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NUMBER 23 BRIDGE TO TERABETHIA

Tarpley Music, which has been in business in Pampa for 80 years, is closing the doors for good at the end of March. A lack of business and sales is forcing this closure, which is difficult for the owners.



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Longtime business to close its doors

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Pampa will lose a downtown landmark next week when Tarpley Music closes the doors at the Pampa store after 80 years of being in business. At the end of March, the store at 117 N. Cuyler will no longer sell sheet music, band instruments, pianos or guitars to music lovers in town.

Tarpley Music currently has six stores, including the Pampa location. These stores are owned and operated by the fourth generation of Tarpleys who continue the tradition started by their great-grandmother Clara.

David and John Tarpley assumed management of the company in the 1990's from their fathers.

"Closing the store in Pampa is so difficult and sad for us," John Tarpley said. "That was our first store and it is in Pampa, which we consider our home. Financially, we really should have closed that store about seven or eight years ago, but we held on to it for senti-

mental reasons.

"The Pampa store just does not contribute to the total picture of Tarpley Music anymore, so we felt we had to make that hard decision and close the doors at the end of March."

Tarpley Music was started by John and David Tarpley's great-grandmother, Clara, in 1927. In the 1920's, she began selling pianos out of a hardware store in Shamrock, where she lived with her husband and children. She decided to move to Pampa since it was a booming oil town at that time. So, in 1927, she moved her business into downtown Pampa, just one door south of the store's current location. Tarpley Music is one of the oldest businesses in Pampa.

She would receive pianos by train and take them to the store to be sold. Clara unfortunately died doing what she loved. In 1954, she died in an automobile accident following a piano delivery. Her son, Louis, who

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Man, 3 sons injured in accident; 2 critically

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

A Pampa man and his three sons were injured in a vehicle rollover just north of McLean around 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The father and son riding in the front seat of the pickup were not badly injured, but the other two boys were ejected from the back seat of the vehicle and sustained life-threat-

ening injuries. According to Texas Department of

Public Safety Trooper Jason Henderson, the 36-year-old man was driving a Ford extended cab pickup on Highway 273 three and a half miles north of McLean when he ran off the road and overcorrected, caus-

ing the pickup to roll. "We know the vehicle rolled at least four times due to evidence at the scene," Henderson said. "The father and his 17-year-old son, who was riding in the front seat of the

vehicle, were not hurt badly. The father was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center via ambulance for an arm injury and was later transferred to Amarillo. The boy was treated on the scene for minor injuries."

Henderson said the other two boys, who were riding in the back seat of the pickup and were not wearing seat belts, were ejected from the vehicle.

"When we arrived on the scene,

the vehicle was laying on top of the 11-year-old boy," Henderson said. "He was life-flighted to Amarillo and was later transferred to Lubbock, where he is in ICU and in very critical condition. We aren't sure if the vehicle actually rolled on the 14-year-old son, but he also sustained life-threatening injuries. He was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo via ambulance

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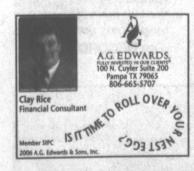
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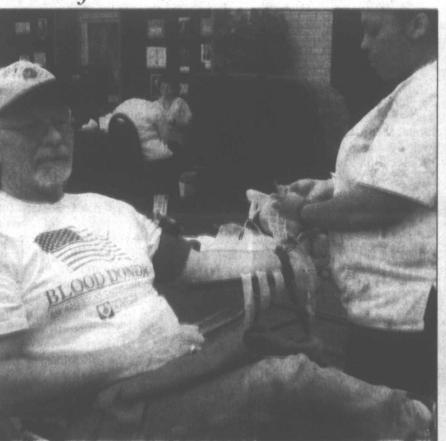
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Pampa Regional Medical Center and Celanese hosted a job fair at M.K. Brown Auditorium Wednesday afternoon. Phelebotomist Sonya Sutton from Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo, left photo, prepares Dannie Miller for donating blood. In right photo, Frank Phillips nursing student Amanda Hunt gets a quick massage from Genna Salazar from Magic Moments Massage.



NEXT DAY FORECAST

Friday

Saturday



Partly cloudy

Partly cloudy

Friday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 75.

Friday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Saturday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 73. Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. West-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow.

DAVIS, Barbara Floyd — Graveside services, 3:30 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa. NOLTE, Carl Sr. — Funeral mass, 10 a.m., St. Elizabeth's University Catholic Church, Lubbock. Graveside services, 4:30 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Barbara Floyd Davis, 52

Barbara Floyd Davis, 52, of Pampa, died March 21, 2007, at Amarillo.

Graveside services are scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of the on Nov. 4, 1978, Carpenter's Church, officiating. Arrangements are under County. the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors

of Pampa. Mrs. Davis was born March 7, 1955, at Pampa, to

Roy and Elsie Floyd. She married Scotty Davis Wheeler She worked for Texas Department



Davis

Baten Unit for 11 years. Mrs. Davis was

a Methodist. She was preced-Elsie mother, Hartman Floyd.

Survivors include husband, Scotty Davis, of

Criminal Justice the home; her father, Roy Floyd of Pampa; a stepson, Darrell Davis of Dallas; and a brother, Terry Glenn Floyd of Amarillo.

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great-grandchildren.

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Fronnie 'Susie' Durham, 64

Fronnie "Susie" Durham, 64, of Pampa, died March 18, 2007, at Oklahoma City, Services are pending with Mark

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. A Pampa resident most of

her life, Mrs. Durham was born July 17, 1942, at Terrell. She was a cashier at

Thursday, March 22nd at 7

p.m. at St. Elizabeth's

Catholic Church Chapel.

The family will also receive

friends from 7-9 p.m. at the

Resthaven Funeral Home.

Graveside services will fol-

low at 4:30 p.m. Friday at

Memory Gardens in Pampa,

Heavenly Father on Tuesday.

March 20, 2007. He was

born on April 5, 1919, to

Theodore and Mabel Nolte

in St. Clair, Iowa, and

attended schools in Watkins

Devena Geneva Phillips,

Memorial services are

arrangements were handled

Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Carmichael-Whatley

Memory

Mausoleum.

Quenton went home to his

Texas.

and Norway

Wal-Mart more than five years. She was a member of St. CME Church.

Mrs. Durham was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Misty Crawford.



Durham

Survivors her three Anderson of Pampa; seven include daughters, Janice Pitts of Bethany, Delores Okla., Crawford and Evelynn Ridley, both of Oklahoma City; a son, Marvin Oliver of

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Quenton Carl Nolte Sr., 87

A celebration of life Mass for Quenton Carl Nolte, Sr., age 87, of Lubbock will be at years, achieving 10 a.m. Friday, March 23rd at the rank of Senior St. Elizabeth's University Leader Catholic Church, 2316 Sergeant). Upon Broadway in Lubbock, with his discharge from Fr. James O'Connor and Fr. the CCC, he Peter D'Souza concelebrating. Rosary will be on

worked for the Des Moines Ordinance Plant in Des Moines, Iowa, Confidential as Clerk to the plant Noite security officer.

In September 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Des Moines, Iowa, and was assigned to Randolph Field, Texas, for basic training. He was assigned to the Pampa Army Air Field at Pampa, Texas, where he served as Chief Clerk of the Cadet Training Detachment.

He was eventually pro-Shortly after graduating his discharge from the Air de Paul Catholic Church. Booths For Rent. Nice, clean, from Norway High School, Force in March of 1946. On

he joined the Civilian Jan. 27, 1944, he married Conservation Corps for four Elleta Bullard. After leaving

the service, he worked for the Humble Pipe Line in Pampa from 1947 to 1960. During this time, also he took accounting courses and worked part-time for CPA Harvey Nenstiel.

In 1960, he and his family moved to Battle Mountain, Nevada, where he developed 320 acres of government desert land, receiv-

ing title thereto. They returned to Pampa in 1962 where he established his bookkeeping and tax service business that continued for in 1989. While mayor, he 23 years. In all, he lived in succeeded in getting what is Pampa 43 years, raised a now Highway 3523 going to family of nine children, and Ransom Canyon improved moted to T/Sgt. He received was a member of St. Vincent

Quenton was one of the they moved to Lubbock.

original founders of the Pampa Community Day Care Center, as well as one of the organizers of the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion Association, where he served five terms as President and many years on the board.

In 1973, he joined the Texas Association of Public Accountants, serving nine years on the state board

Pro-Tem, and elected Mayor from a narrow two-lane road to a wide highway. In 1995,

Devena Geneva Phillips, 69

August 22, 1937, moving years,

ed in death by a son, Terry Harlan; a stillborn infant; a grandson, Michael Bryan

Mrs. Phillips was born Harlan; two brothers, Nathan Shamrock; a sister, Dorothy Gilmore and Bobby

> Clarendon; a Truman

Frost of Murray, Utah; 10 grandchildren; and seven

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reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

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Pampa Police Department and Wells, the 1000 block of Buckler and the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

> Accidents were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart, in the 1400 block of North Banks and in the 100 block of Randy Matson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of

Highway 60 East.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1200 block of Wilcox, the 200 block of North Nelson, the 1800 block of North Dwight, the 800 block of Somerville, the 1200 block of Darby, the 1600 block of North Sumner, the 700 block of East Kingsmill, the 1100 block of Terry, the 1300 block of East Foster, the block of East Kingsmill, the 2200 block of Wells, the 1900 block of North Faulkner, the 1200 block of Duncan, the 1600 block of North Faulkner, the 600 block of Plains and the 600 block of North Wells.

A 911 hang-up was reported in the 700 block of East 16th Street. Police escorts were pro-

vided in the 600 block of Ward and the 200 block of Russell.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of North Wells, the 600 block of Brown, the 900 block of Campbell and at the intersection of Somerville and Sumner.

Lost property was reported in the police department

Civil matters were reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart, in the police department lobby and in the 900 block of South Dwight.

A welfare check was made in the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Harassment was reported in the 100 block of Farley. Suspicious persons were See RECORD, Page 3



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holding offices of President of the Amarillo Chapter and District Director of District In 1985, Quenton and Elleta moved to Ransom Canyon, Texas, where he was elected to the City Council, served as Mayor

in

Shamrock. She had been a resident of Pampa for 20 Baytown. Mrs. Phillips was preced-

from

Gilmore; and a sister, Donna Fae Cassey. great-grandchildren. Survivors include three -Sign the on-line regissons, Roger Kirkland and ter Randall Kirkland, both of Pampa, and H.W. Harlan of brother,

Record

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reported in the 800 block of South Banks, in the 500 block of Henry and in the 1100 block of Huff.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon, in the 2100 block of North Hobart, in the 1200 block of South Sumner, near the intersection of Doyle and Buckler and in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of Roberta where a side window and back windshield of a car were broken. Estimated damage is \$500.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Neel.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of Russell.

A narcotics violation was reported near the intersection of Price Road and Gwendolyn.

Two alarms were reported.

Fraud was reported in the 2100 block of Christine, the 100 block of Starkweather and the 300 block of Henry.

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

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Wednesday, March 21

Quinn Evans, 18, of Pampa turned himself into GCSO on warrants for evading arrest, no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Leybourne A. Baynes, 21, of Chicago, Ill., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana.

Kevin Smith, 18, of Country Club Hills, Ill., was arrested by DPS for possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana.

Larry Alexander Smith, 21, of Country Club Hills, Ill., was arrested by DPS for possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana.

20, of Markham, Ill., was arrested by DPS for possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana.

Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Neel Road by Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury and contempt of court.

Kaysi Rena Middleton, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of Starkweather by PPD on a warrant for no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls

for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 21 7:59 a.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of Prairie on a medical assist.

8:06 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Wells on a car fire.

12:10 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to M.K. Brown Auditorium on a fire prevention program for a health fair.

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

Wednesday, March 21 7:42 a.m. - A mobile ICU Artra Lee Washington, responded to Highways 70 and 252 and transported a patient to Pampa Regional

Medical Center. 7:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU Abert Young Jr., 47, of responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Perry LeFors Airport.

12:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Thursday, March 22 5:56 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Miami. No transport.

Video online site formed to stave off You Tube

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC Universal and News Corp. joined forces with several Internet companies Thursday to distribute TV shows online in an effort to better control their programming and stave off competition from YouTube.

The new network, which would launch this summer, comes in response to the explosive growth Google Inc.'s YouTube, a do-it-yourself video-sharing site that is currently being sued by Viacom Inc., another major media company, for copyright infringement.

The venture is aimed at giving broadcasting companies like NBC and News broadcast network and the Twentieth Century Fox

movie and TV studio, greater control over how their shows are distributed on the Internet.

Programs owned by NBC and News Corp. such as "Heroes," "24," "House" will appear on the network, supported by advertising, and distributed through Yahoo, Time Warner Inc.'s AOL unit, Microsoft Corp.'s MSN site, and MySpace, which is owned by News Corp.

Besides homemade videos, YouTube also carries many clips uploaded by users from copyrighted TV shows such as "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart,' which airs on Viacom's Corp., which owns the Fox Comedy Central cable network.

Accident

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and he is also in ICU." The 11-year-old and 14year-old were listed in critical condition as of Wednesday night. Henderson said they are not releasing the names of the victims until the investigation regarding the accident has been completed.

Have IRA Questions? Let's Talk.

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Tarpley

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was already in the business, took over full-time after her death. Louis added additional items to the store's inventory.

"Not only did Louis sell musical instruments, he sold televisions, antennas and appliances," John Tarpley said. "He wanted to make the store appealing to a broader audience."

Louis ran the business until his death in 1962. Louis' sons, Bill and Glenn "Buz," took over the management of the store at that time. They decided to expand the business again and started selling stereo equipment, guitars and other popular items.

The brothers had a store in Perryton for a short while and then decided to expand to Amarillo in 1966. The next year is when they moved their Pampa store one door north to the current location at 117 N. Cuyler.

In the 1980's, another generation of Tarpleys decided to join the business. Bill's son David joined the company and opened a store in Lubbock. Buz's son John also went into the family business and he managed the store in Pampa.

During the 1990's, David and John assumed the management of the company

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate panel, following

the House's lead, has author-

ized subpoenas for White

House political adviser Karl

Rove and other top aides

involved in the firing of fed-

Committee decided by voice

vote to approve the subpoe-

nas as Republicans and Democrats sparred over

whether to press a show-

down with President Bush

over the ousters of eight U.S.

Democrats angrily reject-

ed Bush's offer to grant a

limited number of lawmak-

ers private interviews with

the aides with no transcript

and without swearing them in. Republicans counseled

A House Judiciary sub-

committee authorized sub-

poenas in the matter

Wednesday, but none has

Democrats said the move

would give them more bar-

gaining power in negotiating

with the White House to hear

from Bush's closest advis-

The Senate Judiciary

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and added additional stores in Clovis, N.M., and Wichita Falls. They also decided to build a central warehouse and office complex in Amarillo so they would have one office to manage all of the locations from. David and John both moved to Amarillo and work from that location.

Last year, the sixth Tarpley Music store was opened in San Angelo.

"We've always tried to grow and expand and keep the company on the cutting edge of the music industry," John said. "We linked the entire company with computer technology, developed newsletters and catalogs and now also have a Web site. We are proud of our band and orchestra departments, as well as our two repair facilities."

According to Music Trades Magazine, Tarpley Music ranks among the top 200 music stores in the country, out of an estimated 8,000.

"Tarpley Music has been in business for 80 years and hopefully it will continue for many years," John said. "Unfortunately, that will no longer include the store in Pampa. My family and I would like to thank the people of Pampa for allowing us the opportunity of serving their music needs through the years. If it wasn't for Pampans, Tarpley Music would not be as successful as it is today. So, we'd just like to express our gratitude for their friendship and business.'

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"We're authorizing that ability but we're not issuing Charles Sen. them," Schumer, D-N.Y., said of the subpoenas. "It'll only strengthen our hand in get-

ting to the bottom of this." Republicans countered, however, that subpoenas ed the White House's offer, were premature.

Senate backs House on subpoenas

"I counsel my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, to work hard to avoid an impasse. We don't need a constitutional confrontation," said Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the panel's top Republican.

Even as Democrats derid-

Bush spokesman Tony Snow maintained that lawmakers will realize it is fair and reasonable once they reflect on

"We're not trying to hide things. We're not trying to run from things," he said. "We want them to know what happened."



Comfy recliners, chaises to promote stress-free lives

outdoor furniture - RELAX-ING outdoor furniture – is paramount in helping busy Americans unwind from their tense and hectic days. It is such a relief to know that harried workers everywhere may find remedy in a comfy chaise lounge or an aerodynamic deck chair.

"From sleek, contemporary chaises to warm, traditional rocking chairs, this season's outdoor furnishings are designed to offer respite from their frantic et.

Whew! I had no idea that lifestyles," reads a portion of a press release provided by American Home Furnishings Alliance.

To transport you from your daily cares and woes, the alliance suggests creating an "outdoor oasis" at your home.

According to the alliance, this year's outer furnishings are couched (no pun intended) in "soothing colors"; the padding is "deeper and softer" than in previous years; and the cost runs the gamut Americans a much-needed to suit practically any budg-

keeping designer labels in mind when constructing your oasis area.

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OF BEING TREATED AS A

DOMESTIC PET."

(Er, I know I read something about 'available at any budget' in that press

release. I know I did!) The alliance touts both Vladimir Kagan's outdoor collection and the aforementioned rockers as inspiring relaxation.

"If you want to take the pressure off, a few minutes

The alliance recommends in a rocker on your porch or patio ... just might do the trick," the alliance says.

"Studies suggest the humble, low-tech rocker can the ease stress anxiety

brought on by our high pressure, high-tech lives.

The alliance stresses the importance of color in structuring your oasis, reporting that the trend this year is towards "soothing" blues

and greens and "earthly" bronze and coppers.

"According to recent studies, Americans work more hours a week and more weeks per year than Europeans," the alliance release said. "In 2002, the hours U.S. workers put in were about the same as Japanese workers - long considered the world's workaholics. No wonder beleaguered Americans are continuing to invest in their outdoor living spaces - and stealing whatever time they

can to enjoy them."

Ergo, the secret to revitalizing and redeeming your hectic life is low-stress outdoor furniture.

Oh, but wait ... (gasp) What if you're an apartment or a condo dweller? What then, I wonder?

Well, I reckon if you don't have a back- or a front- yard, you can simply move that recliner into storage and setup the chaise lounge in front of the TV. How's that for an oasis? And, really, I highly recommend this solution to anyone who hates yard work as much as I do. ...

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 22, the 81st day of 2007. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 22, 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act of 1765 to raise money from the American colonies. (The Act was repealed the following year.)

On this date:

In 1638, religious dissident Anne Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for defying Puritan orthodoxy.

In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington, D.C.

In 1882, Congress outlawed polygamy.

1933, Love is a Prohibition, President furnace, but it will not cook the stew."

Spanish proverb

Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal. In 1941, the Grand

Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state went into operation.

In 1945, the Arab League was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo,

In 1946, the British mandate in Transjordan came to an

In 1972, Congress sent the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution to the states for ratification. (It fell three states short of the 38 needed for approval.)

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1987, a garbage barge, carrying 3,200 tons of refuse, left Islip, N.Y., on a six-month journey in search of a place to unload. (The barge was turned away by several states and three other countries until space was found back in Islip.)

Ten years ago: A day after a suicide bomber killed three women in Tel Aviv, Israeli troops clashed with hundreds of Palestinians in Hebron. Tara Lipinski, at age 14 years and 10 months, became the youngest women's world figure skating

Five years ago: President Bush joined a U.N. poverty summit in Monterrey, Mexico, where he urged world leaders to demand political reform from poor countries in exchange for increased aid and warned that unchecked poverty can foster terrorism. The Postal Rate Commission announced approval of higher postal rates, including a 3-cent boost for first-class letters, to 37 cents.

One year ago: More than 125,000 hourly workers of General Motors Corp. and auto supplier Delphi Corp. were offered buyouts to help cut the companies' crippling labor costs. The Basque separatist group ETA announced a permanent cease-fire with Spain. A Gabon-bound ferry sank off the coast of Cameroon; more than 120 people are believed to have died. A bus carrying cruise ship tourists plunged off a highway in northern Chile and tumbled down a mountainside, killing 12 Americans.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Karl Malden is 95. Pantomimist Marcel Marceau is 84.

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More tips on speeding up that old system

call. How slow is "too slow?" A couple of weeks ago, I listed some surefire hard drive tips meant to much RAM your system can improve performance on take? Well, unfortunately for older systems. However, if your computer is STILL too slow for your liking, some affordable upgrades might still save you the cost of buying a brand new system. If you have a limited amount of funds, the most important memory component to spend them on configurais Memory.

Memory RAM, to be exact. Some of the biggest performance gains I've ever seen on a system have come from simply adding more memory. From my experience, if you have Windows 98/ME/2000, make sure your system has AT LEAST 128 megabytes of RAM. I consider that amount a minimum. If you are running any flavor of Windows XP, though, your system is not working at it's best unless it has at least 512 megabytes. That's right: 512

megabytes. The Windows operating system has always been a memory hog. The more RAM you throw at it, the less it has to rely on your SLOW hard drive for storing work files. If you work a lot with digital photos, anima-

Knowing "when" to buy a tion, high-end games, or new computer is a tough desktop publishing, I would recommend upping your

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RAM to 1 gigabyte. So, how do you know how vou com-

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puter geeks, you'll have to read the manual. It will list the maximum

tions your system can accept. More importantly, it will tell you what kind of RAM to buy. Sadly, many "standards" exist, confusing the issue.

Let me reiterate: Upgrading your RAM can be the single-most important step in revitalizing an older system.

A New Hard Drive If those tips I gave two weeks ago didn't "rev up" your computer, you may want to consider purchasing a new hard drive. Most people purchase new drives for the simple reason that they ran out of space on their old one. However, while today's drives have incredible capacities, they are also much faster. The key to purchasing the right hard drive is knowing what your system can take.

drives, most people only look at two numbers on the box: - capacity and price. However, you may be shortchanging yourself if you don't add "the ATA rating" to your cri-

teria. Basically, the ATA rating is a measure of speed, or fast information

can be moved to/from the

For example, hard drives labeled "ATA/66" can transfer data at 66 megabits per second. Higher numbers are better. And, SATA drives (Serial ATA) are the best. One caveat exists, though. Your motherboard also has can mix different ATA numbers between mother boards and your hard drives, your information will only go as fast as the SLOWEST rated component.

So, if you have an ATA/100 hard drive, but an ATA/33 motherboard, your top data transfer speed will be 33 megabits per second. Once again, perusing your manual should shed some light on your current configuration.

Another statistic to look

When shopping for hard for on a hard drive's box is "spinning speed." Most hard drives spin at either 4200, 5400, or 7200 rpm (rotations per minute). Drives that spin faster can deliver data quick-

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LATEST ADOPTION.

Basically, if you're in the market for a hard drive, I would probably recommend an ATA/150 or SATA -7200rpm drive. Of course, that depends on your motherboard configuration I mentioned earlier.

Other Upgrades

Some people ask me about upgrading their CPUs. I'm not a big fan of this upgrade. Usually, when buying a system, the most expensive single component is the CPU. Remember, it is the brains of your system. And brain transplants are very error-prone ... If your an ATA rating. While you CPU is too slow, buy a new system and donate your old computer to a school for the tax deduction.

> Keyboards and mice are a dime a dozen. Feel free to replace those as needed. Monitors, while not as cheap, are inexpensive and plentiful. Sometimes a bigger monitor can make all the difference in the world. And if you hit the computer auctions just right, you can get a great deal on one of these devices.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around

March 9

San Antonio Express-News on banning on classified leaks:

The First Amendment is under

assault in the U.S. Senate. Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., wants to make it a crime for a newspaper to publish any classified information leaked by lawmakers or congressional staff from reports submitted to Congress.

Leaking or publishing the informa-

tion would be a crime if the action were deemed "prejudicial to safety or interest of the United States."

Kyl's attack on the First Amendment came in the form of an amendment proposed to a bill designed to enact recommendations made by the 9-11 commission. That legislation is scheduled for a vote next week.

The Newspaper Association of America noted that administrations often classify information to cover up mistakes or hide their actions rather than for national security purposes.

In an example cited by the NAA,

under Kyle's amendment, if a classified report stated a particular port was vulnerable because officials failed to provide enough security, the local newspaper would be committing a crime by blowing the whistle on that governmental solvable shortcoming.

A balancing act is required to protect national security and vital press and free speech privileges.

Kyl's amendment tips the balance too far against the First Amendment. It must not become law.

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Events calendar

• The Comprehensive Breast Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Tuesday and April 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. 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. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• Pampa Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will meet March 30 for a "ruffling of feathers" at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard. The price of admission is \$35 for singles or \$45 for couples. The fee to sponsor a couple is \$270. For more information, call 663-9616.

 Amarillo Museum of Art's Alliance, a non-profit fund-raising auxiliary, will host its annual membership brunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 30 at the home of Magdalena McMordie, 3200 Hawthorne St., in Amarillo. The event will include the election of officers. The alliance, established in 1972, is celebrating its 35th anniversary. Membership opportunities are available. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050 or log onto www.AMARILLOART.org on the Internet.

• S.T.A.R. will sponsor a free "Back in Control" parent training from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 31 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Some CEUs will be available. To pre-register or for more information, call (806) 359-2005.

• Miami Lions Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a formal banquet at 7 p.m. April 10 in Roberts County Museum Art Room in Miami. Past Miami Lions are invited to attend. District Gov. Gaye Cotton of Hereford and Zone Chair Gaye Henderson of Perryton will be present. The club was established on April 12, 1957, and was sponsored by Pampa Evening Lions

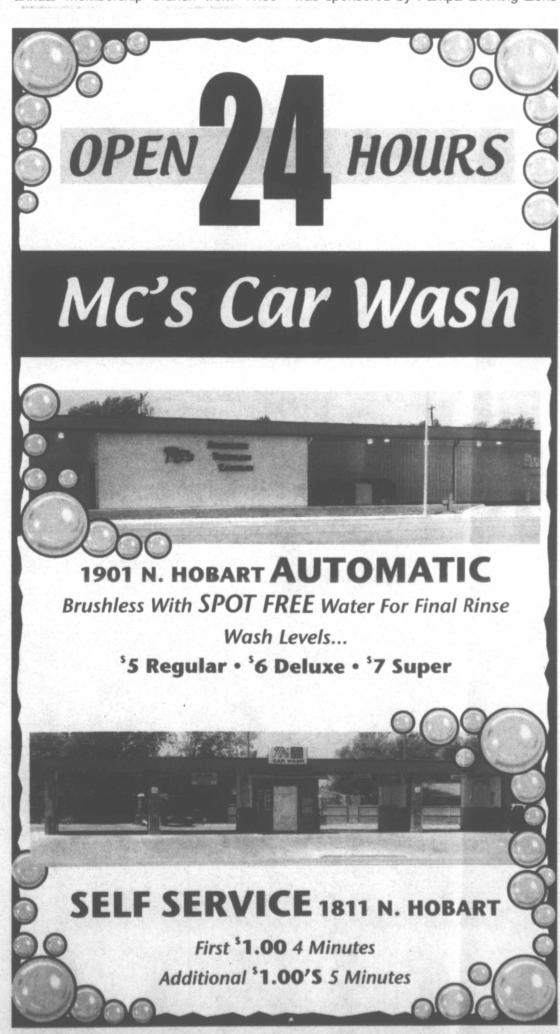
Club. For more information, call (806) 868-9061.

• Pampa Book Club will has scheduled to discuss the following books: "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger, April 11; and "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

• The 2007 "Fang-Tastic" Rattlesnake Hunt is slated April 13-15 at Waurika, Okla. The event is being sponsored by Waurika Fire Department and will include James White and the Outlaw Handlers of Granbury; a butcher shop with snake meat, rattlers and hides; a photo booth for pictures with a live diamondback; a camival; and more. A contest to judge the longest snake, the snake with the most rattles and the shortest snake will also be conducted. Events are all day Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (580) 228-2553 or log on to www.rattlesnakehunt.com on the Internet.

• The Pilot Club of Dumas will host a "Panhandle Playday" on May 19 at Ceta Canyon for adult survivors of traumatic brain injuries. The day will include fishing, outdoor games, indoor board games, hiking, bingo and crafts. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided. Cost of the retreat will be \$15 per person. Scholarships are available through requests. To register or for more information, call (806) 935-3080 or (806) 570-4274.

• The National Museum of the Pacific War will present its Pacific Combat Show June 9-10, Sept. 22-23, and Nov. 10-11 in Fredericksburg. This newly-revised 90-minute living history program will focus on the lives and combat efforts of participants in the Pacific Theater of World War II. The program will be presented at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day. Cost of admission is \$3 per adult and \$2 per child. Admission to the museum covers the show. For more information, call (830) 693-9707.





Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: You told "Needs Help in Chicago" (Feb. 10) to get back into college and see a counselor. I wholeheartedly agree. I was exactly like her. I avoided other people, maintained straight A's, had many offers for scholarships, went to college and, shortly after, burned out. I'm not sure about her, but I had been raped and molested at a young age, and books became my escape from the harsh reality of life. There's a root cause for social avoidance, and it really can leave you feeling lost and adrift. I hope that girl will seek mental health counseling before she goes back to school. I'm sure it will change many things for her for the better. - T.B., JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

DEAR T.B.: Thank you for reaching out to "Needs Help" and sharing your personal experience. I spotted the same red flag in her letter, which is why I hoped she'd talk to a mental health professional. However, because I was unsure of her financial situation, I felt she could most easily find a therapist through the school's student health center. You are only one of many readers who want to help that young woman. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a college counselor, I'm amazed at the number of students who have no idea what to do with their lives. Fortunately, there are highly effective assessment tools and counseling protocols to help students identify the kind of work they would find fulfilling and rewarding, and that would give meaning to their lives. Helpful answers are there if students get the right counseling. -- PATRICIA BRES-LIN, GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I am a college English professor. Far too many students float through my classes who go to school only because

their parents expect them to. Their attitude and grades often reflect this. I encourage my own children (ages 17 and 20) to go out and experience life before going to college. I didn't start college until my mid-30s, and 10 years later am working on a Ph.D. As a result, I appreciated the experience much more and got more value from my tuition dollars. College right out of high school is not the answer for everyone. - CARING PROFESSOR, WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR ABBY: "Needs Help in Chicago," who doesn't know what to do with her life, might consider joining the Peace Corps or becoming a VISTA or AmeriCorps volunteer. It's a wonderful way to spend a few years, provides valuable experiences and looks good on a resume. It would give her a chance to see the world in a new way and learn about herself. Anyone, at any time in life, can do this. It's a rewarding experience. -- R.L.H. IN WARNER ROBINS,

DEAR ABBY: I dropped out of an Ivy League school after one semester due to burncut and boredom. Everyone I knew was sure I was making the wrong decision. It was the best choice I ever made. During my 2 1/2 years off, I participated in a semester program through NOLS, the National Outdoor Leadership School (www.nols.edu). NOLS offers scholarships, financial aid and college credit. I recommend it to anyone seeking direction and challenge in life. Eventually, when I was ready, I returned to school and graduated with honors. I now own my own business and attribute my successes to NOLS. I hope "Needs Help" will seriously consider this alternative to college. -- KATE IN CHEYENNE, WYO.

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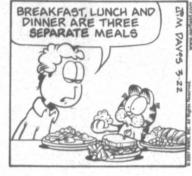


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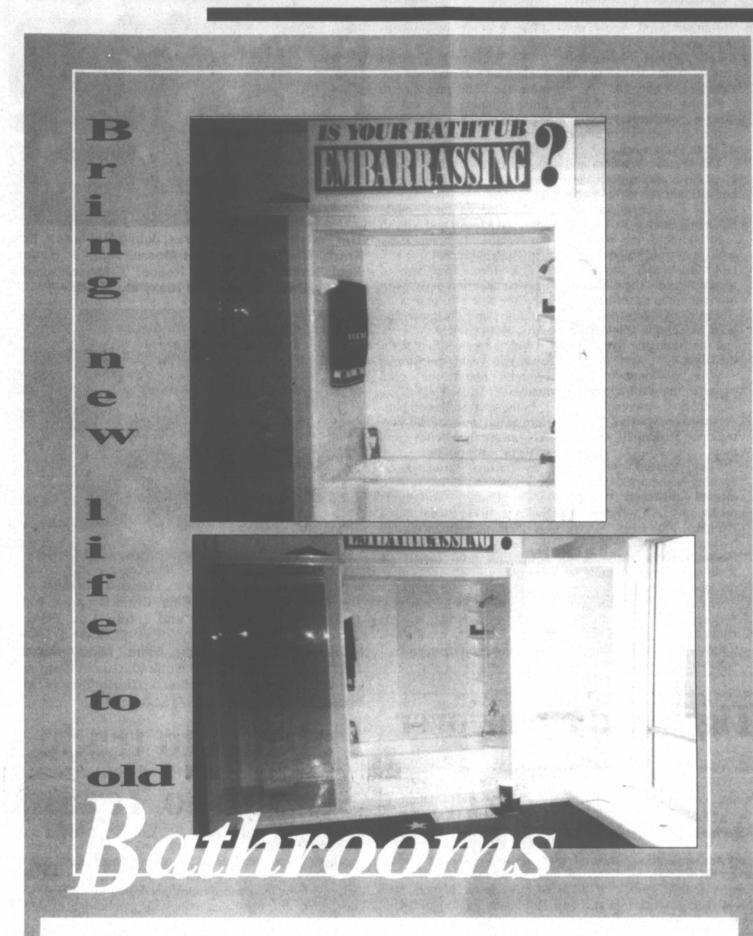
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Sports Day

PSO basketball teams make their way to regional tournament



The Gold Rush: Cody Bower, Chaney Jones, Kendrick Carey, Cole Nall, Cody Dyer, Liberty Bloxum, Bobby Garcia and Hector Estrada. Coaches - Kyle Parnell, Ace Acevedo and Jim Nall



The Storms: Ashley Abbe, Kasey Smith, Ance Street, Shawn King, Joann Morehart, Amy Hammer, Kinsey Smith, Taisey Phillips, Amanda Childress, Denise James and Jeremy Loner. Coaches - Cathy Jones, Leslie Jones, Ron Sinyard and Janet Abbe

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Neither wind, snow nor sleet could keep the Pampa Special Olympics basketball teams from traveling to Hereford on Feb. 28.

Pampa took five teams, three of which play regular basketball, and two of which do team skills work.

The Storms, Warriors and Gold Rush play regular basketball, and the skills teams are the Go-Getters and the Bouncing Stars.

In Hereford, the Warriors won the gold medal, the Gold Rush took the silver medal, and the Storms brought home the bronze.

The Go-Getters won the gold medal for team skills. and the Bouncing Stars won the silver.

With little time for extra practice, the Pampa Special Olympics traveled to Amarillo on March 2 for the regional basketball tournament.

They started with an evening at the opening ceremonies followed by the media game, in which three Pampa athletes, Randy Swires of the Warriors, Hector Estrada of the Gold Rush and Kinsey Smith of the Storms played.

The following morning at 8 a.m., PSO went to the Amarillo High Activity

Center for classifications. Based on the classifications, the Storms, Warriors and Gold Rush all went to different gyms for competi-

The Warriors played two games that Saturday, and one more the following day to finish winning one out of their three games and taking home the bronze medal.

The Gold Rush also played their first two games on Saturday with one following Sunday.

They played some tough, aggressive teams and won all three games to come away with the gold medal.

The Storms took care of their competition early, winning the first two games on Saturday, and not having to play a third game.

With the team's first victory in two years, the Storms brought home the gold medal.

In the team skills competition, teams must make perfect passes, catches and goals to make points.

A perfect score is 60 points per round.

The Pampa Go-Getters took the silver medal based on their performance, and the Bouncing Stars brought home the gold medal on Saturday.

The PSO came home on Sunday with their large collection of winning medals after a fun-filled weekend at the regional tournament.



The Warriors: Randy Swires, Jamie Roberson, Eric Knott, Tina Hinson, Jeret Moore, Jennifer Roden, Raul Soriano and Kevin Reece. Coaches - John Hervey, David Swires and Ricky Morehart



The Go-Getters: Debbie Ellis, Chris Bradley, Tollie Jinks, Wauneta Reece and Linda Lou Pierce. Coaches - Karol Hervey, Rita Ellis and Helen Robinson. The Bouncing Stars: Mindy Hervey, Justin Strickland, Rachel Holland, Gus Malone and Tyneshia Wilson. Coaches - Gloria Swires and Shannon Loter.

A double defense for Tiger, and a hangover

Woods was sure how he would intro- London last fall to win by eight. duce himself on the first tee at Doral, capacity

But defending champion of what? Or is it where?

Woods has won the last two years on the Blue Monster, beating Phil Mickelson in a terrific duel in 2005, then holding off David Toms to win by one shot the following season. Both those victories came at regular PGA Tour events featuring a 144-man field.

Now this is called the CA Championship, and it's a World Golf Championship with a 73-man field.

It used to be known as the American Express Championship, and Woods has won that tournament the last two years, too. He beat John Daly in a playoff at Harding Park in 2005, then blew away his alleged

MIAMI (AP) — Not even Tiger competition at The Grove outside countries — Valderrama in Spain

"Multiple defending champion?" only that the words "defending cham- Woods asked as he walked out the pion" would be appropriate in some door. "Have I ever done that? I don't know. Go look it up.

> No matter how anyone looks at it, he figures to be a strong favorite when the tournament begins today. The debate is whether his advantage stems from being at Doral or being at a World Golf Championship.

Woods practically owns the WGC events, especially this format that invites the top 50 in the world ranking and leading money winners from the six major tours around the world.

The CA Championship, name change notwithstanding, is one of three tournaments he has won five times. The others are the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines and the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone.

What makes this one more unique is he has won on five courses in four

(1999), Mount Juliet in Ireland (2002), Capital City Club in Atlanta (2003), Harding Park and The Grove. Why so much success?

"I don't know. He just plays well at them, I guess," Sergio Garcia said. "You ask him and let me know."

It helps to have fewer players to beat. Only 73 players have qualified this week, and some of them — Pram Meesawat of Thailand and Anton Haig of South Africa — are making their U.S. debut in professional golf.

But if that were the case, it would be easier on everybody.

"Usually, that's how many are here once they make a cut," Toms said.

No doubt, the tournament is different this year. Doral usually leads off the Florida Swing, and this year it's in the clean-up spot. Instead of players just starting to think about the Masters, the first major is right around

Falcons to trade Schaub to Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans are close to acquiring Matt Schaub from the Atlanta Falcons.

A trade for the highly regarded backup quarterback was expected to be announced today, according to a person with knowledge of the deal who requested anonymity because the deal hadn't been completed.

The person did not disclose the details of the trade. The Houston Chronicle and the NFL Network said the Falcons will get second-round picks in 2007 and 2008 and that the teams will swap first-round picks this year, with Atlanta moving from 10th to eighth.

A call by The Associated Press to Texans general manager Rick Smith wasn't immediately returned Wednesday. Rich McKay, Atlanta's general manager, had no comment.

"Matt's a restricted free agent," McKay, chairman of the NFL's competition committee, said during a conference call with national reporters in preparation for next week's league meetings. "He's clearly entitled to visit every team. We've talked to a number of teams that have interest in Matt. That's all I'm going to say."

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 23, 2007

This year you are determined and direct. The problem often lies in that you overworry or receive mixed messages. Stay focused on the goal, knowing what you want ultimately and where you are going. Creativity stems from your ability to touch base and deal with many people in your life. Learn to manifest your leadership characteristics while at the same time being understanding. If you are single, you open doors and see people differently. A friendship could be instrumental in developing a new relationship. If you are attached, your bond grows because of your ability to understand and give friendship. Stay focused on the end goal. GEMINI has a lot to say, though you might not always want to listen. Give yourself permission to not respond.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You speak, and others listen though they might not get the gist of a situation. You have the ability to sort out any confusion and get to the bottom of any problem. Investigate a friend's "strong" suggestion. Tonight: Visit with friends

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

** Expenses take you in a new direction. Your intuition comes out with a friend, though he or she might be hard to convince. Work with each other on a oneon-one level. Dig to the bottom of a situation. You want answers. Tonight: All smiles

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ New beginnings take you in a new direction. Listen to ideas, though you might feel overwhelmed by what is going on. You don't represent who you are as well as you could. Think in terms of gains and growth. Tonight: Good luck knocks on your door.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Know when to back down, and you will be a lot happier. You'll gather more information and better PR by saying little. A partner could be particularly stormy. Listen, and you will see the logic in his or her thinking. Tonight: Use your

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You might want to make choices that work better for you than they have in the past. Friends and loved ones surround you. You might not be able to say what you really think. You are optimistic and positive. Tonight: Friends prove to

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** Take in another view and understand what is going on. Listen to news that filters in, but know that you don't have all the facts. Investigate new beginnings with an eye to increasing your immediate circle. Tonight: A must appearance

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Reach out for someone at a distance. You might want to rethink an important relationship. You don't have all the facts. Creative inquiries take you to a new level. You get answers that allow you to move forward. Tonight: Sprinkle more empathy into a relation-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Deal with someone directly. What you hear and the choices you make could be quite different. Relax with others knowing that you will get answers.

All you need to do is expose yourself to new ideas. Think positively. Tonight: Work as a duo

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Listen to someone more care-

fully. Your high energy and sense of what is workable come out. Confusion surrounds relationships. New beginnings come from your attitude and positive thinking. Tonight: Say "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Others want and expect a lot. Your high energy helps others see life from a new perspective. Your instincts kick in with someone you look up to or need to respect. Sort through confusion with an eye to better communication. Tonight:

Know when to call it a night. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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French presidential candidate calls for boycott of China's **Summer Games over Darfur**

PARIS (AP) - Boycott the Beijing Olympics — over Darfur? A major French presidential can-

didate has suggested just that, in hopes of pressuring China to stop protecting Sudan from sanctions over military and militia attacks on civilians.

French Olympic officials expressed surprise at Francois Bayrou's boycott call at a pro-Darfur rally late Tuesday. At the same rally, the two leading presidential candidates joined Bayrou in pledging not to host any members of the Sudanese government in

That would mark a change in policy: President Jacques Chirac hosted Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir on the French Riviera at a summit of African leaders last month.

The Sudanese government is accused of funding militias and allowing its military to brutalize civilians in a conflict that has killed some 200,000 people and left 2.5 million homeless since 2003.

China - a U.N. Security Council permanent member with veto power

opposes any sanctions against Sudan, where it is the biggest foreign investor.

"If this drama does not stop, France would do itself credit by not coming to the Olympic Games," Bayrou told the rally, his office said Wednesday.

"There is nothing easier than stopping this tragedy, this genocide," said Bayrou, who visited Darfur on a private trip in 2005. "This is a political issue because China decided to bring its protection to the Khartoum regime.'

The Chinese Embassy in Paris did not respond to calls seeking a response to Bayrou's comments. Faxed and phoned requests to China's Foreign Ministry in Beijing were not immediately answered.

Polls show Bayrou trailing a close third behind Socialist Segolene Royal and narrow frontrunner Nicolas Sarkozy, of Chirac's ruling conservative party, before the first round of voting on April 22. Chirac is not seeking a third term, and he endorsed Sarkozy on Wednesday.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — States that rely on tourism Nebraska and Louisiana and entertainment for much of their economy would likely be the hardest hit during a severe influenza pandemic. Nevada and Hawaii are at the top of the list, according to a report released Thursday.

The Trust for America's Health projected a \$683 billion economic loss nationally during a pandemic, which is about 5.5 percent of the goods and services produced in the United States. The number is comparable to a previous analysis conducted for Congress, but the latest report is the first to break down the impact by state.

Nevada's economy could health. take a hit of more than 8 percent, while Hawaii's economic output could fall by about 6.6 percent. Four other

states — Alaska, Wyoming, also stand to take hits of greater than 6 percent in their gross domestic product.

"In a pandemic, we will see people avoiding discretionary travel and avoiding large gatherings for the legitimate fear of contagion," said Jeffrey Levi, executive director of Trust for America's Health. "It's a natural reaction not to want to be in large groups when there is an easily transmittable disease afoot."

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Sen. Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the report underscored the importance of investing in

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There have been three pandemics during the past century in the United States. A pandemic comparable to the most serious - in 1918 - could sicken 90 million people and kill about 2 million. It could also last up to 18 months with spikes that last six to eight weeks each.

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In lieu of National Agriculture Week in Texas, Top O' Texas CattleWomen has named its 2007 "Ag Family of Year." CattleWomen selected the family of Charles and Janyth Bowers of Gray County.

"We at the Top O' Texas CattleWomen are honored to have Charles and Janyth Bowers as our 'Ag Family of the Year," said Berklee Clements, spokeswoman for Top O' Texas CattleWomen.

According to a press release provided by Top O' Texas CattleWomen, the Bowers family ag operation began with the marriage of Charles Bowers and Janyth Lackey on April 11, 1981. Charles is a fourth generation farmer. His parents, Paul and Janie Bowers, began dryland farming south of Pampa in 1942.

Charles and Janyth still farm those acres. Their farming operation, however, has grown to encompass both dryland and irrigation methods. Charles added irrigation to the operation in 1982, starting out with row crop irrigation. Since then, the family has utilized more water efficient practices such as pivot irrigation systems.

Wheat and grain sorghum are yearly crops for dryland and irrigation, and the Bowers have grown soybeans, sunflowers, hay and cotton as well.

"Cotton has definitely been a learning a combine, Janyth teaches business and experience for all of us," Janyth said.

of directors including Gray County Farm Pampa High School. Grandview-Hopkins Bureau, Independent School District, First United Methodist Church and was chairman of the board for Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

instrumental, was CattleWomen press release said, in establishing the Carson County Cotton Gin, sitting on the gin's board of direc-

The couple belongs to Texas and American Angus associations as well as Panhandle Livestock Association.

Janyth grew up in Hansford County on a ranch that has been in her family for 115 years. Her parents, Joel Lee and

Joyce Lackey, still reside there. Janyth taught school in Groom and began the secretarial science program at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. She taught school until the birth of the couple's first son.

She has been active in Junior Service League and Circle of Friends, has taught Sunday school at First United Methodist, and is a member of Top O' Texas CattleWomen.

After 15 years of driving a tractor and



O' Texas CattleWomen's "2007 Ag Family of the Year." Above: Chandler Bowers, from top, Collin Bowers, Chance Bowers, Janyth Bowers and Charles Bowers.

physical education at Pampa Learning Charles has served on various boards Center and basketball and volleyball at

Charles and Janyth have three sons, Chandler, Chance and Collin. Chandler graduated from Pampa High and attended West Texas A&M University, returning to farm and ranch with his parents.

Chance and Collin, who are twins, are currently enrolled in the ranch management program at Texas Christian University.

In 1987, Charles and Janyth began a cow-calf operation with mixed breed cows. They bought their first registered Angus cows in 1993. The couple now runs a commercial Angus cow-calf herd in addition to the farming operation. One of their Angus calves won breed champion at the State Fair of Texas and was shown by Chance.

The brothers now raise show calves for 4-H exhibitors, adding some Maine-Anjou blood to the mix. The Bowers remain involved with 4-H by opening their home and pens for validation and by supporting the Gray County Livestock Sale.

National Agriculture Week in Texas will conclude March 25.

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Leading indicators index weakens in February

NEW YORK (AP) - An choppy growth" with conindex of future economic growth weakened for the second straight month in February, hobbled by sluggish manufacturing and weakness throughout the housing industry.

Industry research group The Conference Board said Thursday that its composite index of leading indicators, which is meant to foreshadow changes in the economy three to six months in advance, slipped 0.5 percent to 137.3 in February after a revised 0.3 percent decline in January.

The drop in February, while expected, was the steepest since February 2006.

Conference Board labor economist Ken Goldstein said in a statement that the

sumers continuing to spend despite swings in energy prices and sagging home val-

The index tracks 10 economic indicators, including stock prices, unemployment claims, homebuilding permits and money supply.

In February, more people filed for unemployment insurance, fewer homebuilders obtained permission to build houses and consumers adopted a more tempered outlook on the economy's future, the Conference Board said.

The coincident index increased 0.3 percent in February after a 0.1 percent decline in January and the lagging index increased 0.2 percent in February after increasindex suggests "moderate but ing 0.7 percent in December.