

Cellular Connections
 Same Great Service At Our New Location
 2145-B N. Hobart • 669-1551

800 ANYTIME MINUTES
 UNLIMITED NIGHTS & WEEKENDS
 1000 MOBILE TO MOBILE MINUTES ONLY

\$4.00
 PER MONTH

THE Pampa NEWS

***** ALL FOR ADC 780
 *01 BV04227 12/31/14
 SOUTHWEST MICRO PUBLISHING
 2627 E YANDELL DR
 EL PASO TX 79903-3743

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2003

mpa, Texas
 50 cents Daily • Sunday \$1



WEATHER WEATHER

HIGH 65 LOW 32

STATE

Bill would add \$15 fee to vehicle title transfers

AUSTIN (AP) — A state senator proposed a \$15 vehicle title transfer fee Tuesday for a program to help bring Texas into compliance with federal clean-air standards.

The proposal by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, replaces a bill approved by the House last week that would levy a 3-cents a gallon tax on diesel fuel.

Harris' bill aims to generate money for a program called the Texas Emissions Reduction Program, which would target diesel emissions. Lawmakers are under pressure to fund it because it is needed for plans to help bring the Houston and Dallas regions into compliance with federal clean air laws.

DEATHS

- Lillian Brunson, 92, former Pampian.
- Doris M. Eckroat, 75, retired waitress.
- Juanita McCarthy, 88, services pending.

INSIDE...

- Classified9
- Comics6
- Sports7

WEST TEXAS LANDSCAPE

It's Tree Planting Season ...
 120 S. HOBART
 669-0158

CHILDERS BROTHERS HOUSE LEVELING

Uneven Floors
 Floor Bracing
 Cracks In Bricks
 Sticking Doors & Windows
 Interior Wall Cracking
 FREE ESTIMATES

1-800-299-9563
 WWW.CHILDERSLEVLEING.COM



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

High winds coming in with the area's first spring storm front Tuesday lifted up a section of the Cottage Collection building on 23rd Street.

Storms sweep area

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

A line of storms packing strong winds and swirling dust pushed through parts of Texas Tuesday night, leaving behind uprooted trees and power lines and tearing the roofs from a few homes in Wellington.

A tractor-trailer rig was overturned south of Slaton and in El Paso.

There were no immediate reports of injuries from the storms that moved across the South Plains and Texas Panhandle into areas of North Texas.

A deep surface low that revved up in Colorado and moved to the northwest of the

Texas Panhandle created the intense winds, explained Darrell Sehorn, KGRO-KOMX meteorologist.

He measured the winds in Pampa at 52 miles per hour at the height of the storm, but suspects some winds were even stronger.

"It's hit close to 50 this morning," Sehorn said, adding that winds today have remained at 30 to 40 miles per hour.

"We're on the back side of the low," he said, adding that he expects the wind to lessen as the sun goes down this afternoon.

Pampa received an official .27-inch of rain.

(See STORMS, Page 3)

Pampa to host College Rodeo

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

It all started when Schuyler Fulton told her friends, "Call my Daddy."

Schuyler is a student at Frank Phillips College, and when the rodeo club there needed help hosting the regional collegiate rodeo, she knew just who to turn to, her father Neil Fulton.

"She's not on the rodeo team, but she runs with them," Neil Fulton explained.

"She's dating a calf roper," Mary Fulton said.

The college team needed a place for a rodeo, Neil said.

"Frank Phillips College does not have an arena to do this," Neil said.

The college rodeo team had been going to Amarillo and renting an arena - and losing money on their rodeos.

"It was expensive," Neil said.

This year, they are in the black.

At Schuyler's direction, Rodney Purswell, the rodeo coach for the Frank Phillips College team, called her daddy.

"He said, 'Mr. Fulton, your

daughter said you know how to put on a rodeo,'" Neil said with a laugh.

They met, then Neil talked to the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association board of directors.

Fulton asked what it would cost to use the Pampa rodeo facilities.

"They said, 'Not a thing,'" Neil said. "'Bring it to Pampa.'"

The rodeo board talked with City Manager Mitch Grant, Mayor Lonny Robbins and Chamber of Commerce executive Clay Rice.

"This is a win-win situation for the City of Pampa," Neil said. "It's a winning situation for Borger and Frank Phillips College. It isn't costing them a penny to come over here and put on a rodeo."

They are expecting some 400 contestants from 15 colleges for the Southwest Regional College Rodeo.

The schools include such rodeo powerhouses as Tarleton State University and Sul Ross University.

"This is new to me," Mary said. "I was always a city slicker."

(See RODEO, Page 3)

Heard: Crall leaving town

By NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR

Crall Products, Inc., is leaving Pampa, Curtis Heard, president and owner of the company, said today. He said he has offered to take all 28 employees to the yet-to-be-decided location.

The action is in response to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation decision Monday night to sell the company's past due notes.

Heard offered to settle his notes with the PEDC by paying 25 percent of the balance.

Balance on Crall Products Land and building note is \$190,987.91 while the equipment note is \$48,050. Accrued interest on the land and building note is more than \$3,000 and \$519 on the equipment note, and is several months behind on the payments.

Heard said this morning that he is confident the company's sales will return, saying they have slowly been increasing in recent months. He said he doesn't want to leave Pampa.

"However, this new PEDC board doesn't understand that there are these types of highs and lows in this type of busi-

ness mostly due to the economy," he said. "We've cut everywhere we can."

"The previous PEDC board worked with us," said Heard. "Sometimes we were just paying interest on the notes. They worked with us."

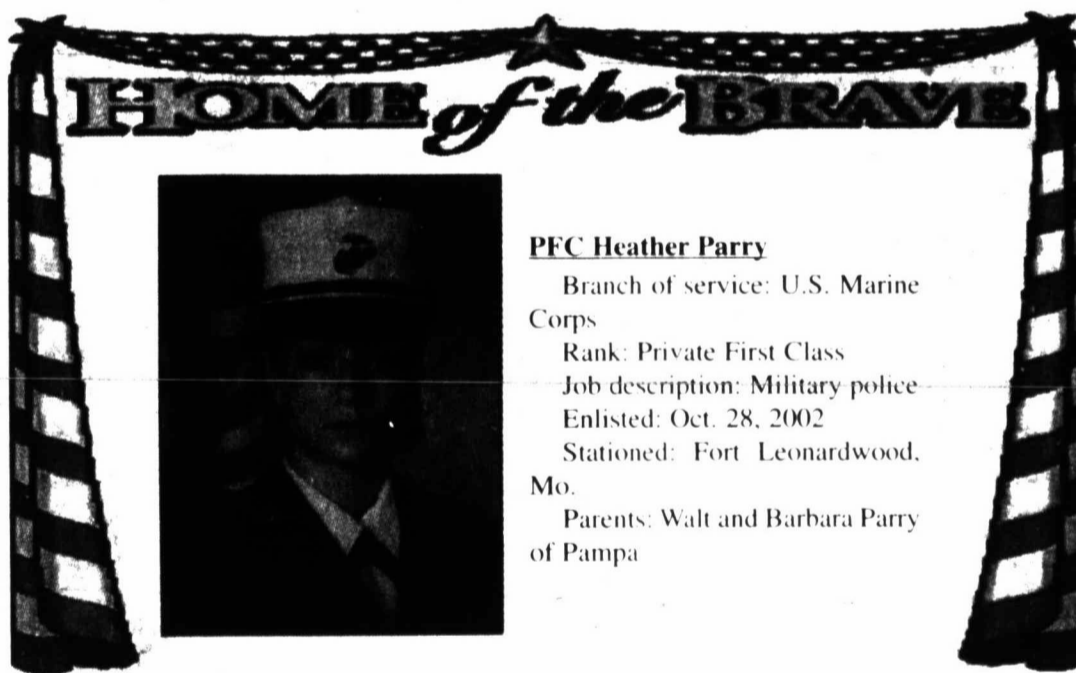
All members of the PEDC board prior to the dissolution election resigned, and five new ones were appointed to handle the closing down of the PEDC following the November 2001 election of Pampa voters.

Heard said he isn't pleased with the new board's handling of the accounts since they were appointed by the Pampa City Council.

"The new board is going headstrong to close out the note," he said. "They won't work with us so we're going to pack up our equipment and inventory and leave Pampa. We're not going to have much choice."

Heard said all employees of the company will be offered positions at the new location. He said he will be taking on a partner, and moving to one of three locations, saying the destination has not been finalized.

(See CRALL, Page 3)



PFC Heather Parry

Branch of service: U.S. Marine Corps
 Rank: Private First Class
 Job description: Military police
 Enlisted: Oct. 28, 2002
 Stationed: Fort Leonardwood, Mo.
 Parents: Walt and Barbara Parry of Pampa

U.S. forces raid home of biological lab chief

By DAVID CRARY
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

U.S. special forces Wednesday raided the Baghdad home of a microbiologist nicknamed "Dr. Germ" who ran Iraq's secret biological laboratory. In the northern city of Mosul, tensions were high after anti-American unrest in which, according to U.S. Central Command, seven people were killed by U.S. troops.

In Washington, the Bush administration lowered the

national terror alert level to "yellow" Wednesday for the first time since March 17, days before the war began.

The special force raid in Baghdad, backed by about 40 Marines with machine guns, was carried out at the home of Rihab Taha, who was in charge of a laboratory that weaponized anthrax. Troops brought out boxes of documents and three men with their hands up.

Taha is the wife of Gen. Amer Mohammed Rashid, Iraq's former oil minister. Her

whereabouts weren't immediately known.

The incident in Mosul, which occurred Tuesday, was one of the worst involving U.S. troops and Iraqi civilians since Saddam Hussein's regime was toppled.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks of the U.S. Central Command, at a briefing Wednesday, said American troops were trying to secure a government building when a crowd of townspeople began throwing rocks at them, hitting them with

(See IRAQ, Page 3)

FRANK PHILLIPS / WEST TEXAS A & M SOUTHWEST REGIONAL RODEO
At The Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena • Performances At
7:00 PM Thursday, 7:00 PM Friday, 2:00 PM Saturday
Adults \$5.00 Each • Children 12 And Under Free

A
P
R
1
6
2
0
0
3

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

STORMS

Sehorn said. Pampa firefighters were dispatched to a downed power line in the 1100 block of South Hobart Tuesday morning, about the time the front began to sweep through the area. Pampa police officials this morning said they received no reports related to the weather,

but police department radio traffic later this morning indicated a traffic signal at the major intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets was hanging by a single screw and would need repair.

The roof of the Cottage Collection store on West 23rd Street sustained major damage as a result of the storm.

"Come see what the wind

brought in," said a woman identifying herself as "Helen" at Tip Top Used Cars, 848 W. Brown. Employees discovered two wild turkeys wandering in the alley behind the car lot when they came to work this morning, she said.

"We were watching (the storms), but the severe storms really didn't go over Pampa," said Ken Hall, City of Pampa

director of emergency management. "We did have the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) open."

Hall said one cell went across the Alanreed and McLean area but didn't intensify until it hit Wheeler County causing some damage there.

Another strong storm cell crossed northwest of Pampa, he said. This cell reportedly pro-

duced winds in excess of 70 miles per hour in Amarillo. Panhandle authorities reported one of the law enforcement vehicles had a window blown out.

In Wellington in Collingsworth County, a sheriff's department spokesman said the high winds blew the roofs off three or four homes and a gas station.

CONT. FROM PAGE 1

IRAQ

fists, spitting at them and setting cars afire. He said some of the Americans fired back after shots were fired at them and some members of the crowd began trying to climb over a wall into the government compound.

"Fire was, indeed, delivered from coalition forces. It was lethal fire, and some Iraqis were killed ... on the order of seven," Brooks said. "The attacking was occurring from two sides and there was clear observation of men with weapons involved in firing on the building."

Another shooting occurred in Mosul on Wednesday; hospital officials said three people were killed and 11 wounded. Some of those wounded accused American troops of firing at them from rooftops, but a Marine sergeant denied that and said Americans on one roof were only returning gunfire from another building.

The overall commander of the war, Gen. Tommy Franks visited Baghdad on Wednesday, his first trip to the capital since combat.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

CRALL

He said the locations under consideration are on the Gulf Coast, one within 100 miles and another within 300 miles.

"We would have liked to have stayed in Pampa," he said. "I've paid \$40,000 in interest."

Heard said the note originated in 1996 or 1997, and was for \$250,000.

His company builds vessels for oil field work, he said.

The PEDC's Monday night decision was made after lengthy discussion concerning Heard's response in a letter to the PEDC. His letter responded to a letter from the entity's attorney on March 19 regarding his past due note.

Working to clear the books on the dissolving taxing entity as mandated by Pampa voters, PEDC board extensively discussed their options as they weighed his proposal.

Crall said in his letter that if he has to pay the note, it "would be the straw that would break our back, putting 28 Pampa families out of a job."

Heard delivered the letter to Board Member Bill Allison about 4 p.m. Monday, an hour before the PEDC meeting.

The solution Heard offered to the PEDC was for him to either pay interest only on the note until the company cash flow returns, or for him to attempt to get private financing and dissolve the note.

In the letter Heard said: "Crall Products, Inc., has had a decrease in sales in the past three years from \$3.5 million to just over \$1 million. This business has to maintain a high cash flow at all times. That's just the nature of the manufacturing business.

"With the constant decrease in sales, our cash flow is at an all-time low. As I have been expecting, our sales are return-

ing. In order to continue working with a low cash flow and still keep our skilled labor, we have had to cut in all other areas, until sales return, while paying out over six million dollars in payroll since the deal with PEDC has been in place.

"Also, something to keep in mind is that Crall has an interest bearing note and has paid the PEDC over \$40,000 in interest. Crall did not ask for or receive any grant money, zero percent interest money or forgivable loans. We are here to stay and have no intentions to run off owing the PEDC and the people of Pampa any money.

"I can offer a couple of options to try and resolve this situation. I can go and get private financing and dissolve the note from PEDC and release PEDC from insurance and tax burdens. Property note \$48,565.21 and the equipment note \$12,160.31. Or I can pay

interest only until our cash flow returns enough to resume full payments and then eventually catch up on back payments.

"If either one of these options interest you, let me know and we can work out details and go on record.

"I hope we can work through this, because this would be the straw that would break our back, putting 28 Pampa families out of a job."

Board Member Dalton Lewis said in the Monday night meeting he didn't think it would be in the interest of the PEDC or the citizens of Pampa to accept Heard's proposal.

Board member Allison said, "I cannot vote to put 28 people out of a job. We can't lose those jobs in Pampa."

He said in talking to Heard he has some uncollectable accounts which haven't been paid to him and that his cash flow has declined. "There's a

lot of extenuating circumstances," he said.

Allison also said that Heard is still in town and didn't leave town owing the PEDC over \$2 million dollars.

Board member Steve Phillips said, "This is not our fault, but we're going to lose one way or the other."

Phillips said that Heard has been visited five or six times by PEDC officials over the past two years trying to get the matter resolved.

"He made this deal," said Phillips. "We have got to try to recover as much as possible for the PEDC."

Board members unanimously voted Monday night to attempt to sell the notes to another financial institution or individual to get the account resolved, and to evaluate all proposals in 60 days. In the meantime, the board also said it wants Heard to be paying interest on the past due notes.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

RODEO

She said that while she has been to rodeos, it was only occasionally until she teamed up with Neil.

Mary is from Pampa. Neil is from Donley County.

"When I got old enough," Neil said, "I crawled out of Donley County and got here when I was about four."

Neil has been involved in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association for more than three decades.

"I've been on the board of directors for over 30 years," Neil said.

But his association with the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association predates that.

"I rode in the Kids Pony Show ever since I was seven or eight years old," Neil said. "Me and my brother rode and roped. We rode bulls and bareback horses when we got older."

Mary said he got wiser, the older he got.

"I rodeoed for about 20 years," he said.

Since the mid-1970s he's judged a lot of rodeos in Texas and Oklahoma.

Neil said that he's been involved in rodeos forever and Mary has been involved since

she married him about six years ago.

It was about the first of February when Neil put his experience to work.

There will be performances at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and at 2 p.m. Saturday. Slack will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday and run until the evening performance. It will begin again at 9 a.m. Friday and run until the performance.

"That five dollar ticket will let you in all day," Neil said. "There are a lot of contestants that can't go during the performance and have to go in the slack. You can go up to that gate and buy a five dollar ticket and it's good for all day long. For five dollars you can go watch the slack, you can go home and eat supper and come back at seven o'clock, and it isn't going to cost you another penny."

Neil said that the prices were set so that everybody in Pampa that wants to go to the rodeo can.

James Martin of Morse is providing the stock. Neil said he's drawing from four different rodeo strains.

"There's a man bringing roping calves out of New Mexico," Neil said. "A guy out of Amarillo has some bulls and

bareback horses."

Martin and Hext Rodeo Company out of Canadian are providing some of the stock.

"They're topping the bucking horses and bulls in the area and bringing them here," Neil said.

The top 10 in each event go on to the conference finals to try for a shot at the National Collegiate Rodeo Finals next summer in Cody, Wyoming.

Neil wants to have the conference finals here in Pampa more often.

"We're wanting to follow up on this," Neil said. "This is our goal to do this every year."

He said the college rodeo is like putting another business in Pampa. City officials expect the three-day rodeo to bring in several hundred thousand dollars.

The motels in Pampa are almost all booked.

Neil and Mary, who run Bob Clements Cleaners, said they don't expect to do a lot of dry cleaning business, but they do expect to benefit from the rodeo.

Part of the money it brings into the community will eventually end up in the city's coffers and go to help maintain the city's services.

"To me, this is a super deal,"

Neil said. "You talk about people falling in and going to work. They did. The Mayor, I can't say enough about him. He said, 'Whatever you need, Neil, let me know.' It's been that way ever since day one. It's so great. It's like Pampa is pulling together, and we're headed in the right direction. I feel really feel this in my heart. 'We really pulling together.'"

"Neil has worked at this,"

Mary said.

"Mary has, too," Neil said. "We have been an outstanding team together. I'm so proud of her."

"This has been fun," she said. "And now I have a son on the rodeo board."

Her son, Tommy Parks, was elected to the board last month.

"Now, I can retire," Neil quipped.

Mary just rolled her eyes.

PAMPA CINEMA 4
CORONADO SHOPPING CENTER
665-7141 MOVIE HOTLINE
www.oktheatres.com

A MAN APART
Starring Vin Diesel

ANGER MANAGEMENT PG-13
Starring ADAM SANDLER

BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE PG-13
Starring Steve Martin & Queen Latifah

THE CORE PG-13
The Earth Has A Deadline

SHOW TIMES FOR ALL MOVIES
Sunday through Thursday 7:00 pm
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:30
Saturday & Sunday 2:00 & 4:30
\$3.50 Bargain Matinee
Phone Booth & Piglets Big Movie
Starts Friday April 18

PET OF THE WEEK

"Shelby" This older female gray & white Persian is spayed & declawed. Shots are due.

"Titan" This 2 year old female, black & white, long hair is spayed & declawed. Shots are due.

Shelby & Titan grew up together and are indoor pets. They're loving and in need of a home.

Please Have Your Pet Vaccinated... IT'S THE LAW!

For information about these pets or any other contact the Animal Shelter at 669-5775 or come by their location at Hobart Street Park.

NEW HOURS Monday-Friday 9-6, Office Open To The Public 5-6 p.m., Closed Weekends & Holidays

Sponsored By The Pampa News

LOST YOUR PET? Call the Animal Shelter first! Leave a detailed message with your phone number. We hold stray animals for 72 hours only. So PLEASE call us as soon as your pet is missing!

Now thru April 26

GET SET for FITNESS

special sale!

Save \$10
Save \$10 Off regular price all athletic shoes

- WIDE CHOICE OF WIDTHS & SIZES AVAILABLE
- IF YOUR SIZE IS NOT IN STOCK WE CAN ORDER IT
- NOT ALL SIZES AVAILABLE IN ALL STYLES.

Clip & Save. Offer good through April 26, 2003, on all regularly priced athletic shoes in stock. Limit 2 per customer

Brown's SHOE Fit Co.

1500 North Hobart • Pampa • 665-5691
Mon - Sat 9 to 6, Thur till 8

Foot Facts

- Your feet can perspire up to one pint of liquid each day!
- The average person takes 7,500-10,000 steps a day!
- The inside of an adult's shoe can reach up to 110-120° F.
- In an average lifetime a person's feet will carry them between 150,000 and 200,000 miles. That is equal to 6 to 8 times around the earth!
- Our feet are constantly changing so it's a good idea to have your feet measured as they will continue to grow in size throughout our lives. Sorry ladies!
- When you're standing, the space between your longest toe and your shoe should be between 3/8" and 1/2" ... and your toes shouldn't push against the top of the shoe.
- Sizes vary between brands and styles. Always take the time to stand up and walk around in both shoes. For most people, this is especially important since one foot will be larger than the other.
- Your heel should fit snug with very little or no slippage.
- Never buy shoes that feel too tight.
- Perry Julien, D.P.M. of the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine estimates that 15% of overuse injuries to the foot are caused by worn-out or wrong footwear.

This information is courtesy of Brown's Shoe Fit Co.
1500 N. Hobart • 665-5691
Pampa, Texas

A
P
R
1
6
2
0
0
3

SARS mothers give birth to children with same symptoms

By MIN LEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HONG KONG (AP) — Three babies born to Hong Kong mothers with severe acute respiratory syndrome have difficulty breathing and look like they may have the illness although they initially tested negative, a pediatrician said Wednesday.

The babies were delivered prematurely by Caesarean section to avoid complications from medicines used to treat SARS and because the mothers were seriously ill, Dr. Hon Kam-lun told The Associated Press.

All three tested negative for the coronavirus that is believed to cause SARS, but Hon said they "increasingly resemble" SARS cases. It is possible the premature births also made them susceptible to health problems, he said.

Two have a fever, which is common in SARS patients, said Hon, who teaches at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and has been monitoring the babies.

One of the mothers, a 34-year-old, was among nine people whose deaths were reported on Tuesday, Hong Kong's biggest one-day total

yet. The disease has sickened 1,232 people here and killed at least 56.

The other two mothers are still alive. Hon said he had no information on their conditions, but he said they were young.

All three mothers were taking the anti-viral drug ribavirin, Hon said, and doctors had been worried about side effects in pregnant women.

Hong Kong doctors have been treating many SARS patients with a combination of ribavirin and steroids. They say it has been effective in many cases.

But in a discouraging development, the acting chief executive of the Hospital Authority, Dr. Ko Wing-man, was quoted Wednesday as saying 10-20 percent of Hong Kong's SARS patients were not responding well to treatment. The report on RTHK radio did not specify which types of treatment he was talking about.

Hong Kong's health secretary, Dr. Yeoh Eng-kiong, had predicted previously that 95 percent of SARS victims — assuming they had no serious pre-existing health problems and got early treatment — would recover with help from ribavirin and steroids.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong researchers have

completed a new gene map of the suspected SARS virus and said Wednesday they know it came from animals — a finding they hope will eventually lead to a vaccine.

Officials have ordered quarantines of some people as Hong Kong fights back against SARS. A policeman enforcing the isolation of one hard-hit apartment development was later diagnosed with the disease, a police spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The male officer had helped cordon off the Amoy Gardens complex, which had about 300 cases of SARS. However, he did not come into contact with any residents of the Block E building that eventually was evacuated, police spokeswoman Cynthia Au said.

Au said it was unclear how the officer was infected, and she did not know his condition.

Globally, SARS has infected more than 3,000 people. At least 154 have died.

A World Health Organization team in Beijing

visited military hospitals on Tuesday to check rumors of unreported cases, but released no details.

On Wednesday, team members said they would visit new parts of China amid reports of new cases in the northern regions of Shanxi and Ningxia. Most of China's 65 deaths and more than 1,400 cases of infection have been in Guangdong, a southern province.

The WHO said its research in China is the key to knowing how the disease will spread.

"For the present, everything hinges on what we find out in China, as far as our projections," Dr. David Heymann, WHO's executive director of communicable diseases, said at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

In South Korea, Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan skipped a Cabinet meeting after returning from a visit to China. An official said Yoon is healthy, but did not want to risk transmitting SARS to the President Roh Moo-hyun.

Group debates human rights abuses in Cuba

GENEVA (AP) — The top U.N. human rights body debated a resolution censuring Cuba on Wednesday as the communist nation accused "vile lackeys" of the United States of trying to undermine its stability.

The 53-nation Human Rights Commission postponed a vote on the resolution for one day following two hours of politically charged debate over Cuba's latest crackdown on dissidents.

Cuba, meanwhile, accused the United States of trying to strong-arm poor nations into supporting the measure.

"The government of the United States is applying colossal pressures on the countries of Latin America, Africa and others from the Third World," said a government statement read on state

television Tuesday night.

The commission regularly criticizes Cuba, but this year's proposal, put forward by Costa Rica, Peru and Uruguay, had been weaker than previous versions, simply calling on Cuba to accept a visit by a U.N. human rights monitor.

However, on Wednesday Costa Rica proposed an amendment, saying it was responding to the conviction and sentencing of a large number of political dissidents in Cuba in the past week.

The amendment urged the government of Cuba to "release immediately all these persons."

Cuba said the resolution was sponsored by the "vile lackeys of the Empire, in this case, by the governments of Peru,

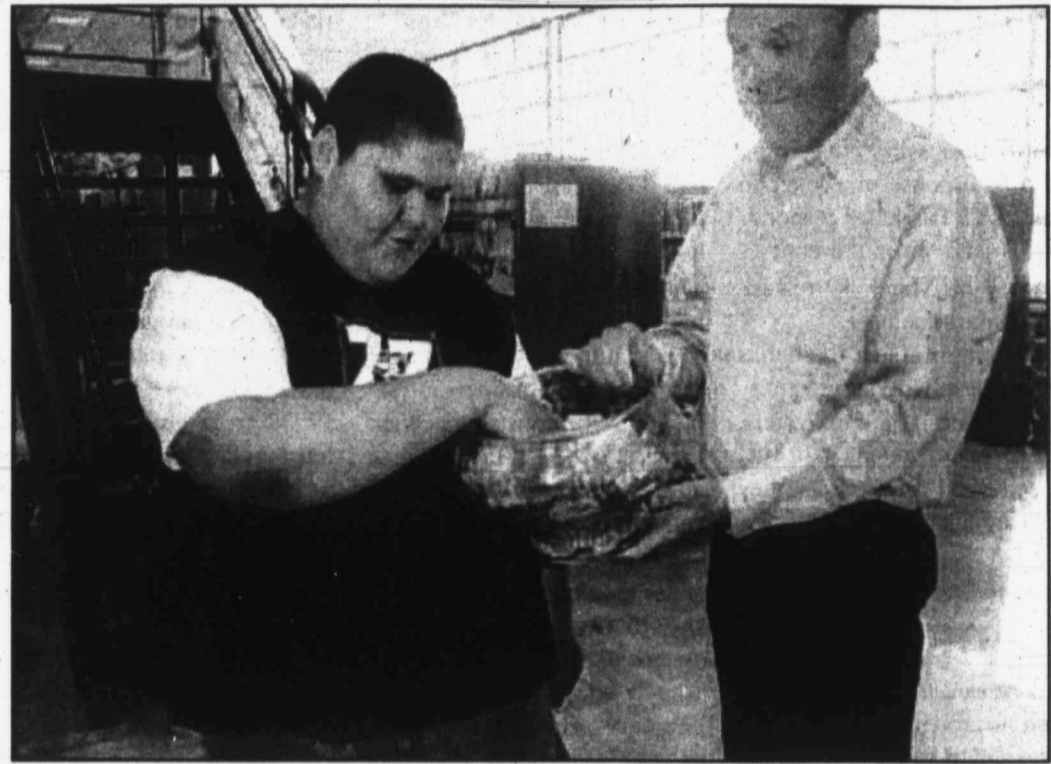
Uruguay and Costa Rica."

Governments and human rights groups around the world have condemned Cuba for jailing the dissidents. The crackdown was followed by the executions Friday of three men convicted of the April 2 hijacking of a ferry filled with passengers in a bid to get to the United States.

"Since this commission began, nearly 80 representatives have been arrested, convicted and sentenced to lengthy terms in summary, sham proceedings," U.S. Ambassador Kevin Moley said during Wednesday's session. "While we were sitting here on Friday, Cuba tried and executed three hijackers."

"The totalitarian government of Cuba should be condemned by this body for its actions."

Friends of Library drawing



(Courtesy photo)

Ed Marshall, with Friends of the Library, holds the raffle bowl while Daimond Cordova draws the winning ticket belonging to Bryant Flowers. Flowers won a handsome quilt. The fund-raiser was held recently in conjunction with the local Friends of the Library Book Sale.

HARVESTER LANES
TRY OUR
SUPER SUNDAY SPECIAL
1401 S. HOBART 665-3422

FMC is proud to welcome
Kevin D. Sieck, M.D., Internist
Now accepting new patients.
Please call for an appointment
806.665.0801
3023 Perryton Pkwy, Ste 101 • Pampa, TX

WAYNE'S WESTERN WEAR, INC.
Everything for the Cowboy, Cowgirl & Cowhorse
Carol Stribling
1504 N. Hobart 806-665-2925

Consuelo's
Lunch and Dinner 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Take-Out Available
Ask About Our Sr. Citizen Discount
1328 North Hobart (806) 665-6105

THE PAMPA NEWS BULLETIN BOARD

COMPLETE AUCTION SERVICE
ESTATES • LIQUIDATIONS
We Hold Auctions Anywhere - Anytime
BONDED & LICENSED FOR YOUR PROTECTION
LYNDON LOYD AUCTIONEERS
WHEELER, TEXAS (714) 806-256-5850

ReDonn Woods
Advertising Director
Pampa
806-669-2525 • 800-687-3348
Pager 663-8105 • Cell 662-5837
403 W. Atchison • P.O. Box 2198
Pampa, Texas 79065
redonn@pan-tex.net

A PROUD PAST WITH A SOLID FUTURE
ALLISON AGENCY
HELEN ALLISON
TYLER ALLISON
REPRESENTING
LOCAL CHAPTER #262
623 W. FOSTER
PAMPA, TEXAS 79065
806/665-6815
PROPERTY • CASUALTY • LIFE INSURANCE

DEAN'S
pharmacy
2217 Perryton Parkway
Pampa, Texas 79065
JIM PEPPER, R. Ph.
Owner

Gr...
What do...
able CDs,
DVD playe...
phone plans
all have in...
are the pro...
County 4-H...
along with...
youth as the...
District...
Decision...
held recentl...

(Left-ri...
were nar...
competit...

New...
WASHIN...
Five newly...
SUVs perfor...
speed crash...
industry, inc...
sedan that wa...
failed to win...
The Insur...
Highway Saf...
the test resul...
three SUVs...
sedans by cr...
into a barrier...
The vehicles...
driver's side...
force.
Five vehic...
designed for...

Rep...
WASHIN...
North Kore...
Korea's nu...
according to...
Secretary...
of announc...
pieces have...
tilateral di...
weapons pr...
arrangement...
"I'm no...
today with...
els, what is...
ed and at w...
ference.
"The on...

Fra...
NIR...
CO...
AT...

Gray County 4-Hers participate in District 1 contest

What do sunscreen, recordable CDs, insect repellent, DVD players, backpacks, cell phone plans and pickup trucks all have in common? Those are the products that 19 Gray County 4-Hers had to study along with 126 Panhandle youth as they prepared for the District 1 4-H Consumer Decision-Making Contest held recently in Amarillo.

This was Courtney Crawford's fifth year to participate in Consumer Decision-Making. Courtney said sunblock products were the easiest category to learn and DVD players were the most difficult.

Intermediate team members Jessica Baggerman, Ryan

Baggerman, Meagan Crawford and Amanda Lawrence captured first place gold medals in their division while the intermediate team of Garrett Coutts, Gabriel Miller and Julie Schuneman received bronze medals for third place.

The senior team of Courtney Crawford, Drake Jackson and Ashlee Lucas won bronze medals, finishing third in their division.

In individual competition, Hilary Zedlitz was awarded a silver medal for Junior High Score Individual; Amanda Lawrence received a silver medal for Intermediate High Score Individual.

Other Gray Co. 4-Hers participating in the competition were Ty Baggerman, Meredith Coutts, Rebecca Lawrence, Tyler O'Neal, Ty Youree and Chloe Zedlitz.

This was Courtney Crawford's fifth year to participate in Consumer Decision-Making. Courtney said sunblock products were the easiest category to learn and DVD players were the most difficult.

ipate in Consumer Decision-Making. Courtney said sunblock products were the easiest category to learn and DVD players were the most difficult.

"This project will help me make better purchasing decisions as an adult," Courtney said.

"This project involves the positive learning of skills that students will use for the rest of their lives, no matter what their interests in life are," said adult volunteer leader Lora

Baggerman. This is Lora's second year to coach the decision-making teams for Gray Co.

For more information about this and other 4-H projects, contact the local Extension office at 669-8033.



(Community Camera photo by Emily Elliott)

(Left-right) Amanda Lawrence and Hilary Zedlitz were named "High Score Individuals" at District 1 competition held recently in Amarillo.



(Community Camera photo by Emily Elliott)

A number of Gray County 4-Hers participated in District 1 4-H Consumer Decision-Making Contest recently in Amarillo. Above: Those attending included (back row, left-right) Drake Jackson, Courtney Crawford, Ashlee Lucas, Julie Schuneman, Meagan Crawford, Amanda Lawrence, Jessica Baggerman, Lora Baggerman; (middle row, l-r) Chloe Zedlitz, Hilary Zedlitz, Rebecca Lawrence; (kneeling, l-r) Ty Baggerman, Gabriel Miller, Tyler O'Neal and Ryan Baggerman. Not pictured: Garrett Coutts, Meredith Coutts and Ty Youree.

Newly designed vehicles perform well in crash tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five newly designed cars and SUVs performed well in high-speed crash tests by the insurance industry, including a Cadillac sedan that was redesigned after it failed to win the highest rating.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which released the test results Wednesday, tested three SUVs and three luxury sedans by crashing each vehicle into a barrier at 40 miles per hour. The vehicles were angled so the driver's side got the brunt of the force.

Five vehicles that were newly designed for the 2003 model year

received the highest rating. Those were the midsize Volvo XC90 SUV, the smaller Honda Element and Mitsubishi Outlander SUVs and the Cadillac CTS and Infiniti Q45 cars.

The sixth vehicle tested — the 2002 Acura RL, which was designed several years ago — received the second-highest rating of "acceptable." Insurance Institute President Brian O'Neill said the front of the Acura collapsed too far into the vehicle, damaging the legs of the crash-test dummy. The dummy's head also hit the side of the car with too much force, he said.

A spokesman for Acura didn't respond to a message seeking comment on Tuesday.

The Cadillac CTS also earned an "acceptable" rating in an earlier test, after the institute determined that the air bag deployed too late to offer the best head protection.

Cadillac changed the air bag crash sensors in models made after October 2002, and earned the highest rating when it was tested this second time.

A spokesman for Cadillac didn't respond to a message seeking comment. Adrian Lund, the Insurance Institute's chief operating officer, said it's uncommon to

test a vehicle twice because manufacturers don't always make design changes after getting test results.

O'Neill said automakers are clearly responding to crash-test results and building safer vehicles.

For example, the 1997 Infiniti Q45 got the third-highest rating, or "marginal," when it was tested several years ago. O'Neill said the air bag deployed too late and the legs of the crash-test dummy were injured.

Those problems were solved in the 2003 Infiniti Q45, O'Neill said.

Still, the Insurance Institute has suggested that some design changes are needed in SUVs and luxury cars.

For instance, the institute last month criticized the performance of the bumpers on the 2002 Acura RL and the 2003 Cadillac CTS, Mitsubishi Outlander, Volvo XC90 and Infiniti Q45, saying they caused costly damage when they were hit at 5 miles per hour. Only the 2003 Honda Element received an "acceptable" rating in those bumper tests.

Reports: Talks with North Korea set

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, North Korea and China will hold talks on North Korea's nuclear program next week in Beijing, according to published reports.

Secretary of State Colin Powell stopped short of announcing talks Tuesday, but said "a lot of pieces have come together" in his quest for multilateral discussions on Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program. He indicated he was pursuing arrangements through diplomatic channels.

"I'm not prepared to announce anything today with respect to meetings, attendance levels, what is multilateral and how best to get started and at what level," Powell said at a news conference.

"The one thing that is absolutely clear, is that

at whatever level it starts, and with whatever attendance, it has to ultimately encompass the views and thoughts of all the neighbors in the region."

North Korea has recently signaled willingness to accept the U.S. approach after months of insisting on one-on-one talks with Washington.

Powell said the quick U.S. military success in Iraq may have influenced North Korea's thinking on opening diplomatic discussions.

The New York Times first reported on next week's meeting. The Washington Post subsequently cited unidentified U.S. and Japanese officials as saying there would be a meeting next week in China and the Kyodo news agency said it will be held on Wednesday.

**Franks Phillips College
West Texas A&M
NIRA Southwest Region
COLLEGE RODEO**



APRIL 17TH AND 18TH • 7:00 PM

APRIL 19TH • 2:00 PM

AT THE PAMPA TOP O' TEXAS ARENA

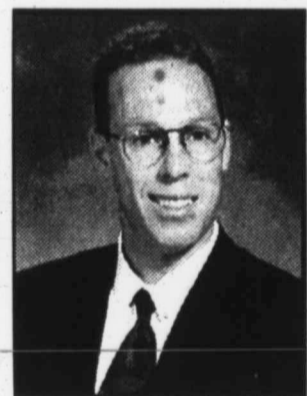
**PARTICIPATING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:
TARLETON STATE, TEXAS TECH, SULROSS UNIVERSITY,
VERNON COLLEGE, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
AND MORE!!!**

**TICKETS: ADULTS \$5 CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE
PICKUP TICKETS AT BOB CLEMENTS
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL RODNEY PURSWELL
806-274-5311 EXT. 784**



BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Sal Kramer, DO
Has moved his office to
503 W. First, Suite C
Borger, Texas
273-9100



General - Thoracic
Laparoscopic Surgery

**CULLIGAN GOOD
WATER MACHINE**

For Less Than **75¢** Per Day!!!

- connect it to your refrigerator/ice maker
- have gallons of drinking water
- use it for all your cooking needs
- make coffee, tea and juice
- water your house plants
- lots of other uses

Filter changes and service at no additional charge.
100% satisfaction guaranteed. Just Call and Say

"Hey Culligan Man"

Culligan of Pampa
665-5729 or 1-800-456-1698
www.amarillowater.com

*All dealerships are independently owned and operated. Offer good at participating dealer only. Icemaker connection and installation are not included.



**A
P
R
1
6

2
0
0
3**

THE Pampa NEWS COMICS

WEDNESDAY • APRIL 16, 2003

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Safe-Haven Laws Give Shelter To Babies Abandoned By Parents

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to spread the word that the state of Illinois has a "safe haven" law. Instead of taking the drastic step of abandoning a newborn infant, parents need to know that there is an alternative. Babies within three days of birth can be taken to any staffed fire station or hospital. You don't have to give your name — no police will be called. Your baby will get medical care and be placed for adoption. This "no questions asked" safe alternative is for parents who might otherwise panic and try to hide the birth by abandoning the infant.

If you or anyone you know needs more information, within Illinois call (800) 252-2873. The number is active 24/7.

CONCERNED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CONCERNED: California also has a safe-haven law, but because my column appears in papers nationwide, I called my friend Bill Lockyer, attorney general for the state of California, to ask how many other states have similar laws. He informed me that 42 states have such protections; however, the grace period varies in duration. (Some states demand the child must be a newborn; others allow three days, 30 days or 45 days as the grace period.)

Only eight states do not have such a compassionate provision at this time. However, legislation is pending in Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia and Wyoming. Alaska and Nebraska have no such provision pending. They are far

behind the times. I recommend that concerned citizens in all eight states write or e-mail their legislators and let them know how important such a law is, and that when it has passed, it should be publicized. As regrettable as the need for such a law may be, it's better than a child being left to die of exposure in a Dumpster or a restroom by a parent who could not cope with parenthood.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a relationship with a man I like very much. The problem is he's always laughing, and it makes me uneasy. My father used to say, "Beware of people who laugh constantly. They usually have something to hide." Every conversation I have with this man is filled with laughter — even when there's nothing remotely funny. I need to know if I should be concerned about him. Please help.

I need to know if I should be concerned about him. Please help.

NO LAUGHING MATTER IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: I am a sophomore in high school and the class clown. I

crave the spotlight. However, when it comes to giving an oral presentation in front of the class, I clam up, sweat, and get so scared I can hardly speak. It doesn't make sense because I sing in the choir and have taken large roles in school plays — all in front of huge audiences.

Why is it I'm shy in front of my class, but not in front of a crowd?

SHY CLOWN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NO LAUGHING MATTER: It could be a nervous habit, or it could be his way of coping with stress. Bring it to his attention and see what he says. Also, as with any other kind of relationship, listen to your gut. If that little voice keeps whispering that there's something not kosher, find another boyfriend.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR SHY CLOWN: When you're singing lyrics or reciting lines written by someone else, you assume another personality. It's the mark of a talented performer. However, when you're making a presentation in front of the class, you are being yourself, and the ideas are your own. This makes you feel vulnerable. Consider this: The next time you do an oral presentation, pretend you're a strong, confident newscaster. I'll bet you ace the assignment.

For Better or For Worse



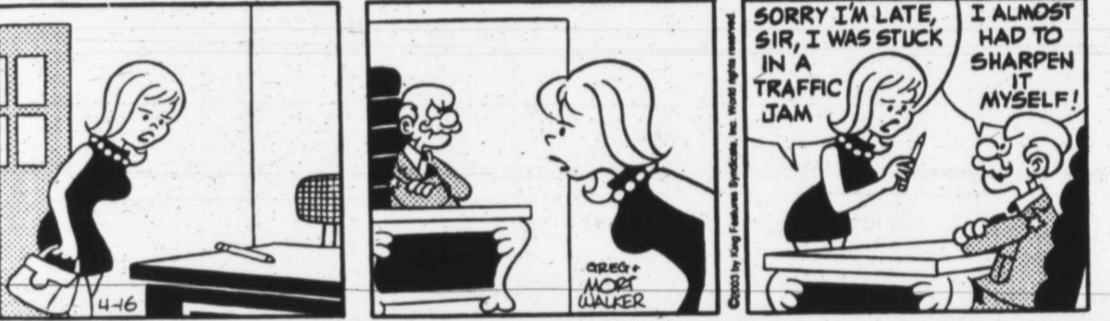
Zita



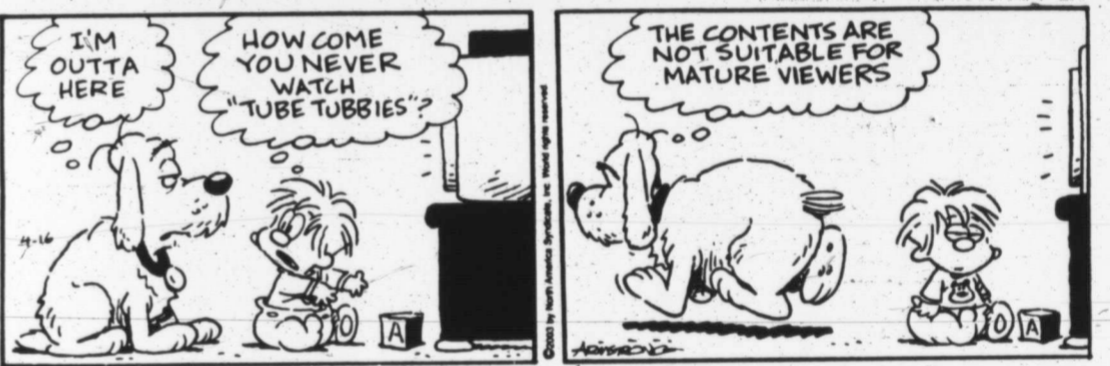
Garfield



Beetle Bailey



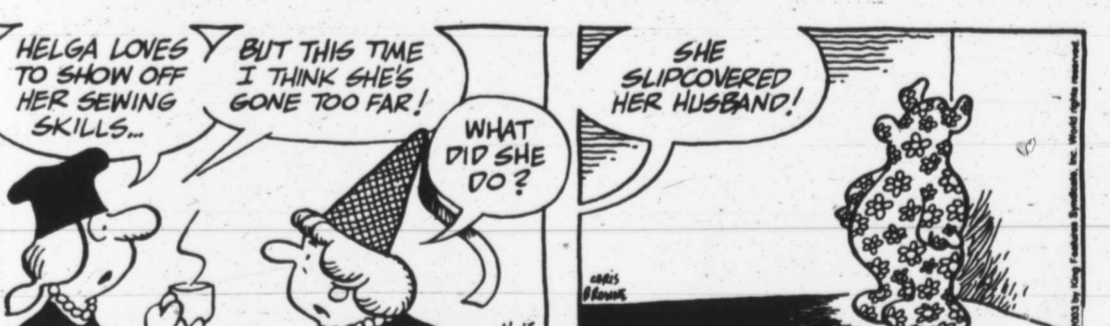
Marvin



B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

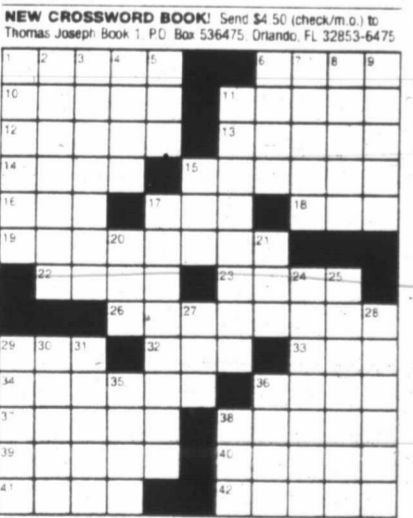
ACROSS

- 1 Serious
- 6 Job
- 10 "The Velvet Fog"
- 11 Before dawn
- 12 Strike caller
- 13 Some skirts
- 14 High point
- 15 Film edit
- 16 Unusual
- 17 Soup bit
- 18 Poetic contraction
- 19 Summaries
- 22 Tiny sound
- 23 News-paper section
- 26 Messages
- 29 Way off
- 32 Grazing spot
- 33 Alley
- 34 Ark spot
- 36 Gin
- 37 Like ellipses
- 38 Up
- 39 Old gold
- 40 Like some jackets
- 41 Grove item
- 42 Abrasive stuff

LABOR CAREW
OZAWA ARENA
PULLMAN CARS
ERE ELI DOT
DESISTS FUR
BEA TOTE
RULES MOREL
APEX SAW
DAN PIANIST
ITS URN RYE
ARMORED CARS
LEAKS PUTTIT
SENSE AREAS

Yesterday's answer

- 1 Daze
- 2 Got fit
- 3 Daughter of Minos
- 4 Reassurance after a fall
- 5 Cub's cave
- 6 Kite part
- 7 "L.A. Law" lawyer
- 8 Pizza buy
- 9 Band-leader Kay
- 10 Tijuana turnover
- 11 Stitch
- 12 Masses
- 13 Gem side
- 14 Cheering loudly
- 15 Grazing area
- 16 Annoy
- 17 Do some laps
- 18 Wager
- 19 Drink with a head



STUMPED?

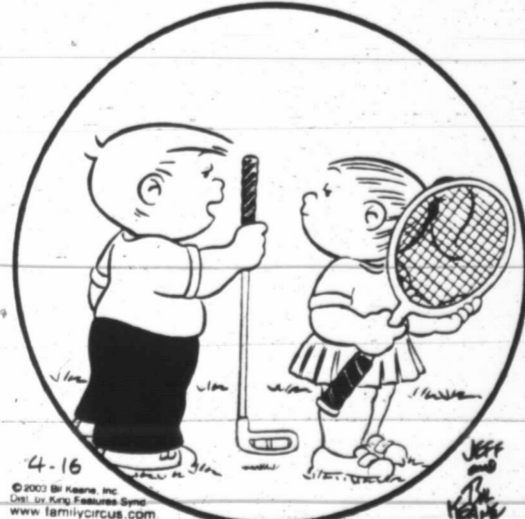
For answer to today's crossword call 1-900-454-7377 99¢ per min. 18 years of age or older only. A King Features Service.

Marmaduke



"Would you mind being a little less interested in what I do?"

The Family Circus



"Golf is better than tennis 'cause the ball doesn't keep comin' back at you."

Flo & Friends



FOOTBALL

MIAMI Linebacker joined the on Wednesday a physical long-anticipated the San Diego team source.

Terms of immediate team schedule for the source of an anonymous

A 12-selection, California Tuesday at restructuring which runs

HOCKEY

EDMONTON (AP) — The third-period Dallas Stars

Edmonton early in Tuesday night did in the Stars goals from Niko Kapari

The best will return two games Thursday. Stars got a family Shawn H

game 2:07 od. "It was vu," Turco more like hockey god a test."

Turco, taste of the playoffs, criticism of soft goals in But he was stopping 27

And he were no stin "You could sleep over t don't have

Unlike S Oilers had burst in the Edmonton capitalize on swing.

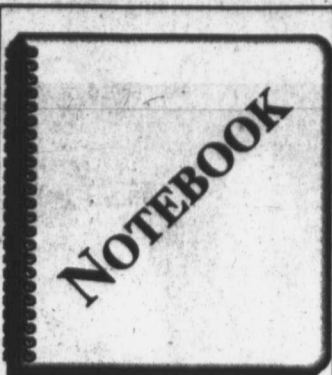
Horoscopes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 17, 2003: Deal with other situations for nature allows Others clearly they might ha their feelings. where you're h could be unus this year. Accept to change him meet someone you might not relationship is h attached, work Agree to disagree ect this fall. SC depth.

The Stars Show Have: 5-D 3-Average; 2-S

ARIES (March *** Defer to might not be you're hearing your choices su as well as an In some ways, is a repeat of Closeness work TAURUS (Apr *** Let other you might be st to let others kno from. A debate resolve nothing especially with tions. Tonight: GEMINI (May *** You sure what work could be unusu out viable opti

SPORTS



FOOTBALL

MIAMI (AP) — Linebacker Junior Seau joined the Miami Dolphins on Wednesday after passing a physical, completing a long-anticipated trade with the San Diego Chargers, a team source said.

Terms of the deal weren't immediately disclosed. The team scheduled a news conference for later Wednesday, the source said on condition of anonymity.

A 12-time Pro Bowl selection, Seau flew from California to Miami on Tuesday after agreeing to a restructuring of his contract, which runs through 2005.

HOCKEY

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — This time, quick third-period goals gave the Dallas Stars a boost.

Edmonton tied Dallas early in the third period Tuesday night, just as they did in the previous game, but the Stars answered with goals from Stu Barnes and Niko Kapanen for a 3-1 win.

The best-of-seven series will return to Dallas tied at two games apiece. Game 5 is Thursday.

Stars goalie Marty Turco got a familiar feeling when Shawn Horcoff tied the game 2:07 into the third period.

"It wasn't so much deja vu," Turco said. "It was more like somewhere the hockey gods were giving me a test."

Turco, getting his first taste of the Stanley Cup playoffs, had taken some criticism over a couple of soft goals in Games 1 and 3. But he was solid Tuesday, stopping 27 shots.

And he was happy there were no stinkers.

"You could always lose sleep over them, but we just don't have time," he said.

Unlike Sunday, when the Oilers had a three-goal outburst in the final period, Edmonton was unable to capitalize on the momentum swing.

Lady Harvesters meet Caprock in showdown for second in district

PAMPA — Playoff-bound Pampa takes on Caprock at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in a District 3-4A softball showdown. This will be the final game of the regular season.

Pampa (8-3) and Caprock (7-4) are playing for sole possession of second place after Caprock beat district-leading Dumas 14-11 Tuesday. Caprock can clinch second place with a win. A Caprock win would give both teams identical records, but the Lady Longhorns would hold the tiebreaker due to regular-season wins over the Lady Harvesters.

Should the Lady Harvesters lose, they would still have the third-place playoff spot nailed down.

Dusti Wilson will be pitching for Pampa. Sofia Fuentes is Caprock's probable pitcher. Dumas has already clinched the district championship.

Fans are urged to come out and support the Lady Harvesters.

Game will be re-played Thursday

PAMPA — Bad weather forced the postponement of the Pampa-Palo Duro baseball game Tuesday in Amarillo.

Pampa was ahead 4-0 in the first inning when the game was called. The District 3-4A contest was re-scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Palo Duro.

The two teams will start over at 0-0 according to the rules.

In Tuesday's first inning, Jed Martin, Ryan Zemanek, Shea Brown and Johnny Moore all had consecutive doubles for Pampa after the first two batters were retired.

Special Olympians compete in Borger Invitational Meet

STINNETT — On Saturday, April 12, there were 21 Special Olympic athletes who traveled to Stinnett to participate in the Borger Invitational Track Meet.

Results were as follows:

Running Events

50-meter dash: 1. Todd Carter; 1. Lisa Busby; 1. Ameer Street.

100-meter walk: 1. Amy Hammer; 2. Debbie Ellis; 3. Mark McMinn; 3. Linda Lou Pierce; 2. Janis Smith.

100-meter dash: 1. Randy Swires; 1. Hector Estrada; 2. Cody Dyer; 1. Eric Knott; 2. Shawn King; 1. Aaron Hudson; 2. Stevie Contrez.

200-meter dash: 1. Liberty Bloxom; 2. Johnny Gallagos.

400-meter dash: 2. Jennifer Roden.

800-meter dash: 1. Taylor Vandergriff; 2. Cody Bowers; 3. Josh Brown.

400-meter relay: 1. Hector Estrada, Randy Swires, Josh Brown, Liberty Bloxom and Cody Bowers; 2. Aaron Hudson, Taylor Vandergriff, Cody Dyer, Johnny Gallagos and Stevie Contrez.

Field Events

Shot put: 1. Liberty Bloxom; 2. Randy Swires; 3. Mark McMinn.

Standing long jump: 1. Josh Brown; 2. Hector Estrada and Jennifer Roden.

Running long jump: 2. Johnny Gallagos.

Softball throw (male): 1. Eric Knott and Aaron Hudson; 2. Todd Carter, Stevie Contrez and Taylor Vandergriff; 3. Cody Bowers, Cody Dyer and Shawn King.

Softball throw (female): 1. Amy Hammer; 2. Ameer Street and Janis Smith; 3. Lisa Busby and Linda Lou Pierce.

Fans on hand to cheer the group were Shane and Shelly Dyer, Judy Haynes, Gloria Swires, Katie Shaw, Beverly Ray, Gary Carr, Donald Stuart and Dicky Don Hendricks.

Also on Saturday, April 4, there were 13 athletes who traveled to Lubbock to participate in the Area 17 Spring Games on the Texas Tech campus. Many medals were brought home that day. Former track helpers Cortney Ritchie, Leslie Ward and Nick Dyer, now attending Texas Tech, came to help out and cheer the athletes on.

Special Olympians will be attending the Perryton Rotary Track Meet on Saturday, April 26; the Area 16 Spring Games at Boys Ranch on May 3 and the Summer State Games in San Marcos on May 21-25.

Coaches this year are Ace Acevedo, Robin Bell, Shannon Loter, Helen Robinson, David Swires and Cindy Cooper.



Pampa tennis players dominated the District JV Tournament. JV District champs are (front, l-r) Lacie Long (third place) and Lauren Denney (fourth place) (middle row, l-r) Second places: Mitchell Crow, Megan Clark, Lindzi Schiable and Sunil Kamnami; (back row, l-r) district champs: Steven Smith, Nick Robbins, Erin Norris, Ashlee Lucas and Austin Morton. Not pictured is Billy Hightower.

JV tourney was green & gold

AMARILLO — It was a green and gold finale at Thursday's Junior-Varsity District Tennis Tournament. Pampa had both teams in three of the four finals, winning three of four district JV titles. Pampa took second in three of four events.

In boys singles, Pampa sophomore Austin Morton defeated sophomore teammate Mitchell Crow 2-6, 6-4, 7-6.

"The momentum of the match changed many times and in the end only a few points separated these two guys," said Pampa head coach Carolyn Quarles. "I loved the 'fight' I saw in both players."

In boys doubles, freshmen Nick Robbins and Steven Smith of Pampa defeated freshmen Sunil Kamnami and Billy Hightower in the finals 6-4, 6-3. Robbins-Smith defeated Davis-Hallmark of Dumas 6-3, 4-6, 6-0 in the semifinals. Kamnami-Hightower defeated Bain-Lechner of Dumas 6-3, 6-2 in the semifinals.

In girls singles, Plainview's Suzanne Hoel def. Randall's Jennifer Wells 6-2, 6-0 in the finals. In the semifinals, Noel def. Pampa's Lacie Long 1-6, 6-2, 6-2, and Wells def. Pampa's Lauren Denny 6-4, 7-6.

"Norris and Lucas have had a great spring and had success in many varsity tournaments earlier," coach Quarles said.

Norris-Lucas defeated Hornet-Kayla, Randall, 6-0, 6-1 in the semifinals. Clark-Schiable def. Hanes-Light of Randall 7-6, 6-4 in the semifinals.

In girls doubles, junior Erin Norris and freshman Ashlee Lucas defeated freshmen teammates Megan Clark and Lindzi Schiable 6-2, 6-0 in the finals.

Red-hot Giants defeat Astros

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco Giants didn't need to be perfect to extend their best start in 85 years — not while the Houston Astros were making enough mistakes for both teams.

Marquis Grissom doubled twice and scored two runs as the Giants got their 13th victory in 14 games, beating the Astros 8-4 Tuesday night.

Houston made four errors and threw a wild pitch, leading to six runs for San Francisco. The Astros couldn't navigate the famously unpredictable wind that followed the Giants from Candlestick Park to Pacific Bell Park three years ago, making San Francisco's sixth straight victory a whole lot more comfortable.

"It was a close game except for the errors," Grissom said. "The wind is the same as it's always been here. You've just got to learn it. Before I came over to the Giants in the off-season, I had to learn how to play here as a visitor. They're still learning."

Orlando Merced and Billy Hunter both dropped fly balls in right field. Altogether, the Astros made four errors in a game for the first time since Sept. 19, 2000 — also in San Francisco.

"It was really tough tonight — but you've got to put the ball in play, too," San Francisco manager Felipe Alou said.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 17, 2003:
Deal with others directly, refusing to take situations for granted. Your affectionate nature allows you to make headway. Others clearly care a lot about you, but they might have difficulty expressing their feelings. Ask questions, keeping where you're heading in mind. A boss could be unusually touchy or difficult this year. Accept someone rather than try to change him or her. If single, you will meet someone important this year, but you might not really know where the relationship is heading for a year or so. If attached, work on communicating better. Agree to disagree. Get together on a project this fall. **SCORPIO** understands your depth.

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)
*** Defer to others, especially as you might not be comfortable with what you're hearing. Think carefully about your choices surrounding a partnership, as well as an interpersonal relationship. In some ways, you might feel that today is a repeat of yesterday. Tonight: Closeness works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Let others play their cards, and you might be surprised. You don't need to let others know where you're coming from. A debate could be interesting but resolve nothing. Follow your instincts, especially with risks, finances and emotions. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You might not be exactly sure what works. A partner or associate could be unusually difficult as you seek out viable options. Your vision of what might be workable doesn't seem to coincide with anyone else's. Let bygones be bygones. Tonight: How 'bout a stress-buster?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Your creativity helps take the heat off someone else. Express more of what you want. Let others hear your options. Honestly come to grips with a financial matter. Not everyone agrees with your decisions. Forget getting a consensus. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
** Deal with fundamentals and you cannot go wrong. Pressure builds around a domestic matter. You might not be able to complete a key project effectively, and wind up frustrated. Extremes hit on different levels despite your attempts to normalize a personal matter. Tonight: A quiet night at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Question as much as you need to, even at the risk of another's aggravation. You need to understand financial matters more clearly. Others might not agree. Discussions could be frustrating. Keep at it, not closing any doors. Tonight: Ask more questions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** You could keep tumbling into the same problem, not getting the response you desire. Your frustration could come out in the form of a tantrum, or you could try to figure out more of what you want. You choose. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** The Moon in your sign empowers you, but you still have a difficult time getting through a problem. Your words could easily be misunderstood by a work associate or day-to-day friend. Take time to clear the air. Your gestures speak louder than words. Tonight: Please yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Slow down. If you can, take a day just for yourself. The less triggered you become by the day's events, the better off you will be. Listen to a child or loved one more carefully. This person really is upset. Clear the air in a most effective way. Tonight: Vanish if you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** You know what you want, but convincing others of your "rightness" might be close to impossible. Let it be. Follow through on what you know to be important, focusing on your bottom line. Use a meeting as best you can to open up communication. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Pressure builds. How you think you need to perform might be a lot different from a boss's desire. Ask questions. Clarify. Don't get upset at what you hear. A friend or loved one could hurt your feelings. Recognize that he or she might not mean to. Tonight: A must show.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
** Understand your limits within your immediate circle. Stay detached. Stay open. You might be surprised by what you find out. Be very careful handling a money matter. Mistakes could be made if you listen to your friends. Take your time. Tonight: Stay away from someone else's problem.

BORN TODAY
Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev (1894), newscaster Harry Reasoner (1923), actress Olivia Hussey (1951) ***

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.
© 2003 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

BIGFOOT

COMING SOON!
THE FIRESTONE BIGFOOT MONSTER TRUCK 1,500 FIRE-BREATHING HORSEPOWER READY TO RUMBLE!
See Bigfoot April 18th at Dorman Tire and Service

Call Us For All Your Automotive Tire Needs

DORMAN TIRE & SERVICE CO., INC. **Emergency Roadside Service**

1800 N. Hobart • Pampa, Texas Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be served from 11-1:30 on Friday, April 18

806-665-5302 • 800-660-5302

A
P
R

1
6

2
0
0
3

Latest allegations target DNA, bullet analysis at FBI lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weeks after testifying at a court hearing in a Kentucky murder, FBI scientist Kathleen Lundy told her superiors a secret. She knowingly gave false testimony about her specialty of lead bullet analysis.

"I had to admit that it was worse than being evasive or not correcting the record. It was simply not telling the truth," Lundy wrote her superior in an e-mail likely to be used against her now that she has been charged by Kentucky authorities on a charge of misdemeanor false swearing.

Internal FBI documents obtained by The Associated Press show the FBI lab, which reformed itself after a mid-1990s scandal over bad science, is grappling with new problems that have opened its work on lead bullets and DNA analysis to challenges by defense lawyers.

In addition to Lundy's indictment:

—A FBI lab technician has resigned while under investigation for alleged improper testing of more than 100 DNA samples, and the lab is now reviewing samples she placed into the FBI

national database of DNA evidence;

—The Houston police crime lab has been banned from placing new samples into the FBI's DNA registry because of allegations of shoddy science in local cases;

—One of the lab's retired metallurgists is challenging the bureau's science on bullet analysis, prompting the FBI to ask National Academy of Sciences to review its methodology.

FBI Lab Director Dwight Adams said detection of the problems illustrates that the

reforms instituted in the mid-1990s are working.

"The difference is, these are being caught and dealt with swiftly. Our quality assurance program is in place to root out these problems, incompetence and inaccurate testimonies," Adams said in an interview. "These weren't fortuitous catches; they were on purpose."

Defense lawyers are already mounting challenges in high-profile cases handled by the two employees and are questioning the FBI's project to build a national DNA database that will help law enforcement identify suspects based on their genetic fingerprints.

"We all have assumed the scientists are telling the truth because they do it with authority and tests. And as a result FBI scientists have gotten away with voodoo science," said Lawrence Goldman, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

The Justice Department's internal watchdog is investigating FBI lab technician Jacqueline Blake for allegedly failing to follow proper scientific procedure when analyzing DNA in at least 103 cases over the past few years, officials said.

The officials said they have found that the technician failed to compare the DNA evidence with control samples, a required step to ensure the accuracy of tests. Blake resigned from the FBI lab recently.

Blake's work has become an issue in a prominent case in New Jersey, where five police officers are challenging blood evidence she analyzed that was used to convict them of federal civil rights violations in the death of a prisoner.

In Blake's case, 29 DNA samples that she placed into the database were removed and are being reanalyzed. The review so far has not found any instances

in which her DNA analysis was inaccurate, and those samples have now been re-entered, Adams said.

The FBI made widespread changes in the mid-1990s after its lab was rocked by a whistleblower's allegations and an investigation that found shoddy science by several lab examiners. AP reported last month that Justice officials have identified about 3,000 cases that might have been affected by those earlier problems and have let prosecutors decide whether to notify convicted defendants.

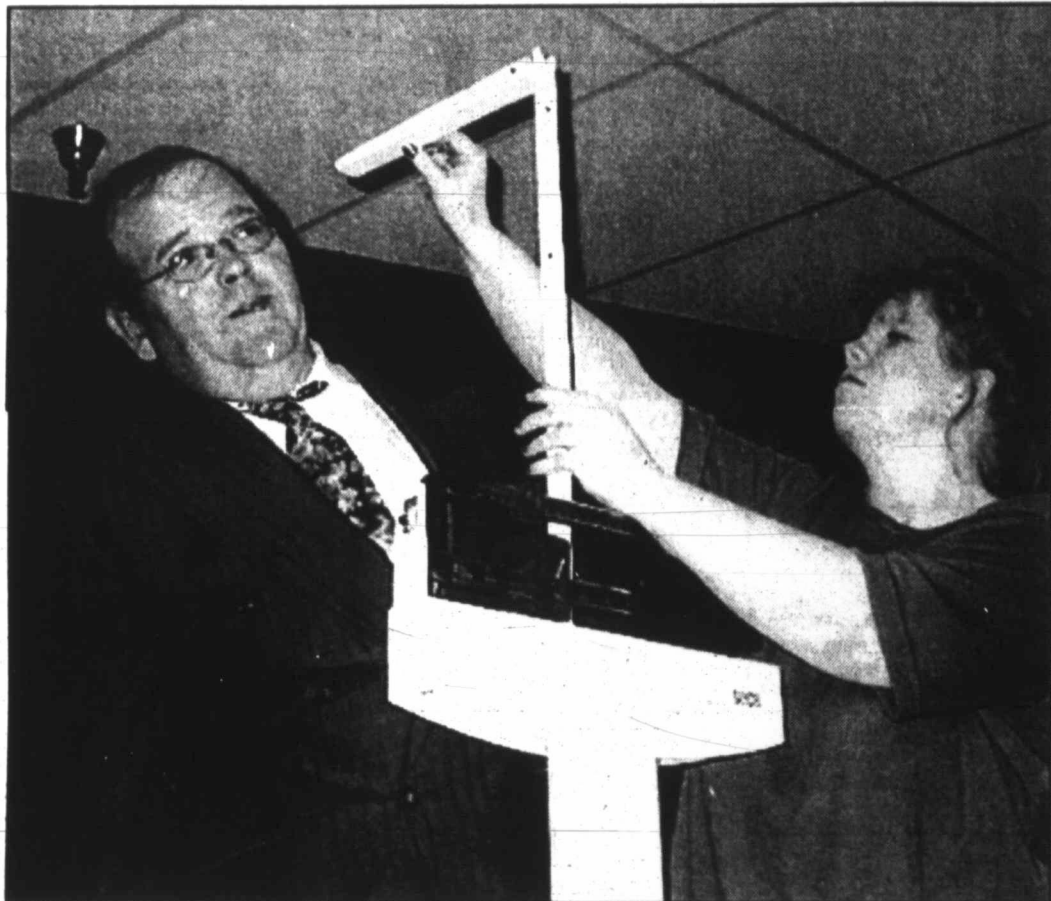
The new problems surfaced in the last year.

Lundy, now on administrative leave, served as an expert

witness who used chemical comparisons to link lead bullets to suspects. She was indicted earlier this year on a charge of misdemeanor false swearing by Kentucky authorities after she acknowledged she false testimony in a 2002 pretrial hearing for a man accused of murdering a University of Kentucky football player.

Lundy informed her FBI superiors of the false testimony a couple of months after it occurred. By that time she had corrected her pretrial testimony at the trial and had been questioned about it by defense lawyers. Federal authorities decided not to prosecute her, but Kentucky prosecutors brought the misdemeanor charge.

ACT I



(Courtesy photo)

Jimmy Lindsay plays Marion Cheever and Debra Sandefur, Sergeant Thech rehearse a scene from ACT I's upcoming production of "NEXT" by Terrence McNally. The play is set in the late 1960s and Cheever, 40, has received a draft notice. The comedy is in rehearsal now and will open the weekend after Easter, April 25, playing two weekends with a matinee on Sunday, May 5. Also on the bill for the evening is "Private Wars," a comedy about three young veterans. For more information or for reservations, call Kayla Pursley, 663-0559.

DRILLING INTENTIONS

Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash). Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., Zybach '66', Sec. 66.M-1.H&GN, PD 12250', for the following wells:
#9. 467' from North & 2000' from West line of Sec. #10. 1390' from North & 1250' from East line of Sec.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., Willis, Sec. 44.M-1.H&GN, PD 12000' for the following wells:
#4401P. 467' from North & East line of Sec.
#4405P. 1470' from North & 467' from West line of Sec.

Exploration Mid-Continent, #1-1 Carr. 2380' from South & 1000' from East line, Sec. 1.C. G.Turcotte, PD 14748'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & S.W. BRISCOE Upper Morrow) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #203 Lunsford, 500' from North & 1000' from West line, Sec. 3.—CSL, PD 14854'. Recompletion

Application to Plug-Back
HUTCHINSON (SHIRLEY Marmaton) Arrington CJM, Inc., #1 Comanche, 1980' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 25.—Z.C. Collier, PD 7721'.

Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) P N Resources, Inc., #2069 J.P.

Meek, Sec. 69.M-1.H&GN, spud 2-18-03, drlg. compl 3-8-03, tested 3-5 to 3-27-03, TD 11940', PBTD 11800' —
HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Mewbourne Oil Co., #3 Jones Trust '21', Sec. 21.1.G&M, spud 2-17-03, drlg. compl 2-24-03, tested 3-14-03, TD 7400', PBTD 7383' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Upland Resources, Inc., #1 Patsy, Sec. 9.A-1.H&GN, spud 1-27-03, drlg. compl 3-1-03, tested 3-11-03, TD 8400' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Upland Resources, Inc., #203 Vise, Sec. 3.4.AB&M, spud 1-9-03, drlg. compl 2-21-03, tested 3-28-93, TD 8400' —

Life Insurance + Annuities and Investments* Sound Financial Future

Build your financial future with the immediate and lasting protection of life insurance. To help meet long-term financial goals, you need to "add" annuities and investment products.*

Let Modern Woodmen and MWA Financial Services recommend the right balance of life insurance, annuities and investments* for your needs. Call now.



A Fraternal Life Insurance Society
Member Since 1858

www.modern-woodmen.org

Touching lives. Securing futures.®



GRANT THOMPSON, FIC
AMARILLO, TEXAS 79109
800-687-8345
806-352-3490

*Grant Thompson, Registered Representative. Securities offered through MWA Financial Services, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Modern Woodmen of America, 1701 1st Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201. 309-558-3100 Member NASD, SIPC.

"Hardest working minutes in the business."

LOADED LOCAL PLANS:
More ANYTIME minutes!

Pick three for free!

- Double minutes
- \$5 monthly rebate
- Free mobile-to-mobile
- Free nights & weekends
- Free long distance
- Free incoming calls

500 ANYTIME MINUTES \$29.99 **1100 ANYTIME MINUTES \$59.99**

FREE NOKIA WITH FREE ACTIVATION!

Expand your possibilities:
DOBSON CELLULAR SYSTEMS

1.800.882.4154 www.dobsoncellular.com

BONNER Dobson Cellular 905 N. Cedar (806) 273-5656	CANADIAN Dobson Cellular 311 Main St. (806) 323-9135	PAMPA Dobson Cellular 2131 Perryton Pkwy. (806) 665-0500	PERRYTON Ace Commercial Radio (806) 435-7131	SPEARMAN Communications (806) 659-2682	WHEELER Lloyd Auctioneers (806) 828-5850
Hy-Tech Communications (806) 274-7452	Beaver City Drug (806) 323-9135	Farmers Equipment (806) 665-8046	Talk To Me Wireless (806) 648-1500	B&B Sales True Value Hardware (806) 659-3782	Ware Chevrolet (806) 828-3028
WT Services (806) 273-2092	GRUBER Gruber Ford, Inc. (806) 733-2431	Pampa Communications (806) 665-1663	Zink Consulting (806) 435-2200	WELLINGTON Langford Communications (806) 447-1004	Wireless Works (806) 888-1800
		PANHANDLE Lane & Company, Inc. (806) 537-3537	SHARROCK Ware Chevrolet (806) 256-3850		

Promotion is valid for applicable local plans only priced \$29.99 and higher. Free phone may not be the phone pictured. Free phone and activation fee available with a new, two-year agreement only while supplies last. Double minutes, \$5 monthly rebate, free night and weekend minutes, free mobile-to-mobile minutes and free long distance are given for six months with a new, one-year agreement or for life with a new two-year agreement. For life is defined as for as long as the customer stays on the same rate plan chosen at the time of activation. Double minutes, night and weekend minutes and free incoming calls are available in the feature area only. Night and weekend minutes are available from 8:00 p.m. - 6:59 a.m. weekdays and all weekend long. Mobile-to-mobile calling is available in the feature area only while calling another Dobson Cellular customer. Free long distance applies to calls made from the home rate area. New activations are contingent upon credit checks and annual payments. Subject to limited in one-minute increments. Long distance, roaming, taxes, surcharges, and other terms and conditions may apply. See store for details. Offers are available at participating locations only. Limited time offer. ©2003 Dobson Cellular 107-3-0037A