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Houston debates traffic cameras

HOUSTON (AP) — The city council is scheduled to vote soon on a controversial plan that would put video cameras at some of Houston's most dangerous intersections.

The matter will be decided Dec. 15 and the cameras could be installed two months after that, officials told the Houston Chronicle in a story for its Saturday editions.

City Attorney Arturo Michel said Friday that the city decided it can issue civil citations even though the state Legislature in 2003 denied cities the power to issue criminal citations based on camera enforcement.

Mayor Bill White said he favors the cameras.

"The Houston Police Department last year recorded more than 5,000 accidents caused by motorists running red lights," he said. "People overwhelmingly in our community complain about the lack of enforcement at red lights. It's a better idea to use technology rather than taking police officers out of patrols to sit at intersections."

If passed, Houston would be only the second city in Texas with such traffic video surveillance.

The Dallas suburb of Garland was the first municipality in Texas to install cameras at traffic lights in September 2003. Garland's system issues tickets for drivers caught inside an intersection during a red light but not for actually running a red light.

Nationally, more than 100 cities in 20 states use the cameras, including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Some lawmakers are against the cameras, as are many privacy advocates.

State Rep. Gary Elkins of Houston said he expects there to be "overwhelming support" in the upcoming session to pass a law that would prevent Texas cities from using the cameras for traffic-light enforcement.

Neighbors still unhappy with tower

County, state officials say hands are tied from taking legal action in the matter

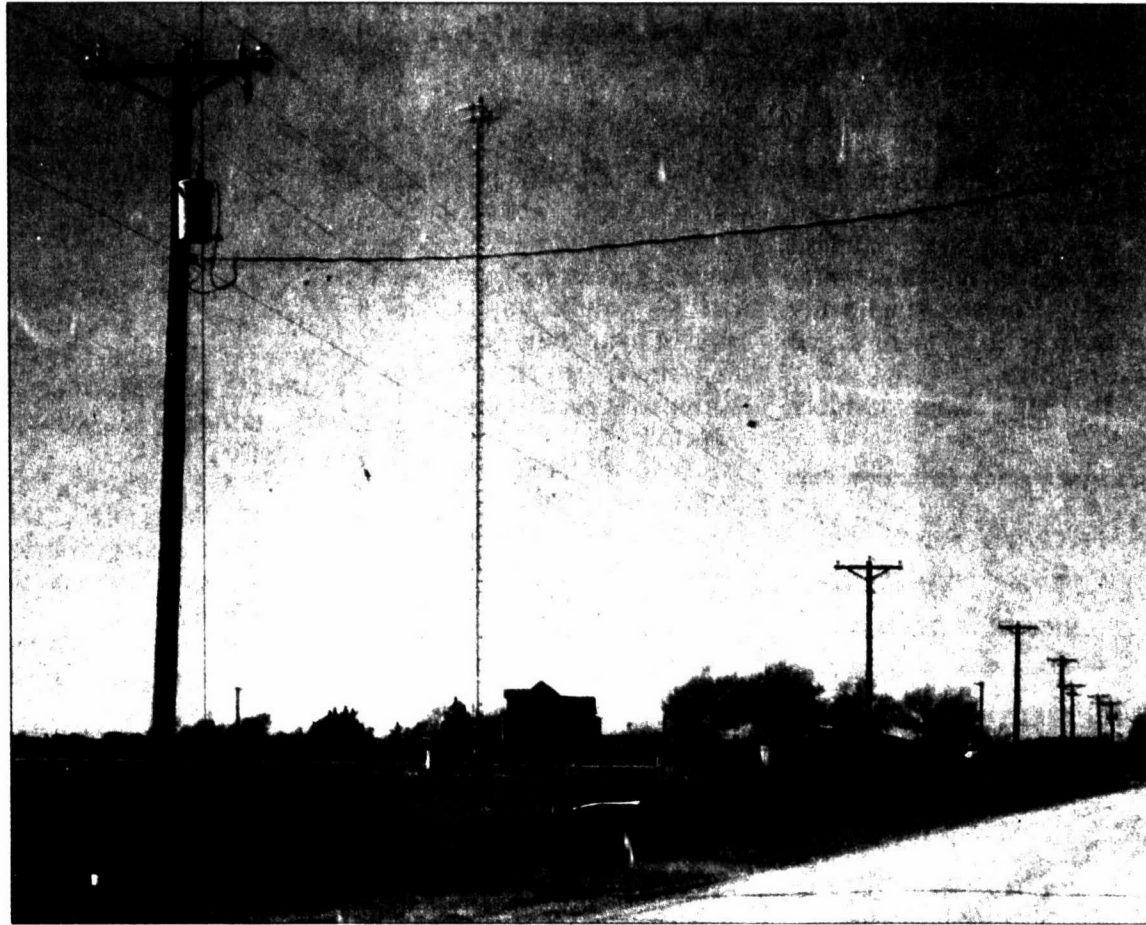
By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

County residents living one mile west of Pampa on County Roads D and 5 are still unhappy with a cell phone transmitter tower erected this year in their vicinity.

"They went ahead and built it. We tried talking to the people, we tried talking to Dobson. Nobody would return our calls," said Debbie Stokes, whose house is 84 yards from the tower.

Towers of Texas built the tower this autumn for Capitol Lease Corporation, according to Tim Duffy, senior vice president and chief technical officer of Dobson Communications in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City, Okla. Dobson has leased the right to have a transmitter atop the tower for service to its cellular telephone customers, which include Pampa and area residents.

Stokes, Richard Russell, and Herb and Lynn Smith voiced their protests over the tower at the Oct. 1 Gray County commissioners' meeting. They cited health concerns; impact on property values; safety concerns regarding high winds, lightning and other weather events; and eyesore effects



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A newly-completed tower in use for cellular telephone transmissions is directly across Gray County Road 5 from the home of Debbie Stokes, who lives one mile west of Pampa. Five other county residents live within one-quarter mile of the tower, which has sparked concern among them regarding health, property values, and personal comfort and safety.

of having the tower in their fields of vision while at home.

County Attorney Josh Seabourn and county commissioners explained to the concerned residents that there are currently no state or local laws which would empower them to act in the

matter. "The county has no input into the situation, no jurisdiction," Seabourn said at the commissioners' Oct. 15

meeting. He said the county currently has no zoning regulations in effect which would concern the tower.

"There are no local ordinances regarding such towers," he said in an Oct. 24 interview.

"Warren Chisum said no county in the state has jurisdiction" in such a circumstance, Seabourn said.

"I talked to the Texas Environmental Quality Control office in Amarillo. They also said there were no laws regarding this and no regulations on microwave emissions," he said. Towers such as the one at County Roads D and 5 emit microwaves.

"Nothing in the state statutes empowers counties to regulate these towers. The Texas Clean Air people said they wouldn't get involved if it didn't affect air or water quality," Seabourn said.

"I have written several letters to county commissioners. These people can go in and put these towers in anywhere they want, right now. The judge (County Judge Richard Peet) says they meet FCC (Federal Communications Commission) requirements," Stokes said in an interview

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Rumsfeld staying

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overcoming criticism about his handling of Iraq, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has won a strong vote of confidence from President Bush and will remain at the Pentagon.

It settles one of the last major questions about who goes and who stays in the second-term Cabinet.

Rumsfeld's future was sealed in an Oval Office meeting with Bush on Monday but not announced until Friday. Also on Friday, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson announced he was leaving — departing with a warning about a possible terror attack on the nation's food supply.

"For the life of me, I cannot understand why the terrorists have not attacked our food supply because it is so easy to do," Thompson said. "We are importing a lot of food from the Middle East, and it would be easy to tamper with that."

With Thompson's resignation, eight members of Bush's 15-person Cabinet have said they will depart. Treasury Secretary John Snow, despite being called by the White House a valuable member of the president's economic team, has not received a public endorsement of continued service.

Snow, who has been in the job less than two years, declined in an appearance Friday on CNBC to reveal whether he has submitted or offered to submit his resignation.

Rumsfeld's tenure has been marked by unanticipated postwar violence in Iraq and more than 1,250 U.S. deaths, as

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Holiday displays costly

CLEVELAND (AP) — Holiday cheer was scarce in the northeast Ohio city of Elyria a few weeks ago when it looked like budget woes would break a Christmas tradition.

Every year for two decades, the city paid for hot chocolate, Christmas lights and Santa Claus at a 1925 mansion that drew 12,000 visitors each holiday season. A \$1 million shortfall earlier this month forced the mayor to cancel Christmas at the mansion and mix plans for other city holiday displays.

But two local charities donated \$35,000 to keep on the lights, an example of how cash-strapped cities across the country are scrounging to pay for holiday decor.

In Farmington, Ark., residents sell ornaments to raise money for the city's Christmas tree display. An Arlington, Texas, a councilwoman led an effort this year to raise nearly \$25,000 within the community to save the city's parade and tree-lighting ceremony.

Pittsburgh — for almost a decade — has paid for its popular downtown "Light Up Night" with the help of business donations, keeping the tradition going even last year when the city was so broke its mayor asked the state to bail it out.

Mary Ellen Solomon, spokeswoman for the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership that organizes the monthlong event, said the tradition would be in jeopardy without the support

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City officials proclaimed Nov. 26 as Ted Gikas Day in Pampa. Attending a special service in front of The Coney Island Cafe, formerly owned by Gikas and his brother John, are John Curry, City Manager John Horst, Connie Diaz, Sue Cain, Brenda Donelson, Linda Austin and Shirley Howeth.



John Curry visits with soloist Mary Jane Johnson during the reception following the Ted Gikas memorial service.

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Benefactor remembered with music, scholarship

A scholarship fund sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association in memory of Ted Gikas has grown to more than \$2,500, officials announce.

Donations are continuing to come in, says Lilith Braunard, PFAA board member. Checks or pledges can be mailed to Ted Gikas Pampa Fine Arts Scholarship, P.O. Box 818, Pampa, TX 79065.

On Friday, Nov. 26, Pampans observed Ted Gikas Day in front of the Coney Island Cafe. City Manager John Horst read a proclamation, John Curry gave the invocation and the group

DECEMBER 5, 2004

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

Services today
SMITH, Hazel 2 p.m., 11th Street Baptist Church, Shamrock.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 58. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low near 34. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 50. West wind around 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 51. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly

cloudy, with a high around 51. Southwest wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 33.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 48.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 57.

Cabinet

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well as enormous increases in spending on the military after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Despite controversies, the hawkish, sometimes acid-tongued Rumsfeld has kept Bush's confidence.

Rumsfeld also has a long history of influential support from Vice President Dick Cheney from their days together in the Ford administration in the mid-1970s.

Rumsfeld has a full plate: continuing military operations in Iraq, focused now on securing the country ahead of January elections; the ongoing effort in Afghanistan and a plan to modernize the military.

Bush believes Rumsfeld is "the right person at this moment in our history in fighting the war on terror to lead our armed forces," a senior administration official said in describing the president's decision.

The secretary's future had been the subject of much speculation, after revelations about abuses at Abu Ghraib and other U.S.-run prisons in

Iraq. Though Bush steadfastly backed his defense chief — one of the more hawkish members of his administration — Rumsfeld had many detractors in Congress and the military.

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— Senior official
White House

the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal became public. He told the Senate Armed Services Committee that he would quit if he thought that would help, but not simply to satisfy the administration's political enemies.

Rumsfeld said he would take the blame for the scandal. After the completion and publication of several in-depth investigations, the pressure for him to resign abated during the summer.

In recent interviews, Rumsfeld had refused to talk about his future, except to say he remained committed to transforming the military to make it more capable of fighting wars of the 21st century.

Many have criticized him for failing to foresee the insurgency that has taken thousands of Iraqi lives and killed hundreds of American troops since Saddam Hussein's regime was toppled in April 2003.

Rumsfeld has acknowledged that the strength and resilience of the insurgency was underestimated.

It was not clear how long Rumsfeld's top deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, and chief policy adviser, Douglas Feith, would remain. Pentagon spokesman Lawrence Di Rita said Friday that Feith told his staff he intended to stay for a while.

believed at the Pentagon that Rumsfeld wanted to stay on, at least for a time, in order to oversee the continuing transition in Iraq and shepherd his plan for a fundamental transformation and modernization of the U.S. military.

Rumsfeld, 72, is the oldest person to serve as secretary of defense. He also was the youngest when he ran the Pentagon for President Ford.

Rumsfeld took intense criticism from members of Congress last spring when

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department on Saturday reported the following arrests, according to Gray County Sheriff's Office jail records.

Friday, Dec. 3

Christopher Shouse, 28, 313 N. Sumner, was arrested for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Floyd Lee Mullen, 42, 418 Wynne, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

Richard Luis Arreola, 27, 1105 Starkweather, was arrested for criminal trespass.

Kimberlie Dawn Peevey, 21, 1028 N. Wells, was arrested for three counts of issuance of a bad check and on a capias pro fine for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Jayne Lynn Nation, 29, 1205 Wells, was arrested on capias pro fines for no insurance, expired license and failure to change address.

Billy Glen Brown, 41, 1200 N. Wells #57, was arrested on a blue warrant and on a capias pro fine for no insurance.

Zachary Wade Skinner, 19, 2136 Coffee, was arrested

on a directive to apprehend from the Texas Youth Commission.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported on Saturday the following arrests.

Friday, Dec. 3

Ignacio Vargas, 31, 937 S. Faulkner, was arrested on warrants for running a stop sign and failure to appear and for capias pro fines for expired inspection and no insurance.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Patricia Eileen May, 19, homeless, was arrested on a fugitive warrant.

Fire

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

Friday, Dec. 3

11:57 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to Pampa Middle School, 2401 Charles, on a smoke scare. Officials at the school reported smelling something burning and the presence of some smoke which turned out to be, fire officials said, an electrical short.

12:49 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded

to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Hobart and Kentucky.

8:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 700 block of South Barnes on an odor investigation.

9:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1800 block of North Price Road on a carbon monoxide investigation.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, Dec. 3

6:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Kentucky and Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Kentucky and Hobart and transported one patient to PRMC.

2:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Coffee and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Displays

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of businesses such as a local utility company and area department store.

"We work very hard to make sure it continues," she said. Without the extensive animated holiday figurines, lit-up skyscrapers and 65-foot tree in the middle of the city, "Christmas just wouldn't be the same."

In Cleveland, where a \$60 million-plus deficit led to layoffs of teachers, police and firefighters, donations by some 40 businesses were crucial to its annual display, said Gary McManus, a spokesman for the nonprofit Downtown Cleveland Partnership. The partnership has organized holiday spon-

sors for about five years.

The Cleveland Browns football team, General Electric and the visitor's bureau were among those that pitched in this year to help the city pay for the 1 million lights that twinkle in Public Square, where several trees and holiday displays will remain until January.

"Everyone in the region expects that the downtown is going to have the major lighting display in the area," McManus said Tuesday. "But nobody ever stops to think how it happens."

Akron squeezed its Christmas parade and decorations into its tight budget, said spokesman Mark Williamson. But donations from area businesses and volunteers helped expand the celebration without adding costs, he said.

Mayor Don Plusquellic

couldn't imagine the holidays without a city celebration, Williamson said.

"Are we in a pinch? Sure. Every city is now," Williamson said. "Every city has to figure out how to — whether its plowing snow or having a holiday parade — how to balance it."

McManus said the sponsors get more than the fuzzy feeling of providing holiday cheer. Businesses get plenty of prime advertising in signs, fliers and other items connected with the displays.

Not every cash-strapped city is looking to save Christmas decorations.

The northeast Ohio city of Eastlake wants to raise money by selling items including snowball-throwing teddy bears, an animated giraffe and a lighted peacock. The city about 20 miles northeast of Cleveland is \$3.2 million in the hole.

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Drug lord extradited

MIAMI (AP) — Colombian drug kingpin Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela was flown to the United States early Saturday aboard a U.S. government plane, becoming the most powerful Colombian trafficker ever extradited to face U.S. justice.

Rodriguez Orejuela faces trial in federal courts in Miami and New York for plots to smuggle cocaine and launder money.

He arrived before dawn and was sent to a downtown jail, across the street from a courthouse where he was scheduled to make his initial appearance Monday, said a Drug Enforcement Administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Wearing handcuffs and a bulletproof vest, the leader of the once-feared Cali cartel was escorted Friday night to the plane at a military airfield on the edge of the Colombian capital of Bogota. Colombian soldiers and police brandishing rifles guarded a convoy that sped the kingpin from La Picota prison to the airfield.

Top American and Colombian authorities hailed the extradition.

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Child Welfare

University to host psychotropic medications workshop

WT A&M social work program and Texas Department of Family, Protective Services to present the workshop

CANYON — Psychotropic medications will be the topic of a Title IV-E Child Welfare Workshop from 8:15 a.m.-noon on Friday, Dec. 10 at West Texas A&M University.

The workshop, presented by the WTAMU social work program in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, will examine psychiatric medica-

tions used in the childhood population for everything from mood swings to bipolar disorder.

Deanah Alexander, instructor of nursing at WTAMU, will be the featured speaker. She has worked with children and adults through various local agencies including Texas Panhandle Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Harrington Cancer Center and Northwest Texas Pavilion Day

Program. She also served as a consultant on children's mental health for the "Children with Disabilities" grant through the WTAMU Division of Nursing and Texas Child Protective Services. She is a clinical specialist in psychiatric nursing and a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

The workshop also will cover a report from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Advisory Committee on Psychotropic Medications titled "The Use of Psychotropic Medications for Children and Youth in the Texas Foster Care System."

Continuing education units are available for all participants attending.

The workshop is free for those working with Title IV-E eligible children and families, including adoption and foster care profes-

sionals and foster parents. Cost for others is \$15 per person if registered by the Dec. 3 deadline. Registration after Dec. 3 is \$25 per person. Registration will be available at the door.

For more information about registration, call the WTAMU Department of Behavioral Sciences at 806-651-2594 or the WTAMU Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037.

Realty banquet



Pampa Board of REALTORS, Inc., recently held its installation banquet for its 2005 officers and directors. Pampa High School Choir performed during the banquet, held at Pampa Country Club. Above, left-right: Sue Baker, president; Katrina Bigham, vice president; Joan Mabry, three-year director; Sharon McKee, secretary; and Judi Edwards, two-year director. Not pictured: Norma Ward, one-year director.

Texas November crop forecast up, TASS says

AUSTIN — Production forecasts increased for Texas cotton and corn according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The 2004 Texas Upland cotton crop is expected to total 7.7 million bales, up 78 percent from 2003 and 5 percent above last month. Yield is expected to average 672 pounds per acre, up 35 pounds from last month and 194 pounds more than a year ago.

Corn production is forecast at 216 million bushels, up 11 percent from last year's production and up 2 percent from last month. Based on Nov. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected

to average 135 bushels per acre, 17 bushels more than in 2003 and up 2 bushels from last month.

Texas peanut production, at 763.8 million pounds, is down 6 percent from last year. Statewide yield, at 3,250 pounds per acre, is up 250 pounds from last year but down 50 pounds from last month.

Sorghum production is forecast at 74.6 million hundredweight (cwt), down 13 percent from last year and unchanged from last month. Yield, at 3,640 pounds per acre, is 616 pounds more than last year and unchanged from last month.

The 2004 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 8.5 million bushels, up 59 percent from last year's production and unchanged from last month. Yield is expected to average 31 bushels per acre, 2 bushels more from last year and unchanged from last month.

United States corn production is forecast at 11.7 billion bushels, up 16 percent from last year's crop and up 1 percent from last month. A yield of 160.2 bushels per acre is forecast, up 18 bushels from last year and up 1.8 bushels from last month. The sorghum crop is expected to increase 15 percent from last year to 264.1

million cwt.

The U.S. Upland cotton crop is expected to total 21.8 million bales, up 22 percent from last year and up 7 percent from October. Soybean production is forecast at 3.15 billion bushels, up 28 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last month. The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 4.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Edward Jones to host satellite broadcast

The three local Edward Jones investment offices will host a free one-hour satellite broadcast entitled "Leaving a Legacy: Your Guide to Estate Planning and Charitable Giving" beginning at 10:45 a.m., 5:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14 at one of the three locations — 1921 N. Hobart, 408 W. Kingsmill and 1540 N. Hobart.

An Edward Jones specialist and guest will explore the following topics:

- Six critical steps of estate planning;
- Charitable giving and gifting strategies;
- How to work with an estate-planning team to help realize your dream; and
- How to take advantage of year-end tax strategies.

This interactive event is

being presented at select Edward Jones brand offices nationwide via a private video network.

To reserve a seat or for more information about the upcoming program, call

investment representatives Duane Harp at 665-6753, Ben Watson at 665-3359 or Joe Harper at 665-7137.

If unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.



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Pampa ISD Event Calendar

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

Events for Pampa ISD for the week of December 5 - 11

Austin Elementary

- December 8 • 9:00 • 4th Grade Caroling
- December 9 • 9:00 • 3rd Grade Caroling
- December 10 • 9:00 • 2nd Grade Caroling

Travis Elementary

- December 6 • 5:30 • Team Travis
- December 10 • 1:30 • 5th Grade Program "Santa's Hoedown"

Pampa Junior High School

- December 7 • 3:05-4:00 • 6th Grade Band Rehearsal
- December 8 • 3:05-4:00 • 6th Grade Band Rehearsal
- December 9 • 9:00-11:00 • Parents Christmas Make & Take
- December 9 • 7:00 • Band Concert • Auditorium

Pampa High School

- December 9 • 8:00 • Choir Christmas Concert • First Christian Church
- December 9 • Credit by Exam
- December 10 • 7:00 • Children's Play • Auditorium

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net. From the parent information drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

This PISD Events Calendar courtesy of the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau Agents
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Viewpoints

Danger makes being a good Samaritan difficult

Recently we ran a front page article about a West Virginia man who was walking across the United States to share his faith.

He came into the office that morning and wanted to speak to a reporter. I asked Staff Writer Dave Bowser to talk with him.

In the 25 years I've been in the newspaper business, I've interviewed a lot of people who come to the paper wanting publicity for various reasons. Twice a man came through town who was pulling a cross across the United States. There's been bicyclists, horseback riders, wagon trains and a lot of

walkers. Most of them want to share their faith or promote a cause of some sort. Most have been sincere. A few have been con artists.

Dave's story about Don Vermilyea bothered me. Some of the things this traveler told Dave raised questions in my mind. It started me wondering about hospitality — the meaning of hospitality and my responsibility toward others.

Vermilyea said he "walks for the Lord as a homeless person" even though he has a home that he can return to at any time.

He said he is treated as a homeless person. He's been

called a drug addict, a child molester and a terrorist. Fearful people have called the police about him.

Dee Dee Laramore

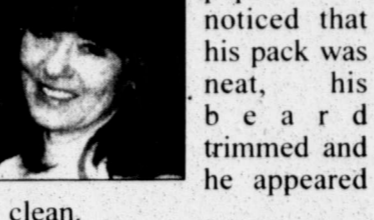
Editor

All he does is walk along the highway with a big pack on his back and tell people about Jesus when he's given a chance.

In the 1,000 nights he's spent on the road, he says he's only been asked to spend the night at a home twice.

What does this say about our society?

I confess that I saw him trudging along Highway 60 the afternoon before he came to the newspaper.



I noticed that his pack was neat, his beard trimmed and he appeared clean. Part of me wanted to pick him up and bring him the rest of the way into the town. Maybe the Salvation Army could find him a place to stay for the night, I thought. Maybe I could give him some money for him to buy supper. I knew I only had

three dollars in my purse, but maybe that would help.

That would be the right thing to do, the Christian thing to do.

Then all the warnings filled my brain. A woman alone shouldn't pick up a hitchhiker. I don't know anything about this man. My husband would be furious with me for picking up a strange man and placing myself in possible danger.

I could let him sit in the back of the pickup, I reasoned, not in the cab with me. At least he wouldn't have to walk the rest of the way into town. Then I envisioned him taking a gun and

shooting through the back window. I'm ashamed to say this, but it's the truth.

Once my brother-in-law who is a police officer picked up a highway hitchhiker. The man pulled a gun on him and tried to rob him. He didn't plan on his intended victim having a bigger gun. My brother-in-law pulled his own gun on the man and bootèd him out onto the highway.

In the end, I did nothing for the traveler. I just drove on, my guilt nagging away at me.

Should I or shouldn't I have helped that man? I still don't know.

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 5, the 340th day of 2004. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1933, national prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date:

In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1782, the first native U.S. president, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1848, President James Knox Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had

'As a rule, there is no surer way to the dislike of men than to behave well where they have behaved badly.'

— Lew Wallace
American author
(1827-1905)

been discovered in California.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

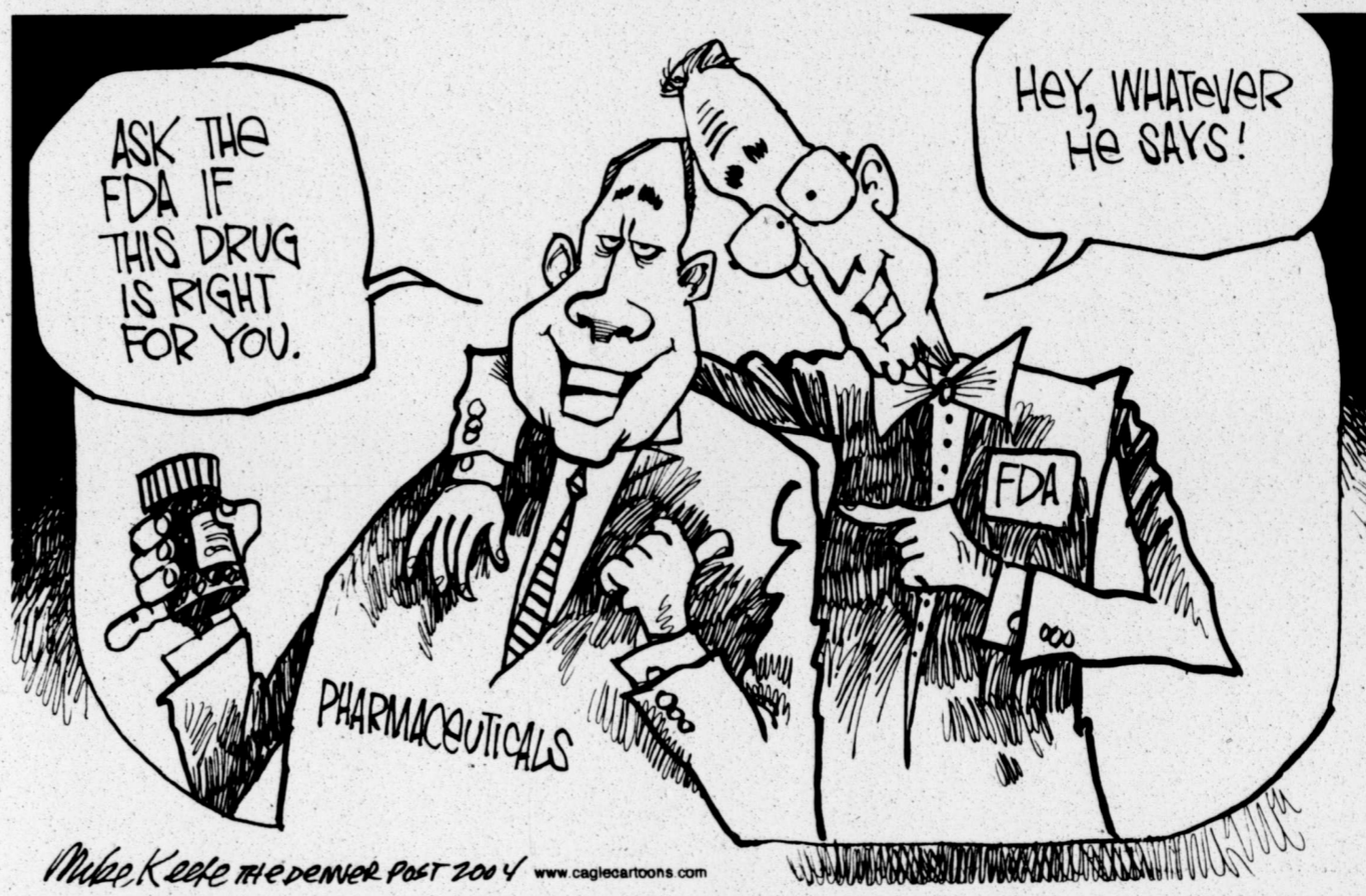
In 1979, feminist Sonia Johnson was formally excommunicated by the Mormon Church because of her outspoken support for the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

In 1991, Richard Speck, who'd murdered eight student nurses in Chicago in 1966, died in prison a day short of his 50th birthday.

Ten years ago: Jubilant Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP House speaker in four decades. President Clinton, on a visit to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Budapest, Hungary, urged European leaders to "prevent future Bosnias."

Five years ago: AFL-CIO chief John Sweeney welcomed the collapse of World Trade Organization talks in Seattle, telling CBS' "Face the Nation," "No deal is better than a bad deal."

Cuban President Fidel Castro demanded that the United States return 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez, who was rescued at sea, to his father in Cuba within 72 hours.



Drowning in tons and tons of envelopes

Watch out! They've reached avalanche proportions, these tons of envelopes pushed off tables across the land, and they are stacking up all around us. Pushing of same is now an art form and has become a national tragedy. Sadly, momentum and proliferation of "pushers" are such that there is no end in sight.

A current example concerns professional sports in general and the National Basketball Association in particular. Indianapolis Pacers, Ron Artest, announcing days earlier that he needed some time off to promote his "rap" CD, lowered the bar of sportsmanship and civility to sub-zero levels. Already in the NBA doghouse for misdeeds, Artest took leave of common sense when he reclined on the scorer's table, then charged fans in the stands at Detroit to ignite a melee that will be talked about for years. There were no serious

injuries; there will be numerous serious lawsuits.

He wanted time off; he gets time off. The league commissioner sent him to "time-out" for the remainder of the season. He can promote his CD relentlessly and maybe even turn out another one. Why, he'll have plenty of time to compose a symphony.

There may even be time for a book. If there is, I suggest he consider a highly-popular book for students reading at primary levels. It is called "What to Do When There's Nothing to Do" and includes both games and a section for coloring. The latter could be particularly helpful, what with his need to learn to stay within the lines.

Don Newbury
Columnist



its last one.

What a sad way for one of college football's all-time great coaches to wind up a career. Have you ever seen a sadder face than Lou Holtz's when decorum finally was restored? A classy person across a coaching career spanning more than 40 years, he observed that brawls usually can be laid at the feet of losing teams. Again, bravo. However, Holtz deserved a better

finale.

National personalities often are remembered for big blunders. This is doubly true for Dan Rather, whose monumental flub back in September probably hastened the TV mainstay's decision to "lift anchor" on a long career of daily news reporting.

You'll remember that he offered a delayed apology for reporting an erroneous news story concerning President Bush's National Guard service. Several days passed before he finally apologized in hushed tones at the mid-point of his newscast.

Speculation abounded that his damaged credibility would cause him to resign his CBS evening news anchor slot. Now, this has come to pass. He resigned, as expected, during his

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Is America's social fabric truly unraveling?

At times, America's social fabric seems to be too sheer to contain this sprawling, vigorous society. At times, it appears to be unraveling before our eyes.

Recent days have been one of those times as brawls, battles and shootings dominate the news, pushing even the Iraq war to the inside pages. The smackdown culture created and fed by the entertainment industry, talk radio and the sports world has been slapping us in the face recently and we're finding it rather awful.

Anger has become a popular emotion. It's constantly nurtured by a contemporary society that encourages people to express their rage, to act and react violently and

never let any perceived slight or disrespect go unchallenged or unanswered.

The frightening melee at the Detroit Pistons' home court was only the latest and ugliest manifestation of this cultural slide downward.

Decorum at sporting events has been declining for years. A college football game last week turned into a riot in the final minutes. Even in staid baseball, fans have leaped from the stands to assault umpires and coaches and players have attacked fans

and park employees.

But anger builds audiences, so the entertainment industry feasts on it. How many total hours have been devoted to replaying the fracas in Detroit on network and cable TV? If you have any doubt that violence sells, ask the video game industry, which earns billions of dollars peddling it. A new video game recreates the Kennedy assassination.

In this modern demimonde, losing control is celebrated as an honest, even appropriate expression of

outrage. Thug life is lauded for "keeping it real." It was a mite too real at the recent Vibe Awards ceremony taping, when a man slugged famous rapper Dr. Dre and another rapper stabbed the assailant.

But in the real world rather than the make-believe jungle of radio, rap and games there should be consequences.

The NBA players who lost control in Detroit have won long suspensions; the Clemson and South Carolina football players who couldn't keep their composure cost their teammates and schools a lucrative postseason bowl appearance.

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Gikas

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sang "God Bless America." Several related memories they had of the Coney and the two brothers, Ted and John Gikas.

Rev. Ernie Wilkinson,

deacon of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and John Curry conducted the memorial service. Mary Jane Rose Johnson, noted opera performer and former Pampan, gave a special tribute to Ted in song and closed the service with "The Lord's Prayer."

A string quartet organized by violin teacher Dorothy

King presented music during the reception at St. Matthew's Parish Hall. Participants included Laura and John McCloy and King, violins, and Elizabeth DeLong, cello. Christine Kroebel, AFS exchange student from Germany, performed five solos on the classical guitar.

Tower

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last week.

"What irritates me is, the county knew about it (the tower) early on," she said.

Since the tower has been completed and begun emitting signals, Stokes has experienced some health effects she attributes to its operation.

A strobe light on the tower was interfering with sleep at the Stokes house, and she was successful in having the white strobe light replaced with a red blinking light which is not as intense, she said. She said the FCC also required that a lower antenna and a satellite dish mounted on the tower be removed.

"I talked to the Department of Public Health

and they said that for anyone with epilepsy, the strobe light can trigger seizures. I kept contacting the FCC, and they finally got the lights changed," Stokes said.

All is not bliss concerning the lights, however.

"We can't even go out in the front yard because 2,000-watt lights halfway up the tower shine right into our front door," Stokes said.

Dealing with bright lights has not been the only disruption to the tower's neighbors' health and well-being. "For two weeks, I had a horrible buzzing in my ears. I took a coworker out there, and her hearing aid started buzzing," Stokes said.

Stokes and her neighbors have considered but not yet taken legal action regarding the tower.

"We've talked to some legal counsel. What I'm trying to do right now is gather

as much information as I can.

"It's going to cost us money. How much money are we going to have to put into the thing?"

"I'm studying other court cases where residents won, in cases where a tower was put in a neighborhood," she said.

Six families live within a quarter of a mile of the tower, Stokes said.

"We and our neighbors have canceled all our phone service with Dobson," she said, adding that she understood Dobson owns Cellular One.

Telephone messages left for Tim Duffy of Dobson had not been returned as of Friday afternoon.

"I can't say that anybody in the area wants this tower for a neighbor," Stokes said.

Calendar items

• **Tralee Crisis Center** has recently instituted its Christmas Tree Project. Crisis center officials say a number of parents and children are in need this year. Drop by the office at 310 S. Cuyler to pick up a card and help a needy family out. Gifts must be returned to Tralee by Dec. 15.

• **Pampa Meals on Wheels** is instituting a special holiday program that allows individuals to pay for patrons not presently receiving meals or who can only pay the minimum 25-cents for meals.

With increased gasoline and food prices, MOW officials say each meal is averaging \$4. For more information, contact MOW. Individuals may sponsor a patron for one week at \$20; one month at \$80; or one year at \$960.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles dance** is scheduled from 8 p.m.-12 midnight Saturday, Dec. 18 at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Indian Summer. Admission is \$6 per person.

No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information on this dressy occasion, call 665-7059.

• **The Women's Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 23, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both 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.

• **Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic** will be staged Feb. 3-5 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The new indoor show will feature unique events, entertainment and demonstrations along with a large exhibit area of commercial agricultural exhibits and displays. Show goers will be able to pick and

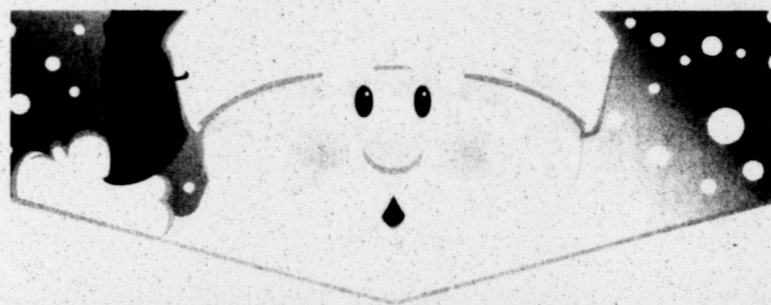
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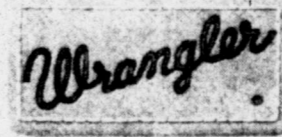
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newscast. NOT expected by his colleagues in the news business was his announced "unavailability for additional comment."

News people abhor the "no comment" ruse. Alas, Rather is exiting the daily news scene as a much-maligned figure, particularly in the final days. Tom Brokaw, working for NBC, didn't make big mistakes, and sails away with class. That's the way it was with Walter Cronkite, Rather's predecessor who repeatedly won "most trusted man in America honors" before, and after, lifting anchor.

Ups and downs abound in

our world, particularly - of course - at airports. At DFW International, for example, cost of fuel is up; so is vicious competition. "Touch downs" (arrivals) are decreasing and American Airlines' pillow service in its MD-80's is "down and out."

"Pat downs" by security personnel are on the upswing, however, and some "frisked" passengers swear the "pat downs" are remarkably similar to "feel ups."

A final "up": Delta Pilots, trying to help their company avoid bankruptcy, accepted salary cuts of about one-third across the board, figuring two-thirds of checks is better than no checks. National Hockey League players, now in a lengthy strike without much of the country noticing, should be taking notes.

One school superintendent, believing he had one of the worst jobs in the whole world, awoke from a night of fitful sleep, surprisingly renewed and eager to start another day, deciding his job wasn't bad at all.

In a nightmare, he thought himself to be the headman of Wilmer-Hutchins, whose schools are under siege/suits/allegations by state and federal agencies,

plus numerous other entities. Then, he gets a phone call that the PTA is being re-organized. Wouldn't you know it? The consultants are from the PTA over at Harper Valley.

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Slamming back may be cathartic for the moment, but it can be truly costly when it comes time to pay the bill for outrageous behavior. At least it should be.

A major spice in this cultural stew that appears to be boiling over with no way to lower the heat are apologists, defenders and a parasitic entourage of enablers who benefit from any kind of publicity. The badder, the better in many cases because there is always money to be made.

As it stands, the NBA players who waded into the crowd throwing punches have lost money, status, respect and playing time. But there is no guarantee it will remain that way. Boxer Mike Tyson found other fight venues after he went to

prison for rape and was banned for biting off part of Evander Holyfield's ear. Pete Rose is banned from baseball and the Hall of Fame for gambling, but he's still a moneymaking name. A culture that considers O.J. Simpson a candidate for a reality TV show will happily wallow in a celebrity's disgrace.

If shame is an anachronism, as it fully appears to be, there are still consequences to be considered. But even that is in doubt these days.

Ron Artest, the Pacers player who went into the stands in Detroit first and received the harshest punishment, says he has other interests.

It won't be surprising if he ends up with a lucrative job as a commentator, on a reality show or with a gold record.

His rise from infamy is already plotted, somewhere in America.

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Diet: AHA recommending schools teach about heart disease

DALLAS (AP) — Schools should be more aggressive in teaching children about heart disease and the risks of bad diet and little exercise, the American Heart Association said recently.

Estimates are that more than 15 percent of American children are very overweight, or obese.

Laura Hayman, a nurse and professor who wrote the heart association statement, said national data show about 80 percent of children aren't getting the recommended five or

more servings of fruits and vegetables each day. She also said that 44 percent of high school students aren't in physical education classes.

"Through schools, hopefully you can See **HEART**, Page 8



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK

by Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

NOT ALL WRIST PAIN IS CAUSED BY CARPAL TUNNEL

The condition called carpal tunnel syndrome, which comes from repetitive motions in the arms and shoulders, often causes pain in the wrist and hands. However, there are other causes for this lower arm discomfort as well.

It is very common for these types of symptoms to exist because of a neck misalignment from bad posture and/or injury, auto accident, or other spinal conditions. The nerves in the neck control all the nerves in the arms and hands. Thus, when the nerves of the neck are being compressed, pain in the wrist and hand is a common symptom. Your Doctor of Chiropractic is trained to determine whether your condition is a true carpal tunnel syndrome or caused from something else entirely.

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Health update

Cholesterol guidelines become morality play about conflict of interest in medicine

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
AP Medical Writer

They led influential medical groups, started at prestigious meetings, published in top journals and were undisputed giants in their field.

But when these famous doctors advised the government recently on new cholesterol guidelines for the public, something else they had in common wasn't revealed.

Eight of the nine were making money from the very companies whose cholesterol-lowering drugs they were urging upon millions more Americans. Two own stock in them. Two others went to work for drug companies shortly after working on the guidelines. Another was a senior government scientist who moonlights for 10 companies and even serves on one of their boards.

Consumer groups and others now are questioning not only the advice these doctors gave but also their fundamental ability to act in the public's best interest.

It comes as some of these companies lobby the government to let drugs at the center of this controversy — statins such as Lipitor and Zocor — be sold over the counter. Prominent doctors with ties to statin makers are urging approval.

There's little doubt that statins save lives or that too few people take them now. But critics say the

doctors' coziness with drug companies compromises their credibility and undercuts their latest advice that more people would benefit from these medications.

Conflicts of interest are increasingly common now that two-thirds of medical research at universities is funded by private industry. Twenty years ago, only one-third was.

"The government is not producing drugs. All the big statin trials have been paid for by the companies," said Dr. Scott Grundy, a University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center cardiologist who headed the cholesterol panel.

Government has its own problems. A ban on private consulting was lifted a decade ago, and recent years have seen one scandal after another involving federal scientists taking money from companies directly affected by their decisions.

Conflicts also have bedeviled

trusted groups like the Dallas-based American Heart Association, which rely on private cash for meetings and activities, and the continuing medical education system, which often gives doctors credits for attending drug-company-sponsored talks.

— **Dr. Scott Grundy**
Cardiologist

Jerome Kassirer, former editor-in-chief of the New England Journal of Medicine, reports in his new book, "On the Take."

"The time has come to ask whether all of the money floating around medicine has created a pattern of corruption," he writes.

Some say it's naive to think a panel of true experts with no industry ties could be assembled today.

Christopher Seymour, executive director of the National Lipid Association, a group that promotes cholesterol control and is largely

funded by drug companies, has six of the nine guideline doctors on his board.

"Who in America is going to write these guidelines if you don't go to the thought leaders? Should I call Dr. X in the middle of Peoria? What gives them credentials to be on my board?" he asked.

But at the University of Illinois in Peoria, they think quite a lot of Dr. Frank Gold, who in 30 years as a cardiologist has taken no consulting or lecture fees from industry.

"I'm squeaky-clean," he says, and "would jump at the opportunity" to serve on a guidelines panel. "There are tons of people like me, and they're even in places like Des Moines, Iowa."

The statin flap involves drugs with so much science behind them and proven benefits that doctors only partly joke about putting them in the water supply.

More than half of American adults have high cholesterol, raising their risk of heart attack. Doctors tell them to eat right and exercise, but that usually produces only modest improvement. Statins drop cholesterol dramatically and almost overnight.

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Patient deaths declining in cancer drug studies

CHICAGO (AP) — Patient deaths from experimental cancer drugs during initial human studies declined dramatically from 1991 to 2002, suggesting that better oversight and less-toxic medicines have made cancer research safer, a study found.

There were 35 drug-related deaths in the 213 studies examined, but such deaths were much more frequent in the earlier experiments than in the more recent ones. There were 24 drug-linked deaths in studies from 1991 to 1994, 10 from 1995 to 1998 and just one from 1999 to 2002.

Deaths from other causes decreased from 39 to 17 in the more recent studies.

Dr. Mace Rothenberg, a Vanderbilt University cancer research specialist who was not involved in the study, called the findings "clearly good news."

"It indicates that patients who agree to go on to these fairly risky studies are not placing themselves at an unacceptably high risk for severe toxicity or death," he said.

The studies involved a total of 6,474 patients and the overall death rate fell from 3 percent to 1 percent.

At the same time, there was also a decline in the percentage of tumors that shrank in response to the drugs being tested. But the researchers and other cancer experts said that does not mean the drugs were increasingly ineffective.

Some of the newest cancer drugs employ a more targeted approach than older medicines, attacking tumor cells while causing less damage to healthy tissue. These drugs often work by stopping but not necessarily reversing tumor growth, said Dr. Thomas Roberts Jr. of Massachusetts General Hospital, the study's lead author.

The researchers said the decrease in deaths may also be due to growing attention to patient safety regulations and increased oversight of human experiments during the past decade. Many institutions have developed educational programs for researchers and hired additional staff to oversee research, they said.

The researchers were encouraged to

find not only fewer drug-linked deaths, but also a decline in cancer-related deaths.

"They are significant because this is something that really matters to patients I think when they are considering whether to proceed with standard treatments or experimental treatments," Roberts said.

His report appears in a recent issue of Journal of the American Medical Association.

The studies involved were Phase I clinical trials. These are small studies designed mainly to test the safety of an experimental treatment and to determine the maximum tolerable dose.

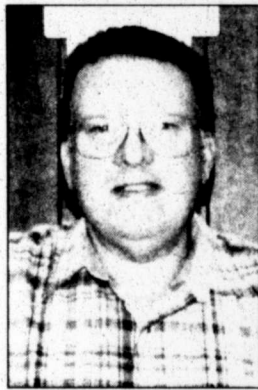
Patients who participate in Phase I cancer studies generally have advanced disease that has not responded to conventional treatments. While many hope participating will improve their health, that is not the primary goal in such studies.

The patients involved had various types of cancer, including colon, lung, kidney, breast and prostate tumors.

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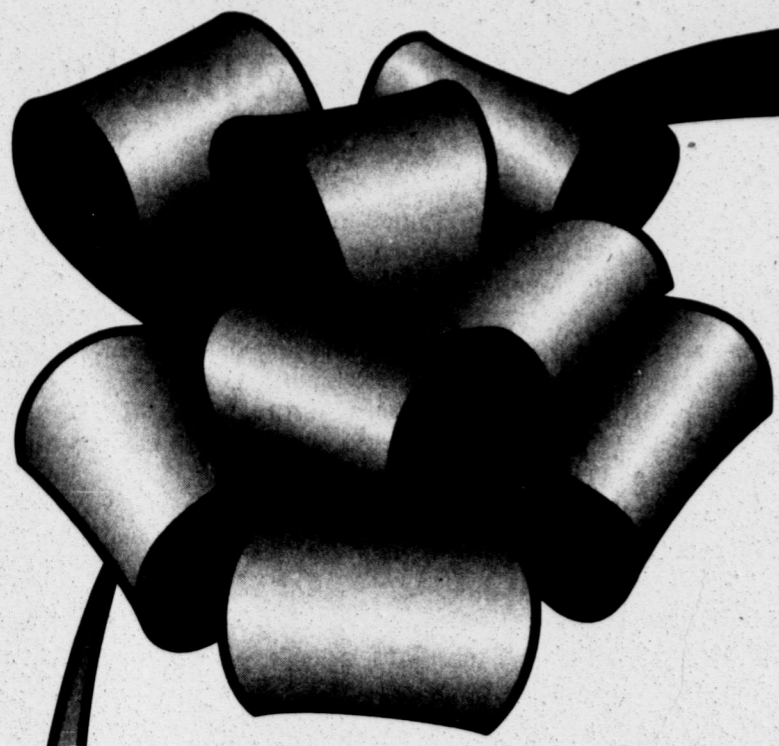
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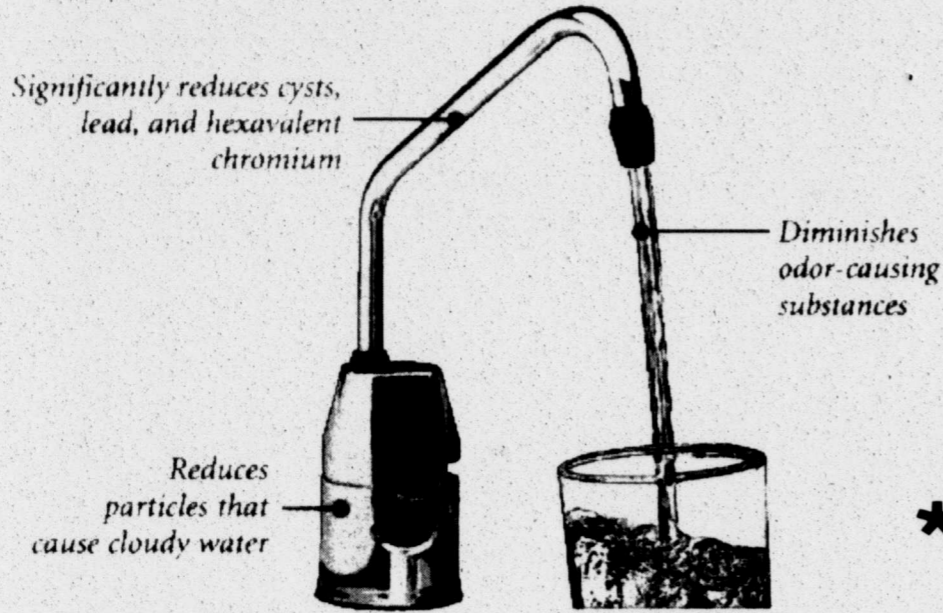
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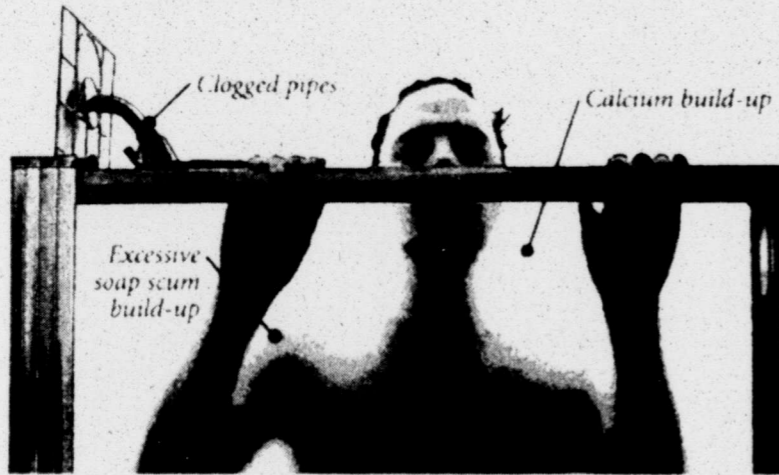


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Two-day ag marketing seminar to focus on futures, options

AMARILLO — A two-day Advanced Topic Series seminar slated for Feb. 9-10 will help agricultural producers better understand futures and options, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"We will focus on how options fit with cash sales and hedging in a marketing plan, why options work and when they don't work,"

said Steve Amosson, Extension economist based at Amarillo. "We will also discuss development of marketing strategies and how to use these strategies based on market conditions."

The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Amarillo.

Alan Brugler of Brugler Marketing and Management will lead the workshop. Brugler, a former director of marketing for Data Transmission Network, provides a market commentary for the network.

"He developed the Brugler Cycle Indicator used by many market traders, and has more than 20 years experience as a commod-

ity analyst," Amosson said. "We will use a combination of classroom lectures and small work groups to provide a learning environment similar to our Master Marketer training."

Registration is \$125 per person, and includes educational materials, breaks and lunch. Spouses can attend for the same fee, as long as the couple shares materials,

Amosson said.

Preregistration is required. The registration deadline is Dec. 9. To register or to get more information, contact Amosson at (806) 677-5600. Registration forms are also available at Extension offices.

Extension offers several Advanced Topic Series agricultural marketing workshops statewide each year.

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Heart

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reach the children, teachers and parents," said Hayman, who teaches at New York University and Lenox Hill Heart and Vascular Institute of New York.

Experts agree that the schools are a good place to start.

Judith Young, of the Virginia-based nonprofit American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, said educating kids on the issue is critical.

"If we don't teach them

how to keep themselves healthy, then all the other things kind of don't matter."

The heart association statement, published in the journal *Circulation*, calls for more physical education classes, heart-healthy meals and a tobacco-free environment from preschools through 12th grade and during after-school programs.

Dr. Catherine L. Webb, a professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, points out that families are often collectively obese.

"When a child starts to bring home knowledge, then the family I think will

jump on the bandwagon," said Webb, who works on a heart association council focusing on cardiovascular disease among young people.

Obesity is linked to diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and other problems, and it's a risk factor for cardiovascular disease, Hayman said.

The heart association recommendations call for teaching kids the major risk factors for cardiovascular disease and ways to avoid it.

The group also recommends that physical education be required at least three times a week from kindergarten through 12th

grade — with 150 minutes in school each week for elementary students and at least 225 minutes per week for middle school students.

According to the recommendations, school meals should meet heart-healthy guidelines.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, who issued a school nutrition policy that took effect this year restricting fried and fatty servings and setting other food rules, said that school administrators understand the importance of physical education and nutrition, but they are dealing with limited resources.

Conflict

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The government's National Cholesterol Education Program periodically asks experts to help set cholesterol guidelines, and rules issued in 2001 advocate using statins to curb it.

New studies prompted a new panel to be convened to revise the guidelines. Seven of its nine members had been on the previous one. The newcomers — Dr. Sidney C. Smith of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and Dr. C. Noel Bairey Merz of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles — represented the heart association and the American College of Cardiology, respectively.

These groups in July endorsed and published the new guidelines. A day later, the Center for Science in the Public Interest said the advice was tainted by doctors' industry ties, which weren't disclosed. They ranged from long-ago research grants to stock ownership and deals providing thousands of dollars in income from statin makers.

The most complicated situation is that of Dr. H. Bryan Brewer, chief of the molecular disease branch of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which houses the federal cholesterol program.

He is on the scientific advisory board of Lipid Sciences Inc., a private biotechnology firm developing cholesterol treatments, and Seymour's National Lipid Association. He also is a consultant or speaker for 10 companies, and even attended a meeting in July 2003 of a federal Food and Drug Administration advisory committee debating whether to recommend approval of Crestor, a statin made by one of them — AstraZeneca.

The meeting was on a Thursday, and it couldn't be determined whether Brewer was there on government time. He refused requests for an interview. In a memo to National Institutes of Health director Dr. Elias Zerhouni, Brewer wrote that he was "only an observer and did not participate" in the meeting, which led to the drug's approval a month later.

Some guideline panel members talk candidly about their industry ties. Grundy said he makes less than \$10,000 a year in speaker fees and refuses to promote a particular drug in a talk.

Dr. Neil J. Stone of Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, said he takes speaker fees when a talk forces him to miss work and often donates them to universities.

Smith said he owns about \$10,000 in stock in Johnson & Johnson, which has partnered with Merck & Co. to sell a

statin over the counter in England.

"I didn't even know I had it till I called the fellow that handles the accounts," Smith said. "Nobody volunteers time for one of these committees because they think a small amount of stock they may have in a retirement plan is going to benefit."

Bairey Merz listed stock in Johnson & Johnson plus consulting, lecture or research money from nine, including several statin-makers. She declined to be interviewed but said in a brief statement that she had not breached any ethics rules.

Efforts to interview three other panel members — Dr. Luther T. Clark of State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, Dr. Donald B. Hunninghake of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and Dr. Richard C. Pasternak of Massachusetts General and Harvard Medical School in Boston — were unsuccessful. Multiple requests to interview Clark and Pasternak were not answered by spokesmen; Hunninghake could not be located through the university.

Hunninghake quit before the guidelines were released to become a full-time industry consultant, according to the cholesterol program. Pasternak joined Merck soon after the guidelines came out.

Santa to make early visit at church in Amarillo

AMARILLO — On Saturday, Dec. 11, Santa Claus will be making an early stop in Amarillo for the second annual "Breakfast with Santa," sponsored by Soroptimist International of the Texas Panhandle.

Santa will be at Amarillo's Trinity Lutheran Church, I-40 and Avondale, between the hours of 8 and 9:30 a.m. and 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at the door or in advance from club members.

Santa will be on hand to visit with local children, to

enjoy breakfast treats and to make crafts — all while raising funds to benefit the Secret Drawer Fund at Harrington Cancer Center. The Secret Drawer provides financial support, a press release from SITP said, for mammograms for women ages 40-49 who do not have insurance coverage or who otherwise may not be able to afford breast cancer screening.

"'Breakfast with Santa' is a great event that allows the community to celebrate the holiday season while also helping a great cause. Breast cancer is the second leading

cause of cancer death in women in the United States and early detection through mammograms can significantly decrease the mortality rate of breast cancer," said SITP member Stacie Boyer.

"SITP is committed," she continued, "to improving the lives of women and girls in our community, the Texas Panhandle and throughout the world. With the help of Santa Claus, our club is able to make a positive impact on the health of women throughout our area and spread Christmas cheer at the same time."

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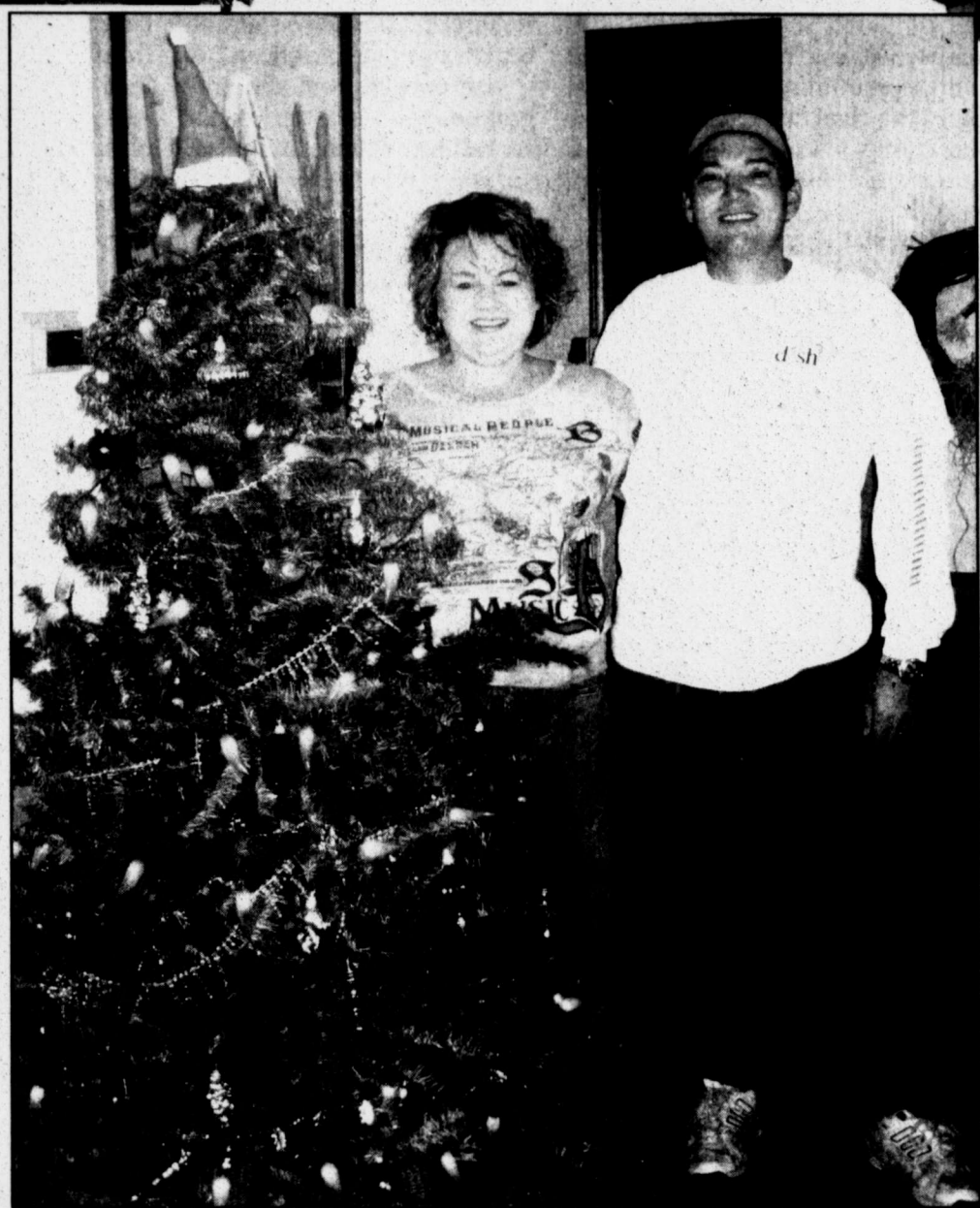
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STSL inviting turtle adoptions as unique holiday gift

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — We all know how hard it is to find unique and meaningful holiday gifts. This year Sea Turtle Survival League suggests you offer that special something out of the ordinary. Whether seeking a present for technology-loving dads, computer savvy children, an environmentalist cousin or the person who has everything, adopting an endangered sea turtle from Sea Turtle Survival League (STSL), a program of the non-profit Caribbean Conservation Corporation, shows the people in your lives you care about them and the things that really matter.

Here are a few important details about Adopt-A-Turtle program: —For a tax-deductible donation of at least \$25, the STSL will send materials contained in a sample packet, consisting of a personalized adoption certificate, a sea turtle conservation guide, a colorful sticker and a magnet, all in a color folder. The

package also includes a one-year subscription to STSL's newsletter "The Velador." You can even tailor the gift to each person on your list by choosing from a variety of free extra premiums. —STSL's Adopt-A-Turtle program offers the unique opportunity to adopt satellite-tracked turtles. This program allows anyone with

computer access to follow their turtle's migratory movements through the web site www.cccturtle.org. Of course, you can always choose to adopt and name a turtle jagged by STSL researchers on the warm sand beaches of the Caribbean. —Proceeds from the program support sea turtle conservation which includes,

according to STSL, one of the world's longest-running sea turtle monitoring projects, Caribbean research stations and a statewide education and advocacy program. Skip the mall this year. Order an Adopt-A-Turtle gift from STSL's web site, download and mail in your form or call 1-800-678-7853 and place an order by phone.



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Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Mon Corp., #18 Wm. Jackson, 330' from North & 961' from East line, Sec. 90, B-2, H&GN, PD 3400'. Rule 37
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALPAR Tonkawa) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Wright '124', 1111' from South & 1166' from West line, Sec. 124, 41, H&TC, PD 8000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALPAR Tonkawa) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., PD 8500', for the following wells:
#2 Anderson Ranch '97', 1980' from South & 990' from East line, Sec. 97, 41, H&TC.
#3 Yarnold '113', 2310' from North & 1320' from West line, Sec. 113, 41, H&TC.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) B&W Operating, L.L.C., #2 Meadows '4', 2310' from North & 1837' from West line, Sec. 4, 4, AB&M, PD 11650'. Rule 37
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #2 Hobart '60', 1880' from South & 680' from East line, Sec. 60, A-1, H&GN, PD 13200'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., PD 13500', for the following wells:
#5613P Dixon, 950' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 56, M-1, H&GN.
#4107P Hefley, 1450' from North & 2310' from East line, Sec. 41, M-1, H&GN.
#4329P Meadows, 1230' from South & 1190' from West line, Sec. 43, M-1, H&GN.
#6802 Meek '68', 467' from North & 2310' from East line, Sec. 68, M-1, H&GN.
#5508P Pearson, 2173' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 55, M-1, H&GN.
#4209P Teas '42', 2310' from South & 990' from East line, Sec. 42, M-1, H&GN.
#4325P Teas '43', 1700' from South & 1120' from East line, Sec. 43, M-1, H&GN.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., Fillingim, PD 14000', for the following wells:
#5 '44', 845' from South & 1990' from West line of Sec. 44, M-1, H&GN.
#6 '44', 2170' from South & 2100' from East line, Sec. 44, M-1, H&GN.
#8 '44', 1150' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 44, M-1, H&GN.
#10 '44', 2173' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 44, M-1, H&GN.
#13 '40', 945' from South & 792' from West line, Sec. 40, M-1, H&GN.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #1458 Francis, 467' from South & 1780' from East line, Sec. 58, M-1, H&GN, PD 13500'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., Meadows '5', Sec. 5, 4, AB&M, PD 13500' for the following wells:
#5, 2310' from South & 1980' from West line of Sec. #8, 950' from South & 2005' from West line of Sec. #10, 1600' from North & 467' from East line of Sec.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #524 Puryear, 467' from North & 1980' from East line, Sec. 24, M-1, H&GN, PD 14000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Tri-Ex Petroleum, L.P., #1234 Bouchier, 990' from North & East line, Sec. 234, C, G&MMB&A, PD 14000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., Hobart Ranch, Sec. 68, A-2, H&GN, PD 12800', for the following wells:
#1068, 2370' from North & 2190' from West line of Sec.
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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., Hobart Ranch '20', Sec. 20, A-1, H&GN, PD 13500', for the following wells:
#22, 1257' from South & 1357' from West line of Sec.
#23, 1630' from North & 1724' from West line of Sec.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., Hobart Ranch '50', Sec. 50, A-2, H&GN, PD 13500', for the following wells:
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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SOUTH HIGGINS Morrow) Peak Operating of Texas, L.L.C., #3049 Newcomer, 1980' from North & 2400' from West line, of Sec. 49, 42, H&TC, PD 12850'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #4011 Campbell '11', 970' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 11, 1, H&GN, PD 12200'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALLISON LIPS St. Louis) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., Courson Ranch, for the following wells:
#2 '136', 1706' from South & 1732' from West line Sec. 136, C, G&M, PD 9500'.
#6 '157', 2188' from North & 707' from East line, Sec. 157, 13, T&NO, PD 11040'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPAR PEARSON Brown Dolomite) Range Production Co., #4153 Wood, 467' from South & 2424' from East line, Sec. 153, 13, T&NO, PD 4000'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & COURSON RANCH Middle Morrow) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #6 Courson Ranch '135', 2286' from South & 2024' from West line, Sec. 135, C, G&M, PD 11040'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & ALLISON-BRITT 12350') Chesapeake Operating, Inc., PD 15000' for the following wells:
#4021 Elmore, 1980' from North & 660' from East line, Sec. 21, RE, R&E.
#2031 Fields, 660' from North & East line, Sec. 31, RE, R&E.
#1022 Jones, 660' from North & 1980' from East line, Sec. 22, RE, R&E.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & ALLISON-BRITT 12350') EOG Resources, Inc., Williams '33', Sec. 33, RE, R&E, PD 1400', for the following wells:
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Texas Railroad Commission sets gas production allowables

AUSTIN — Texas Railroad Commission recently set December 2004 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 18,314,872 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). For these fields, the December 2004 allowable represents a decrease of 11,271,838 Mcf when compared to actual production of 29,586,710 Mcf in December 2003. In setting the December 2004 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from December 2003 and producer forecasts for the December 2004 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc. Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for October 2004 is 343,570,496 Mcf compared to 307,922,232 Mcf in October 2003. The November 2004 gas storage estimate is 346,342,945 Mcf. Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for seven percent of total gas well production in Texas. Preliminary statewide production reported for September 2004 is 27,816,941 barrels of crude oil and 365,833,958 Mcf of gas well gas. The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0366 for crude oil and 1.1061 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Off

Nineteen young people from three clubs in Texas Extension's 4-H Food Show. 4-H students earned top honors. Garnering the Year award was Seager, a new competition. Earning Best award was also of McLean. For the members Foods and Nutrition Project. Recipients participated in a nutrition survey. 4-H members top honors a privilege of Gray County Food Show. 11 include: Junior: McLean 4-C Main Dish; Super Cloves Fruits & Veg Richardson, Clover 4-H and Shannon Clover 4-H Snacks. Intermed Miller, Super Club, Main Jackson, Super Club, Fruits Tammy Syfrid Clover 4-H

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#5-26 Bri South & 66 line, Sec. 26 #1-4 Ra North & Ea 4, AB&M. #3-3 Thor North & 198 line, Sec. 3. WHEELER & BILLY R Wash) Patr Corp., #12 Sooner #1 North & 95 line, Sec. PD 8500'. WHEELER & FULLER Brigham Oil #2 Mills Ra from North West li 98, 13, H&GN (BHL: #1, North & 66 Sec. line, # North & 60 Sec. line) Di WHEELER & STILES F Apache C Stiles Ranc North & 13 line, Sec. PD 1800'. WHEELER & STILE Granite Chesapeak Inc., #110 1980' from from West l 3, H&GN, PD WHEELER & STILE Granite Chesapeak Inc., Reed 7, H&GN, P the following #1070, 41 & 1980' from Sec. #2070, North & 46 line of Sec. WHEELER & STILE Granite Chesapeak Inc., #4067 from South West line, 7, H&GN, PD WHEELER & STILE Granite W Exploration Inc., PD 11 following we

Officials announce food show results

Nineteen youth representing three clubs competed in Texas Cooperative Extension's Gray County 4-H Food Show recently. Two 4-H students from McLean earned top honors.

Garnering the Rookie of the Year award was Patrick Seager, a new-comer of the competition of McLean. Earning Best in Display award was Tammy Syfrett, also of McLean.

For the competition, 4-H members completed a Foods and Nutrition Project, a Project Record Form, prepared a nutritious dish and participated in an interview answering segment.

4-H members receiving top honors and earning the privilege of representing Gray County at the District Food Show scheduled Dec. 11 include:

Junior. Saber Bohlar, McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club, Main Dish; Allison Leigh, Super Clover 4-H Club, Fruits & Vegetables; Kendra Richardson, McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club, Breads; and Shannon Leigh, Super Clover 4-H Club, Nutritious Snacks.

Intermediate. Gabriel Miller, Super Clover 4-H Club, Main Dish; Emily Jackson, Super Clover 4-H Club, Fruits & Vegetables; Tammy Syfrett, McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club, Breads &

Cereals; and Valerie Willis, Super Clover 4-H Club, Nutritious Snacks.

Senior. Drake Jackson, Super Clover 4-H Club, Fruits & Vegetables.

Also competing this year in the Junior Division:

Main Dish. Macy Cochran, Prime Time; and Rachel Young, Becca Reyna and Neva Corley, all McLean 4-Clover.

Fruits & Vegetables. Jamie Hutchinson, Britney Cooper and Shaunna Corley, all of McLean 4-Clover.

Competing in the Intermediate Division:

Main Dish. Patrick Seager, McLean Clover.

Breads. Dakota Greenwood, McLean 4-Clover.

Nutrition Snacks: Rachel Miller, Super Clover 4-H Club.

The objectives of the Foods and Nutrition Project are as follows:

—To understand interrelationships between food preparation, science and nutrition;

—To understand all indi-

viduals need the same foods, but in varying amounts, depending on age, sex, and lifestyle;

—To help develop appropriate eating habits;

—To learn to select and purchase food in order to get the most nutrition for money spent;

—To develop management skills to plan, prepare, and serve nutritious and safe meals and snacks;

—To understand the social and cultural roles of

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Gray County Intermediate 4-H Members placing first and second at the 4-H Food Show included Emily Jackson, Valerie Willis, Rachel Miller, Tammy Syfrett, Dakota Greenwood, Gabriel Miller and Patrick Seager.

Combs reminds pesticide dealers, applicators to review their security

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds pesticide dealers and applicators across Texas to remain vigilant about security of their products and equipment.

"Agricultural dealers and producers make a regular practice of following safety procedures," Combs said.

"We're all concerned about homeland security, but theft, vandalism, fire and weather can also wreak havoc on your business.

"Aerial applicators face a special risk, but all applicators and dealers should constantly review their security to minimize risk. Good security measures help prevent problems from accidental or intentional damage by unauthorized personnel at your business. A little preparation and review of your security practices can prevent a substantial loss to your operation," Combs said.

Dealers should follow normal precautions about keeping products and equipment secured. Inventory should be monitored often, and any missing product should be reported to the authorities. Anyone attempting to buy product

either in large quantities, off season or in some other way that is suspicious, should be reported.

Here are some other tips for dealers:

—Increase your security presence and/or ask local law enforcement to do "drive-bys" at night;

—Make sure all installed security features, including

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lights, are working and are being used;

—Do not sell potentially dangerous ag chemicals to unknown customers and immediately report any suspicious activities or requests to the local authorities;

—Report any thefts, break-ins, disappearances or inventory shortages; and

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#5-26 Britt, 1980' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 26, A-3, H&GN.

#1-4 Ray, 660' from North & East line, Sec. 4, AB&M.

#3-3 Thomas, 760' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 3, B&B.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & BILLY ROSE Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #1201P Boomer Sooner #1, 746' from North & 958' from East line, Sec. 12, A-8, H&GN, PD 8500'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & FULLER Hunton Deep) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #2 Mills Ranch '98', 467' from North & 600' from West line, Sec. 98, 13, H&GN, PD 26500' (BHL: #1, 3000' from North & 660' from West Sec. line, #2, 1087' from North & 600' from West Sec. line) Directional well

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1101 Atherton, 1980' from South & 1850' from West line, Sec. 1, A-3, H&GN, PD 15000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., Reed, Sec. 70, A-7, H&GN, PD 15000', for the following wells:

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#2070, 1980' from North & 467' from West line of Sec.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #4067 Stiles, 517' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 67, A-7, H&GN, PD 15000'.

#5 Britt Ranch B '46', 1962' from North & 2118' from West line, Sec. 45, A-3, H&GN.

#8 Britt Ranch 'C' 35, 467' from North & 2140' from East line, Sec. 35, A-3, H&GN.

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WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST BRITT Granite Wash 'A') Stallion Energy, Inc., Britt, PD 16000' for the following wells:

#2-7, 660' from North & West line, Sec. 7, A-3, H&GN.

#2-14, 1320' from North & West line, Sec. 14, A-3, H&GN.

#4-14, 1980' from South & 740' from East line, Sec. 14, A-3, H&GN.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST BRITT RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Stallion Energy, Inc., #4-15 Britt-Caldwell, 660' from South & East line, Sec. 15, A-3, H&GN, PD 16000'.

Oil Well Completions

WHEELER (WILDCAT) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #1 W.R. Hefley, Sec. 13, A-8, H&GN, spud 8-14-04, drlg. compl 9-8-04, tested 9-12-04, flowed 426 bbl. of 28 grav. oil + 47 bbls. water thru 24/64" choke on 24 hour test, TD 15907', PBTD 5900' — Plug-Back — Form 1 in Leede Oil & Gas

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (ALLISON PARKS Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #2571 Bowers, Sec. 25, C, G&MMB&A, spud 8-12-04, drlg. compl 9-15-04, tested 9-17-04, TD 14665', PBTD 13638' — Recompletion

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #8 Fillingim-Teas '87', Sec. 87, M-1, H&GN, spud 8-22-04, drlg. compl 9-7-04, tested 10-18-04, potential 4321 MCF, TD 11800', PBTD 11684' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration, Mid-Con, Inc., #2 D.H. Honath, Sec. 75, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-20-04, drlg. compl 8-8-04, tested 9-22-04, potential 6816 MCF, TD 12650', PBTD 12650' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)

Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5511P Carr '55', Sec. 55, M-1, H&GN, spud 6-27-04, drlg. compl 7-9-04, tested 10-15-04, TD 11919, PBTD 11844' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5605P Dixon, Sec. 56, M-1, H&GN, spud 8-31-04, drlg. compl 9-13-04, tested 10-26-04, TD 11770', PBTD 11685' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5611 Dixon, Sec. 56, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-11-04, drlg. compl 7-24-04, tested 10-15-04, TD 11780', PBTD 11718' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4005P Fillingim, Sec. 40, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-16-04, drlg. compl 8-6-04, tested 10-26-04, TD 133000', PBTD 13205' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4101P Hefley, Sec. 41, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-7-04, drlg. compl 7-21-04, tested 10-26-04, TD 11865', PBTD 11786' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5616P Keeton, Sec. 56, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-28-04, drlg. compl 8-10-04, tested 10-26-04, TD 11850', PBTD 11788' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #0806P Noah, Sec. 8, 4, AB&M, spud 7-15-04, drlg. compl 7-31-04, tested 10-26-04, TD 11575', PBTD 111423' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4316P Teas '43', Sec. 43, M-1, H&GN, spud 6-4-04, drlg. compl 6-19-04, tested 10-15-04, TD 11900', PBTD 11845' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Questar E&P Co., #2010 Prater, Sec. 10, 4, AB&M, spud 7-18-04, drlg. compl 8-2-04, tested 10-13-04, potential 4291 MCF, TD 12353', PBTD 12287' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #10 Hobart Ranch '20', Sec.

20, A-1, H&GN, spud 7-27-04, drlg. compl 8-18-04, tested 10-21-04, potential 7401 MCF, TD 12800', PBTD 12738' —

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #7 Zybach '65' Sec. 65, M-1, H&GN, spud 7-28-04, drlg. compl 8-15-94, tested 9-22-04, potential 4916 MCF, TD 11686', PBTD 11599' —

WHEELER (GREEN HOUSE Douglas) Raydon Exploration, Inc., #1-96 Meek, Sec. 96, A-5, H&GN, spud 6-6-04, drlg. compl 6-20-04, tested 9-7-04, potential 1132 MCF, TD 79900', PBTD 7845' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #6 Britt Ranch 'D' 5, Sec. 5, 2, B&B, spud 5-28-04, drlg. compl 7-5-04, tested 10-4-04, potential 1334 MCF, TD 15700', PBTD 15700' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #6 Britt Ranch 'I' 4, Sec. 4, 2, B&B, spud 7-8-04, drlg. compl 7-27-04, tested 9-22-04, potential 871 MCF, TD 13710', PBTD 13710' —

WHEELER (EAST THORNDIKE) Texakoma Oil & Gas Co., #2 Taylor '4', Sec. 4, A-2, H&GN, spud 3-30-04, drlg. compl 5-7-04, tested 9-22-04, potential 163 MCF, TD 12400', PBTD 12150' —

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Sports Day



Pampa Harvester basketball Head Coach, Jeff Reed, talks strategy with his team during a timeout. Pampa used a strong second half offense to sneak by Canyon Friday, 48-46, in the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions in Canyon. Pampa advanced to a fifth place meeting with Randall Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. The Raiders defeated Abilene Cooper yesterday by a final of 45-44.

Pampa defeats Canyon 48-46

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The PHS varsity basketball team used a big second half at the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions yesterday afternoon to defeat the Canyon Eagles for the second time this season, 48-46.

The Harvesters allowed 30 points in the first two periods, while managing just 18 points of their own in the half. Pampa came alive in the second half however, posting a 13-point third period and a 17-point fourth. The Harvester defense held Canyon to just 16 points in the second half.

Pampa was scheduled to play Randall to decide fifth place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Canyon High School.

TOMAHAWK CLASSIC

Pampa JV bounces back in Miami

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa junior varsity basketball teams had better outings in round two of the Tomahawk Classic basketball tournament in Miami yesterday.

The boys' team defeated Samnorwood by a final of 53-45. Pampa held a 18-14 lead at the break and then held on in the second half as Samnorwood managed to post 31 points to Pampa's 35.

The Lady Harvester JV squad used a strong first

half to beat Samnorwood 42-26.

Pampa scored 15 points in the first and second periods while hold Samnorwood to nine points in the first and just eight in the second. Pampa needed the 30-point first half has both teams struggled for points in the second half. Pampa scored just 12 points in the final two periods, while Samnorwood could only muster nine.

Optimist meeting Monday night

Huey Green, Commissioner of Optimist Basketball, will preside over Monday night's meeting of boys' basketball coaches for the Pampa Optimist Club. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist building. Adults interested in being involved as a coach, referee, league official, score keeper or clock keeper are asked to attend.

Champion coaches face off on MNF

SEATTLE (AP) — When their teams play Monday night, Bill Parcells and Mike Holmgren will take the field with 294 NFL victories and three Super Bowl titles between them.

It's not helping either coach this season, though each remains among the most respected men in the profession.

The Dallas Cowboys (4-7) and Seattle Seahawks (6-5) aren't exactly streaking this season, yet in today's NFL that could be more than enough for both teams to reach the playoffs.

"The probability of it for us is not very good," Parcells acknowledged.

Vinny Testaverde, the 41-year-old Dallas quarterback, returns as the starter after rookie Drew Henson's woeful first-half performance in a Thanksgiving Day win over Chicago.

Testaverde took over in the second half and Dallas was rescued by a different rookie, Julius Jones, who had 150 yards rushing and two TDs.

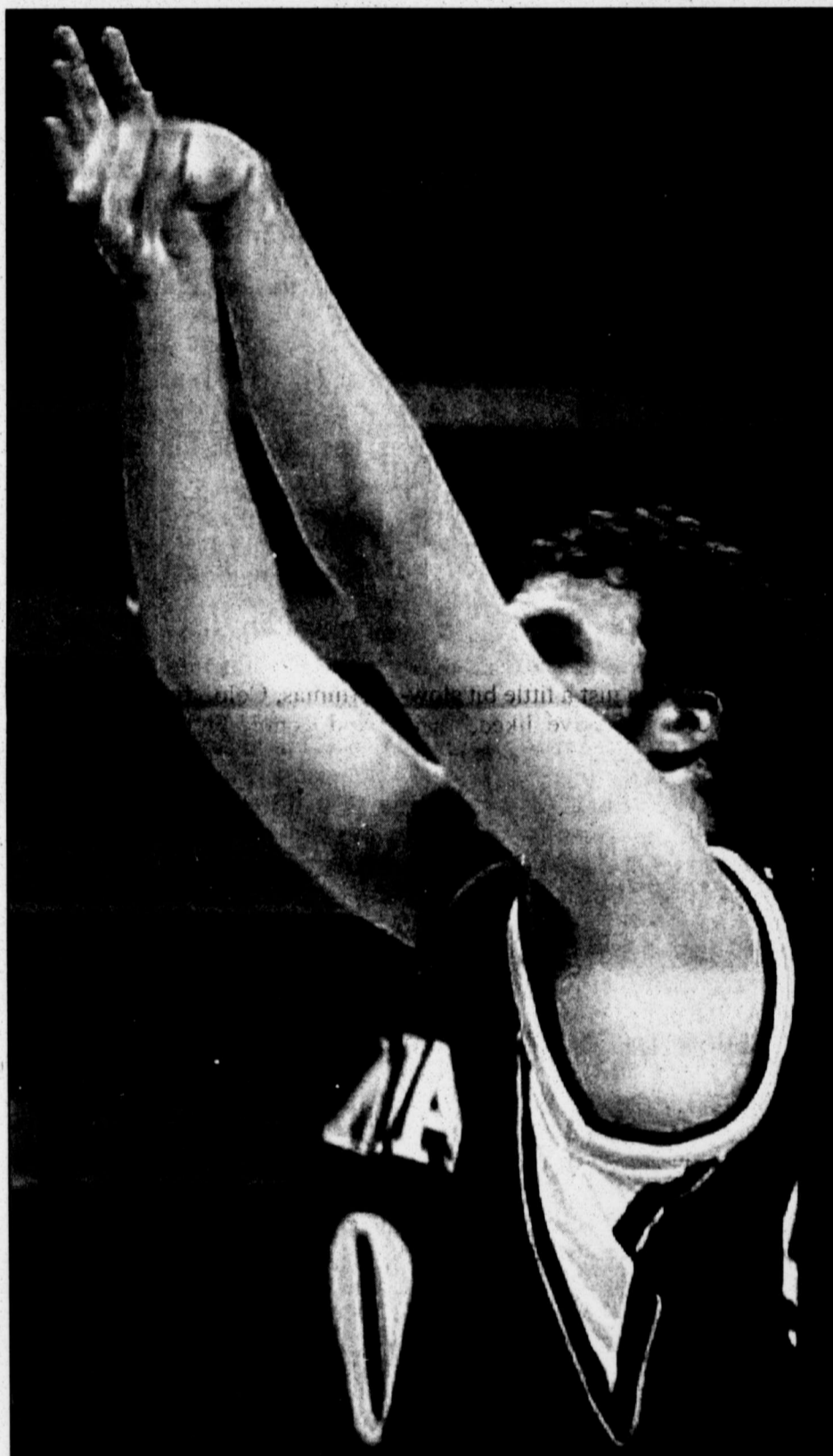
Parcells believes Testaverde, despite 14 interceptions, gives the Cowboys their best chance to win. Given the team's slim shot at the playoffs, that's more important right now than developing Henson.

"Drew has only played about eight games in seven years and none of them have been in the pros," Parcells said.

Testaverde won't be the oldest player on the field. This could be the final Monday night game for NFL receiving king Jerry Rice, playing the twilight of his career with the Seahawks.

The 42-year-old superstar is doing his best to lead and contribute on an offense that converts only 34 percent of its third-down attempts, despite having the NFL's top rusher in Shaun Alexander.

Making a point



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa senior Brittin East fires off a free throw shot in Thursday's meeting with Hobbs. The Harvester's defeated Canyon yesterday, 48-46, and were scheduled to meet Randall Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. to decide fifth place in the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions.

Utah's Urban Meyer to be Gator coach

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Utah's Urban Meyer agreed to become the coach at Florida, according to his sister, Gigi Escoe.

Meyer snubbed Notre Dame, where he worked as the receivers coach for five years.

His wide-open offense should be welcomed at Florida, where Ron Zook never could satisfy fans who became accustomed to Steve Spurrier's innovative system that was fun to watch and tough to stop.

Meyer will inherit a program with plenty of talent; the Gators finished 7-4, with three losses coming in the waning minutes.

The Utes went 11-0 in their second season under Meyer and were in line for a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

The expected hiring was first reported by The Times-Union in Jacksonville, Fla.

A scandal years in the making unfolds

By STEVE WILSTEIN
The Associated Press

Baseball's steroid scandal could be seen coming six years ago. The Olympics have feared the one unfolding now for two decades.

A series of federal grand jury testimony leaks, confessions and new accusations link the San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds, the New York Yankees' Jason Giambi and Olympic star Marion Jones to steroids distributed by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative.

The revelations are no surprise after years of widespread suspicions that some of the world's greatest athletes have been building better bodies through chemistry.

Baseball shrugged when Mark McGwire acknowledged using androstenedione, an over-the-counter steroid precursor that has since been banned, during his 70-homer season in 1998.

When Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti, two former MVPs, admitted using steroids and alleged many others were doing the same, baseball still did little. Bullied by the players' associa-

tion, the sport was slow to set up a drug-testing program that even now does not have random, year-round testing.

That head-in-the-sand mentality has come back to haunt the game and tarnish Bonds' pursuit of Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron's career home run marks.

Reports in the San Francisco Chronicle that Giambi told a federal grand jury he used human growth hormone and steroids, and that Bonds testified he used a clear substance and a cream supplied by BALCO to his trainer, brought quick condemnation of the sport's approach to performance-enhancing drugs. The substances Bonds described are similar to steroids at the center of the scandal.

"It shows the problem is endemic in baseball," World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound told The Associated Press on Friday.

"It also shows that their so-called efforts to determine whether there was a 'problem' was limited to anabolic steroids with full warnings to everybody, ignoring all the other stuff that's clearly being used, and followed by a set of ludicrous sanctions. It indicates that baseball is not at all serious about this."

There is no shock, either, in BALCO founder Victor Conte's claims that he sat beside Jones as she injected herself with human growth hormone three years ago, the day before a track meet in California. Suspicions have surrounded Jones for years, and she remains under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

"She pulled the spandex of her bicycle shorts above her right thigh," Conte wrote in a first-person account for ESPN: The Magazine. "She dialed up a dose of four-and-a-half units of growth hormone and injected it into her quadriceps."

Conte said he started working with Jones, at the request of her then-husband and coach C.J. Hunter, before the 2000 Sydney Games, where she won three gold and two bronze medals.

"I started providing her with insulin, growth hormone, EPO and 'The Clear,' as well as nutritional supplements," said Conte, who identified "The Clear" as the designer steroid THG, which could not be detected by tests at the time.

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OU hoping for another Orange Bowl meeting

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Back when the conference was known as the Big Eight and guys like Bud Wilkinson, Barry Switzer and Billy Sims made the headlines, a trip to the Orange Bowl was always the goal for Oklahoma.

It is again this year, but for a slightly different reason. This year, that's where the Bowl Championship Series national champ will be crowned, and the Sooners need a win over Colorado in the Big 12 title game Saturday to get there.

"The Orange Bowl is a great venue," coach Bob Stoops said of the game Oklahoma has been to 17 times. "It's always a great bowl game and we have an incredible tradition at the Orange Bowl. So, yeah, sure."

He conceded, of course,

that he'd take a national title wherever he could get it.

For it to happen this year, the second-ranked Sooners (11-0) will first have to defeat the Buffaloes (7-4) — 22-point underdogs — in Kansas City, Mo., in a game known for its history of upsets.

The last one came last year when Kansas State swamped Oklahoma 35-7 and denied the Sooners their 39th conference title.

Before that loss, Oklahoma was being hailed as one of the best college teams of all time. That isn't happening this year although, in many respects, the Sooners might be better, especially with two serious Heisman Trophy contenders in quarterback Jason White and tailback Adrian Peterson.

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Bonds have denied but their grand jury last year; the Chronicle contradicted in public.

Bonds testified in 2003 he used steroids and a him by his father, Greg Anderson, who doesn't know steroids, according to report.

During the proceeding, reported, TV presented Bonds' detailed list of drugs: hormone, Testosterone steroids known as "cream" and insulin and for female i

Scrambled legs



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

A number of Pampa and Hobbs players scramble for a loose ball during the two teams' game Thursday afternoon. Pampa lost to the Eagles, 64-72. They beat the Canyon Eagles Friday, 48-46. The Harvesters were scheduled to meet Randall Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. to decide fifth place in the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions.

Defending rodeo champs open with NFR victories

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Defending world team roping champions Speed Williams and Rich Skelton and reigning calf roping champ Cody Ohl opened the 10-round National Finals Rodeo with victories Friday night. Seven-time champions Williams and Skelton, both of Llano, Texas, won the team roping with a time of 4.2 seconds. The teams of Tee Woolman of Llano, Texas, and Cory Petska of Lexington, Okla., and Blaine Linaweaver of Leavenworth, Kan., and B.J. Campbell of Benton City, Wash., tied for second at 4.6 seconds. "That steer was just a little bit slower than we would have liked," said Williams, the header. "I let him get out there a little far and I had to reach for him a bit farther than I would have

liked, but when it works it doesn't seem bad. However, it will be a little hard to do that for the next nine rounds, so I think we'll have to do a little better as it goes on." Four-time world champ Ohl, from Stephenville, Texas, won the first round of tie-down roping with a time of 6.9 seconds. Clint Cooper of Decatur, Texas, finished second in 7.2, and Monty Lewis of Hereford, Texas, was third in 8.4. In steer wrestling, Shawn Greenfield of Lakeview, Ore., won in 4.1 seconds. K.C. Jones of Las Animas, Colo., finished second in 4.5, and Ronnie Fields of Oklahoma City, Okla., was third in 4.6. Kelly Timberman of Mills, Wyo., took the bareback round with an 87-

point ride. Davey Shields of Canada and Larry Sandvick of Billings, Mont., tied for second with 86s. In saddle bronc, Mike Outhier of Utopia, Texas, placed first with 86 points. There was a three-way tie for second, with Billy Etbauer of Edmond, Okla.; Rusty Allen of Lehi, Utah; and Bobby Griswold of Geary, Okla., each scoring 84 points. Paula Seay of Lake Butler, Fla., won the barrel racing in 14.15 seconds. Delores Toole of Manter, Kan., was second in 14.20 and Kelly Kaminski of Bellville, Texas, took third in 14.32. The victory allowed Seay to take first place in the world standings away from Kaminski. Seay has earned \$106,984, and Kaminski has made \$105,484.

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"Victor Conte's allegations about me are not true, and the truth will come out in the appropriate forum," Jones said in a statement to the AP on Friday. "I have instructed my lawyers to vigorously explore a defamation lawsuit against Victor Conte."

The Olympics have been worried about a scandal involving this big star since the Ben Johnson case stained the 1988 Seoul Games.

Jones should be stripped of her Olympic medals if allegations that she used banned drugs before the Sydney Games prove to be true, Pound said.

Jones, however, has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs, and her attorney, Richard M. Nichols, said Conte is not credible.

Bonds and Giambi also have denied using steroids, but their grand jury testimony last year and reported by the Chronicle this week contradicted what they said in public.

Bonds testified that in 2003 he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by his friend and trainer, Greg Anderson, but didn't know they were steroids, according to the report.

During the three-hour proceeding, the Chronicle reported, two prosecutors presented Bonds with documents that allegedly detailed his use of a long list of drugs: human growth hormone, Depo-Testosterone, undetectable steroids known as "the cream" and "the clear," insulin and Clomid, a drug for female infertility some-

times used to enhance the effect of testosterone.

The documents, many with Bonds' name on them, are dated from 2001 through 2003.

Bonds, who hit a record 73 homers in 2001, said Anderson told him the substances were the nutritional supplement flaxseed oil and a rubbing balm for arthritis.

Bonds' attorney, Michael Rains, said the leak of grand jury testimony was an attempt to smear his client. He also maintained Bonds testified truthfully before the grand jury.

"His statement would be

to you if he were standing here, he did not take anything illegal," Rains said.

Even if the substances Bonds took were steroids, Rains said they were not banned by baseball at the time and the slugger believed they were natural. Bonds also maintains the substances did nothing to aid his rise as one of the game's greatest home run hitters, Rains said.

"Barry was tested several times this year and the results of those tests were negative."

How this all plays out for Bonds, Giambi and base-

ball is uncertain.

Bonds could face charges if prosecutors believe he lied in his grand jury testimony.

His records might be stained, but his eventual election to the Hall of Fame probably won't be jeopardized. The 40-year-old slugger has 703 homers, behind only Ruth (714) and Aaron (755).

Giambi's testimony could lead the Yankees to terminate his \$120 million contract and allow baseball commissioner Bud Selig to discipline him.

Selig said he's committed to ridding baseball of performance-enhancing substances and is calling on the players' association to adopt a stronger drug-testing policy modeled after the minor league program.

Maybe now, he can persuade the union to do so.

D.C. closer to getting major league team

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball owners took another step toward moving the Montreal Expos to Washington next year, giving conditional approval but hinging their decision on the September agreement that did not cap the cost of a new ballpark.

That agreement called for the District of Columbia government to enact by Dec. 31 funding for a new ballpark for the team, which would be renamed the Nationals. The D.C. Council voted this week to approve funding, but placed a \$630 million cap on the project — \$195 million above the estimate contained in the September agreement. Commissioner Bud Selig has refused to say how baseball would react if

the cap remains in the final law.

NEW YORK (AP) → The New York Yankees sent outfielder Kenny Lofton and more than \$1.5 million to the Philadelphia Phillies for setup man Felix Rodriguez and also reacquired Mike Stanton from the Mets.

The Yankees got Stanton and \$975,000 from the Mets for Felix Heredia in a swap of left-handed relievers. Stanton waived his no-trade clause to rejoin his former team.

Lofton, 37, will be going to his ninth major league team. A six-time All-Star earlier in his career, he hit .275 with seven stolen bases in 83 games in his only season with New York.



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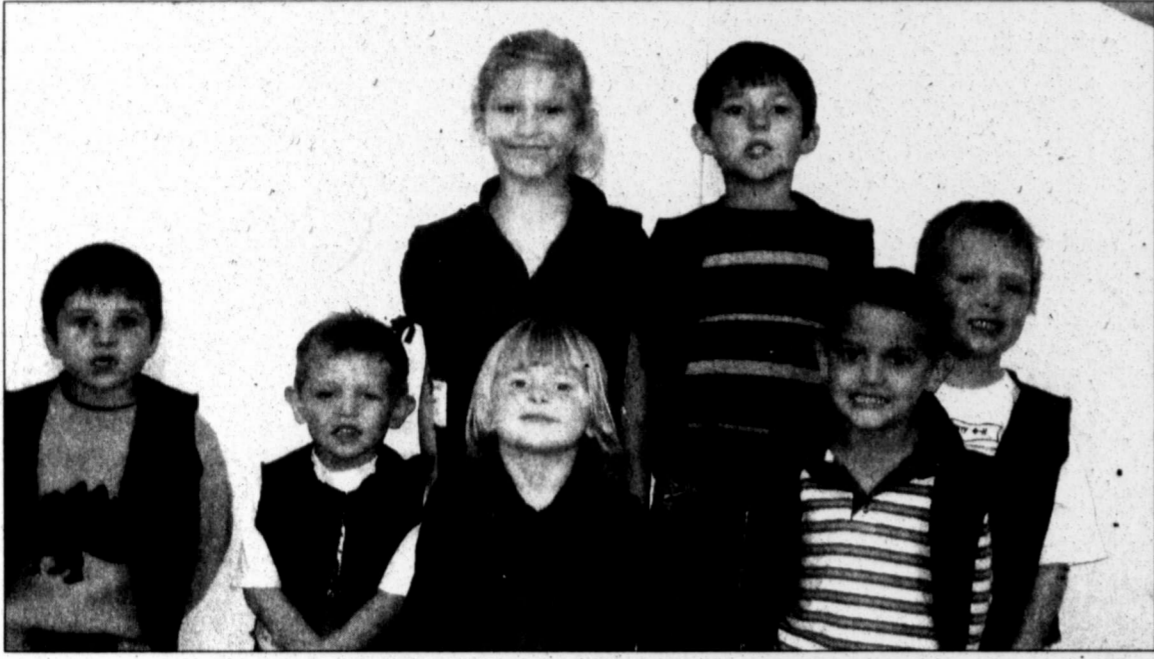
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The firm of Holt and Fields, attorneys, announces the impending deployment of our associate, First Lieutenant Jeffrey T. Jones, United States Army National Guard, to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, for approximately one year. We are proud of Jeff's service and wish him and all of his unit a safe return.

A reception honoring Jeff will be held in the Hospitality Room of the Combs-Worley Building from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2004. Friends, colleagues and clients are invited to attend.





4-H Clover Kids exhibited their culinary skills recently at the Gray County 4-H Food Show. Above: Jordan Cox, Jerod McClellan, Daniel Wells, Nolan McClellan, David Wells, Trista Greenwood and Jack Reyna.

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Jamie Hutchinson, Allison Leigh, Saber Bohlar, Becca Reyna, Shannon Leigh and Kendra Richardson, all placed either first or second in the recently held 4-H Food Show.

Beef packing officials 'up' on beef sales

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The CEO of the nation's fourth-largest beef processor says he's optimistic the industry can rebound from the mad cow disease scare, citing the expected reopening of Japanese markets next year.

John Miller, CEO of National Beef Packing Co. LLP, also discussed President Bush's promise to allow Canadian-raised cattle back into the United States.

"We think that (with) the Canadian border opening, as well as the eventual opening of export markets, we'll begin to see more historical-type earnings come back into the industry," Miller told analysts during a conference call Wednesday.

The top four beef-producing companies — including industry leaders Tyson Foods Inc., ConAgra Foods Inc. and Cargill Inc. — provide more than 80 percent of the nation's beef.

The companies suffered after foreign markets banned U.S. beef when a case of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), was discovered last December in Washington state.

The infected cow came from Canada, and officials prohibited U.S. beef packers from importing Canadian cattle or beef. While beef products were later allowed in the United States, cattle was not, which drove up the price of native animals.

Bush last week said he would instruct federal officials to speed up the process of

lifting the ban on Canadian cattle and said new regulations could be ready by early next year.

In October, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said it reached an agreement with Japanese negotiators to reopen the market to U.S. beef next spring or summer. Details were being resolved, but Japan said it would allow the import of beef from cattle 20 months of age or younger.

That will require beef producers to install systems to track cattle ages, a process that could take several months or years. National Beef officials estimated that less than 20 percent of cattle is currently tracked by age.

National Beef said its profits for the fiscal year that ended Aug. 28 were \$44 million, or less than half the \$89 million the company made in 2003. Total sales were up almost 12 percent to \$4.1 billion, but chief financial officer Jay Nielsen said that was because of price increases and the company had sold less beef.

National Beef said it expected a small profit in the current quarter, but analysts noted that the company asked its lenders to renegotiate terms of its debt.

Miller cautioned that beef markets are in a delicate position, as shown during last month's false alarm of a second mad cow case and the subsequent dumping of beef and restaurant stocks.

Combs

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lights, are working and are being used;

—Do not sell potentially dangerous ag chemicals to unknown customers and immediately report any suspicious activities or requests to the local authorities;

—Report any thefts, break-ins, disappearances or inventory shortages; and

—Take measures to secure chemicals during shipment by your employees.

Combs urges farmers, aerial applicators, lawn care operators, exterminators and others who regularly store and use pesticides to review management practices.

Here are some steps to review:

—Ensure pesticide storage is secure and locked as appropriate;

—Clean up spills or leaks

immediately and always keep your storage area clean of debris;

—Be aware of who has keys and access to pesticide storage areas;

—Post all storage areas (i.e., "Pesticides - Keep Out");

—Post names, addresses and telephone numbers for contact persons such as property owners and local authorities at the primary entrance to the storage area (list at least two people, if possible);

—Regularly inspect storage facilities and maintain an inspection log;

—Commercial pesticide applicators should be aware of who has access to pesticide storage areas during business hours;

—Keep inventory records of pesticide products current and readily available;

—Protect your confidential information by using passwords and backup procedures on your computer;

—Secure pesticide application equipment to prevent unauthorized access;

—Ensure pesticide label and Material Data Safety Sheets are available on all stored pesticides; and

—Keep a list of emergency telephone numbers readily available, including fire, law enforcement and medical contacts.

Aerial applicators should be especially vigilant about securing equipment and chemicals. Pilots should report any suspicious activity relative to use, training or acquisition of dangerous chemicals or equipment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Any threats or unusual inquiries should also be reported.

Grain warehouse operators and other producers who use fumigants should take extra precautions to keep their pesticides secure.

"Texas pesticide dealers and applicators have a strong record of safety," Combs said. "Proper planning and strong emergency procedures help prevent problems down the road. Texas agriculture needs to do our part to ensure that we have put the appropriate safeguards in place to protect employees and the community."

More information may be found on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency web site: EPA Pesticide Security www.epa.gov/pesticides/fact_sheets/pest_secu_alert.htm; at Pesticide Safety and Site Security brochure www.epa.gov/Region7/security/r7_pest_safety_site_security.pdf; or at Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Web page yosemite.epa.gov/oswer/cep_powebl.nsf/content/index.html.

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CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society has announced the induction of 114 students during the fall semester.

Among the 114 inductees are Lauren Walters of Pampa and Cheryl M. Herpich of Miami.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to students who have completed at least 30 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher and who rank in the top 10 percent of the junior or senior class.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship and displayed exemplary character, according to Dr. Martin Jacobsen, Alpha Chi faculty adviser and assistant professor of English.

CANYON — West Texas A&M University has kept its promise to seven students from Pampa, it said in a news release.

Each student received \$1,000 through WT's Top Quarter Scholarship Guarantee.

The scholarship is awarded to students who graduate in the top 25 percent of their high school class and choose to attend WT.

The scholarship recipients are listed as follows: Samantha Conner, Cristina Elliot, Zachry Hucks, Brittany Irvin, Tyler Jonas, Cara Pryor and Catherine Trimble, all of Pampa.

SAN DIEGO — Marine Corps Pvt. Jay B. English, son of Kelly L. and Barton D. English of Canadian, recently completed 12 weeks of basic military training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

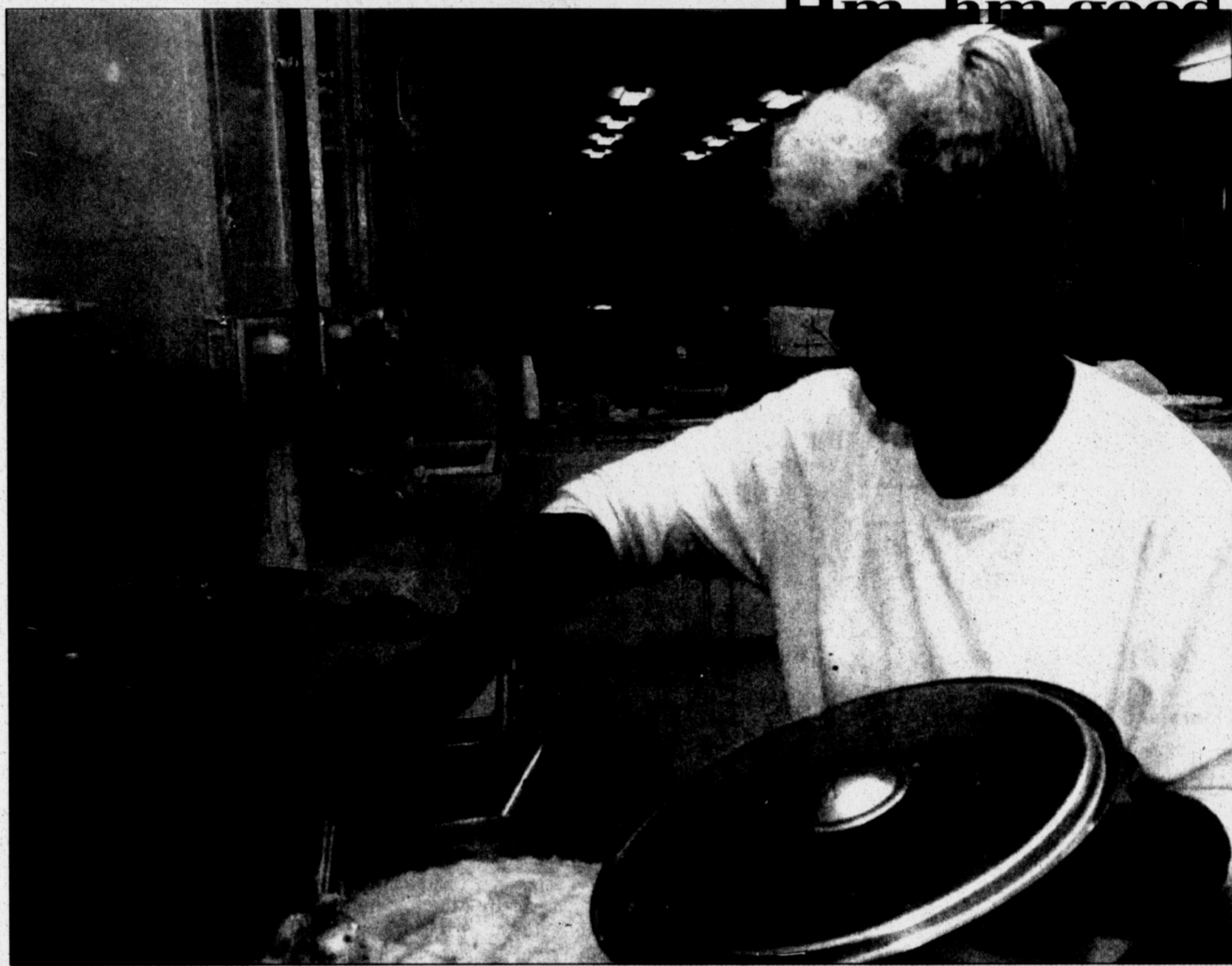
English and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, English spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

English and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

English and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem.

English is a 2002 graduate of Canadian High School.



▲ Gloria Captain stirs butter into the mashed potatoes at the Southside Senior Citizens Center.

Southside Senior Citizens Center

Center offers culinary delights courtesy of Gloria Captain, long-time cook

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Outside, it was a cold, wet day and threatening to snow. Inside, it was warm, and the smells from the oven were delightful.

Gloria Captain, administrator of the Southside Senior Citizens Center, knows a secret about good cooking. It's not the preparation, although she prepares food exquisitely. It's not the recipes, although she has more than she can count.

It's the love that goes into the preparation and planning.

It's not the maudlin love of a romance novel. It's the love of fellow human beings that's learned through experience.

Life has not always been easy for Captain.

A native of Abilene, she moved to Borger in the early 1960s and worked 10 years at the Round the Clock Restaurant. In 1973, she moved to Pampa to cook at the Lamplighter.

Along the way, she bore eight children, two boys and six girls. One of the girls died in infancy, but she raised the rest, often working several jobs to make ends meet.

"I'm a survivor," she said quietly, but firmly.

At the Southside Senior Citizens Center each Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Captain greets visitors by name as she serves them lunch. She smiles at some and playfully threatens

others. She has a loyal following.

Her smile is as warm and genuine as the food she serves at the weekly fundraiser for the center.

The center has long served a fellowship dinner on the first Thursday of each month, but the weekly Tuesday dinner was started just last June.

"We're doing this to try to raise funds for a new building," said Bea Taylor, president of the center's board of directors.

Captain's experience and expertise has been a blessing. The

is what she'd be doing, but she wanted, even as a child, to work and take care of herself.

"I didn't want to have to depend on anybody," Captain said.

After 28 years, Captain retired from the Lamplighter, but then she said she just sat around her house and got bored.

That led her to the Southside Senior Citizens Center and the culinary delights the crowd was enjoying today.

Oblivious to the rain outside, Captain arrived at the center shortly before 8:30 a.m. this Tuesday and began preparing pork chops stuffed with rice, carrots, greens, mashed potatoes and cornbread.

While the meat and vegetables cooked on the commercial stove at the center, Captain stood at the serving counter slicing tomatoes and onions as contestants guess the prices of merchandise on the television set at the other end of the large center.

On the other side of the counter, Eula Bradshaw, the center's assistant administrator, wrapped individual servings of red velvet cake and put them on the dessert table with the cinnamon cake.

Although the center has been serving the Tuesday meal since last summer, it's difficult to gauge how

'She cooked from scratch. She never did have a recipe book. I never did, either. I just watched her.'

— Gloria Captain
Administrator of the
Southside Senior
Citizens Center

recipes are hers. She carries them around in her head, in her very being. She learned how to cook when she was young.

"I watched Momma," Captain said.

She fondly recalled sitting in the kitchen with her head in her hands, watching her mother.

"She cooked from scratch," Captain said. "She never did have a recipe book. I never did, either. I just watched her."

Captain said she never thought that this



▲ Brad Pingle and Rusty Tapp eating at the Southside Senior Citizens Center.

► Bea Taylor leans back and relaxes after lunch at the Southside Senior Citizens Center.



■ Photos by David Bowser

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Newlyweds exchange their wedding vows in Dallas

Talley Robin Cate and John Scott Glass were united in holy matrimony at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Dallas with the Rev. Frederick C.

Philpott, officiant and celebrant, and the Rev. Michael S. Mills, preacher, officiating. Music for the wedding mass was provided by Dr. Kevin M. Clarke, organist

and choir master, and the Chancel Choir and the Cherub Choir, both of the church. Soloists were Audrey Brown, Jason Chandler and Thann Scoggin.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Michael Cate of Granbury and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Cate of Verhalen and Mrs. Jane Kerbow Benton and the late Jack H. Benton of Pampa.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Glass of Baton Rouge, La., and is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William S. Best and the late Rev. and Mrs. William S. Glass.

Matrons of honor were Olivia Drinkwater Reese of Hattisburg, Miss., and Emily Hightower Beach of Dallas. The bridesmaids were Hilary Cate Ackerman of Austin, Allison Seeliger Cate of Shreveport, La., Beth Marie Pederson of Baton Rouge and Kelly Beth Peterson of Crowell.

The best man was Jeffrey Chatelain of Baton Rouge, and the honorary best man was Samuel Aaron Glass, son of the groom of Richardson. The groomsmen were Bernard Malone of Little Rock, Ark., Gabriel Guy Cate of Shreveport, John Pruitt of Ruston, La., and Robert Wiemers of Dallas.

The ushers for the wedding were Brian Jenkins and Paxton Pruitt. The bride is a graduate of Louisiana State University, where she belonged to Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She is currently employed with Richardson Independent School District as an elementary school music teacher.

The groom graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Pa. He is currently a graphic artist with Aegon Direct Marketing Services in Richardson. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Texas Hill Country and intend to make their home in Richardson.



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Hart, Perez wed in Briarwood Full Gospel

Kendra Hart and Chris Perez were wed by the Rev. Lynn Hancock, of Briarwood Full Gospel Church of Pampa, on Nov. 12 at Briarwood.

The bride is the daughter of Pampa residents Keith and Judy Hart. The groom is the son of Maria Salvarrey and Michael Nelson, both of Pampa, and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Perez, Sr., who raised him. Attending the bride as maid of honor was Joy Hart of McLean. The bridesmaids were Raecanna Cowan, Brittany Moutrey and Robin Stuck, all of Pampa. The bridal attendants were Christina Hart and Nicole Brashears of Pampa.

The flower girls were Alyssa Hart, Arianna Hart and Naomi Mañez, all of Pampa. The best man was Robert Perez, Sr., of Pampa. The groomsmen were Caleb Hart, David Perez and Dean Moman, all of Pampa. Ushering the guests to their seats were Sam Wright of Shamrock and Dennis

James of Pampa. The candlelighters were Andrea and Bobby Cortez of Pampa.

Jessica Irvin and Cooper Hart of Pampa registered the guests. Serving the guests after the ceremony were Kimberly Chennault of Amarillo and Christie Hart of Pampa.

The bride is a graduate of Faith Christian Academy, and the groom graduated from Pampa High School.

The couple plan to make their home in Pampa.



Kendra Hart and Chris Perez

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Couple honeymoon in sunny Cancun

Kelli Parish and Joshua Jones, both of Midland, exchanged wedding vows Sept. 25 in Trinity Lutheran Church in Guymon, Okla. Mark Wescoatt, pastor of the church, presided over the

ceremony. The maid of honor was Kaci Parish, sister of the bride of Canyon. The matrons of honor were Crystal Landes, sister of the bride, and Jamie Woodard,

both of Guymon. The flower girls were Ryanne Landes and Maggie Landes, both nieces of the bride of Guymon.

Adam Jones, brother of the groom of Abilene, stood up as best man with Brandon Osborne of Amarillo and Jamisen Hancock of Midland serving as groomsmen.

The ring bearer was cousin of the groom Aaron Vanderburg of Midland.

The ushers were Trevor Allen, cousin of the groom, and Carlos Hernandez, both of Amarillo. The candle-lighter was Taylor Landes, niece of the bride of Guymon.

Registering the guests was Erica Sharkey, cousin of the bride of Guymon.

Music was provided by pianist Debbie Bohlmann and organist Rita Knop, both of Guymon.

A reception followed the

service in Elks Lodge of Guymon. Serving the guests were Cathy Patton and cousin of the bride Sara Hennigh, both of Yukon, Okla. Joining them as servers were cousins of the groom Kalei Prichard of Odessa and Nealei Vanderburg of Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Karen Parish of Guymon. The groom is the son of Michael and Regina Jones of Pampa and is the grandson of Milford and Glorice Jones and Jean Ladd, all of Pampa, and the late Dale Ladd.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and intend to live in Midland.



Kelli Parish

Couple observe half-century of marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stout of Pampa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. Dec. 11 at Central Baptist Church with children of the couple hosting the reception.

Frank Stout and Betty Via were married Dec. 11, 1954, at Grayford. They have lived in Pampa for 41 years and are members of Central Baptist.

Mr. Stout retired from Parker and Parsley in 1995.

Mrs. Stout retired from Pioneer Natural



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stout



Gas in 1986.

Children of the couple are Vicky Calloway of Espanola, N.M., and Chris and Renee Stout of Pampa. They have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Gomez, Garcia joined in matrimony



Elia Gomez and Jose A. Garcia

Elia Gomez and Jose A. Garcia were joined in holy matrimony Nov. 20 at Central Baptist Church in Pampa. Greg Gasaway, minister and friend of the couple, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Roberto Gomez and Martha Rojas. Foster parents of the bride are Randy and Connie Molitor.

Alfonso and Paula Garcia are parents of the groom.

Attending the bride were her sister and maid of honor, Maria Gomez; her bridesmaids, Luzann Garcia, sister of the groom, Danita Holguin and Jennifer Lamar.

Standing with the groom were his brother and best man, Alfonso Garcia III, and Mark Bailey as groomsman.

Ushers were Justin Molitor, Scotty Stribling and Jason Downs. Caitlyne Molitor was flower girl, and the ring bearer was Christopher, son of the couple.

Providing and overseeing the music were Lyndee Gasaway, Scotty Stribling, Vickie Wheeler, the bride's foster aunt, and Aaron Farrar, sound technician.

Brooke Hopkins registered guests.

Elia is currently a senior at PLC in Pampa, and Jose is a 2004 Pampa High School graduate. Both the bride and groom are employed with United.

The couple will make their home in Pampa.

Cradle call



Britton Matthew King

Britton Matthew King was born at 11:39 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 at Baylor Regional Medical Center in Grapevine, to Matt and Brooke King of Justin. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 10-ounces and was 19-inches long. Relatives include his brother, Gage King of Justin; his sisters, K'Lyn King and Hailee King, both of Pampa; his grandparents, Danny and Sue King of Miami, Larry and Kristi Petty of Pampa and Barry and Karen Hedrick of Amherst, N.H.; and his great-grandparents, Gilbert and Bobbye Petty, Joyce and Yvonne Moler and Roger and Ora Mae Hedrick, all of Pampa.

Captain

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much food to prepare. For the last two weeks, serving Swiss steak, then turkey and dressing, they've run out of food. The crowds have been growing. Last week, Captain fixed more as the food got short, but they still ran out.

By 11 a.m., Captain was filling the take-out orders and stacking them on the counter as Bradshaw counted them and placed them in boxes. Her husband, Chilly Bradshaw, something of a chef himself, helped her take them to the car for delivery before he returned to work.

Bradshaw turned her car down Crawford, her car loaded with more than 40 meals, filling the sedan with the hearty smell of pork chops and mashed potatoes and gravy. She was on her way to deliver them to Cabot Credit Union, Pack n' Mail, Bill Allison Automotive and a dozen other places.

While her husband ate

before he left, Bradshaw would get a bite, if she were lucky, when she got back.

Before leaving, she laughed about running out of food the last two weeks.

"I haven't had a meal here in three or four weeks," Bradshaw said, grinning.

Half a dozen customers have already come through the line, beating the crowd, but by noon the large dining room began to fill with the crew from Carmichael-Whatley and a goodly number of the Pampa Lions' Club.

They signed their names and put down their five dollar donations, sometimes more, as Captain handed them a plate heaped with steaming food. They added cornbread, tomatoes and onions from the counter and helped themselves to tea, sweet tea or coffee.

The soap opera on the television was drowned out by friendly banter at the tables.

By 12:30 p.m., Captain sat down next to a friend, Ruby Morgan, and Taylor and Doug Locke, who's treasurer of the center's board, but the respite doesn't last long. In mid-sentence, Captain pops back up to serve several men who have come in out of the rain.

Even before Captain began cooking the stuffed pork chops that morning, she'd already planned next week's menu.

It'll be country fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, sweet peas, mashed potatoes, rolls and dessert.

"She doesn't cook anything bad," Bradshaw said.

Captain said she just goes home, sits down and decides what she's going to make for the next week. She writes it up and posts it on the door of the center.

"Sometimes," Captain said of her culinary career, "I wish I'd done something else."

At the tables behind her, there are a lot of people who are glad she didn't.



Allison/Glover

Shelbie Renee Allison and Trey Glover, both of Tyler, plan to wed Friday, March 25, 2005, in Tyler Women's Building Garden in Tyler. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lynn Allison of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School and holds both a bachelor's and a master's (MBA) degree from Northeastern State University. She is currently employed by Edward Jones. The prospective groom is the son of Donna Glover of Tyler and Woody Glover of Covington, La. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and attended TJC, UT-Tyler and Texas A&M University. He is currently employed by Bucks and Ducks.

Menus

Week of December 6-10

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Fish strips or steak fingers, potato rounds, English peas, pears, rolls.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Waffle sticks. Lunch: Cheese quesadilla or chicken strips, pinto beans, salad, Spanish rice, sliced apples.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast. Lunch: Turkey/dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, chiffon tart, fruit salad, rolls.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Blueberry pancake and sausage on a stick. Lunch: Pizza dippers or beef nachos, spinach, sliced potatoes, fruit.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Mini burritos or hot dogs, western beans, salad, mixed fruit, pudding cup.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Baked potatoes or chicken fajitas, steamed broccoli, beans, cheese, applesauce, salad bar.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Cheese omelet, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken spaghetti or chicken nuggets, spinach, mashed potatoes, peaches, salad bar.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Muffins, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Burritos or mini corn dogs, tater tots, pineapple, salad bar.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: French toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham or barbecue, scalloped potatoes, green beans, biscuits, pears, salad bar.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza or peanut butter sandwiches, corn, oranges, salad bar.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY Hot dogs/chili, chips, muffins, fruit.</p>	<p>THURSDAY Goulash, cornbread, jello cups.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cookies, rolls.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Frito pie, pinto beans, cake, salad.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or baked cod/rice, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, peaches&cream cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Taco salad or lasagna rollups, cheese grits, Italian green beans, buttered squash, beans, German chocolate upside-down cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, carrots, beans, black forest cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or moch filet mignon, cheese potatoes, baked cabbage, buttered corn, beans, pineapple upsidedown cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, hurricane oatmeal cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Steak fingers, gravy, broccoli casserole, carrots, Rice Krispie treats.</p> <p>TUESDAY Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Oven-fried chicken, corn, baked potatoes, Waldorf salad.</p> <p>THURSDAY Turkey, rice pilaf, English peas, yam apple baked.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish, pinto beans, coleslaw, apricots.</p>
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- December 12 "Tour of Homes", Twentieth Century Cotillion Club

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Entertainment

Film great

Brando friend, partner pens book about brilliant yet erratic actor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Producer George Englund and his wife, actress Cloris Leachman, attended a party in 1956 given by Burgess Meredith for the elite of Hollywood. Enter Marlon Brando, in a leather jacket. Brando, the rage of the movie

world then and noted for his aloofness, cordially greeted everyone. Then he spotted Leachman, once a fellow student at the Actors Studio. He hurried over to her, met her husband and spent the entire evening talking to them. He asked the couple if they would go out on a double date with

him the following evening — he had a date with the fiery Italian star Anna Magnani. "I'm afraid she's going to climb all over me, and I need some protection," the actor appealed. The Englunds agreed, and Brando escaped safely. This past June, Englund visited

the ailing actor at his hilltop home with commanding views of both Beverly Hills and the San Fernando Valley. Brando, his face puffy with a stubble of gray-white beard, lay in bed virtually helpless. Even though he had lost 80 pounds during his illness, he still was an enormous caricature of his once

muscular self. He drifted in and out of awareness, coughed painfully and was incontinent. He seemed warmed by the presence of Englund. After three hours, Englund left with a promise of returning. Brando died

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Net

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to an end. "A lot of people were at loose ends," Sridharan says. "They couldn't do their homework." As time and innovations move ahead, many young people only see the Internet becoming that much more vital.

Crystal Cienfuegos, for instance, found a public relations job via the Web — sending out an "electronic" resume, arranging an in-person interview by e-mail and securing the job with a writing test, taken online.

"Nowadays, a person employed at one company can be coordinating interviews via Hotmail during lunch and literally finding a new job without even leaving their desk," says 25-year-old Cienfuegos, from Long Beach, Calif. "It's quite amusing, but not so funny if you are a business owner."

Gabriel Schaffzin, a senior at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., has used the Internet to rejuvenate his father's personalized calen-

dar business, now called gaboosh.media inc.

Through the Internet, he's found seed funding, business plan competitions and industry data. And perhaps, most importantly, the Web has given customers another way to find the business.

It's the sort of reach that would've been "unfathomable, not even 20 years ago," says Susannah Stern, a professor of communication studies at the University of San Diego who has studied young people's Internet habits.

"For them, accessing information is easy," she says, noting that the Internet also opens up a chance for teens and 20somethings to communicate with people who are different from them. "people in another state or country, or kids at school they don't talk to."

Of course, there is a dark side to having such broad access: It gives identity thieves and sexual predators a new place to look for victims.

Perhaps more common than those well-publicized dangers are the everyday dramas caused by online rumor-spreading. And it can

get ugly, particularly when people post comments on their online profiles and Web logs, commonly known as

Andreea Johnson, a student at Central Michigan University and a regular Web user, says those bad

'There's nowhere for a lot of kids to go, there's no hanging out on the corner. So the Internet is a place for kids to figure out who they are.'

— Susannah Stern
College professor

blogs.

Jennifer Anello recalls the time a friend got drunk one Saturday night, called her ex-boyfriend and ended up arguing with him.

"The following Monday his profile had something to the effect of 'Can someone tell (my ex-girlfriend) how to hold her liquor and get her a shrink?'" says Anello, who's 24 and lives in Stamford, Conn.

Online rumors and innuendo cause angst among teens, too. "Parents say, 'We never knew it would take on this velocity and ferocity,'" says Amanda Lenhart, another Pew researcher.

experiences make some people, including the grandmother who raised her, wary of the Internet.

"Are you kidding? She would never get an e-mail account," Johnson says, laughing. "I think some older people still think of it as the devil — like it's kind of evil."

The Internet also has produced many unexpected benefits.

Stern, for instance, notes that the Web provides an anonymous outlet to troubled young people who want to talk about everything from suicide and self-mutilation to eating disorders.

"There's nowhere for a lot of kids to go, there's no hanging out on the corner. So the Internet is a place for kids to figure out who they are," she says.

In her research, Stern says it was common to hear young people who've posted online diaries say, "I'd never tell someone this in person."

Jones has seen firsthand how students have used the Internet to enhance life.

Using messages sent wirelessly from laptop to laptop, one student recently helped another who didn't speak English very well by translating a point Jones was making during a lecture.

On other occasions, students have surfed the Net during class and found Web sites that supplement the discussion.

"There is a real power there, a kind of technological power. But also I think there's a kind of intellectual power that can be harnessed. They are so curious about using these technologies. And I'd really like to be able to regularly marshal that curiosity," Jones says, noting that students are the ones who often drive the use of

technology on campus.

He also thinks that young workers will continue to push technological advances in the corporate world, partly because they are able to handle "multiple conversations and juggle better than the previous generations."

He says the Internet play very much into this generation's wish for flexibility at home, work and during down time.

AOL's Bird predicts that teens will be among the first to embrace new, Web-based video technology.

"You will very soon be able to shoot video messages and play those video messages on your blog that your friends can go to," Bird says.

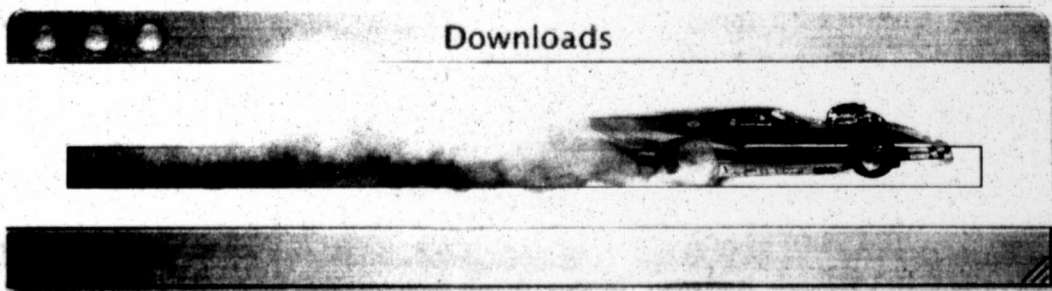
"So your community, your scheduling, your friends, your holidays — all of this stuff will live in an online environment."

It's all very exciting to Sridharan, the Emory freshman.

She finds it difficult to predict how the Internet will change her life, even a few years from now. But she knows the potential is there.

"It's just up to us to imagine it," she says, "and put it into motion."

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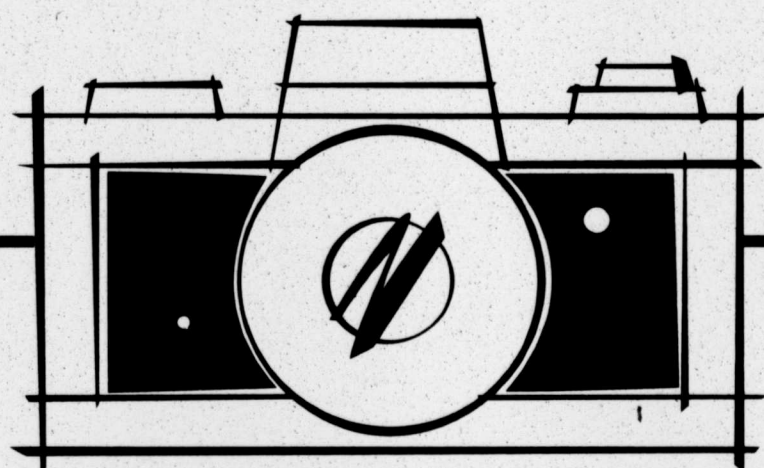


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RRC posts monthly oil, gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,178 original drilling permits in October 2004 compared to 1,043 in October 2003. The October total included 965 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 25 to re-enter existing well bores, and 188 for re-completions. Permits issued in October 2004 included 268 oil, 364 gas, 511 oil and gas, 26 injection, one service and 8 other permits.

Texas preliminary September 2004 crude oil production averaged 922,823 barrels daily, down from the 951,607 barrels daily average of September 2003.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for September 2004 is 27,816,941 barrels, a decrease from 28,579,475 barrels reported during September 2003.

In October 2004, operators reported 292 oil, 454 gas, 35 injection and two other completions compared to 250 oil, 588 gas, 30 injection and four other permits during October 2003.

Total well completions for 2004 year to date are 8,797, up from 8,437 recorded during the same period in 2003.

Operators reported 790 holes plugged and 214 dry holes in October 2004 compared to 879 holes plugged and 75 dry holes in October 2003.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 442,063,187 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for September

TABLE 1 — October Texas oil, gas drilling permits and completions by district

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	44	3	9
(2) REFUGIO AREA	91	24	31
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	116	31	30
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	135	5	64
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	51	2	33
(6) EAST TEXAS	154	6	87
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	66	6	24
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	133	46	63
(8) MIDLAND	115	64	20
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	66	62	1
(9) NORTH TEXAS	142	28	74
(10) PANHANDLE	64	10	65

TABLE 2 — September Texas top 10 oil, gas producing counties ranked by preliminary production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLs)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,384,481	1. ZAPATA	22,366,070
2. YOAKUM	2,069,488	2. FREESTONE	20,061,371
3. ANDREWS	1,868,565	3. PANOLA	18,966,344
4. HOCKLEY	1,684,960	4. WEBB	17,389,564
5. ECTOR	1,610,594	5. HIDALGO	17,355,600
6. SCURRY	1,244,069	6. WISE	14,331,328
7. MIDLAND	863,404	7. PECOS	14,245,466
8. PECOS	809,361	8. STARR	10,821,940
9. CRANE	806,312	9. DENTON	10,660,206
10. UPTON	629,905	10. YOAKUM	10,299,406

2004, down from the September 2003 preliminary gas production total of 443,236,130 Mcf. Texas production in September 2004 came from 137,736 oil and 64,752 gas wells.

Brando

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the next day.

Thus the beginning and the end of an extraordinary friendship that lasted 48 years, minus seven years when they weren't speaking. Together they traveled the world, met kings and presidents, talked with savants and peasants, made "The Ugly American" with Brando as star and Englund as director, consoled each other's family tragedies, hatched business deals that later would be dumped by Brando.

Englund relates the saga in a new book, "The Way It's Never Been Done Before," the title a reference to Brando's revolutionary style of acting.

Englund decided to write the biography when it appeared that Brando would not survive pulmonary fibrosis, a hardening of the lungs. He had hoped Brando would write a forward.

"Most of the other books about Marlon were written by people who never knew Marlon," Englund reasoned. "I did."

Englund, 78, arrived for an interview at a Valley bistro looking as trim and athletic as when he played beach volleyball on the sands of Santa Monica.

Why did Brando become obese?

"When he came to Hollywood, he had power of a magnitude that nobody ever had before," Englund theorized. "He'd cow anybody, including heads of studios. During those times, he never had to exercise self-discipline. Whatever he wanted, he could get."

"He had a genetic propensity for gaining weight; his father was a portly man. Another thing was Marlon's desire to do things not the way they had been done before. He gained weight more prodigiously than anyone else. And there was that lack of worthiness that was instilled in him by his father."

The book stresses Brando's haunted youth with a mother who was often too drunk to care for him and his sisters, and an absent father

who returned to berate his son. Brando's suspicion of anyone who might take advantage of him and his distaste of authority stem from his childhood, Englund believes.

For director of "The Ugly American" (1963), a study of U.S. entanglement in Southeast Asia, Brando chose Englund, who had never directed a film.

Director and star worked compatibly during the location filming in Thailand and most of the interiors at Universal Studio. Then Brando became "removed and uncommunicative." Even though Englund was his best friend, Brando had started to view him as an authority figure.

In his late years, money became a problem. The support of 10 children, his own island in Tahiti and many other expenses caused him to accept roles in humdrum movies. In 1990 he dreamed up another moneymaking scheme: He would write his autobiography, and Englund would be his agent.

Englund, who had never been an agent, reluctantly accepted the task. All major publishers were interested, and Random House offered \$3.5 million. Englund raised the ante to \$5 million, and the publisher agreed. Then for two years, Brando didn't write a word, and the publisher wanted the advance back. Brando suggested that Englund write the book, but Brando would pay him only \$25,000.

Englund declined after experts advised him the job was worth up to 50 percent of the advance. Another writer was hired, and the book was a publishing disaster.

After Englund had negotiated an offer to build a first-class hotel on his Tahitian island, Brando killed the deal.

Englund's patience was finally exhausted, and he quit.

The seven-year gap in the friendship began. It ended through double tragedies: the deaths of Englund's young son and Brando's sister.

The two longtime companions exchanged notes of condolence, and Englund made a phone call.

Panhandle GCD issues record number of permits

WHITE DEER — Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District recently approved 178 Initial Production Permits covering 200,815 acres during 2003-2004, the largest number of permits granted in recent memory, according to the district's newly released annual report.

"We are keenly aware of many applicants' desire to export water out of the District," said C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle GCD. "We will balance those interests with those of landowners who don't have such opportunities and with the need for conservation."

An IPP authorizes the holder to produce a stated quantity of groundwater. Actual production can begin only after a drilling permit is granted, according to a district press release. The district issues well permits, monitors production, measures water levels, models aquifer depletion and samples water quality in its role of managing groundwater for nine counties.

The district cut its property tax rate for the third time in four years, lowering it to \$0.0152 per \$100 of valuation from \$0.0154 as a result of prudent management. The average tax bill for a \$50,000 home amounts to \$7.70 a year for district constituents.

The average water level of the Ogallala Aquifer dropped 0.4 foot across the district over the past year, according to the 2004 winter level measurements. Actual water level changes ranged from a decline of 18 feet to a rise of 10 feet.

The measurement program gauges static groundwater levels, helping the district to assign decline values for income tax purposes and to assess potential risks in water projects.

Areas in Carson and Gray counties showed considerable declines. Significant declines have also developed in southwest Roberts County.

Donley, Wheeler and southeast Gray counties continue, the press release said, to show mixed reaction to pumping and to rainfall patterns.

The board spent much of its time updating its rules. The overhaul reflected growing competition for water, improving science and new powers granted to groundwater districts in Senate Bills 1 and 2, the PGCD press release read.

In May, all but one of the rules, the depletion rule, was updated. At the end of the fiscal year, all rules were updated, completing nearly two years of work.

A trigger mechanism contained in the depletion rule will alert the district when water withdrawals exceed the acceptable annual rate of decline in the aquifer.

This will help insure, the PGCD reported, that the district meets its 50/50 management standard — 50 percent of the aquifer must be left in 50 years from implementation (1998). This standard is the hallmark of the district's management procedures.

To view the PCGD's annual report for 2003-2004 log onto www.panhandlegroundwater.org on the World Wide Web.

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Dear Abby...

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DEAR ABBY: A promise I made to my child is tearing me apart. My 7-year-old son, "Lyle," has been talking a lot about death. A while back, we were in the car and he brought the subject up again. He said how sad he would be in heaven alone, and asked that should anything ever happen to him, if I would go with him. I promised that I would, and it seemed to make him feel much better. We talked about how we would fly down to Earth and touch our loved ones to give them comfort, even though they would never see us.

That promise I made is killing me now, because, God forbid if something bad did happen to Lyle, I could never go with him. I have four other children who need me. I'm afraid if I take back the promise that gave my son so much comfort, it will upset him. Also, I need to know why, at his tender age, Lyle is talking so much about death. Is this normal? Sometimes it scares me. -- TORN MOTHER IN VERMONT

DEAR TORN MOTHER: Do not "take back" the promise. Your son was asking for reassurance that you would never leave him, and you gave it to him. Because you are concerned about this preoccupation with death, gently try to draw him out when he brings it up again. If you are not satisfied with his responses, enlist the aid of a child psychologist. *****

DEAR Abby: I dated "Carter" for five months. During that time, he bought me all kinds of presents, from flowers to tires for my car. I never asked Carter for anything. In fact, I told him twice that there were "too many presents." He responded that I was insulting him, and told me I should just accept them graciously and say thank you.

I tried to reciprocate by doing things for him. I would cook him dinner every time he came over, and give him fresh produce from

our garden. I even loaned Carter my car when his was in the shop.

Now that we are broken up, he is demanding that I return all his gifts and pay him \$300 for the tires or he will sue me. (I have proof they were gifts, and given with love.) I feel Carter is wrong. Should I give him back the things and pay him? -- SORRY I EVER MET HIM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SORRY: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as she (or he) wishes. However, in this case, since you now know they were intended as strings to bind you to him, it might be better to return them and be rid of him once and for all.

P.S. He can sue you if he wishes, but whether he could WIN is another matter. I hope for his sake he won't decide to try. *****

DEAR ABBY: I was having a snack in a restaurant a few days ago. A mother and her two young children were sitting at the next table. The younger child -- a boy about 3 -- picked up the salt shaker and licked the top of it. The mother instructed the older child to take the salt shaker to an unoccupied table and exchange it for another salt shaker.

Should I have spoken to her about it, or taken it off the other table myself and turned it over to an employee? I feel I should have done something, but I didn't. -- FEELING GUILTY, KILGORE, TEXAS

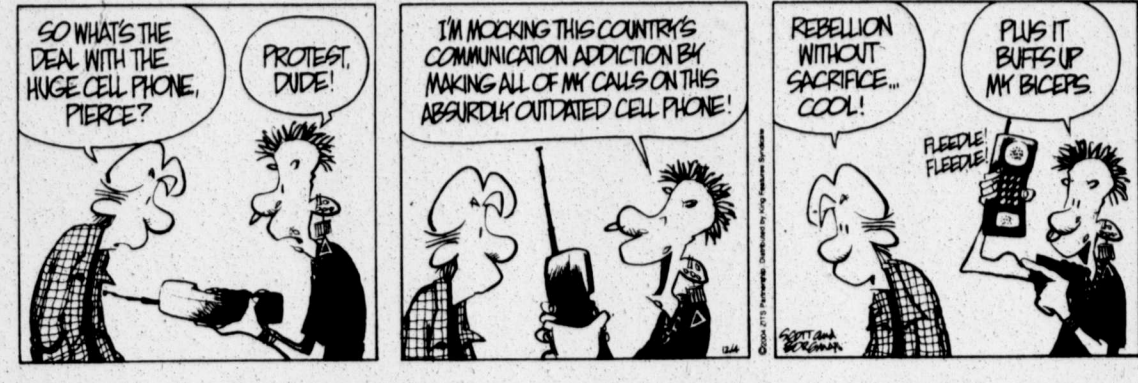
DEAR FEELING GUILTY: You should have informed your server or the manager of the restaurant about what you saw, so the item could have been removed and sanitized. And shame on that mother for what she was teaching her older child. Mother of the year, she's not. *****

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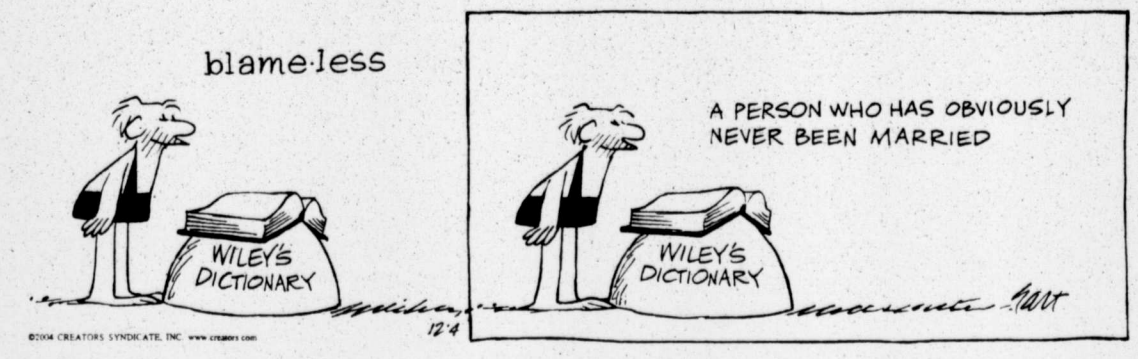
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State regulations forbid 'ghost' vote tradition

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. Larry Evans died Aug. 7, 1991.

Later that day, though, Evans, a Houston Democrat, was recorded as voting three times on the Texas House floor — presumably because colleagues pushed the vote buttons on his desk.

At the time, House Speaker Gib Lewis called the incident embarrassing and urged lawmakers to "strictly observe proper parliamentary procedures in order to ... (assure) our constituents that their representatives are in fact representing them."

"It's hard to ride herd on 149 members of the House when you have to trust them and their integrity at the same time," Lewis said.

If a movement to require recording

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— Gib Lewis
House speaker

all legislative votes succeeds, the public record could still be imprecise as long as House members continue the forbidden tradition of casting votes for colleagues not at their desks.

"It does happen," said first-term Rep. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola. "I guess it developed because it's practical."

House members' desks have but-

tons that can usually be punched by anyone within reaching distance during non-voice votes — green for "yes," red for "no" or white to take no position.

The state's 31 senators don't have vote buttons on their desks. Senators vote by voice or relay their position by finger motions or notes.

Under House rules, a member

must be on the floor or in an adjacent room or hallway to vote. Absent lawmakers' machines must be locked so no one can use them.

And any member found guilty of knowingly voting on behalf of another member — sometimes called "ghost" voting — is subject to discipline deemed appropriate by the House. But nobody in memory has

been disciplined for it.

Bob Kelly, who stepped down after 22 years as House parliamentarian in 2000, said the "courtesy" of members voting for each other reflects the demands on legislators to leave their desks to meet constituents and lobbyists.

Kelly, now a lobbyist, said that "having a record on every vote taken isn't ever going to stop that. I don't see why it needs to."

Lobbyist Ron Hinkle, the House sergeant-at-arms from 1983 through 1991, said members punch each other's buttons with no ill intent.

"Members can self-govern themselves," Hinkle said. "They take their jobs very seriously."

Questions arising over Merck plan

NEW YORK (AP) — What does it take to stop executives from lining their own pockets? Not much, at least when you look at the recent decision by Merck & Co. to give fat severance packages to 230 of its top managers if there is a buyout or a merger.

These are tough times for Merck, the struggling pharmaceutical giant that recently pulled its blockbuster Vioxx painkiller from the market after concerns were raised over its safety. It now faces billions of dollars in potential liabilities as a result.

Still, Merck has been trying to spin the issuance of those "golden parachutes" in its favor, saying the promise of generous severance would help retain employees. And while that very well might be true, the devil of this compensation plan comes in its details.

It is understandable that Merck wants to prevent a mass employee exodus. The last thing it needs is crucial workers especially in areas of research and marketing to flee for better opportunities at companies with deeper pockets and without such looming uncertainties.

Vioxx was withdrawn two months ago after a study showed patients taking it for 18 months had double the risk of heart attacks and strokes than those taking a placebo. Vioxx had contributed \$2.5 billion, or 11 percent, to Merck's total annual revenues.

Merck must now contend with hundreds of lawsuits that threaten to further damage the company's finances and reputation. Some estimates put the potential legal costs as high as \$18 billion.

With so much to weigh, Merck investors have bailed out. The company's stock has fallen by more than a third since the recall announcement, from about \$45 to the high \$20s. And that's raised speculation the company could be an acquisition target.

Given all this, the company disclosed earlier this week in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it had adopted a new compensation plan for top executives. It offers one-time severance payments of up to triple their salary and bonus as well as other perks like health benefits if Merck was acquired and they lost their jobs.

Merck was quick to say the severance plan was first considered months before the Vioxx withdrawal, and it pointed out that 90 percent of large companies and most of its competitors have similar change-of-control protections in place.

The Whitehouse Station, N.J.-based company also said the plan was adopted by Merck's board last week to avoid "the distraction and loss of key management personnel that may occur in connection with rumored or actual" corporate changes.

Merck has denied it is in merger talks.

But using a change-of-control provision for employee retention isn't something often seen, said Paul Hodgson, senior research associate at governance watchdog group The Corporate Library. The company instead could have used incentives such as bonuses for retention.

In addition, Merck's compensation plan is richer than most. Only about 50 percent of companies with such plans promise executives three times their cash compensation, down from 80 percent three years ago as pressure from shareholder groups has spurred companies to rein in such payouts, according to The Corporate Library.



Daisy Troop 222

Daisy Troop 222 of the local Girl Scouts recently learned about the pilgrims — what they wore, ate and their struggles in the New World. Above: (left-right) Rylee Shackelford, Keely Allums, Ashlynn Roby, Haylei McCall and Makenzy Arganbright.

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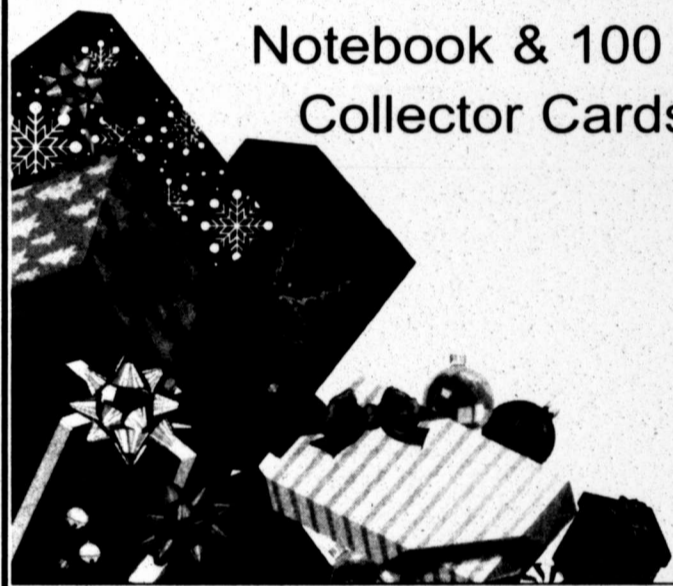
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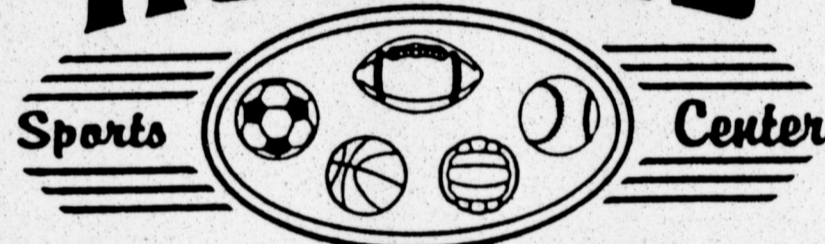
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