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Civic leader Clyde Carruth dies

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Clyde Carruth, one of Pampa's movers and shakers for decades, has died.

The man for whom the Clyde Carruth Pavilion east of Pampa was named succumbed to pneumonia at Pampa Regional Medical Center shortly after midnight Saturday, surrounded by his family. He was 99.

He leaves behind his family and friends, all those who loved and respected him, and a legacy of hard work, strict values, and dedication to God and man.

Born Feb. 1, 1904, at Lelia Lake, Carruth graduated from Pampa High

School in 1922 with high honors. He served as guard for the Harvester football team in 1920-21 and was a member of the PHS debate team his senior year.

Carruth studied business, banking, and business law at Watson Business College in Plainview, Wayland Baptist College and Texas A&M University. At the height of the depression, Carruth joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture as Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Program, transferring to the Texas Extension Service in 1935 as Extension agent for Hutchinson County.

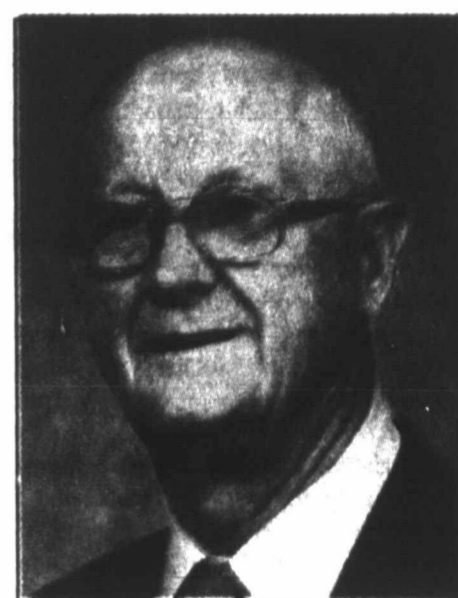
While with the Extension Service, Carruth received honorable mention from the USDA for his method of

design and measurement of earth dams to water livestock, a method used by the USDA in its Rules and Regulations Manual. Also during the 1930s, Carruth organized the 4-H Boys and Girls Clubs in his county.

In 1941, Carruth transferred to the Federal Reserve and became associated with the Federal Land Bank of Houston. For five years, he supervised loans in seven counties, including Gray County.

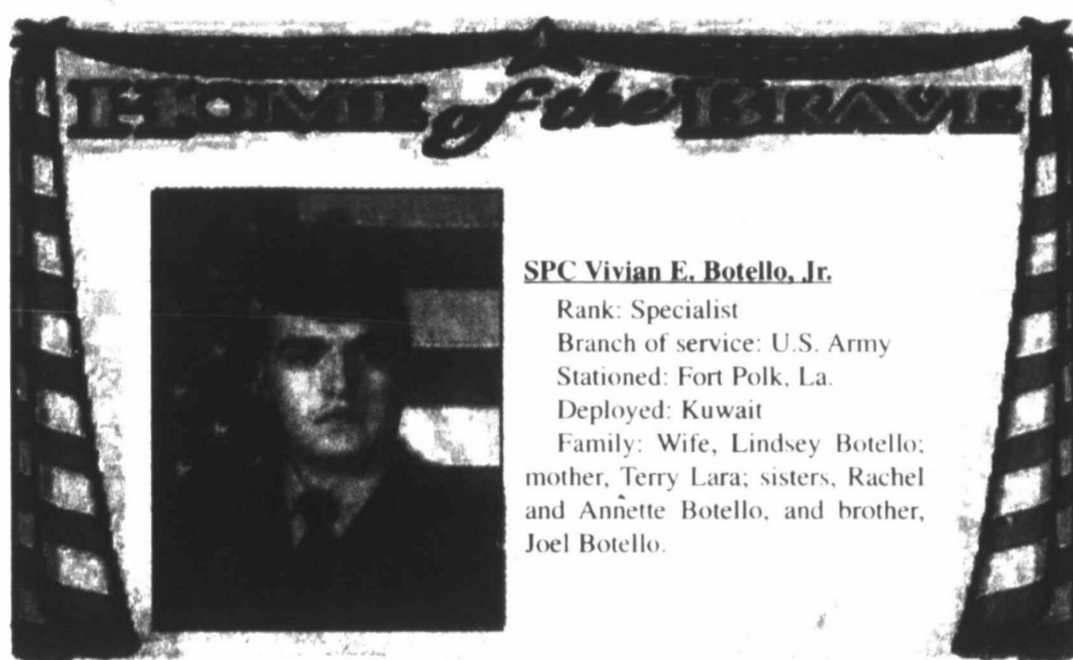
He also sold life insurance for many years and was an officer of the Top O' Texas Life Underwriters Association.

Carruth lived by his life philosophy, "to serve God by serving man and making this world a better place to



Clyde Carruth.

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SPC Vivian E. Botello, Jr.

Rank: Specialist
Branch of service: U.S. Army
Stationed: Fort Polk, La.
Deployed: Kuwait
Family: Wife, Lindsey Botello; mother, Terry Lara; sisters, Rachel and Annette Botello, and brother, Joel Botello.

Iraq's top chemical weapons expert surrenders to Marines

By DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Officers from Iraq's newly revived police force arrested Saddam Hussein's former finance minister — one of the 55 ex-leaders on the U.S. most-wanted list — and turned him over to the Marines, the

U.S. Central Command said Saturday.

Hikmat Mizban Ibrahim al-Azzawi, who also served as a deputy prime minister, was apprehended Friday in Baghdad, the command said.

He was captured the same day that one of Saddam's top scientists — depicted as the

mastermind of Iraq's nerve agent program — turned himself in to the Americans. The apprehension of Emad Husayn Abdullah al-Ani raised hopes of a breakthrough in the as-yet-fruitless search for banned chemical and biological weapons in Iraq.

(See IRAQ, Page 3)

Military theme focus of theater production

ACT I's second production of the season opens Friday, April 25, featuring two one-acts with military themes.

"Pvt. Wars" portrays the lives of three Vietnam veterans, patients in an army hospital, recovering from injuries, both physical and psychological, suffered in the war. Although the three come from extremely different backgrounds, a bond of sorts is created because of a shared situation. Actors featured in "Pvt. Wars" include Howard Hayden, Kasey Presson and Teddy Tolleson.

Hayden made his acting debut in ACT I's production of "U.S.A." and served as a juror in "Twelve Angry Men" during the same season. Haden describes his character, Woodruff Gatley, as "just a good old boy from Georgia that answered when duty called." Gatley thought it was his duty to his country to serve

and he saw a little too much while he was there.

"He was thrown into a situation with some strange people and he is doing his best to cope with the situation and trying to find his way back through a radio," Hayden said. "I like him, I like him a lot."

Tolleson and Presson, newcomers to ACT I, participated in theater at Pampa High School as actors and crew members. Presson, who plays Natwick, a rich, spoiled kid from New York turned soldier, describes his character as being insecure, someone looking for somewhere to belong.

"Natwick is messed up emotionally," Presson said. "He doesn't fit anywhere; he feels like a failure; he joined the army to get away from his parents and he just wants to belong; to be a part of something."

(See ACT I, Page 3)

School board to name supt. 'lone finalist'

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

Pampa Independent School District's board of trustees plans to announce the lone finalist for school superintendent on Wednesday, April 23.

At a 7 a.m. meeting at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, board members plan to select the superintendent finalist, ending a lengthy selection process that began in February. The new superintendent will take the position left open by Dr. Dawson Orr who resigned effective Feb. 1 to become superintendent of the Wichita Falls Independent School District.

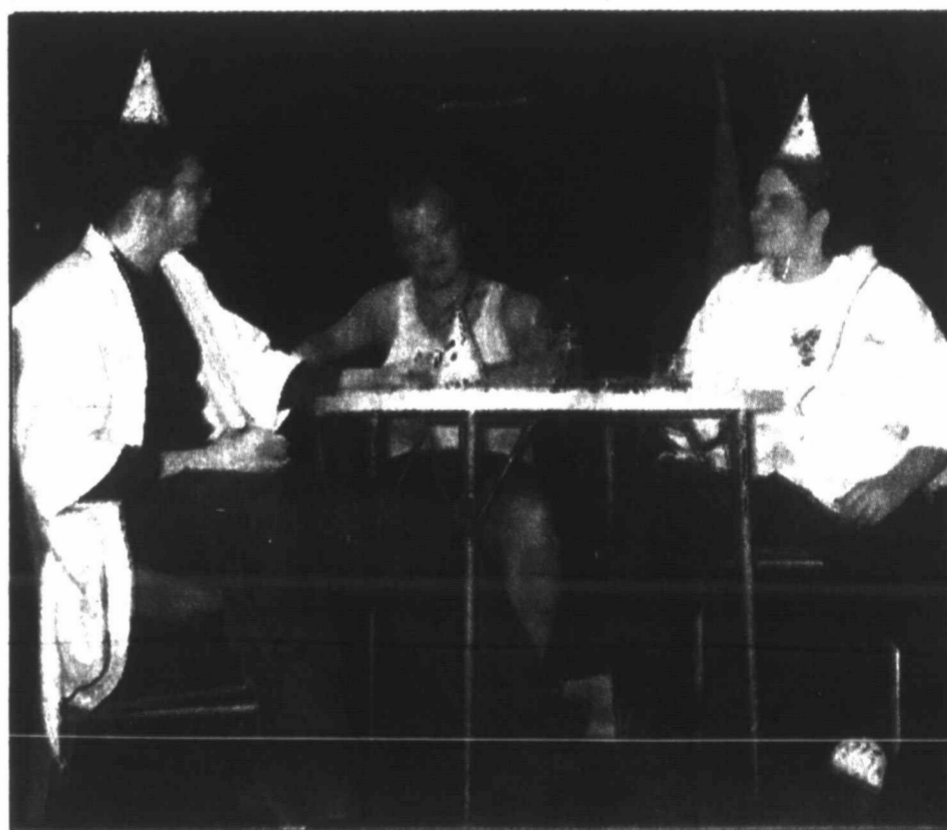
On April 8, after meeting with superintendent search consultants from the Texas

Association of School Boards, the board narrowed the field of applicants to five.

After interviewing the applicants later that week, the board selected two applicants for final interviews at dinner meetings conducted at the High School vocational building on April 15 and 16.

State law requires a 21-day waiting period after a public school district board selects a superintendent finalist which allows either the board or the applicant to back out of the agreement.

If the process goes as planned, the waiting period will be over by mid-May. Board members have said they hope to have the new superintendent in place by June 1.



(Courtesy photo)

Kasey Presson plays Natwick, Howard Hayden is Gatley and Teddy Tolleson is Silvio, rehearsing the farewell party scene in ACT I's second show of the season Pvt. Wars about three young Vietnam veterans in an army hospital. The play is a comedy about coping with life in the face of terrible tragedy.

Happy Easter

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OBITUARIES

CLYDE L. CARRUTH 1904-2003

Clyde Carruth, 99, area civic leader, died at 12:15 a.m., Saturday, April 19, 2003, in Pampa. Services are to be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, at First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Feb. 1, 1904, Mr. Carruth was a farmer, rancher and businessman in Gray and Hutchinson counties for most of his life. In the early 1930s, he worked as a manager of the AAA Farm Program through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In 1935, he became the Texas Extension Service County Agent for Hutchinson County. During World War II, he chaired the Ration Board and the War Board. After the war, he went to work for the Federal Land Bank. He served as superintendent of the Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show for 50 years and supervised the building of the livestock barn which now bears his name, "The Clyde Carruth Pavilion." He also sold life insurance for many years.

Carruth's civic activities include the following: He served on the Pampa City Commission for 12 years, from 1965 to 1967, 1968 to 1970 and 1980 to 1988, serving as Mayor Pro tem on several occasions; he was an officer of the Top O' Texas Life Underwriters Association; he was a member of the Kiwanis Club with a perfect attendance record of more than 50 years. He was a long time member of the First Christian Church of Pampa where he served as Deacon, Elder, Church Treasurer and Sunday School teacher. He was an Elder Emeritus at the time of his death. He also was an organizer of the Pampa Senior Citizens and was on the board of direc-

tors since its origin; past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Community Day Care Center and headed the local March of Dimes at one time. He was recognized by the Texas A&M University with a Citation of Service for his more than 50 years of service on the local 4-H programs and was a recipient of the Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District Layman of the Year Award for his civic achievements.

Mr. Carruth is survived by his wife, Neva Weeks Carruth, of the home; two daughters, Barbara West and husband Russell West of Houston and Yvonne Winegeart of Pampa; a son, Dayne Carruth and wife Beverly of Pampa; a daughter-in-law, Leta Carruth Jeffers of Pampa; stepchildren, Larry and Patsy Weeks of Amarillo; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia, and a son, John Lloyd Carruth, who both passed away in February of 1993, and by a daughter, Eleanor Beard.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065; Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065; or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

BETTY DILLMAN BRANDON 1928-2003

Betty Dillman Brandon, 74, died Friday, April 18, 2003, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Brandon was born June 3, 1928, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident, graduating from Pampa High School.

She married Bob Brandon on June 15, 1950, at Pampa.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include her husband, Bob, of the home; a son, Chris Brandon of Houston; a daughter, Cheryl Blevins of Lubbock; two sisters, Florence McIntyre of Lubbock and Mary Ann Clark of Waterloo, Ill.; a brother, Charles Dillman of Ozark, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

GARY FORD O'NEAL 1963-2003

WHITE DEER — Gary Ford O'Neal, 40, died Friday, April 18, 2003, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in First United Methodist Church of Pampa with the Rev. Toni Bailey, pastor of United Methodist Church of White Deer, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born April 2, 1963, at Pampa, Mr. O'Neal, a lifelong resident of White Deer, graduated from White Deer High School, receiving the American Farmer degree from FFA, and held a degree from Texas Tech University.

He married Julie Rogers on Feb. 10, 1996, at White Deer.

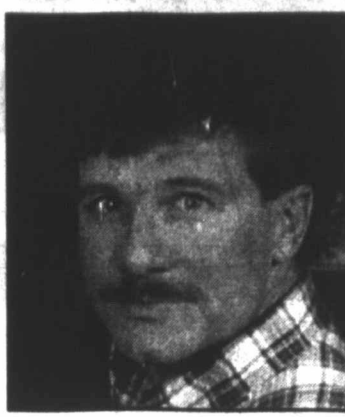
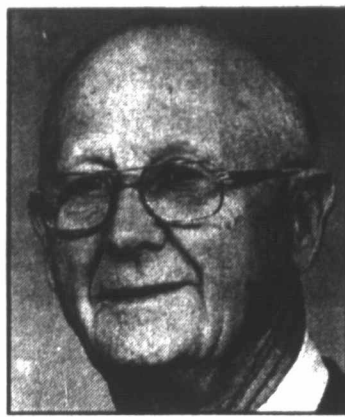
A farmer and rancher at White Deer, he served on the school board of White Deer Independent School District and on the administrative board of United Methodist Church of White Deer where he was also a member.

Survivors

include his wife, Julie, of the home; three daughters, Megan O'Neal, Katie O'Neal and McKenzie O'Neal, all of the home; his parents, Jerry and Nancy O'Neal of White Deer; two sisters, Sherrie Pingel of Vega and Suann O'Neal of Denver, Colo.; and a brother, Terry O'Neal of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Angel Flight, 4310 Wiley Post Road, Suite 206, Addison, TX 75001.

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City Briefs

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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 60s and northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight we should see partly cloudy skies, lows in the mid 40s and light to variable winds. Monday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Monday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department made the following arrest according to Gray County Jail records.

Saturday, April 19
Cody Nicholas Williams, 19, 1829 N. Banks, was arrested for burglary of a coin-operated machine.

FIRE

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

Friday, April 18
3:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of Purviance.

Saturday, April 19
12:28 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Lynn. The call was canceled before firefighters arrived.

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From Jeff Andrews for Pampa Mayor

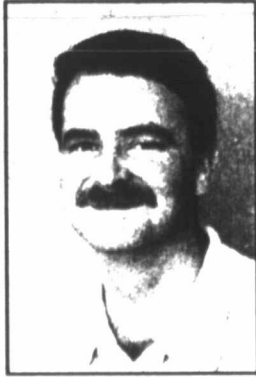
I would like to invite my fellow citizens of Pampa to decide what direction our City is going to take in the next two years. As we are all aware, population and revenues have declined over the past several years. Some hard decisions are going to be made this year and those decisions are going to affect each one of us. I prefer that these decisions be well thought out and presented to the public before they are implemented. I believe public input is essential to develop the path this City is going to take.

Our property tax rate is high, but this is due largely to debt payments. As a commissioner, I have voted against most bond issues. The exceptions being bond issues used to pay for unfunded mandates as long as they had no additional money attached to them and refinancing of existing bond debt to lower the interest rate.

Traditionally the voter turnout for the City election has been small. On May 3rd the voters will elect a mayor and two commissioners, and for the first time in many years they have a choice in every race. Don't let a small special interest group plan your future. May 3, 2003 voting will be from 7 AM to 7 PM at M K. Brown Auditorium. If you are not able to vote on May 3rd, early voting continues through April 29th at City Hall from 8 AM until 5 PM.

I would appreciate your vote in this election.

Pol Adv Pd For By Jack T. Curtis, Treasurer, 2643 Chestnut, Pampa, Texas 79065



Bush approval rating high

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's job approval has risen past 70 percent as the war winds down in Iraq, unsettling news for Democrats running for president — but much lower than the soaring levels Bush's father reached after the Persian Gulf War.

Bush's approval rating was at 72 percent in a poll released Friday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. His father's rating rose to 89 percent after the first Gulf War in 1991.

"Even after the success of the war, there's a lot more partisanship than there was toward his father," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center.

Republicans solidly approve of the president's performance, with more than nine in 10 back-

ing the job he's doing, about the same number who felt that way about his father after the first Iraq war.

Just over half of Democrats approve of the president's job performance, 52 percent, while 39 percent disapprove. Almost three-fourths of Democrats approved of the father's job performance soon after the earlier war.

And the president's job approval by independents is lower this time around, 68 percent compared with 83 percent who approved of the father in 1991.

The president "is a more divisive figure than his father was to the Democrats," Kohut said.

The end of the war has brought a return of public focus on economic issues. Those

issues were seen as the most important problem facing the country for 41 percent, while 29 percent chose issues related to defense, and terrorism. In February, more than half chose defense and terrorism issues, while three in 10 chose economic issues.

The elder Bush lost the 1992 elections over the faltering economy.

Just under half in the poll, 48 percent, said they would like to see Bush re-elected president in 2004, with a third saying they want to see a Democrat win. Before the war, people were about evenly split on that question.

Democratic presidential candidates are struggling to get the public's attention in a time of war. Only a third of the poll respondents could offer a name when asked who is running for the Democratic nomination in 2004 — about the same level as in January, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman were the best-known of the candidates, with about one in 10 people familiar with each of them, while others lagged behind. One in 10 Democrats, 9 percent, also named Al Gore, the 2000 Democratic nominee, who is not running this time.

The public's view of the Republican Party is slightly more favorable, 63 percent, than its view of the Democrats, 57 percent.

While Republicans almost unanimously support the war, Democrats are more divided, with 60 percent supporting and 31 percent opposing.

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Easter dog?



(Pampa News photo)

"Callie," belonging to Eva Dennis of Pampa, dances for a treat in her very own Easter dress. Dennis said her pet was getting ready Friday for the Easter Parade which the talented pup was sure to win since she's the only one in it.

IRAQ

At a U.S. military air base in Germany, seven U.S. soldiers freed from Iraqi captivity took off Saturday aboard a C-17 for a 13-hour flight back to their home bases in Texas.

About 30 well-wishers waving American flags and one bearing a banner that read "Proud of Our Warriors" gathered to see the seven off.

The former POWs were to fly to Fort Bliss, where five of them are stationed with the U.S. Army's 507th Maintenance Company, then to Fort Hood, base of the two crewmen whose Apache helicopter was shot down.

A Central Command spokesman, Marine Capt. Stewart Upton, said al-Azzawi's arrest showed the effectiveness of the U.S. military's screening process for hiring police and getting them back to work.

The new police "are going

after regime leaders," he said.

Upton suggested that al-Azzawi should know where the regime kept its wealth hidden. "It's money for the people of Iraq, and we seek to have that for the building of the future of Iraq," he said.

Other figures from the most-wanted list captured previously include Saddam's top science adviser, Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi; Saddam's half brothers Watban Ibrahim Hasan and Barzan Ibrahim Hasan, and Samir Abd al-Aziz al-Najim, a leader of Saddam's toppled Baath party.

The Central Command also said Saturday that Khalaf Khader al-Salahat, a member of the Abu Nidal terrorist organization, had surrendered to Marines in Baghdad. Abu Nidal, who died in Baghdad last year under murky circumstances, led a terror campaign blamed for more than 275 deaths on several continents.

In Saudi Arabia, foreign

ministers from eight Middle East nations ended an emergency meeting with an appeal to U.S. and British forces to leave Iraq swiftly. They also condemned U.S. threats against Syria for allegedly developing chemical weapons and harboring members of Saddam's toppled regime.

At the meeting were foreign ministers from all of Iraq's neighbors — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Syria, Jordan, Turkey and Iran. Egypt and Bahrain also participated. Their statement said the United Nations should have a central role in rebuilding Iraq but stressed that Iraqis "should administer and govern their country by themselves."

For U.S. troops in

Baghdad, one unexpected duty has been guarding bank vaults blasted open by robbers using rocket-propelled grenades. One group of Marines, equipped with machine guns and tanks, has been standing watch over what they estimated was \$1 billion in gold.

Elsewhere in Baghdad, a patrol from the Army's 3rd Infantry Division came across an estimated \$650 million in U.S. currency, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday. The cash, believed genuine, was found in a Tigris River neighborhood where Baath party and Republican Guard officials lived, according to a Times reporter accompanying the soldiers.

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CARRUTH

live." He voluntarily started the Junior Livestock Show in Pampa, serving as its superintendent for 50 years. He also helped start the Top of Texas Hereford Breeders Association and was instrumental in the building of the Pampa Livestock Pavilion, north of the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds. In 1975, the building was renamed the

"Clyde Carruth Pavilion" in his honor and much to his surprise.

Texas A&M University awarded Carruth a Citation of Service for his five decades of service to the local 4-H programs and extensive work with the youth.

Carruth always supported the community. During World War II, he chaired the War Board and Ration Board. He has been a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce for more than 60

years. He served on the Pampa Senior Citizens Center board of directors since the organization began and was a past chairman of the Community Day Care board of directors.

For 12 years, Carruth served on the Pampa City Commission, acting as mayor pro tem on several occasions.

He held a perfect attendance award for the Kiwanis Club for 55 years and was once named Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis International

Layman of the Year.

Carruth exemplified his deep faith by working in his church, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He took a year off of work to supervise the construction of the present church building at 1633 N. Nelson. Through the years, he served as church treasurer, on various boards and as a church deacon and elder, and taught Sunday School for 40 years. To recognize his many contributions, members of First Christian's congregation named him as Elder Emeritus, a title he held at the time of his death.

Funeral services for Carruth have been set for 10 a.m., Tuesday, at the church he helped build. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

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ACT I

Tolleson has taken on the role of Silvio, the street-smart Italian from Cleveland.

Tolleson describes his character in this way: "He was forced, by his mother, at a young age to accept the responsibility of caring for his sister after their father died, and now that he needs his sister to stand by him, she has made a life for herself and she feels left out and not so wise."

"Next" features two veteran ACT I actors, Debra Sandefur and Jimmy Lindsay. The team of Sandefur and Lindsay agree that "Next" is "great fun" and love their characters.

Sandefur was last seen on the ACT I stage as Bella Manningham in "Angel Street," a play she also directed. After being away from the theater for a few seasons, she expresses her excitement at once more being "on stage."

About her role as "Sergeant Tech", an examining officer at the draft board, Sandefur said, "She is all army, follow the rules, no deviating from the code." She describes it as

a "fun part."

Lindsay has been a primary player in ACT I productions as an actor, director, make-up artist and set designer/builder since 1996 when he made his debut in "God's Favorite." His versatility as an actor is sure to be appreciated in "Next" in his portrayal of Marion Cheever.

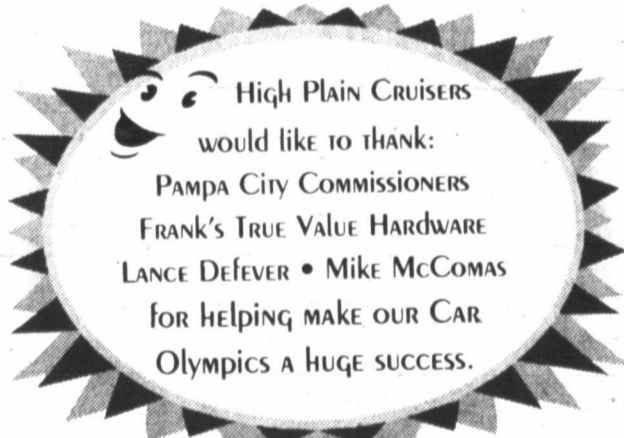
Lindsay describes Cheever as a man still more than a little mixed up because one day his mother just wasn't there anymore. Though well past the draft age, Cheever receives the call and, according to Lindsay, chaos prevails.

Kayla Pursley is directing this season's second production. A founding member of

ACT I, Pursley has directed and starred in numerous productions over the past 20 years. She currently serves on the ACT I Board of Directors as vice-president of membership. As director, Pursley promises a production that the audience will enjoy.

Production dates are April 25, 26 and 27, May 2 and 3. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m., and the April 27 matinee is at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for students.

ACT I theater, is located at the Pampa Mall, rear entrance. For more information call 665-9369 or 665-3820.



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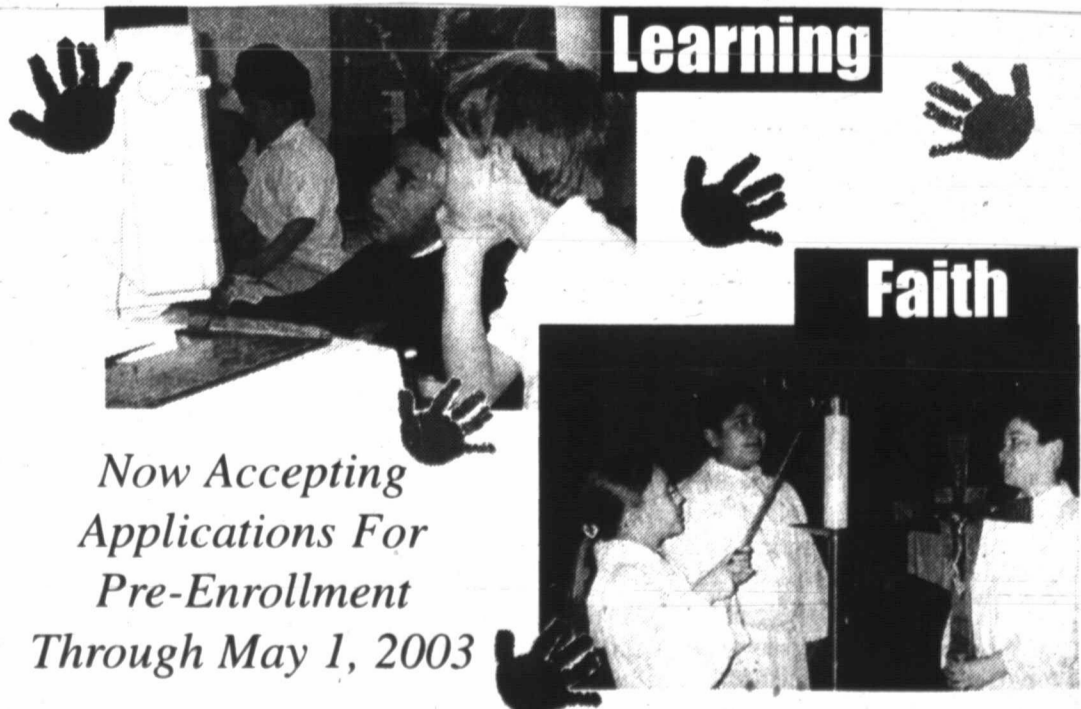
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Something to be proud of

To the editor:
 Which party supported freeing the Iraqi people? Which party supported the effort? Don't say the Democrats did - they supported the troops, ONLY, after they witnessed the American public supporting the war.
 Their leaders ridiculed the thought of this war. And in fact they only voted to show support for the troops, not the war. They wanted to give more time - to Saddam Hussein - to the generals, scientists, etc. They were worried about the cost. Nancy Pelosi is proud to have voted against the effort because of the cost.

They sure are not worried about your dollars when it comes to government programs. They simply say, how could you not be for this program when it benefits the poor, the children, and the senior citizen? They don't want to discuss the cost. For myself, I don't care what the cost was for this action, it was necessary. I hope some Iraqi citizen some day will ask John Kerry, Nancy Pelosi, and others face to face, why was I not important to you?

Surely in time, even those against the war for whatever reason would eventually respond to the horrors of this government. Who knows better now than Great Britain, Iraq, and the U.S. what the cost is for freedom. Ask the KIA families, those MIAs. Even the civilians in Iraq who were maimed and killed during the war will at some time realize their country will be the better because of this action. Fortunately, for the Iraqi people, we had a Republican President, who knew when to say "Enough is enough."

It's over, Iraq will be free soon. I suggest we bring the flag-waving, thumbs-up people of Iraq to America, register them in the Republican Party, deport the anti-war protesters, suggest to the Democrats they and Saddam Hussein band with France, Germany, Canada, and Russia to form a country they can be proud of: build more palaces, oppress the general public, torture more children, and sell their oil for lavish statues and pictures. Then they can all band together to raise their anti-war protests against the United States. Sorry, I left out California. They can live in harmony together.

And for those who think we should not have performed this action because we have not found WMD, we have been fighting a war for approximately 20 days, not looking for WMD. And if we don't find them, so what!

For those on the dark side - France, Germany, Canada, Russia, Syria, California, and the Democrats - are HOPING... for a one-term president.

**Miles Cook
 Pampa**

The more things stay the same, the less they change

To the editor:
 Without knowing the level of security to be provided a proposed low-level radioactive dump, two state senators have introduced bills that would cause the issuance of a license to a private company to handle the disposal of the waste. The radioactive waste would come from Texas and Vermont. Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo and Sen. George "Buddy" West have proposed the legislation. Sen. West has stated, "A lot of this stuff could actually be used, I guess, in the composition of a dirty bomb if someone wanted to."

It is difficult to find a state legislator who even passively shows respect for our environment. Three questions come to mind. What degree of security will be afforded such a dump? Why doesn't Vermont handle the waste it develops? What is the relationship between the senators and the private company that is eventually licensed? You may remember Sen. Bivins chaired the Education Committee in the 77th Texas Legislature. Sen. West is from Odessa.

**Bill Reeves
 McLean**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Life is made up of desires that seem big and vital one minute, and little and absurd the next. I guess we get what's best for us in the end."

— Alice Caldwell Rice
 American humorist (1870-1942).

One byproduct of war is often a major change in media and news reporting. In the Civil War, photography was born. In World War II, Edward R. Murrow brought radio into its own with his dramatic reports of the Nazi blitz on London. In Vietnam, television became pivotal as images of bloodshed soured American backing for the war. The Gulf War saw the growth of CNN as all-news television became essential.



**DICK MORRIS
 COLUMNIST**

In the Iraq War, the public may well have learned not to trust the broadcast networks or the establishment newspapers.

Never before have Americans had the chance to watch the establishment media while also seeing events unfold for themselves, live, on television. Our collective understanding of the dissonance between the two is breeding a distrust of the major news organs that will likely long outlast this war.

Those in professional politics take the media's distortions for granted, and even learn to play them through what has come to be called "spin." We know what's happening in Washington, the White House and Congress; each morning, when we read the version the media give to the public, we can't help notice the difference.

But the average American rarely, if ever, gets that opportunity. In this war, they did - and their reaction to media news is likely never to be quite the same.

Each morning, we sat reading our copy of The New York Times, The Washington Post or the Los Angeles Times and ruminated on their prophecies of doom and quagmire. Then we looked up to see, on television, correspondents

actually embedded with our troops reporting quick advances, one-sided fire-fights, melting opposition and, finally, welcoming crowds.

Then the TV would cut back to the anchors and military analysts far from the battlefield. There, with their pointers and maps, we heard all about how we had too few troops in Iraq and the war plan had misfired and that Bush's failure to enlist Turkish cooperation was likely to prove disastrous.

For months before the war started, we had read articles in the establishment media about how house-to-house fighting in Baghdad would consume our troops like a meat grinder. We heard dire TV predictions of poison gas, missile attacks on Israel and burning oil wells. None of it happened.

Then, as the war unfolded, it was obvious that minor mishaps would dominate the network and newspaper coverage. Friendly-fire casualties, accidental journalist deaths, temporary supply shortages, unavoidable killing of civilians - all were played with the same or greater gusto than was the news of the actual war itself.

Who can forget juxtapositions like this one: A joyous mob hauls down Saddam Hussein's 40-foot statue in a scene reminiscent of the fall of the Berlin Wall - while ABC's Peter Jennings belittles the

Iraqis as a "small crowd"?

The disjuncture between the reality and the reporting became obvious to anyone who had eyes and ears.

A few news organs, including this newspaper, featured reports that the established media felt were cheerleading in their optimism. But reality proved the "cheerleaders" right and the pessimists wrong.

The result has been a major shift in American media/news habits. While CBS viewership dropped 15 percent from pre-war totals, ABC fell 6 percent and NBC gained an anemic 3 percent, the Fox News Channel audience rose 236 percent while CNN and MSNBC (with smaller audiences) recorded similarly impressive gains.

On morning TV, the cable show Fox and Friends actually drew 2.9 million viewers, more than CBS' 2.8 million on its Early Show - the first time a cable news station has beaten a network news program in ratings (but not the last).

Among younger viewers (18-34), CBS Evening News fell 16 percent while Fox News Channel gained fivefold.

But the biggest loser was The New York Times, formerly the newspaper of record, but now reduced - in full public view - to a newspaper of the political opposition. Its readers got to see, in plain view, the paper's pessimism and bias against the Bush administration.

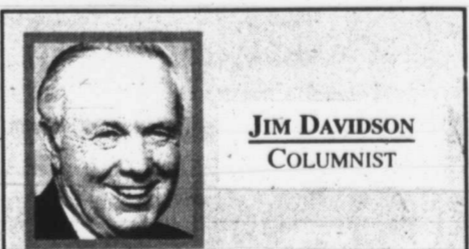
This has been a rough war for tyrants and those who try to control the thoughts of their people. In Baghdad - but also in Manhattan, at the headquarters of the Times, NBC, CBS and ABC.

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Positive thinking column hits a nerve

One of the pitfalls of probing around on a live human body, especially if it's not our own, is that if we are not careful we will hit a nerve. And boy! did I ever hit one with my comments in a recent column titled, "We should avoid positive thinking like a plague." When this column ran in the Benton County Daily Record in Bentonville, Arkansas I got a letter the following week from a reader who greeted me and then said, "When your fine column appears in our local paper, Mary and I sit down at breakfast, and with a second cup of coffee she reads it out loud and we discuss it." This reader, whose name is Don, goes on to tell me how much he disagreed with me and that he could not believe these were my real views on positive thinking.



**JIM DAVIDSON
 COLUMNIST**

but rather how many people in our society use it at the operational level. This true story will illustrate what I am saying. Several years ago a seminary student had a personal ministry of going to the local Children's Hospital to be with young terminal cancer patients in the final hours before they died. During this time he had gotten to know a young girl who was beautiful both inside and out and over the past several months she had both legs and one arm amputated.

I wrote back to tell him that we were not that far apart and that we were just viewing this subject from two different perspectives. The reason I am sharing this is because I feel that many of you share my feelings and with your permission I would like to set the record straight. As you know, the three rules of communication are "be clear, be clear and be clear." The real issue here for me is not that someone disagrees with me, or even that I may be wrong, but that I did not do a good job of expressing myself and was misunderstood.

The night before she was to have the final arm amputated her mother came into the hospital room with a copy of Norman Vincent Peal's book, "The Power Of Positive Thinking" to read to her. When she did, the girl started to cry. Her mother said, "what are you crying about?" She said, "because Mother you don't know how to live and you won't let me die." This seminary student said it was one of the most painful ordeals of his life and he spent a lot of time trying to think this through. This is something all of us should do even with our most cherished beliefs.

Because of the way God made us, we human beings can do a lot of things. There are however a lot of things I know I can't do and all the positive thinking in the world won't change that. Here is an example of what I am saying. A few days ago I was playing golf with two of my friends. While looking for a ball out of bounds I drove the cart into some high weeds and didn't see a deep rut until it was too late. The cart got stuck on high center and would not move even though the wheels were still turning. I got out and with all my strength tried to push it off but to no avail. Here is my point. All the positive thinking in the world would not have changed that. It was not until my two friends came and with a mighty "heave, ho" did the cart begin to move.

While positive thinking and expecting the best is a great way to live, we must also understand our limitations and always strive to keep things in the proper perspective. If we can redefine positive thinking to mean: never evading reality, of never kidding ourselves of how bad things are, and what the requirements are to make it, and never deluding ourselves as to what truth is, and to remind ourselves that we can do anything so long as it is within the realm of truth, then it will be embraced and always have my blessings.

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

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Small investors still wary of buying individual stocks

By RACHEL BECK
 AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street pundits keep calling this is a stock-picker's market, suggesting the only way to make money right now is by buying individual stocks.

Try convincing average investors of that.

This was the exact strategy that small investors used during the boom years that ended up backfiring in the market meltdown.

Now, three years into the bear market and after all the nerve-rattling corporate scan-

dals, the little guys are wary of buying single stocks. They would rather stuff their money into savings.

Still, it's not surprising that this is the push coming from Wall Street. The brokerage business is built on trading commissions, so they have to come up with ways to encourage investors to buy.

Not helping any has been the weak tone of the overall market. Major indexes have largely been at a standstill even though the war with Iraq is winding down, and there's little idea where things are heading next.

In fact, there is some con-

cern that the market might get stuck in a trading range for a while, until the economy or corporate earnings show signs of really recharging, or maybe even longer than that. And while there might be some blips up, there is no guarantee that any strength will last for long.

But while the overall market limps along, some stocks have been surprisingly strong.

Take 3M, one of the 30 stocks in the Dow Jones industrial average. Its shares surged to an all-time high of \$134.37 on March 21, while the Dow was about 30 percent below its record high of 11,722 reached

Acampora and others on Wall Street say that investors, both big and small, should be seeking stocks valued at reduced prices. The key is to buy in the dips and sell into surges.

So far, most small investors aren't jumping into this stock-picker's market. They are sticking to the sidelines for now. Instead, they are putting money into savings because they like knowing their cash will be there when they need it.

"I've been working to get my individual investors mentally engaged again in the market," said Thomas E. Lydon Jr., president of Global Trends Investments in Newport Beach, Calif. "The truth is that it probably won't happen until the market rebounds, and there is nothing we can do about that."

There may be plenty of good stock buys out there. It's whether investors can stomach the risks.

on Jan. 14, 2000.

"You can make money in this environment," said Ralph Acampora, director of technical research at Prudential Financial. "But it's less about the market and more about individual stocks."

Acampora and others on Wall Street say that investors, both big and small, should be seeking stocks valued at reduced prices. The key is to buy in the dips and sell into surges.

That's easier said than done, especially for individuals who are still suffering from all the bad mistakes they made during the stock-market boom and subsequent bust.

They bought high and sold low, failing to time the market right. Back then they also over-invested in individual stocks, forgetting to hedge their risks by diversifying their portfolios, and took chances on companies they knew nothing about.

The bear market wiped out much of their wealth, leaving retirees scrambling to recoup their losses and young people without any savings.

And only adding to small investors' unease has been all

the business scandals that have created new worries concerning whom they can trust in corporate America.

So now there's all this talk about the virtues of buying individual stocks. Investors are supposed to figure out what stocks to buy, when to buy them and then determine when to get out.

Sure, there may be money to be made, but there's as good a chance that there's money to be lost.

Rachel Beck is the national business columnist for The Associated Press. Write to her at rbeck(at)ap.org



(Courtesy photo)
 Members of the Pampa High School Show Choir entertained at the CASA Volunteer Appreciation banquet held on April 10th. Those participating were (clockwise from left) Karissa Intemann, Denise Mackie, Josh Miller, Waneta Hill, and Stephanie Nelson.

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THC EXHIBIT

The Ticket Office of Potter County Santa Fe Building is the site of a monthlong exhibit of key projects and programs of Texas Historical Commission. The exhibit is part of THC's 50th anniversary tribute and will be on display throughout the month of April.

DESERT REIGN

Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford in Pampa, will host the gospel music group "Desert Reign" at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 20. Admission is free.

PRTA

Pampa Retired Teachers Association will meet at 2 p.m., April 21, at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

SUNSHINE LUNCH

Crown of Texas Hospice will host a Sunshine Luncheon for individuals grieving the death

of a loved one at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa. Menu items will cost between \$5 and \$8. For more information, call (806) 372-7696.

DESK AND DERRICK

Pampa Desk and Derrick Club will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, at Chaney's Cafe. Pampa Fire Department officials will present a program on fire safety for the petroleum industry. For more information, contact Nancy Hollingwood at 669-2296 or 669-8020.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Gray County American Red Cross will conduct Lifeguard Training from 6-10 p.m., weekdays and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 22-26 and 28-30. Cost is \$85 per person and includes a book and CPR barrier. A pre-test is scheduled from 6-10 p.m., April 22 at Pampa

Youth and Community Center. To register or for more information, call 669-7121 or stop by the local ARC office at 108 N. Russell.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

Administrative assistants, office coordinators, executive secretaries and other types of administrative support staff in the Amarillo area are invited to network with other professionals during the annual Administrative Professionals Day Reception slated from 5:30-7 p.m., April 23 at Monte's, 3218 Hobbs, Amarillo. The reception will include a short program, an awards ceremony and refreshments. Admission is free. To RSVP, call Emily at (806) 353-7321.

PPHM EXHIBIT

Beginning April 23, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will feature the work of artist Dean Porter. The exhibit will include paintings in watercolor and oil. A Samuel H. Kress Fellow, Porter holds a master's degree and a Ph.D., in art history from State University of New York at Binghamton and served as curator for the art gallery at Notre Dame from 1966 until accepting a post as director of the Snite Museum.

PALO DURO GUILD

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will hold its next monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m., April 24, in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For more information, call (806) 358-2765.

BOB WILLS CELEBRATION

The Bob Wills Foundation will once again stage its annual Bob Wills celebration April 24-27 at Turkey. Activities and events will include dances, a pancake breakfast, a Cowboy Church Service, a parade, an old fid-

lers contest, music and much, much more. For more information, call (806) 423-1033 or e-mail turkey@caprockspur.com.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

A retirement reception for Sammie Morris will be held from 2-5 p.m., April 25, at First Christian Church in Pampa.

CATTLEWOMEN

Top O' Texas CattleWomen Scholarship application forms have been distributed to area high schools. Three scholarships will be awarded altogether — one in the amount of \$500 and two in the amount of \$250. Students from Gray, Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties are eligible. The deadline for applications is April 25. Applications must be submitted to: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, call (806) 826-3572.

AHA CASINO NIGHT

American Heart Association will have its "Royal Heart Casino Night" fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 26, at Pampa Country Club. For more information, call Veronica at 665-0356.

PAS DANCE

The next Pampa Area Singles Dance will be from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, April 26, at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Mike Porter. A covered dish dinner will be served with ham. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish and no smoking or alcohol is allowed. For more information, call 665-7059.

CANYON ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Canyon Arts and Crafts Festival will be held April 26-27 in the Texas A&M Event Center in Canyon. More than 130 artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will participate. The event will include original art, limited edition prints and hand-crafted items. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and 12 noon-5 p.m., on Sunday. Admission is free of charge.

BSA HOSPICE SPRING TRAINING

BSA Hospice will conduct its spring 2003 volunteer training/community education class, "The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying," from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, April 28 through May 22 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. The class, worth

2.4 CEUs, is designed for adults interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, who want to learn more about hospice care or who desire personal growth. For more information or to pre-register, call 665-6677 and ask for Janet McCracken.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: April 22, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa. Participants will 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.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Ten free oak trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Oak Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30.

BIG Z BARBECUE

Zion Lutheran Church's annual Big Z Barbecue will be held from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at 1200 Duncan.

GRASS ROUTE

The City of Pampa will resume its seasonal grass route on Monday, May 5, in Ward 1; Tuesday, May 6, in Ward 2; Wednesday, May 7, in Ward 3; and Thursday, May 8, in Ward 4. Collection times will be the same as last year. Only City of Pampa residents will be included in the service. Clippings should be gathered in bags of 50 pounds or less and must not include other debris or trash.

PAC SHOW & TEA

Pampa Art Club will host its 55th annual Art Show and

Guest Day Tea from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday, May 8, at Lovett Memorial Library. The event will include a variety of art in various mediums. For more information, call 665-4742.

ACT

The next ACT Assessment will be administered nationwide on Saturday, June 14. The post-mark deadline for college-bound high school students is May 9. The late postmark registration deadline is May 23. The late deadline will require an additional fee. For more information, visit www.act.org online or contact your school's guidance counselor.

TEXAS INTERNATIONAL

Mrs. Texas and Miss Teen Texas International pageant officials are seeking contestants for the 2003 competition slated May 9-11 at Waxahatchie. For more information or to receive an entry form, call (972) 617-5807 or e-mail pageants@flash.net.

VFW SOCK HOP

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post at 105 S. Cuyler will be the site of a sock hop May 10. Dinner will be served from 4-7 p.m., followed by the dance from 7-10. Admission is \$5 per person or \$7.50 per couple. Children under 12 in the company of a parent get in free. The meal is not included in the admission fee. The event, sponsored by Pampa VFW Post 1657 and High Plains Cruisers, is a fund-raiser for the post. Parking will be available on Main Street for classic automobiles.

TPA PENNING

A TPA Sanctioned Team Penning is scheduled for May 10 at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa. For more information, call Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at 669-0434.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

A Pampa Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee-sponsored "Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament" will be held May 17-18 at Pampa County Club and Hidden Hills Golf Course in Pampa. To participate, sign-up at either golf course. To sponsor a T-Box sign, contact the Chamber office at 669-3241.

HARRINGTON QUARTET

Harrington String Quartet will perform its 21st anniversary season in 2002-03. The quartet will perform four subscription concerts on the following date: May 17, 2003. For ticket information, call the Amarillo Symphony Box Office at (806) 376-8782.

EXPERIENCE WORKS

Experience Works, the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, is currently seeking nominations for Texas' most outstanding older worker. The winner will travel to Washington, D.C., in the fall for the Experience Works Prime Time Award Program. The deadline for nominations is May 30. To obtain a nomination form or for more information, call 1-800-880-5292.



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MEDICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.

MSAA. A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com on the Internet.

MS SOCIETY. The Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a monthly program for people with MS every third Thursday of each month. Some of the topics covered include: "Moving Forward: A Program for People Newly Diagnosed with MS," "When MS Progresses," "Intimacy and MS," "Life after Diagnosis: A Wellness Approach" and much more. A transcript is provided at the site after each program. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS or (806) 468-7500 or contact the National MS website at www.nmss.org and select Educational Programs.

Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation. MDFF seeks donations of old or slightly used vehicles for sale by the organization to raise funds to help individuals and families living with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular diseases covered under the program. MDFF's purpose is to provide wheelchairs, hospital beds, van lifts, breathing machines, clinic services and other items of aid to clients in need. For more information, call 1-800-544-1213.

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

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

Open Door AA. Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

Open Door Al-Anon. Open Door Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday each week at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-9702.

Outreach Health Services/WIC. Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

Panhandle Alliance for the Mentally Ill. A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

Pathways. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center

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

Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

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

Prescription Drug Booklet. The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet # PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

Princess Warriors. Princess Warriors, a support group for women with gynecologic cancer, meets at 5:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month in the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673 or (806) 934-2364.

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

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 Kames 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.

Tralee 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/fane, 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/oc-home.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.

Croatian Philatelic-Numismatic Society. The Croatian Philatelic-Numismatic Society is offering a sample copy of its quarterly stamp and coin journal, The Trumpeter.

Collectors should send 45 in U.S. currency, mint U.S. postage stamps or five international reply coupons to: The Trumpeter, P.O. box 696, Fritch-at-Lake Meredith, TX 79036-0696. For more information, e-mail ou812@arn.net.

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 "kid-nap-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.FearNotFoundation.org.

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.

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SUNDAY • APRIL 20, 2003

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Judge In Custody Case Is Guilty Of Dubious Conduct

DEAR ABBY: My brother, "Rick," recently went to court to get custody of his 1-year-old son. He and the boy's mother, "Ellen," never married. Rick was at work and without his knowledge Rick convinced her to return, then got a restraining order and filed for custody.

The judge ("Hizzoner") ruled in my brother's favor, giving him primary custody with joint legal custody. Immediately after the hearing, Hizzoner spoke with Ellen and invited her to come to work for him as a nanny for his children. He offered her room and board, tuition for college and the use of a vehicle. Ellen accepted and moved to the town where Hizzoner lives. The arrangement did not work out. Ellen didn't like his children and was homesick, so Hizzoner paid for Ellen to return home. Yesterday, he was in town and invited Ellen to lunch.

Abby: isn't this a conflict of interest? Isn't this unethical conduct? If Rick has to go back to court, wouldn't Hizzoner have to excuse himself from the case because following the original hearing he has kept in constant contact with the defendant?

APPALLED IN NEVADA

DEAR APPALLED: The answers to your questions are "yes," "yes" and "yes." And this whole story should be explained to whoever represents your brother at that time. Frankly, your story has raised more than a few eyebrows here in Califor-

nia — and I'm sure it will in other venues as well.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with my husband, "Lyle," and my ex, "Charlie." They work together. Lyle and I are newlyweds, and he knows only too well the misery I went through with Charlie. In spite of that, Lyle goes to Charlie's apartment for drinks almost every night after work.

I don't like it when Lyle goes out drinking instead of coming home after work. Charlie knows how I feel, yet he continues to invite Lyle over. I suspect Charlie is trying to cause problems — and it's working — for the simple reason that Lyle isn't smart enough to say no. Last night, Lyle went to Charlie's to "throw back a few." When he came home, we had a big fight and he said some very hurtful things to me. Then he stormed off in his truck. We haven't spoken since.

I am at the point where I want to tell Lyle that he needs to choose: me or my ex! What should I do?

SICK OF IT IN THE NORTHEAST

DEAR SICK OF IT: Although it's tempting, I'd recommend against giving your husband an ultimatum. If you do, it could be the end of your marriage. However, if you think this is history repeating itself, it might be time for you to rethink this recent marriage.

It's interesting that both of your husbands have made it a habit to drink after work. Since

it is having a negative impact on your present marriage, perhaps it's time for you to contact Al-Anon so that Lyle's problem does not become your problem.

DEAR ABBY: A reader once asked what your definition of love is. Richard Burton said it quite well: "Love is the highest form of tolerance."

ANNIE FROM FLORIDA

DEAR ANNIE: He ought to have known. He was not only a talented actor — he was tolerant more than once in his lifetime.

TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS: Happy Easter, everyone!

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.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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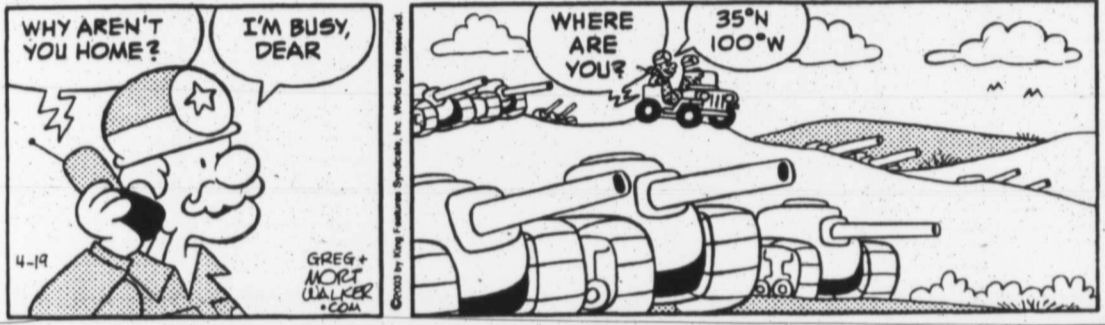
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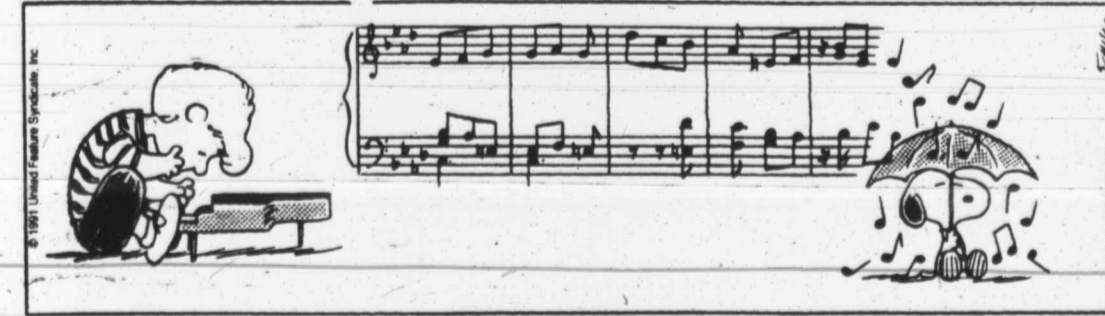
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 6 Silent bid
 - 7 "The West Wing" star
 - 8 Batter-dipped item
 - 9 Best
 - 10 Vacation spot
 - 11 Boxer's combination
 - 12 Browser button
 - 13 Not on the coast
 - 14 Periods
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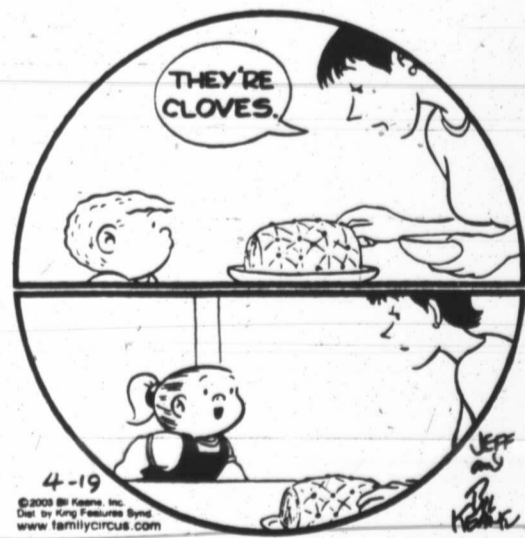


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Veneman: Grants now available for renewable energy initiatives

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced the availability of approximately \$44 million in grants that will support President Bush's energy plan to develop renewable energy and expand the economic prospects and environmental promise of biomass.

"These programs support the President's goal to enhance renewable energy supplies," said Veneman. "Developing alternative energy sources that reduce pollution and increase energy security is an important part of the Administration's overall energy policy."

Both programs were authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill and will be conducted in collaboration with the Department of Energy.

Veneman said that \$23 million is available from USDA's Rural Development for the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements programs to assist farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses develop renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements to their operations.

"This is a time of enormous transformation in American agriculture," said Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas Dorr. "We need to be bold in recognizing — and capitalizing on — new opportunities. Energy is unquestionably one of those areas that presents tremendous opportunities for economic gains and ultimately an improved quality of life."

"The Department of Energy is proud of our partnership with USDA to invest in rural America," said Assistant Secretary of Energy David K. Garman. "Whether for renewable energy systems or energy efficiency improvements, this investment will pay dividends to the whole of our country. Rural America can help to fulfill the promise of the President's National Energy Plan in expanding the nation's overall supply of clean and affordable energy for a new century of economic growth."

Applicants for the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements program must be agricultural producers or rural small businesses, U.S. citizens or legal residents, and have demonstrated financial need. Rural Development grant funds may be used to pay up to 25 percent of the eligible project costs. Eligible projects include those that derive energy from a wind, solar, biomass, or geothermal source, or hydrogen derived from biomass or water using wind, solar, or geothermal energy sources. Awards will be made on a competitive basis for the purchase of renewable energy systems and to

make energy improvements.

Detailed information about program requirements and information on how to apply will be available in the April 8, 2003 Federal Register. Additional information on the grant program and other USDA Rural Development programs can be obtained by visiting: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/>.

Through the Biomass Research and Development Initiative, \$21 million in grants are available to eligible entities to carry out research, development and demonstrations on biobased products, bioenergy, biofuels, biopower and related processes.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, on behalf of USDA and DOE, is requesting proposals for biomass research, development and demonstration projects. The solicitation package (USDA-GRANTS-031803-001) is posted on the federal funding opportunities website at <http://www.fedgrants.gov> <<http://www.fedgrants.gov/>> and in more detail at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov> <<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>> and <http://www.bioproducts-bioenergy.gov/>.

Proposals for this joint solicitation must be submitted by May 16, 2003, to USDA-NRCS, Management Services Division, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013-2890, Attn: Sheila Leonard.

Eligible applicants include private sector entities, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, national laboratories, federal and state research agencies and consortiums of two or more of these entities. Grants will be awarded competitively based on technical merit and program priorities identified in the solicitation package.

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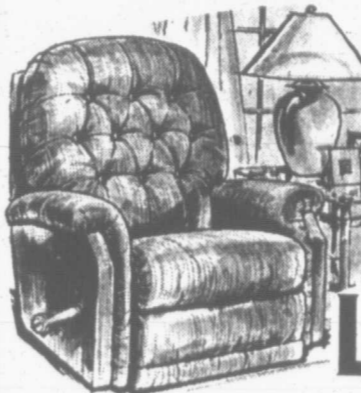
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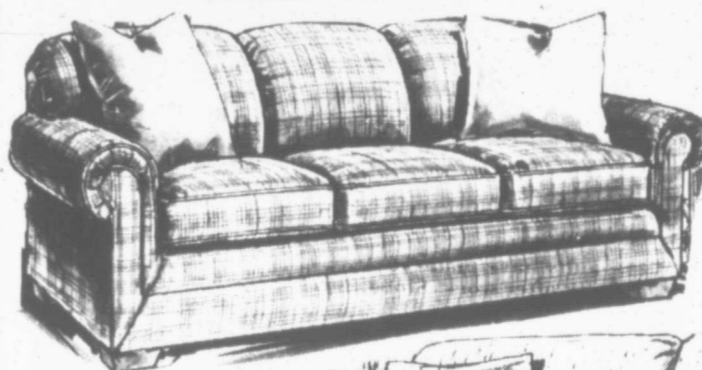


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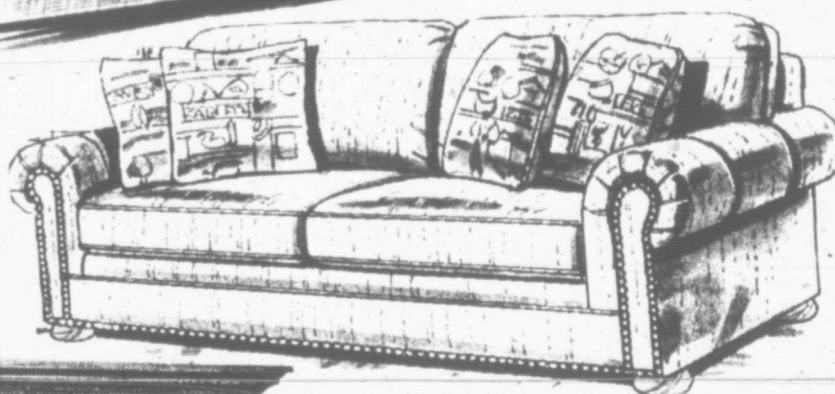
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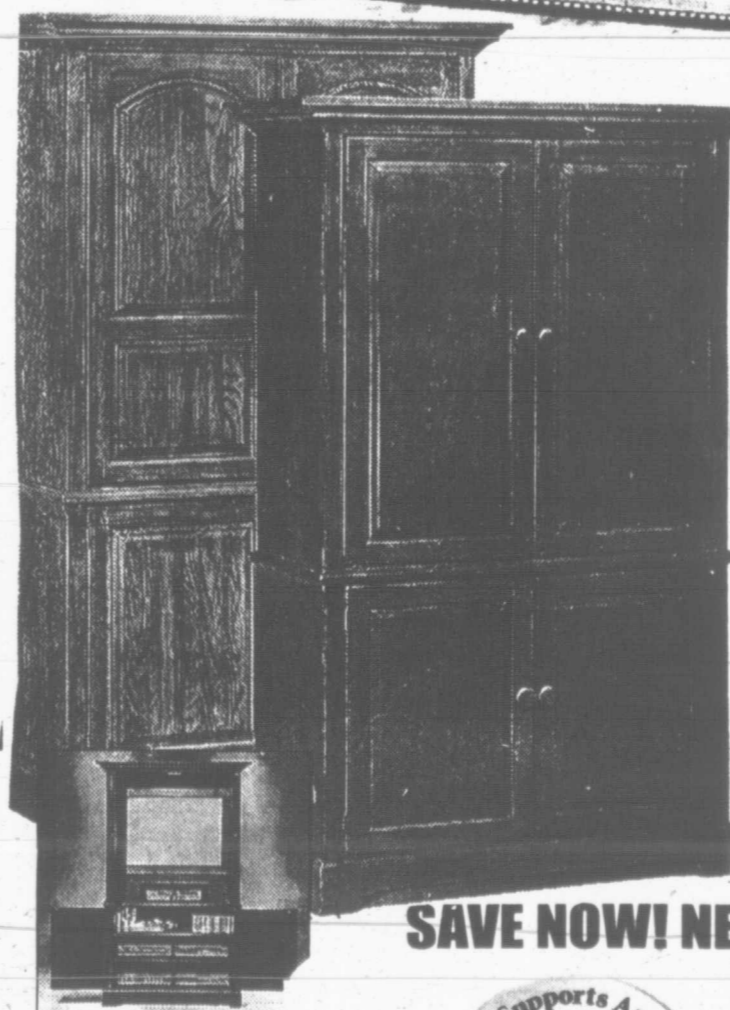
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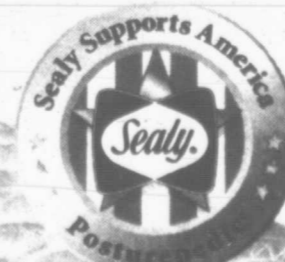
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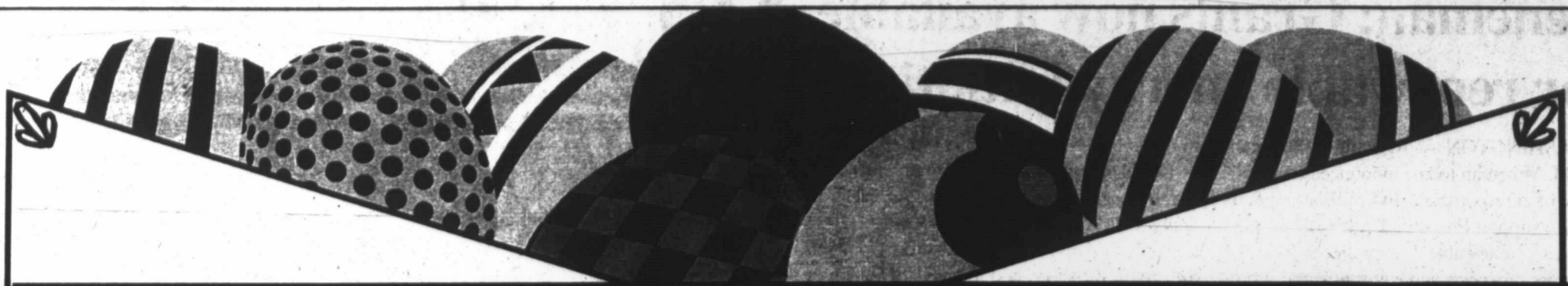
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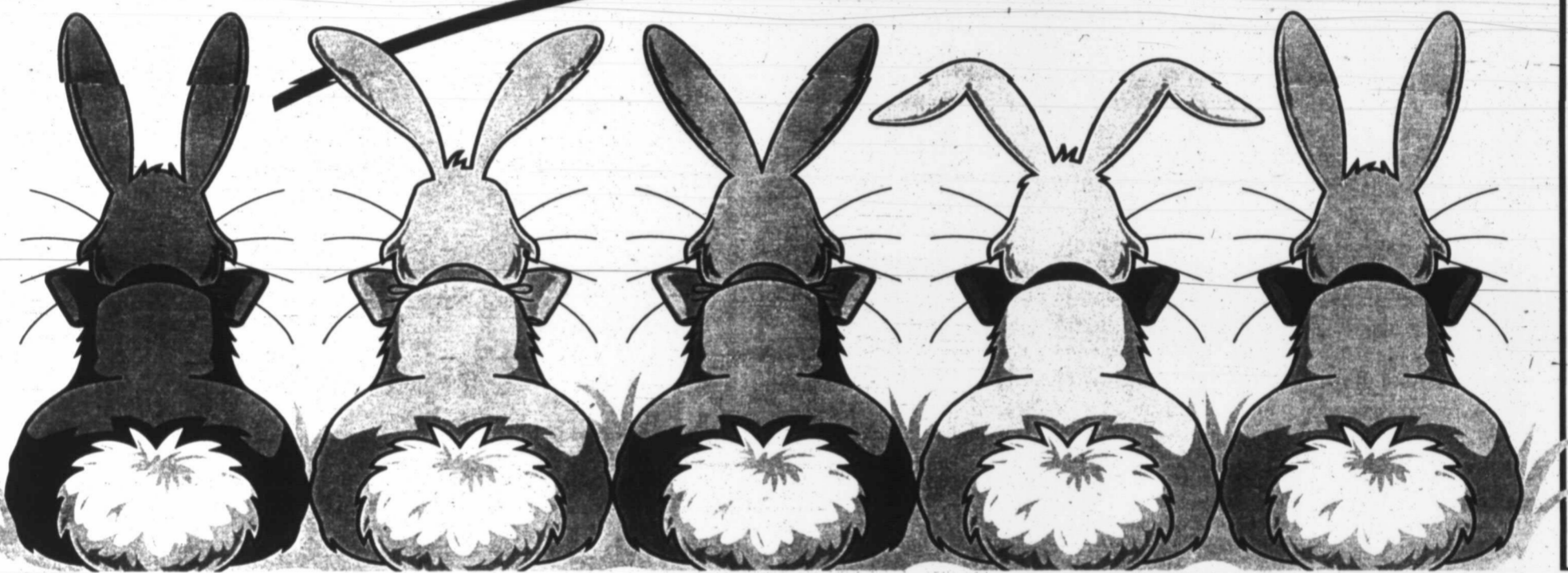
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ArchiTexas preparing master plan for restoration of drug store

BY LORALEE COOLEY
FOR THE NEWS

For the past year, the Board of Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie and other interested area residents have been researching history, asking questions, measuring, working and dreaming to come up with information for the Master Plan that is being prepared by ArchiTexas, the architectural firm which is working on the Gray County Courthouse restoration.

A grant from the McCarley Foundation in 2002 enabled the board to contract with ArchiTexas to begin development of the old Harris Drug Store, which they had purchased from Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Roden in 2001.

The Harris Drug Store, used by the Rodens' as a warehouse, had seen the beginnings of the

musical and artistic career of Woody Guthrie, the controversial and internationally-known folk musician who wrote the song, "This Land is Your Land." The chorus to this song has been made into a huge metal sculpture by local artist Rusty Neef in Coronado Park along Highway 70 (Hobart Street) here in Pampa.

Guthrie moved to Pampa from Okemah, Okla., in 1929 at the age of 17 to live with his father after his mother was institutionalized with what was later known as Huntington's Disease. This debilitating ailment, passed from parent to child, later killed two of Guthrie's own children before he himself became a victim and died of it in 1967 at the age of 55.

Additional grants during 2002 from the M.K. Brown Foundation and the David and

Nona Payne Foundation are being used to upgrade plumbing and heating as well as allow the building to be used for occasional events.

The Harris Drug Store — now officially called "Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center of Pampa, Texas" through a license agreement with the Woody Guthrie Foundation in New York City — was the site for the Reader's Theatre production "THIS LAND," presented in April and October 2002 to help celebrate the Gray County Centennial.

It also served as the location for a musical jam session in November, to introduce John Morthland, music writer for the Texas Monthly magazine, to area musicians when he came to Pampa to do research for an article on Woody Guthrie and Pampa. This article appeared in the March 2003 issue of Texas

Monthly. ArchiTexas will soon have completed the Master Plan that Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie can use in applying for major funding with corporations and large foundations to undertake the renovation and adaptation of the old Harris Drug Store. Their dream is to use the building as a combination museum and performance venue.

The museum area would tell the story of the "blue-collar" area of Pampa on South Cuyler Street when Guthrie lived there as well as something of Guthrie's life as a musician who influenced such performers as Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen, as a veteran who served in the Merchant Marines during the Second World War and as the victim of a terminal illness which may have affected him from his late 20s.

The performance area will be used by local musicians for informal jam sessions as well as by visiting artists who would like to perform in the very building where Guthrie got his musical start.

An urgent project is now under way to complete the front facade of the building so that it appears much as it would have in the 1930s when Guthrie worked there. The necessity for doing this now, is to have the building facade ready for the June 6-8 videotaping of Pampa by the Discover America cable television channel.

Two advisory board members, John Forister and Lloyd Harvey, recently did a test installation of an original door, which the Rodens fortunately kept when they purchased the building. This door, thought to be the door used in the south portion of the Harris Drug Store at 320 S.



(Courtesy photo)

Lloyd Harvey, left, and John Forister ease what is believed to be the original door from the historic Harris Drug Store toward the door frame.

Cuyler. will eventually be visible from the street once the board-and-batten siding now in place has been removed.

Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie, check out its new web site, prepared by board member Seth Davidson, at www.pampatribute.org.

CLUB NEWS

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

DAR

"Water and the Future of the Texas Panhandle," a PBS video narrated by Bill Moyers, was the program topic at a recent meeting of the local chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The President General's message was delivered by Carolyn Genik; flag report by Donna Burger; Native Americans by Donna Clyde; conservation and constitution by Mary Cantrell; and national defense by Louisa Britton.

—Nancy Coffee, regent, led discussion on the chapter's proposed cemetery booklet project for Gray County.

The next meeting will be an installation luncheon May 1 at the home of Willie Mae Mangold.

GCAP

Gray County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies met March 21 in the

Medical Office Building at Pampa Regional Medical Center with Joan Gray presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

—Audra Rios presented information about the Women's Health Clinic.

—The 2Care for Moms program honored Norman Stephens, CEO of PRMC, for his help and support with the program.

—Gray reported on the success of the Car Seat Safety Checkup and expressed appreciation to Judith Loyd for her efforts in distributing flyers.

—A Southern Living at Home Fund-raiser is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 29, at Zion Lutheran Church. All orders must be turned in by Thursday, April 24.

—Holly Hancock announced the Car Seat Safety proposal had been submitted for \$1,000. Loyd is certified to check car seats.

—Loyd reported on her booth at the health fair and the new mother support groups.

No meeting is scheduled in April. The next meeting will be from 12-1 p.m., May 16 in the second floor conference room of PRMC's MOB. Jana Wesson with Worth the Wait will deliver the program.

Timeless Treasures

Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will meet at 10 a.m., April 26, at Senior Citizens Center in Guymon, Okla.

A trunk show, provided by Boise City Guild, will be presented in the morning, and "Thangles," the no math way to make half-square triangles, will be delivered in the afternoon.

The afternoon class requires participants bring a sewing machine and notions for a table runner measuring 14-inches by 38-inches.

The event will also include a variety of vendors with material for sale.

Participants are urged to bring a dish for a potluck noon meal. Coffee and other refreshments will be served before the morning meeting. Visitors are welcome.

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Texas	7	10	.412	3

Williams extends scoreless streak as Cards defeats Diamondbacks

By the Associated Press

With Woody Williams putting up more zeros, the St. Louis Cardinals proved they're still better than Arizona.

Williams pitched seven shutout innings to extend his scoreless streak this season to 19 2-3 innings as the Cardinals beat the Diamondbacks 6-3 Friday night for their fifth victory in six games.

"It's a nice streak I'm on, but it can't last forever," Williams said. "The bottom line is I try to go out there every inning and put up a zero, and right now it's working."

Edgar Renteria homered and doubled and Tino Martinez had two hits, a walk and an RBI for St. Louis in the first meeting against Arizona since the Cardinals swept the Diamondbacks in the first round of the playoffs.

Arizona fell to 5-12 this season.

"We've got to get some of those compasses they have on their bats," Diamondbacks manager Bob Brenly said. "I never saw so many balls find gaps in my life."

"It seemed like everything they hit in the first couple of innings was either in a gap or down the line."

In other NL games, it was San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 1; Colorado 12, San Diego 1; Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 4; Chicago 7, Pittsburgh 2; New York 6, Florida 3; and Houston 11, Milwaukee 5.

The game between Cincinnati and Montreal in San Juan, Puerto Rico, was rained out and will be made up as part of a day-night doubleheader Saturday.

Williams (3-0) didn't allow a baserunner until he hit David Delluc to start the fifth and didn't allow a hit until Lyle Overbay's broken-bat single to the opposite field with one out in the fifth. He struck out five and walked none and has not allowed a run in three starts this season.

Shanklin dead at 55

DeSoto, Texas (AP) — Ron Shanklin, former Pro Bowl receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers, died after battling colon cancer for the past 2 1/2 years.

Shanklin died Thursday morning at his home in DeSoto, a south Dallas suburb, his wife, Linda, told The Associated Press. He was 55.

Shanklin was the second player ever drafted by Pittsburgh coach Chuck Noll — right after quarterback Terry Bradshaw.

Shanklin led the Steelers in receptions each of his first three seasons (1971-73) until 1974, when he split time with future Hall of Famer Lynn Swann.

Williams is 19-5 since the Cardinals acquired him from the Padres in August 2001 and has allowed three or fewer runs in 26 of his last 27 regular-season starts. During that span, he has a 1.86 ERA.

"I think if he ever comes out there in a Cardinal uniform and doesn't have real good stuff and real good location, we're all going to pass out," manager Tony La Russa said. "We're getting so used to him doing exactly that."

"That is a dangerous lineup and he made great pitches when he had to, and he's been doing it every time."

Diamondbacks starter Elmer Dessens (1-2) allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings.

Giants 5, Dodgers 1

At Los Angeles, Marquis Grissom homered against his former team and Jason Schmidt (2-0) pitched into the eighth inning as San Francisco improved to 14-2.

J.T. Snow drove in three runs for the Giants, who improved to 7-0 on the road for the first time in franchise history. They're off to their best 16-game start since the 1918 New York Giants opened 18-1.

San Francisco is the 10th team since 1900 to win 14 of its first 16 games.

Kevin Brown (1-1) gave up five runs on eight hits in five innings.

Rockies 12, Padres 1

At Denver, Aaron Cook came within one out of the 13th complete-game shutout in Coors Field history and had three hits of his own as Colorado beat San Diego.

Cook (1-1) allowed five hits and only one runner past first base until the ninth inning when the Padres scored on Shane Victorino's sacrifice fly.

Chris Stynes, Jay Payton and Preston Wilson homered for the Rockies.

Braves 5, Phillies 4

At Atlanta, the Braves rallied

for their fifth straight victory after another mediocre outing from Greg Maddux.

Vinny Castilla's two-run double capped a four-run sixth inning for the Braves, who climbed above .500 (9-8) for the first time this season and within a half-game of first-place Montreal in the NL East.

Maddux gave up four runs — three earned — and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Cubs 7, Pirates 2

At Pittsburgh, Hee Seop Choi's two-run double helped Chicago open a four-run lead before Kris Benson (2-2) retired a batter, and Matt Clement limited Pittsburgh to two hits over seven innings.

The Cubs failed to score in double digits, as they did in their previous three games, but still won their fourth in a row to maintain their NL Central lead.

Given a 4-0 lead before taking the mound, Clement (2-1) made his third successive strong start by striking out 10 and walking three.

Mets 6, Marlins 3

At New York, Tony Clark hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning off Vladimir Nunez (0-2) for his first career pinch home to lead New York.

Mo Vaughn and Mike Piazza also knocked in runs for the Mets, who have won three of four following a six-game losing streak. Ty Wigginton tied it at 3 with a two-out RBI single in the seventh.

David Weathers (1-0) got the win and Armando Benitez pitched the ninth for his fifth save in eight chances.

Astros 11, Brewers 5

At Milwaukee, Morgan Ensberg homered and capped a six-run fourth inning with a two-run single off Glendon Rusch (1-2) as Houston beat Milwaukee.

Roy Oswalt (2-1) struggled for the second consecutive start, but notched his first victory since opening day. Oswalt allowed four runs and eight hits in five innings and has allowed 14 runs his past two starts.

Texas Tech drops 10-8 decision to K-State

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Zack Saunders hit two home runs, including a two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning, to end Kansas State's 16-game losing streak with a 10-8 win over Texas Tech.

The Wildcats led 8-5 entering the seventh inning, but the Red Raiders scored

once in the seventh and twice in the eighth to tie the game.

The losing streak looked like it might continue, but Saunders, who was 3-for-5 and drove in five runs, homered off Texas Tech reliever Jeff Karstens (7-3) with one out to end the game and the longest losing streak in school history.

Kansas State starter Kevin Melcher allowed eight hits and six runs in 6 1-3 innings. Reliever Eric Rollins (3-2) picked up the win.



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Both Karissa Intemann and Valerie Velez were named Pampa Lions Club Sweethearts of the Month for March.

Karissa is the daughter of Robin and Denise Intemann of Pampa. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: Student council (two years); volleyball team (freshman, sophomore years); softball team (freshman, sophomore years); PHS Women's Choir (two years); Concert Choir; Show Choir; D-FY-IT (four years); ASTRA Club; student body reporter; Outstanding Show Choir Member Award; Concert Choir co-president.

Female lead in PHS musical "Grease" (junior year); female lead in "The Wiz"; Texas All-State Mixed Choir; participant in Texas Music Education Association Convention-San Antonio (2003); National Honor Society (two years); D-FY-IT Advisory Board-secretary; Who's Who Among American High School Students; National Honor Roll; All-American Scholar; USAA National Leadership Merit Award; USAA National Student Council Award; PHS honor student (top 10 percent of class).

Karissa is an active member of First Baptist Church Youth Group. She plans to pursue a degree in either music business or music therapy at West Texas A&M University.

Valerie is the daughter of Rudy and Vickie Velez of Pampa. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: UIL Spelling (junior year); PHS basketball team (four years); cheerleader (three years); soccer; D-FY-IT; National Honor Roll (two years); All-American

Scholar (two years); basketball senior captain; second All-District basketball team; KGRO Leadership Award; senior cheerleading captain; student body vice president; National Minority Leadership Award; National Leadership and Service Award; USAA National Leadership Merit Award; USAA National Student Council Award; and

Children's Shopping Tour and Special Olympics volunteer.

Valerie is active in her church and will graduate from the Distinguished Honors Program at PHS, ranking 41st in her class. She plans to major in biochemistry or biology at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Her goal is to become an optometrist.



Karissa Intemann



Valerie Velez

Business workshops set at West Texas A&M to target small business owners

CANYON — Small business owners who are interested in learning more about peak efficiency, proven store layouts, electronic marketing and much more need look no farther than Tuesday, May 6, when West Texas A&M University's Small Business Development Center co-presents the Amarillo Business Connection Business Workshops.

Touted as "a one-day event for business minded people," the workshops feature nine diverse programs. They are being offered from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6 at the Amarillo Civic Center in conjunction with Business Connection 2003, the annual business-to-business trade show sponsored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

"These programs are targeted at small business owners and managers of small businesses, but anybody is welcome to take part," P.J. Pronger, director of the Small Business Development Center, said. "Each of our speakers comes very highly recommended."

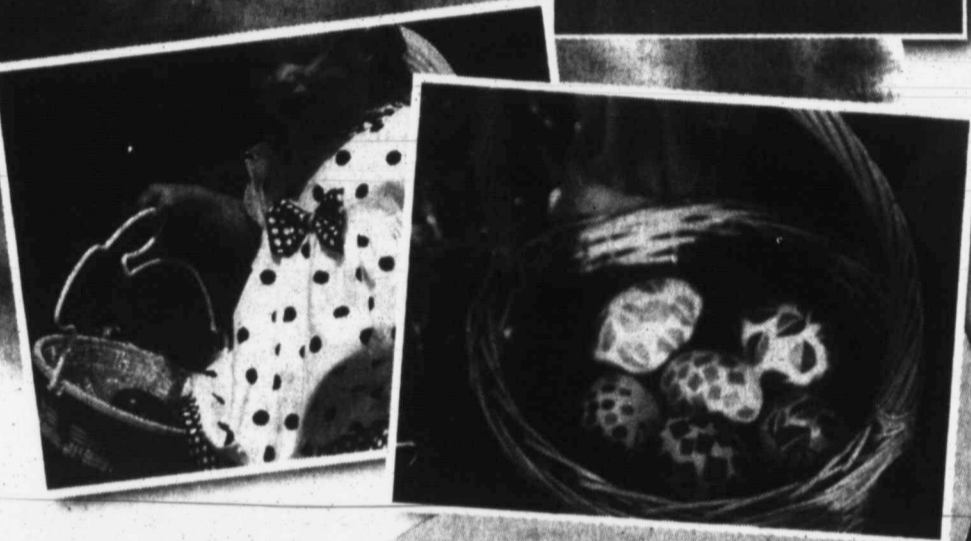
Anyone who registers for as many as four hours of programing will receive a discount and pay only \$99. Persons not satisfied with any program will have their money refunded.

The Business Workshops are being co-sponsored by WTAMU, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and AMATechTel. To register, go online at www.wehelpsmallbusiness.com or call 806-372-5151.

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NEWSMAKERS

Carol Sparkman Peters

IRVING — Exxon Mobil Corporation, headquartered in Irving, recently announced that, effective June 1, Pampa native **Carol Sparkman Peters** has been promoted to tax manager, Esso Australia Pty., Ltd., located in Melbourne, Australia.

Peters is currently advisor, Investor Relations, Exxon Mobil Corp., Irving.

Mrs. Peters is the daughter of Roy C. Sparkman of Pampa and the late Margaret Riley Sparkman, a longtime teacher in the Pampa school system.

Mrs. Peters graduated from Pampa High School. She holds a bachelor's of business administration degree from the University of North Texas and a J.D. specializing in international tax from Southern Methodist University.

Her professional career has been with Exxon Corp. in Houston; Ernst and Young in Boston and Dallas; and, most recently, Exxon Mobil in Irving.

Peters presently resides in Plano with husband Jeff and their two children, Thomas, 9, and Alison, 7.



Michael Pergeson

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced **Michael Pergeson** was a USAA award-winner in "Leadership and Service" and "Student Council."

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Pergeson, a student at Pampa High School, was nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Pergeson, a sophomore at PHS, is the son of Steve and Diane Lumley of Pampa and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe McFall of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pergeson and Pauline Hines, all of Prairie Grove, Ark.

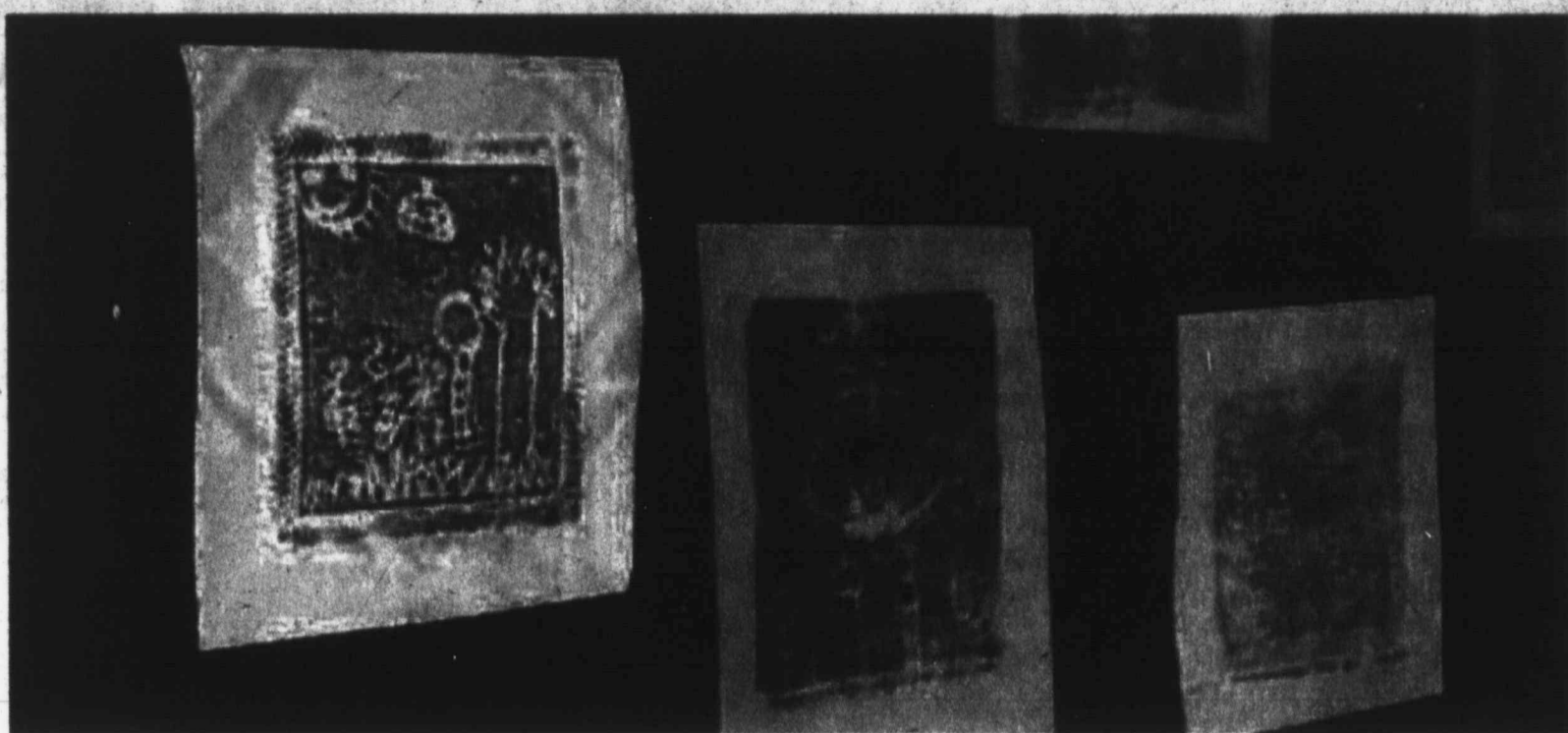
LUBBOCK — **Kristi Farnum** of Pampa was recently awarded the Mary Watson Nettleton Memorial Scholarship for the 2003-04 academic year at Texas Tech University.

The scholarship — in the amount of \$1,000 — is given in recognition of high academic achievement and university and community involvement.

Farnum, a freshman enrolled in the College of Human Sciences at TTU, is majoring in family and consumer sciences education.

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Airman **William T. Griffin**, son of

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(Pampa News photo)

Example of prints made from Styrofoam "blocks." The children etched designs in Styrofoam and made prints from them. These examples are from Lamar Elementary where Artist in Residence Janice Sackett ended up her yearlong program.

Longtime educator PISD's 2003 Artist in Residence

BY SKYLA BRYANT
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Though she initially elected to pursue a degree in theater, **Janice Sackett**, Artist in Residence for Pampa Independent School District, soon discovered she had more in common with Georgia O'Keeffe than Sarah Bernhardt.

"I liked painting the sets better than acting!" Mrs. Sackett said, so she switched her primary focus of study to the visual arts, earning a bachelor's of science degree, double major, in art education and commercial art from West Texas State University in 1957 and a master's of fine arts degree in pottery and jewelry making from WTSU in 1979.

Sackett also possesses multi-level teaching certificates with the State of Texas

and is certified by World Organization of China Painting Teachers and Texas Porcelain Art Teachers.

Sackett said she was invited by the local school system to serve as Artist in Residence for 2003 and seems to have found her year-long adventure fun and challenging. She was wrapping up the program, funded by Texas Commission on the Arts, at Lamar Elementary this past week.

Sackett brought with her to the Artist in Residence program her extensive knowledge and background as a teacher, incorporating into her curriculum lessons taught to the students in their regular classrooms and introducing each project with a bit of art history.

Sackett headed up

the art department at Pampa High School for 27 years, retiring in 1988.

As part of the TCA program, Sackett said,

and another 20 hours in the classroom.

Lest you think a 40-hour work week isn't enough, "there's a lot of paperwork

through fifth grades, something she explained, that is not required by TCA but she felt was necessary even though she could



(Pampa News photo)

Artist in Residence Janice Sackett hard at work in the classroom.

she spent four weeks at each of the four PISD elementary schools and was required by TCA to put in 20 hours a week in her studio

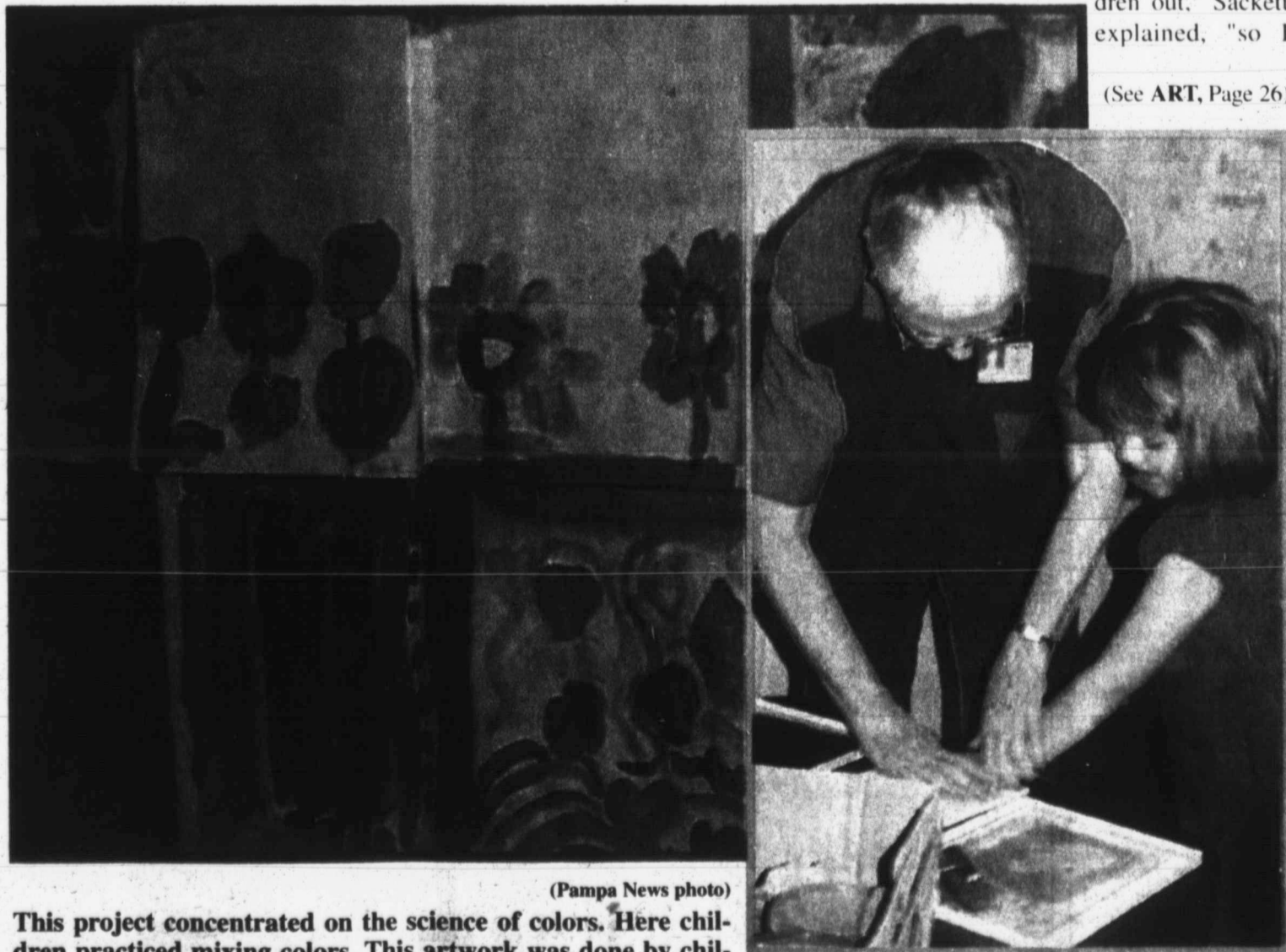
involved," Sackett added.

Sackett said when she came to the program she decided to work with Head Start

simply have chosen to concentrate on the upper grades instead — third, fourth and fifth.

"I don't want to leave any of the children out," Sackett explained, "so I

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(Pampa News photo)

This project concentrated on the science of colors. Here children practiced mixing colors. This artwork was done by children at Lamar Elementary.

(Pampa News photo)

Janice Sackett helps Lamar kindergartner Shaylee Basden with her hand-print.

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LIFESTYLES

WEDDINGS

Horton-Tidwell

Juniã Horton and Jeff Tidwell, both of Pampa, were wed April 4 at Central Baptist Church of Pampa with Rick Parnell, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Sarah Elliott of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Brenda Thomason, sister of the groom, and Becky Cadena, both of Pampa. The flower girl was Chantelle Brewer, daughter of the bride, and Laci Tidwell, niece of the groom, both of Pampa.

The best man was Jimmy Fossett of Pampa. The groomsmen were Raymond Ponce and Don Tidwell, father of the groom, both of Pampa. The ring bearer was Jacob Tidwell, son of the groom of Amarillo.

The ushers were Jeremy Sublett of Miami, David Bolch, brother of the bride, and Jeremy Elliott, both of Pampa. The candlelighters were Robbic Tidwell, nephew of the groom, and Korbin Rameriz, cousin of the bride, both of Pampa.

Registering the guests was Kaitlynn Rameriz, cousin of the bride of Pampa.

Music was provided by pianist Amy Parnell.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Annette Chase of Pampa, Carla Cogdell of Panhandle and LuAnn Gallon of Amarillo serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Sherry Bolch of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Shannon Horton and the late L.E. Horton of Pampa. She is currently employed as manager of Mr. D's Amusements in Pampa.

The groom is the son of Don and Dianna Tidwell of Pampa and is the grandson of Artie Tidwell and the late J.T. Tidwell of Wheeler and Jean and James Hammer of Bowie. He is currently employed with the City of Pampa.



Junia Horton and Jeff Tidwell

The couple planned a honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nev., and intend to live in Pampa.

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NEWSMAKERS

Christine Griffin of Pampa, recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the recruits studied Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; participated in physical training; and received instruction in rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and more.

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

Griffin graduated from Pampa High School in 2002.

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Marine Corps Cpl. **Josh B. Acuna**, son of Debbie Ann and Antonio Acuna of McLean, recently landed on the shore of Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned

to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based at Camp Lejeune.

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

Amphibious Ready Group.

The 24th MEU has been deployed for more than seven months. During the deployment, Acuna's unit has participated in training, humanitarian assistance and peace support

operations in Spain, Italy, Kosovo, Kenya and Djibouti, Africa.

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

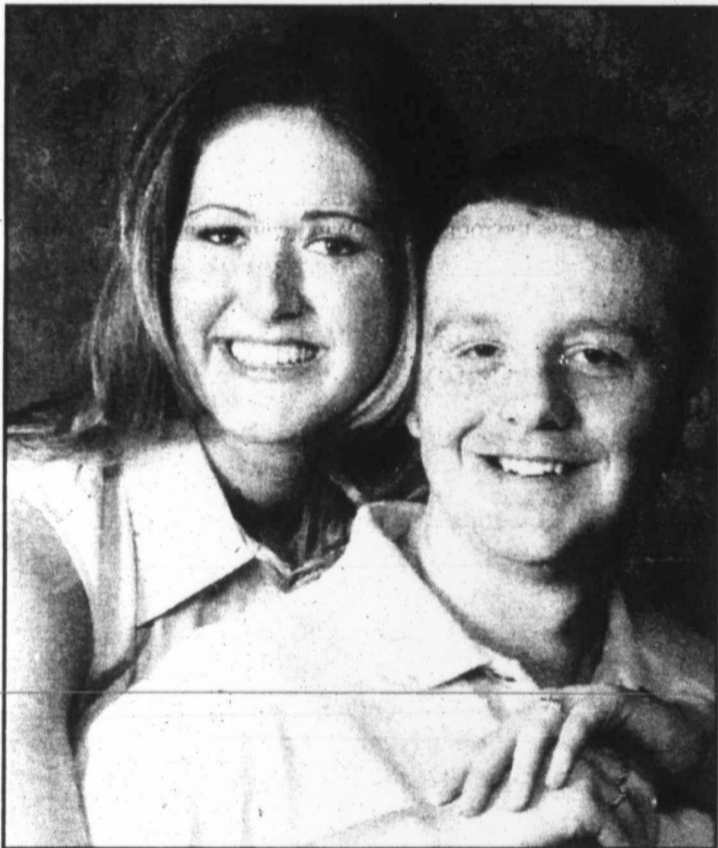
ENGAGEMENTS

Hampton-Been

Lindsey Danielle Hampton and Brad Justin Been plan to wed July 19 at Victor Williams Home in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jimmy Hampton and Brenda Hampton of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2001 and is currently a junior at West Texas A&M University where she is employed by STARR Center.

The prospective groom is the son of Alan Been and Pam Been of Pampa. He graduated from Frank Phillips College in Borger in 1999 and is currently employed by Titan Specialties Ltd. as a quality controller in its Instrument Division.



Lindsey Hampton and Brad Been

MENUS

WEEK OF APRIL 21-25

Pampa Schools	chicken/ham tetrazinni, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, German chocolate cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
MONDAY Holiday.	TUESDAY Taco salad or chicken breasts/rice, onion potatoes, California blend, fried okra, beans, Boston cream pie or apple raisin cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Pizza dippers or burritos, green beans, carrots, pineapple.	TUESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baked cabbage, squash casserole, beans, watergate cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Donuts, sausage. Lunch: Polish sausage on a bun or cheese nachos, French fries, salad, fresh fruit.	WEDNESDAY Chicken strips or ham salad, criss cross potatoes, succotash, turnip greens, beans, black forest cake or banana cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY Breakfast: Toast, jelly. Lunch: Cheeseburger pockets or hot dogs, English peas, corn, apricot blooming cake.	FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or Swedish meat balls/noodles, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Soft beef taco or pizza, western beans, Spanish rice, lettuce/tomatoes, applesauce.	Meals On Wheels
Lefors Schools	MONDAY Pork roast, sweet potatoes, green beans, cake.
MONDAY No school.	TUESDAY Burrito/chili, pinto beans, Spanish rice, jello.
TUESDAY Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joes or chicken sandwich, French fries, beans, salad bar, fruit, milk.	WEDNESDAY Chicken/rice casserole, corn, broccoli, cookies.
WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza or chicken nuggets, corn, salad bar, fruit, milk.	THURSDAY Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, applesauce.
THURSDAY Breakfast: Pancake-on-a-stick, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken teriyaki, egg roll, rice, mixed vegetables, salad bar, fruit, milk.	FRIDAY Tuna salad, cottage cheese/pears, pickled beets, crackers, candy.
FRIDAY Breakfast: Yogurt, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, potato salad, slaw, beans, fruit, milk.	
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Storytelling workshop scheduled at university

CANYON — All sorts of tales will be told during the West Texas A&M University Panhandle Storytelling Guild's annual workshop and concert on Friday, April 25 on the WTAMU campus. This year's event will follow a "Many Cultures — One Voice" theme with featured professional storyteller

Padraic Keohane of Albuquerque, N.M. Keohane will kick off the day's events with a storytelling workshop for students and community members from 3-5 p.m. in the Legends room of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

A storytelling concert is slated to begin at 7 p.m. in the Intimate Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Building on the WTAMU campus. Keohane will join students from WTAMU and Amarillo College to present the concert. University students who will both produce and perform include George Pacheco, a senior speech communication major from Hereford; Kellie Sanders, a graduate student in education from Amarillo; Ellen Younger, a graduate student in communications from Amarillo, and Doneric Norwood, a graduate student in communications from Ft. Worth. Students from Amarillo College performing under the direction of Judy Carter include Blythe Chapman, Kendra Day, Michael Miller, Brandi Montgomery and Bonita Ramsey.

Keohane, a native of New York, is an author, performer and radio personality. He has performed at the Taos Storytelling Festival, the Voices of the Wind Storytelling Festival and can be heard giving the Wednesday edition of the news on KUMN in Albuquerque.

The "Many Cultures — One Voice" storytelling workshop and festival is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. To reserve a spot for either the workshop or concert, call Dr. Trudy Hanson at 806-651-2800.

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OB/GYN Update
by Otoniel Huertas, M.D.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW
The importance of folic acid in reducing birth defects does not seem to be getting through to those to whom it matters most - women of childbearing age. A recent survey by the March of Dimes shows that 70% of American women of childbearing age fail to take the vitamin daily, and only 20% are even aware that folic acid prevents birth defects. Even fewer (10%) report being aware of the most important condition of folic acid's role in preventing birth defects. Specifically, it must be taken in the months before becoming pregnant (and in early pregnancy) to be fully beneficial. Folic acid has been strongly linked with preventing serious birth defects of the brain and spine (neural tube defects). It is now known that folic acid provides other benefits to women's health; therefore, a vitamin supplement containing the recommended daily allowance of this vitamin is also advisable for women without any immediate plans to conceive a baby. If you do plan to start a family, please consider adding this in advance of need. For your OB/GYN care, phone my office at 806-273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan, Borger. New patients are welcome.

Dr. Huertas

P.S. The March of Dimes estimated that widespread use of folic acid by most women in childbearing years could reduce neural tube defects by up to 70%.

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CRADLE CALL



Hunter Allen Henderson

Hunter Henderson

Hunter Allen Henderson was born at 9:12 a.m., March 31, at Golden Plains Hospital in Borger, to Mark and Wendy Henderson of Pampa. Hunter weighed 8-pounds, 6-ounces at birth and was 20 1/4-inches long.

He is the brother of Makenna Henderson of Pampa, is the grandson of John and Joe Henderson and Wendel and Linda Winkleblack, all of Pampa, and is the great-grandson of Juanita Wood and Frank Winkleblack, both of Pampa.



Aidan M. Gindorf

Aidan Gindorf

Aidan Max Gindorf was born at 3:24 p.m., April 7, at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, to Hank and Jennifer Gindorf of Houston. The baby weighed 8-

pounds at birth and was 20.5-inches long. Grandparents are Jack and Cindy Gindorf of Austin, formerly of Pampa, and Gabe and Tory Arriaga of Houston.



Kara Addison Owens

Kara Owens

Kara Addison Owens was born at 12:45 p.m., March 9, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, to Troy and Holly Owens of Pampa.

1/2-inches long. She is the sister of Hannah Owens of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Beckie McNeece of Vernon, and Gerrel and Jerry Owens and Donna and Dan Daugherty, all of Pampa.

Carve out a stress-free place in your life

BY AMBER NIMOCKS
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

FORT WORTH (AP) — Imagine a place that is completely yours.

Where every day — if for just a few moments — you could sit quietly and listen to the songs of the birds or the wind through the trees or the beating of your own heart. Where you could send up prayers, scribble down thoughts or simply ponder the wonder of being.

Call it your sacred space, your meditation spot. Or, if those labels smack too much of mysticism, call it your quiet place. Because no matter what you call it, once you've carved out a spot designed especially for moments of reflection, it will call to you.

"It's not a lot," says Lela Woods of the patio porch she has surrounded with plants and mementos, "but I just know that whenever I come out here, even if it's just walking through on the way to work, it gives me something."

A mother of two teenagers, Woods runs a frame shop that she and her husband own. Her sacred space sits on the concrete walkway outside her front door. In other hands, it could be nothing more than a covered thoroughway, but over the years, Woods has stamped it as hers with flowers, trees and knickknacks.

This is the idea behind creating a sacred space: to forge an environment that is both relaxing and meaningful to you. It need not be elaborate or grand. Small spaces lend themselves readily to this.

In some cases, the space may be shared by a community. In the newly renovated Cancer Care Services building in Fort Worth's hospital district, designers from Pier 1 used two plump armchairs and well-placed, Asian-inspired objects of art to turn what was originally slated to be a bathroom into a meditation room.

And it need not be an entire room. In her book "Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy" (Warner Books, \$18.95), Sarah Ban Breathnach describes how she created a meditation spot at the foot of her bed, using a bench that had been on its way to the garbage pile. After covering it with a linen and lace tablecloth, she adorned it with items that recall powerful forces in her life: a pillar candle, a lithograph of an angel, pictures of family and pets, crystals and a vase for fresh flowers.

For years, Ban Breathnach had resisted the urge to create a sacred space for herself, con-

vinced that she had neither the need nor the room and afraid that her family would think the idea weird. But in her book she counsels: "Don't think it will work for other women, but not for you. Today, all I ask is that you be open to allowing a creative, sacred space to come into your world."

Brooke Kimberley heard her meditation room calling from inside a garage apartment in her back yard. A yoga instructor who teaches at Soul Fitness and gives private Ashtanga yoga lessons, she had long wanted a place to practice on her own.

Originally, Kimberley's plan was simply to clear space for a couple of yoga mats in the apartment behind the Arlington Heights house that she shares with her partner Curt Hinkle. Inspiration soon took over.

She covered one wall with mirrors, which she uses to teach poses, and chose a soothing celery-sage color for the walls.

To provide glow, she lined the perimeter of the hardwood floor with rope lights and used several silk plants covered in twinkle lights. Essential-oil burners cast small patches of circular light around the room. Above the corner fireplace hangs an iridescent metal cutout of the symbol for the meditative word "om."

The combined effects of spare decor and low light create a calm oasis.

At Cancer Care Services, designers created a refuge in the middle of the busy office building using a windowless, 10-by-12-foot room. The arrangement of furniture and choice of acces-

sories erase the space's stark, closetlike qualities.

A pair of cinnamon-colored armchairs with soft gold pillows face each other, so close that two people sitting in them could easily lean forward and touch one another. A dark wood cabinet with brass, Asian-inspired details bears a set of chimes and a lamp with a bamboo shade.

A fountain bubbles on a stand. A tall silk palm stretches from a 3-foot vase. Two prints of cherry blossoms and palms hang above the cabinet. The light stone color of the walls and the moss-green carpet contribute to the restful atmosphere.

Margie Miller, director of development, says the room will serve as a quiet haven where cancer patients can sit alone or with a counselor to gather emotional strength.

Lela Woods also relies on her sacred space as an escape. Although her children, their friends and her husband often traipse through on their way in and out of the house, somehow they know to respect the time she spends there.

"It never occurred to me to

say 'Don't bother me here,'" she says. "It just happened."

Seventeen years ago, Woods planted three pine trees in front of the porch of her south Fort Worth home. Two of them survived, and today they provide a sort of third wall for the L-shaped porch. The trees offer shade for the flagstone patio and a screen that creates a feeling of seclusion from the street and the neighbors' house.

A couple of wrought-iron chairs sit beside a shelf of meaningful trinkets — her children's clay creations, a vase that reminds her of her recently deceased father-in-law — and a table with a candle and a book of meditations. Wind chimes tinkle and a small fountain gurgles. Terra-cotta pots of herbs and plants form a semi-circle around the flagstone patio.

For Woods, sacred space can occur almost anywhere.

"Sometimes it's created," she says, "and sometimes you just recognize when you're in it." Wherever it is, it belongs to you.

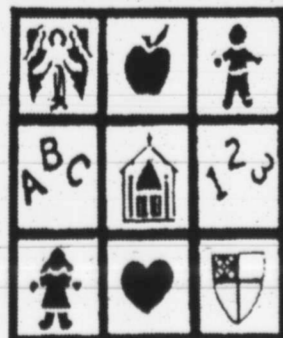
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Scientists link gene with aging disease

By PAUL RECER
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — For more than 100 years, scientists have been fascinated and puzzled by a very rare disorder that turns children into old people and causes them to die as teenagers of diseases that usually affect only the elderly.

The disorder, called Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome, strikes only rarely, but its medical course of fast and unrelenting aging is devastating and incurable.

Now, researchers announced at new conference Wednesday, they have found what causes the mysterious disorder — the first step

toward a treatment and a boost for learning more about normal aging as well.

A new study has shown that progeria is caused by a single misplaced DNA molecule within the human genome that contains some 3 billion DNA units, said Dr. Francis Collins, head of the National Human Genome Research Institute and the senior author of a recent report in the journal *Nature*.

Victims of progeria appear normal at birth, but by 18 months begin to develop symptoms of accelerated aging. The skin takes on the appearance of the very old, bones become fragile and most of the children are bald by the age of 4. The children never grow much taller than 3 feet. Their internal organs also quickly age, and death is usually caused by heart disease or stroke at an average age of 13.

Even as teenagers, said Dr. W. Ted Brown, the children with progeria will weigh only 30 to 35 pounds.

Children with the disorder, however, tend to have above-average intelligence, said Brown, a co-author who has studied progeria for 20 years at the New York State Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities.

John Tackett, a 15-year-old from Bay City, Mich., who has progeria, said at the news conference that he was just a regular guy who is "very content" even though he knows his disease is fatal.

Tackett, who stands about 3 feet high, is a ninth-grader who is a whiz at math and an expert pool player. He has a job as a cashier at a Bay City restaurant. But angina, a symptom of advancing heart disease usually seen in people in their 60s and 70s, is already causing him to limit some physical activities. A scarf covered his bald head.

Progeria affects only about one baby per 4 million to 8 million worldwide.

The disease was first identified in 1886, but Brown said it has been difficult to study because "there are only a

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handful or so alive at one time." He said about one patient with progeria is born each year in the United States.

Collins and his co-authors found the mutation on a gene called lamin A in DNA specimens from 18 of 20 progeria patients. A similar study, appearing in the journal *Science*, found the gene mutation in two progeria patients.

Lamin A, or LMNA, has already been linked to six other diseases. The mutation and the effect is slightly different, on a molecular basis, in each of the diseases.

Linking LMNA to aging, said Collins, means that studying the gene "may provide us with a better understanding of what occurs in the body as we all grow older."

Collins said that disease is not genetically inherited but develops new in each patient. He said there is a suggestion

that the progeria gene is transferred to the embryo through a flaw in the genes of the father's sperm.

In the study, Collins said researchers looked at the genetic complement of 20 progeria patients and their parents. He said they found 18 of the patients shared the same mutation in the LMNA gene on Chromosome 1.

The flaw, he said, was a substitution of single DNA base. The amino acid guanine is switched to adenine.

"Initially, we could hardly believe that such a small substitution was the culprit," said Maria Eriksson, a researcher at the NHGRI and the first author of the study in *Nature*. "How could these bland-looking mutations lead to such terrible consequences?"

Collins said that only recent advances in sequencing of the human genome, or genetic structure, enabled researchers to find the misplaced amino acid.

Collins said researchers are going to now look at people who live to be very old see if some element of their LMNA gene makes them resistant to the diseases of aging.

On the Net:

Progeria: www.progeriaresearch.org

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Study: How obese children score quality of life

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP) — Obese children rate their quality of life with scores as low as those of young cancer patients on chemotherapy, a study found, highlighting the physical and emotional toll of being too fat.

Teasing at school, difficulties playing sports, fatigue, sleep apnea and other obesity-linked problems all severely affect obese youngsters' well-being, the study found.

While the researchers didn't expect to find youngsters mirroring the cliché of the fat, happy child, the dismal scores were far lower than anticipated, said lead author Dr. Jeffrey Schwimmer, a pediatric gastroenterologist at the University of California in San Diego.

"The magnitude... is striking," Schwimmer said. "The likelihood of significant quality-of-life impairment was pro-

found for obese children."

The study appears in a recent issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, an edition devoted to obesity studies.

It comes amid doctors' growing concern about the nation's obesity epidemic and recent data suggesting 15 percent of U.S. youngsters are severely overweight or obese.

A JAMA editorial notes that Schwimmer's study found that severely obese youngsters and adolescents seeking obesity treatment have more than a fivefold increased risk of reporting low quality of life than healthy youngsters.

"It seems clear that one of the most compelling medical challenges of the 21st century is to develop effective strategies to prevent and treat pediatric obesity," Drs. Jack and Susan Yanovski of the National Institutes of Health said in the editorial.

Schwimmer's study

Health department offers toll-free poison hotline

AUSTIN — So many of them are things children love - enticing colors, intriguing containers, inviting contents that look and smell like a favorite food or a familiar beverage. To a small child, that decongestant on the nightstand looks just like red cinnamon candies, and the laxative in the bathroom cabinet is almost identical to a square of chocolate.

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Poison control centers know all too well about "look-alikes" - those perfectly good products that become dangerous when mistaken for something yummy by a curious crawler or climber, said Judy Whitfield, coordinator for the Texas Poison Center Network and a staff member of the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"During 2002, more than half of the 168,000 human-

exposure calls the state's poison control centers received involved the unintentional poisonings of children under 5. And that's an age group that represents only 8 percent of our population."

Nationally, about 30 deaths and nearly 1 million incidents each year involve children under 5 exposed to potential poisons.

"What makes small children especially vulnerable to accidental poisoning is that they are constantly exploring and investigating the world around them, often putting what they see and can reach into their mouths," Whitfield said. "That's why it is so important to use products with child-resistant packaging and keep medicines and chemicals locked up and out of sight."

If a suspected poisoning occurs, people have a new nationwide toll-free number that connects with the nearest poison control center.

"Write it down: 1-800-222-1222. Post it by all the phones in the house and program it into your cell phones," Whitfield said.

(See POISON, Page 21)



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

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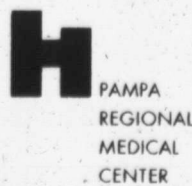


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ART

spend the whole day."

Sackett said she started her circuit at Woodrow Wilson Elementary, and, since many of her supplies had not arrived

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yet, ended up having to improvise for the students there; however, she said, projects at the remaining schools were basically the same.

Among the subjects Sackett explored with the lower grades — Head Start through second — was the science of color. Some of the projects completed in these lower classes included a non-objective art project with oil pastels and a story illustration. Kindergarten through second grade students wrote a story to go along with the illustration and students in some of the lower grades memorialized their hand-prints on china tiles.

Third through fourth graders stamped and china-painted porcelain tiles, completed Styrofoam block prints and



◀ (Pampa News photo) **Janice Sackett, PISD 2003 Artist in Residence, with Lamar kindergartners Shaylee Basden, Brandon Solis and Fernando Mendez.**

carved out images on scratchboard surfaces. Fifth graders did similar projects, but instead of stamping the tiles, they drew their own designs.

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During her varied career in the public school system, Sackett has taught seventh grade art at Nolan Junior High School in Sweetwater (1957-59); taught sixth grade at Lamar Elementary School in Pampa (1960); taught art at Lee Junior High School in Pampa (1961-62); taught jewelry, painting and pottery at Clarendon College-Pampa Center (1979-1982); served as

interim art instructor for Claude ISD (1993); and taught kindergarten through sixth grade art students at Grandview-Hopkins ISD (1997-99).

A professional porcelain painter, Sackett is an avid quilter and has explored many different art medias both as an individual and as a teacher, studying with Dr. Emilio Caballero, Chris Gikas, Isabell Robinson, Francis Stephens, David Rindlisbacher, Mary Lee Hu, Eleanor Moty, Jon Birdsong, James Ivy Edwards, San Do, Gail Wilkerson and Jane Marcks.

She has been involved with Pampa Fine Arts Association as a pottery instructor during its children's summer pottery workshop and has taught art to

4- and 5-year-olds on a volunteer basis at St. Matthews Episcopal Day School. She teaches at Pampa Senior Citizens Center and gives private art lessons as well.

She holds or has held membership in the following organizations: National Education Association, Texas State Teachers Association, Gray-Roberts Unit of Texas State Teachers Association, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, Texas Art Education Association, National Art Education Association, Society of North American Goldsmiths, Kappa Pi Honorary Art Fraternity-WTSU chapter, International Porcelain Artists and Teachers, Inc., Pampa Retired Teachers Association, Texas Retired

Teachers Association, Pampa Fine Arts Association, American Association of University Women, Pampa Piecemakers Quilt Guild and Blockheads Quilt Club.

She has served as president of Texas State Federation of Porcelain Art's Amaryliss and Golden Spread chapters, was president of the Art Section-District XVI of Texas State Teachers Association and was state treasurer and state corresponding secretary of World Organization of China Painters.

She was named PFAA Artist of the Year in 1999 and has won numerous awards including "Best of Show" in hand-built pottery at a Hi-Plains Ceramic and Pottery Association Show in 1983, garnering three first-place awards;

▲ (Pampa News photo) **Among the lessons Artist in Residence Janice Sackett taught this year to PISD elementary school students is the science of color. This color chart helps with that lesson.**

and "Best of Show" at Ochiltree County Art Exhibit in 1989.

Sackett, whose full name is Marilyn Janice Allman-Sackett, was born in 1935 at Hale Center where she grew up and graduated from high school. She married Floyd Sackett, a Pampa boy, in 1957 and the couple raised one son, Edmond Dawson Sackett who currently resides in Kissimmee, Fla. They have two grandchildren.

PISD announces enrollment times

Officials with Pampa Independent School District have announced pre-enrollment dates for kindergarten through fifth grades for the coming school year at all PISD elementary school campuses.

Kindergarten enrollment will be conducted from 2:30-4 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, at individual campuses. This enrollment is open to children who will turn 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2003.

In order to complete this enrollment process, parents and guardians must bring with them the student's birth certificate, Social Security card and immunization records.

Pre-enrollment forms will be sent home with students in grades 1 through 5 on Thursday, April 17. These forms must be completed and returned to campus by Friday, April 25. Students requesting a transfer or re-applying for a transfer should contact the resident campus for the appropriate form requesting the move.

Head Start enrollment for 2003-04 is currently ongoing. For more information, contact the appropriate campus from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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