime.

"It's not easy to change when a kid has spent their whole life doing these things," he said. "You kind of have to go in there and do some reprogramming."

When a juvenile enters Wichita County's treatment program, he must attend hours of individual, family and group and family group counseling each week. The intense counseling keeps the child

"It usually amounts to four or five hours a week depending on which week it is," Sabine said.

While in counseling, each child learns how to avoid certain types of behavior like manipulation of targets, understanding barriers, learning about abuse cycles and empathizing with victims.

When the offenders aren't in Every child approved for the counseling, they're in school, at We're dealing with a child; we're county program must remain in it home or wherever Crosley knows dealing with a family; we're deal- for a minimum of two years. Wolfe they'll be, she said. Missing class-

sion of juvenile court are all viola-

"I think people think that probation is an easy way out," she said. "None of those kids have been on probation."

It's Crosley's job to check computer Internet records, mandate clothing choices, forbid contact with certain friends and see that the 100 hours of community service are completed by each offender. Each child earns his way off of the more intensive levels of probation, she said.

Crosley and the others involved in the program are committed to helping young offenders, Sabine said. He said working with young sexual offenders is tough but ultimately rewarding.

"I don't excuse their behavior, but I try to see their humanity," he

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Waco grandmother masters martial arts, earns black belt

By STEPHANIE ALLMON **Waco Tribute Herald**

Waco, Texas — With her small frame, silver hair and round wire glasses, Mary Gillenwater doesn't appear much different that other 78-year-old grandmothers.

Then she changes from her powder-blue blouse and slacks into her traditional white "dobok," takes off her jewelry and ties a black belt around her waist.

Then she shakes your hand, with a grip that feels like it could crunch steel. And just then, you realize this granny could kick vour butt.

At 78, Gillenwater is the oldest tae kwon do student at Family Martial Arts of Texas. And she's a black-belt.

The Waco native studied various dance forms many years ago. But this widowed mother of two and grandmother of six decided to take up self-defense about 10 years ago because, she said, it just intrigued her. She said age had nothing to do with her decision.

"I got interested in martial arts, it was good exercise and wonderful defense," she said. "I don't taught in the past dozen or so the right situation ... you want to know how to defend yourself."

So Gillenwater started attending classes at Family Martial Arts, usually twice a week. Her son and daughter also attend classes with her, and two of her grandsons used to take martial arts

classes, she said. Gillenwater earned her first belt, a yellow belt, in 1992, and her black belt in 1996. It takes mastery of different concepts and forms to earn each belt, she said.

The black belt, she said, was her goal. She doesn't care to compete in tae kwon do competitions, she said. She just wants to keep at it for the exercise. She's never liked sports, she said, but she tries to walk regularly and tends to her yard as another way of exercising.

Each tae kwon do class consists of a warmup and a session of new me. and review "forms," or stances, and moves. Gillenwater said she has to modify some moves Associated Press

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because she's not as limber as younger members of the class. "Age naturally slows you down," she said.

Jamie Londenberg, president of Family Martial Arts and Gillenwater's instructor, said she may be the oldest student in her classes, but even big men in the class don't like to challenge her because she is strong and aggres-

"Nobody wants to do self-defense with Mary," Londenberg joked. "She gets a little realistic."

Londenberg said 90 percent of self-defense comes from self-confidence. Gillenwater doesn't lack in that department, he said.

"Tae kwon do teaches perseverance and indomitable spirit," he said. "I'd say she embodies that, big time. She doesn't give up."

About 200 students, as young as age 3, take martial arts at Family Martial Arts. While most people start as kids, Londenberg said he does see quite a few people start in their 40s or older.

"Everybody has wanted to do this at one time or another in life,"

Of all the students he has care how old or how young, in years, he said, Gillenwater is his oldest pupil. He said she doesn t get treated any differently by the instructors or other class members. But she does command respect. He said the fact that Gillenwater is a little "hardheaded" helps her in the martial

"With anybody, whether they're 8, 9, 10 or 78, they have to perseverance and have indomitable spirit," he said. "The mental part is probably more. important than the physical

Gillenwater said she is thankful she's never had to use any of her tae kwon do in a real-life selfdefense situation. But if she did, she said, she would be ready.

"I'm not going to go out there and challenge a soul," she said, "but they'd better not challenge

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