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City, county at odds over old courthouse

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A neglected county courthouse that has long been an eyesore for local residents has become a sore spot for city and county officials.

The city has begun boarding up windows and mowing the tall weeds at the 1914 Nueces County Courthouse after county officials failed to respond to a warning letter to take care of the place.

"I'm glad to know some kind of work has begun," Mayor Loyd Neal said. "It was an eyesore. There is not another building anywhere near the size of the courthouse, owned by a governmental entity, that is not properly taken care of."

DEATHS

D.C. Conklin, 72, self-employed pipeline engineer.

Phillip M. Lang, 59, longtime Pampan.

Myrtle Rogers, 60, nurse aide.

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Still going strong after 100 years

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Surrounded by family members and friends, Teresa Reed celebrated her 100th birthday in Pampa Friday.

A retired teacher, the woman who has lived here since 1930 still maintains an active lifestyle. Several of her former students visited her on Friday to wish her a happy birthday on that significant day.

A table of unopened presents sat in the background as family members gathered to extend their greetings to the matriarch of the family.

A remarkable woman, Teresa still drives her car and is in excellent health. She doesn't even require glasses to read her Bible.

Grandson Jan Eric Humphreys, an attorney in Galveston, reports there are six generations of his grandmother's family in the long lineage, but only four generations were able to be in town for the century-old woman's celebration.

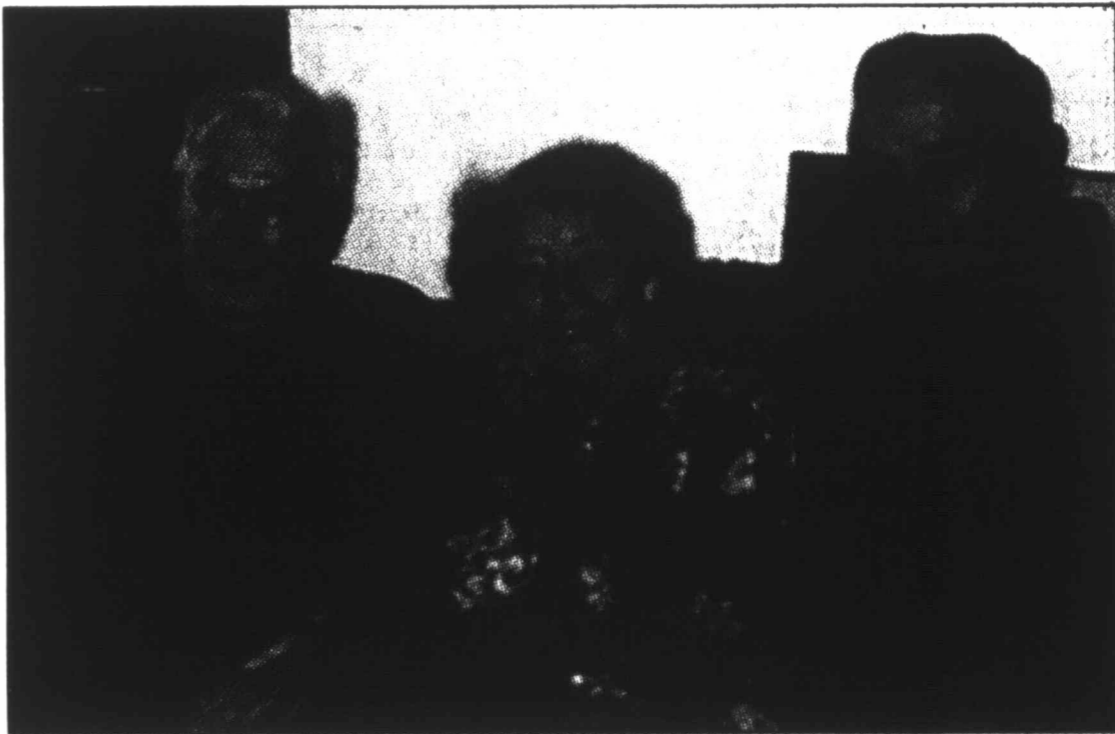
Teresa first came to Pampa on a train with her two young

sons, John, who was 4 years of age, and Don, who was 2 years of age. Traveling from Tulsa, Okla., she came to visit her mother and stepfather in March 1930. While she was in town she visited with the school superintendent about a teaching position as she had two years experience and a two-year teaching certification after some college studies.

She reported the superintendent told her he would hire her if she could acquire a year of college studies by September 1930. She contacted a friend in Edmond, Okla., who agreed to keep her young sons while she attended college classes at the college in that community and the college registered her for classes.

During the next six months, she did just what she set out to do. She acquired the necessary academic studies and received a six-year certification.

"I didn't know if I could do it, but I knew I was going to try," she said. She said there were two semesters which were a little over two months each and another accelerated



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Teresa Reed celebrated her 100th birthday Friday. Her sons, John Humphreys, left, of Dallas, and Don Humphreys, right, of Wheeler, helped her celebrate along with several other family members who gathered for the special day.

series of studies for three weeks.

Teresa returned to Pampa with her sons and began teaching in September of that year. She had a good job during those depression years.

She made \$90 a month in the nine-month session of school teaching the children of the many oil field workers who were moving into the Pampa area as well as children of longtime area residents.

Over the years she taught in the primary grades. Her soft voice reminds one of the voice of a teacher from that time period who taught younger students in the first (See REED, Page 5)

Finishing touches



(Pampa News photos by Nancy Young)

Clarice Doss, left, decorates the Pampa Garden Club's white flocked Christmas tree in a victorian theme in preparation for the Festival of Trees at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. A variety of victorian ornaments in shades of pink decorate the tree. A traditional green tree covered with Cheery Bear Christmas Tree ornaments is decorated by Bonnie Wood, right, for the tradition Festival of Trees. Happy little bears are hanging throughout the tree with similar decorations. The Festival of Trees is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, and again on Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

City officials plan interview with candidate for city manager

Pampa City Commission may hire a city manager when they meet at 4 p.m. Monday in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

An executive session is scheduled for the commission to convene in private to discuss the hiring and to interview a city manager candidate.

Following the closed door session, the agenda provides for the commission to adopt a resolution appointing a city manager and authorize the mayor to execute a related agreement.

John Hatchel has been serving as interim city manager since former city manager Bob Eskridge resigned several months ago.

Shopping tour set for Dec. 14

Businesswoman chairs annual children's event

Linda C. Daniels will be general chair for the 2002 Children's Shopping Tour, according to the Rev. Harold Eggert, president of the Kiwanis Club of Pampa.

"We plan to invite 130 children between the ages of 5 and 10 this year," Daniels said. "The Salvation Army through Capt. Patricia Steward will invite most of the children. Other children will be invited through Tralee Crisis Center and its director, Kim Davis. We expect a few to be invited by Sandra McKinney of the Texas Department of Human Services."

Volunteers are being recruited to help an estimated 130 children buy gifts for their families in the Children's Shopping Tour set for Saturday, Dec. 14.

Kiwanian Jeff Welborn is leading the recruitment effort to enlist the help of 200 volunteers to help the children select gifts for members of their household during a mass shopping expedition on Dec. 14. Prospective volunteers can call Welborn at 665-4051.

"The children do not buy presents for themselves," Daniels explained. "Most of the children have never been Christmas shopping before and have never been able to experience giving at Christmas."

Volunteers will gather at the Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven, at 7:45 a.m.,



Linda Daniels

Saturday, Dec. 14, where they will register in the Optimist Gym and be assigned children. Volunteers chaperoning children will be given the ages and sizes of all people in the children's households.

After an orientation, the chaperones will pick up their children and take them shopping. Wal-Mart will give the children a 10 percent discount on items bought there, Daniels said.

When the children have completed their shopping, they return to the Optimist Gym where the Opti-Mrs. Club sponsors a wrapping party.

"Last year we wrapped around 700 presents," said Whitney Davis, the Opti-Mrs. chair.

"Optimist Club members will start cooking hamburgers (See TOUR, Page 5)

Happy Holidays

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OBITUARIES

D.C. CONKLIN
1930-2002

D.C. Conklin, 72, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002. The body was cremated. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Conklin, a former longtime resident of Plainview, was born Sept. 8, 1930, at Graham. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1948 and moved to Plainview in 1953.

He was a self-employed pipeline engineer. He was preceded in death by a son, Wendell Conklin, in 1971.

Survivors include two sons, Derrell D. Conklin of Pampa and Brad R. Conklin of Las Vegas, Nev.; a brother, Bill Conklin of Lubbock; two sisters, Mary Lee Osborne of Pampa and Barbara Chambers of Hawkins; and a grandchild.

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PHILLIP M. LANG
1943-2002

Phillip M. Lang, 59, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Fairview Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lang was born Nov. 2, 1943, at

Marietta, Okla. He was a longtime Pampa resident.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Lang of Pampa; a son, Greg Lang of Pampa; and two granddaughters.

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MYRTLE ROGERS
1942-2002

Myrtle Rogers, 60, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Rogers was born June 17, 1942, at Pampa and had been a lifelong resident of the community. She worked as a nurses' aide at Pampa Nursing Center in the early 1970s.

She was a member of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter,

Marie Smith, in 1985; and a granddaughter, Cassidy Marie Smith, in 1985.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Fisher, Troy Fisher, and Rodney Fisher, all of Pampa; a daughter, Mona Linfor of Atlantic, Iowa; a sister, Cindy Jones of Pampa; two brothers, Kenneth Searl and Troy Searl, both of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

Services tomorrow

LANG, Phillip — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 6

12:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transferred one to Pampa Nursing.

2 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. No transport.

3 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department made the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday, according to Gray County Jail records.

Friday, Dec. 6

Jerry Lee Hicks, 37, 816 N. Dwight, was arrested for theft.

Samuel Brett Alexander, 46, 501 N. Faulkner, was arrested for theft.

Michael Wayne Blalock, 46, homeless, was arrested for non-payment of court costs on four capias pro fines. He was released after paying fines.

Michael Nelson, 37, 1148 Varnon, was arrested for driving while intoxicated - first offense.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Josue Rodriguez, 22, 1113 Seneca, was arrested on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

FIRE

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

Friday, Dec. 6

2:05 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. The call was cancelled before they arrived.

10:18 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1100 block of Neel Road to clean anti-freeze from the roadway.

Saturday, Dec. 7

1:44 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a report of gas odor in the 400 block of North Wynne. No source of the odor was found.

WEATHER

PAMPA — Sunday, cloudy. Chance of snow in the morning then chance of rain and snow in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain and snow 30 percent. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of rain and snow in the evening then chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain and snow 40 percent. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the south. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the mid 50s. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the upper 40s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of rain and snow 20 percent. Thursday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the upper 40s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

Grant funds helping rural volunteer fire departments

BRYAN — House Bill 2604 enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature established the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance program, a \$15 million annual cost-sharing program funded by contributions from the insurance industry and administered by the Texas Forest Service.

During the first two months, the TFS reports that over half of the \$15 million appropriated annual funding for the program has already been committed to volunteer fire departments across the

state for equipment and training.

During September and October funding meetings, program decision-makers approved 431 grants totaling nearly \$8 million for equipment and training. The largest portion of the funding (\$5.8 million) went toward the purchase of fire trucks, with an additional \$775,000 committed toward the purchase of truck chassis and slip-on pumping modules. Other program funds allocated at the grant meetings include: fire equipment, \$445,000; rescue

equipment, \$316,000; firefighter protective clothing, \$445,000; firefighter training tuition, \$87,500; and dry hydrants, \$33,600.

"The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program is destined to become one of the most significant legislative initiatives of Texas government in the 21st Century," declared James Hull, director of the Texas Forest Service. "The receipt of over 800 requests for over \$35 million in assistance during the first 60 days after the applications were published is a clear indication that the program addresses an unmet need of the state's volunteer fire departments."

Responses from grant recipients reflect on the somewhat tenuous and limited nature of funding for many volunteer departments, said Joe Fox, program manager with the TFS in Bryan. He noted that one department declared that its grant would fund "the first new piece of equipment for the department in 35 years." Another department that received approval for a new brush truck stated that the truck was truly "an answer to prayers."

Responses like these are typical for the departments, many of whom must count on fund-raising activities to fund their operations, said Fox.

"The needs of the volunteer fire community are tremendous," said Fox. "We wish that we could immediately fund each and every assistance request that we have received. Because the requests far exceeded appropriation of funds, though, we've had to implement a rating system to guide program decision-makers in allocating the existing funds."

Former Enron chairman Ken Lay's foundation can't fulfill 2002 pledges

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron Corp. chairman Ken Lay's family foundation cannot meet more than \$2.4 million in pledges for this year, and has asked charities and organizations to let it honor the pledges at a future date, according to Lay's spokeswoman.

The value of Ken Lay's family foundation plummeted from \$52 million to \$2.4 million last year because 90 percent of its

holdings were in Enron stock, said spokeswoman Kelly Kimberly.

The holdings were still worth \$2.4 million because the Linda and Ken Lay Family Foundation owns non-Enron stock, Kimberly said.

Lay and his wife sent the Chronicle a copy of the foundation's 2001 tax filings.

"It is the Lays' intention to honor all outstanding founda-

tion commitments," Kimberly said.

The foundation, she said, has made no new financial commitments since 2001, the year Enron filed for bankruptcy after revelations about years of inflated profits and hidden debt.

The foundation donated \$6.1 million to 540 charities, schools, churches and other organizations last year.

City Briefs

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Tree Project for Tralee Crisis Center, 310 S. Cuyler 8-5 p.m. Help a victim and her children have a joyful holiday.

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SADDLE SALE- 10% off. Lazy S Feed & Garden, 516 S. Russell.

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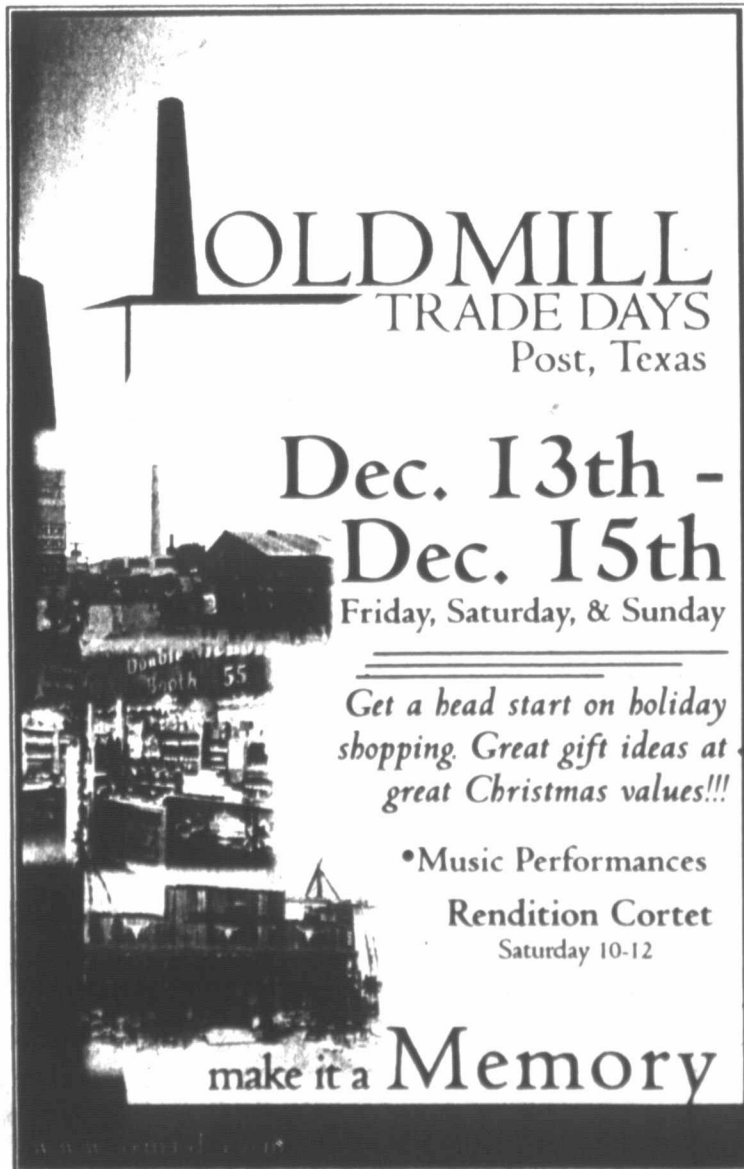
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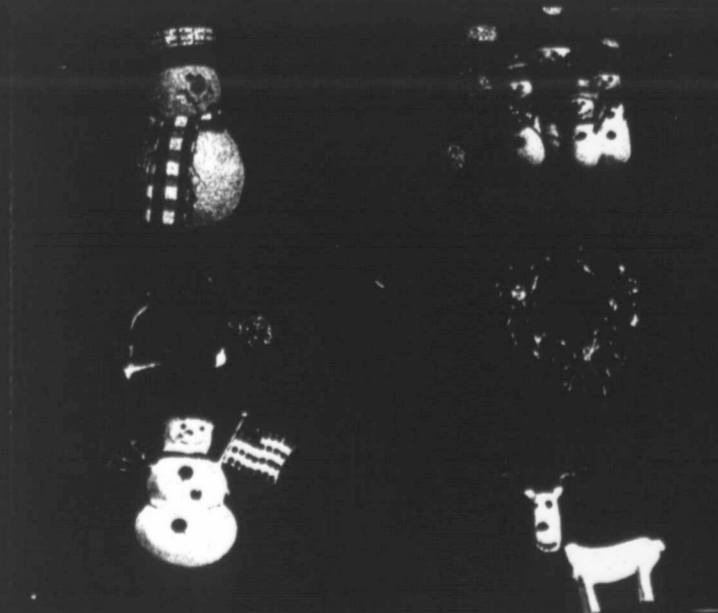
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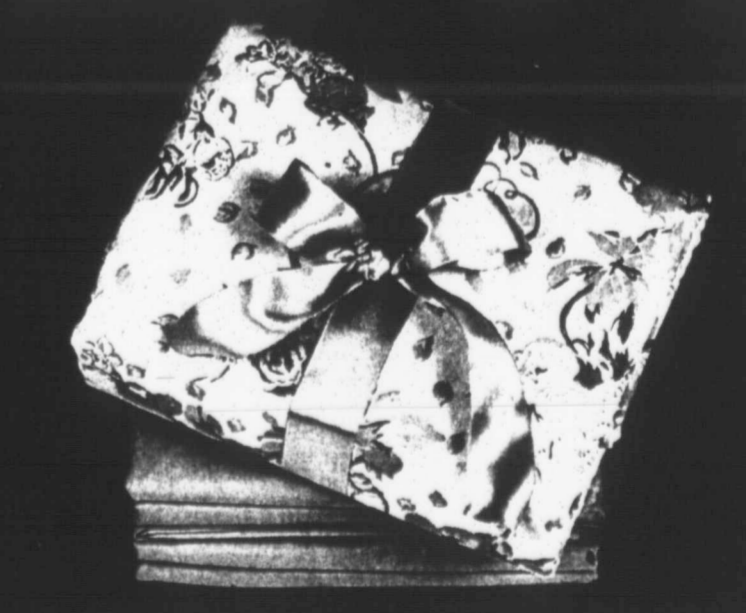
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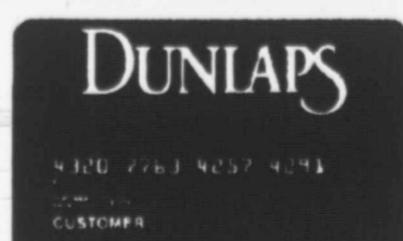


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hog waste system update

This update is to advise that the Salt Lake Tribune reports that Smithfield Foods, Inc., is considering a new waste treatment system to replace the open-air hog waste pits presently in use at Circle Four hog farms in Beaver and Iron counties (Utah), owned by Smithfield Foods. This must be an effort to improve its environmental credentials, since that company has been fined more than \$15 million for polluting streams and bays in the eastern and southern United States, and was recently ordered by the State of North Carolina to pay \$65 million over the next two decades to eliminate open lagoons.

Although the environmental offenses in Utah are not yet as glaring as the destruction in North Carolina, still several significant instances of water contamination have occurred from the use of open-pit hog waste lagoons - the discharge of 80,000 gallons of hog waste into an underground aquifer; 60,000 gallons of sewage spills onto land surrounding some of the farms, intolerable odor problems and other cases of contamination. The Utah company was fined \$45,000 and ordered to clean up the damage.

If you wonder what this has to do with Texas, it is just this: If the people in these counties in Utah cannot tolerate the impact of the open-air waste pits on their lives and environment, and the government of North Carolina has also expressed its outrage by imposing fines, penalties and restrictions, how then can the people of the Panhandle of Texas be expected to accept this industry passively and without question, especially in view of the fact that Smithfield (parent company of National Pig Development USA) is starting to dig the pits, even as I write, for a pig factor to house 50,000 animals just east of Pampa, and will utilize 46 acres of exactly the same open waste pits which are at issue here, and in use at all pig factories in Texas.

Sad to say, Texas has become the location of choice for the hog industry because its lax laws permit such abuse. At the very least, people should have the right to insist that these pits be replaced with one of the better waste systems now available.

The City of Pampa was recently required to spend \$2 million to upgrade the city's waste system, but the hog factory soon to come to Pampa, which will produce three times as much disease-bearing waste as humans, will be unrestricted and free to pollute.

More and more pigs will be coming. Only our legislators can bring about change. I urge each of you reading this to write Rep. Warren Chisum and Sen. Robert Duncan to express your concerns for our water and the environment for the reasons outlined above.

**Dr. Louis W. Haydon, Advisor
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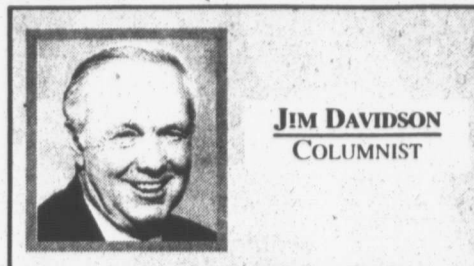
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But a bumble bee can't fly!

One day in this small community, a patrolman stopped a woman who was speeding. He asked to see her driver's license and said, "Lady, you were going 50 miles an hour in a 35 mile an hour zone." As she handed him her license, she said, "Before you begin writing that ticket, I think we should get our priorities straight. Are you supposed to advise me of my constitutional rights first, or am I supposed to tell you that my son is the head of the state highway patrol?"

As you read this humorous story, did you understand exactly what this lady had in mind? If you did, then you have some insights into the process of communication. While she did not say so, it's obvious that she was trying to use her son's influence to avoid paying a speeding ticket. The ability to communicate is a wonderful gift and those in our society who develop and use it well, have a tremendous advantage over those who do not.

As we think about the importance of communication in your own life, I would like to tell you another story involving communication that could have a tremendous bearing on your future. It's the story of the bumble bee. According to the theory of aerodynamics, the bumble bee is not supposed to be able to fly, because the size, weight and shape of his body in relation to his wing span, makes flying



JIM DAVIDSON
 COLUMNIST

impossible. But you see, here's the problem: somebody forgot to tell the bumble bee about this theory and he goes ahead and flies and makes a little honey every day!

This story for example, has been around for a long time and while most people have heard it, I'm not sure they see the correlation between the bumble bee and themselves. The reason this is true is because we have the ability to communicate, while the bumble bee does not, and if someone who is an authority tells us that it's impossible to do something, we just accept it at face value.

Instead of going ahead and trying something new or difficult and giving it our best shot, we just pass it off by saying, "Well, you just can't do that." Let me make a quick distinction here. While some people attempt life threatening or potentially dangerous feats, I'm talking about normal, every day activities that could make us happier and more success-

ful human beings.

About 25 years ago, when I first went into the sales profession, it didn't take me long to realize I had to steer clear of the older salesmen who had been around for years. Most of them were just plodding along and marking time. They were quick to tell me why a particular person or company would not buy from us. Of course, many new salesmen listen to this kind of talk and they never go out and make the effort, or if they do, they take the first rejection as proof the older, more experienced salesmen were right.

All through life, we meet people who have tried things and failed, and they will be quick to tell us why we can't do it, either. Here's the principle the story about the bumble bee should teach us: if what you want to do has potential and merit and will help you achieve what you want to achieve, how are you going to know whether you can succeed or not, if you don't try it for yourself? When you make the effort, destiny comes into play. As William Jennings Bryan once said, "Destiny is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." As you go forth today, REMEMBER: the bumble bee is not supposed to be able to fly, but he DID!

(Write to Jim Davidson at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)



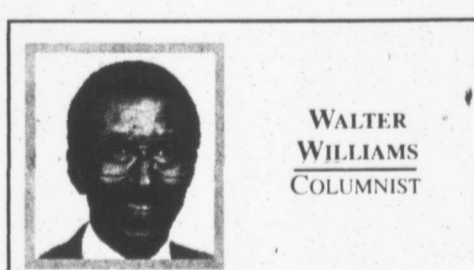
A few lessons about taxation

We need government, and that means taxes. But when we think about government spending, and the taxes needed to finance its spending, we should also think of the effects of taxation.

Suppose I hire you to repair my computer. The job is worth \$200 to me and doing the job is worth \$200 to you. The transaction will occur because we have a meeting of the mind. Now suppose there's the imposition of a 30 percent income tax on you. That means you won't receive \$200 but instead \$140. You might say the heck with working for me - spending the day with your family is worth more than \$140.

You might then offer that you'll do the job if I pay you \$285. That way your after-tax earnings will be \$200 - what the job was worth to you. There's a problem. The repair job was worth \$200 to me, not \$285. So it's my turn to say the heck with it.

This simple example demonstrates that one effect of taxes is that of eliminating transactions, and hence jobs. But politicians have what we economists call a zero elasticity vision of the world. They think people will behave after taxes just as they behaved before taxes and the only effect of a tax is to bring in more revenue. Here's a question for you: Would we and society be better off if you and I agreed to the repair job but did not tell anybody? I'd say yes, but we'd be criminals.



WALTER WILLIAMS
 COLUMNIST

Here's another tax question: Which worker receives the higher pay on a road construction project: a worker moving dirt with a shovel or a worker moving dirt atop a giant earthmover? If you said the guy on the earthmover, go to the head of the class.

But why? It's not because he's unionized or that employers just love earthmover operators. It's because he's more productive and the reason is that he has more capital (tools) with which to work. In general, the more capital workers have to work with, the higher their pay.

So what's a good policy for higher wages? One is to keep the cost of capital formation low so companies will do more of it. Policies that raise the cost of capital formation and lower risk-taking are high corporate income taxes, low allowances for depreciation and capital gains taxes. Those who want to see higher productivity gains and higher wages, of which I'm one, should champion tax reductions.

How in the world can tobacco compa-

nies survive and remain profitable in the wake of punitive taxes, penalties and court settlements? If the government and the courts imposed these multibillion dollar sanctions on the beef industry, it would have been long gone. The answer's easy. Corporations do not pay taxes, penalties and settlements.

A subject area in economics, called the incidence of taxation, says that the party upon whom a tax is levied does not necessarily pay the tax. They might shift it onto some other party. That's precisely what corporations do. They are merely tax collectors.

In the case of tobacco, the punitive taxes, penalties and settlements are shifted forward to consumers in the form of higher prices - thus, government has punished smokers much more than tobacco companies.

If the government made a similar attack on the beef industry, it would be out of business. Why? There are many substitutes for beef that consumers would turn to, whereas there're few substitutes for tobacco. Imposition of oppressive taxes on goods having few substitutes is standard fare for government. King George III did it with what our ancestors called the Intolerable Acts (Stamp Tax, Tea Tax and others). But not for long. Americans of that day hadn't learned the lessons of submissiveness and compliance - they rebelled.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2002. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date:

In 1776, George Washington's retreating army in the American Revolution crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey to Pennsylvania.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

In 1863, President Lincoln announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South.

In 1886, the American

Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1949, the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1978, former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir died in Jerusalem at age 80.

In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death out-

side his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

In 1982, a man demanding an end to nuclear weapons held the Washington Monument hostage, threatening to blow it up with explosives he claimed were inside a van. After a 10-hour standoff, Norman D. Mayer was shot to death by police; it turned out there were no explosives.

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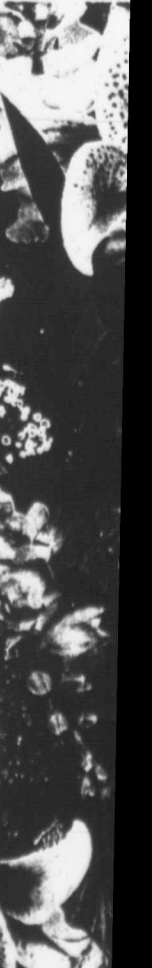
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few grades of school. While she only taught nine months a year, she was still working. The other three months she attended summer session at Edmond's college until she received her bachelors degree. Then, she attended Columbia University during summers to earn her masters degree.

After 36 years of teaching elementary students, she retired in 1966. She went to New Mexico to teach third grade Navajo Indians at a boarding school. More than 600 children who lived over two miles from the school attended.

She said she had 29 third grade students that year, and only two could read at the beginning of the year.

"That's way late to be learning to read," she remarked.

By the end of the year, her young students were reading.

While teaching at the school she met a widower from Alaska — Albert I. Reed. They married and lived in Pampa for a year or so until his sudden death from a heart attack.

Her son, John, reported it was a brief but storybook romance.

The retired teacher has continued with her active life as a member of the Civic Culture Club, an educational club; Pampa Retired Teachers Association and the First Christian Church.

Teresa's sons celebrated



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Teresa Reed, Pampa's newest centenarian

her birthday with her along with Don's wife Kate; granddaughter Laura Badonsky of Grand Prairie and her daughter, Anna Christiana, 18 months old. A cousin, Sister Virginia Pearl of Concordia, Kan., also shared in the celebration.

Teresa and Sister Virginia talked of their native American heritage — the Potawatomi Indian tribe. Each year they gather in Shawnee, Okla., for a family reunion — a real pow-wow.

Sister Virginia credits Teresa's native heritage to her longevity. She told of Teresa's grandmother being a child survivor of the historic Trail of Death in which the Indians were driven from Michigan in

1838. She said they walked to Kansas where the few survivors lived.

Coming from a family of eight half-brothers and one half-sister, Teresa is the oldest. Three of her brothers are still living. One brother who lives in Kansas had planned to attend the celebration but became ill. Sister Virginia said he will be coming to Pampa as soon as he's well to visit his sister.

The family attended a noon celebration at Pampa Senior Citizens on Friday where Teresa was feted with a birthday cake. On Sunday, she will be honored with a reception following morning services at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson.

Forgotten stock account helps man reunite homeless woman and family

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Stockbroker Michael Guess has worked downtown long enough to recognize a homeless person. He knew Alice Perley was one as she walked off the elevator into his office this week.

"She was just kind of unkempt," Guess said Friday. "There's a certain look."

A meek woman with piercing eyes, the 48-year-old Perley told Guess she thought she had an investment account with his firm, A.G. Edwards & Sons.

But she didn't know when or where. She said the account might be in another state.

A skeptical Guess invited Perley into his office and told her he'd look into it.

"She seemed kind of lost, so I decided to help her," he said. He and a colleague offered her money, but she wouldn't take it. That surprised him.

It surprised him even more when a fellow broker in Atlanta confirmed that Perley indeed had an account. Not only that, but her family in North Carolina had been looking for her for years. They'd even hired private investigators to help in the search.

"We kind of all in the back of our minds expected the worst," said her sister-in-law, Shelby Perley, of Charlotte, N.C.

Kim Coggins, the Atlanta broker, knew the family and the situation.

"She's there with you now?" he asked Guess in disbelief. "Oh, my gosh."

Coggins immediately called the woman's brother, Fred Perley, who the following day flew to Nashville to pick up his sister and bring her home. They were traveling Friday and unavailable for comment.

"This woman had been on the streets for years," Guess said. "It's a miracle that she didn't die. It's the coolest thing

that's ever happened in my life."

Alice Perley, who earned a degree in chemistry and worked for AT&T for 12 years, had lived in Kentucky until her life fell apart, relatives said.

Around 1995, she stopped taking prescription antidepressants and got in trouble with police in Memphis, Shelby Perley said. Fred Perley and another sibling went there to help her. They put her on a plane to see relatives in Newark, N.J. — but she never arrived.

As it turned out, she got off the plane in Nashville, stayed in the airport until authorities kicked her out and then roamed the streets for years, relatives said.

"A week of homelessness turned into a month, and a

month into a year, and she just spiraled down and down," Fred Perley told The Tennessean newspaper.

Her fortune started changing earlier this year when she was accused of causing a public disturbance and was sent to court.

Prosecutors agreed to move her case to mental health court, where a judge ordered her to see a psychiatrist. As a result, she began taking medication again and received temporary shelter. She even worked in a restaurant until it closed about a month ago.

"It's just an incredible story," said Mark Fishburn, the presiding judge at Davidson County's mental health court, who issued an order allowing Fred Perley to take his sister home.

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about 9 a.m.," said Kevin Davis, the Optimist chair. "We will feed lunch to the children and the volunteers. Last year we served 350 hamburgers."

The Energizer Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church led by Daniel Heare and Kelci Penrod are in charge of entertaining children who finish shopping and wrapping early. Singing Christmas carols, telling Christmas stories and coloring are among things which will occupy the children before and after the luncheon.

Members of the New Life Assembly of God church will present a puppet show that will emphasize to the children the reason for the Christmas season. The Gideons led by Harley Knutson and Dr. Mark Ford Jr. will hand out Bibles to any child who would like to have one.

Donations for the project are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to the Pampa Optimist Youth Club and sent to the project treasurer, John W. Warner, P.O. Box 645, Pampa, TX 79066-0645.

"The chaperones will be allowed to spend \$25 for gifts for each family member of the children," Warner explained. "We will serve 350 to 400 people with this project and plan to spend between \$8,000 and \$9,000. At the present time we have pledges of more than \$6,500."

Daniels is a Realtor for Keller Williams

Realty and a member of the Pampa and Amarillo Realtors associations. She is a Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coat and serves on the American Red Cross board. She is also a member of the Downtown Business Association. Being president of the Republican Women, a CASA volunteer and serving on the Tourism and Membership committees of the chamber are her other community activities. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church and attends Trinity Fellowship.

Her sons are both in the U.S. Navy. Shaun is a helicopter crew chief. Shane works in missile fire control. She has six grandchildren.

Members of the Children's Shopping Tour steering committee which organizes the project, other than those already mentioned, include Jana Gregory of the American Red Cross, Ann Franklin and Shelly Cook for the Kiwanis Club, and Karen McGahen of Tralee.

The Children's Shopping Tour began in 1963 and is conducted annually.

The project is the result of the combined efforts of the Kiwanis Club, Optimist Club, Salvation Army, Energizer and Aldergate Sunday School classes of the First United Methodist church, American Red Cross, Tralee Crisis Center, Opti-Mrs. Club, Democratic Club, Rotary Club, First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, New Life Assembly of God Church, Body of Christ Church, Pampa High School cheerleaders, Harvester basketball team, Lady Harvester basketball team, and others.

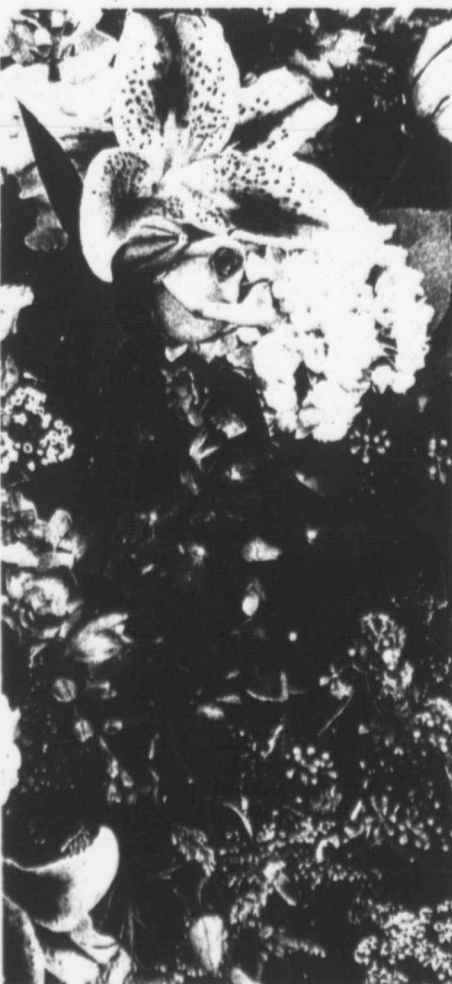
Iraq prepares to hand over an accounting of weapons

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.N. inspectors returned to work Saturday as the Iraqi government prepared to deliver to the world a massive document detailing its nuclear, chemical and biological programs, and formally declaring it no longer has weapons of mass destruction.

Iraqi officials were expected to hand over the giant compendium — one said it was 13,000 pages — to U.N. officials in Baghdad by late

Saturday. It was expected to be flown out Sunday on a U.N. plane, to reach U.N. headquarters in New York and the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna by late Sunday. The U.N. Security Council had set Sunday as the deadline.

The thousands of pages of technical detail will shift the Iraq crisis into a new stage, as Washington and Baghdad move toward a crossroads between war and peace.



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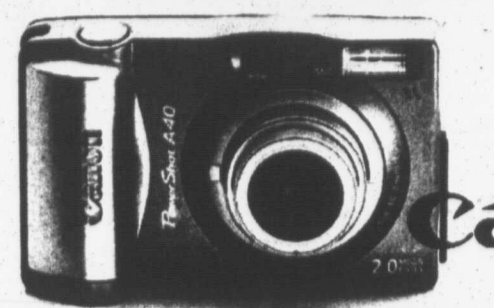


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Pampa High School remembered by 1932 graduate



MUSEUM MEMENTOS
BY
ELOISE LANE
WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

(Several people have asked for copies of my acceptance speech at the Harvester Hall of Fame induction, so I am using it for this Museum Memento. —Eloise Lane)

I feel a little out of place. I feel that I should be playing the piano while you were singing. You would make a grand chorus.

I am very privileged to be inducted into the Harvester Hall of Fame. I thank Dr. Orr and the School Administration, the Board of Trustees, the Student Council and the Selection Committee for this great honor.

I am grateful to the staff of the White Deer Land Museum — Anne Davidson, Robbie Stone, and Deborah Chambers — for making the nomination, and I am also grateful to those who wrote letters of endorsement.

I began to think about Pampa High School in the spring of 1921 when I was 6-years-old. I was fascinated by the first high school annual — called "The Harvest." The editor was Ray Wilson, the first inductee into the

Harvester Hall of Fame. The school colors of green and gold were suggested by one of the teachers who was thinking of wheat fields green in the spring turning to gold at harvest time in the summer.

The high school faculty consisted of the superintendent and three other teachers. There were nine graduating seniors and three post graduates.

The motto of the senior class was "We finish to begin." That motto could be used for you students who are here today — for you will soon finish your years as high school students to begin your lives as adults.

The class of 1921 was the first to graduate from the new tan brick school building at 126 W. Francis. This building had rooms for all 11 grades of the school system, and there was an auditorium on the second floor.

The town of Pampa grew rapidly after the discovery of oil and gas, and the school enrollment increased also. Lower grades were sent to the red brick building at 309 N. Cuyler and to frame buildings

on the edges of the school campus before elementary school buildings were constructed.

When I entered high school in the fall of 1928, the tan brick school building was known as Pampa High School. A wing had been added on the east and a wing was soon to be added on the west. We could stand at the front entrance, look down Russell Street toward the railroad tracks, and see the new Schneider Hotel.

Later, in 1931, the Pampa High School building and the Schneider Hotel were named as two of the buildings on Pampa's "Million Dollar Row." The other buildings in that group were constructed during the four years I was in high school.

The Central Fire Station replaced a small red brick building located where there had once been a hitching rack for horses. The Pampa City Hall had an auditorium with 1,000 seats on the second floor, and the City Library was in the basement.

The City Hall was on the site of the former city water well where water was hauled in horse-drawn wagons to be sold to citizens of the town for 25-cents a barrel. A large stock watering tank of corrugated iron was located near the water well.

The Gray County Court House was erected on land where high school boys had

practiced football and a Queen of the May was crowned on May Day while children wove colored streamers around the maypole. In summer, there were tent revival meetings, cha-tauquas and Harley Sadler tent shows. The "Texas Highways" magazine for August 2002 has an article about Harley Sadler tent shows and a description of a town very much like Pampa was in the late 1920s.

The Combs-Worley office building — our skyscraper with four stories and two elevators — replaced the gray stone building of the First Baptist Church. And we knew that we were going to have a grand new post office, the only federal building in Pampa.

In the fall of 1929 we began going to Wednesday morning assemblies in the new gymnasium at the corner of North Cuyler and West Browning. There we were introduced to "Texas, Our Texas," which was made our state song on May 13, 1929. The next year some Congressmen in Washington began a campaign to make "The Star Spangled Banner" our official national anthem and that became a reality on March 3, 1931.

(See "ELOISE," Page 9)



(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

From the location of the entrance to Pampa High School in 1932, these buildings on Pampa's "Million Dollar Row" are shown in 2002 — Schneider Hotel, now Schneider House Apartments, 1; Pampa City Hall, 2; Gray County Courthouse, 3; and Combs-Worley Building (Firstbank Southwest), 4. The tan brick school building was razed in 1975. Central Fire Station does not show from this viewpoint. The Schneider Hotel, Central Fire Station, and Pampa City Hall were built on land originally designated as Albert Square.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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GOP HEADQUARTERS
The Republican Party is headquartered locally at 1621 N. Hobart next to the Sears store. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. For more information, phone 886-4967.

PCCA
Pampa Community Concert Association's 2002-03 season will kick-off with "Swingerhead" scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Borger High School Auditorium. Borger's CCA will co-sponsor. Other upcoming PCCA presentations include: "Quintet of the Americas," Nov. 19; "The Ennis Sisters," Jan. 11; and "Dancing on Common Ground," March 18. All will be staged at 7:30 p.m., at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. For tickets or more information, contact Ruth Riehart, PCCA president, at 665-3362.

LADIES AUXILIARY
The FFW Ladies Auxiliary in Clarendon is conducting a fund-raiser raffle to benefit cancer aid and research. The grand-prize winner will receive \$2,000. Tickets are \$10 a piece. Other prizes will be awarded. To purchase a ticket, contact a member of the local Ladies Auxiliary.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY
A H.O. Scale Model Railroad will be on display at Lake Meredith Aquatic and

Wildlife Museum from Dec. 14 through the 22nd. The exhibit will also include posters, coloring books, and other materials from Santa Fe Railroad, Burlington Railroad, Amtrak, Lionel, and others. Exhibit hours will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, and 1-5 p.m., Sunday-Friday at the museum in Fritch. Admission is \$2. Children under 3 get in free. All proceeds will benefit the Aquatic Rehab Project.

GCAP MOMS&BABIES
Gray County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies will not meet during the month of December.

SUNSHINE LUNCH
Crown of Texas Hospice will host a "Sunshine Bereavement Luncheon," for those grieving the death of a loved one, at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Texas Rose Steakhouse in Pampa. Cost of the meal will range from \$5 to \$8. For more information, call (806) 372-7696 or (800) 572-6365.

ASAA
American Society of Agricultural Appraisers will offer a 4 1/2-day Personal Property Appraisal seminar Dec. 11-15 in Dallas/Fort Worth. The seminar is the only course of its kind approved by The Appraisal Qualifications Board in Washington, D.C. For more information, call 1-800-488-7570 or visit www.amagapraisers.com on the Internet.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Moonlight Extension Education Club will sponsor its 24th Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 14 at Bailey

County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe. Applications for booth space will be taken through Dec. 1. For more information, contact Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8th St., Muleshoe, TX 79347.

COLONEL'S WAY CONTEST
The Seventh Annual Colonel's Way™ Award Contest, sponsored by KFC, is currently under way. This essay contest encourages children to honor outstanding seniors age 50 and older who have had a positive impact on their lives. The contest is open to children 13 and under. For official rules, go on-line to www.kfc.com or send a SASE to: Colonel's Way Award Contest, c/o Edelman, 200 E. Randolph Dr., 63rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60601. Entries must be submitted on-line or postmarked by Dec. 31.

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Financial Assistance Network's gift card program is open to eligible consumers who need to stretch their gift-giving budgets this holiday season. To qualify, individuals must have income of less than \$32,121. Families will also qualify to receive a \$150 gift card package if they have over \$7,500 in credit card balances and the balance is not getting paid off due to high-interest rates. Seniors and the disabled can also qualify for up to \$250 in gift cards. For more information, call (202) 882-6000 or mail five first-class stamps to: Financial Assistance Network, Gift Card Giveaway Package GCG-02F, P.O. Box

60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Additional details are available at www.GiftCardGiveaway.com

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Dec. 3, Groom School, Groom; 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Dec. 4 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 1-3:30 p.m., Dec. 9, McLean School, McLean; and 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., Dec. 11, Lefors School, Lefors.

HARRINGTON QUARTET
Harrington String Quartet will perform its 21st anniversary season in 2002-03. The quartet will perform four subscription concerts on the following dates: Sept. 14, 2002; Nov. 16, 2002; March 8, 2003; and May 17, 2003. For ticket information, call the Amarillo Symphony Box Office at (806) 376-8782.

RELIGIOUS POETRY CONTEST
New Jersey Rainbow Poets is currently sponsoring a religious poetry contest. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036; or enter on-line at www.rainbowpoets.com. The deadline for entries is Jan. 4, 2003.

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receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

UM ART CONTEST
University of Mobile, Alabama, is calling for entries for its 12th annual "Art With a Southern Drawl" juried art competition. The show is open to artists working in any media, and only original artwork is accepted. To be eligible, artists must be born in or currently reside in Texas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Tennessee. The postmark deadline for entries is Jan. 11, 2003. For more information, call 1-800-946-7267, ext. 2420; log on to www.umo.edu/awdsd.htm; or e-mail UMdrawl@yahoo.com.

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16-18 at the Albuquerque Marriott in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information, call (806) 749-3478.

TREE SEEDLINGS
Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting orders for wind-break and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. The program is designed to offer tree seedlings at a nominal cost for environmental and protection purposes. The seedlings will arrive in the district office at the end of March. The deadline for ordering the seedlings is March 10, 2003. SWCD officials encourage early orders as many species sell-out very quickly. For more information, call 665-1751, ext. 102.

USS SPERRY
The USS Sperry Association is seeking former shipmates who served between 1942-82 for a reunion celebration. For more information, call (517) 784-7810; write George Gallas, secretary, USS SPERRY (AS-12) Association, Jackson, MI 49203-1521; or e-mail georgecarole@modempool.com.

HOLLINGHEAD REUNION
The Hollingshead family reunion will be held August 2003 at Moorestown, N.J. The first Hollingsheads arrived in the American colonies around 1700. If you are a descendant or know one who might be interested, more information is available from Brian Hollingshead at HYPERLINK hollingshead@telus.net or write: 2692 Mountview Place, Burnaby, BC, V3J 1E3, Canada.

LST ASSOCIATION REUNION
The U.S. Association will hold a reunion for all LSTers, from World War-II to the present date, March 20-22, 2003, at the Holiday Inn South on I-35 West in Fort Worth. For more information, contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948; 1-800-228-5870; USLST: @KMBS.Com (e-mail).

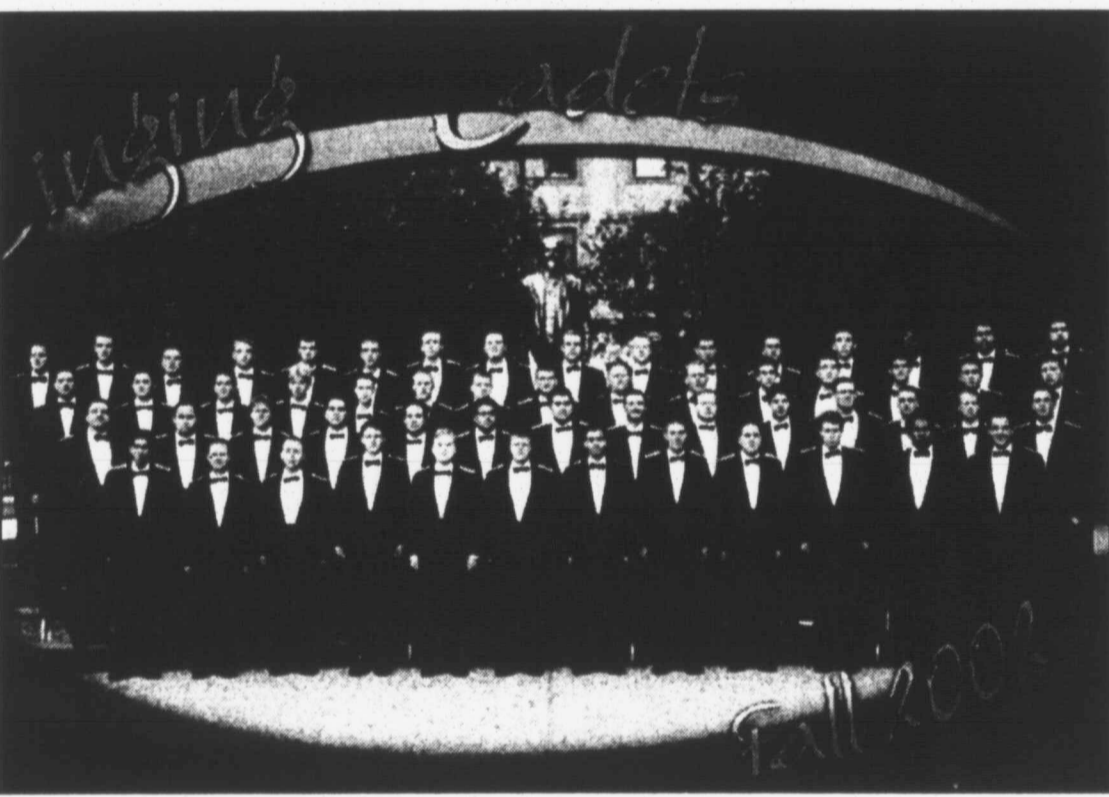
Aggie Mother's sponsoring Singing Cadets

AMARILLO - The Amarillo Aggie Mother's Club will be sponsoring and appearance of The Texas A&M University Singing Cadets to raise money for Texas A&M student scholarships at 7 p.m., Jan. 8, 2003, in the Amarillo High School Auditorium.

A Singing Cadets concert includes a variety of music from religious, patriotic, Broadway, popular, novelty numbers and traditional school songs.

The four-part men's chorus, known as the "Voice of Aggieland" shares their enthusiasm for singing and spreading the name of Texas A&M wherever they go, according to a news release from the Amarillo Aggie Mother's Club.

Tickets are \$8 per person and can be purchased through any member of the Amarillo



Aggie Mothers' Club, at the

downtown branch of Wells Fargo Bank at 10th and Filmore, or at the Medical Center Coulter branch of Bank

of America at Wallace and Coulter or by calling Cindy Skypala at 354-0182 or Connie Boudreaux at 622-3436.

Cooley to present reading, book-signing

Hastings Entertainment will host an autograph signing with Loralee Cooley, author of "A Word Fitly Spoken," from 1-3 p.m., Dec. 14 at its location at 1205 N. Hobart in Pampa. Cooley will also read select passages from the book to give readers a preview of the many stories contained in the volume.

"A Word Fitly Spoken" is a collection of remembrances from residents of Gray

County. The year 2002 marks the centennial of the county, and this book is dedicated to the commemoration of that milestone.

Although her works have been included in such collections as "More Ready-to-Tell Tales," this is Cooley's first print publication. She has also released several videotapes including "Storyspinning Vols. 1&2" and "Texas Women."

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Golden Spread Coin Club. Golden Spread Coin Club, originally Amarillo Coin Club, meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. GSCC is a member of American Numismatic Association. For more information, call (806) 352-8281 or (806) 342-9536.

Gray Co. Ass'n for Retarded Citizens. Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

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

Gray Co. Genealogical Society. Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society. Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

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

Pampa Citizens on Patrol Ass'n. Pampa Citizens on Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 824 S. Cuyler.

Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club. The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Carol Carpenter at 669-7940.

Pampa Fine Arts Ass'n. Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

Pampa Garden Club. Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

Pampa Pilots Ass'n. Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

Pampa Rotary Club. Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.

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

Pampa Woodcarving Club. Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

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

Top O' Texas Rodeo Ass'n. Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

MEDICAL, SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.

Al-Anon. Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.

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

American Heart Ass'n. American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant in Pampa.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Texcare. Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

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

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

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

YMCA Diabetes Class. Amarillo YMCA is offering new water exercise classes specially-designed for diabetics. Schedule of classes are as follows: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays; 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesdays; 6 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$4 per class for non-members and \$3 per class with a 10-class punch pass. Y members get in free. For more information, call Cindy Gibson, fitness director, or Junior Garcia, aquatics director, at (806) 374-4651.

EDUCATION, PSAs

ACT, ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/ocohome.htm (career planning).

ANIMALPRINTS.COM. AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.

AIYSE. American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575 or visit www.aise.com on the World Wide Web.

Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation offers a "Tree Planting Resource Kit for Volunteers." The kit is available for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling and includes a leadership guide, a Celebrate Arbor Day guidebook, and a video to help motivate volunteers. For more information, call (402) 474-5655, go on-line to www.arborday.org, or write: The National

Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

AYA. Academic Year in America program is seeking host families for international exchange students between the ages of 15-18 1/2. For more information, call Danielle Carpino at 1-800-322-4678 ext. 5146.

BBB RESOURCE GUIDE. The Better Business Bureau is offering "The Spring BBB Membership Directory and Resource Guide." The publication is available free of charge and includes a listing of BBB member companies as well as businesses who qualify as members and who uphold BBB's standards of ethical practices. The guide also provides tips on how to be better shoppers along with information on current scams. For more information or to obtain the guide, call (806) 379-7133.

CASE. Hosting a high school exchange student is like bringing the world to your doorstep. U.S. Government sanctioned, CSJET listed non-profit educational organization is seeking families of all types; retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples. Students will be arriving from various counties, ALL of whom speak English. You can choose a male or female between the age of 15 and 18. You will have the support of a LOCAL Area Representative with you throughout the exchange. Students arrive sometime in August (depending on when school starts). Your new son or daughter will attend your local high school for either 5 or 10 months. All students have their own medical insurance. As a host family, you agree to provide room and board and to include your student as a member of your family. For information, contact Joyce toll-free at 877-846-5848.

EMF. Educational Merit Foundation, a non-profit, Texas-based, student exchange organization, is seeking host families for high school students from Europe. For more information, call (972) 495-3868 or 1-800-467-8363.

FAN Booklet. The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills" send \$5 to: Financial Assistance Network - Government Help for Energy Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

Fear Not Foundation. The Fear Not Foundation offers free to the public Lee Crull's "Ten Golden Rules for Safety," a "kidnap-proof" set of guidelines to help children protect themselves from would-be predators. Crull is an elite ex-commando, former undercover agent, and professional bodyguard. For more information, send a business size SASE to: The Fear Not Foundation, P.O. Box 403, Syracuse, NY 13215; or go on-line to www.GoodForYouAmerica.com and click on The Fear Not Foundation to link to the "Ten Golden Rules."

FEI Booklet. The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklets "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs" and "Directory of Micro Loan Sources." Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways - Dept. 100GG-0110 or Micro Loan Sources - Dept. DMLS-0313, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071; by calling (202) 595-1031; or by visiting www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web.

FHRC Booklet. Family Health Research Council offers the booklets "Overcoming Depression and Anxiety" and "Getting the Sleep You Need." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs to treat depression and anxiety. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, Overcoming Depression and Anxiety, P.O. Box 3176, Elmira, NY 14905-3176; or Regional Fulfillment Center, Sleep Booklet #143, P.O. Box 692634, Boston MA 02269-2634. For additional information, visit the Council's website at www.FamilyHealthResearch.org.

FIT. Foundation for Intercultural Travel is seeking host families for exchange students. Students bring their own spending money for clothes, entertainment and other expenses and provide their own medical insurance as well. Host families agree to room and board and to include the exchange student in the family. For more information, call (877) 439-7862.

FSA. USDA's Farm Service Agency has launched a redesigned website located at www.fsa.usda.gov on the Internet. The redesign includes user-friendly features and easily accessible on-line FSA forms.

Heifer Project International. First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

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

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Kerrville physician installs special design in his home

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KERRVILLE — Joe Fait spent most of his day atop a scaffold 30 feet in the air surrounded by brick and mortar. But what he creates isn't your typical use of construction material, but a work of art.

Fait, who was named as one of the Masters of the Southwest by Phoenix Home & Garden magazine, creates vaulted brick ceilings, called bovedas.

"This method very few people know of this and very few people are alive who know how to do it," he said.

Kerrville doctor Bill Rector saw examples of these ceilings in Mexico and began looking for artisans to build two in an addition to his home on Harper Road. He found two artisans in Mexico who were willing, but could not secure the proper types of visas. Others wouldn't do the job because of the liability of the ceiling collapsing. Rector found a Web site on adobe and earth construction, and called to get more information.

"They said, if you could get Joe Fait, he's the best in America, and I agree. I feel very fortunate to have him," Rector said.

Fait, now 80, was born in Czechoslovakia, where his father owned a construction company.

"He taught me everything I know, and I wish to heck I knew what he had forgotten," Fait said from his scaffold as he paused from his creation.

Part of his father's business was restoring castles and cathedrals damaged by bombing during World War II.

"I was fortunate enough to be taught by those old masters," he said, adding that the two men he worked under were older than 90.

"They didn't move very fast, but every move counted," Fait said as he laid the first brick in the crown of the ceiling. "When they laid a brick, it stayed there." And what he learned from those

men. "Those are my professional call it secret knowledge," he said. That knowledge keeps bricks overhead in archways with no support beams or forms. "True boveda has no forms,"

Fait said, explaining that the mortar between each brick shrinks, dropping the ceiling. Forms or beams don't allow the drop, he said.

"It creates cracks and eventually the arch will collapse," Fait said. The bricks used are made from organic matter, Rector explained, and when fired, the organic matter burns, leaving air pockets. The porous bricks weigh less than standard American bricks. The bricks are not evenly heated, resulting in a wide color variation of bricks fired at the same time, Rector said. It is those variations and imperfections that Fait said make his creations unique works of art rarely found in a world where everything is "flush, plum and true."

"You are working with imperfect materials ... That makes it difficult, but beautiful. Anything done by hand has certain irregularities," he said. Imperfection in materials is tolerated, even prized by Fait, but imperfection in his work is not. "You don't use words like, that's good enough, or it will do. It's either right or wrong. I don't see too much gray. It's black or white. This philosophy of mind carries me far," he said.

Fait immigrated to America in 1947. He brushes off questions

about his role in his native country's liberation, saying simply, "that's not important. It's past. Right now we are living in beautiful present."

And that present includes what Fait calls a complicated design for the second boveda in Rector's home. It has five different patterns.

"Mr. Rector wanted something special, and I gave him something special. ... Usually the ceilings are not that complicated because it takes extra time and skill," Fait said.

He is based in Arizona where he is a builder/designer, but he travels often.

"I never work for anybody," he said. "When you work with somebody you are becoming part of a unity."

The boveda in 16-by-16-foot room took him about three to four weeks, Fait said. One of his biggest projects was a 24-by-44-foot room that took three months and 10,000 bricks, he said. Still, Fait says he is the lucky one.

"This isn't a job. This is a hobby, and how many people are fortunate enough to make a living at their hobby? I am the fortunate one," he said.

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National School Lunch Week



(Courtesy photo)

Wilson Elementary School recently celebrated "National School Lunch Week" by inviting members of the police and fire department to lunch at the school. The visitors handed out "Got Milk" backpack tags to all the children during their lunch break. Above: (left-right) Cathy Hearron, cafeteria manager, Chad Ewing, Jerry Brock, both firefighters, Donnie Brown, policeman, Gary Winton, firefighter, and Tom Lindsey, principal; (middle) Micielle Longoria, Nathan Smith, Jordann Hughes; (bottom) Ryan Jimenez, Israel Casanova, Amanda Brasier, and Jennah Salazar.

WT seeking Datatel scholarship applicants

CANYON — The deadline to apply for a Datatel Scholars Foundation scholarship is fast approaching. All applicants must submit their completed on-line application to the Datatel Web site by Jan. 31.

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For more information on applying for a Datatel Scholars Foundation scholarship, visit the web site, www.datatel.com, "Scholars Foundation," or call the Office of the Assistant to the President at WTAMU, (806) 651-2097.

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ELOISE

One morning Superintendent Roy B. Fisher passed out copies of words he had written to be sung to the melody of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," a popular song of the time. He sang his song for us, and then we all sang our school song, "Dear Old Pampa High School," for the very first time.

Mr. Fisher left Pampa in the fall of 1938 to be the superintendent of schools in Corpus Christi. Three years later he died of double pneumonia, and it is interesting that he was buried in Fairview Cemetery — just across Duncan Street from the present campus of "Dear Old Pampa High School."

Two high school teachers were especially important to me. Fannie May, teacher of the senior English classes, was later Mrs. Hol Wagner, and the 1939 Harvester annual was dedicated to her. Iva June Willis, school music supervisor, encouraged me to enter the field of music education. Two piano teachers were influential also: Mrs. Tom Rose, Sr., grandmother of Mary Jane Rose Johnson, and May Foreman Carr, who promoted musical activities in Pampa for 25 years.

I entered high school when Pampa was booming, but when I graduated in 1932, the "boom" had turned to "bust" because of the Great Depression. We were told, "Use it up — wear it out — make it do — or do without."

The graduates of 1932 had to do without a high school annual. But members of the student council elected in March arranged with the Pampa Daily News to have a section of each Tuesday's paper devoted to school news. Since this replaced in a small way the functions of a regular Harvester annual, the council called the news-

paper section "The Little Harvester."

Almost a year ago the bronze Harvester statue was unveiled on the south lawn of the campus. This statue represents the true Harvester who is determined to succeed in spite of difficulties. (This brings to mind a phrase I learned in Latin class, "Ad astra per aspera," which can be translated, "To the stars through bolts and bars.")

In making the presentation, Ted Swindle explained that the statue is a tribute to all who have been a part of

Pampa High School with "memories of the past, excitement of the present and accomplishments of the future."

All of us who have attended Pampa High School have memories of the past. Today we are experiencing excitement of the present — certainly Colonel Dewey Wheat — and I — and our families are. And we are looking to you students for accomplishments of the future. Recent newspaper reports indicate that many of you are already on your way.

Former Superintendent R.B. Fisher had a favorite quotation: "Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you."

I cannot say that I have always done my best, but I can certainly say that the best has come back to me today — and I sincerely thank all of you.

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MEDICAL

Cholesterol-busters may inhibit MS

By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA
AP SCIENCE WRITER

California scientists say a statin drug already used by millions of heart patients to lower harmful cholesterol levels has improved and even reversed some of the debilitating symptoms of multiple sclerosis in mice.

And while that does not prove the drug would work for humans, another study using a second statin drug on a small number of MS patients is showing early positive signs.

"The animal data is quite striking," said the senior author of the mouse study, neurologist Scott S. Zamvil of the University of California-San Francisco. "We didn't have any conflicting data."

Other researchers said the California results, if they can be repeated in humans, could help launch statins into the exceptional class of drugs like aspirin that were developed to treat one type of illness but turn out to offer a range of medical benefits.

They said the drugs' anti-inflammatory effects might also be effective in treating rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile diabetes and other autoimmune

diseases in which the body mistakenly turns its biochemical guns on healthy tissue. Other trials suggest statins might protect against Alzheimer's, too.

But scientists urged physicians and their patients not to rush to use statins to treat MS until the mice study finding is safely evaluated in humans, which could take several years.

"Anyone who looks at an animal model as a suggestion for a drug's use in humans is mistaken," said Stephen Reingold, vice president for research at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Currently, the small clinical trial is evaluating simvastatin — sold as Zocor — on 32 MS patients in three states. Those results could be published next spring, researchers said.

"There is accumulating data that would strongly suggest that statins should have a positive effect," said neurologist William R. Tyor of the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston who is coordinating part of the human trial.

"There may be unforeseen problems with administering statins to patients with MS, although admittedly this is unlikely," he said.

MS is a degenerative disease of the central nervous system. High levels of one of the body's immune chemicals — gamma interferon — wrongly activate T-helper cells to mount an inflammatory attack on the myelin sheath that insulates nerve fibers.

Accumulating scar tissue slows the transmission of nerve impulses and interrupts cell communication, leading to episodes of paralysis, tremors and blurry vision.

The California study published in a recent issue of the journal *Nature* was limited to high doses of atorvastatin, which is sold under the brand-name Lipitor.

At UCSF and Stanford University, mice were bred to develop experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis, or EAE, which mimics MS in lab animals.

The mice were given doses of atorvastatin equal to 80 milligrams, the highest dosage approved for humans. Heart patients typically receive lower doses to reduce cholesterol.

Among mice experiencing their first MS-like attack, Zamvil said high doses prevented the animals from developing

permanent symptoms. Among animals that were suffering a relapse, the drug reversed emerging paralysis and restored mobility.

Zamvil said statin therapy also reduced paralysis among a third group of animals that had developed chronic symptoms associated with late-stage MS.

Scientists exploring Alzheimer's prevention

By DANIEL O. HANEY
AP MEDICAL EDITOR

Maybe it would be going a bit far to suggest that reading this news article will keep you from getting Alzheimer's disease.

But why take a chance? Keep going, and you will encounter the latest ideas about Alzheimer's prevention. You will absorb a few unfamiliar words. You will follow the back-and-forth about what experts know and wish they knew. In short, you will probably learn something.

In theory, learning is good for the brain, especially old brains, although of course it is no guarantee, since plenty of newspaper readers get Alzheimer's. But staying mentally active, whether working a crossword puzzle or composing a symphony, might help forestall the worst by building up a reserve of mental circuits that keep thoughts flowing smoothly even when this awful disease takes root.

The use-it-or-lose-it theory — and it's only that, a theory — is one of many being investigated by brain researchers seeking ways to delay or perhaps even prevent the onset of Alzheimer's disease. They suspect that the way people live, the pills they take, even the way they think may influence their risk of the disease.

Much of the work involves the hunt for mind-protecting medicines, but new ones are years away from routine use. In the meantime, scientists hope to prove good solutions are already in the medicine cabinet. The possibilities include such familiar items as vitamin E, cholesterol pills, anti-inflammatory painkillers, estrogen, folate and ginkgo biloba.

That's a big change. Until recently, the suggestion that garden-variety elderly dementia might actually be preventable seemed silly, since it was assumed to be an inevitable consequence of aging.

Difficult as the goal may be, many believe that curing Alzheimer's once it starts will be even harder. So science has turned toward finding something people can do in their 50s — maybe even earlier — to protect their brains from this disease.

"We know so little about putting the damaged brain back together that keeping it together is by far the best," says Dr. Samuel Gandy, director of the neurosciences institute at Thomas Jefferson University.

Already, many doctors recommend vitamin E to older patients — in part because it seems harmless — but experts caution they really cannot say with certainty that any of these things will keep away Alzheimer's.

"We are making good progress, but realistically we cannot prevent the disease today," says Dr. Ronald Peterson, head of Alzheimer's research at the Mayo Clinic.

The best advice for now? Clean living. Yes, the same wisdom the medical world has offered for a generation to prevent all manner of ills unrelated to the brain.

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Professor seeking to patent drug process

By JOY VICTORY
CORPUS CHRISTI
CALLER-TIMES

CORPUS CHRISTI — He patented drugs to treat male pattern baldness and prostate enlargement, and now Texas A&M University-Kingsville chemistry professor Apurba Bhattacharya has applied for a patent to develop a new synthesis of acetaminophen, the world's most prescribed drug.

Working with graduate students and even several high school students this summer, Bhattacharya tested a process that almost entirely eliminates the need for a solvent to manufacture acetaminophen, best also known as Tylenol.

A solvent — like water — is used in chemical processes to dissolve substances and make them react with each other. But many solvents are harmful to the environment. Bhattacharya's innovation decreases costs and also reduces the number amount of steps it takes to create the chemical composition of Tylenol, which is chemically known as N-acetyl-p-aminophenol.

The process falls under "green chemistry," meaning it's not only cost-effective, but safer for the environment, because less waste is created.

The new method also will mean manufacturers will be able to increase their yield by 90 percent.

"You have to make it sensible for the environment and sensible in dollars and cents," Bhattacharya said.

The title of the patent application is "Surfactant Mediated Dual Catalysis of Organic Syntheses in a Solvent Minimized Environment."

Bhattacharya said the process could eventually be applied to other reactions. Although most of his experience stems from work with private industry, Bhattacharya took the teaching and research position with A&M-Kingsville to touch people's lives directly.

And he got that chance this summer, when several high school students in the Upward Bound program helped Bhattacharya and his graduate students run the process to see if it would work. Upward Bound is a program open to students

who come from low-income families or are potential first-generation college students.

It's not often that high school students get to help with research that eventually turns into a patented product, said A&M-Kingsville Upward Bound director Randa Lawson. "But that's something they can put on their resumes for life," Lawson said.

This summer's Upward Bound students lived on campus for six weeks and worked on whatever their assigned professor was studying.

Upward Bound student Ashley Garcia, 17, said she gained a lot of hands-on knowledge about how chemistry works. She helped take samples, measured out chemicals and watched reactions. "It's a lot harder than I thought. You actually have to draw out the molecules," Garcia said. "You just can't throw stuff together. Everything has to be measured precisely."

Garcia, a senior at Bishop High School, plans to major in chemistry or business in college.

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UT researchers study birth rates in healthy vs. diabetic mothers

DALLAS — There's good news for expectant mothers who have diabetes, the most common medical complication of pregnancy.

Women who are diagnosed with diabetes during pregnancy, who are otherwise healthy and whose glucose, or blood sugar, is controlled by diet alone deliver healthy infants at virtually the same rate as nondiabetic mothers, according to results from a 10-year analysis of more than 145,000 mothers by researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Their findings appear in a recent issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

"Even better, we learned that women with gestational diabetes controlled by diet alone had no increase in malformations over nondiabetic women," said Dr. Jeanne Sheffield, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology and the paper's lead author.

Sheffield said this study is the first to examine the malformation rate of infants born to mothers with existing diabetes and diabetes developed during pregnancy compared to those of nondiabetic mothers.

The study also showed that expectant mothers who required insulin treatment for their diabetes during pregnancy have as much as a fourfold increased risk of having infants with malformations (6 percent of their infants) compared to mothers who did not have diabetes (1.5 percent), Sheffield said.

The assumption has always been that women with pregesta-

tional diabetes were at an even higher risk for delivering babies with malformations, Sheffield said. But the study showed this not to be true; their risk was the same as for women with gestational diabetes who required insulin.

"Our results may help allay fears for many women and their families, as well as provide information to physicians on how to monitor and treat their pregnant patients with diabetes," she said. "They may also provide important information related to genetic counseling and other referrals when there are problems."

Approximately 106,000 American women had pregnancies complicated by diabetes in 1999, a total of 1.7 percent of live births that year. Ninety percent of these pregnancies involved gestational diabetes, a condition that may be associated with genetics, obesity and diet.

The study, which examined births from Jan. 1, 1991 to Dec. 31, 2000, included 145,196 women — all who delivered at Parkland Memorial Hospital, the teaching hospital for UT Southwestern faculty physicians.

Of these deliveries, 2,687 — or about 1.9 percent — involved women who had diabetes. Seventy-six percent of these women, or 2,042, developed gestational diabetes and did not require insulin. Another 9 percent (241) did require insulin therapy to control their gestational diabetes. Some 15 percent of the mothers had the disease before becoming pregnant.

OB/GYN Update

by Otoniel Huertas, M.D.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

About half of all pregnancies in the U.S. are unplanned, which has led the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to urge its members to offer patients a prescription for emergency oral contraceptives (OCs). When taken within 72 hours after having unprotected intercourse, emergency OCs can reduce the risk of pregnancy by at least 75%. The sooner they are taken, the more effective they are. Depending on where a woman is in her menstrual cycle, the pills can prevent ovulation, disrupt fertilization by sperm, or prevent a fertilized egg from implanting in the uterine wall. The pills will not work if a woman is already pregnant, and they pose no threat to an existing pregnancy.



Dr. Huertas

Every woman of childbearing age who is sexually active should have a frank discussion about conception and contraception, if and when desired, with her gynecologist. There are pros and cons to all contraceptive methods, and no one method is perfect for all women. Your gynecologist can help you evaluate your options and help you choose the one that best fits your needs. For your next OB/GYN appointment, phone my office at 806-273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan. Borger. New patients are welcome.

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"If we put this together into a kind of prescription, it's a healthy lifestyle, keeping active physically and mentally, and maybe taking some vitamins," says Dr. George Grossberg, head of geriatric psychiatry at St. Louis University.

Doctors feel on firm ground with these recommendations because they are already known to prevent heart disease. And one of their most enticing clues is the surprising parallels between the risks for heart attack and Alzheimer's disease.

Just about everything bad for the heart also appears to increase the risk of Alzheimer's. The list includes high blood pressure, high cholesterol, high blood sugar, a high-fat diet, obesity and lack of exercise.

"There has been an explosion of information that links heart disease risk factors and Alzheimer's disease," says William Thies, the Alzheimer's Association's medical director. "The gun is not only smoking, it's still warm."

Alzheimer's occurs when the connections between brain cells break down, and the cells die. Symptoms begin with erosion of parts of the brain that rule memory, attention, learning and judgment.

Under the microscope, the disease leaves two unmistakable signatures — deposits of protein fragments called beta amyloid, which fill up the spaces between brain cells, and tangles of another protein, called tau, inside the cells. While these signs might simply be the result of the disease, many researchers are working on the assumption that the build-ups truly cause it.

If so, the same forces that trigger these protein deposits might also harm the arteries and cause heart attacks. Possible culprits include oxygen damage, the cellular equivalent of rust, and the harmful effects of chronic inflammation.

Several off-the-shelf treatments known to reduce oxidation and inflammation are being explored for preventing Alzheimer's. While they make biological sense, the most powerful evidence in their favor comes from so-called longitudinal studies, observations of large groups of people going about their daily routine.

The studies show that people taking estrogen, cholesterol-lowering statins or a variety of anti-inflammatory painkillers are roughly 30 percent to 50 percent less likely than usual to get Alzheimer's.

But why? Because the pills are good for their brains? Or because people who take the medicines also have other habits that are the true reason they avoid Alzheimer's?

For years, similar studies seemed to indicate that menopausal women who took estrogen had fewer heart attacks. Doctors routinely put them on years of hormone replacement therapy to protect their hearts. But when that strategy was carefully tested, doctors were shocked to find the combination of estrogen and progestin did nothing good for the heart at all. In fact, it may actually increase the risk of heart attacks.

Those results last summer drove home what doctors have long known but often ignored: Population observations can generate clues, but they are no substitute for genuine experiments, the kind where many people are randomly given real medicines or dummy lookalikes, then watched for years to see who gets sick.

"We feel burned," says Gandy, who studies estrogen's role in Alzheimer's. "In the days soon after the hormone replacement therapy results, everyone is worried about taking anything seriously from longitudinal studies."

Many researchers agree the only way to prove whether estrogen and statins and the rest prevent Alzheimer's is to launch huge experiments that involve thousands of normal older people, cost tens of millions of dollars and take close to a decade to finish.

Now under way are four big studies, two with estrogen, one with anti-inflammatory pills, and another with ginkgo. Federal agencies are also considering starting a statin prevention study, while another with vitamin E is being done on people at high risk because they already have some memory loss.

"It's not clear at this time which one or combination may turn out to be the best. That's why we are trying to cast a wide net," says Neil Buckholz, dementia chief at the National Institute on Aging.

Some of these approaches, including estrogen, have already been tested on people with Alzheimer's and found ineffective. But experts speculate that by the time the disease destroys memory and intellect, it is too late for them to help.

Among the reasons scientists suspect some of these may keep the disease at bay:

—Statins. Several studies have found that people who take the drugs to lower their cholesterol appear to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's, perhaps by as much as 80 percent. The drugs lower beta

amyloid levels in guinea pigs. They might work by cutting inflammation.

—Estrogen. The hormone appears to protect against both oxygen damage and inflammation. Brain scans hint it improves blood flow to parts of the brain important for learning and memory. Longitudinal studies suggest women who use hormone replacement have about half the usual risk of Alzheimer's.

—Anti-inflammatory drugs. Mouse experiments suggest nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs limit amyloid production in the brain. Population studies find risk 80 percent lower in longtime users of ibuprofen and similar pills. A new study involving 2,625 people over age 70 is looking at the long-term effects of Celebrex and Naprosyn.

—Ginkgo biloba. Extracts from the leaves of the ginkgo tree also have both antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects and may improve circulation. Studies of brain tissue suggest it may be protective. A federally sponsored study finished enrolling 3,074 older people last summer. They will be followed an average of five years to see if users get Alzheimer's less often.

—Folate. Population studies find people with high levels of the amino acid homocysteine, already a known risk for heart disease, have nearly double the chance of Alzheimer's, perhaps because it increases amyloid production or promotes oxygen damage. Folate, a nutrient already added to flour, lowers homocysteine.

Of all the possible strategies, none has drawn so much public interest or professional skepticism as mental exercise. According to the theory, people who are well-educated and keep their minds active have greater mental reserve capacity. So even if beta amyloid and tau tangles accumulate in their brains, they have more to fall back on.

"It's hard to find an old brain that doesn't have some amyloid or tau,"

says Dr. David Bennett, director of the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center in Chicago. "Maybe how you use your brain influences the capacity of the system to tolerate disease."

The challenge is proving that. Studies show that older people who keep mentally busy are less likely to get Alzheimer's. Does all that intellectual curiosity keep the disease at bay? Or do less mentally engaged people already have subtle early symptoms of the disease?

Careful experiments to settle this chicken-or-egg question are next to impossible. So researchers must fall back on less definitive population studies.

In one, Bennett and colleagues will follow 1,200 healthy older people until they die. The volunteers will give detailed reports on their lifetimes' mental pursuits, education, jobs, hobbies, early upbringing and much more. They will undergo annual tests of mental acuity. And when they die, they will donate their brains.

Even if mental stimulation or medicines turn out useful, many experts believe they are unlikely to prevent Alzheimer's entirely. "If a person lives long enough, they probably will still get it if they were destined to get it," says Dr. Rachele Doody, an Alzheimer's specialist at Baylor University.

But something less than complete prevention could have a huge impact: Experts estimate that delaying the average onset of Alzheimer's by five years would reduce the total number of people with the disease by half. Delaying it 10 years would reduce it by three-quarters.

Says Dr. Leon Thal, chief of neuroscience at the University of California, San Diego, "That would be good enough for me."

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Once the patent goes through, which usually takes about two years, A&M-Kingsville's parent institution, Texas A&M University in College Station, will search for a company to take the research and turn it into a marketable product, said Terry A. Young, director of the Technology Licensing Office at A&M.

"Most university research is embryonic. We don't do products, we do research," Young said. "We need a commercial partner willing to take this forward, but they are not willing to invest time, effort and resources unless they know that the investment is protected from competition ... That's where patent law comes into play."

Graduate student Nishant Joshi said this was the first time he got to work with research that could be patented. He helped supervise the high school students and also assisted Bhattacharya with reactions.

"A (patent), it really means a lot. It can change anyone's life," Joshi said.

Bhattacharya has 22 patents under his belt. This patent is special to him, not only because of its far reaching possibilities for the pharmaceutical industry, but also because of the Upward Bound students.

"These students who were involved, they're going to go for their master's, their Ph.D.'s," he said. "And I'll have left my signature here. It shows you are only limited by your imagination."

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Cowboys looking to keep Owens out of end zone

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Long before Terrell Owens pulled a pen out of his sock to sign a football after scoring this season, the San Francisco receiver had a pair of infamous touchdown celebrations at the center of Texas Stadium.

And Dallas hasn't forgotten what Owens did two years ago, when after both of his touchdown catches, he ran to midfield to dance on the Cowboys' famed star logo.

"Him doing that, yeah, we remember," said Cowboys defensive end Greg Ellis. "That's in my mind. It's probably in everybody's mind on our team that was in that game."

Missing Sunday will be George Teague, the former Cowboys safety who ended Owens' second celebration with a crushing hit at midfield. Both got fined by the league, and Owens was suspended for a game by the 49ers.

Owens has already been back to Texas Stadium, going without a score or celebration in Dallas' victory last season. But his signing stunt during a Monday night game at Seattle in October reminded the Cowboys of the outrageous antics Owens is capable of.

The Cowboys know the best way for a repeat of 2001, instead of 2000, is to keep Owens out of the end zone.

"It's not about defending the star. It's about going out and playing hard," said Emmitt Smith, whose NFL career-leading rushing total is at 17,021 yards. "If we do our job, we won't have to worry about defending the star. He's a great player, but it's not just about Terrell Owens."

Smith does know how to respond to Owens. After scoring following Owens' first star dance two years ago, Smith sprinted to the logo with his helmet off and slammed the ball down to

reclaim the home turf.

This week a bulletin board at the Cowboys' facility featured several Sharpie pens hanging from strings, with pictures of Owens as a backdrop.

Dallas (5-7) is trying to win three straight for the first time since a 3-0 start in 1999. The Cowboys have already matched their win total from each of the last two years.

"This is an important game, an emotional game," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "We're trying to get better and improve. They're fighting for the playoffs."

If the 49ers (8-4) beat Dallas and St. Louis loses to Arizona on Sunday, San Francisco clinches the NFC West for the first time since 1997.

"We look at it as a game we have to win. Every game from here on out separates teams," said Derrick Deese, an 11th-year tackle for the 49ers. "You

don't want to finish the season going down, and then try to climb back for the playoffs."

Dallas and San Francisco used to meet in the playoffs, including six NFC championship games. It's been eight years since their last postseason matchup, but the history can't be ignored.

"I haven't been a part of it, but everybody knows there's a rivalry between these teams," said San Francisco safety Tony Parrish. "It's great when the extra intensity and emotion is flowing."

This will be their sixth meeting since the 1994 NFC championship game won by the 49ers. That's the longest stretch of non-playoff games between both five-time Super Bowl champions since their first postseason meeting in 1970.

"Our team is young, a lot like Dallas, and some of those rival games

occurred before many of our players were in the league," said 49ers coach Steve Mariucci. "Certainly, they're aware of the rivalry when the Niners and Cowboys had dynasty-type teams."

"We are fighting for a division championship, and Dallas is playing better and seems to have momentum. It's a big game for both teams for different reasons. Those other things are just simply memories."

Owens, who has 10 receiving touchdowns and four two-TD games this season, wasn't talking this week. No one knows if he has another special celebration planned.

"We just realize that he has a way of doing things after he scores," said 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia. "He does a lot of great things for the team. After he gets in the end zone, it's kind of his own thing. He's his own guy and that's something that he enjoys doing."

Pampa girls beat Liberal in two OT

LIBERAL, Kan. — Pampa's Lady Harvesters turned a double overtime game on the road into a victory.

Pampa, led by Abbi Covalt's 13 points, left with a 54-51 win over Liberal, Kan. Friday night.

Pampa led by four (32-28) after three quarters, but Liberal rallied to tie things at 42-42 at the end of regulation.

Stacey Johnson's foul shot with 28 seconds left tied the score at 46-46 to send the contest into a second overtime.

Pampa never trailed in the last four minutes and put the game away with a basket by Covalt, and a pair of foul shots by Mariza Scott and Casey Fisher in the final minute.

Liberal helped out by missing 10 foul shots in the two extra periods.

The Lady Harvesters are 3-6 for the season. It was Liberal's opener.

Tia Tatum was Liberal's top scorer with 15 points.

Mariza Scott added 9 points and Tara Jordan 8 to Pampa's attack.

Pampa 54, Liberal, Kan. 51, 2ot

Pampa - Covalt 13, Scott 9, Jordan 8, Fisher 6, Johnson 6, Waggoner 6, Ramirez 2, Gerber 2, Spearman 2; Three-point goals: Covalt 3, Scott 1, Jordan 1.

Liberal - Tatum 17, Holman 8, Carlyle 7, Bowen 7, Smith 5, Mitchell 4, Barrell 3; Three-point goals: Tatum 2, Barrell 1, Carlyle 1.

AMARILLO — Pampa host to Canyon 51-40 in the boys' semi-finals Friday in the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions.

Canyon jumped out to a 13-0 lead and never trailed.

Danny Story had 20 points to lead the Eagles in scoring. Dustin Suttle followed with 10.

Ryan Zemanek scored 13 to lead the Harvesters. James Silva had 8 and Chance Bowers 7.

Pampa is now 2-9 for the season while Canyon is 7-1.

The Harvesters played Randall on Saturday for third place.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Chance Bowers puts up a shot against Canyon in Friday's semi-final game.

Wheeler cagers victorious

MIAMI — Wheeler defeated Miami 57-41 Friday in the boys' division at the Tomahawk Classic.

James Chapman paced Wheeler with 19 points, while Jeffrey Browning

tossed in 20 for Miami.

Wheeler also downed Miami in the girls' bracket.

Amy Osborne scored 21 points to lead Wheeler to a 72-46 win. Julie Davenport had 16 for Miami.

Duncan leads Spurs past 76ers, 98-93

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — This wasn't the streak the Philadelphia 76ers wanted to keep going.

The 76ers lost in San Antonio for the 16th time in a row Friday night, as Tim Duncan led the Spurs to a 98-

93 victory, ending Philadelphia's eight-game winning streak.

Duncan had 29 points 10 rebounds and eight blocks — half the Spurs' total of 16 blocks.

"We did a good job play-

ing defense for 48 minutes," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "The whole team responded defensively and that's important to do for 48 minutes. If we hadn't shot the way we did, it would have been a tough game."

Stephen Jackson came off the bench to score 24 points, while David Robinson added 13 and Tony Parker 10. The Spurs shot 56 percent.

"Tonight we did a good job of playing hard all the way through the game," Duncan said. "Defensively we did a great job as a team. We were unselfish tonight. We shared the ball and

moved the basketball well and that got guys some great looks."

Philadelphia, which hadn't lost since Nov. 16, was led by Allen Iverson with 21 points, but he shot only 9-of-30. Keith Van Horn added 15 and Eric Snow 14.

"Give San Antonio credit, they did a great job just shutting us down," Philadelphia coach Larry Brown said. "Their blocks really hurt us, and they got to the foul line a lot tonight. However, I am pleased with the effort that we made, and was pleased with the way that we finished the ballgame."

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New York	5	12	.294	Indianapolis	8	4	0.667
Miami	5	14	.263	Tennessee	7	5	0.583
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Golden State	7	12	.368	San Francisco	8	4	0.667
L.A. Clippers	7	12	.368	St. Louis	5	7	0.417
				Arizona	4	8	0.333
				Seattle	4	8	0.333

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Thursday's Games			
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New York at Washington, 7 p.m.			
Orlando at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.			
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.			
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.			
Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.			
Miami at Seattle, 10 p.m.			
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.			
Sunday's Games			
Portland at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.			
Phoenix at Memphis, 4 p.m.			
Sacramento at San Antonio, 7 p.m.			
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.			

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Williams Appliance	2	2	
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Week's Top Scores			
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Rangers, Indians make trades

Texas may not attempt to re-sign Rodriguez

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers found a replacement for Ivan Rodriguez before they even officially let the 10-time All-Star catcher go.

The Rangers acquired catcher Einar Diaz and right-hander Ryan Drese from the Cleveland Indians on Friday for first baseman Travis Hafner and right-hander Aaron Myette.

The move meant the Rangers will most likely not offer Rodriguez arbitration by Saturday's deadline. That would mean he couldn't re-sign until May 1 with the only major league team he's played.

Rodriguez made his major league debut with the Rangers at 19 years old in 1991. In 1,479 games with Texas, he hit .303 with 215 homers and 829 RBIs and also won 10 straight Gold Gloves.

Rodriguez made \$9.6 million last season, when he missed nearly two months with a herniated disk in his back. He also missed the ends of the 2000 and 2001 seasons because of injuries.

Philadelphia this week.

"This is not a stopgap guy," Shapiro said. "This is something that has been in the works for quite some time. He's a guy who hits for average and power, and he's been one of the best in minor league baseball. He's a guy we were going to try to trade for regardless of whether we could sign Jim Thome."

Hafner, 25, made an impression on the Indians last season, going 4-for-5 with two doubles, a homer and three RBIs at Jacobs Field on Aug. 11.

Hafner split last season between Triple-A Oklahoma and the Rangers. At Oklahoma, Hafner hit .342 (137-for-401) with 22 doubles, 21 homers and 77 RBIs in 110 games.

He appeared in his first 23 games for the Rangers and hit .242 in 62 at-bats with one homer and six RBIs. Hafner led the South Atlantic League in homers (28) and RBIs (111) for Class A Savannah in 1999.

Shapiro said Hafner will compete with another young first baseman, Ben Broussard, for the starting job. He said the Indians were not trying to work out a deal for Reds first baseman Sean Casey.

Hafner, like Thome, is a left-handed hitter and about the same size — 6-foot-3 and 240 pounds.

"Jim Thome has always been one of my favorite players, and I've watched him a lot. At the same time, I'm just going to go out there and play my game and do the best that I can," Hafner said.

"He hits a lot more home runs than I do right now. He's established and I'm looking to establish myself. It's nice to be compared to him, but I don't know if that's fair. It's flattering, but I've got a long way to go."

The Rangers also signed right-hander Rudy Seanez to a minor league deal that would be worth \$750,000 if he makes the majors. Seanez, 34, was 1-3 with a 5.73 ERA in 33 appearances with the Rangers last season.

"It's surprising the club would end its relationship with Ivan Rodriguez without as much as a courtesy call to him or to me," said Rodriguez's agent, Jeff Moorad. "But we understand this is the time of year that things like this happen. It seemed likely that Pudge would move on, now it looks to be a certainty."

Rangers general manager John Hart didn't sound optimistic Friday that anything would happen before the deadline "that dramatically changes the situation."

The Rangers want to reduce their \$107 million payroll, and Hart said the team can't afford the chance of Rodriguez accepting arbitration that could give him more than \$12 million next season.

"I don't think the market has been settled for Pudge and at this point the club's appetite isn't to go into the arbitration process," Hart said. "We don't want to get in a one-year setting and let an arbitrator set the payroll, even though we really like the player."

The Rangers also haven't made any significant progress on a new contract for free agent left-hander Kenny Rogers. The pitcher's last contract contains a clause that prevents the Rangers from offering salary arbitration.

Diaz, 29, who replaced Sandy Alomar Jr. as the Indians' catcher in 2000 when Hart was GM there, is coming off a difficult season. He was involved in two jarring collisions at the plate and batted .206 with two homers and 16 RBIs.

"They needed a catcher. We were aware of that," Cleveland GM Mark Shapiro said.

Cleveland will pay part of Diaz's \$1.75 million salary in 2003.

"This definitely gives us protection if Pudge doesn't return," Hart said. "He's certainly not a star, but he does a tremendous job behind the plate."

Diaz was in Texas on Thursday to be checked by Rangers doctors. Hart said the Rangers also watched Diaz during his rehabilitation in the Arizona Fall League and are satisfied that he is healthy.

Drese, 26, went 10-9 with a 6.55 ERA as a rookie. Myette, 25, also split the 2002 season between Oklahoma and Texas, going 7-4 with a 3.14 ERA in 16 starts at Triple-A and 2-5 with a 10.06 ERA for Texas.

The trade appears to clear more playing time for Cleveland's two catching prospects, Josh Bard and Victor Martinez, who came up to the majors last season.

Hafner could be a possible replacement in Cleveland for Jim Thome, who signed an \$85 million, six-year contract with

White is honored

PORTALES, N.M. — Former Pampa Harvester Jared White, now at Eastern New Mexico University, has been named to the Verizon All-District VI College Division Football Team.

White, a junior linebacker for the Greyhounds, has accumulated 104 tackles and 59 unassisted tackles in three seasons.

White's teammate, Jeremiah Johnson of Clovis, N.M., was also named to the all-district team. Johnson, a senior defensive end, has 39 unassisted tackles and 35 assists in four seasons.

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Lakers slip by Mavericks, 105-103

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Phil Jackson told his team not to look at the score when they trailed Dallas by 28 points at halftime.

The fans certainly noticed and booed as the Los Angeles Lakers headed to the locker room after the Mavericks shot 51 percent in the first half Friday night.

"They'll never leave another game early," Kobe Bryant said after the Lakers staged the second-biggest fourth-quarter comeback in NBA history to stun the Mavs 105-103.

Bryant scored 21 of his 27 points in the fourth, when the Lakers trailed by 27 at the start. His turnaround jumper snapped a 103-all tie with 8 seconds remaining.

"Sometimes things happen for you when you play hard and they did," Bryant said. "It feels good because we had to really fight."

Shaquille O'Neal added 26 points and 11 rebounds for the three-time NBA champions, whose fourth-quarter comeback was one shy of the NBA record of 28 points by Milwaukee against Atlanta on Nov. 25, 1977.

"We played better defense. We had a lot of intensity and we never gave up," O'Neal said. "The first 20 games have been really bad. It really couldn't get any worse. We just kept playing, kept fighting, kept shooting."

The Mavs were outscored 44-15 in the fourth after dominating the Lakers through the first three quarters.

"We choked, just flat-out choked," said Nick Van Exel, who had 25 points, including five of the Mavs' season-high 15 3-pointers.

Michael Finley missed a 3-pointer with a second remaining for the Mavs, who have lost 24 consecutive games to the Lakers in Los Angeles over the last 12 years.

"We stopped playing. We had a hard time scoring and we were terrible defensively in the fourth quarter," said guard Steve Nash, who had 22 points. "It was too easy in the first half and too difficult in the fourth."

The Lakers shot an amazing 16-of-18 from the field and hit eight of 11 free throws in the fourth.

Bryant pulled his groin in the third quarter when the Lakers trailed by 30. Trainer Gary Vitti was on his way to tell Jackson when Bryant yanked him aside.

"Gary was going to rat me out," Bryant said. "I had to jerk his arm out of the socket and say, 'I'm all right, man. Don't snitch on me. Let me play.'"

Jackson said, "I don't know what it's going to mean for our next game. He was hobbled and yet played through it. I was really concerned."

The Lakers and Indiana Pacers are the only teams to beat Dallas this season.

"This is indeed one of the toughest losses I can remember as a coach," said Dallas coach Don Nelson, who has 40 years of NBA experience. "We don't normally lose games when we're ahead. This is an exception to the rule by an exceptional team."

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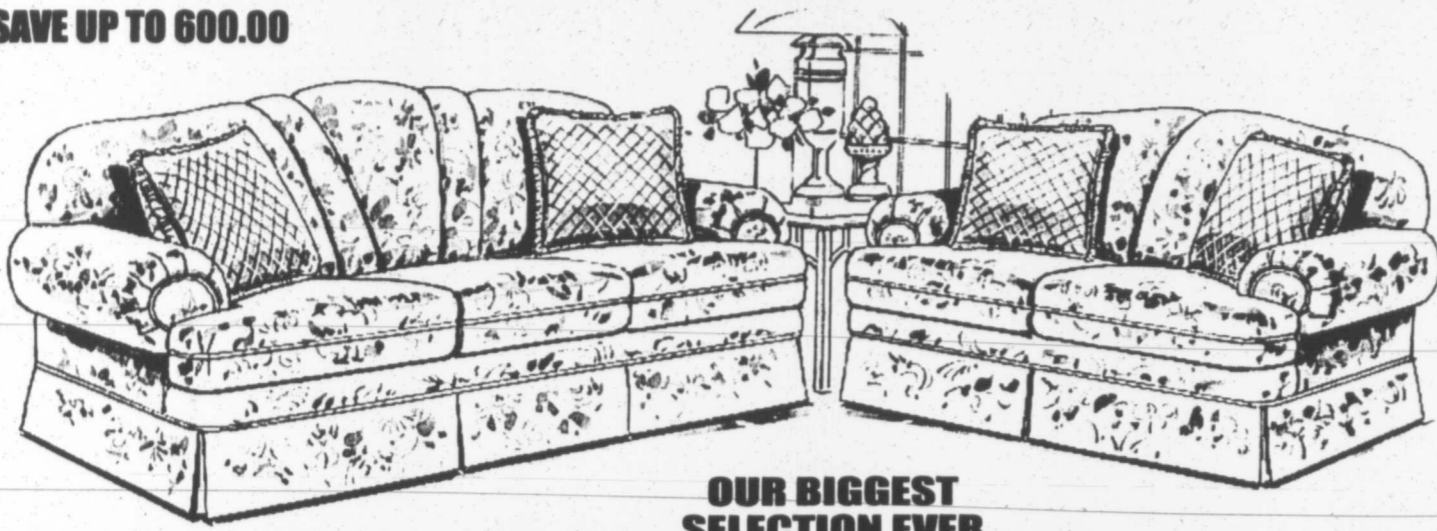
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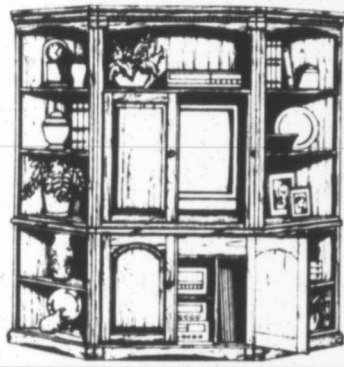
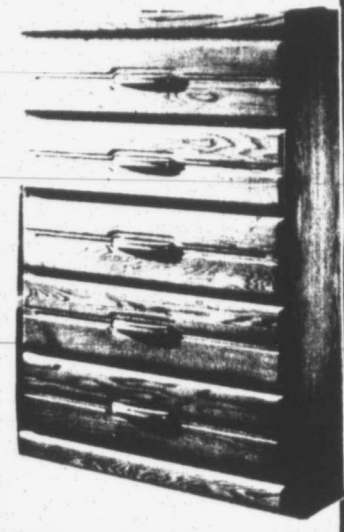
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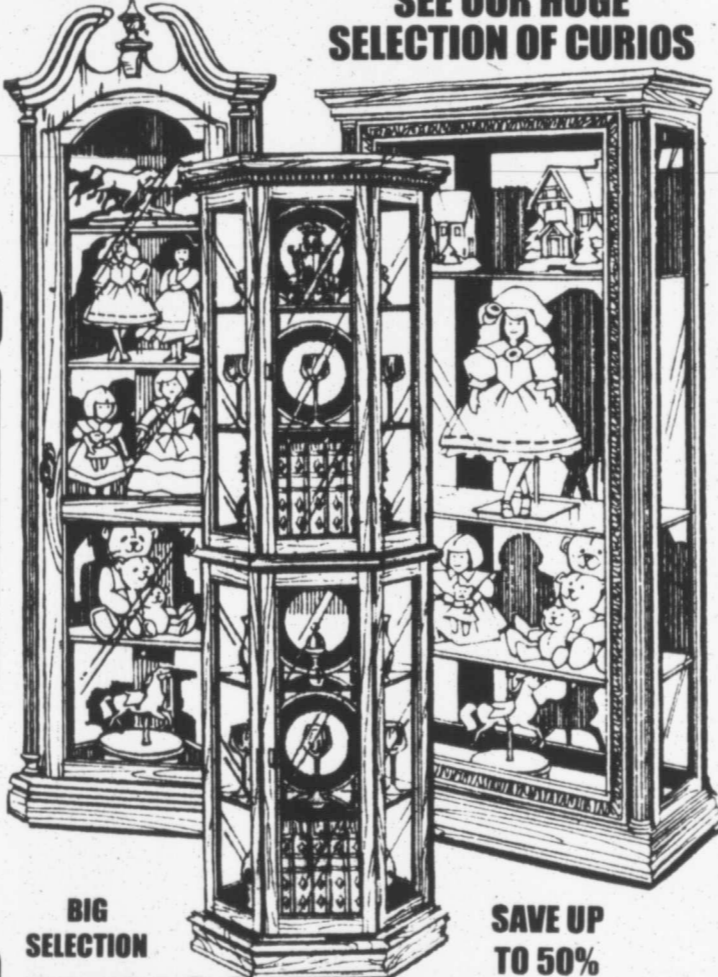
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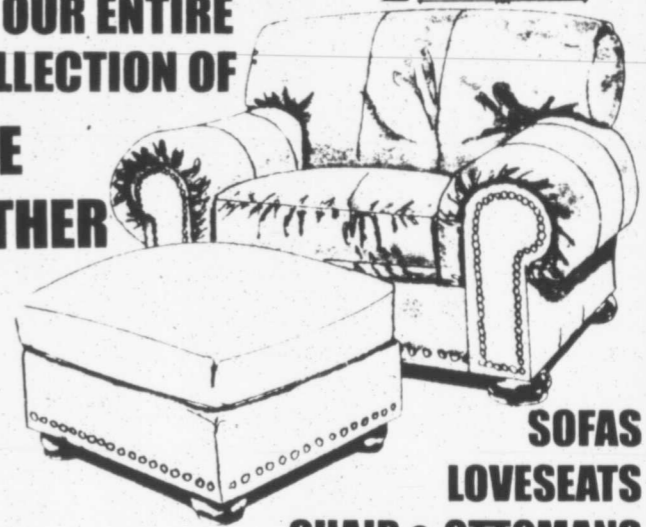
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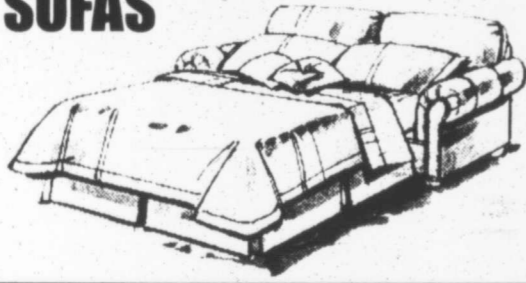
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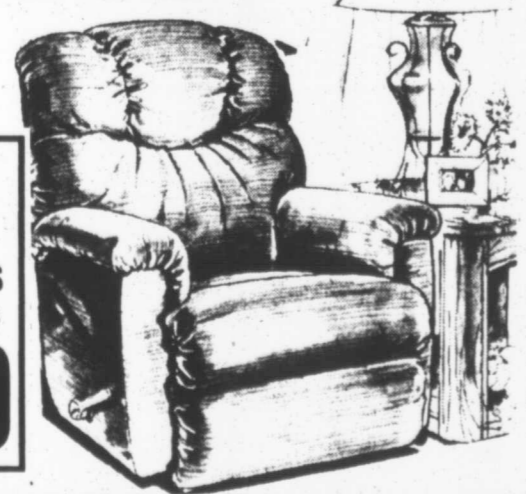
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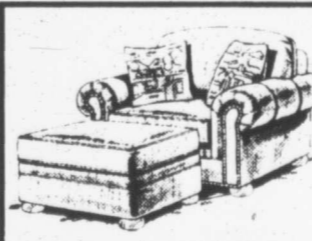
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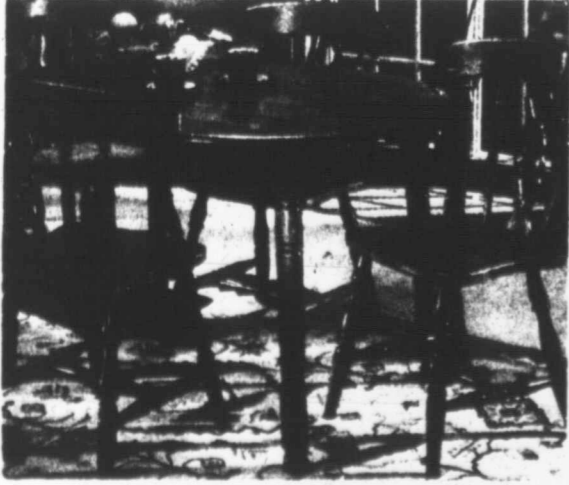


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Michelle Thorn

WOODWARD, Okla. — **Michelle Thorn** of Woodward was recently crowned 2003 Miss Oklahoma Rodeo Teen, competing in horsemanship, speech, modeling, interview, and written exam for the title.

Among the prizes she earned was a horse trailer, a wardrobe courtesy of Wrangler, and a trophy saddle.

During her reign, she will travel across Oklahoma and make forays into Texas and Arkansas as well, promoting PRCA rodeo.

She is the daughter of Donny and Melody Thorn of Woodward, is the granddaughter of Arlin and Travis (Rasco) Bowman of Harmon, Okla., and is the great-granddaughter of Clifton and Dovie Rasco of Pampa.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. **Josh B. Acuna**, son of Debbie and Antonio Acuna of McLean, recently completed Dynamic Response '02 while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Acuna is one of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines deployed aboard the ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

After transiting the Suez Canal from the Mediterranean Sea after its month-long operation in Kosovo (Dynamic Response '02) Acuna's unit shifted location from the U.S. Sixth Fleet Area of Responsibility to that of the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. Fifth Fleet in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea Area.

Acuna's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group, and command element.

With this combination, Acuna's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Acuna, a 1995 graduate of McLean High School, joined the Marine Corps in March 1999.

A number of students from the area are named in the 36th Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002."

"Who's Who," published by Educational Communications, Inc., in Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon their academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

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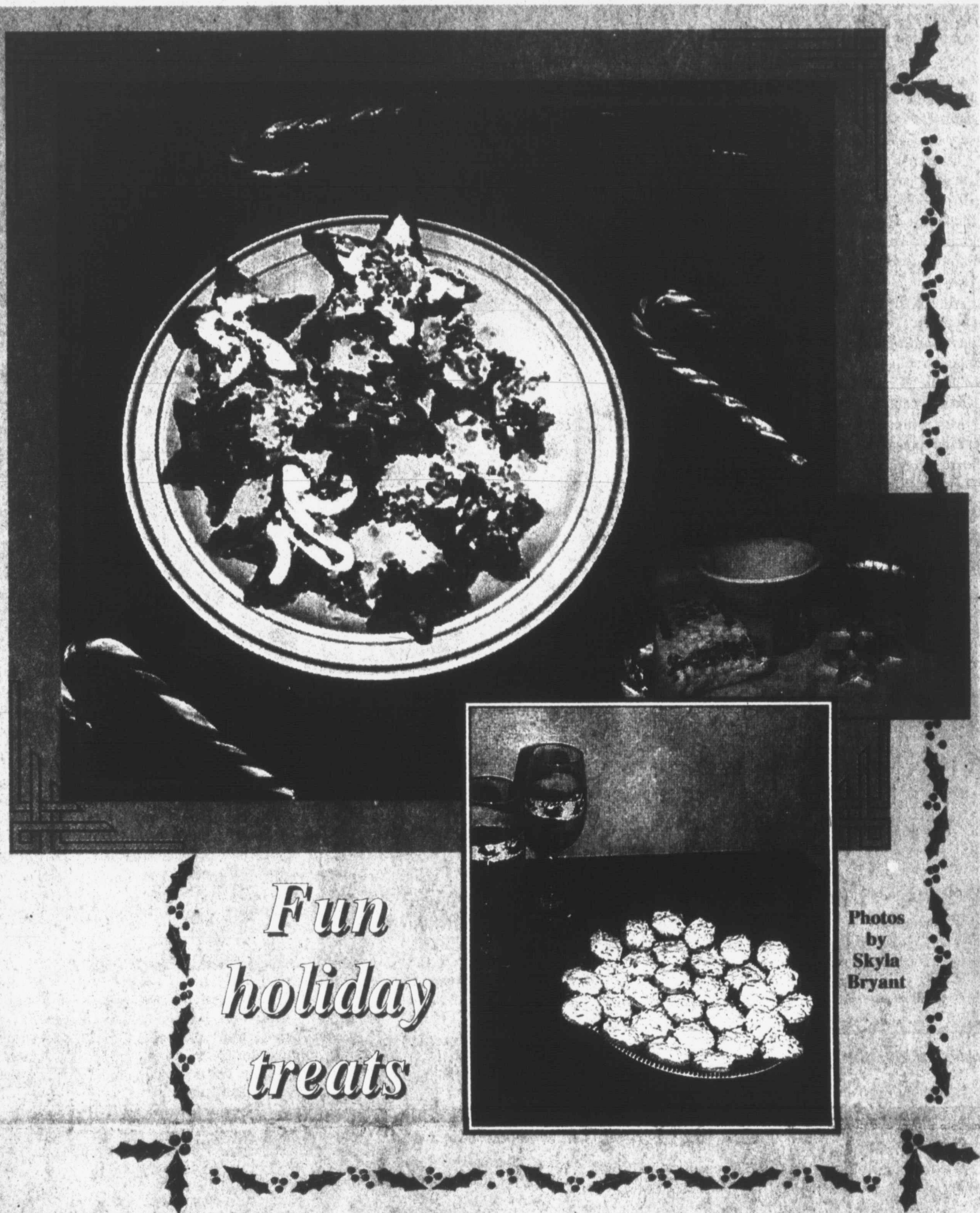
The 36th Annual Edition of Who's Who, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 850,000 students or just 6 percent of the nation's 15,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private, and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes.

The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities, and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected for mention in the publication include: Sara A. Albracht, Leslee Ammons, Alan M. Arzola, Ryan Barnes, Cory Bigham, Amber D. Bowers, Abby Bradley, Adam C. Brown, Steven R. Cameron, Ryan W. Carter, Bart D. Cathey, Kelsey N. Charron, Samantha D. Conner, Cali Covalt, Michael Crain, Megan David, Megan Davis, Timothy J. Dudley, Patrick Dunigan, Leslie A. Earl, Taryn Fallon, Doug Fields.

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Fun holiday treats

Photos by Skyla Bryant

Recipes to make your holidays less stressful

BY SKYLA BRYANT
COMMUNITY EDITOR

With the holiday season in full swing, many of us are dusting off our cookie sheets and cake pans and laying out our best platters and cutlery in preparation for snack days at work, family get-togethers, church and club socials and so on.

If you are tired of last year's recipes or simply too busy to slave over a hot stove (or oven), perhaps it's time to try something new — such as these recipes provided by the chefs at Kraft Kitchens. These "goodies" take very little time, are easy to prepare, are tasty, and, because they require few ingredients, are inexpensive as well.

Blue Cheese Walnut Spread

Preparation time: 20 minutes

- Ingredients:
- 1 package (8 oz.) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 package (4 oz.) Athenos Crumbled Blue Cheese
- 1/2 cup Breakstone's or Knudsen Sour Cream
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

- 1/2 cup Planters Walnuts, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

RITZ Crackers

•Directions: First, blend the cream cheese, blue cheese, sour cream, and Worcestershire sauce together, stir in walnuts and chives, and refrigerate at least 1 hour to mix flavors.

Remove from refrigerator and simply serve as a spread with crackers. Makes approximately 2 cups.

Shortcut: To soften cream cheese, microwave on high for 15 to 20 seconds.

Suggestions: For our spread, we used an off-brand cream cheese as well as a generic brand of crumbled blue cheese, sour cream and walnuts, thus cutting our costs appreciably.

Pebbles Holiday Cutouts

Preparation time: 10 minutes (allow additional time for cooling)

- Microwave: 2 minutes 15 seconds
- Ingredients:
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 1 package (10 1/2 oz.) Jet-Puffed Miniature

- Marshmallows (6 cups)
- 1 package (13 oz.) Post Fruity or Cocoa Pebbles



(photo by ReDonn Woods)

Betty Dooley sampled Pebbles Holiday Cutouts at The News office recently. This colorful treat is quick and easy to prepare, making it the perfect choice for a last-minute party or holiday do.

- Cereal (about 8-1/2 cups)
- assorted decorating icings and/or gels (optional)
- assorted candies (optional)
- Directions: Line 15x10x1-inch cookie sheet with foil; lightly grease. Next,

microwave butter in 4-quart microwavable bowl on high for 45 seconds or until the butter is melted. Add marshmallows; mix in butter to coat. Microwave 1-1/2 minutes or until marshmallows are creamy and smooth, stirring after 45 seconds. Add the cereal; mix to coat well. Press firmly into prepared pan. Cool. Cut into holiday shapes with assorted cookie cutters. Decorate with icings and assorted candies as desired. Makes about 2 dozen.

Suggestions: Again, for our cutouts we used off-brands of marshmallows and cereal. We experimented with icing in a tube (which comes in a variety of fun and brilliant colors.) We chunked up candy canes and sprinkled around and purchased "sprinkles" found near the tubes of icing on the same aisle as the cake mixes.

Finally, we "cut-out" star-shaped bars. Note: Metal cookie-cutters work best with this type of dessert which is gooey and hard. Plastic cutters are more difficult to manipulate through this snack's crunchy texture. Enjoy!

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ANNIVERSARIES

Bruner anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Bruner of Pampa will mark their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 10, 2002.

Denver Bruner and Diana Sangster were married Dec. 10, 1977, in First United Methodist Church Chapel in Pampa. They have been Pampa residents for eight years.

Mr. Bruner is currently employed at Eco-Systems Environmental Inc., and holds membership in Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 and Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Bruner is a homemaker and presently sits on the board of ACT I Community Theatre as secretary.

Children of the couple are



Mr. and Mrs. Denver Bruner

Robert P. Bruner of Mountain Home, Ind., Valarie Bruner of Miami, and Coleman and Austin Bruner of Pampa.



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ball

Ball anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ball of Pampa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 4-6 p.m., Dec. 14, 2002, at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa. Children and grandchildren of the couple will host the reception.

Melvin Ball and Barbara Covert were mar-



ried Dec. 14, 1952, in Beloit, Kan.

They have been Pampa residents for 38 years.

Mr. Ball is retired from Celanese.

Mrs. Ball is a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Linda and John Lanham and Cindy Lewis and Kevin Fulton, all of Pampa. They have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

CRADLE CALL



Alexis J. Salazar

Alexis Salazar

Alexis Janai Salazar was born at 4:35 p.m., Sept. 19, 2002, at Pampa Regional Medical Center to Juan and Cynthia Salazar of Pampa.

Alexis weighed 6-pounds,

4.8-ounces at birth and was 19 3/4-inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Santos and Carlos Salazar and of Francisco and Bertha Cordova, all of Pampa.

MENUS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 9-13

Pampa Schools
MONDAY
 Breakfast: Pancakes.
 Lunch: Beef enchiladas or chicken nuggets, pinto beans, Spanish rice, pears.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
 Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or macaroni/cheese, corn, salad, apricots.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Danish rolls.
 Lunch: Ravioli or chef salad, English peas, carrots, fresh fruit, rolls.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Toast.
 Lunch: Turkey/dressing, whipped potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, rolls.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.
 Lunch: Popcorn chicken or pizza, French fries, salad, peaches.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
 Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, hot cereal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Barbecue sandwiches or chicken patties,

potato smiles, beans, salad, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Nachos or burritos, corn, salad, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Lasagna or chicken nuggets, peas, garlic toast, salad, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Hot cereal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: SOS or barbecue chicken, green beans, salad, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Hot dogs/chili, chips, beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
 Chicken fried steak or salmon patties, mashed potatoes, English peas, beets, northern beans, red velvet cake or banana cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad,

hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY
 Meatloaf or chicken breast/wild rice, Yukon potatoes, corn cobbettes, broccoli casserole, beans, Boston cream pie or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY
 Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, butter beans, pineapple upsidedown cake, cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY
 Chicken strips or liver and onions, cheese potatoes, spinach, buttered squash, beans, pumpkin cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
 Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Hot dogs/chili, chips, beans, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
 Catfish/hushpuppies or chili rellenos/cheese sauce, potato wedges, Spanish rice, beans, coconut cream cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.
Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
 Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, graham crackers.
TUESDAY
 Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake.
WEDNESDAY
 Tater tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, pumpkin bars.
THURSDAY
 Ham, okra/tomatoes, pinto beans, pudding.
FRIDAY
 Barbecue meatballs, baked beans, potato salad, pears.

Bringing generations closer

Legacies are about learning from the past, living in the present, and hoping for the future. The national Something to Remember Me By Legacy Project is bringing children, parents, and grandparents closer together in a way that matters.

Aimed at families, schools, and community groups, it is an initiative under the Parenting Coalition and Generations United, both based in Washington, DC, with The Communication Project. Intergenerational researcher and author Susan V. Bosak, MA, is the National Chair. The project offers free activity kits, resources, contests, workshops, networking, and more.

The project website

www.somethingtorememberme-by.org offers free online activity kits to make information as accessible as possible. There are a variety of kits available throughout the year, filled with practical ideas, activities, crafts, games, reproductions, and great book and website listings.

The new Holiday Activity Kit celebrates family traditions. Research reveals traditions are a very important factor in strong, close families. The holidays are a time when more opportunities exist for traditions and making memories.

"Traditions help keep us grounded," explains Bosak. "They are the things that parents and grandparents teach their children, who then grow up and teach to their children. They give us a sense of connection and stability in an ever-changing world."

(See 'LEGACY,' Page 17)

LIFESTYLES POLICY

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up at the office after appearing in the paper.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.
7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)
8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.
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Health department offers cold weather precautions

AUSTIN — Whether the information comes from the National Weather Service, an almanac or a knee joint, cold weather is on the horizon in Texas. Intermittent cold fronts, frost, chilling winds, ice storms or snow can create severe problems in a state that usually measures the heat index, not the chill factor.

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

Last year, hypothermia was a contributing factor in 21 Texas deaths.

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

Often an older person's metabolism is slower than that of a younger person, which means less body heat is generated. Or the older person may already be in poor health and taking medications that can alter awareness of dangerously low temperatures.

People 60 and older may not perceive or respond to cold as readily as younger people because the body's natural alarm signal C the reflex of shivering that increases blood flow C lessens with age. Some

hypothermia victims die because they simply are unaware of gradual temperature changes.

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

To reduce potential dangers:

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

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

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

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

—Remember, too, that animals may die if left outside in extremely cold weather. Provide them a warm environment, out of the chilling wind. Be sure they have access to food and that their water has not frozen.

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

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

—Discard any potentially hazardous foods such as meats, eggs, dairy products

and leftovers that may have exceeded 45 degrees. When in doubt, throw it out.

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

Wind chill refers to the cooling effect wind has on the skin. Not only can wind chill cause rapid heat loss from the body, but it also can cause

frostbite C actual freezing of tissues. Frostbite can occur in 15 minutes or less at wind chill values of 18 below zero or lower.

TDH officials warn that no one should underestimate weather changes and should dress appropriately. Anyone planning outdoor activities in cold weather should refer to local weather forecasts for information.

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

TCE to offer foodservice certification training

Texas Cooperative Extension Service will conduct foodservice manager certification training course in Pampa Dec. 18-19, Jan. 13-16, and again Feb. 10, at the Gray County Annex.

Statistics indicate foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year 1-in-4 Americans will become sick, 1-in-1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended, allowing the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to require food establishments in the State of Texas to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute, and

eating establishments have received a letter from TDH regarding this.

Under the new regulations, each food establishment permitted by TDH must have one certified food manager. The upcoming deadline for certification is March 1, 2003. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

The program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination, but to educate them regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50-cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages,

insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) is offering the foodservice manager certification course through February in several locations across the Panhandle besides Pampa including Amarillo, Hereford, Dalhart, Peryton, Vega, and Dumas.

Cost of the two-day training is \$79 per person, of the one-day training \$65, and \$35 for the test only. Test-only registration does not include a study guide. For further details or to register, contact the local Extension office at 669-8033. Registration deadline is two weeks prior to the date of the training.

The benefits of improved safety include:

—increased customer satisfaction;

—improved relationships with health officials; and

—prevention of bad publicity and lawsuits due to foodborne illness.

By attending the course, participants will learn how to:

—identify potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food-handling;

—prevent contamination and cross-contamination of food;

—teach and encourage personal hygiene to fellow employees;

—maintain clean utensils, equipment, and surroundings; and

—control pests.

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LEGACY

In addition to tips and ideas for family traditions, the Holiday Activity Kit is also filled with fun family activities, crafts, games, and homemade gift ideas. Try Holidays Then & Now, Family Stars, Draw the Memory, 3-D Snow Buddy Card, Season of Lights, and Circle Stories.

The contests give young and old an opportunity to explore and talk about different topics. The 2002 Holiday Contest (co-sponsored by MyFamily.com) runs to Dec. 31. It's open to adults and children 8 years and older.

The Grand Prize is the world's biggest gift basket — a Lane Cedar Chest overflowing with toys, gourmet food goodies, and other special gift items from Baskits.com. There are ten runner-up prizes of a \$100 book gift certificate from Books Are Fun.

To enter the Holiday Contest, write about a favorite tradition in your family (300 words or less). What tradition do you enjoy and makes your family special? Maybe you have a favorite holiday tradition everyone looks forward to during the whole year? Or what about a summer vacation spot you visit every year?

What about something special you do every week, like Friday night dinner at the local pizza place? Talk to other family members to get ideas and their perspectives on the traditions they enjoy, look forward to, and that bring your family closer together.

Submit entries online on the "Something to Remember Me By" Legacy Project website www.somethingtoremembermeby.org. If you fax or mail an entry instead, it must be typewritten and received by midnight


Eastern Time, Tuesday, Dec. 31.

It must include the total number of words in the entry (must be 300 words or less), your first and last name, age (if under 18), telephone number (with area code), e-mail address (if available), and complete mailing address. Entries can be faxed to (905) 640-2922 or mailed to Legacy Project Holiday Contest, c/o Generations United, 122 C Street NW, Suite 820, Washington, DC 20001.

To learn more about the national Something to Remember Me By Legacy

Project, see the free online activity kits, and get all the contest details, visit www.somethingtoremembermeby.org or call 1-800-772-7765.

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- X Radiculopathy
- X Myofascial pain
- X Spinal Instability
- X Spinal Stenosis
- X Tendon/Ligament pain
- X Repetitive Strain Injury

Physical Therapy treatment of neck low back pain

Physical Therapy department at the Pampa Regional Medical Center recommends treatment for any neck or low back injury as soon as possible to minimize any further aggravation. Treatment for neck and low back injuries occurs in three phases.

During the first phase, called the acute phase, physical therapist will treat pain and inflammation. A specific treatment plan is developed for each patient and may include ultrasound, electrical stimulation, massage, myofascial release, and heat application.

In the second phase, called the recovery phase, treatment focuses on returning the patient to his/her daily activities. This goal is achieved through a individualized program for cervical (neck) or lumbar (back) stabilization, flexibility and strength training, a home exercise program and patient education.

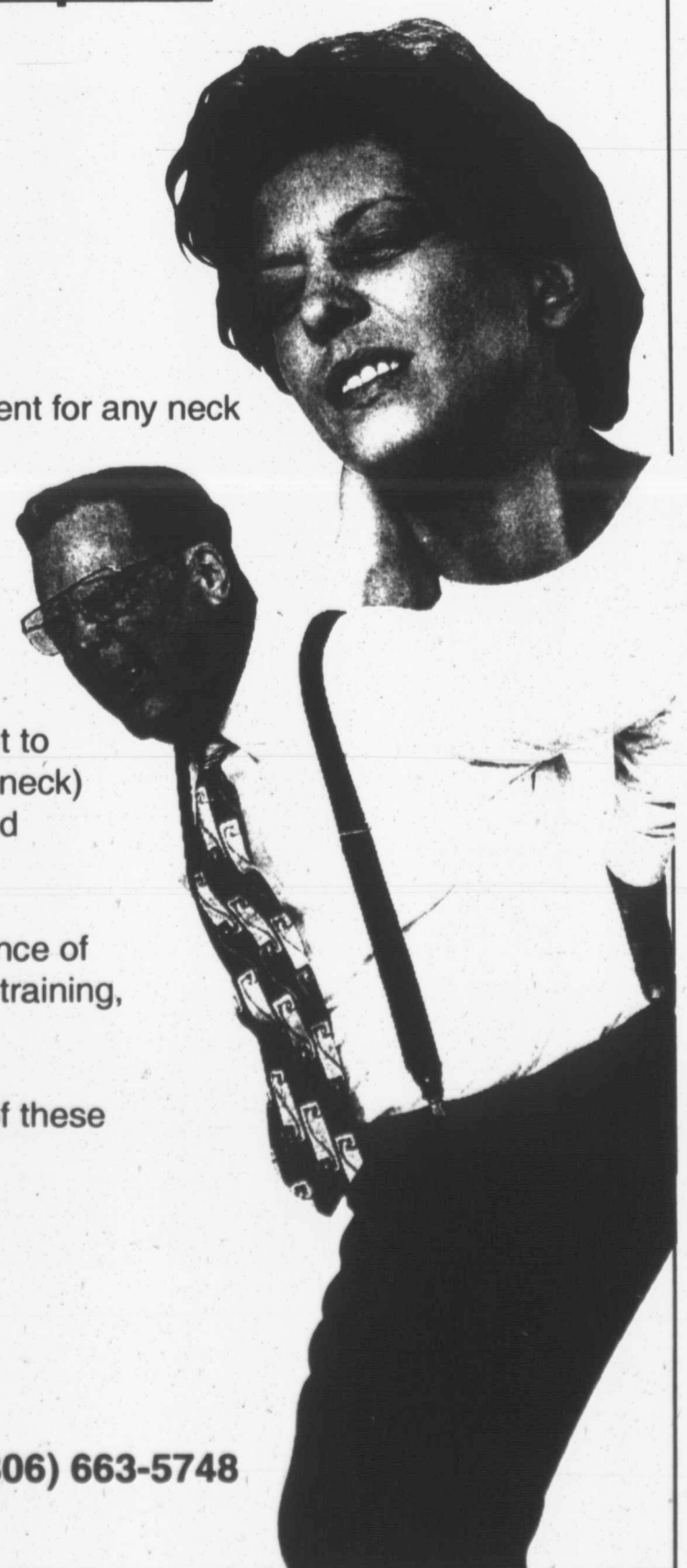
The third phase, the maintenance phase, focuses on preventing further injury or a recurrence of symptoms. This consists of total body fitness including: aerobic exercise, body mechanics training, and further patient education.

Please contact your physician for a referral Physical Therapy if you are experiencing any of these symptoms in your neck or back.

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Contact:

Pampa Regional Medical Center Physical Therapy
Amy Pennington PT or Medical Lamberson PTA (806)663-5566 or Fax (806) 663-5748



ENTERTAINMENT

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 20

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

1. "Lose Yourself," Eminem. Shady.
2. "Work It," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
3. "Jenny From The Block," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Jadakiss & Styles). Epic.
4. "Underneath It All," No Doubt (feat. Lady Saw). Interscope.
5. "The Game Of Love," Santana (feat. Michelle

- Branch). Arista.
6. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z (feat. Beyonce Knowles). Roc-A-Fella.
7. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee. Fo' Reel.
8. "Gimme The Light," Sean Paul. Black Shadow.
9. "Don't Mess With My Man," Nivea (feat. Brian & Brandon Casey). Jive.
10. "Luv U Better," LL Cool J. Def Jam.
11. "Beautiful," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
12. "Love Of My Life," Erykah Badu feat. Common. Fox/MCA.
13. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
14. "She Hates Me," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
15. "Hey Ma," Cam'ron (feat. Juelz Santana, Freekey Zekey & Toya). Roc-A-Fella.
16. "Die Another Day," Madonna. Warner Bros.
17. "Dilemma," Nelly (feat. Kelly Rowland). Fo' Reel.
18. "One Last Breath," Creed. Wind-Up.

19. "Dontchange," Musiq. Def Soul.
 20. "When The Last Time," Clipse. Star Trak.
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THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 20

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

1. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
2. "Tim McGraw And The Dancehall Doctors," Tim McGraw. Curb.
3. Soundtrack: "8 Mile." Shady. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
4. "Now 11," Various Artists. Universal/EMI/Zomba/Sony/UME.
5. "Better Dayz," 2Pac. Amaru.
6. "This Is Me... Then," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.
7. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
8. "Back In The U.S. Live 2002," Paul McCartney. MPL.
9. "Let Go," Avril Lavigne. Arista. (Platinum)
10. "Stripped," Christina Aguilera. RCA.

11. "Elvis: 30 (NU)1 Hits," Elvis Presley. RCA. (Platinum)
 12. "Paid Tha Cost To Be Da Bo\$\$," Snoop Dogg. Doggystyle.
 13. "The Last Temptation," Ja Rule. Murder Inc.
 14. "The Eminem Show," Eminem. Web. (Platinum)
 15. "Steal This Album!," System Of A Down. American.
 16. "The Blueprint 2: The Gift And The Curse," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella.
 17. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
 18. "Shaman," Santana. Arista. (Platinum)
 19. "Justified," Justin Timberlake. Jive/Zomba.
 20. "Under Construction," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

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

1. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
2. "Can't Stop Loving You," Phil Collins. Atlantic.
3. "A Thousand Miles," Vanessa Carlton. A&M.
4. "The Game Of Love," Santana (feat. Michelle Branch). Arista.
5. "A Moment Like This," Kelly Clarkson. RCA. (Gold)
6. "Soak Up The Sun," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
7. "You," Jim Brickman (feat. Jane Krakowski). Windham Hill.
8. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting.
9. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
10. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.

TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS

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

1. "WOW Christmas," Various Artists. EMI CMG.
2. "WOW Hits 2003," Various Artists. EMI CMG.
3. "Worship Again," Michael W. Smith. Reunion/Provident. (Platinum)
4. "iWorship: A Total Worship Experience. Various Artists. Integrity.
5. "Almost There,"

- MercyMe. INO. (Gold)
6. "Worship," Michael W. Smith. Reunion/Provident. (Platinum)
7. "All The Time In The World," Jump5. Sparrow.
8. "Stanley Climbfall," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
9. "Spoken For," MercyMe. INO.
10. "Satellite," P.O.D. Atlantic/Word. (Platinum)

MAINSTREAM ROCK TRACKS

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

1. "When I'm Gone," 2 Doors Down. Republic.
2. "You Know You're Right," Nirvana. DGC.
3. "Cochise," Audioslave. Interscope.
4. "Bother," Stone Sour (feat. Corey Taylor). Roadrunner.
5. "She Hates Me," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
6. "Prayer," Disturbed. Reprise.
7. "All My Life," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
8. "The Red," Chevelle. Epic.
9. "Always," Saliva. Island.
10. "Aerials," System Of A Down. American.

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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1. "All My Life," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
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7. "Prayer," Disturbed. Reprise.
8. "No One Knows," Queens Of The Stone Age. Interscope.
9. "Fine Again," Seether. Wind-up.
10. "Cochise," Audioslave. Interscope.

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

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1. "These Days," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
2. "Who's Your Daddy?" Toby Keith. DreamWorks.

3. "She'll Leave You With A Smile," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
 4. "Landslide," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
 5. "Somebody Like You," Keith Urban. Capitol.
 6. "Red Rag Top," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 7. "19 Somethin'," Mark Wills. Mercury.
 8. "Fall Into Me," Emerson Drive. DreamWorks.
 9. "I'm Gonna Getcha Good!," Shania Twain. Mercury.
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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

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1. "Up!," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
 2. "Tim McGraw And The Dancehall Doctors," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 3. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
 4. "Elvis: 30 (NU)1 Hits," Elvis Presley. RCA. (Platinum)
 5. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
 6. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville). (Platinum)
 7. "Melt," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
 8. "Let It Be Christmas," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 9. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
 10. "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
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1. "Work It," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind.
 2. "Love Of My Life (An Ode To Hip-Hop)," Erykah Badu (feat. Common). Fox.
 3. "Luv U Better," LL Cool J. Def Jam.
 4. "Dontchange," Musiq. Def Soul.
 5. "'03 Bonnie & Clyde," Jay-Z (feat. Beyonce Knowles). Roc-A-Fella.
 6. "Lose Yourself," Eminem. Shady/Interscope.
 7. "Gimme The Light," Sean Paul. Black Shadow.
 8. "Air Force Ones," Nelly feat. Kyjuan, Ali & Murphy Lee. Fo' Reel.
 9. "Fabulous," Jaheim (feat. Tha Rayne). Divine Mill.
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After 17 years, ex-cop on trial for baby's murder

By **BETSY BLANEY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SMYER (AP) — Gary Goff could never erase the image of the comatose 3-month-old boy he prayed for more than 17 years ago.

He still remembers clearly the day in 1985 when the baby's father stopped by and asked Goff to pray for Matthew Sharp, who had been hospitalized the night before with head injuries.

Goff, at the time a recent law school graduate serving as interim minister at the Church of Christ in Smyer — across the street from the Sharps' house — was stunned when he visited Matthew at the Lubbock hospital about 35 miles away.

He recalls the baby looking "almost lifeless" hooked up to so many tubes.

"I can close my eyes today and I can still see Matthew," said Goff, now Hockley County's district attorney. "Some things you can never erase. I doubt it will ever leave my mind."

Matthew died about two weeks later, his death ruled a homicide.

Authorities initially focused on Matthew's parents. But no charges were filed even though Robert Sharp — at the time a 6-foot-1, 300-pound aspiring police officer — told police that he believed he had injured his son by bouncing him on his lap before the infant had a seizure.

The case wasn't pursued because prosecutors, who hadn't seen "shaken-baby cases" in this part of West Texas, were concerned about evidence problems, Goff said.

But the case so haunted Goff that he reopened it last year.

In February, Sharp was charged with murder, which has no statute of limitations. Sharp, whose trial is set to begin Monday in Levelland, says he's innocent.

"I was willing to go to prison then because I'm responsible for his death, but it was an accident," Sharp said. "I'm at fault for this, but I didn't murder my son."

Prosecutors, however, say Sharp's story doesn't add up.

The case took on new life in

July 2001, after Goff attended a seminar at which Tarrant County's medical examiner discussed pathology used in child deaths. For Goff, it was an epiphany.

"He came back and said, 'See if you can find that case and see if you can do anything with it,'" said Todd Smith, Goff's investigator. "See if we can tell something now that we couldn't tell back then."

Smith found the case file and also found a 1985 Child Protective Services investigation that alleged Matthew died from abuse by his parents.

Goff's investigation led to a tiny, unmarked grave in Lubbock, where authorities exhumed Matthew's body one cold, windy morning in January.

A second autopsy revealed discoloration from bruising to Matthew's right eyelid and the membrane under his skull, evidence of severe trauma.

That finding, plus medical records, the original autopsy and photographs, led the Lubbock County coroner to add "shaken/impact syndrome" to the 1985 finding of blunt force trauma to the head.

The first autopsy was performed by medical examiner Ralph Erdmann, who seven years later pleaded no contest to felony charges of falsifying autopsies and tampering with evidence. The conviction resulted in legal havoc in dozens of West Texas cases where Erdmann served.

Matt Powell, a special prosecutor appointed after Goff recused himself because of his close ties to the case, said Erdmann's history played into the decision to exhume. Investigators also were hoping to better pinpoint Matthew's injuries, as symptoms of severe injury to babies can emerge over time.

When Sharp's trial begins, Powell will try to show that Sharp's knee-bouncing story doesn't match the severity of the injuries.

"It takes a lot of force to cause injuries to babies. A lot," Powell said.

Both parents and a grandparent were in the Sharps' rented one-bedroom stucco house on

Shaken Baby Syndrome

LUBBOCK (AP) — The idea that a baby could be shaken to death first emerged in medical circles in the 1940s, medical officials say.

It gained widespread acceptance following a 1962 landmark study, said Dr. Rafael Garcia, former director of the Child Abuse Center for the Department of Pediatrics at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

The 1962 study about "whiplash shaken infant syndrome" was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association and has been supported by several subsequent studies.

Babies who are shaken violently or sustain blunt-force head injuries can suffer damaged or detached retinas, broken blood vessels inside the cranium that connect to the brain and damage to brain tissue.

A baby's head is disproportionately larger than the body and set on a wobbly neck. The brain is mostly water, and skulls more pliable than protective.

Today, authorities generally agree that most shaken baby deaths occur at 9 months or younger and happen most often when an infant is crying, Garcia said.

Some symptoms include cessation of breathing, irritability, seizure and increased pressure in the head that can cause the soft spot to bulge.

Garcia says research has shown that if the injuries are inflicted within the first week, the perpetrator is usually the mother. After that, it's usually a male caretaker — a father, stepfather, mother's boyfriend, he said.

"In the case of an infant, the weapon is really the adult," Garcia said.

March 29, 1985, but Robert Sharp said he was the only one awake when the baby went into a seizure.

"There was a huge hurdle in proving which of three adults in the house was responsible," Goff said. "You couldn't single out any of the three beyond a reasonable doubt."

Sharp, a stay-at-home parent married to a dietitian at nearby Reese Air Force Base, said he placed Matthew in his crib beside the couple's bed at about 11 p.m.

He said he woke to Matthew's cry about an hour later and carried him to the bathroom, not wanting to wake his wife.

Sharp said he cooed and caressed Matthew, even bathed him to try to soothe him. When none of that worked, Sharp said he became frustrated.

He lay Matthew face-up on his lap, the baby's head on his thick knees. Then Sharp began bouncing his legs hard enough to let his feet leave the floor, he said.

"I was trying to get him to quiet down in the wrong way,"

Sharp said. "I was an uneducated man."

When it appeared Matthew was having a seizure, Sharp, frightened he may have injured him, woke his wife.

"She tried to tell me he was having nightmares, and I said 'No,'" he said.

For weeks after Matthew's death, the couple faced authorities' questioning and lie detector tests.

They soon moved out of the house. They were divorced in the early 1990s and haven't spoken since.

Lisa Copeland, Matthew's mother and Sharp's ex-wife, said she has believed all these years that her son's death was an accident.

"It (the case) was dropped," said Copeland, who has remarried and has a 9-year-old daughter. "(The district attorney) told me that if we passed the lie detector, that would be the last we'd hear from him. We didn't hear from him anymore."

Robert Sharp, in fact, failed a polygraph about what happened that night, said Powell, the spe-

cial prosecutor. Copeland, who passed the polygraph, said Sharp told her in 1985 that he passed. She was stunned to learn differently.

"No one told me he hadn't passed it. Otherwise, things would have been different all these years," Copeland said. "I don't know what happened that night. He does."

Ronnie Sharp, the baby's grandfather who was in the house that night, believes there was no intent to hurt the baby.

"That boy ... was the most important thing in (my son's) life," he said. "He worshipped the ground the baby laid on."

Lisa and Robert Sharp buried Matthew a few days after his death. Short on money, they put no marker above his grave.

By the time Sharp faced a murder charge, he had become a police officer. He also was in jail on charges stemming from his brief time as a West Texas cop.

In 2000, after graduating from the University of Houston's police academy, he landed a part-time job at the department in Pinehurst, about 30 miles north of Houston.

But he was fired after chasing an 18-wheeler into Louisiana and pulling it over, all while off duty, police chief Daniel Robertson said.

Sharp found another job in the small Panhandle town of Cactus, arriving in March 2001. He parked his small green-and-white travel trailer outside the police station and called it home.

Within months he faced official oppression charges after two women complained that he issued them trespassing tickets to get them to leave town. He was also charged with indecency by contact with a 9-year-old girl.

Sharp said he let the girl sit on his lap at a movie but denies any wrongdoing.

"There's a difference between molestation and contact. All I wanted was affection," he said.

Sharp was arrested in November 2001 and was in the Moore County Jail before he was indicted in Matthew's death and transferred to the Hockley County Jail.

"When we went into this," Goff says, "we had no idea he had become a cop."

Today, Sharp takes full responsibility for his son's death. He feels his faith has been tested, and that God and Matthew have forgiven him, but he cannot forgive himself.

Sharp says he didn't commit a crime because it was an accident and he was candid with authorities afterward. He won't accept a plea bargain and says that sending him to prison now would be "nonsense."

"There's nothing the DA could do that would be worse than what I've put myself through all these years," he said. "I don't care if I'm free or in prison. I'm going to suffer."

Sharp's court-appointed defense attorney, Jack Stoffregen of Lubbock, predicts "some real evidentiary problems" for the prosecution — "the main one being this case is so old."

Stoffregen also plans to highlight the involvement of Erdmann, the disgraced medical examiner.

"His name alone is going to cause some skepticism among jurors or prospective jurors," Stoffregen said. "It'll come in somehow."

Sharp said he plans to take the stand to tell jurors the same story he told 17 years ago.

Sharp's ex-wife, now living in Carson City, Nev., is looking forward to being there.

"It's still my son who's not having birthdays or Christmases. There's still a little boy who didn't have a chance to do anything," she said. "Every little boy I see, I think of him. If Robert ended up doing something he shouldn't have, he's going to have to pay for that."

Goff, who along with others in his office bought a grave marker Matthew's parents couldn't afford when he was first buried, says the death of a helpless, defenseless child should not go unpunished, even 17 years later.

"That's a wrong for which justice has not been served," he said. "It's been delayed, but with the advances, the understanding of the process, maybe we can get there now."

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Meetings provide you with incentive and energy, whether you want it or not. Learn to like the feedback, as you cannot change it. Revise your thinking about a key project. In this case, many cooks in one kitchen works! Tonight: Get some extra sleep.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Pressure builds with bosses and associates who demand results. You might find it difficult to meet everyone's expectations. Be extremely careful handling finances. A boss reacts in a surprising manner. Know what you want. Tonight: Follow the crowds.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Keep reaching out for those at a

distance. Act on that hunch, and others could be thrilled by the end results. Realize what might be too much for you to take on. Say "no." The atmosphere becomes more work than play. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Use your ability to sleuth through what is happening with a partner. You might not always understand what he or she wants. You could be taken aback by a sudden reaction or change of pace. Focus on effectiveness in the workplace. Tonight: Imagine if you were "that" person.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Others dominate, even if you would prefer to take charge. Somehow, you use your creativity to find a way to add your two cents. Reach out for a loved one or friend who is sometimes unusually difficult. Tonight: A must appearance.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** You reverse course, possibly causing tremors in your immediate turf. Not everything comes easily, as you will see. Work with associates' unpredictability. In the midst of an uproar, you will find solutions if you listen and detach. Tonight: Allow someone to lure you into his or her plans.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Dig in your hat of creativity. You discover solutions easily. You find another way to communicate, helping you redefine a personal matter. What you might have been doing could be ineffective. Consider what is needed. Tonight: Work as late as need be.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Prioritize, and you'll get much more done than you anticipated. Realize your limits within your personal circle. Revise your budget if you feel the need. Tap into your feelings and creativity in order to solve a problem with an associ-

ate. Tonight: Ignore the fact that it's Monday.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You twist and turn trying to make the facts conform to your sense of what you know. Revise your thinking pattern. Seek out someone to brainstorm with. You'll like the answers. Unexpected news heads your way. Tonight: Romp on home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Instead of attempting to work out a problem by yourself, allow others to come to the rescue. Sometimes a totally different perspective helps you open up doors. Your hard-earned efforts pay off, yet what toll do you pay? Tonight: Your treat.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Realize what someone is saying when this person says that he or she has had enough. You might need to rework or revamp a friendship and your expectations. Unexpected developments spin from your personality tossed in with someone's conservative personality. Tonight: Be spontaneous.
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<p>TRACTORS - BACKHOE - LOADER - COMBINE 1-1985 Allis Chamber 8030 Diesel Tractor, MFWD, Cab, A/C, Htz, Radio, Wts, 3pl, TH, 18.4x28 Rubber w/LZ-9H Hyd. Front End Loader, Mounted, 6300 Hours 1-1990 Case IH 7240 Magnum Dsl. Tractor, MFWD, Cab, A/C, Htz, Radio, Wts, 3pl, TH, 20.8x42 Rubber & Duals 1-1981 Gleaner L-2 Dsl. Combine Cab, A/C, RR, 18.4x24 Rub, 24' Header, MBR 1-Big 12 400 Bushel Grain Cart 1-1988 Case 580-K Diesel Extended Hoe, Backhoe, Loader Tractor Cab Less Than 1500 Actual Hours 1-1989 J.D. 4020 B. Tractor w/ Hyd. F.E. Ldr. FERTILIZER PLOW 2-6,000 Gallon Liquid Fertilizer Upright Storage Tanks 10-1,000 Gal. Anhydrous Ammonia Horse Tank Trailer, 4 Wheel, High Clearance 2-1,000 Gallon Liquid Fertilizer Horse Tank Trailers w/Monarch Pumps, 8/5 Engines 1-6.8L Ammonia Transfer Pump VEHICLES, Feed Truck</p>	<p>1-2002 Ford F-150 Pickup, FX4 Off-Road 5.46 Triton V/8, A/T, RR, A/C Power Seats, Locks, Window, Mirrors, CD, Split Rear Seats, Remote Keyless Entry, Sliding Rear Window, Trailer Towing Group, Skid Plates, 17 Aluminum Wheels, Sprayed Bod Liner, 13,000 Miles 1-2001 Ford F-150 Ranger Pickup, 2nd Super Cab, V/8 Eng, Sspd., RR, A/C, W/8, A/T, Tinted Windows Bedliner, 84,000 Miles 1-1999 Pontiac Bonneville, 4dr, SE Car, V/8, A/T, RR, A/C, Leather, Power Seats, Locks, Aluminum Wheels, 80,000 Miles 1-1982 Chevrolet 1 Ton Pickup, Dual Wheel, Utility Service Bod, V/8 1-1989 Mack 3 Ton Grain Truck, Conventional 22' Bod, TC Holst, TA, TS 1-1984 IH Truck w/ Oswalt 350 Feed Box GRINDER MIXER - TRAILERS - LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT - HAY & HAY EQUIPMENT 1-International T150 Portable Grinder Mixer Magnet, 5000#/Tank 1-1997 Hesston 565-Round Hay Baler, 5x6' Jales, Gathering Wheels Shredded</p>	<p>1-Bonhoo Triple Axle Comb. Trailer 1-1994 CM Gosscock Stock Trailer 6'x24' TA, FMC, 2 Divider Gates 1-1996 IH 161T Utility Trailer, TA 1-28 Ton Quick Feed 8/H Feed Bin 1-TAS Coko Feeder 1-Powder River Cattle Squeeze Chute w/Transport Trailer 15-Metal Feed Bunks, 14ft 4-Round Hay Bale Feeder Rings 1-Moeman Mineral Feeder 25-Livestock Panels, Metal, 5x15' 1-8' Stock Water Tub 1-Fifteen Swoop Tub & Crowding Alley 1-Stoneway Bale Hauler Bod 500-6x5 Round Sedan Bales 1500-Small Square Sedan Bales SHOP EQUIPMENT & RADIOS SPRAYER 1-Lincoln 0551 Weldpower Welder Generator 1-Miller Robcat, A/C-B/C WelderGenerator 1-Portable Power Washer, Gas Pwd. 1-Let Shop Equipment, Shop & Industrail Tools 1-Let Shop Equipment, Shop & Industrail Tools 1-8 Two-Way Radios-1 Portable Gas</p>	<p>1-Let Items Too Numerous To List IMPLEMENTS 2-Blue-Jet 27 Load Runner, No-TH, Dual Placement Liquid, HMA, Fertilizer Applicators, BT 1-Kranse Mod. 1956 28' Offset Tandem Disc Plow, Hyd. F/W 1-SanFlower 70FC, 24' Chisel Plow, Hydraulic F/W 1-Mobile M88 Swoop Plow, 4x6, Hyd. F/W, AA Attachment 1-Kranse Mod. 1991 3x5' Swoop Plow 1-Flex-King 6x5 Swoop Plow, Hydraulic F/W 1-Kranse 28' Chisel Swoop Plow, Hydraulic F/W 1-John Deere 220, 20' Tandem Disc Plow, Hydraulic F/W 3-John Deere Double Hitch 1-Masssey Ferguson 880, 5x18 Onland Mole board Plow 1-Mobile (3-7) 2T Mt Hoe Drill 1-Taylor-Evans 27 3pl., AA Fertilizer Applicator 1-Kranse 15' Chisel Plow, BT HC 1-Case 14 R Tandem Disc Plow, CC Milling Equipment 1-8 Stand Milling System, Complete</p>
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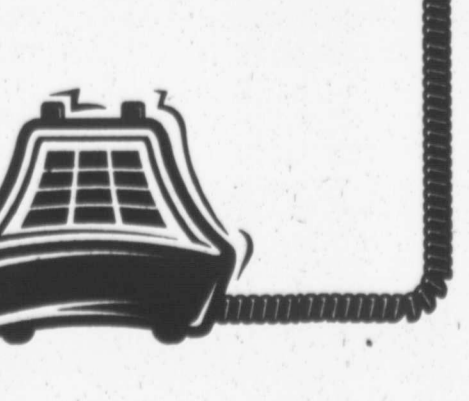
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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002:
 Whatever you do seems to work out or bring even better results than you anticipated. You're unusually lucky this year. Success could give you a whole different perspective, changing you as a person. You're able to see the big picture and take appropriate risks. Many will stumble into opportunities for travel and more education. Others might become armchair travelers. In some way, you will explore new horizons. Career opportunities peak after the summer. If you are single, you will grow to a new level of understanding through a special relationship that could enter your life anytime now. You might decide that this person is "The One." If you're attached, your relationship will flourish because of your unusual openness. AQUARIUS loves to tease you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Rather than worrying about a wild dream, check out what's happening today. Others appreciate hearing from you. Make plans that involve travel in the near future. Meanwhile, enjoy a child or loved one who clearly adores you. Tonight: Don't think about tomorrow. Enjoy the here and now.
 This Week: Use Monday and Thursday for launching any project or conversation of importance. Hang out and be discreet the other days.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** A parent clearly has expectations of you. You will push yourself to make this person happy. A partner or dear friend chips in. Discuss holiday plans. Make a long-distance call to make sure everyone agrees with upcoming plans. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow. Lay out your clothes.
 This Week: You're in a power position through Wednesday. Slow down and see what comes forward from Thursday on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Let your imagination soar, and you'll find a lot to smile about. Others turn the corner - at least that's how you see it. A new attitude draws attention. Your sense of energy and direction could make for an extremely lively time. Tonight: Try something totally new.
 This Week: Harness a vision, making it applicable this week. You will be pleased, and so will others. Meetings start on Thursday.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** A partner walks you through a problem. Understand more of what those around you expect, with an eye to possibilities. Certainly, if you ask a question, you will get an earful. Listen as someone spews forth news. You'll get a good idea from this person. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's request.
 This Week: Others speak up and share ideas. Your ability to come to terms with different types of thinking might be tested. Still, ultimately, you're in charge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Continue with this high people-phase, as you have so little choice anyway. A flirtation seems to build with the ongoing holiday season. Get tickets to a Christmas concert or play. Share good feelings with those around you. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?
 This Week: Others hold the cards. Just find your favorite chair and watch what goes down. By the end of the week, you'll gain a much better understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Dig into a project. The more you can get done, the better you'll feel later. Besides, a family member would like to tempt you to join him or her. Allow more spontaneity into your life. Express what you often keep to yourself. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way.
 This Week: Others have suggestions. Explore alternatives if you don't like what you hear. They respond.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Pretend you are a kid again

and do something you loved to do during the holiday season. You delight a child. Let friends join in as well. Wherever you are, you find much conversation and laughter. Share cookies or another favorite treat with friends. Tonight: Let a loved one know how much you care.
 This Week: Your creativity on Monday sets the week off on a whirlwind. What you start, you'll have to finish. Expect to work hard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Understand that whether you want to be or not, you're the chief in your domain. You might make adjustments both financially as well as with plans for the next few weeks. Others happily listen to your ideas and decisions. No one will play devil's advocate. Tonight: Put your feet up.
 This Week: When someone else runs out of ideas, you'll come up with new ones. Solutions pop up out of the blue. Count on being busy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Feel free to reverse gears and head in another direction. An invitation might be too much to say "no" to, and why should you? Put on your good shoes and head on out the door. A surprise surrounds a trip or adventure. Tonight: Say "yes."
 This Week: Mull over what's happening. On Thursday, you'll be ready to take a risk or head in a new direction. You'll know what's best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** You could change your tune when you add up the costs of a present or a trip. A partner or loved one decides to chip in, making what you want a possibility. Loosen up and go with the moment, especially if it involves a friend or loved one. Tonight: Treat for dinner.
 This Week: Keep conversations moving. Don't get locked or stuck on one idea. Brainstorm with others. A decision might come early next week, if not sooner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You can make whatever you want happen. You'll find that others will want to join in, whether you're going to

Lone Star Living: Artist displays bead work

By NAOMI WATTS
ODESSA AMERICAN

ODESSA, Texas — If you lined up all the tiny beads Teri Greeves has ever used in her artwork, it would be a string long enough to reach Heaven, where her grandmother sits smiling.

At least that's the way she looks at it. Greeves, a Kiowa Indian and bead artist who lives in Santa Fe, N.M., learned her craft from the older women who beaded for a living on reservations when she a child.

"My grandmother was a beadworker and worked several menial jobs," Greeves said. "But it was her beadwork that supported her family and she raised five children."

"When I do beadwork I feel the presence of her and all the women who were beadworkers. They were artists even though they didn't consider it art."

Greeves said when her grandmother was doing beadwork, it wasn't considered art by larger society, even though beading is an intricate and timeless art.

"My mother remembered going into gas stations and seeing fully beaded moccasins sitting next to Roloids, Certs and bubble gum for just \$5 a pair," Greeves said. "It was heartbreaking to her because she knew how valuable they were. Now you can't get a fully beaded pair for less than \$250."

Greeves is proof that the artform has come a long way with her artwork not only earning her money, but a reputation in the art world.

"When I receive the amount of money for the work I do, I know my grandmother is smiling down on me," Greeves said. "Somehow she has a hand in me being able to get what I get for it, and just the acceptance of it is really something."

Greeves work is exhibited nationwide, including at the Museum of the Southwest in Midland until Dec. 31.

In March, the Heard Museum in Phoenix will honor Greeves as its featured artist during its yearly artist fair and market. Saying Greeves work is simply beautiful would be true, but not the whole story. In fact, its a story in itself. Greeves describes her

beadwork as "pictorial," or "telling a story." She chooses to tell a story with her work because that's what the ladies on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming did.

She grew up amongst Shoshoni and Arapahoe Indians, whose work is largely pictorial. Greeves said Kiowa beadworkers would usually bead geometric shapes.

One such example of this story telling is a beaded chair she and her husband made, which is on display at the Museum of the Southwest. The chair, titled "Ah-day: The Favorite One's Chair," is about the ah-day child in Kiowa families. The ah-day child is picked by his or her family to receive everything that he or she desires, even if the rest of the family has to suffer.

"My mom always thought that was a very unfair practice and swore never to do that," Greeves said. "But its more than a spoiled child. When I think about it, Kiowas were traveling south constantly and always fighting. Finally they settled in Oklahoma and still continued fighting with the U.S. government and Mexico. We've been a warring tribe for four centuries. If one child received everything, maybe that one child would be able to survive because it was such a harsh environment that we lived in."

Greeves was able to learn about not only Kiowa culture and Shoshoni and Arapahoe culture, but cultures from all over as a child. Her mother owned a trading post in Fort Washakie and beadworkers from across the country would pass through to sell their work.

"My mom owning the trading post was the most important thing in my work," Greeves said. "Growing up around that beadwork was an enormous history lesson in beading without my even knowing it. (While) she was saying whatever (about the different beadworks) to tourists I was getting an amazing education."

It was an education she couldn't get in college, she said, even though she did receive formal education by earning a degree in American Studies at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Just getting into college was a little bit of life education, Greeves said.

After her mother moved closer to Oklahoma, which is Kiowa

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territory, she went to St. Johns College and left after one semester. "I hated it," Greeves said. "I'd already been to a couple Grateful Dead shows, and I knew that I wanted to follow them around. My mom made me sign a contract that I'd promise to go back to school in a year. She didn't want me to blow my life being a Dead Head."

So, after a couple years of being a Dead Head in California, she decided to go to school again, making money by beading. Then she worked a few 9-to-5 jobs before deciding to bead full time.

"So in 1997, I did my first Native American art show and won ribbons," Greeves said. "I entered the Indian Market in Santa Fe and won ribbons. That was the beginning of it, and I've just been going and going."

Greeves said she loves being in Santa Fe where she stays immersed in the art community, which is the second-largest art community in the country, second only to New York City.

"The cross cultural exchange here is amazing," Greeves said. "What you learn here is just amazing."

Greeves beadwork will be on display at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri in Midland, for the rest of the year.

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