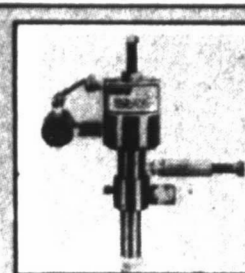


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Troops pounding militants position

By **MATTHEW PENNINGTON**
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WANA, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's military has arrested more than 100 suspects in a five-day assault on militants holed up in mud fortresses along the border where al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al Zawahri is believed trapped, a commander said Saturday.

Those detained included foreigners and the local Pashtun tribesmen who have been sheltering them, said Lt. Gen. Safdar Hussain, who is in charge

of the sweep. Hussain said 400 to 500 militants are believed to still be fighting from within the heavily fortified compounds in the tribal South Waziristan region, using mortars, AK-47s, rockets and hand-grenades in a face-off with troops.

"These people have been here for a long, long time. They are extremely professional fighters," he said. "They have tremendous patience before they open fire."

Meanwhile, a senior Pakistani army officer told The Associated Press that

an American helicopter fired rockets at a car in the Alawarai Mandi district of North Waziristan, just one mile from the Afghan border. Three people inside were injured, the officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He said it was not clear if the Americans were after a specific target or knew they had crossed into Pakistani territory.

Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty, the main spokesman for U.S. forces in Afghanistan, disputed the claim.

"There are no American or com-

bined forces over there," he said.

The issue is a sensitive one. Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf is a staunch U.S. ally, but he has steadfastly insisted that no American troops be allowed on Pakistani soil. If confirmed, an attack by the Americans would be likely to enflame deep hostility.

The military showed journalists 40 prisoners, all blindfolded and with their hands tied, who were sitting under heavy guard in the back of an

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All in the family



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Visiting their grandmother and great-grandfather during spring break are 9-month-old Benjamin Bridges, in stroller; Peyton Bridges, 2, standing next to stroller; and Bailey Bridges, 4, picking flowers at right. Their grandmother, Karen Bridges, and great-grandfather, Wayne Hepler, took the three out for a walk Thursday morning in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen. For more snapshots of Pampans enjoying spring break, see Page 13 of today's News.

Taiwan president wins election one day after assassination attempt

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — President Chen Shui-bian narrowly won re-election Saturday a day after being shot in an assassination attempt, but a referendum he had championed on beefing up defenses against China failed because not enough voters took part.

His opponent suggested the attempt on Chen's life Friday gained him crucial sympathy votes in a tight race and asked for the results to be nullified. Polls four days before the vote had put the opponents neck and neck, both sides said.

Chen, of the Democratic Progressive Party, won 50.1 percent of the presidential ballot, the Central Election Commission said. Challenger Lien Chan, of the Nationalist Party, came away with 49.9 percent. About 13 million ballots were cast for president, and turnout was 80 percent, the commission said.

Besides allegations of unfairness, the loss of the referendum brought a heavy blow to Chen, who had said its defeat would be a victory for Beijing. Powerful opposition figures had said Chen did not have the legal authority to call the referendum and urged people to boycott it.

Of those who voted, 92 percent said "yes" on both issues: whether to strengthen Taiwan's defenses if China refuses to redeploy hundreds of missiles pointed at the island; and whether Taiwan should seek talks with China about setting up a new "peace and stability framework."

But only 45 percent of eligible voters participated, less than the necessary 50 percent for the referendum to be valid.

In his presidential victory speech, Chen shrugged off the referendum defeat, saying people didn't seem to under-

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Poll: Texans think illegal immigration a problem

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A vast majority of Texans believe illegal immigration from Mexico is a serious problem, but they are split over President Bush's plan to provide undocumented workers with temporary work visas, according to a recent poll.

Eighty-six percent of those surveyed for the Scripps Howard Texas Poll released

Saturday said illegal immigration is a very serious or somewhat serious problem. Nine percent said it is not very serious and four percent said it is not serious at all.

Meanwhile, 48 percent of the respondents said they favored Bush's plan to allow undocumented workers to stay in the United States for several years working at jobs Americans don't want as long

as the immigrants return to their native countries. Forty-five percent opposed the plan.

Bush's plan has the most support among Hispanics, with 55 percent favoring the proposal and 40 percent opposing it. Forty-nine percent of Anglos support Bush's plan and 45 percent are opposed. Fifty-six percent of blacks oppose the plan while 37 percent support it.

The respondents also were split when asked whether illegal immigrants from Mexico take jobs nobody wants or take jobs away from Americans who need them. Forty-seven percent said they take unwanted jobs, while 38 percent said they take jobs from Americans.

Sixty-nine percent of Texans said the U.S. government is not doing enough to

stop unauthorized immigration. That represents an 11 percent increase over the last poll in August 2001. Twenty-three percent said the government is doing enough.

Responses to that question were sharply divided along racial lines. Fifty-five percent of Hispanics said the government is not doing enough, compared with 71 percent of

(See POLL, Page 3)

A year later, some Iraqis say they feel more insecure

By **CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA**
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — While the administration of President Bush touted its accomplishments in Iraq, some Iraqis said Saturday they're more insecure as attacks persist a year after the United States launched military strikes to oust Saddam Hussein.

Insurgents fired four mortar rounds at the offices of a Kurdish political party in the northern city of Mosul on Saturday, but missed and killed a driver

on a nearby street. Iraqi police Maj. Dara Abdelalah said. Guards then fired at the rebels and three party members and a passer-by were wounded in the shootout, he said.

U.S. troops and Iraqi police also arrested a former police colonel in Saddam's regime on Friday in the northern city of Kirkuk, local police commander Sarhat Qadir said. The detainee was suspected of having links to insurgents.

While much of Iraq is relatively quiet, rebel attacks on coalition forces

and horrific bombings of civilians have plagued the capital and Sunni areas to the north and west, where support for Saddam was strongest when he was in power. Suicide bombers have also targeted Kurds in the north and the Shiite city of Karbala, south of Baghdad.

"There has been a spike in attacks on coalition forces and soft targets," Secretary of State Colin Powell acknowledged Friday at a news conference in Baghdad during a surprise, one-day visit. "We have to shift as the enemy shifts. They move from harder

targets to softer targets."

Bush marked the anniversary of the beginning of the war in a speech Friday at the White House, declaring that the fall of Saddam removed a source of violence, aggression and instability in the Middle East.

"There are still violent thugs and murderers in Iraq, and we're dealing with them," Bush said. "But no one can argue that the Iraqi people would be better off with the thugs and murderers back in the palaces."

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES MONDAY

SCHAKEL, Martha Lou – Memorial, 10 a.m., Bible Church of Pampa.
FERGERSON, Joy Juanice – 10 a.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pampa.

JOY JUANICE FERGERSON 1934-2004

Joy Juanice Ferguson, 69, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, in Amarillo. Services are to be at 10 a.m., Monday, March 22, 2004, at Cornerstone Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Nachtigall, pastor, officiating. Entombment will be in Memory Gardens West Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ferguson was born on July 19, 1934, at Duke, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1953, moving from Hollis, Okla. She married James Nipp in 1953. He preceded her in death in 1962. She later married Dillon Ferguson on May 11, 1967, in Pampa. She was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church where she had taught Sunday school for the past 45 years. She was a former Meals on Wheels employee and later became a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include her husband, Dillon Ferguson, of the home; three sons, Darrell



Nipp and wife, Leann, and David Nipp and wife, Emily, all of Amarillo; Greg Ferguson and wife, Angie, of Lubbock; three sisters, Rose Atchley of Amarillo, Helen Blevins of Gould, Okla., and Betty Ketchum of Eagle Nest, N.M.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be to Cornerstone Baptist Church Building Fund, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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JENNIE HOWELL

ARLINGTON – Jennie Howell, 66, a homemaker of Arlington, passed away Monday, March 15, 2004.

Survivors include her husband, Lanny; four children, Jennifer McGee, Grover

Seitz, Lanny Howell and Lance Howell; six grandchildren; three sisters, Georgia Mason of Tyler, Susan Leveritt of London, U.K., and Stormy Jean Nichols of Amarillo.

DONOVAN "DON" McCUNN 1928-2004

Donovan "Don" McCunn, 75, died Thursday, March 18, in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McCunn was born April 8, 1928 in Clarinda, Iowa. He joined the U.S. Army in 1946 and served in occupied Germany until 1949. He was a member of the 2nd Army HED until 1963, retiring from the Army in 1968. He married Erika Hess on Nov. 10, 1948. She preceded him in death in 1981. He was a computer programmer at the Baptist Hospital in San Antonio. He later married Florence Wagner on Dec. 25, 1985, in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1985. He was a Lutheran.

Survivors include his wife, Florence

"Oley" McCunn, of the home; two daughters, Linda Ruth McCunn of Pampa and Carman Ammerman and husband, Richard, of Toledo, Ohio; two step-daughters, Vickie Moose and husband, Perry, of Belton, and Nancy Poole and husband, Bob, of Pampa; two brothers, Jack McCunn and wife, Mickie, of Houston and Elvin McCunn; two sisters, LuAnn Ruh and husband, Merle, of California, and Genein Lencon and husband, Clint, of Colorado; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Carl McCunn, in 1982, and a granddaughter, Erika McCunn, also in 1982.

Memorials may be made to P.J. Care Home, c/o Peggy Miller, 1711 Evergreen, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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MARTHA LOU SCHAKEL 1944-2004

Martha Lou Schakel, 59, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, in Pampa. The body was cremated and is unavailable for viewing. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Memorial services are to be at 10 a.m., Monday, March 22, 2004, at the Bible Church of Pampa with the Rev. Bob Banks, officiating.

Born Sept. 11, 1944, in Fort Worth, she had been a resident of Pampa since 1992, moving from Ft. Collins, Colo. She was a school-teacher and a member of the Bible Church of Pampa. Her greatest joy was sharing Jesus to those around her. Her favorite Bible verse was Isaiah 40:31: "... but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Survivors include one son, Brett Schakel of Tucson, Ariz.; two daughters, Shannon Ullmann of Golden, Colo., and Brandy

Schakel of Ft. Collins, Colo.; her father, Dr. Frank Kelley of Fredericksburg; one brother, Frank Kelley Jr., of Houston; two sisters, Mary Ann Wyss of Fredericksburg, and Patsy Smith of Mancos, Colo.; and one grandson, Noah Schakel of Tucson, Ariz.

Memorials may be made to Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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Class of 1969 seeks missing classmates

Class of 1969 35th Reunion meeting is set for 8 p.m., Monday, March 22, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors, 600 N. Ward. Missing classmates include Victor Still, Patricia Scott, Maria Rodriguez, Lynn Young, Sheila Williams, Linda Yeager, Cheryl McCarthy Lewis, Sherrel Land, Lee Locke, Priscilla Gipson McLaren, David McPherson, Teresa Mercer Mell, Patrick McKinney, James Fillmore Merrill, James Coyle, Chris Dunham, Sheila Givens Riddle, Tommy Roberts, Gloria Purcell, Esther Pinon, Billy Barber, Teresa Martin, Kathy Branscum, De Inscope, Gary Johnson, Julie Hernandez, Debra Hart, Jim Bob Herring, Judy Murrell Hammer, Mike Herbert, Ricky Carroll, Jim Cole, Patricia Cox Garrison, Marion Graves Waters, Judy Terry, Marie George, Lewis Tollison, and Buz Ellis.

Send mail address of missing classmates to P.O. Box 655, Pampa, Texas 79066-655

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 19
Armando Barruel, 53, Amando, Ariz., was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of marijuana.
Brent Matthew Hall, 22, P.O. Box 521, Pampa, was arrested by Gray County deputies on an Oklahoma fugitive warrant charging him with concealing stolen property.
Jason Ellis, 21, 1037 Varnon, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of burglary of a habitation and assault causing bodily injury.
Laura Winkleman, 17, 2718 Cherokee,

was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of assault causing bodily injury.
Manuel Aldrete, 42, McLean, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated and having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle.
Timothy Pritchard, 33, 1021 Christy, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of failure to display a driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
Tammie Mae Young (Knight), 40, 340 Tignor, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of credit card abuse.

Saturday, March 20
Johnny Wildcat, 33, 105 N. Nelson, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of evading arrest with a vehicle.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Michael Martinez, Haylee Murry, Chrissy Alexander and Alan Arzola, left to right, model prom wear from V.J.'s Fashions in preparation for the upcoming annual Altrusa Style Show set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.

Altrusa International of Pampa preparing for annual style show

Pampa Altrusa members are busy planning their annual Style Show, set for 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 27, in M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room.

Theme for this year's event is "Main Street Bistro" which will be reflected in decorations and refreshments. The annual style show is the club's major fundraiser and supports various community service projects including Pampa Senior Citizens, Lamar Elementary

School, Pampa High School and Pampa Learning Center Career Clinics, Tralee Crisis Center, Sheltered Workshop Reception, Adult Vocational Award, Senior citizens Center, Schneider House, Salvation Army Angel Tree, and "Make a Difference Day" (Literacy Project). In addition to these projects, Altrusans volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Celebration of Lights, and Salvation Army Christmas Wrapping.

Models will be showing Spring fashions from local stores including Bealls, Dunlaps, Images, V.J.'s Fashions, Bob Clement's Cleaners, and Wayne's Western Wear. Musical entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

In addition, approximately 15 door prizes will be awarded. Tickets may be purchased from any Altrusa member or at the door for \$10, \$8 of which is tax deductible.

Pampa Desk & Derrick Club to meet Thursday

Pampa Desk & Derrick Club will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 25, at the Pampa Country Club.

Speaker will be Wayne Bruce of UroSource, a mobile provider of equipment to physicians throughout a five-state

area. UroSource provides a variety of treatment options to clinics and hospitals including lithotripsy, cryosurgery, and non-invasive laser treatment for hair, wrinkles, acne, acne scarring and spider veins. The title of Bruce's talk will be "The Not

So Extreme Makeover."

Guests are invited to attend the dinner meeting and reservations may be made by calling Nancy Hollingwood at work (806) 669-8020 or home (806) 665-2296 by 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 24.

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MILITANTS

army truck in Wana, the main town in the tribal South Waziristan region. Many had thick beards and some had black tape around their blindfolds to make sure they stayed on.

The army also displayed the body of one suspected militant wrapped in a white blanket and said it had intercepted phone conversations from within the compounds in the Chechen, Uzbek and Arabic languages.

Hussain said troops were convinced the compounds held a "high-value" target, but he said they had no confirmation the man was al-Zawahri. He said the level of resistance made it likely an important figure was still inside, though he didn't rule out the possibility someone might have escaped.

"I would not rule out any possibility, but with this level of resistance, even after 48 hours (of the latest bombardment), I believe the high-value target is still there," he said.

Hussain said a Chechen fighter was arrested on Friday with a book on chemistry and explosives. He said he suspected a large number of the militants were foreigners, but that others were members of the Pakistani Yargul Khel tribe.

"I'm determined to punish

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POLL

Anglos and 78 percent of blacks.

The survey of 1,000 Texas adults was offered in Spanish and English between Feb. 12 and March 3. It had a plus or minus margin of error of 3 percentage points.

this tribe and make them an example," Hussain said.

As he spoke, Cobra attack helicopters hovered overhead, some swooping toward the battle zone.

The fighting has forced an exodus of thousands of terrified civilians. Many have taken refuge in Wana, but there were indications Saturday the battle was following close on their heels.

Loud explosions and gunfire could be heard early Saturday in Gangikhel village, a hamlet of simple mud dwellings just west of Wana. Previous fighting in Kaloosha, Azam Warsak and Shin Warsak was closer to the border with Afghanistan.

Brig. Mahmood Shah, the chief of security for tribal areas in northwestern Pakistan, told AP that some of the prisoners had already been taken for interrogation to the provincial capital, Peshawar.

Security officials said the men included Pakistanis, Arabs, Chechens, Uzbeks and ethnic Uighurs from China's predominantly Muslim Xinjiang province, where a

separatist movement is simmering. No senior al-Qaida leaders were believed to be among them, but authorities hoped they would provide a better picture of the terrorists' heavily fortified lair.

At least 80 ethnic Uzbek Islamic militants, led by Qari Tahir Yaldash, a Taliban ally and deputy of slain Uzbek leader Juma Namangani are reportedly in the Waziristan region. Namangani was killed during the U.S.-led coalition's assault on Afghanistan that began in late 2001.

"Our people are interrogating them to determine who these terrorists are," Shah said. "Some of them are foreigners."

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan said the Pakistani forces were joined by "a dozen or so" American intelligence agents in the ongoing operation. U.S. satellites, Predator drones and other surveillance equipment hovered overhead.

Sultan put the number of troops killed in the operation at 17, most in the disastrous initial assault on Tuesday.



PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL CONTINUES

You are invited to attend a real Pentecostal Revival at First Assembly of God located at 500 South Cuyler in Pampa, Texas. The revival is now in its second week and the Spirit of God is moving in a special way. The second week will continue beginning Sunday, March 21st through Wednesday, March 24th. The Akins Family are leading us in this revival. Sunday services will begin at 10:45 am and at 6:00 pm. Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 pm.

For Further Information Please Call The Church Office At 665-5941

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IRAQIS

Some Baghdad residents, however, said Iraqis were more insecure than they were before Bush ordered military strikes on March 19, 2003. The anniversary falls on March 20 in Iraq, because of the time difference.

"The security situation is worse than one year ago. I cannot take my family outside at nights. When I walk in the street, I do not know when a bomb is going to explode and kill me. We were better secured during Saddam's time," said Ammar Samir, 26, who works for a private trading company.

"The Americans have failed to provide security and

prosperity to the Iraqi people."

Another resident, Saad al-Nuaimi, said the speech was a ploy to attract voters ahead of the November presidential election, in which Iraq policy is likely to be high on the agenda. Al-Nuaimi said Washington had "fabricated lies" claiming that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, though none have been found.

Bush made his decision to go to war despite widespread international opposition.

Thousands of protesters marched in Sydney, Tokyo and other Asian cities to mark the first anniversary of the invasion by demanding the withdrawal of U.S.-led troops from Iraq.

"Bush's invasion of Iraq has incited more terrorism. It caused terrible suffering not only to the Iraqi people, but everyone in the world," protest organizer and pro-democracy activist Lau Sanching said in Hong Kong.

Shortly before Bush made his speech, the top administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, noted ways the coalition had improved the lives of Iraqis over the past year: the electricity supply was back to pre-war levels and climbing, unemployment was down and per capita income had risen by 33 percent this year.

"I arrived here in early May and Baghdad was on fire, literally," Bremer said at a briefing.

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stand the questions. He appealed to mainland China to respect the election.

"It is a new era for solidarity and harmony and a new era for peace across the Taiwan Strait," Chen said. "We sincerely ask the Beijing authorities across the strait to view the election results from a positive perspective — to accept the democratic decision of the Taiwanese people."

Earlier, Lien told a massive crowd at his campaign headquarters that he planned to petition to nullify the results.

"This was an unfair election," he said, demanding that the Central Election Commission seal all ballot boxes in the 13,000 polling booths around the island so that a recount could be done.

China, which had no immediate reaction to the voting, had feared the referendum as a rehearsal for a vote on Taiwan independence.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's with boy bashing?

To the editor:

No doubt most of you are aware of the recent trend toward "boy bashing." It is hard to miss, even in small town Pampa. There is a billboard picturing a teen-age boy that proclaims, "Girls, he only wants one thing from you." T-shirts can be seen at soccer games worn by young girls with the message, "I'm not bossy; boys just need to be told what to do," and "Girls rule, boys drool!"

My family had managed to ignore this disrespect and disdain for men in general and little boys in particular until the day it met us head on. A well-known local man had engaged our 8-year-old daughter in a conversation in which he asked her if she had a boyfriend. She replied, "No, sir." To which he responded, "Good! Keep it that way because boys are 'scum.'" My family stood in stunned silence while we all cast apologetic glances to our 6-year-old son who looked up to his daddy's eyes for reassurance and slowly took his hand.

We were left to wonder, "Did he mean the entire male population? Was he including himself and my husband? Was he referring to little boys in particular? Or maybe it was meant to describe teen-age boys. In any case, we found it to be offensive and cruel in the presence of our son. The most disturbing thing about this incident is that it could hardly be described as an unusual attitude among what seems to be a growing number of the population.

The most surprising aspect of this attitude is that it is tolerated and even promoted in this age of extreme political correctness. I wonder what the response would be if these same attitudes were openly expressed on billboards and T-shirts about little girls, or what about a particular ethnic group or a group of people with a certain handicap. Would it be shrugged off with aloofness? I think not. Where are the women who love and respect their hard-working and honorable husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons? Shouldn't we be indignant about the words so often used to describe those we love? Aren't we embarrassed to allow our young sons to be influenced by this ridiculous kind of rhetoric?

Our boy is not "scum," nor do we ever expect him to develop into "scum" at any point in his journey into manhood. He has been trained to respect everyone, submit to authority, protect his sisters and act honorably. He loves to climb trees, catch frogs, and wrestle with his daddy. He can change a diaper and pick a beautiful wildflower bouquet for his mommy. He plays loud and hard and we wouldn't have it any other way.

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." No, boys are not the same as girls. This is the way our Creator has wonderfully designed us to be. Let us be respectful of our God-given differences.

I'm the wife of one hardworking, respectable man and mother of one rough and tumble, lovable boy.

Connie Hughes
 Pampa

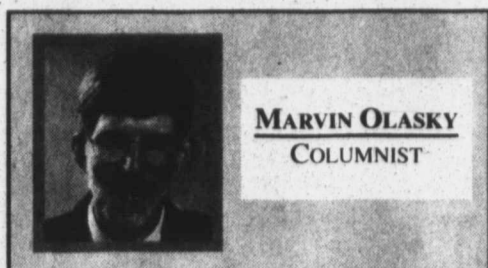
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"The Lord of the Rings," with its subtext of God's providential guiding, and "The Passion," with its in-your-face text of Christ's suffering for us, have been the big movie successes of the past few months. Pastor Rick Warren's "The Purpose-Driven Life" was the No. 1 nonfiction hardback bestseller last year. Many churches report increasing attendance, and some observers even speculate that a great revival is under way.



MARVIN OLASKY
 COLUMNIST

At the same time, The Wall Street Journal accurately noted yesterday that "Secular absolutism is becoming the most potent religious force in America." The WSJ blasted the "effort by liberal activists and their judicial enablers to turn one set of personal mores into a public orthodoxy from which there can be no dissent, even if that means trampling the First Amendment. Any voluntary association that doesn't comply — the same little platoons once considered the bedrock of American freedom — will be driven from the public square. Meet the new face of intolerance."

So what's going on? Is this the religious moment, or do secular foes have the big momentum? Sure, the current of religious interest ran very fast for several weeks after 9-11, when the World War II observation that "there are no atheists in foxholes" showed its accuracy once again. But isn't the current slower now, as many are no longer pushed to prayer by the feeling of being

preyed upon? Maybe — but whether or not terrorists mind their manners, one grim reaping will advance: Baby boomers are aging. Because of their numbers, they have yanked press chains for a third of a century, when college protests in the 1960s, diet books in the 1980s and Viagra in the 1990s all became big news. Interest in religion generally increases as people age, and as this biggest generation contemplates God, the whole world will be watching.

The new debate about a very old matter — How did life begin? How did man begin? — is also likely to intensify over the next decade. From the 1860s through the 1980s, Darwin's theories waxed powerful, opposed only by a tiny, scorned group of creationists. That changed during the past decade with the advent of "intelligent design" scientists who explain how complicated processes like blood clotting could not have come about through chance mutations. As more people come to understand the necessity of creation, some will stay to praise the Creator.

The compassionate conservative drive for religious groups to provide spiritual and material help to the poor has only just begun. People who see the effect of belief in poverty-fighting may realize that if God apparently changes some lives, He may change more. Also, as other religions have a higher American profile — the number of Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims in the United States has quadrupled over the past three decades — more nominal Christians and Jews may explore them and eventually realize that the grass isn't greener in the other cleric's yard.

Overall, these factors lead to movement away from what Richard John Neuhaus called "the naked public square," naked in its lack of religious discussion. We've learned in recent decades that attempts to avoid mentioning religion in public places do not yield neutrality, they leave us naked. We have lived in a society, very unusual in the history of the world, where many intellectual leaders boasted of nakedness. Most people in most places at most times have worn religious clothes.

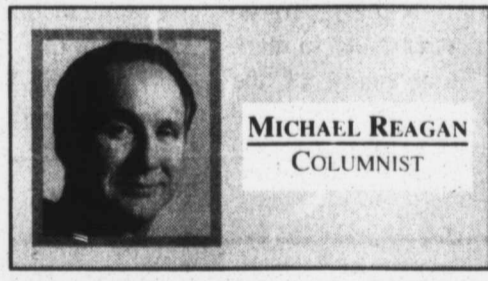
The "secular absolutism" decried by the Wall Street Journal could freeze to death the already-naked — but as many of us face pressure perhaps from terrorists but certainly from the terror of growing old, we are likely to see the re-clothing of America.



"OUR RECENT SUCCESS INFLUENCING SPAIN'S ELECTION HAS ME THINKING WE COULD DO THE SAME THING TO OTHER SIGNIFICANT 2004 ELECTIONS... BUT HELP ME OUT GUYS, I CAN'T THINK OF ANY RIGHT NOW. NOPE, I'M DRAWING A BIG BLANK."

What is John Kerry so afraid of?

When John Kerry slandered the president and the Republican Party by calling them crooks and liars, then backed up and said that he really meant something he called the "Republican attack machine," he was actually launching a preemptive strike against damaging revelations that Kerry knows is coming.



MICHAEL REAGAN
 COLUMNIST

I don't know what it is that's scaring Kerry out of his wits, but it's obvious he has something, or a lot of somethings, to hide beyond his already known and shameful public record of being on both sides of every important issue. There's a scent of panic here.

Kerry's comment was stupid; it put him down at gutter level where a man who wants to be President of the United States does not belong if he really hopes to win the White House. Throwing slime at a sitting President is hardly the way to convince the public to entrust him with the nation's highest office.

self with facts, pointing out Kerry's record, how Kerry voted, and what Kerry's saying now, all of a sudden it's an "attack."

So it's not an attack for Democrats to lie about the President, but it's an attack for the Republicans to fire back with the indisputable facts about John Kerry's voting record. It's simply outrageous that Kerry is given a free ride and allowed to say that the Republicans are the most evil people he ever met. This makes me want to advise Kerry that if he wants to see evil he should look at his own party, Ted Kennedy, or in the mirror at himself.

and slander, but the sainted Senator Kerry's dubious past is out of bounds and off limits.

The real attack machine is George Soros, calling President Bush Adolf Hitler, and the sleazy MoveOn.org, and the Tides Foundation that's financed by Soros' multi-millionaire ultra left-wing wife. I pray that America will catch on to who and what Soros really is because if we don't the nation will be a big loser.

The bottom line is that we are in a war against terrorism, as the despicable bombing in Spain demonstrated once again. I want to win that war. George Bush wants to win that war and he knows how to do it. It's not an attack to wonder if John Kerry, the Senate's most liberal member, simply wants to forget about the war and get back to the business of spending billions of taxpayers' dollars on a whole gaggle of socialist programs and raising our taxes to pay for those programs.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, March 21, the 81st day of 2004. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 Two hundred years ago, on March 21, 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.

On this date:
 In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.
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MEDICAL

Lack of medical care threatens rural areas

BY PATTI PATTERSON, M.D.
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

The heart of America beats in rural towns far removed from bigger cities. But now that heart needs medical attention. Whether it is due to the lack of a hospital, doctor, pharmacist or medical specialist, rural communities are threatened with the challenges of being medically under served.

West Texas remains one of the most medically under served areas in the country. In order to keep that heart beating strong, there is a need to reach out to young people in order to ensure the future of health care access in rural communities.

The West Texas Area Health Education Center program is a collaborative effort by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and community-based organizations to improve health care access in the South Plains and West Texas through education and development of the health care workforce.

With funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Texas Tech will soon be expanding from one center to five, serving the entire western half of Texas. The first AHBC center opened in Plainview in 2002, but with the new federal grant, two more centers are opening. The Panhandle AHEC in Amarillo and the Permian Basin AHEC in Midland will expand the effort by Texas Tech to address critical shortages of health care providers in our communities. The final two centers are under development for the Big Country area and the Big Bend with scheduled opening dates in 2005.

It has been said before that research suggests that individuals raised in rural communities are more likely to eventually settle down in rural areas. It may sound cliché, but our children are our future. Our youth must be given every opportunity to have access to educational and financial opportunities to seek a future in health care professions.

These centers will continue to provide resources to school-age children on health care careers, financial aid information, college and university requirements, job shadowing, mentoring opportunities, after-school programs, health fairs and even summer camps, all in hopes of opening their eyes to the possibilities available to them.

The hope is that this will increase the pipeline of health professionals in these communities. The AHBC of the Plains located at Plainview already has provided health career services to more than 4,000 people in 25 counties. With these new centers, AHEC will be a resource to draw on and strengthen local education and health care infrastructure.

If the children in our communities have a dream of becoming a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, physical therapist or any other health care professional, they need to be provided encouragement to pursue their dream. One day they may be your health care professional in your community.

Low-protein, low-fat diet limits gout risk

Eating less red meat and seafood while consuming more low-fat dairy products cuts the risk of developing the painful joint condition gout by about half, according to researchers who studied the diets of thousands of men.

Eating lots of vegetables and fruit, shunning alcohol use and maintaining a normal body weight also significantly reduced the chances of getting gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis in men.

"Every single seafood type we looked at was associated

with increased risk of gout," said Dr. Hyon K. Choi, a rheumatologist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

"This is the first evidence that dairy products can be strongly protective," he added, and the first confirmation that gout can be triggered by foods rich in a substance called purine that's often associated with high protein levels.

Gout affects about 3.4 million American men, causing sometimes-excruciating episodes of pain.

Government issues new fish intake guidelines for some women, children

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worried that mercury in fish poses a hazard to youngsters the government issued new guidelines Friday for eating fish.

Women who are pregnant, nursing or may become pregnant, and young children should not eat certain kinds of fish that tend to be high in mercury, said Lester Crawford, deputy commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

While mercury can affect almost any organ in the body, "the most sensitive organ is the brain," said Crawford. "The concern is there could be a mental effect on a young child."

At the same time, the new guidelines emphasize that fish is a good source of protein and other nutrients and "can be important parts of a healthy and balanced diet."

Dr. David Acheson, an FDA scientist, said that for people other than pregnant women and young children, fish has many benefits and there is no specific guideline on limiting it in the diet. In fact, he added, eating fish has very important cardiovascular benefits.

Acheson said the way fish is prepared makes no difference as to the amount of mercury included in a serving.

In recent years fish has become increasingly popular because of the omega-3 com-

Mercury pollution from industry and other sources contaminates the water. Contaminated water pollutes small fish, which are then eaten by larger fish, concentrating the mercury which then may affect people who eat the fish.

pounds it contains that can benefit the heart.

The American Heart Association recommends that people eat a variety of fish at least twice a week, even more for those diagnosed with heart disease.

The problem is that mercury pollution from industry and other sources contaminates water. It pollutes small fish, which are then eaten by larger fish, concentrating the mercury which then may affect people who eat the fish.

So, questions have arisen about how best to protect human health.

Consumer's Union and other groups have been pressing the government to come up with a consumer-friendly list of low-mercury fish, since not all fish are polluted equally.

The new guidelines, issued jointly with the Environmental Protection Agency, do that.

They say the fish most likely to contain

mercury are shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish. These fish should be avoided by women in the groups that may be most affected, and also by small children, the guidelines say.

On the other hand, the guidelines suggest eating up to two meals a week, totaling 12 ounces, of fish known to be low in mercury such as shrimp, canned light tuna, salmon, pollock and catfish.

Albacore tuna has more mercury than light tuna, the agencies report, so it should be limited to one meal a week.

The trade association the National Fisheries Institute issued a statement stressing the health benefits of fish and expressing concern that the guidelines might alarm consumers and cause them to avoid fish.

Crawford said that "by following these guidelines, we're confident that women and young children can safely include fish as an important part of a healthy diet."

Conference covers latest treatments for heart disease

HOUSTON — Heart specialists will discuss the latest treatments for heart disease at the second annual Current Trends in Cardiothoracic Surgery conference, sponsored by Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston.

Dr. Joseph S. Coselli, a recognized world leader in the treatment of thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms, will host the conference. Coselli is chief of cardiothoracic surgery in the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at BCM.

The conference, held at the Hilton Americas-Houston hotel, May 14-15, will present

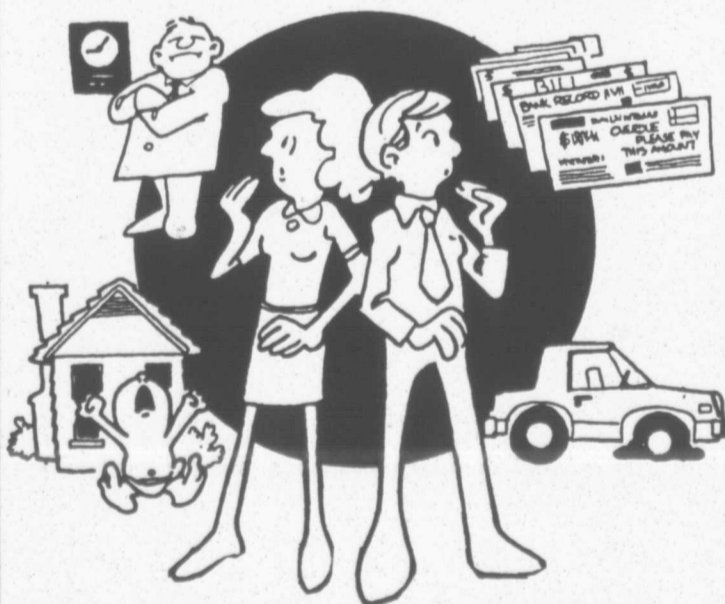
34 topics by expert faculty from Baylor College of Medicine, MD Anderson Cancer Center, and the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston.

Guest speakers include physicians from the UCLA School of Medicine, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation and The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and Galveston and UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Conference topics include risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease, the newest available medical, surgical and device treatments for coronary

artery disease and current technological advances and innovations in assist devices used in cardiac surgery. Other topics include aortic aneurysms, chemotherapeutic combination treatment for lung cancer, esophageal disease, congenital heart diseases, pain management and secondary prevention for cardiovascular patients, and the latest techniques and procedures for per-
For additional information, including registration, free copies of the conference brochure, and continuing education credits available, contact the Baylor College of Medicine Continuing Medical Education Department, 713-798-8237. A copy of the brochure is also available at www.debakeydepartmentof-surgery.org by following the link from the story at "In the News."

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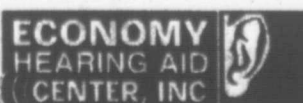
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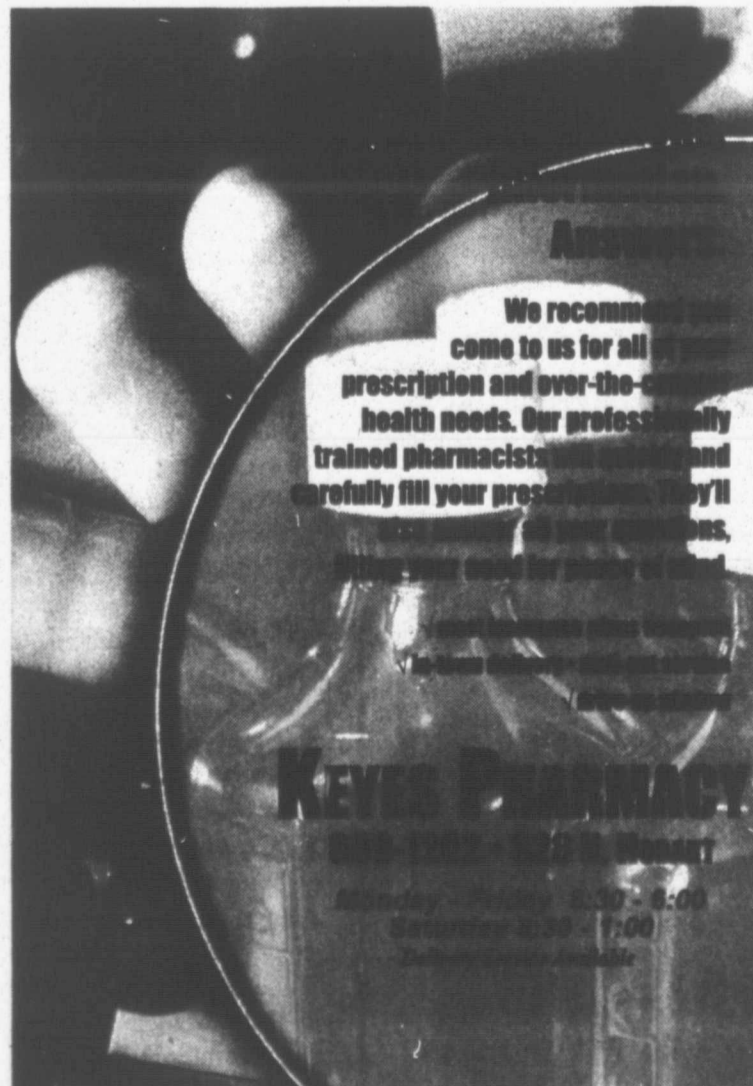


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Questions remain about temporary artificial heart

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A type of artificial heart moved a step closer to the U.S. market this week, but it's not a permanent replacement — just a temporary device to keep certain near-death patients alive long enough to receive a heart transplant.

There are serious questions about who should get the CardioWest Total Artificial Heart, a complex and risky device that requires cutting out the bottom half of the heart to implant, scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration cautioned.

Still, they concluded it should sell because it could benefit a small number of patients.

"These people are dying who don't have any good alternative," said Dr. Judah Weinberger of Columbia University as the panel voted 10-1 to recommend FDA approval.

The FDA isn't bound by the panel's advice, but usually follows it.

Some 3,460 people were on the national waiting list for a heart transplant as of Wednesday; just over 2,000 receive a heart each year. It's not clear how many of the rest would qualify to try the CardioWest device while they await a donor.

"This is going to be a niche technology," acknowledged Dr. James Long of the University of Utah, who helped test the

CardioWest and says his own hospital treats no more than two to four patients a year who could benefit from it.

But, "these are very sick patients who are dying. They have no alternative," added Dr. Jack G. Copeland, who led the CardioWest's development at the University of Arizona.

The CardioWest isn't what the average person thinks of when hearing "artificial heart." Initial attempts to use it as a permanent heart replacement 22 years ago, under the name Jarvik-7, failed. Experiments are under way with other, more advanced technology that might one day offer that medical leap.

Instead, maker SynCardia Systems Inc. wants the CardioWest to compete with existing heart pumps, called ventricular assist devices or VADs, as a "bridge" to transplant for end-stage heart failure patients.

When one of the heart's bottom chambers, or ventricles, becomes too weak, attaching a VAD can significantly boost pumping power. But sometimes both ventricles fail, and rigging double VADs is difficult.

That's where the CardioWest may help — by replacing, not just boosting, the ventricles, potentially the first U.S. device to offer that step. Surgeons remove the heart's bottom half and sew the device onto the remaining atria, or top chambers.

Tubes snake from the patient's body to a washing machine-sized generator that powers

the implanted device, making the CardioWest for in-hospital use, at least for now. (It's sold with more portable generators in parts of Europe.)

Eighty-one patients were implanted with a CardioWest in a study spanning the 1990s. Some 79 percent survived long enough to get a transplant — and 69 percent were out of bed and recovering well a month after that transplant, Copeland said.

Average CardioWest use was 11 weeks; the longest was 414 days.

It's risky: 40 percent of patients suffered serious bleeding, 22 percent developed device-related infections, and 8 percent had blood clots, FDA scientists said.

In 18 percent of cases the device malfunctioned; most were kinks in the generator's tubing that temporarily cut power.

New treatments typically are compared to existing alternatives or placebo. This study attempted to use "historical controls," tracking the survival of people awaiting a transplant before the CardioWest experiment began or who didn't qualify for it. But the FDA said they weren't comparable groups — leaving the advisory panel struggling to decide if using the device really was better than doing nothing.

"This leaves all of us in a hamstrung position," complained Dr. Mitchell Krucoff of Duke University. "Where is the data?"

But VADs typically have survival-to-trans-

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plant rates around 70 percent with similar side effects, suggesting the CardioWest is at least equivalent, said FDA reviewer Dr. Julie Swain.

Ultimately, what convinced some FDA advisers: Heart failure leads to other organ damage, but some CardioWest recipients had liver and kidney damage clear up — potentially making them better transplant candidates.

"This machine is so vitally important," said Leo Corbet, 67, of Phoenix, who spent 110 days on the CardioWest before getting a heart transplant in 2001. He'd listen to the machine's loud whirring and "I knew I was alive."

Researchers: New breast cancer drug works better than tamoxifen

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

Tamoxifen, the celebrated drug credited with slashing breast cancer death rates worldwide, could be eclipsed by a newer medicine that is even more effective at preventing a recurrence of the disease in women whose tumors were caught early and removed.

A large, international study of postmenopausal women with early-stage cancer found that those who took tamoxifen for 2 1/2 years and then switched to exemestane for another 2 1/2 years were one-third less likely to suffer a recurrence than those who took tamoxifen the whole time.

The women switching to exemestane also had less-serious side effects, were 56 percent less likely to get cancer in the other breast, and were half as likely to develop unrelated cancer in other parts of the body.

Lead researcher Dr. R.C. Coombes, professor of cancer medicine at Imperial College School of Medicine in London, predicted doctors will

give exemestane to many women at high risk for recurrence, such as those whose breast cancer has spread to multiple lymph nodes.

Exemestane, which went on the market in 1999 for advanced breast cancer, is a hormonal drug sold under the brand Aromasin. It is part of a newer class of breast cancer drugs called aromatase inhibitors.

The findings were published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. The research was partly funded by Pfizer Inc., the maker of Aromasin.

Dr. Jeff Abrams, the National Cancer Institute's associate chief of clinical research, said a recent study on exemestane "cousin" letrozole showed important advantages over tamoxifen for the class.

"I think with these two studies together, the strategy of switching from tamoxifen to these aromatase inhibitors will become a new standard," said Abrams, who was not involved in the study.

Several recent studies have shown that exemestane and other aromatase inhibitors also work longer, with less toxicity, than tamoxifen in women whose breast cancer had spread to other areas. Exemestane also has been shown to prolong the survival of women with advanced breast cancer after tamoxifen and other drugs fail.

"This whole class of drugs looks very promising, very active," said Dr. Julia Smith, clinical associate professor of oncology at the NYU medical school and cancer institute.

The study, which involved

4,742 postmenopausal women in 37 countries, focused on women with breast cancer in which the hormone estrogen fuels tumor growth — the type responsible for about 70 percent of breast cancer. The results do not apply to premenopausal women or those with tough-to-treat breast cancer not driven by estrogen.

Early-stage breast cancer is often treated with surgery to remove the tumor, plus radiation. Then, if the cancer cells were found to have spread to the underarm lymph nodes, the patient is given cancer drugs for years.

Women suffering the type of cancer fueled by estrogen are given daily tamoxifen pills for five years to prevent any cancer cells lurking in the body from later triggering can-

cer in another spot.

However, cancer cells grow resistant to tamoxifen in many patients, sometimes within 12 months, and prolonged use can cause uterine cancer and dangerous blood clots.

Those problems spurred interest in hormonal drugs such as aromatase inhibitors, which dramatically suppress estrogen production by blocking the effects of an enzyme called aromatase. Tamoxifen works differently; it binds to specific tumor cell sites to keep estrogen from attaching itself and directing the cancer cells to multiply.

In the study, exemestane caused more bone thinning, joint pain and diarrhea than tamoxifen but was less likely to cause blood clots, vaginal bleeding, muscle cramps and other gynecological symp-

ptoms. Rates of other side effects, including hot flashes, fatigue, insomnia, headaches and dizziness, were about the same for the two drugs.

Among the women switching to exemestane, 54 died of breast cancer, compared with 67 in the tamoxifen-only group. Overall, 91.5 percent of women in the exemestane group were cancer-free three years after switching drugs, compared with 86.8 percent for women who stayed on tamoxifen.

Aromatase inhibitors have been around since the 1970s, but high toxicity limited their use. Today's "third generation" aromatase inhibitors — including Aromasin, Femara and Arimidex — work better and are less toxic but still increase bone loss, a serious problem for elderly women, Coombes said.

Italian baby who received eight-organ transplant cries, coos in mom's arms during news conference

By CORALIE CARLSON
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Wearing a pink dress, a baby who received eight new organs in a single transplant operation cried and cooed Friday as her mother held her in her arms and saw a brighter future for her daughter.

"Her biggest feeling is happiness," said a doctor interpreting for Monica di Matteo, 39, mother of 7 1/2-month-old Alessia di Matteo

of Genoa, Italy.

The operation took place seven weeks ago but was not announced until Thursday. Mother and baby appeared at a news conference on Friday, and di Matteo said she was "hoping for a normal life" for Alessia.

The baby was born with smooth muscle disorder, which prevented normal function of her stomach, intestines and kidneys. The condition is fatal if left untreated.

She underwent an operation

at Jackson Memorial Hospital in which she received a new liver, stomach, pancreas, small intestine, large intestine, spleen and two kidneys. The organs were all taken from the same 7-month-old donor and transplanted as a unit, said Dr. Andreas Tzakis, the lead surgeon.

Doctors at Jackson Memorial said the surgery was the world's first eight-organ transplant. But other officials have said it is difficult to say if the hospital had set a record because other facilities record the stomach and intestine as one organ.

The 12-hour operation Jan. 31 was performed in a space in the girl's abdomen about the size of three fists, and the organs transplanted weighed less than 11 ounces, Tzakis said. Alessia was 6 months old at the time.

She is expected to remain in Miami several more weeks for observation. The risks include infection and organ rejection.

"We are not at ease at all about the baby's condition and

we're going to be quite nervous for the first year," Tzakis said.

The hospital is one of the leading centers for multi-organ operations, having done nearly 100 in the past 10 years, Tzakis said. More than 80 percent of patients survive the first year after the surgery, he said.

Before the transplants, Alessia was hospital-bound with multiple infections, Tzakis said.

There was a problem with tissue rejection after the surgery, but doctors were able to get the complication under control.

Alessia now weighs about 13 pounds and is fed through a tube, but is out of the intensive care unit. Doctors are monitoring her intestines, which are most likely to develop infections.

On the Net:
University of Miami School of Medicine:
<http://www.med.miami.edu>
Jackson Memorial Hospital:
<http://um-jmh.org>

Doctors groups issue new guides for ear infections

CHICAGO (AP) — Two influential doctors groups published guidelines Tuesday seeking to limit use of antibiotics for ear infections in children.

The guidelines stress that about 80 percent of children with ear infections get better without antibiotics, and that pain relief should be the top priority.

"We want parents and doctors to first make the child comfortable with pain relievers such as ibuprofen and acetaminophen," said Dr. Ted Ganiats, co-chair of the joint panel that wrote the guidelines.

"Antibiotics do not relieve pain during the first 24 hours and do not reduce fever any quicker or better than pain medicine," he said.

The guidelines encourage doctors to initially try pain relief and observation in otherwise healthy children with relatively mild ear infections if they can be assured of adequate follow-up. In such cases, antibiotics could be started if symptoms don't improve in two or three days, the guidelines say.

If a decision is made to use antibiotics, amoxicillin should be prescribed for most children, say the guidelines, a joint effort of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Initial treatment with antibiotics may be appropriate for children younger than 2 and those who are very sick or have a high fever with their ear infections, the guidelines say.

CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
by Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

ADULTS GET SCOLIOSIS, TOO

Every year across the United States, healthcare professionals check school children to determine if they have scoliosis or a curvature of the spine. If caught early enough, this spinal problem can be remedied. Adults over 65 can also get a form of this condition in their lumbar spine or lower back called degenerative scoliosis.

Scoliosis discomfort tends to be worse early in the morning before getting up. It improves for a while, and then once again returns by the ends of the day. Patients have more pain when they stand or walk, because sitting takes the stress and weight off the joints.

Over time, the spine degenerates and the joints become increasingly arthritic and enlarged, causing considerable pain in the legs and back. If you are concerned about scoliosis or other back ailments, call your chiropractor immediately for an appointment. Doctors of Chiropractic are well known for their palliative treatments for such diseases.

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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.

Twentieth Century Club

The Twentieth Century Club met March 9 in the home of Vonna Wolf with Vice President Faye Harvey presiding.

The following business was conducted:

Myrna Orr, secretary, called the roll and read minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read. Dot Stowers presented the Treasurer's Report. Additional committee reports on community activities, education and home life, arts and literature, science and technology, and world news were given. Dot Stowers presented the program on "Musical Memories."

The next meeting will be March 23 in the home of Billie Dixon with Chleo Worley in charge of the program.

Las Pampas Koi & Water Garden Society

Las Pampas Koi & Water Garden Society met March 8 at First Landmark Realty with Paul and Vicky Helms hosting. A field trip was set for April 24 to Pollie's Greenhouses in Perryton. A committee was set up to work on a float for the rodeo parade. The Pond Tour was set for July 17 and preparations will begin.

Smitty Shelton of Borger, club member, presented a program on different types of filter systems with a demonstration.

Next meeting is set for 7 p.m., April 12, at First Landmark Realty.

T.E.E.A. Progressive Club

T.E.E.A. Progressive Club met March 11 in the home of Geneva Barton with President June Rowan presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

Roll call was answered with "What Makes a Good Listener?" Helene Baumgardner, secretary, read minutes from previous meeting and Mary Ann Bailey delivered the treasurer's report.

The 4-8 Fashion show will

be April 3 at 1:30 in the Gray County Annex. The County Cultural Arts display was set for March 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Annex for local judging of handwork to be taken to Amarillo. The group will go out to a "Dutch" lunch in Pampa.

District meeting is scheduled for April 13 in Canyon. All members urged to attend. There will be a silent auction and lunch. Progressive Club will provide two gift baskets.

The Spring Fling is planned for May 13 in Groom to visit The Cross.

Joan Gray presented the program titled "Top of Texas Community Partners" of which she is president. Membership includes Gray, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler counties. This organization promotes and supports partnerships between Child Protective Services and local communities to serve children, adults and families.

The hostess prize was won by Mildred Thrasher. Next meeting will be in the home of Helen Baumgardner, 2407 Christine, on April 8 at 2 p.m.

Highland Hobby Club Mairlyn Kirkwood hosted a pizza supper for the members

of Highland Hobby Club recently. Ferline Calvert, president, presided. Kirkwood gave minutes of the last meeting and treasury report.

Our project for this next month is to make hand fans from greeting cards to be given to a church that doesn't have air conditioning.

Members present were Johnnie Rohde, Mildred Salsman, Gloria Norris, Jewel Holmes, Ferline Calvert and hostess Mairlyn Kirkwood. Next meeting to be with Johnnie Rohde.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met March 16 at Lovett Memorial Library with Peggy Palmiter as hostess. Final work is being done on updating the guest tea mailing list. Members worked on projects in preparation for our art exhibit in May.

Next meeting is at 10:30 a.m., April 6, at Frances Hall's home.

RHS Chapter 10 Thousand

RHS Chapter 10 Thousand met at the Texas Rose, March 15. Meeting was called to order by Beatrice Neill, Queen Mother. Attendants were Linda

King, Thresa Hinds, Sue Smith, Pauline McCollum and Bonnie Immel. Next meeting will be held April 19 at 7 p.m. at Red Deer Catfish House in Miami. Members of the Red Hat Society will be joining Bonnie Immel for the grand opening of Bon'ney's Treasures at 1425 Alcock on Saturday, March 20. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Everyone enjoyed their meal and great service at Texas Rose. Where Calories don't Count on Mon. p.m.! Interested? Call Beatrice Neill at 848-2294.

Las Pampas DAR

John Forister presented a program on the Red River Wars of 1874-75 that forced the Native Americans onto Oklahoma reservations and opened the Panhandle area to settlement at the March meet-

ing of the Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Louisa Britton presented the National Defense report, Sudie Reeder, the flag fact, and Mary Cantrell the conservation report and Louisiana Purchase fact sheet. The chapter voted to accept a Stephen F. Austin oak tree, the DAR state conservation project, to be planted at the Pioneer Cottage. The chapter also voted to participate in the national project of collecting pennies at each meeting to contribute to the Indian schools that DAR sponsors.

Hostess for the meeting was Willie Mae Mangold. The April meeting will be in the home of Reeder with Mangold presenting a program on the Nevada Nuclear Depository as a part of the required conservation study.

'Lost' private papers of creator of Sherlock Holmes to be auctioned

LONDON (AP) — It was a mystery worthy of Sherlock Holmes himself.

More than 40 years ago, private papers and personal artifacts that belonged to the fictional sleuth's creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, were reportedly spirited away during a family dispute over the author's estate.

In the intervening years, many scholars began to doubt the existence of the manuscripts and sketches by the physician who created one of fiction's best-loved characters. Others feared they had been

destroyed.

Christie's auction house provided an ending to the story on Wednesday, saying the "lost" collection had been held for decades at a London law office.

Christie's expects the treasure trove of more than 3,000 items to fetch up to \$3.6 million at a London auction on May 19.

A highlight of the collection is the author's drawing for the first appearance of Sherlock Holmes in the novel "A Study in Scarlet," with the original title of the book, "A Tangled Skein," crossed through.

"A Study in Scarlet" was published in 1887. Over the following 40 years, Conan Doyle published 56 short stories and four novels featuring Holmes and his faithful sidekick, Dr. Watson, who, like Conan Doyle, was a physician, a writer and had served in the British army. The author died in 1930.

Scholars have long been tantalized by the prospect of finding the papers. Author John Dickson Carr referred to them in a biography published in 1949 but no more was seen or heard of them.

Jane Flower, a manuscript consultant at Christie's, said the collection had been held at the unidentified law firm for several decades until the legal dispute was resolved and that they were returned to the beneficiaries of Ana Conan Doyle, the wife of the author's youngest son, Adrian.

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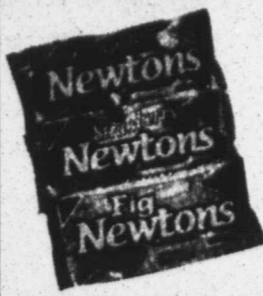
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ACCORD. Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

Boy Scouts. Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

Celebration of Lights. The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

Church of the Brethren. Church of the Brethren hosts a country gospel program at 7 p.m., every Monday at its location at 600 N. Frost.

Clean Pampa, Inc. Clean Pampa, Inc., holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart. The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eastern Star. Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

Girl Scouts. Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

Gospel Singing. First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the

congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

Highland Baptist. Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

Macedonia Baptist Church. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

Pampa Area Literacy Council. Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill, stated meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the same time.

Pampa Ministerial Alliance. Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

Pampa Prison Ministry. The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

RCIA. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

Red Cross. Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

St. Mark CME Church. St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

Story Hour. Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m., every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

Texas Department of Human Services. Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

Veterans. To recognize the contributions Texas veterans have made to the liberty we enjoy, Memory Gardens

Cemetery is assigning grave spaces to honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. If you are a veteran, you may be qualified for free burial space. However, you must register to obtain the free plot and you must show proof of honorable discharge. A number of veterans' spaces are available. Certificates will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call (806) 665-8921.

VFW & Ladies Auxiliary. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1567 meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the VFW Hall, 105 S. Cuyler. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall.

VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

Clubs, Associations, Etc.
American Legion. American Legion Post 334 meets at 7 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart.

Butterfly Garden Club. The Butterfly Garden Club of America offers free butterfly

garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

Downtown Business Association. Pampa Downtown Business Association meets at 8:30 a.m., the second Tuesday of the month at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler. For more information, call Chase Roach at 665-1251.

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

Gray Co. Ass'n for

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

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

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

Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society. Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi (See CALENDAR, Page 12)

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SPORTS

Baylor wins 8-7 over Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Baylor scored five runs in the third inning and got a key double play in the bottom of the ninth to hold on for an 8-7 win over Texas A&M Friday night.

Baylor (7-13, 1-0 Big 12) led 8-4 entering the bottom of the ninth, before Texas A&M (20-3, 0-1) added three runs, including two on home run by Cory Patton.

The Aggies had the tying

run in scoring position before Justin Ruggiano grounded out into a double play to end the game.

Texas A&M led early after scoring two runs on Baylor errors in the first inning. Baylor took the lead by adding five runs in the third. Josh Ford led Baylor in that inning with a two-run home run.

The Aggies cut the lead to 5-4 after RBI-groundout by Craig Stinson and an RBI-double by John Infante

in the fourth inning.

Baylor got a home run from Mike Pankratz in the fifth and extended its lead with a run each in the sixth and ninth innings.

Sean Walker (1-3) got the win for Baylor after allowing five hits and two earned runs in seven and two-thirds innings. Abe Woody got the save.

Zach Jackson (5-1) took the loss with 12 hits and six runs in four innings of play.

Texas beats Oklahoma in one of three games

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Carson Kainer went 2-for-3 with a home run as Texas beat rival Oklahoma 3-1 on Friday in the first of a three-game series.

Kainer, Taylor Teagarden and Ryan Russ all homered for the Longhorns (25-2).

Russ broke a tie in the top of the fifth inning when he connected off David Purcey's 0-1 pitch. Purcey (2-2) proceeded to give up home runs in the top of the sixth and seventh innings and took the loss for Oklahoma (11-8).

The Longhorns defense, led by pitcher J.P. Howell, gave up just six hits. Howell (5-1) fanned nine batters and walked just one. Reliever J. Brent Cox pitched three scoreless innings to extend the Longhorns' winning streak to 14.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 22, 2004:

You express unusual creativity and ingenuity this birthday year — even more than in the past. You become a veritable fountain of ideas. Keep a notebook at your bedside, as you will come up with many brainstorming ideas in your sleep. You will break past previously restricted thinking and open up to more dynamic thinking. You might travel. Some of you will find a foreigner to be inspiring. Others will take classes that open their thought process. Curb a tendency to be self-absorbed, especially if you are in a relationship, as this growth could cause you to be too me-oriented. You could also invite this person to join you in this process. If single, you are likely to hook up with a foreigner or someone totally different from what you anticipated. ARIES could cause you to trigger.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Be practical today, as those around you can only absorb so much so fast. You might need to re-explain where you are coming from at a later date. You'll adjust your plans as the result of upcoming news. Tonight: Do your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ Easy does it. You aren't going to change anyone's mind right now. Give up networking, and focus on what you can do without someone else's help. Take your time with an investment. In fact, postpone decisions for now. Tonight: Get as much rest as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Aim high and mobilize those who work with you or agree with you. Your ability to pull white rabbits out of black hats delights many, including you.

Don't lose focus of the long-term goal. You might need to remind others of this as well. Tonight: Surrounded by a crowd.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Assuming responsibility might not be as easy as you would like. You might need to update a decision or revamp the process at work. Others could agree at first, but hold on to your hat the next few days. Nothing is as easy as it seems. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Stretch your mind and learn to think in different ways. Though you often come up with new ideas, you can become even more dynamic if you remove restrictions around your thinking. Believe in solutions. All you need to do is find them. Tonight: Spontaneity works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You work best with others individually. Perhaps too much confusion surrounds long-term desires or problem-solving. Revise your thinking once you understand where someone is coming from. Express your dynamic ways. Tonight: A cozy night for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Others seek you out. Your job will be to respond positively or negatively, which you can and will do. Laugh along with others. Keep a situation light rather than getting bogged down in it. Ask questions that might lead to a solution. Tonight: Out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Dig into work, but understand that some matters might be best postponed until tomorrow. Realize what you want and expect from co-workers. If they aren't meeting your expectations, you might need to rethink what you expect or have a talk. Tonight: Find a stress-buster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You could reverse your thinking. Add more fun, creativity and perspective to your work. Investigate what

could happen if you toss a problem out to others. Brainstorming comes up with a myriad of solutions. You certainly can find one that works! Tonight: Pretend it isn't Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You could see an investment or domestic situation one way while someone else sees it a different way. Toss all the choices, ideas and solutions on the table. You discover that together with others you'll find suitable solutions. Don't say an automatic no. Investigate and maybe find an expert. Take your time. Tonight: Relax and let go of problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You tend to move in new directions and see your goals differently as of now. Review what might be happening within a key group of friends. You might want to go your separate ways. This feeling could change, given time. Discussions prove to be key. Pick up the telephone, please. Tonight: Have a chat over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Pressure hits financially and professionally. You can meet the demands whether you are the boss or an employee. Your dynamic thinking needs to be expressed carefully, as someone could take offense to it. This person wishes he or she thought of it first. Tonight: Dinner out.

BORN TODAY

Actor William Shatner (1931), singer George Benson (1943), mime Marcel Marceau (1923)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 21, 2004:

You get a new beginning this year. You manifest unusual get-up-and-go. Your charisma and imagination peak. You inspire others, as you'll hit many home runs this year. Your creativity soars to a new level, though you might be very self-involved. You have the ability to come up with ideas out of nowhere. If you are involved in the arts, you will see the results by the end of 2005, but meanwhile, creating and networking are important. If you are single, fall provides many interesting possibilities for your life. If you want to settle down, the right person will appear. If you are attached, you'll head in a new direction as a couple. You might want to make a list of what you two want to accomplish this year. It can happen. Another ARIES can unnerve you. How many leaders can their be?

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Don't let a bad dream mar your day. Your high energy makes you close to unstoppable once you get going. Your personality attracts others. Ask for what you want. Others are only too delighted to fulfill your wishes. Tonight: Enjoy yourself to the max.

This Week: You could be on the campaign trail, with your leadership and gregarious qualities taking over. Avoid gossip of any sort. Stay focused.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Knowing when to take time off is instrumental to your well-being. Use today as a lazy day. Don't hesitate to order in and get whatever you want. A parent or older relative delights with his or her ideas. Tonight: Think "Monday."

This Week: Others push hard on Monday. Be the slow-acting Bull until Tuesday, when you hit your power days of the month. Nothing will stop you now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You become a veritable whirlwind, with Mars, the planet of action, moving into your sign. Just be careful as you move around so quickly; you could be more accident-prone than usual. Friends want you. Someone at a distance desires your company soon. Tonight: Oh, so busy.

This Week: Monday and Thursday work

to your liking. Midweek, research or do work that is not dependent on others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** If you don't find an outlet for your energy, you could be more quarrelsome than usual. Talk to a partner in a loving manner. Bring family together. Others do appreciate the value you place on family, even if they don't say it. Tonight: Curl up and chat with a loved one.

This Week: You grasp problems and handle them all week long. For the most part, others agree with your decisions. Vanish Thursday, when you need more time for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** A day outing might be just what you need to recycle. Realize that you might feel a bit down about a personal matter. Through changing your environment, you can get a new perspective. Tonight: Detach and take another look at a problem.

This Week: Before you take action, check in with an expert or two. As a result, you'll greet enormous success. Enjoy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Someone close adds to the rewarding nature of this Sunday. Discuss a long-term desire and get help putting this wish in a new light. Friends might want to do something totally different from you. Tonight: Spend quality time with that special person.

This Week: Investigate options with a key associate, then move to a bigger circle, where you are able to receive expert advice. You will know what to do by the end of the week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Others run with the ball and are full of suggestions. Your ability to juggle many different interests emerges. Let go of work and responsibilities for now. You need some time just for yourself. Lighten up. Tonight: Work with someone else's wishes.

This Week: Others continue to run with the ball; simply play along for now. Any strong suggestions need to be postponed for a while. A detached comment on Friday might cause an uproar but lend insight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Take some time off for yourself. You might want to screen calls and do what works for you. Some will have an outdoor project; others will dig into their taxes. You will feel great once you clear out your to-do's. Make your home even more your castle. Tonight: Stay close to

your digs.

This Week: Get as much done as you can Monday, because on Tuesday the more social or people side of your work quickly takes over. You could be overwhelmed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Use your inventiveness and lighten up the day for everyone around you. The only exception could be a difficult partner who wants it his or her way. You can encourage this person to join in, but don't let his or her attitude ruin your day. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

This Week: Your imagination plugged into your work environment declares you a success. Just keep personal friends separate from co-workers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Enjoy your home. If you are single, you might like some company, as you could be depressed. You might have something important to do, as you get into the mood of spring. Let go and have a good time with this project. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Getting going could be difficult Monday, but once Tuesday greets you, you'll tackle anything knowing that you'll be successful. The Workhorse of the Zodiac might even work Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You might feel unstoppable beside a favorite person or as you bound out the door. You express your desire to be with the one you want. Your high-voltage energy might even wear you down, but only for a while. Tonight: Play out a fantasy.

This Week: Zero in on calls and what needs to be handled Monday. You could discover that a promise or friendship isn't going to come through like you wished.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Expenses are a bit outrageous at the moment. You might have difficulty not risking or indulging a child or loved one. Do what you must do. Your sixth sense gives you another way to approach a money matter. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: Money motivates you Monday. As a result, you do what you need to get the results you want.

BORN TODAY

Comedian Rosie O'Donnell (1962), actor Matthew Broderick (1962), actor Gary Oldman (1958)

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Rookie Kahne wins Darlington pole

By MIKE HARRIS
AP Motorsports Writer
DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP)

— Dale Earnhardt Jr. isn't a bit surprised by Kasey Kahne's fast start.

"No, not really," Earnhardt said Friday after the 23-year-old rookie beat out Junior for the pole at Darlington Raceway. "Kasey is a great race driver."

Earnhardt pointed out that Kahne's background in U.S. Auto Club short track racing is one reason for the rookie's quick success in NASCAR's Nextel Cup series.

"He compares to Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart," Earnhardt said. "But that's kind of his background. Those drivers seem to come into this sport and do well right off the bat."

"Obviously, he's gotten into a great race car and a great race team and a great race team owner in Ray Evernham. ... If you put a guy in those cars who can get the job done, they're going to run up front."

That's what Kahne has done for most of the season.

Since an engine failure stopped him in the season-opening Daytona 500 — a race Earnhardt won — Kahne has finished second, losing by inches to defending series champion Matt Kenseth at Rockingham, second at Las Vegas and third at Atlanta.

No other driver in NASCAR's modern era, dating to 1972, has had three top-five finishes in his first four starts.

Now he has two poles to go with the top fives and will start from the front in Sunday's Carolina Dodge Dealers 400.

"I've always loved qualifying," said Kahne, whose fast lap Friday was 171.716 mph. "You have to really get up and got for it, so I've always enjoyed it. That car was just perfect, and it felt like we made a perfect lap. But I am surprised. We weren't expecting to get two poles already this season."

This one came on the treacherous 1.366-mile, egg-shaped oval made even trickier by the installation of the new SAFER barriers on the outside wall in all four turns.

The steel and foam barriers, designed to cushion the impact of a crash, extend out from the concrete walls about 30 inches. That's not much at most tracks, but it has narrowed the already tight Darlington turns considerably.

Several drivers bounced off the barriers, including two-

time Daytona 500 champion Michael Waltrip in qualifying and Ryan Newman in practice.

"It's always been a tough track since I've been coming here," said Kahne, who also qualified second to 18-year-old rookie Kyle Busch earlier in the day in the Busch series time trials. "Now it's a little tougher. I held my breath a bit."

Earnhardt, coming off a win last Sunday in Atlanta, came closest to knocking Kahne off the pole with a lap of 171.154.

"We were nowhere near as fast as Kasey," Earnhardt said. "I'm happy we just keep improving here."

His best previous start in eight tries at Darlington was 10th in 2000.

Even though he has yet to win a pole this year, Earnhardt is off to a better start than Kahne, with two victories and a fifth-place finish in the first four races.

He goes into Sunday's race third in the season standings, 33 points ahead of Kahne and

trailing only leader Kenseth and runner-up Stewart.

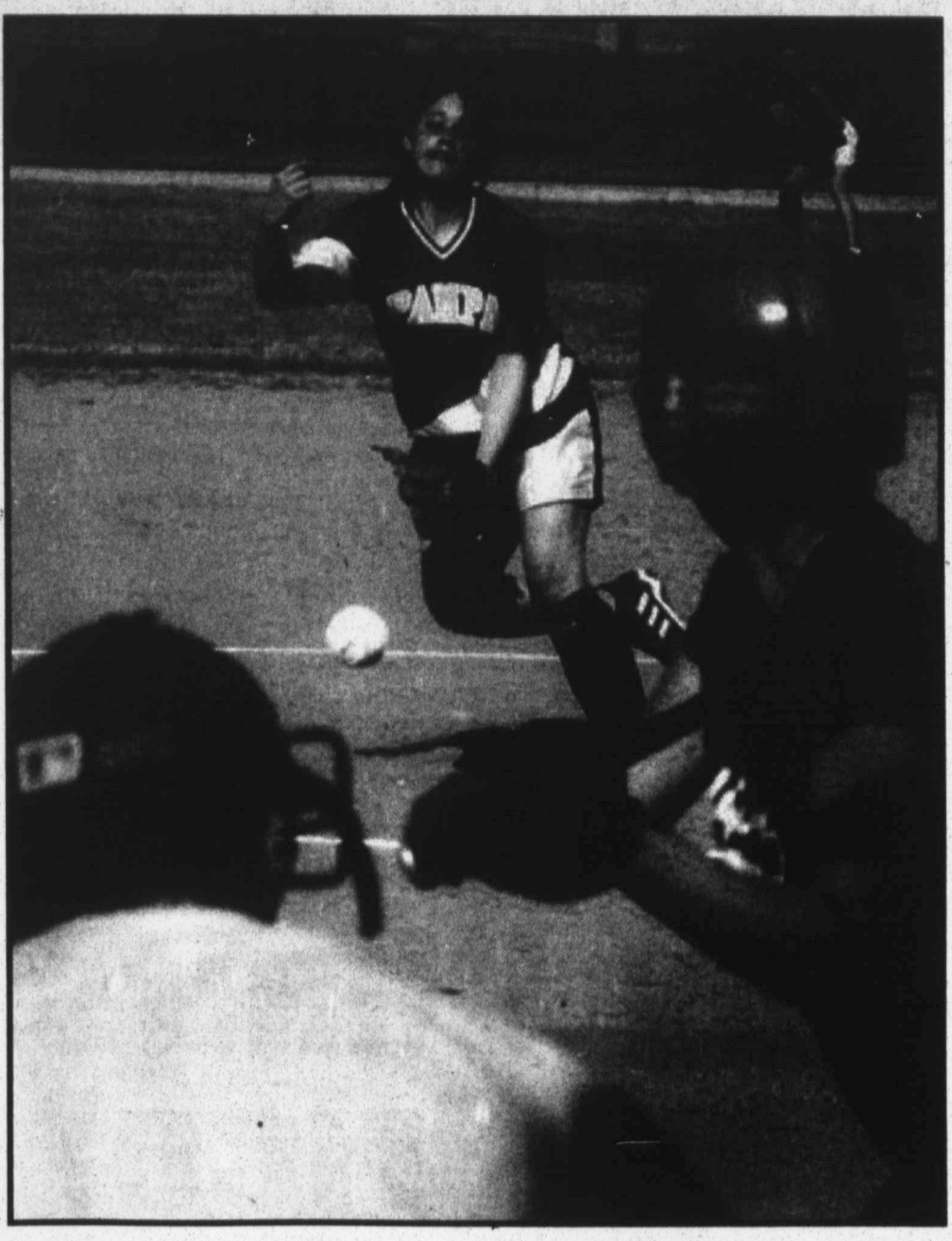
Newman, who had won two of four poles this season and six of the last 10, wound up a disappointing sixth with a lap of 170.792.

"Kasey ran a really good lap and I don't know if we could have beat that, but we should have been closer," Newman said. "I messed up in turn 2. I got too low and just about stuck it in the fence."

Greg Biffle (171.083), Kurt Busch (171.023) and surprising Derrike Cope (170.910) also beat Newman on Friday. It is Cope's first top-10 starting position since taking his only career pole in 1998.

Rounding out the top 10 were Newman's Penske Racing South teammate Rusty Wallace at 170.348, Stewart at 170.094, six-time Darlington winner Gordon at 170.083 and Elliott Sadler at 170.053.

Ricky Craven, who beat Busch by inches in a fender-banging finish here last March, qualified 36th at 166.896.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Nicole Clark led the Lady Harvesters softball team to a 26-9 victory over Palo Duro Thursday, stepping up to the pitcher's mound after Pampa pitcher Cassy Tice was hit by a wild pitch. Clark, who had been struggling earlier in the season, struck out the first Palo Duro player up. To top off the game, Clark slugged a home run in the fifth inning.

Sports in Brief

By The Associated Press
FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Keyshawn Johnson was reunited with Bill Parcells, giving the Dallas Cowboys the big target — and flamboyant personality — they've lacked since Michael Irvin retired.

The acquisition was settled once Joey Galloway accepted a contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Galloway's approval was the final hurdle in completing a trade that was discussed for nearly a month.

Johnson knew he was leaving the Bucs after they declared him inactive for the final six games last season because of differences with coach Jon Gruden. Rather than cut him, Tampa Bay made a trade so it would get something back on its initial investment of two first-round picks.

Parcells and Johnson have a successful track record together: In three seasons with the New York Jets, Johnson made the Pro Bowl twice.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Kevin Dyson signed a one-year contract with San Diego. The move came four days after the Chargers traded David Boston, their leading wideout, to Miami.

BASKETBALL
NEW YORK (AP) — A

bone bruise in Jason Kidd's left knee landed him on the injured list.

Kidd underwent an MRI, and team doctors planned to evaluate the tests over the weekend. The same injury sidelined Kidd, the NBA leader in assists, for New Jersey's entire four-game Western road trip earlier this month.

The Nets activated Tamar Slay to take Kidd's roster spot. Lucious Harris started at point guard in a 79-65 loss to New York.

BASEBALL

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay Devil Rays outfielder Josh Hamilton was suspended for the 2004 season for violating baseball's drug policy.

Hamilton, the first pick in the 1999 amateur draft, already had been given a 30-day suspension on Feb. 17. Under the new suspension, he isn't eligible for reinstatement until spring training next year, the commissioner's office said.

GOLF

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods' drive for five at the Bay Hill Invitational took a major detour.

Trying to become the first player in history to win the

same tournament five times in a row, Woods was out of bounds and in the trees on his way to a 2-over 74, which left him nine shots behind Shigeki Maruyama and needing to match his greatest 36-hole comeback to keep the streak alive.

Maruyama piled up enough birdies for his second straight 66, giving him a two-shot lead over Darren Clarke (68), Chad Campbell (68) and Stuart Appleby (67).

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam shot a 7-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Cristie Kerr after the second round of the Safeway International.

Sorenstam, making her first LPGA Tour start of the year after winning the ANZ Masters three weeks ago in Australia, had a 12-under 132 total. Kerr matched her career best with a 63.

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Tom Purtzer shot an 11-under 60 for a share of the Champions Tour record and a four-stroke lead after the first round of the Toshiba Classic.



Pampa Harvester Sports Calendar

Softball

Tuesday • March 23

Pampa vs. Dumas • 4:30 pm home

Saturday • March 27

Pampa vs. Borger • 2:30 pm home

Tennis

Friday • March 26

Pampa • Lubbock Invitational

Soccer

Tuesday • March 23

(Area Playoffs)

Pampa boys vs. El Paso Austin

vs. El Paso Riverside Winner • 7 pm Odessa

Track

Friday • March 26

Pampa • Deaf Smith Invitational • Hereford

Baseball

Monday • March 22

Pampa vs. Borger • 4:30 pm away

Friday • March 26

Pampa vs. Fritch Varsity • 4:30 pm home

Saturday • March 27

Pampa vs. Plainview • 3:30 pm away

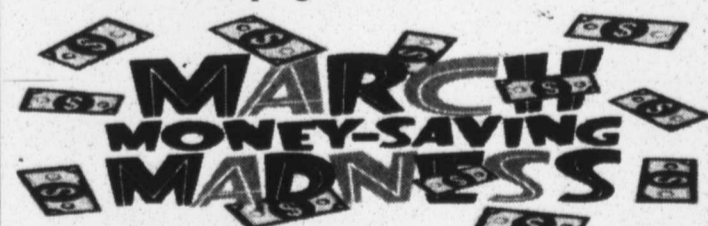
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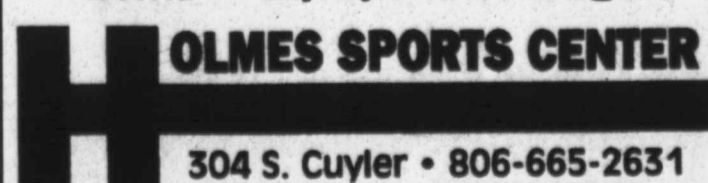
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CALENDAR

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Magic Plains ABWA. Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Clint and Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

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

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

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

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

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

Pampa Retired Teachers Ass'n. Pampa Retired Teachers Association meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Pampa Seniors Citizens Center. The association will meet until May of this year.

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

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

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

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

Shrine Club. Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of each month at The Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

Southwest Cowboy Poets. Southwest Cowboy Poets meets at 8 a.m., the second Saturday of each month at The Big Texan, 1-40 East, in Amarillo.

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

Medical, Support Groups, Etc.

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

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

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

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

Beginnings. "Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room,

1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

Breast Cancer 101. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center sponsors "Breast Cancer 101," an intensive education and supportive introduction to breast cancer, monthly at Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre in Amarillo. The series repeats the following topics each month: "Breast Cancer Overview and Surgical Options"; "Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer"; "Women in Touch Support Group"; and "Body Image and Sexuality" (spouses invited). For more information call

(806) 359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

Cancer Survivors Network. CSN, created by American Cancer Society, is a community/support network for cancer survivors and caregivers. The link to the network is located on ACS's web site at www.cancer.org. People may also call 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE). By logging onto the site, cancer survivors and caregivers can listen to, read or download prerecorded personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems and songs.

COAF Web Site. The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is now open on Saturdays and will take appointments for

blood donations. The new donation hours are: 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. The center is also promoting The Birthday Club. If a donor donates blood on their birthday, they will receive a Blood Drop Beanie. For more information, call (806) 358-4563 or 1-800-658-6178.

CPF. Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

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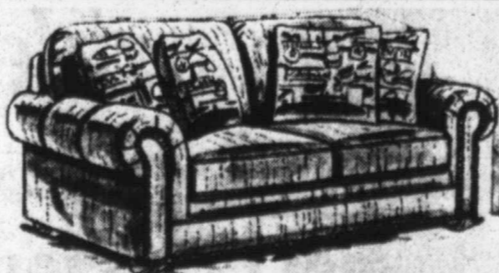
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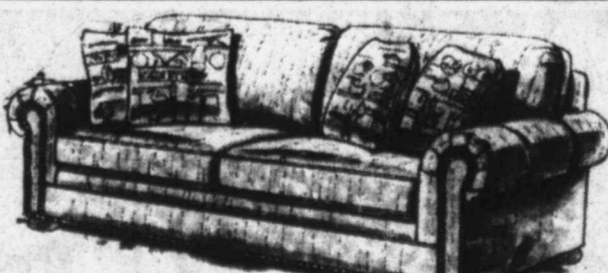
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NEWSMAKERS

Local Justice of the Peace **Kurt R. Curfman** was recently certified during a special judicial seminar in San Antonio.

The "Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar" was sponsored by Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University-San Marcos.

The event is one of six conducted to assist elected justices of the peace in fulfilling Continuing Judicial Education Requirements.

Topics covered at the seminar included judicial ethics, juvenile law, difficult people, cultural diversity, ruling on objections, contempt, expungements, traffic laws, parks and wildlife laws, commercial driver's license, property code issues and more.

AMARILLO — **Chad Brooks** of Pampa was recently among 32 students completing Amarillo College's Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy, Basic Peace Officer certification program.

The graduates must pass the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education state licensing exam before they can become commissioned officers.

AUSTIN — Members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association recently elected officers for 2004-05 during the final session of their 127th annual convention in Austin.

During the convention, **William L. "Bill" Arrington** of Pampa was elevated to honorary director status with-in TSWCRA.

NORFOLK, Va. — Marine Corps Lance Cpl. **Isaiah W. Manzanares**, son of Sylvia M. Manzanares of Perryton and Joe H. Manzanares of Pampa, and more than 2,200 Marines and sailors assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island and the amphibious transport dock ship USS Shreveport recently deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf regions. Manzanares' unit is an expeditionary intervention force.

Manzanares is a 2001 graduate of Pampa High School.

Local retailer, **T-Shirts & More** of Pampa, recently received the Elite Retailer of the Year award from Jim's Formal Wear, the largest formalwear distribution network in the U.S. The award is based on rental volume, order accuracy, and exceptional customer service. T-Shirts & More has been renting tuxedos from Jim's since 2000.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALTRUSA STYLE SHOW

Pampa Altrusa's Annual Style Show will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 27, in M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room. Models will be showing Spring fashions from local stores including Bealls, Dunlaps, Images, V.J.'s Fashions, Bob Clement's Cleaners, and Wayne's Western Wear. Musical entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Approximately 15 door prizes will be awarded. Tickets may be purchased from any Altrusa member or at the door for \$10, \$8 of which is tax deductible.

FCCA

Pampa Community Concert Association's 2003-04 concert series includes the following programs: Cantus - 7:30 p.m., April 26, Borger High School Auditorium. Memberships/tickets are available at the door. For more information on any of these events, contact Ronnie Holmes, FCCA president, at 665-2631.

BABY'S COMING SHOP

The Moms and Babies Coming Shop in Pampa is looking for volunteers to help man the shop. For more information, call 664-2459.

TDHS VOLUNTEERS

Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are

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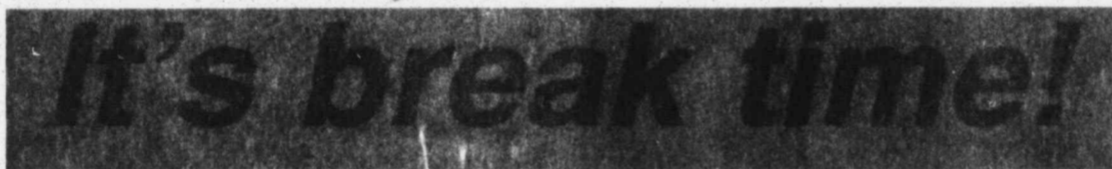


Everyone lines up for a turn as **Bailey Beck**, foreground, shoots for the goal at the basketball court in Central Park. Behind her are, from left, **Delissa, Clarissa, Josh** and **Agapito Salazar**.

Story and photos by
Ben Briscoe
Pampa News intern



Cole Young, above, decides the warm, sunny weather this week is perfect for washing his truck.



Fifth grader **Chelsea Whinery** and third grader **Makayla Hampton** stand in anticipation as Hampton's pale yellow, seven-pound bowling ball slowly makes its way down the alley toward three remaining pins.

Just when Hampton and Whinery have felt they can stand the wait no longer, the ball collides with two of the pins causing one to slide sideways across the floor knocking down the third pin. Hampton scores a strike.

For the past week, students, such as Whinery and Hampton, have been enjoying the spring break vacation from school. This means they have had a week of free time to do what they like.

"I have had so much fun this spring break," Whinery said. "I have spent the whole time playing with my siblings

or spending the nights with my friends."

Spending time with friends was a common theme over the break.

"My friend Ashley and I have mostly roller-bladed so far in the break. For the rest of it we plan only to sleep, eat and roller-blade," fourth grader **Stormy Brawley** said.

Many students also made it a point to spend time with family over the vacation.

"I came in from Brownfield, Texas, to spend time with my grandparents. Since I have been here we have been enjoying the sunny days and watching movies," **Cole Young**, high school freshman, said.

No matter how they spent their break, the majority of students asked agree on one thing.

"I am just glad I am not in

school. It is boring," Hampton said.

However, not all those polled feel this way.

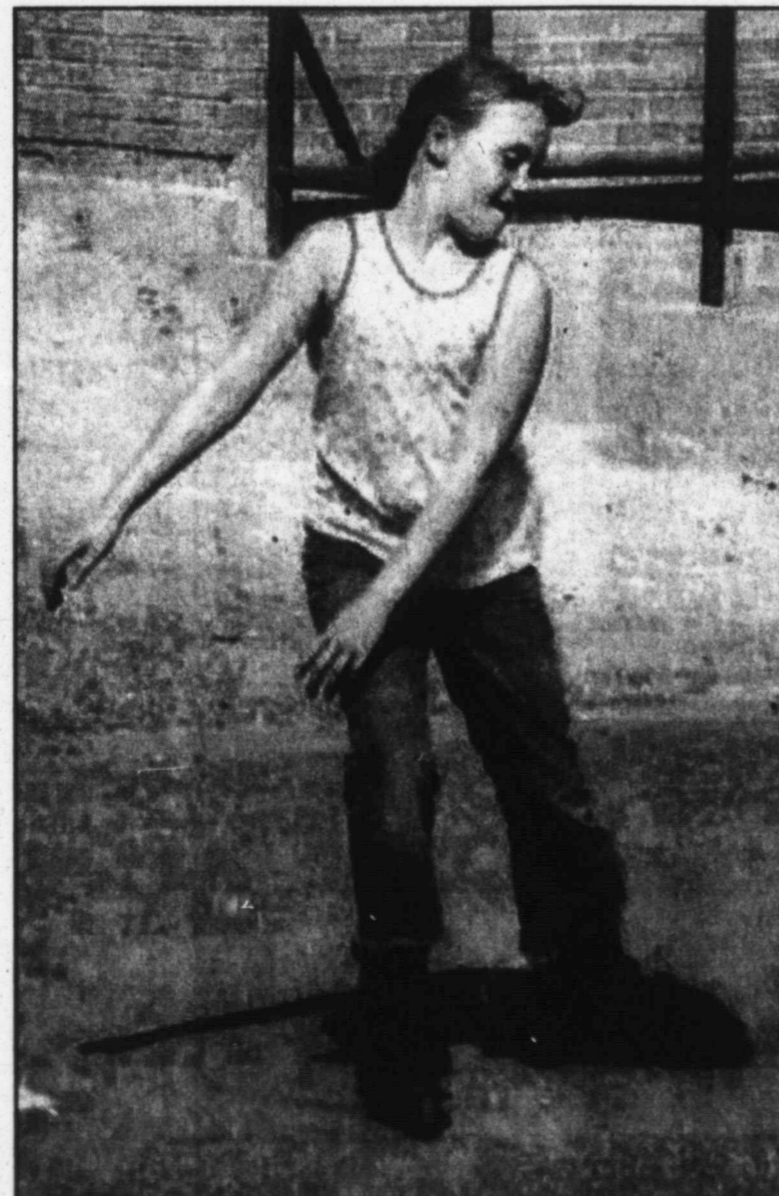
"I am ready to go back to school," second grader **Coleton Bolin** said, when found spending time in Lovett Memorial Library. "I want to go back mainly because I like it, and I miss my teacher."



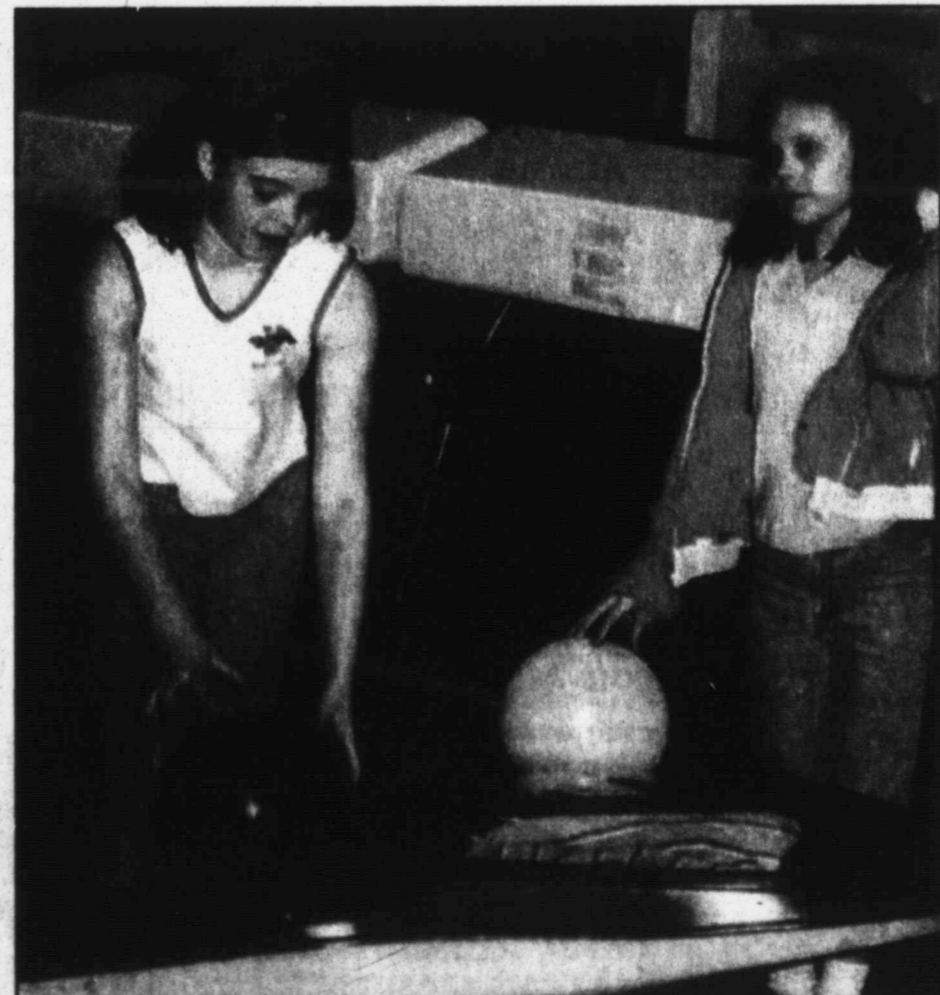
Cody Bolin chows down on pizza in the park during his spring break.



Coleton Bolin misses school, so he spends time reading at the local library.



Stormy Brawley prefers to go roller-blading during her days off from school.



Whinery Hampton, left, and **Makayla Hampton** turn to the bowling lanes for spring break entertainment.

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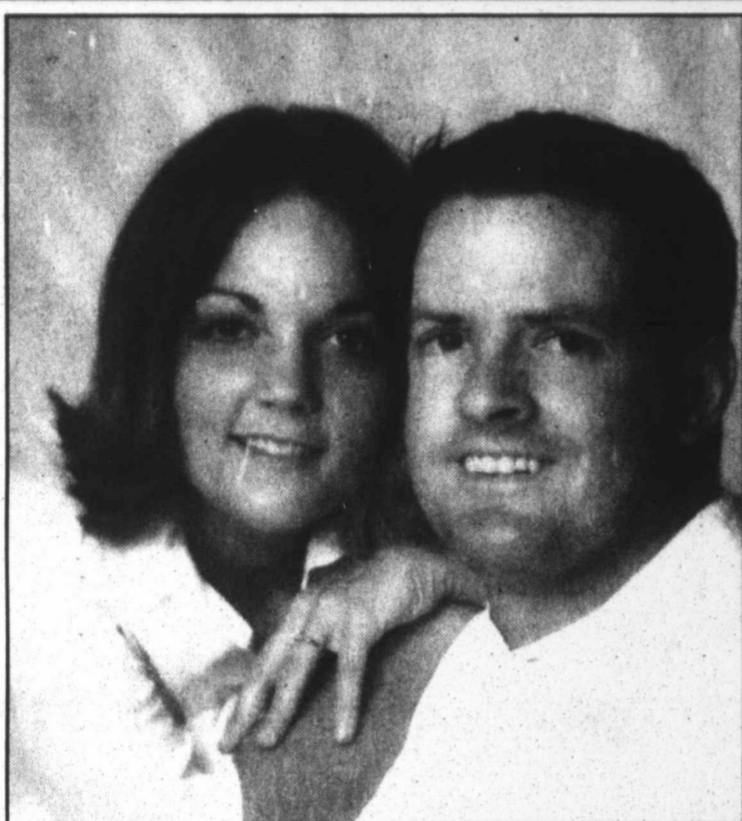
ENGAGEMENTS

Banks-Cambern

Rachael Banks and Zachary Cambern plan to wed Saturday, June 19 in Calvary-Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Robert Banks. She graduated from Yorkwood High School in Illinois in 1999 and from West Texas A&M University in 2003. She is currently employed by The Coffee Shop in Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Cambern. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and from Texas State Technical College in 1995. He is currently employed by El Paso Natural Gas Company.



Rachael Banks and Zachary Cambern

WEDDINGS

Hughes-Brogdon

Barbara Hughes and Luther "Billy" W. Brogdon Jr., both of Pampa, were wed on Feb. 13, 2004, by Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez at his offices in Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of James and Shirley Gist of Pampa and the late Jimmie Schuneman and Sandra Schuneman of Pampa.

The groom is the son of the late Luther W. Brogdon Sr., and the late Marie Elizabeth Brogdon.

Brenda Baxter of Pampa served as the maid of honor and Floyd Baxter of Pampa stood as best man for the couple. Ringbearer was Stephen



Barbara Hughes and Luther "Billy" W. Brogdon
Hughes of Pampa. Bonds in Pampa. The groom is a truck driver with Eastex secretary/agent for Central Bail Crude Oil, also of Pampa.

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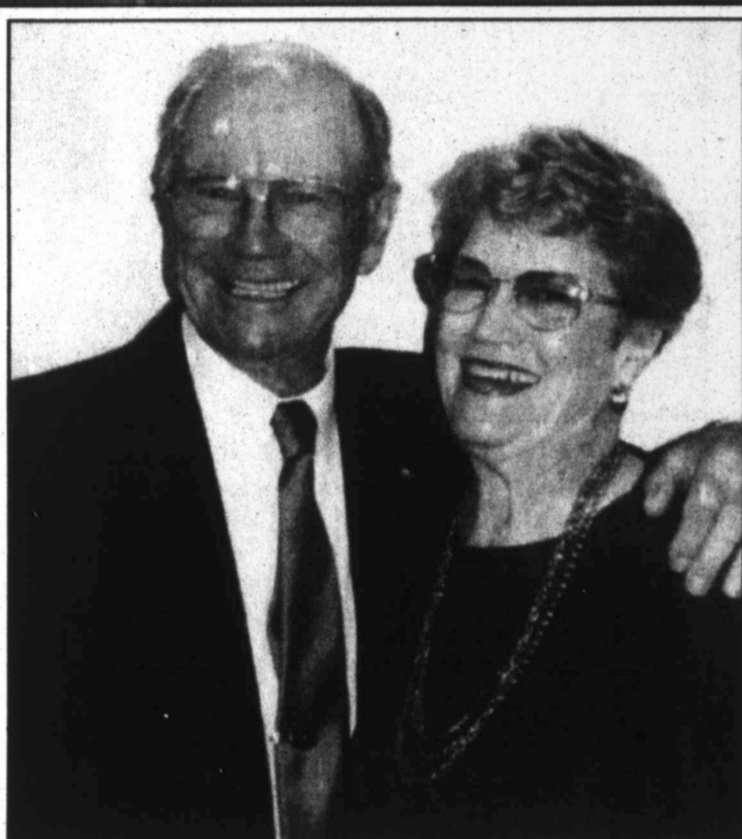
Woldt Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Deck Woldt of Pampa observed their 51st wedding anniversary March 20. They plan to celebrate with a trip to Santa Fe, N.M.

Deck Woldt and Eloise Bowen were married March 20, 1953, at Pampa in Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. Arthur Bruns officiating.

Mr. Woldt taught and coached for 31 years in the Pampa school system. Mrs. Woldt retired from First National Bank after 27 years.

Children of the couple are the late Russell Bowen and Sandra Wright of Bothell, Wash. They have two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Deck and Eloise Woldt

CRADLE CALL

Jackson Garren Light

Jessica and Jeremy Light of Fredericksburg, Va., announce the birth of their son, Jackson Garren Light.

Jackson was born at 11:11 a.m., Feb. 3, 2004, in the National Navy Medical Center at Bethesda, Md.

He weighed two pounds, five ounces and was 14 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jamilou Schaffer Garren of Pampa, Frank and Dottie Light of Eugene, Ore., and John Garren of Elk City, Okla.

His great-grandparents are James and Betty Schaffer of Pampa.



Jackson Garren Light

MENUS

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY

Pork roast, sweet potatoes, green beans, cake

TUESDAY

Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, applesauce

WEDNESDAY

Chicken & rice casserole, corn, broccoli, cookies

THURSDAY

Stew, cornbread, jello

FRIDAY

Tuna casserole, brussel sprouts, pickled beets, apricots

Pampa Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken & dumplings, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, German chocolate cake or lemon pie, hot rolls or cornbread

TUESDAY

Taco salad or chicken & ham tetrazini, curly fries, hominy, green beans, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, pineapple upside-down cake or banana pudding, hot rolls or cornbread

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes,

THURSDAY

winter blend, succotash, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, strawberry cake or chocolate sundae cups, hot rolls or cornbread

FRIDAY

Catfish & hushpuppies or tamales/chili/cheese, potato wedges, squash casserole, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or tapioca cups, garlic toast,

Week of March 22-26

hot rolls or cornbread

Pampa Public Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Pancake-n-sausage on a stick, syrup
Lunch: Pizza or steak fingers, green beans, corn, applesauce

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Toast, jelly
Lunch: Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, tossed salad, pears, hot roll

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Donut holes
Lunch: Chicken strips or pizza, fries, peas, pineapple, hot roll

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Egg patty, biscuit
Lunch: Sloppy Joes or chef salad, potato rounds, tossed salad, fresh fruit, cookie

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast
Lunch: Soft beef tacos or hamburger, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apple slices

Lefors Public Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Pop tarts, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: Sausage wraps, fajitas, beans, peaches, milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: Roast beef or fried

chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, brown gravy, tropical fruit, milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: Raviolis or mini-corn dogs, black-eyed peas, apricots, milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Eggs, sausage, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza or cheese sticks, corn, salad, oranges, milk

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, fish, fries, peas and carrots, applesauce, milk

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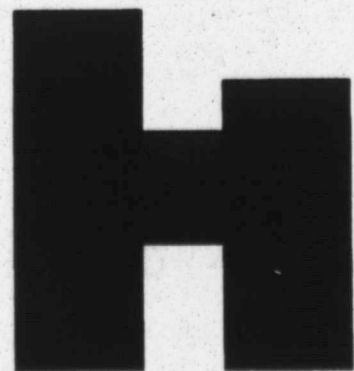
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Does 7 days without TV make one weak? Try it and find out

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — In your role as a devoted TV viewer, are you a little like a fish: submerged, but unaware you're wet?

If so, how would it feel to spend a week on dry land?

That's the idea behind TV-Turnoff Week, which for the 10th year is inviting viewers to "Turn off TV, turn on life."

This year the week is April 19-25, which gives you a full month to put together your own group "turnoff" with neighbors, co-workers or fellow students. Last year, some 7 million people in thousands of such groups pulled the plug, according to the nonprofit, Washington, D.C.-based TV-Turnoff Network, whose Web site can show you how to coordinate a similar effort.

Or you could simply

resolve not to watch television — all by yourself. That would mean you've got a month to prepare for seven days' withdrawal from "American Idol," "SpongeBob SquarePants," "The Sopranos" and cable-news pundits handicapping the presidential race.

Think you can make it? Why not? This year, a tidal wave of anger toward television may make the idea seem downright appealing. You might treat TV-Turnoff Week as a rebuke to media bosses foisting Janet Jackson and "Fear Factor" on you and your family.

Does the pool you're swimming in seem more tainted than ever? Congress sure seems to think so. Just last week, House lawmakers voted to raise the maximum fine for broadcasters and personalities who air indecent material to \$500,000 per incident — up

from \$27,500 for license holders and \$11,000 for personalities. The bill now goes to the Senate.

"One reason viewers come to TV-Turnoff Week is because they're troubled by the messages they see on TV, and that's a perfectly good reason," says Frank Vespe, TV-Turnoff Network executive director.

On the other hand, his organization takes a dim view of television regardless of its "good" or "bad" programming.

Of greater concern is the sheer quantity of time Americans spend watching whatever they watch. Or so Vespe's group contends.

"Do you focus on TV's inappropriate messages," he poses, "or on remaking your relationship with the TV to break its hold on you?"

In the past year, the cumula-

tive health consequences of excessive TV-watching, particularly among the nation's youth, have seized national attention, with the federal government declaring last week that overeating could soon replace smoking as the No. 1 preventable cause of death.

A pair of recent studies say thousands of commercials for candy and sugary foods have contributed to the epidemic of childhood obesity in America.

The number of commercials children see annually has doubled to 40,000 since the 1970s, the Kaiser Family Foundation reported last month, "and the majority of ads targeted to kids are for candy, cereal and fast food." The study said that 15.3 percent of children aged 6 to 11 were listed as overweight in 1999-2000, compared to 4.2 percent in 1963-1970.

The American Psychological Association called for the government to restrict advertising aimed at children under 8, arguing these youngsters are uniquely vulnerable to ad come-ons. It proposed "specific restrictions on advertising junk food," among other actions.

Of the nearly 17 weekly hours of TV binged on by youngsters 2 to 11, slightly more than nine hours is kids programming, according to Nielsen Media Research.

"It's pretty clear that excessive TV time has been implicated in the childhood obesity crisis," says Vespe, "so TV-Turnoff Week is a good way to call attention to that connection: Turning off the TV is, or should be, part of a healthy lifestyle."

The goal, then, is to discover some of the things you can do apart from television, the

Internet and video games.

"One of the great lessons in participating in TV-Turnoff Week is the realization that 'Every time I turn on the TV, I'm deciding not to do something else,'" Vespe says.

He points to U.S. Census data that suggest his organization is making an impact: More than 72 percent of children under 12 have a limit on television time — up from about 63 percent in 1994.

There you have it: A sign of recognition that life exists beyond submersion in the TV pool. TV-Turnoff Week is as good a time as any to poke your head out and learn that lesson for yourself.

On the Net:
www.tvturnoff.org

EDITOR'S NOTE — Frazier Moore can be reached at fmoore(at)ap.org

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Billboard Hot 100: Top 10
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1. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Ludacris & Lil Jon). Arista.
2. "One Call Away," Chingy (feat. J. Weav). Disturbing tha Peace.
3. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
4. "Hotel," Cassidy (feat. R. Kelly). Nick.
5. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
6. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace.
7. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella.
8. "The Way You Move," OutKast feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
9. "Toxic," Britney Spears. Jive.

10. "My Immortal," Evanescence. Wind-up.
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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Feels Like Home," Norah Jones. Blue Note.
 2. "Bad Boy's 10th Anniversary... The Hits," Various Artists. Bad Boy.
 3. "In This Skin," Jessica Simpson. Columbia. (Platinum)
 4. "Fallen," Evanescence. Wind-up. (Platinum)
 5. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
 6. "The College Dropout," Kanye West. Roc-a-Fella.
 7. "Songs About Jane," Maroon5. Octone. (Platinum)
 8. "Closer," Josh Groban. 143. (Platinum)
 9. "The Very Best of Sheryl Crow," Sheryl Crow. A&M. (Platinum)
 10. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum)
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Hot Adult Contemporary
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1. "You Raise Me Up," Josh Groban. 143.
2. "The First Cut is the Deepest," Sheryl Crow. A&M.
3. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.
4. "White Flag," Dido. Arista.
5. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
6. "Calling All Angels," Train. Columbia.
7. "100 Years," Five for Fighting. Aware.
8. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.
9. "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," Michael McDonald. Motown.
10. "This One's for the

Girls," Martina McBride. RCA Nashville.

Top Gospel Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "WOW Gospel 2004," Various Artists. Word.
 2. Soundtrack: "The Fighting Temptations." Various Artists.
 3. "Throne Room," CeCe Winans. PureSprings.
 4. "Gotta Have Gospel!" Various artists. Integrity Gospel / Gospel Centric/Epic/Sony Music.
 5. "Byron Cage," Byron Cage. Gospo Centric.
 6. "I Need You Now," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel.
 7. "Bringing It All Together," Vickie Winans. Verity.
 8. "Smokie Norful: Limited Edition (EP)," Smokie Norful. EMI Gospel.
 9. "Do You Know," Michelle Williams. Music World.
 10. "WOW Gospel 2003," Various Artists. EMI Christian. (Gold)

MainstreamHot Country Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Watch the Wind Blow By," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 2. "American Soldier," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
 3. "Little Moments," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
 4. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney & Uncle Kracker. BNA.
 5. "Perfect," Sara Evans. RCA.
 6. "Hot Mama," Trace Adkins. Capitol.
 7. "Sweet Southern Comfort," Buddy Jewell. Columbia.
 8. "Remember When," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 9. "You'll Think of Me," Keith Urban. Capitol.
 10. "In My Daughter's Eyes," Martina McBride. RCA.
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Top Country Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "When the Sun Goes Down," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
 2. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
 3. "Greatest Hits Volume II," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
 4. "Long Black Train," Josh Turner. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
 5. "Soul Gravy," Cross Canadian Ragweed. Universal South.
 6. "Golden Road," Keith Urban. Capitol. (Platinum)
 7. "Spend My Time," Clint Black. Equity.
 8. "Martina," Martina McBride. RCA (Nashville). (Platinum)
 9. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA (Platinum)
 10. "See If I Care," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
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Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "Yeah!" Usher (feat. Lil Jon & Ludacris). Arista.
 2. "Splash Waterfalls," Ludacris. Disturbing tha Peace.
 3. "One Call Away," Chingy (feat. R. Kelly). Full Surface.
 4. "Topsy," J-Kwon. So So Def.
 5. "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella. Collipark.
 6. "Sorry 2004," Ruben Studdard. J.
 7. "Hotel," Cassidy (feat. R. Kelly) Full Surface.
 8. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie Foxx). Atlantic.
 9. "If I Ain't Got You," Alicia Keys. J.
 10. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.
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Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Bad Boy's 10th Anniversary... The Hits," Various Artists. Bad Boy.
 2. "The College Dropout," Kanye West. Roc-a-Fella.
 3. "Kamikaze," Twista.

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 Specifications may be obtained from the office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, 806/669-5730. Bids may be delivered to the Purchasing Agent's Office, 200 W. Foster, Pampa, Texas 79065, mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499, or may be faxed to 806-669-5712. Envelopes should be clearly marked "VEHICLES / FORMS BURSTER BID, BID NO. 04-03-J". The City of Pampa reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any formalities or technicalities.

/s/ Phyllis Jeffers
 City Secretary
 E-20 Mar. 21, 28, 2004

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1 Public Notice

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/s/ Phyllis Jeffers
 City Secretary
 E-18 Mar. 14, 21, 2004

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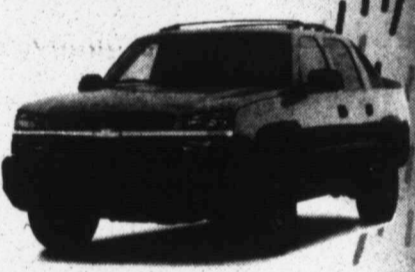
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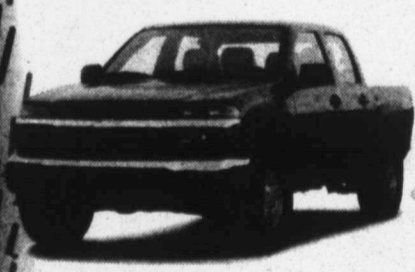
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Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway will host the following event in March: Steel Sports Adventure Race, March 27. For more information, call (806) 455-1492.

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TWO-CYLINDER CLUB

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will stage its 12th annual antique tractor show March 27-28 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. The event, which will include a daily parade of tractors at 2:30 p.m., will be open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday. The show will also feature a pedal tractor pull and various other activities. Admission is free. Concessions will be available. For more information, call (806) 744-4457.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: March 26, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, in 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.

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VFW ANNIVERSARY

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the local post on April 3. The celebration will include a parade, tours of Freedom Museum USA, an open house and a banquet. Members of the 17 posts that comprise the area's District 9 as well as the state commander will be invited. Donations are

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DEVIL'S ROPE MUSEUM

The Devil's Rope Museum in McLean will host its annual Barb Wire Show April 1 and 2 in the Western Heritage Room of the museum, located at 100 Kingsley. The show will feature various types of barbed wire and fencing tools plus a multitude of other items. The event is free and open to the public.

CINDERELLA PAGEANT

The West Texas Cinderella Pageant initially scheduled for March 6 has been moved up to April 3 and will be staged at the high school in Kress. The pageant is open to girls between 0 and 2 years of age and 3 and 26 years of age and boys between 0-6-years of age. For more information, call (806) 684-2389.

COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST

Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the 2000 "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000

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Circle in the Square Theatre School in New York will hold auditions on May 1 in Dallas as part of its Professional Two Year Workshops (both acting and musical) and its seven-week Summer Workshops (acting and musical). For more information, call (212) 307-0388; write: Admissions, Circle in the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-6795; or e-mail circleinthesquare@att.net. For a downloadable application, visit www.circlesquare.org on the World Wide Web.

WINE & CLAY FESTIVAL

Llano Estacado's Seventh Annual Wine & Clay Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13, at Llano Estacado Winery, 3.2 miles east of US87 on FM 1585. Demonstrations are planned throughout the day. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, and 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday.

HOUSTON CRAFT SHOW

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft is seeking entries for "CraftHouston 2004: Texas" set for June 19 through Sept. 12 at the Craft Center. Postmark deadline for entries is April 1. Entry forms and application information for this juried event are available at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St., Houston, TX 77002; at www.crafthouston.org; or by calling (713) 529-4848, ext. 106, or e-mailing hccc@crafthouston.org.

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