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Gas tanks catch fire

A Pampa man was treated and released at Coronado Community Hospital Friday night for burns sustained when two gas tanks caught fire near the old city service center on East McCullough.

Ocie Stewart, 59, 705 Lowry, was treated for first degree burns on his left fingers and superficial burns on his face, spokesmen at Coronado Community Hospital said.

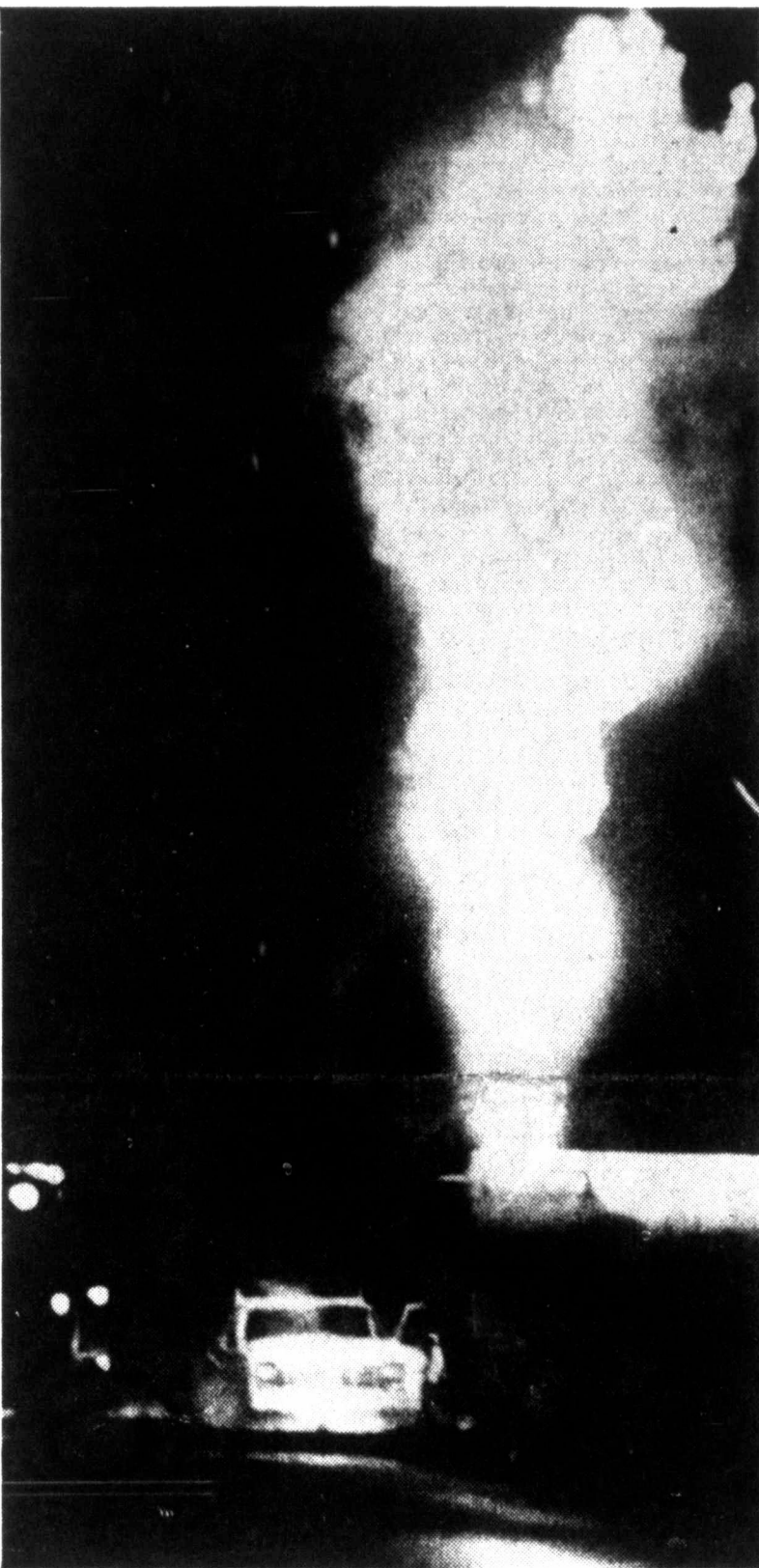
Pampa firefighters battled the blaze, caused by expanding gas vapors, in two Northwest Central Pipeline Corp. gas tanks across the street from the company's plant southeast of town for more than an hour after receiving a call at 8 p.m., a department spokesman said today.

Stewart is an employee of Northwest Central Pipeline. He was rendered first aid at the scene before being transported to the hospital by Pampa Medical Services personnel.

Fire Chief J.D. Ray said at the scene Friday that there was a mini-explosion but the tanks themselves did not explode. Ray said his department fought the fire by shutting off the gas supply and using water fog to cut off the oxygen supply to the top of the plume of flame.

Grass around the tanks and across the street was charred.

Three trucks and about 10 firefighters responded to the blaze. Ray said the fire was extinguished in 30 to 45 minutes but several firefighters remained at the scene until about 9:15 p.m. to guard against possible further damage.



Military leaders turn on Marcos

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Two top military leaders demanded Saturday that President Ferdinand E. Marcos resign and allow Corazon Aquino to lead the nation. But the embattled president accused them of plotting a coup and ordered them to end their rebellion.

In one of the most serious challenges Marcos has faced in his 20 years in power, Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, the deputy armed forces chief, said Marcos should resign "while there is still time."

Hundreds of people chanting "Cory, Cory!" — Mrs. Aquino's nickname — gathered outside two adjacent military camps on the outskirts of Manila where Enrile and Ramos were holed up.

The two men told a news conference at the heavily guarded Defense Ministry headquarters inside Camp Aguinaldo that Marcos stole the Feb. 7 election from opposition leader Mrs. Aquino, and called on the military and the Cabinet to join them in opposing Marcos.

Enrile said generals loyal to Marcos had intended to arrest all opposition leaders and added, "I imagine orders like this would come from the highest authority."

An Aquino spokesman, Assemblyman Homobono Adaza, said her supporters had heard arrest orders were out for opposition leaders. He said Mrs. Aquino was "secure in a safe place."

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pressing concern about the "credibility and legitimacy" of the election and called upon all parties to resolve their differences in a peaceful manner.

The administration stopped short of endorsing the rebellion by Enrile and Ramos but said their statements denouncing Marcos "strongly reinforce our concerns" about the Marcos government.

Enrile told the news conference that the U.S. and Japanese embassies had been informed of the situation, but said no foreign government had a role in the rebellion.

Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Roman Catholic prelate in the Philippines, offered to mediate to avoid bloodshed. But he also broadcast a statement calling for people to back Enrile and Ramos, saying they should "be around at Camp Aguinaldo to show your solidarity and your support in this very crucial period."

More than 1,000 people gathered outside Camp Aguinaldo and as many as 400 people were seen in the streets at nearby Camp Crame, where the national Constabulary headed by Ramos has its offices.

Young men climbed on the fence around Camp Aguinaldo to lift bags of rice over to soldiers inside. Earlier, soldiers carried sacks of weapons into Camp Aguinaldo, the largest military base in the country.

Early Sunday, Ramos came out of Camp Crame in civilian

clothing and greeted the crowd, which chanted his name and surged forward to shake his hand and hug him. He climbed atop a pickup truck and said he was not trying to engineer a coup but to protect the constitution.

"We thank the people for giving us your support," he said. Except for the gatherings outside the camps, Manila remained calm overnight.

Inside the camp, soldiers lay on the lawn casually chatting. "We don't have anything to be afraid of," said one soldier. Enrile said the armed forces chief, Gen. Fabian C. Ver, had promised in a telephone conversation the camps would not be attacked.

The Philippine military has about 200,000 men. It was not clear how many backed the insurgents.

Marcos said he estimated 1,000 soldiers supported the rebellion but that field commanders "are all united in expressing their loyalty to the constitution and the president." He said he had the power to "liquidate" the force at Camp Aguinaldo but preferred to negotiate its surrender.

Asked after his broadcast if he would consider resigning, Marcos replied: "That's ridiculous. With this attempted assassination and coup d'etat don't you think I am entitled to keep my position?"

Ramos, 57, and Enrile, 62, who had been a Marcos loyalist for 20 years, claimed they had support in all branches of the military.

An ounce of prevention...

BY PAUL PINKHAM
Staff Writer

It's been said an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. For Texas homeowners, it may also be worth a 5 percent reduction in insurance premiums.

The State Board of Insurance offers certificates for the insurance reduction to homeowners whose houses meet a list of seven requirements regarding locks on doors and windows. The houses must be inspected by law enforcement personnel certified by the board of insurance or the Texas Law Enforcement Standards and Education board. The inspectors determine which houses qualify.

"If they meet the requirements, they will be eligible for a 5 percent reduction on their homeowners insurance policy for three years," said Cpl. Bruce Denham, head of the Pampa Police Department's crime prevention unit.

Denham is one of five certified inspectors in the department.

Currently, Denham said, the department conducts only about two inspections per month. He said he does not know why more homeowners do not take advantage of the program because it is free and takes only 30 to 45 minutes.

The law mandating 5 percent insurance premium reductions

for qualifying homes became part of the insurance code in 1982 after the insurance lobby pushed it in the hopes of cutting losses from burglaries. Pampa Police Lt. J.D. Laramore, another certified inspector, said the reduction is automatic for qualifying homeowners.

"Once you comply, the law requires that the insurance company give you the 5 percent reduction," he said.

Of the seven specifications required in the Texas Insurance Code, four involve exterior doors, one involves garage doors, one involves sliding glass doors and one involves windows, according to a

copy of the official inspector's report.

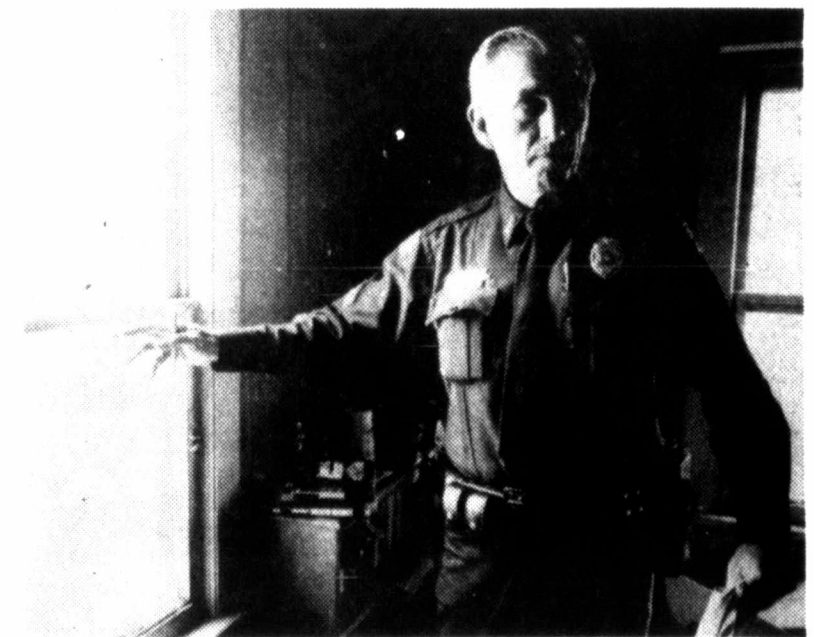
Exterior doors, front or back, must be at least one and three-eighths inches thick and solid core. They must be secured by dead-bolt locks with a minimum bolt throw of one inch.

If the door has breakable glass within 40 inches of the lock, the lock must be key operated from both sides unless prohibited by local safety codes.

Metal doors must meet the same specifications, although Laramore said they are most advantageous in forestalling break-ins.

Denham said the thickness re-

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Cpl. Bruce Denham checks locks on a window.



Boulter, left, with Rep. Cheney

Cheney campaigns for Boulter here

Democratic control of the House is the number one obstacle "preventing us from completing the president's agenda" Wyoming's lone congressman told a capacity crowd at the Coronado Inn Starlight Room on Saturday.

Rep. Richard Cheney, a former White House chief of staff under President Ford and the current Republican Policy Committee chairman, said attaining a Republican majority in the House is in the best interest of voters in the Texas Panhandle and his home state of Wyoming.

He did not chastise conservative "Boll Weevil" Democrats but said they are ineffectual because of the overwhelming majority of

liberals in the House.

"You talk about a bad way to start a day, walk out on the house floor every morning, look up in the chair and see Tip O'Neill sitting there. It's a real bummer," Cheney said, much to the delight of the partisan Republican crowd.

Cheney was the guest of honor at a GOP fund-raiser for Amarillo Republican Beau Boulter, currently seeking his second term in the House.

He said the Democrats' majority gives them the power to control key Congressional committees, such as those dealing with taxes and foreign policy.

"For over 30 years, the Democrats have stacked all

the committees," Cheney said.

The congressman accused Democrats of hypocritically talking conservative at home but voting liberal in Washington. He said Congress' failure to get spending under control in 30 years of Democratic rule caused enactment of the Graham-Rudman-Hollings bill, mandating a balanced budget by 1991.

Cheney said a balanced budget will bring down interest rates for farmers, ranchers, businessmen and young people and will provide incentives for Congress to "stop sending the bill to our children and grandchildren." But, he said, the best chance to reduce spending is now, under Presi-

dent Ronald Reagan, because of the president's effectiveness.

"If we can't do it within the next three years, with Ronald Reagan as president, when are we going to do it?" he asked.

Cheney, Boulter and state representative candidate Dick Waterfield of Canadian held an impromptu press conference prior to the \$50-a-plate luncheon.

Boulter said a court ruling calling Graham-Rudman illegal "wasn't totally unanticipated." But, he said, the job of Congress is to avoid the automatic cuts the court found unconstitutional by looking at "800 and some odd" domestic

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DAILY RECORD

Local DECA students take first in area competition

services tomorrow

MEAKER, Purl Joseph — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel. **MOORE**, V.C. — 2 p.m., Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel. **JOHNSON**, Charles — 2 p.m., Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Amarillo.

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PURL JOSEPH MEAKER
Services for Purl Joseph Meaker, 81, will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Darrel Raines, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Panhandle Cemetery, Panhandle, with Masonic graveside services under the auspices of Pampa Lodge No. 966.
Mr. Meaker died Thursday.
Born July 4, 1904, he moved to Panhandle in 1909. He moved to Pampa in 1939 from Panhandle and owned and operated Purl Meaker Refrigerator Service, now Meaker Appliance. He was a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 and First Baptist Church.
Survivors include his wife, Nora, of the home; two sons, Cleo and Earl, both of Pampa; a brother, Charles, of Panhandle; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

V.C. MOORE
Services for V.C. Moore, 68, will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Carmichael - Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery.
Mr. Moore died Thursday.
Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a son, four sisters, two brothers and five grandchildren.

CHARLES (CHARLIE) JOHNSON
AMARILLO — Services for Charles (Charlie) Johnson, 57, father of Walter Johnson of Pampa, will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo.
Mr. Johnson died Thursday.
Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, his foster mother, a sister and six grandchildren.

Court report

GRAY COUNTY COURT
A charge of violation of probation against Ruelo Rosalez was dismissed because Rosalez completed probation requirements.
A charge of violation of probation against Jose Ricardo Valesquez was dismissed because Valesquez completed probation requirements.
A warrant was issued for the arrest of Michael Alvin McGill, charged with violating probation by owing \$345 in probation fees, \$86 in court costs and a \$250 fine.
Alfred Willis Jr. was fined \$200 and placed on probation one year for theft of property by check.
Michael Phillip Haddock was fined \$400 and placed on probation two years for driving while intoxicated; charges of possession of marijuana and unlawfully carrying a weapon were dismissed because they were taken into consideration at the punishment stage of the driving while intoxicated cause.
Andrew P. Salinas was fined \$400 and placed on probation two years for driving while intoxicated.
James Milford Harmon was fined \$400 and placed on probation two years for driving while intoxicated.
Alvin Lee Grays was fined \$100 and placed on probation six months for driving with license suspended.
David Keith Smith was fined \$500 and placed on probation for driving while intoxicated.
Hughie Troy Purvis was fined \$250 and placed on probation two years for driving while intoxicated.

Marriage License
Chuck Randall Quarles and Carolyn McKinley Hess

JP COURT (Precinct 2)
Connie Joann Watson, Amarillo, was fined \$14 for speeding.
Janet M. Langston, 705 N. Nelson, was fined \$38 for the offense of driver not secured by a safety belt.

DISTRICT COURT
Civil Cases Filed
Donald Dean Rosenbach vs. Connie Lamb Wheeler: auto damages.
Conoco Inc. vs. Wayne L. Hughes: suit on account.
Gibbs - Cook Equipment Co. vs. White and Sons Pipeline Construction Inc. and William L. White: foreign judgement.
Ton Hanson Co. Inc. vs. J.C. Daniels, individually and doing business as Daniel's Energy: suit on account.
Criminal Cases
Lola Nation was fined \$300 and placed on probation three years for theft greater than \$750.
Divorces
Gloria Jean Williams and Wayne Elliot Williams
Franklyn J. Dominey and Carolyn K. Dominey

fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following fire runs for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. today.

FRIDAY, Feb. 21
8 p.m. — Northwest Central Pipeline, southeast of Pampa on McCullough. Two gas tanks full of drip gas on fire. One injury. Fire caused by expanding gas vapors.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions
Shaun Davis, Pampa
Hugh Layne Jr., Pampa
Ocie Lyles, Pampa
Zelma Reid, Wheeler
Tina Stilwell, Houma, La.
Victor Wagner, Pampa

Births
To Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hall, Pampa, a baby girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. William West, Pampa, a baby boy.
Dismissals
Mable Stepp, Dumas

police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 32-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, Feb. 21
Melissa Roye, 412 N. Purviance, reported theft of a wallet from the First Baptist Church office at 203 N. West.
James LeRoy Tripplett, Route 2, Box 388 - A, reported theft of stereo speakers from a motor vehicle at 1423 N. Hobart.
A juvenile reported assault with hands at the intersection of Oklahoma and Dwight.
Rebecca Corley, 1113 Darby, reported theft of a bicycle from the address.
A juvenile reported assault with feet at the intersection of Starkweather and Browning.

SATURDAY, Feb. 22
A minor in possession was reported on W. Francis.
Theft of furniture from a trailer belonging to Dorsey Apartment Complex, 204 E. Tyng, was reported at 202 E. Craven.
Criminal mischief was reported at the Trailways bus depot, 115 S. Russell; glass was broken in the south hallway.
A driving while intoxicated suspect was reported on S. Gray.
James Earl Kyle, 931 S. Barnes, reported a burglary at the address.
Terry McCarthy, 1344 Coffee, reported forgery of a check and theft of camera equipment at the address.

Arrests - City Jail
FRIDAY, Feb. 21
Rosemary Ponce, 709 E. Albert, was arrested at the police department on a charge of theft. Ponce was released to Gray County authorities.
SATURDAY, Feb. 22
Mike Enloe, 28, 1624 N. Dwight, was arrested at the Gray County Sheriff's office on a charge of public intoxication; Enloe was released to Gray County authorities.
Don Edward Owens, 43, 509 Magnolia, was arrested at the Gray County Sheriff's office on a charge of driving while intoxicated; Owens was released to Gray County authorities.
Randy Burl Perry, 30, 807 S. Gray, was arrested at 600 S. Gray on charges of driving while intoxicated and traffic offenses; Perry was released to Gray County authorities.
A 15-year-old boy was arrested on charges of minor in possession, public intoxication and escape and later released to his father.

Arrests - County Jail
Amador Ortiz Leal, Route 2, Box 51 - A, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following traffic accidents for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. today.
FRIDAY, Feb. 21
A 1969 Ford, driven by Thurman Perry Stapleton, 818 Gordon, collided with a legally parked 1978 Ford, registered to Bryan Combs, 1200 N. Wells, in the 1200 block of North Wells. No injuries were reported. Stapleton was cited for backing without safety.
SATURDAY, Feb. 22
A 1970 Chevrolet, driven by Randy Burl Perry, 807 S. Gray, collided with a gas meter at 600 S. Gray. No injuries were reported. Perry was cited for no proof of insurance, failure to control speed and charged with driving while intoxicated.

calendar of events

GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT
The Bethel Gospel Singers of Lefors are to present a gospel music concert at 7 p.m., tonight, at First Baptist Church of Lefors. Public is invited.
KNIFE & FORK CLUB
Pampa Knife & Fork Club has rescheduled Russ Burgess, ESP speaker, for May 15 at the Pampa Country Club. Helen Wagoner suggests club members mark their calendars now.
CORROSION ENGINEERS
The Panhandle Section of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Suthpens Pit Bar-B-Cue in Berger. Wes Wynne, technical services representative for Petrolite Chemicals, will discuss "Corrosion Treating for Oil Field Pipelines."

Emergency numbers
Energas..... 665-5770
SPS..... 669-7432
Water..... 665-3881

Seven Pampa High School students won first places at the area contest, this weekend for the Distributive Education Clubs of America competition in Amarillo.
Pampa also won the traveling trophy for having the most winners, with another student winning second place and another gaining third place, reported Leta Olson, coordinator.
The contests were held Friday at Amarillo College, with the awards ceremony to announce winners held Saturday morning.
The top place winners will go to state contests March 14-15 at Houston.
First place winners included Karla Stout, employed at Dunlap's Department Store, general

Probe enters political arena

New shuttle questions raised

WASHINGTON (AP) — The search for causes behind the explosion of space shuttle Challenger has raised new questions about both rocket hardware and the decision-making by NASA management. And this past week, perhaps inevitably, the probe burst into the political arena.
Members of a presidential investigating commission plan to resume public hearings Tuesday and Wednesday to report on material they learned after members fanned out to various space agency and industry locations last week.
Attention focused on both the potentially damaging effects of cold weather on the crucial rubber-like seals joining segments of the shuttle's rocket boosters and the unheeded concerns of engineers.
Investigators want to know the sequence of events that led to a launch recommendation by Morton Thiokol, makers of the rocket boosters, and the "go" decision by NASA. And they're asking how high within NASA was it known that there was an engineering dispute over the wisdom of a launch under the unusually cold conditions present Jan. 28 at Cape Canaveral, Fla.
Here's a look at some of the big questions that remain:
—If a veteran engineer at Mor-

ton Thiokol warned it was too cold to launch, why did NASA go ahead?
Morton Thiokol ultimately recommended launch of the shuttle despite opposition from Allan McDonald, who was the company's ranking engineer on launch day at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
A team of NASA managers considers all the information up to the minute of launch, and NASA officials say engineers at all levels are heard through the agency's chain of command. Jesse Moore, departing head of the space shuttle program, said all members of the top management team have to be unanimous to go ahead with a launch.
The presidential commission said Moore and two other top launch officials were not told of the debate about whether cold weather posed a threat.
Investigators have since learned that 15 Morton Thiokol engineers unanimously recommended against launch, but that the approval of company Vice President Joe C. Kilminster was forwarded despite those objections.
—How much pressure did NASA managers put on Morton Thiokol to put aside those engineering reservations and recommend a launch?

general merchandising.
"They did good," Olson said, expressing pleasure at the students' accomplishments.
The students returned to Pampa Saturday afternoon.
Top winners at the state level will advance to national competition at Atlanta, Ga., on April 23-27.
Susan Graves had originally been scheduled to compete in restaurant management but was unable to attend because of participation in a high school drama production this weekend. But her substitute, Tiffany Bynum, won a first place in the event, Olson noted.
Stout had planned to be a candidate for area president but was not able to run for the position.

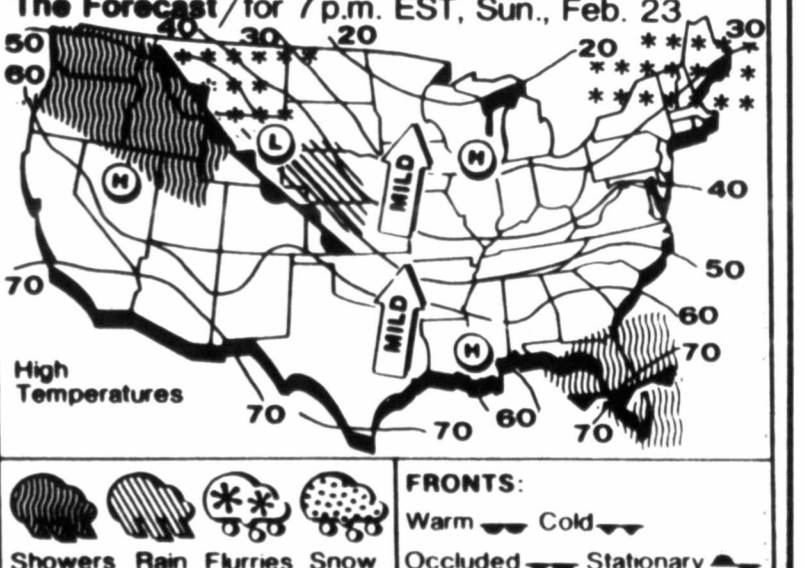
City briefs

PERM SPECIAL Accent Beauty Salon includes cut and style, \$20. Tuesday and Wednesday. Call Pauline or Shirley. 665-6321. Expires 3-5-86. Adv.
BOUQUET OF Balloons. New number, 669-1797. Prices \$11-\$16. Adv.
MEALS on WHEELS 669-1007, P.O. Box 939. Adv.
CLARENDON COLLEGE Pampa Center, now offering Principles of Banking Operations. Begins, Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m. Enroll now! Adv.
LEATHER-N-LACE Riding Club meeting, February 28, Energas Flame Room, 8 p.m. Anyone interested in joining riding club, welcome.
TOM BYRD'S For Ladies Only Class, Tuesday, February 25, 12-1 p.m. 3 Week session topic, The Joy of Stocks (a study of how the stock market works.) For reservations, call 665-7137. Edward D. Jones and Co. 317 N. Ballard. Adv.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Docktor uv Luv? Adv.

CAROUSEL FASHIONS 2133 N. Hobart, Plaza 21 has Winter Clearance rack. 75 per cent off. Adv.
SCOTTIE'S CERAMICS. Opening February 22, 10:30 a.m. Free Instruction in glazes, stains, air brushing, clay lifting, chalking, dry brushing and all techniques. Come sign up for classes. Open 10:30 - 5:30, Monday - Saturday. 400 N. Cuyler. 665-8718. Limited time-all greenware 25 per cent off. Adv.
MARY WARINER is now at Phillips La Bonita Beauty Shop. Old and new customers welcome. Tuesday thru Friday. 669-2481. Adv.
LADIE'S OF Fashion Beauty Shop. Pat Winkleblack is back welcoming old and new customers. 669-9834. Adv.
1977 SUBURBAN, air conditioner, transmission, 1300 Hamilton, 665-6718, \$3495. Adv.
HAIR JUNCTION now has full time manicurist and make-up consultant. 2135 N. Hobart, Plaza 21, 665-2233. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Sunny and warmer Sunday with highs in the 60s. Lows Sunday night in the 20s. Winds southwesterly, five to 10 mph.
REGIONAL FORECAST
North Texas - Clear to partly cloudy through Monday. Highs Sunday 62 to 69. Lows Sunday night 33 to 41. Highs Monday 59 to 67.
West Texas - Fair nights and mostly sunny days through Monday. Lows Sunday night upper 20s Panhandle and mountains to mid 30s extreme south. Highs Sunday and Monday near 60 Panhandle to near 80 Big Bend.
South Texas - Sunny and mild Sunday. Fair and not so cold Sunday night. Partly cloudy Monday. Highs Sunday 60s north to near 70 south. Lows Sunday night 40s north to 50s south. Highs Tuesday 60s north to 70s south and west.



EXTENDED FORECAST
Tuesday Through Thursday
North Texas - No precipitation is expected. Cool night and warm days. Lows mostly 40s. Highs 60s to around 70 Tuesday and mostly 70s Wednesday and Thursday.

West Texas - Fair and warmer. Increasing cloudiness and a little cooler mainly Panhandle and South Plains Thursday. Panhandle and South Plains highs in lower 60s Tuesday warming to near 70 Wednesday and cooling to mid 60s Thursday. Lows in low to mid 30s. Permian Basin and Concho Valley highs in upper 60s to lower 70s. Lows in upper 30s to lower 40s. Far west highs mid to upper 60s and lows in

mid to upper 30s. Big Bend highs in mid 70s mountains to mid 80s along the Rio Grande. Lows in mid 30s mountains and valleys to mid 40s plateaus.
South Texas - Dry. Sunny with gradually warmer days. Fair and cool at night. Highs 70s Tuesday and Wednesday, 70s and 80s Thursday. Lows 40s and 50s Tuesday and Wednesday, near 50 north and east, near 60 extreme south Thursday.

Reagan offers elimination of missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, in a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, is calling for elimination of medium range missiles in Europe as a "constructive first step" toward a worldwide curb of the nuclear arms race, a U.S. official said Saturday night.
The letter was to be signed over the weekend and sent to Moscow at the beginning of the week. A presidential statement to the nation also is planned, said the official.

Reagan's decision was based on the advice of most of his senior arms control specialists, who see an agreement on U.S. and Soviet medium range missiles as the most likely way to break the deadlock at the negotiating table at Geneva.
"It holds out the hope of earliest progress," said the official, who told The Associated Press that Reagan's letter would also touch on long range nuclear

weapons, space-based defense systems and other aspects of the complex arms race.
He said revised instructions would be sent to the U.S. negotiating team, headed by Max Kampelman, in Geneva.
Reflecting the concern of China and U.S. allies in Asia, the president also proposed that the more than 100 mobile SS-20 missiles the Soviets have deployed in their Asian territories be reduced to very low numbers.

TEXAS / REGIONAL

Crowd of teachers rallies against White

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of shouting, sign-waving teachers gathered on the Capitol lawn Saturday to claim the 1984 school reforms are "grossly unfair" and to blame Gov. Mark White for getting them passed.

"Shove the Gov," read a sign in the front row of a rally sponsored by the Texas Teachers for Respect and Responsibility.

"No More White Lies," said another sign.

Doug Ward, a junior high school English teacher and coach in Monahans who is chairman of TTRR, led the enthusiastic crowd in a chant: "No more insults day

after day, Mark White go away."

Ward said those at the rally had registered from 164 different Texas schools, some of them driving all night from the Panhandle to appear. A number came in chartered buses.

"Let the governor know we are tired of being political scapegoats for him," said Mickey Porter, English teacher at Wheeler.

Ward said the organization left a list of their complaints on the door of the governor's office one day this week and that the only response was "someone tore them off the door."

Ward's detailed criticism of the school reforms included:

- The new appointed 15-member State Board of Education has only two members with classroom experience.
- The competency test required of already-certified teachers is an insult. "Two weeks from now they can require a new test, maybe a urine test, or a lie detector test, or a blood test, anything they want," he said.
- The career ladder for teachers is not adequately designed or funded.
- It is wrong to remove the power of the University Interscholastic League to regulate participation in extracurricular activities and substitute the controversial no-pass, no-play provision.

"We feel that because of the education reform bill the state is headed toward education of only the elite," Ward said.

"What this governor has forced on the children and educators of the state of Texas has been grossly unfair to thousands of students," Ward said.

"And his stubborn refusal to even the slightest modification to the educational reform package is an insult to the judgment of people who have spent a lifetime in education," he added.



Teachers group at state Capitol

Wheeler's top citizens due honor

WHEELER — Top Wheeler area citizens will be honored at the annual Wheeler Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 7 p.m. Monday at Maxey's Steak House on South U.S. 83.

At the banquet, chamber members will give awards to the Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Employee of the Year, Teen of the Year and Farmer of the Year.

"We run a ballot in The Wheeler Times newspaper a few weeks before the banquet," said Chamber of Commerce spokesperson Jane Thomas. "Then the Chamber board of directors takes the ballots and looks over the nominations."

She added that unlike past banquets, there will be no guest speaker, although Wheeler High School principal Bob Wills, last year's Man of the Year will emcee the festivities.

Entertainment will be provided by Wheeler Junior High School students, Liz Stiles, daughter of Bob and Sue Stiles and Melinda Williams, daughter of Kenneth and Rene Williams.

Admission to the banquet is \$8.

Floydada lawsuit appears settled

FLOYDADA, Texas (AP) — Attorneys have settled a federal lawsuit, challenging Floydada's at-large election system but April's city council race will be postponed until the U.S. Justice Department can approve the agreement.

An attorney for the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project in San Antonio said Floydada, in Floyd County, is evidently the second smallest city in the state to change to single-member districts from an at-large system.

SVREP provided research resources for plaintiffs in the 1984 lawsuit. The most current estimate places Floydada's population at just over 4,000.

Officials said Taft, with a population just over 3,500, is the smallest Texas city to go through the switch from at-large voting to single-member districts.

The arrangement city attorneys and Mexican-American plaintiffs reached in the class-action suit allows for four council members elected from single-member districts and two council members and the mayor elected at large to two-year terms.

The order was signed Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward of Lubbock.

Officials said at-large elections in the south and southwest grew out of a reform movement in the early 1930s.

Jury to begin deliberations in principal's murder trial

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — A former junior high school principal charged in the slaying of a football coach at the institution became jealous over plans to marry a girlfriend, prosecutors allege.

A Polk County jury Tuesday will begin deliberations in the Hurley Fontenot murder trial, ending six weeks of mystery, suspense and controversy about coach Billy Mac Fleming's slaying.

not once boasted of "always" carrying a .22-caliber revolver.

Fontenot, 48, of Raywood is charged with shooting the 36-year-old Fleming of Hull twice in the back of the head and dumping Fleming's body in southeast Polk County.

Prosecutors allege Fontenot became jealous and killed Fleming because he planned to marry Fontenot's former girlfriend, Laura Nugent, a teacher's aide.

District Attorney Peter Speers rested the prosecution's case against the former Woodson Junior High School principal Friday. Testimony showed blood in Fontenot's pickup truck could belong to Fleming and that Fonte-

Import fees won't work, Gramm says

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm said Saturday that Gov. Mark White's proposal for an emergency tariff on imported oil would only create a massive bureaucracy more troublesome than the problem it seeks to solve.

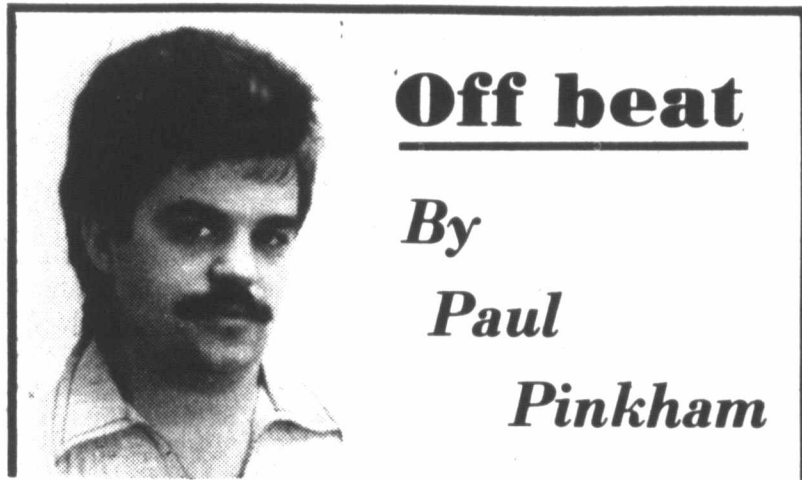
to rush to Washington and complain that it would put them out of business if their foreign competitors have to pay only \$15, he said.

White said Friday that President Reagan should use the 1974 federal Trade Act to impose a temporary, variable tariff on imported crude oil and refined petroleum.

The Democratic governor said the measure was needed to prevent the United States from again becoming overly dependent on Arab oil supply.

But Gramm, R-Texas, told a community meeting in Greenville Saturday that an immense bureaucracy would be needed to handle all the requests for exemptions and rebates such a tariff would produce.

A \$5 import fee that increased per-barrel oil costs to \$20 would prompt petrochemical industries



Off beat

By Paul Pinkham

This wasn't the 'right stuff'

As government agencies go, NASA has always been one of the most well-respected, both by politicians and the national media.

In the past few years we've heard charges of mismanagement and so forth against a host of other government agencies and departments. Think of the ruckus over thousand dollar alien wrenches purchased by the defense department or the flap over department heads at the EPA.

But, at least until last month's shuttle disaster, NASA has remained pretty well unscathed by media or Congressional investigations.

When politicians start speaking of budget cuts, we seldom ever hear the space program mentioned.

There are two plausible explanations for this "sacred cow" treatment.

Either the ladies and gentlemen running the space program were really doing a terrific job or the Congressional and media investigators charged with ferreting out instances of mismanagement or downright crookedness felt any hostile words toward the space program could damage their reputations, so they left "the right stuff" alone.

A hushed-up turn of events in the minutes, hours and days following the Jan. 28 explosion seems to lend credence to the latter explanation.

Editor & Publisher magazine recently reported that NASA held several of the nation's major news organizations at bay for up to five days by confiscating pictures taken of the fatal crash.

It seems a procedure had developed at Kennedy Space Center where photographers were allowed to place still cameras in a restricted area several hundred yards from the launch pad. The cameras were activated by remote sensors set off by light, sound or the trembling of the earth, according to E&P.

But, following the crash, NASA officials refused to escort the 100 or so photographers who had cameras in the restricted area to retrieve their equipment unless they turned their film over immediately to the space agency. Only The New York Times chose to leave its film remaining at the site.

The performances by both the space agency and the national media concerning this incident were, to say the least, poor.

NASA's actions were, to paraphrase the executive editor of the Associated Press, obviously improper and probably illegal.

Why did they do it? Why would the agency that, through the years, has become the darling of the news media, risk that prized relationship?

Is it because they didn't have pictures of the shuttle launch themselves? I find that hard to believe.

Considering the fact that all the major news organizations had previously agreed to turn over their original negatives to the space agency once they had processed the film and considering, too, the fact that NASA offices have nowhere near the capabilities to process 100 rolls of film as quickly and accurately as most large newspapers, the only conclusion I can think of is that NASA wanted to cover something up — something they hoped would never come out in a presidential commission, the pages of Time or anywhere else.

Even if the media had not offered to turn its film over to NASA, there is a proper procedure for obtaining it. It's called a subpoena.

A colleague calls me a cynic but sometimes a certain skeptical cynicism doesn't hurt, especially where seven lives are concerned. If Congress and the national media had been doing their jobs as official skeptics, who knows, maybe the crash could have been avoided.

But instead, they let the space program roll merrily along, seldom if ever challenging assumptions that probably should have been challenged.

Which brings me to another question.

If this had been any other government agency, any at all, the national media spokesmen would be ranting and raving to beat the band. Remember how they hooted and howled when they weren't allowed to accompany American troops to Grenada?

Why the silence? E&P says it's because they fear a "backlash of public opinion."

But is public opinion worth more than finding out who, if anyone, was responsible for seven lost lives?

Is it more important than guarding the basic rights and legal procedures that make our country great?

That's a question that can be answered only in the consciences of those who, by treating NASA like a saintly agency, created the situation in the first place.

In journalism, there can be no sacred cows.

Pinkham is a staff writer of The Pampa News. Opinions expressed in the Off Beat columns are the individuals' and not necessarily those of this newspaper.



Lefors woman seeks JP post

Mary Wariner of Lefors has announced her filing for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, candidate in the upcoming May Democratic primary elections.

Wariner, who has been a resident of Lefors all her life, said she wants "to better serve the people of Gray County and to give back a little of what I've been given all my life."

She is presently employed with LaBonita Beauty Shop in Pampa. Her husband, Johnny Wariner, is employed with Dr. Harvey Edwards.

The Wariners have four children in school: Jamie, Marshall, Lisa and Melissa.

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EVER STRIVING FOR TOP O' TEXAS
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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher
Publisher

Wally Simmons
Managing Editor

Our opinion

Reform proven step in wrong direction

For months on end now we have been told how public education in Texas has been lifted out of mediocrity by H. Ross Perot, prime architect of the 1984 education reform package, and Gov. Mark White.

Perot has explained to educators across the country how, despite intense opposition from athletic coaches, band directors, principals and cheerleaders' mamas, he implemented a plan to make Texas students smarter.

Gov. White and other leaders in the Texas Legislature joined the chorus proclaiming that Texas' education problems had been wiped out, even before the ink was dry on the legislation mandating the reforms. Since then, the governor has repeatedly refused to consider proposals to make any changes in the new laws, never passing up a chance to create the impression that they have already been proven successful.

The Texas school reform plan, approved during a special session of the Legislature in the summer of '84, has been hailed by government educators as a model for other states in the national effort to restore respectability to the public schools. The package mandated such things as pre-kindergarten classes, limitations on number of students per classroom, a "career-ladder" program which is supposedly an incentive pay plan for teachers, competency tests for teachers and, of course, the no pass, no play rule that bars students who fail a single class during a semester from participation in extracurricular activities.

BUT DESPITE ALL the hullabaloo and all the praise; somewhere between the rhetoric and the reality, things didn't quite work out the way the legislators said they would.

Among the problems: Establishing pre-kindergarten classes and limiting the number of students per classroom has raised the real possibility that large local tax increases will be needed to pay for reforms ordered by state legislators; the career-ladder program has provoked jealousy and friction among teachers because it is based on subjective judgments; the so-called competency tests, which will probably prove teachers have at least as much education as fifth graders, has caused even more bitterness since it means the state in renegeing on the lifetime certification it previously gave the teachers.

And finally, after being in effect for a year, the crown jewel of the school reform program, the no pass, no play rule — the rule that was supposed to transform all public schools students into top scholars by removing the distraction of extracurricular activities — has apparently failed miserably. A survey of the large school districts in the state has shown that about the same percentage of students are failing at least one subject as in past years. And, in some districts, the percentage is even higher.

WE ARE NOT SURPRISED at these developments. When the school reform package was being considered by the Legislature, we warned that it was nothing but a sound and a fury that would ultimately signify absolutely nothing; that it almost certainly would not improve public education in Texas and it could possibly do harm.

We were, and we still are, absolutely amazed that some legislators think they can force people to become educated, is the no pass, no play rule suggests. We were, and we still are, astounded that state legislators were so blind that they thought it was extracurricular activities, rather than the institutionalized mediocrity that is almost inevitable in any government bureaucracy, that caused the problems in public education; that they didn't understand that most students who participate in extracurricular activities are already motivated toward success more so than those who don't participate.

We were, and we still are, baffled by the belief that a committee can detect the most capable teachers without taking into consideration achievement of their students, or that a fifth-grade test covering several subjects can determine if a teacher is competent in one.

We don't think government schools can ever equal private schools in educating students. Government schools are based on force and coercion, which are not compatible with education. And, since all the people have an unquestioned right to push their views on how public schools should be operated, the result is continuous compromise, which has to reduce decisions that are only half right and, therefore, completely wrong.

BUT THERE ARE WAYS to improve the government schools. One is to abolish, or at least modify, the compulsory education laws so that education will again become an opportunity rather than a legal requirement, eliminating time and effort wasted on those not interested. Realize that when you tempt to buy outstanding teachers with higher salaries you're also going to buy a lot more teachers who less than outstanding. Let teachers whose students learn the most in the classroom, insuring that inspiration, not legislation, will be in the classroom.

Finally, get the state and federal governments as far away from the local schools as possible. Let the parents and the students and the citizens of the community decide how their schools are operated.

In short, do away with the reform package passed in 1984. Was another step down the same road that led to mediocrity in the first place. If the public schools are to provide better education, we must go in a different direction; away from compulsion and toward motivation, creating an environment where achievement is its own reward and failure, itself, is punishment enough.



Walter Williams

Reject reverse racism

Black History Month rightfully highlights the contribution black Americans made to our strengths and culture. It's a proud record showing that blacks have made the greatest advance over a shorter period of time than any other ethnic group in the history of man. What other group can boast of mayors, congressmen, doctors, lawyers, even presidential candidates among great grandsons and granddaughters of slaves.

These accomplishments — gained by intestinal fortitude (good old-fashioned guts) and moral courage — are being insulted by today's crop of do-gooders. The most recent being a double-barrel shot that crossed my desk last week. The first was a letter to Clarence Thomas, chairman of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). According to John Agresto, chairman of National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Congress demands that the agency declare sex- and race-based goals and employment timetables. Agresto says, "...This legislation signals the first time that the Congress has declared that individuals should be considered for employment on the basis of such criteria."

Agresto points out that NEH already has a

non-discriminatory hiring policy. According to EEOC language, women are "overrepresented." They comprise 69 percent of NEH's workforce and head three of its five divisions. Ten percent of its top staff (GS 14-15) are black women (nine times the government average). If he tries to obey congressional race law, Agresto is in a real bind because Asians, Indians and Hispanics are "underrepresented." To obey the law, he must discriminate in the employment of women and blacks until he achieves racial balance.

That's the first shot; the second is worse. Back in the 18th and 19th centuries pseudo-scientific race literature said things like: to hold blacks accountable to white standards was cruel and unreasonable. Fair treatment required lower standards for blacks. These "scientists" meant well — as does the U.S. Air Force (USAF) Academy in Colorado.

In a memorandum labeled "For your eyes only" the USAF lays out racial standards for admittance. Applicants who have 20-20 vision and are Oriental or a scholar must score 580 on its scholastic test. Hispanics are admitted with a score of 560, American Indians 540, and blacks 520. For athletes the cutoffs are: football 520,

basketball-hockey 550, other sports 570. Footnoted to the list of racial cutoffs is the following: "Weighted composite scores on athletes also change if the athlete is a minority (i.e., lower cut-offs)." If the applicant's vision is less than 20-20 the USAF is a bit more selective: Orientals and scholars must score 620, Hispanics 580, Indians 570, blacks 550.

Obviously, the Air Force Academy is under pressure to do "good." Maybe they call this "righting" a legacy of discrimination, but what they are practicing is a mean and debilitating form of racism. They are telling blacks, Indians, and Hispanics that they cannot make it on their own. What's more, they have codified the message for the world to see.

In some respects this age of racial enlightenment differs little from racial policy of the past. Supported by the civil rights establishment and white liberals, official policy makes it appear that blacks can't be expected to make it on their own.

A fitting tribute to Black History Month would be for those in America's entire ethnic mosaic to demand an end to this new racism. Williams teaches economics at George Mason University.



Today in history

Today is Sunday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 1986. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Feb. 23 1945, in World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima raised the Stars and Stripes atop Mount Suribachi in a scene captured on film by Joe Rosenthal, a photographer for the Associated Press.

On this date: Ten years ago: CBS News relieved correspondent Daniel Schorr of all his reporting duties for an indefinite period after he leaked a House Intelligence Committee report to the Village Voice. He resigned later in the year. A House panel refused to punish him.

Five years ago: Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev proposed a meeting with President Reagan to help halt a deterioration in relations between the two nations.

One year ago: Jordan announced agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization for a joint approach to peace in the Middle East. It included a provision calling for the total withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories occupied since the 1967 Middle East war.



Lewis Grizzard

Dirty Harry in politics?

The big political news finally has nothing to do with Ronald Reagan, George Bush or Mario Cuomo. It has to do with none other than Clint Eastwood, the actor who has decided to run for mayor in lovely and quaint Carmel, Calif.

I'm not certain what prompted Eastwood's decision, but some key political analysts think he eventually would like to follow in fellow actor Reagan's footsteps and run for president in 1992 or 1996 or whenever the Democrats decide to run Teddy Kennedy so Eastwood would be certain to win.

Who would you want running your country? Dirty Harry or some flabby wimp like Teddy Kennedy?

What surprises me, however, is I have been to Carmel — which is also known as "Carmel by the Sea" — and somehow it just doesn't go with Clint Eastwood.

Carmel by the Sea, a couple of hours south of San Francisco, is an eccentric little village where about 5,000 rich people live. It has neat little shops and stores where your

wife can spend a thousand dollars on a brass duck or some other useless trinket.

Carmel is so spiffy, the meter maid rides around in a Rolls. People who live in Carmel drink bottled water and use dollar bills to start the kindling in their fireplaces on cold nights.

In Carmel, the men wear their shirts with the top two buttons unfastened so nobody will miss the fact they have a couple hundred thousand dollars worth of gold hanging around their tanned necks.

They also play a lot of golf. While they're doing that, the women shop for brass ducks and get face lifts.

This is the kind of town Clint Eastwood wants to be mayor of?

What would the mayor of Carmel by the Sea have to do? He wouldn't have to order any houses bombed like the mayor of Philadelphia did.

There aren't any punks in Carmel by the Sea. If there were, rich people would own them and walk them around on leashes.

Who's going to make Clint Eastwood's day in

Carmel? Some old geezer caught moving his ball in the rough?

What kind of crime could there be in Carmel for Mayor Eastwood to declare war upon? People drinking red wine with fish? Somebody making an early withdrawal from a bank and facing a substantial penalty?

Clint Eastwood needs to be mayor of Newark. There's a town where he could enjoy himself. A lot of punks in Newark. Lot of crime.

Dom DeLuise should be mayor of Carmel. Or even Liberace.

Put Eastwood in Newark or Chicago or Philadelphia or Pittsburgh or Cleveland, some place where he could do some good.

Can you imagine Clint Eastwood dealing with civic issues that might arise in Carmel?

"Mayor Plans To Get Tough On Pooper Scooper Law."

"Eastwood Stands Firm on No Right on Red."

"Dirty Harry To Speak to Garden Club Luncheon. Charles Bronson Next."

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William Rusher

A liberal focuses on liberal failure

The recent CBS documentary "The Vanishing Family — Crisis in Black America" deserves comment from two separate standpoints: first, for what it tells us about the problem it addresses; and second, for the light it sheds on how such information becomes accessible to the public at large.

Bill Moyers is our guide, and the theme of the program is what welfare — specifically Aid to Families with Dependent Children — has done to the black family structure in America. Briefly, AFDC provides a monthly government check for every woman with minor children, provided the father isn't around to support them. The size of the check depends on the number of children.

Seldom has there been a more graphic demonstration of Jack Kemp's dictum that "When you subsidize a thing you get more of it." Today, approximately half of all black families in America are headed by a single

parent, almost invariably female. The effect of this on the children — especially the male children — can be imagined.

Moyers puts on-screen some of the mothers who are trying futilely to cope with this national catastrophe. He also interviews, non-judgmentally, a couple of the fathers — pleasant, attractive young men who deserve the title "baby-makers." (One has had at least six illegitimate children by various women.) The net effect of the program is to focus public attention, almost for the first time as far as television is concerned, on a national scandal of frightening dimensions.

This, of course, is all to the good. But I was struck by a comment in John Corry's enthusiastic review of the documentary. Corry, who is the TV critic of The New York Times, remarks that "it is fitting that the CBS correspondent should be Bill Moyers, who was press secretary for President Johnson.... This is also prudent. Mr.

Moyers, a certified liberal, is venturing into an area where conservatives are suspect. George Will, reporting the story, for example, would be discredited in advance."

Now, up to a point, Corry here is merely stating the obvious: A point conceded by someone with an interest in defending it is more conclusively dead than if it were simply assailed by some passing volunteer. That is why, at common law, an "admission against interest" is a recognized exception to the rule against hearsay.

But Corry not only emphasizes Moyers' credibility as a critic of our welfare system; he goes on to add (quite rightly) that George Will or another conservative "would be discredited in advance" if he tried to make the same point. And that strikes me as infinitely sad and not a little annoying.

Must correction of every blunder ever made by America's busy liberals await their own discovery of it? Are liberalism's own notoriously defective

spectacles the only ones through which its catastrophic performance can be viewed? Must national recognition of the utter folly of Jimmy Carter's foreign policies (just to take another example) await the advent of his press secretary, Jody Powell, on prime time to tell us about it? If so, we may be in for a long wait.

To modify the old saying slightly, I don't mind the reformed prostitute joining the church, but I do strenuously object to the proposition that we can't start the service until she shows up to lead the choir and preach the sermon. There are a good many chastened liberals around these days, and I welcome their insights into what went wrong with their unquestionably well-intentioned policies. But they and their longtime allies in the media are, to be frank about it, in no position to "discredit" conservatives "in advance." Conservatives are the ones who saw disaster coming and warned against it.

Journey through Texas

Wharton pleads for U.S. to help Texas

NEW YORK, N.Y., APRIL 26, 1836—Declaring that "Mexico can never conquer Texas!" Commissioner William Wharton delivered an impassioned plea to the people of New York last night to aid Texans in their struggle against the tyranny of Mexico.

The Anglo settlers of Mexico have been involved in several losing battles against a reported 6,000 Mexican troops and their dictator Santa Anna, who stormed into Texas in February. Two months later, most of Texas' leading citizens have been killed at two battles: San Antonio and Goliad.

General Sam Houston has kept his troops in retreat and there have been unconfirmed reports that he captured Santa Anna at San Jacinto three days past. Wharton and Stephen Austin, known to be the most powerful empresario in Texas, report that Texas has declared itself independent from Mexico and they implore recognition and support from the U.S. government here.

Wharton spoke eloquently of the plight of his people and he illuminated some history: "Because of the dread of Indians, Texas held no interest for Mexican immigrants. They were accustomed to a lazy pastoral or mining life in a healthy country," he said.

The Anglo settlers earned their rights to the Mexican land

EDITOR'S NOTE - "Journey Through Texas" is a Sesquicentennial Project of the University of Houston University Park Office of Media Relations that will be published each Sunday in The Pampa News. The articles are based on material housed in the Special Collections Department of the university's M.D. Anderson Library. They are written in the present tense to add a feeling of realism.

through bloodshed and hard work, he explained. "Under smiles of benignant heaven, however, the untiring perseverance of the colonists triumphed over all natural obstacles and expelled these savages by whom the country was infested, reduced the forest into cultivation and made the desert smile."

He described the long succession of presidents and dictators Mexico has had since allowing immigration in 1822, then asked: "Can the same amount of crime and carnage be culled and collected from 100 years in the history of any other Christian people? No!...I put it to your candor and republicanism, gentlemen," he implored, the Mexicans are "incapable of self-government...the Mexicans never afforded the colony a shadow of protection!"

Wharton decried the Mexican prohibition against additional immigration in 1830, stamping the government with the "foul blot of ingratitude."

"They imprison our citizens without cause, detain without trial and in every respect trampled upon our rights and privileges," he said.

Of Santa Anna, Wharton said: "While laying this flattering unction (sic) for our souls and indulging dreams of fancied felicity never to be realized, the military despot Santa Anna developed his tyrannical intention to reduce us to absolute slavery or to involve all who refused to be slaves in an undistinguished massacre."

"The Anglo-American race is destined to be forever proprietors of this land of promise and fulfillment. Their laws will govern it, their learning will enlighten it..."

In conclusion, Wharton asked the people to help Texas defend the principal upon which the nation was founded. "I invoke you by every principal honor, by every feeling of humanity, by every obligation of blood, by your devotion to liberty..."

U.S. government sources say Congress will not recognize



ELOQUENT PLEA—In the midst of the battle for independence from Mexico, Texans sent William Wharton to plead for help from the Americans. (Photo from original painting by Lajos Markos, Texas Capitol Building, Austin.)

Texas unless it receives "official" and regular dispatches from the new government there. Colonel Austin is reportedly

attempting to borrow money from eastern banks to help the effort. The committee passed a re-

solution advocating Congress assist Texas in its war. It is uncertain what the government will do at this time.

-Letters to editor-

Somerville median project opposed

To the editor, I have looked over the proposed plans for Somerville Street and other projects. As proposed, in my opinion, it will be a mistake to leave a median in the center of Somerville Street when the renovation of this street is done.

The proposed median will be about five feet narrower than at present. This will not provide sufficient roadway width for more than one lane of traffic if there is parking at the curb. The clear width of the roadway on each side will be 24 feet. Parking will take a minimum of 10 feet, leaving 14 feet for traffic. Obviously, this would not permit but one lane of traffic.

If the median is removed, as a saving of approximately \$61,000, the roadway width from the centerline to the curb would be 30 feet, three inches. This width will permit two lanes of traffic, plus 10 feet for curb parking. The appearance of the street will be as it now is from Cooke Street north. Another reason for eliminating the median, in my opinion, is that a continuing maintenance problem would not be built into the project.

This \$65,000 could better be utilized in removing the present inadequate restrooms and constructing a new one in Central Park. There would be sufficient saving in maintenance (no median) that in a few years there would be enough funds to construct a modern restroom facility in Marcus Sanders Park.

Somerville is a major traffic artery in Pampa whether some of us like it or not. I hope the City Commission will see fit not to go with a median in the middle of Somerville.

W.A. MORGAN

Street not wide enough for median

To the editor, Somerville Street is too narrow a street for a median and parked cars in the street.

Coming home a few minutes ago, I was driving north on Somerville with two cars rather close behind me when a black dog that had been in the median came in front of my car. I was sure the dog was not going to stop, so I did to keep for hitting him, and the car behind me had to stop suddenly to avoid hitting me.

There is talk of taxpayers paying for for this median and its upkeep.

If the people are so for the median, why don't each of them pay their share in front of each house for the median. Buy their shurbs and water from their own yards.

I am sure they will say this is crazy to even think about, but because of the cost and width of street for the traffic using it as Pampa builds on the North, the

Why coverage of game in Borger?

Thanks for listening. NAME WITHHELD

median should be forgotten or no parking allowed where the median is. Their birds and squirrels can stay in the trees in their yards.

This letter should be directed to the Pampa Daily News sports writer, but I'm not at all sure the man can read.

A few days prior to last Tuesday, news was released that two bi-district basketball games (girls) would be played in the area. One game, the Wheeler-Adrian game was to be played in Borger. This was duly written up in the PDA, about 1/4 page.

The other game, Kelton-Vega, was to be played in Pampa, same time, same date, but to get this information you had to go to the Amarillo Daily News. Not one word was printed prior to the game in Pampa. Nothing in the Pampa Daily News.

Wednesday, 19th, post game, the PDN has big layout complete with pictures of the Wheeler-Adrian game. Fine and good, congrats to the Wheeler girls. Final score, Wheeler 65, Adrian 43, 22-point win.

The game played right here in Pampa? Nothing, not even the final score was printed in the Pampa News. You want to know, get an Amarillo paper. Incidentally, the Kelton-Vega matchup was a much better game. Half-time score, 24-24. Final score, Vega 51 to 45.

So...I'll wrap it up. Expect an apology or some type excuse from Mr. Murry, Mr. Muddle, whatever. How do you excuse something of this sort. You can't. Please excuse any errors in this letter, composition, form, etc. Hell, if I could do all that, I might even be a sports writer. Move over Hasse.

RAY KEELIN EDITOR'S NOTE—Murray covered the Wheeler girls game because the Pampa News is not circulated in either Kelton or Vega. This means that we have a number of subscribers we could logically assume were interested in the Wheeler game. You are possibly our only reader who had a deep interest in the Kelton-Vega game.

150th anniversary of Alamo begins

To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World — I am besieged with a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna ... I shall never surrender or retreat ... — William Barret Travis, the Alamo, Feb. 24, 1836

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — It was not as if the defenders of the Alamo had no warning of the doom that awaited them that February day in 1836.

When Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna arrived in San Antonio Feb. 23, bent on crushing a rising rebellion among Texans, he hoisted a blood-red flag.

Such a banner was a traditional Mexican symbol of no mercy and no surrender.

President pushes Nicaragua support

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, asserting that the nation must "learn the lesson of Grenada," said Saturday that U.S. aid to rebels fighting the leftist government of Nicaragua is both morally right and vital to America's national security.

"The communists didn't succeed in Grenada, yet a similar

The defiant Texans inside, led by Col. William Barret Travis and Col. James Bowie, responded with a volley of cannon fire.

Thus, the stage was set for a 13-day siege of the Alamo, ending in the deaths of all 188 defenders.

The battle also served to set the stage for Texas' military victory at San Jacinto, where the battle cry was "Remember the Alamo."

The historic battle, a cornerstone of Texas history, will be revived and commemorated during two weeks of celebrations, ceremonies and parades.

Activities begin Sunday and come to a climax March 6 with a live reading at dawn of a historical account of the fall of the Alamo that occurred 150 years ago on that day.

Another highlight of the

celebration will be March 7 in Bracketville, Texas, where the famed movie "The Alamo" was filmed. A re-enactment of the battle will be staged there.

Among the stories to be remembered countless times in the coming weeks will be the legend of Travis rallying his troops.

Travis is said to have unsheathed his sword and drawn a line on the ground before his battle-weary men.

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typhoid-pneumonia, asked that his cot be carried over.

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Pampan among recipients of Silver Beaver Award

Willie J. "Bill" Cook of Pampa was among four recipients of the Silver Beaver award presented Saturday night during the annual Scouters' Recognition Banquet of the Adobe Walls Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Also honored with the highest award for volunteer scouting leaders were Larry Kyle Gordon, Forgan, Okla.; Bob Farr, Spearman, and Ernest Willis Hardy, Perryton.

Council officers and district chairman and commissioners also were installed at the banquet at M. K. Brown Auditorium, and 25 Boy Scouts were recognized for having earned their Eagle Scout badge during the past year.

The Silver Beaver honor is awarded for outstanding service to youth in the scouting program.

Cook has more than 21 years of scouting experience as an adult leader. He has served as Cubmaster, Pack Committee member, Troop Committee member and Troop Committee chairman.

He completed basic training in for Cub and Boy Scout leaders along with special administrative training courses at the Boy Scout camp at Philmont, N.M.

Cook has served as the District Committee advancement chairman and received the Scouter's Training Award and the District Award of Merit. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

He is an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church and has worked as baseball and football coach with the Pampa Optimist Club.

Gordon joined scouting more than 30 years ago as an adult leader with Explorer Post 62 in Guyton, Okla. He served as Cubmaster and Scoutmaster and is a Brotherhood member of the Chief Lone Wolf Lodge of the Order of the Arrow.

Having received the Scoutmaster's Key, he has served as district vice chairman, district training chairman and district chairman of the Camping and Activities Committee. He now serves as Troop Committee member and chairman of the Board of Review for Troop 103, chartered by the United Neighbors Club of Forgan. He is a Wood Badge trained scouter.

Gordon has served as mayor of Goodwell, Okla., and is active in Lions Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Farr participated in scouting as a youth and as an adult. He served as assistant Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, committee member, Merit Badge counselor and Webelos leader. He received the District Award of Merit. He earned the Scouters' Training Award and participated in Walk-

ing Wood Badge at Philmont.

Active in the Spearman Lions Club, he has served as Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the Spearman YMCA board. He coached the YMCA swim team and sponsored the Catholic Church Youth Organization. He served in the U. S. Air Force.

Hardy has served as an adult scouter for more than 12 years as an assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop Committee member, lay advisor for the District Order of the Arrow Chapter and a council executive board member. He was a leader for a Philmont Trek and received the Scouters' Key Award. He currently is serving as committee member with Troop 256, chartered by Perryton First Christian Church.

Active with the Chamber of Commerce and the United Way campaign, he serves as a trustee for the Perryton Independent School District system. He was a YMCA Little League baseball coach and has supported 4-H and Future Farmers of America programs.

John and Faustina Curry, council vice president, presented the four men with their honor.

With this year marking the 76th anniversary of the Boy Scouts, past council president Bob Curry installed the 1986 officers and district chairmen and commissioners.

Installed as president was Bill Farris of Borger, district manager for Southwestern Public Service. He is a past president of the Borger Rotary Club and Borger Chamber of Commerce and is past chairman of the Hutchinson County Cancer Society and Hutchinson County United Way.

Farris was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout and has been a scouter since 1951, earning the District Award of Merit during this time. He serves as a deacon and director of adult Sunday School at his Baptist church in Borger.

Other council officers are David Holt, Pampa, vice president administration; Don Babcock, Pampa, vice president finance; Scott Hahn, Pampa, vice president membership and relations; and John Curry, Pampa, vice president program.

Others are John Anders, Borger, council commissioner; Wyeth Osborne, Pampa, treasurer; James McCune, Pampa, assistant treasurer; Laurencio Garduno, Borger, vice president Exploring; and W. E. Gething, Pampa, National Council representative.

District chairmen are Otto Fritztz Jr., Pioneer District; Richard Sheppard, Buffalo Wallow District; Bob Hart, Kiowa District; and Bob Schnell, Adobe

District. Serving as district commissioners are Arnold Hallagin, Pioneer; Dan Prillaman, Buffalo Wallow; David Gauger, Kiowa; and Raoul Brown, Adobe.

Conner Hicks, council advancement chairman, recognized the 25 young men receiving their Eagle Scout badge, requiring a minimum of 21 merit badges, a community service project and participation in a Scoutmasters Conference.

Honored Saturday night were Mike Blake and Jeff Malcolm, Troop 548, Fritch Lions Club; David Bowles, Troop 103, Forgan, Okla., United Neighbors Club; Tommy Brewer, Troop 413, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Pampa; Billy Brownlee, Troop 507, Borger Kiwanis Club; Ira B. Davis, Troop 142, Goodwell, Okla., United Methodist Church; and Terry Joe Day and Tracy Day, Texas National Guard, Wellington.

Others are Justin Earls, Jim E. George, Dale Hallagin and Bryan Powell, Troop 163, Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, Guyton, Okla.; Roger Estlack and Jay Gage, Troop 433, First Christian Church, Clarendon; and Kelly Hendrick, Greg Logan and Scott Lucas, Troop 404, First Christian Church, Pampa.

Other Eagles are Michael Hardesty and Tim Trimmell, Troop 147, Beaver, Okla., Rotary Club; Doug Lasater, Explorer Post 575, Hutchinson County Historical Society, Borger; Monty Phillips, Troop 420, Stubbs, Inc., Pampa; James Stevens, Troop 401, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Pampa; Brad Sokolosky, Troop 414, First Presbyterian Church, Pampa; Gary Waldo, Troop 287, Kelton Lions Club; and Cody Wheeler, Troop 560, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Borger.

The Adobe Walls Council serves 12 counties in the eastern Texas Panhandle and the three Oklahoma Panhandle counties. It is headquartered in Pampa. Currently more than 3,800 youth are registered as Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers with a theme this year of "Catch the Scouting Spirit."

Former council president Dick Stowers served as master of ceremonies. Eagle Scout Billy Brownlee of Borger delivered the invocation, and council commissioner John Anders recognized veteran scouters.

Speaker for the banquet was former Texas governor Bill Clements, who was introduced by State Rep. Foster Whaley of Pampa.



SAUSAGE COOKS—Some of the local Knights of Columbus members who'll be cooking at the organization's annual sausage supper are, from left, Kevin Lombardozzi, Rev. Kevin Hand, Willie Rapstine, Gary Kotara, Dwain Urbanczyk, Ken Stach, and Larry Ebenkamp.

Knights of Columbus plan on serving lots of sausage

The annual Knights of Columbus Polish sausage supper, slated for March 2 at the Frank Keim Council, Knights of Columbus Hall, dates back 34 years but the recipe for the 3,000 pounds of sausage dates back 100 years before that.

"It began many years ago when the first Polish settlers arrived in the area," said general sausage supper chairman Gene Stach. "It was these early settlers who brought the original recipe along from their homeland. And this same recipe is still used in the making of our sausage, just as it was then."

"Today the great-great-grandsons of those early Polish settlers are involved, just as their forefathers were," Stach added.

More than 3,000 pounds - yards and yards - of the links will be served to diners at the supper, which will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Hall located on the corner of Ward and Buckler Streets. In addition, the Knights will serve about 1,000 pounds of potato

salad, 500 pounds of baked beans, 100 gallons of cole slaw, 100 loaves of bread, 150 homebaked pies, 24 cakes, 50 gallons of tea and 25 gallons of coffee.

The sausage supper keeps getting bigger each year. Last year, more than 2,000 people attended and the local council is hoping to beat that record this year.

Members and their wives from four area parishes, Canadian, Pampa, White Deer and Groom, are involved in putting on the supper. More than 100 Knights members spent more than 100 hours preparing for the dinner. The members wives contributed their 100 hours in preparing the pies,

cakes and baked goods.

Assisting Stach are co-chairmen Kevin Lombardozzi, Jim Duvall and Willie Rapstine.

Proceeds from the sausage supper will go to such Knights of Columbus charitable works as the statewide program for the deaf; Catholic Family Charities, which work with the underprivileged, the handicapped and the aged; and to local charities.

Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12, with children under age 6 admitted free. Take-out plates and sausage to go will be available. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any member.

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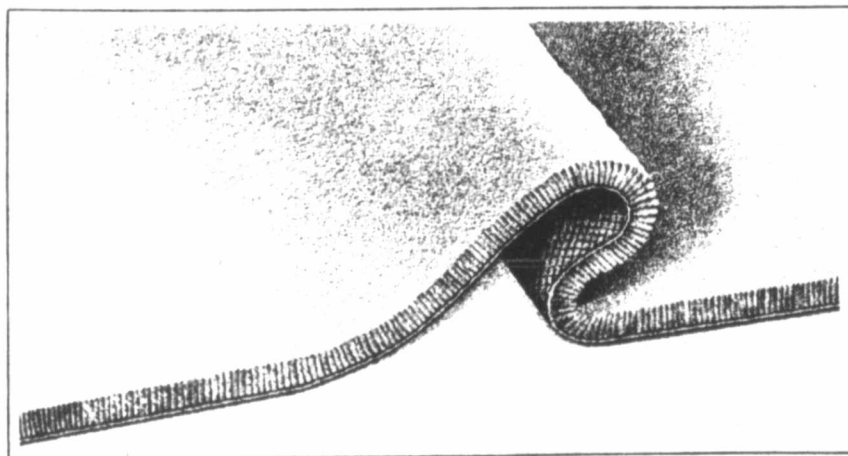
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FOR JEREMY'S BENEFIT - Jeremy Burns, 5, shows his Valentine box to Pampa Noon Lions Club members Dale West, left, and John Cleavinger during a recent visit to the child's home at Kingsmill. The Lions are

sponsoring a donkey basketball game March 13 at McNeely Field House to raise funds for medical treatments and related expenses for Jeremy, who has cystic fibrosis and polymyositis. (Staff photo)

Donkey game will benefit young cystic fibrosis victim

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Spectators are in for a fun-filled evening when Lions, policemen, coaches and news-entertainment media personnel take to the floor—figuratively and literally—at the March 13 donkey basketball game benefit.

Sponsored by the Pampa Noon Lions Club, the game will get underway at 7 p.m. that day in the McNeely Field House.

Proceeds from the game will go to benefit Jeremy Burns, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns of Kingsmill. The young child, currently attending kindergarten in White Deer, has cystic fibrosis, a lung disease, and polymyositis, a muscle deterioration disease.

Riding donkeys and attempting to play basketball, four teams will be playing in the elimination tournament: Pampa Noons Lion Club members, members of the Pampa Police Department, the Pampa High School coaches and personnel from The Pampa News and radio stations KGRO-KOMX and KSNZ.

Lions Dale West and John Cleavinger noted the donkeys have been trained to respond to commands that might be disconcerting to the players: running and stopping, bucking, sitting down and other tricks.

But no fear for the players: they have been assured they will be protected by helmets and knee and elbow pads. And some of them may actually score a few baskets.

The game will provide entertainment for spectators and some enjoyment for the players.

And the proceeds will help to defray some of the expenses the Burns family have for medical treatments and therapy for Jeremy.

Jeremy developed digestive and intestinal problems as a young child and experienced several bouts with pneumonia. After he visited a number of doctors for medical testing, his cystic fibrosis was discovered and, later, his polymyositis.

Cystic fibrosis is a disease of the exocrine glands, scattered

throughout the body and including mucus and sweat producing glands. In the disease, mucus producing glands in the lungs, pancreas and liver produce an extremely thick and sticky mucus which can clog up an organ, preventing it from working normally and eventually damaging the organ's tissues.

Abnormal secretions of the sweat glands cause a loss of large amounts of sodium, chloride and potassium from the body.

Cystic fibrosis is a terminal disease.

In the past couple of years, Jeremy has been undergoing treatments in Dallas, Houston and Amarillo, with medication and therapy regimes started to help stabilize his condition.

Now on steroid therapy, Jeremy is able to enjoy an active life, going to school, playing with his brother and making friends.

"He's 100 percent better," his mother Sandy Burns stated recently. "He makes friends easily; there are no strangers."

Rocket maker considered different sealing methods

WASHINGTON (AP) — The manufacturer of the space shuttle's solid rocket boosters, realizing the disaster that could result from an in-flight malfunction, had been evaluating 43 ways to seal the segments of the rocket even before the Challenger blew up.

Documents drawn up by Morton Thiokol indicate that if NASA is required to replace the seals before resuming shuttle flights, the program could be grounded as long as 27 months.

The documents have been turned over to a presidential commission investigating last month's shuttle disaster. The panel has been focused on fears that the seals do not work effectively in cold temperatures.

Data presented to NASA last August detail problems with seal erosion and recommend that efforts to solve the problem "continue at an accelerated pace."

At an October meeting of aerospace experts in San Diego, Calif., Morton Thiokol representatives asked for help from other aerospace companies in solving problems with the rubber O rings in the booster rockets.

The company has known since 1982 the possibility for failure of the O rings. The devices are designed to seal the joints between the four pieces of the 150-foot rocket and prevent hot exhaust gases from escaping.

The Morton Thiokol documents provide numerous options for redesigning the joints and modifying the seals and indicate the adjustments could take from four months to 27 months, depending upon which modifications are selected.

The information was prepared last August. Information about the seals that has come out since the Challenger accident has led some NASA officials to estimate the period for installing a new sealing system at 18 to 24 months.

According to the documents, Martin Thiokol asked its engineers to design alternative ways to fit the pieces of the 12-foot-diameter rocket together and devise a more secure seal.

They came up with 43 options which were outlined in a company report dated last Aug. 26 and passed along earlier this month to the investigating commission.

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Woman, civilian brig chaplain befriends sailors who run afoul of Navy regulations

By A.J. PLUNKETT
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — She's been "Mama" Bair to the men of the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station brig for almost five years, taking those under wing who have run afoul of Navy regulations.

Some of the men have trouble with drugs. Others have been absent without the Navy's consent for a number of months or years. Others have just bucked authority and gotten thrown hard.

"You just have to love 'em, where they are," without judgment, says Juanita Bair, an

ordained Assembly of God minister who says she is the first woman and first civilian to preach at the NAS brig.

"I give them permission to let them be themselves," said Mrs. Bair, the mother of two grown children, including a son who also is a minister.

Besides one-on-one talks with the brig inmates, Mrs. Bair holds a service of song, preaching and prayer every Friday night, a service she said attracts more than 50 percent of the brig population each week.

She also visits the men every Saturday and Sunday.

Although Navy chaplains also

hold regular services, the men seem to favor "Mama" Bair's.

"I'm different," she said. "I'm the mama."

Her main goal in working with the mostly young men, she said, is first to give them confidence in themselves and to restore them to a relationship with God, "because they can face anything if they are restored to their God."

"You take time and let them know they are important first to God and them to themselves," she said.

Her ministry in the past few years has become so successful that her name is known to Navy brass in Washington D.C.

Of the men's she's worked with, Mrs. Bair said, there have been few failures. Only one man was a repeat offender, and none of the men has served a prison term after leaving the brig, she said.

"They really are like my kids," she said, but only a very few of the men are hard-core inmates, such as sex offenders. Most are guilty only of minor infractions, she said.

"I had one man who as AWOL from the Navy for 15 years, and he carried that weight all those

years. His first good night's sleep was that first night he got picked up," she said.

Another man was from New Jersey, where both his parents were college professors. The man became involved with drugs and was put into the brig, she said.

"He didn't have any faith in himself and was scared to death. He had done all the things to make restoration to his family," she said. But the man was still reluctant to go home.

"I said, 'Robert, you don't have to be afraid to go home.'" She urged him to apologize to his parents for any hurt and to work out any problems.

"About two months later, I got a letter that said he was working with an Assembly of God church," she said. The church was having problems with teenagers getting into drugs.

"So Bob volunteered to get involved with the kids," Mrs. Bair said. Now the man is a full-time drug rehabilitation counselor.

Another of her "kids" is a missionary to New Guinea, she said. The man joined the Navy, but rebelled against authority.

"I was surprised anyone so

young could have so much hatred and resentment," she said. "But I just loved him, where he was."

There have been failures, she said. One man transferred to a long-term military prison facility where he committed suicide.

"I just couldn't reach him," she said softly. "He just couldn't handle things and ended it all."

Mrs. Bair fulfilled a life-long calling to the ministry nine years ago during a bout with recurring cancer. Baptized at an early age, Mrs. Bair said, she felt called to preach as a youngster. But her minister then told her ministry was something "girls didn't do."

So instead she married and worked as a medical secretary. Then she was diagnosed as having cancer, which at one point was so bad doctors recommended amputating a leg and a hip.

"I went through the typical

bargaining phase with God," she said, crossing her two healthy, cancer-free legs. "I said if he would take care of me, I would do what I had been called to do."

Being a woman minister has not been easy, she said. Many feel preaching is for men only, an attitude she has sometimes seen in her brig ministry.

"I had one from Canada who was a male chauvinist from the word go," she said. The inmate also had been a preacher.

"At first my attitude was kind of sour on him. I literally cut him apart with the word of God. But then I had a real hard time with the Lord," she said.

Eventually, she said, the man accepted her. "But in life, if you don't have any opposition, you're not doing anything. I guess the main thing is you have to love people, where they are."

Cancer victim reaches for star - meets Joan Rivers

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Thanks to a group called Reach for a Star, a 14-year-old cancer victim got to meet her favorite star in a visit with Joan Rivers in Las Vegas.

Kim Heath of Las Cruces, N.M., a community about 40 miles north of this border city, was a special guest of Miss Rivers during a show at Caesar's Palace Monday night.

The El Paso organization, which arranges for seriously ill children to attain their last wishes, also arranged for Miss Heath's sister, Pamela Ireland of Las Cruces, to accompany the teen-ager.

"Everybody was wonderful," said Ms. Ireland. "Joan was real excited about having a fan as young as Kim. She said she likes to reach younger people."

Miss Heath was invited backstage after the show to Ms. Rivers' dressing room, where she visited for about two hours with the star, band leader Doc Severinsen and Ms. Rivers' Yorkshire Terrier, Spike.

"It's just like my dog," said Miss Heath, referring to her own Terrier, Sidney.

Mike Hubley, a member of Reach for a Star, said the original plan was for Miss Heath to be a

special guest of Johnny Carson's The Tonight Show, which Ms. Rivers often hosts.

But the trip was rescheduled because Miss Heath was in the hospital. She was released Sunday night to make the trip to Las Vegas.

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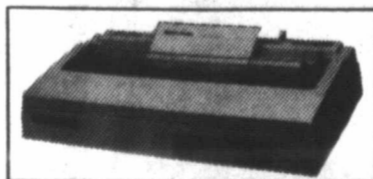
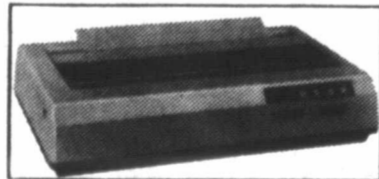
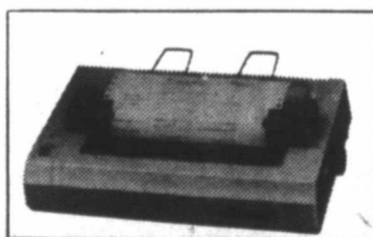
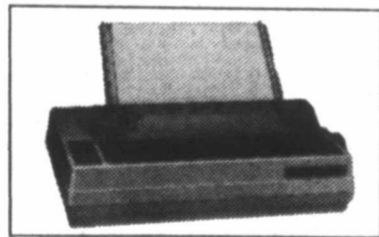
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Carrousel comes around again with tender, loving care

By DAVID MATUSTIK
Austin American-Statesman

GIDDINGS, Texas (AP) — Steve Keng would be the first to admit that the carrousel restoration project has kept him running in circles.

But after a little prodding, he will add that the project that consumes many of his hours off from being Lee County attorney has been worth the effort because of a feeling he gets when he watches the ride operate.

"The reason I got into it was the looks on those kids' faces. They go into a trance," said Keng, nicknamed "the hobby horse man" by one of the children.

A carrousel has been part of the entertainment at the Lee County Fair since the early 1930s.

That one fact can be verified. But how the merry-go-round became property of the Lee County Fair Association is now blurred in the memories of old timers.

Keng has heard two stories. One is that a hobby horse committee of the fair association went to the Galveston-Houston area in the early 1930s and bought a carrousel.

Carrouseles in those days carried a \$1,500 price tag — somewhat steep for a small country town — but the ride's popularity justified the expense and no respectable carnival would not have a merry-go-round as a featured attraction.

Another account is that a traveling carnival brought the carrousel to the fairgrounds and was to give the fair association a percentage of what it made.

The carnies split town without paying, so some civic-minded Giddings residents tracked them down. The carrousel became payment for the debt.

Keng tends to believe the latter version because Giddings is a German town with the tendency toward conservative — some would say tight-fisted — money ways.

"I can't imagine they'd buy something for amusement," Keng said.

After the fair association disbanded about 25 years ago, the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department inherited the fairgrounds and the carrousel. The Fire Department leased the ride to a service club to operate.

In 1983, when the service group decided not to renew the lease, the firefighters had on their hands a herd of downtrodden carrousel steeds that had seen better days.

"We had some horses with legs held together with electrical tape, with eight to nine coats of paint, no tails and no ears," Keng said. As many as 20 nails, accumulated from years of patching, were found in one animal's knee joint.

The Fire Department, which celebrated its centennial in 1985, decided to restore the carrousel as a combination 100th anniversary project and a Texas Sesquicentennial project for the town.

Keng, a volunteer firefighter, began to track the history of the carrousel.

Because various styles of horses were used on the carrousel, Keng believes at one time the carrousel in Lee County was sold by the C.W. Parker company of Abilene, Kan.

Parker was a carnival showman, carrousel manufacturer and merry-go-round dealer. To meet demand, he would use other manufacturer's used horses and carrousel parts to get one ready for sale, Keng said.

"Parker was notorious for pirating horses off traded-in carrouseles," Keng said.

The Giddings carrousel has a base made for 29 horses — 13 pairs of larger horses and three single small ones. It is missing one large horse and one smaller one.

It is considered a small carrousel — large ones have as many as 80 horses — and is portable for easy packing and assembling at short-run carnivals.

The 25 surviving larger horses were made by Armitage & Herschell Co. of New York, with some dating to the 1890s. All are jumpers — the position in which they are locked.

The horses are paired, except for the one whose partner was stolen. The outside horses are 50 inches long and 40 inches tall. The inside mate is slightly smaller — 45 inches long and 36 inches tall.

Two of the three small horses are remaining. They are 36½ inches long and 23 inches long. They are stretched into a running position, but also are called jumpers because they, too, move up and down along a pole.

The two smaller horses were made by Parker's company and date to 1911-1915.

Both small and large horses are more elaborately carved on the side facing outward. In the carrousel lingo, the more intricate design work is known as the romance side.

"Each horse has its own personality," Keng said. "At first I thought they had the same face," but Keng now can point out the fine differences of expression that might go unnoticed by most.

"I haven't named any of them, but I've called them things," Keng said, laughing.

Each Tuesday night since May

— the volunteers led by Keng, Fire Chief Jose Arriaga and firefighters Garland Gibbins and Gay Fritcher — meet to work in the pieces of the once proud stallions. Another regular volunteer is Kay Bassham, a Giddings hospital employee, who has adopted the project.

First the layers are stripped off, then loose joints are fixed or taken off if parts need to be replaced. Wood dowels, instead of screws or nails, are used to fasten parts.

After the parts are sanded, the puzzle goes to 68-year-old woodcarver Wayne Peters.

"Every piece has a different

mystery," Peters said. "There's no rhyme nor reason. You can fix one and you start fixing the next one and the grain isn't running the same way."

Peters may find several different types of wood used on the same horse. Basswood is used as a replacement, but the original horses were made from poplar and broken parts usually mended with yellow pine.

After Peters is through, the horses return to the firefighters' stable for more sanding. A coat of primer is put on before the horses are shipped to Roswell, N.M., to be painted by an artist who specializes in this type of restora-

tion. Keng estimated that each horse takes about 70 hours of labor before it is completed. The goal was to have the horses done in 1985, but that deadline was adjusted after volunteers learned the amount of work each horse needed.

The restoration work has been both tedious and expensive. Without counting labor, the cost of redoing each horse is estimated at \$375. To have someone else do the work, would have cost about \$1,800 for each horse. Authentic horse tails, with a \$50 price tag, are ordered from a firm in Oregon.



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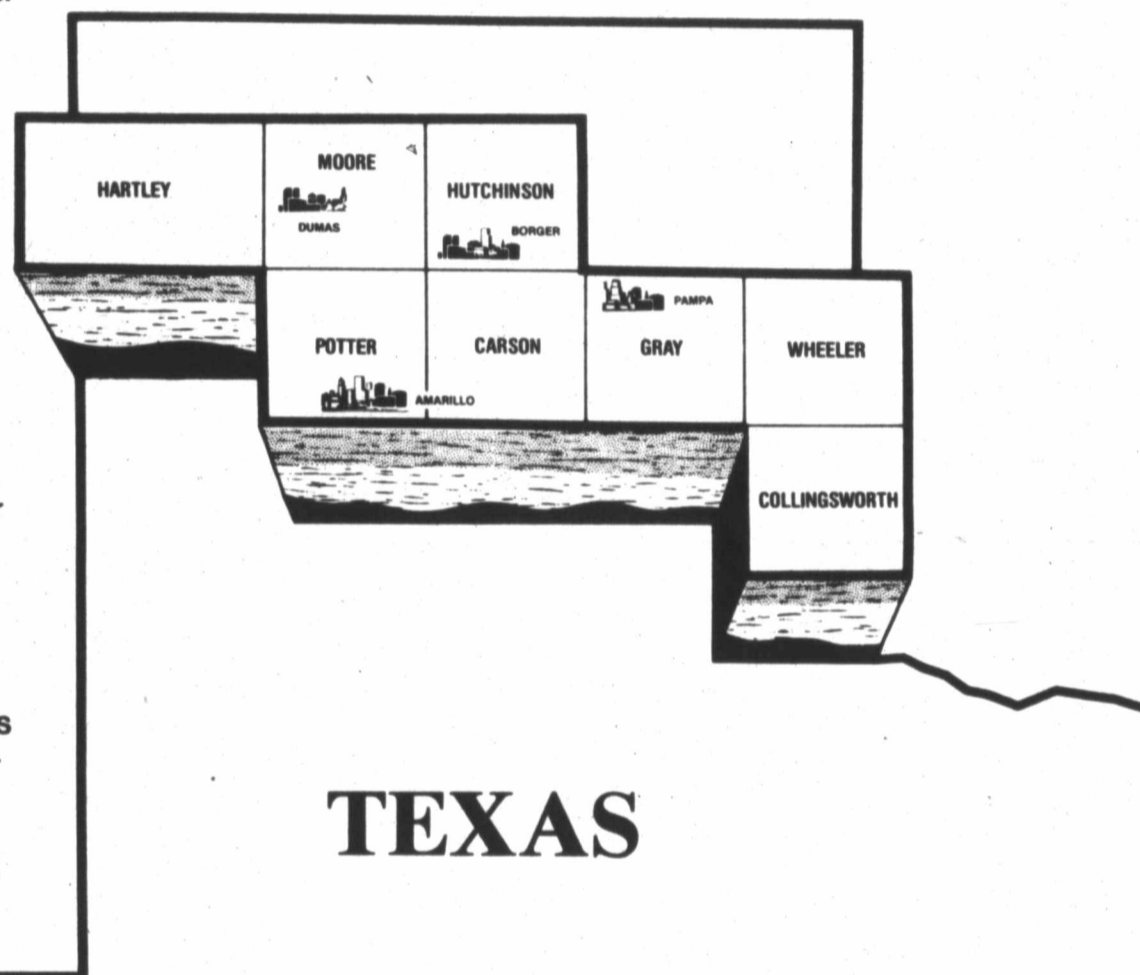
1 Boom...then Bust

In the early days of the industry, oil and gas wells were drilled literally feet apart. As a result, hundreds of fields were prematurely depleted. Throughout Texas you can see ghost towns that once were flourishing communities — victims of poor conservation practices. Today, communities are protected from this danger. Carefully drafted conservation laws have been passed to ensure stable, steady development and maximum production from oil and gas fields. The so-called "white oil wells" are an effort to get around these sensible laws. These illegal wells are nothing more than gas wells in a transparent disguise. They're disguised by white oil operators so they can drill their wells closer together — and drain the gas reserves at enormous rates. For their quick profit ... and an early death of the Panhandle Field. In fact, if white oil operators have their way, the Panhandle Field's gas reserves could be depleted in 3 to 5 years.



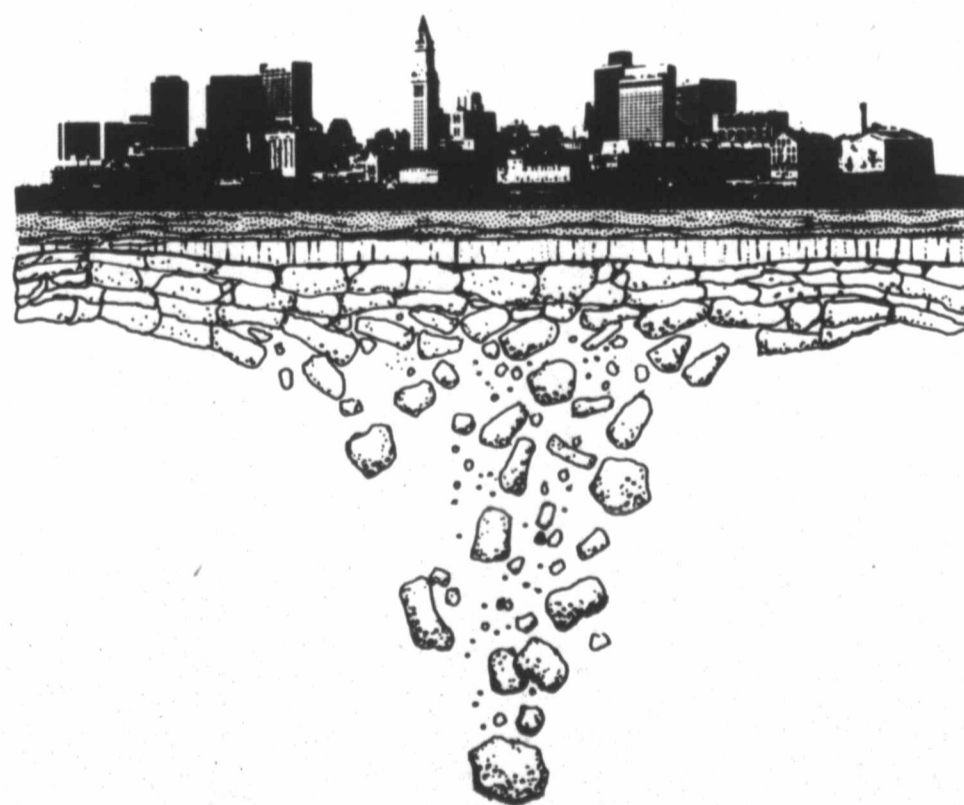
2 A Region at Risk

The Panhandle Field supports tens of thousands of people in an eight-county region. It is this region's largest natural resource and the foundation of its economy. Carson, Gray, Hutchinson and Moore counties, in particular, depend heavily on the jobs, the business income and the tax revenues that are generated by this major producing field. In these four counties alone, more than 6,000 people directly depend on the Panhandle Field for their jobs. Countless other construction, transportation, retail and service jobs are indirectly tied to Panhandle Field operations. The oil and gas-related payroll in these counties exceeds \$165 million a year. And oil and gas activity generates millions of dollars a year in tax revenue for schools, roads and other public services. All this could be in jeopardy in 3 to 5 years — if unrestricted white oil activity is allowed to resume. Today, white oil activity is illegal. But some people would like to see that changed.



3 Undermining a Stable Foundation

The evidence is clear. Prudent, sensible development of the Panhandle Field will allow gas production on into the 21st century. But unrestrained and excessive white oil activity will undermine the economy of this region and prematurely bring natural gas production from the field to a halt. The Texas Railroad Commission last year upheld long-standing Texas conservation laws and reaffirmed that white oil activity was illegal. Who wants the situation changed? Only the few who see a chance to make a quick profit by reckless exploitation of the field. Of course, this profit would come at the expense of hundreds of legal gas well operators ... plus the refiners, chemical processors, suppliers, service companies and others who will be hurt by the premature depletion of the Panhandle Field. Think about your own job, your livelihood and your neighbor's. Think about your community. Nothing can exist for long without a solid foundation.



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Frogs close in on title

TCU wins at buzzer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Texas Christian's Jamie Dixon didn't see the shot that killed Texas Saturday, but the mob piling on him at midcourt gave him a strong indication it found the bucket.

Dixon's stumbling, off-balance 30-footer at the buzzer gave TCU a 55-54 victory over the Longhorns and sole possession of the Southwest Conference basketball leadership.

"I couldn't see the basket," said Dixon. "The shot felt good, but I thought it would be a little short. But I was going forward. Then I heard the crowd and I knew."

TCU is now 12-2 with two games left in the league chase while Texas dropped to 12-3 with only one game remaining.

The Horned Frogs looked dead when Texas' John Brownlee hit two pressure-packed free throws with five seconds left.

However, Dixon took the in-bounds pass and dribbled the length of the floor. Dixon almost fell, then uncorked his shot with Texas' Raynard Davis hanging on.

"I thought I got fouled a cou-

ple of times, but I didn't hear a whistle sound so I just kept going," Dixon said.

TCU Coach Jim Killingsworth said, "I'm glad Dixon hit it, because I would still be out there arguing with the officials. He got hit three times on the play."

Texas Coach Bob Weltlich admitted the 'Horns were trying to foul Dixon deliberately because they weren't in the penalty situation.

"We hacked him three times and didn't get a call," said Weltlich. "It was totally unbelievable. We've got a foul to give and then they would have to bring it in with two seconds or so left," Weltlich said.

"I mean we mugged him and don't get the call. It's just a shame to end like that."

Killingsworth said, "Maybe somebody is looking over us. Now we have a good shot at winning the title. But I could sure pick out better places to go than Texas Tech or Houston for Guy V. Lewis' last game."

Weltlich threw his hands up in the air as the shot swished. "It's just a shame for the game to end like that," said Weltlich. "It's also too bad for

TCU to win it like that because it detracts from their overall performance."

The ball flew like an arrow into the bucket, triggering a mob scene at mid-court with players and fans from the sell-out crowd of 7,200 in Daniel Meyer Coliseum piling on.

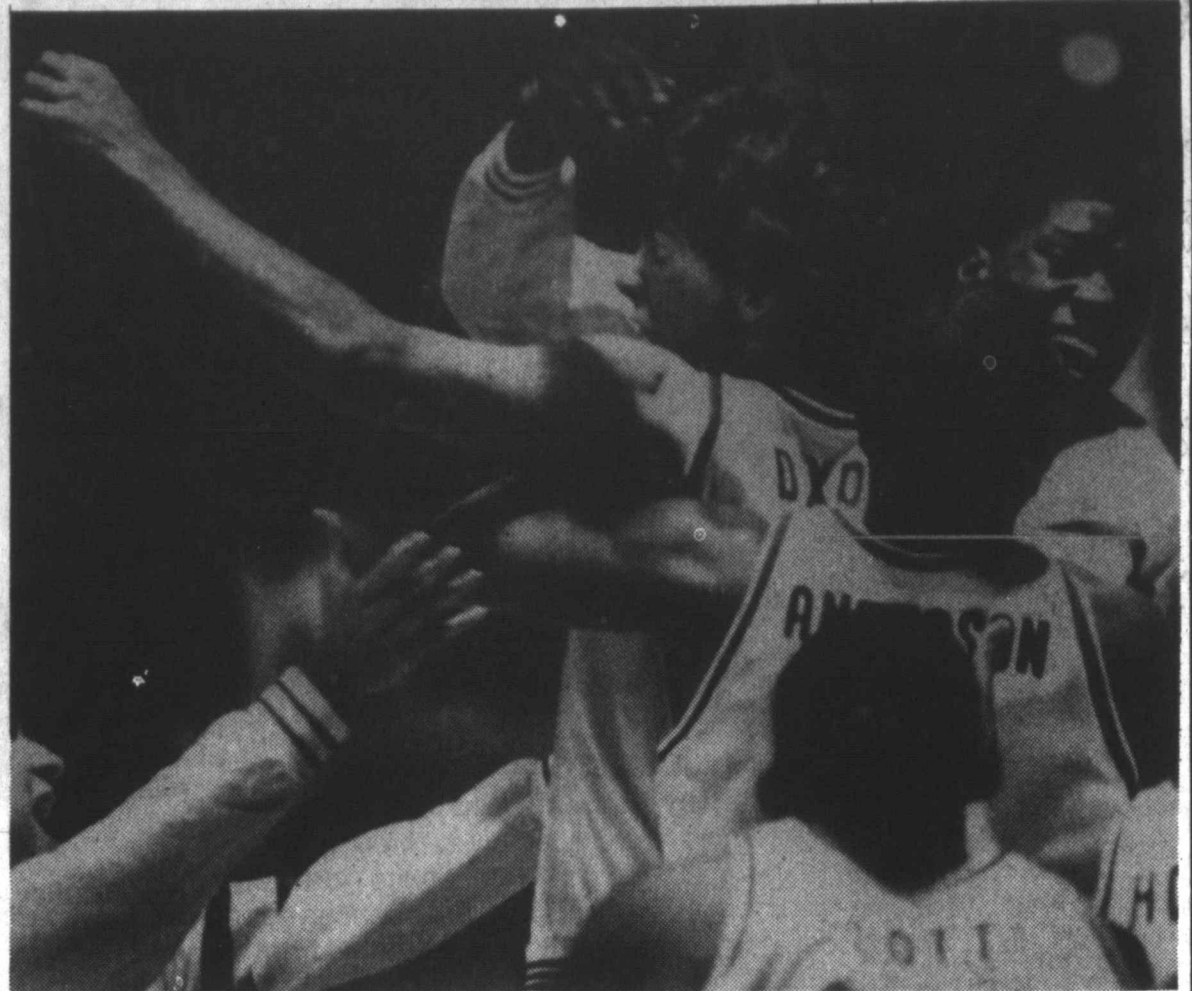
TCU, now 20-5 for the year, hasn't won an SWC title since 1971. The Horned Frogs are now 14-0 at home. They must go on the road to Texas Tech on Wednesday night then to Houston on Saturday March 1.

Texas' final game is next Sunday in Austin against Texas Tech.

The Longhorns, seeking their first share of an SWC title since 1979, were led by Brownlee, who had 17 points, and Patrick Fairs, who had 12 of his 14 points in the first half.

TCU jumped to a 13-point lead midway of the first period as Carl Lott scored 16 of his 18 points.

However, turnovers and a tough Texas defense cut TCU's lead to 53-52 on Brownlee's bucket with 1:04 to go.



MAN OF THE HOUR—TCU's Jamie Dixon is mobbed by teammates after his last-second 30-foot shot beat Texas, 55-54, Saturday. The win gave the Horned Frogs sole possession of first place in the Southwest Conference. It was the eighth straight win for TCU. (AP Laserphoto)

SPORTS SCENE

Lloyd wins Lipton title; Lendl advances to finals

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP)—Chris Evert Lloyd fought back from a 3-1 deficit and beat fast-starting Steffi Graf of West Germany 6-4, 6-2 Saturday to win the women's title at the \$1.8 million Lipton International Players Championships.

The tournament, the 144th that Lloyd has won as a professional, paid her \$112,500. The 16-year-old Graf has yet to win an event in her short pro career. She picked up \$56,250 as the runner-up in this two-week, Grand Slam-like event.

The men's final between top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and second-seeded Mats Wilander was scheduled for Sunday.

Both gained the final on defaults, Lendl when Jimmy Connors refused to continue their semifinal match because of what he considered a bad line call, and Wilander when Stefan Edberg of Sweden bowed out of their match with a stomach muscle pull.

Lloyd beat Graf by the same score in the semifinals of this event last year, but she had to fight a lot harder this time.

The West German refused to fold when Lloyd broke her serve in the first game. She broke right back, held her serve and

then broke again for a 3-1 lead. "I think I started out a little bit slowly," Lloyd said. "But Steffi came out roaring. She wasn't missing any forehands in those first few games."

Graf showed the impatience of youth in the next game, however, pressing too hard to finish off her serve. She ended a long rally at deuce by hitting an easy forehand into the net, then blew an overhead to give Lloyd the game.

They stayed on serve until the pivotal ninth game, when Graf hit another forehand long at break point, giving Lloyd a 5-4 lead.

The 31-year-old Lloyd took advantage of the opportunity, finishing off the set with a rare service winner.

"I was really happy with the way I pulled out the first set. At 4-all, I felt I played two great games. Then I started playing a lot better in the second set. I started hitting it out and matching her ground strokes."

After losing the first game of the second set, Lloyd demoralized her young opponent by rolling through five straight games.

Graf said she was satisfied with the way she played during the tournament as a whole, but she was disappointed with the outcome of the final.

"In the beginning, she was doing errors," Graf said. "I had chances in the first set. But she obviously knows what to do when it gets close."

"She didn't make any errors in the second set."

Lloyd had at least half of her 16 unforced errors in the first four games. Graf finished with 34 unforced errors.

Lloyd, ranked No. 2 in the world to Graf's No. 6, also whipped the young West German convincingly three weeks ago in the Virginia Slims of Florida championship match. The two battled on an even level through six games before Lloyd won nine of the next 10 games to win 6-3, 6-1.

With the victory Saturday, Lloyd pulled ahead of top-ranked Martina Navratilova in the season-long Virginia Slims Championship Series. She has 3,050 points, compared to 3,000 for Navratilova with four events left in the season, which ends in March.

Brad Gilbert and Vince Van Patten won the men's doubles final in a walkover Saturday afternoon because Edberg couldn't play because of his muscle pull. Edberg had reached the final with fellow Swede Anders Jarryd.

Pampa High golfers place third in Abilene tourney

ABILENE — The Pampa High golf team fought off cold weather and high winds on the final day to finish sixth in the Abilene Tournament Thursday and Friday.

The Harvesters shot a two-round total of 667 (318-349) in the 15-team tournament, which was held at the Fairway Oaks Course, site of the Southwest Golf Classic.

San Angelo Central shot a 644 (316-328) to win the tournament.

"The scores were high the second day because it got so cold the golfers could barely hold on to their clubs, and the wind was blowing 20 to 30 miles per hour," said Pampa Coach Frank McCullough. "It was also the most difficult course we'll play all year."

Monte Dalton led the Harvesters with a 164 (80-84), followed by Brian Loeffler 166 (81-85); Jeff Langen 167 (76-91); Johnny Snuggs 171 (82-89), and Jody Chase, 182 (81-101).

"Monte played real well. His

score didn't put him close to the medalist, but it was more respectable than a lot of them out there," McCullough said. "There were 80 golfers in the tournament and Monte probably finished in the top 15."

McCullough said Loeffler continued his steady play from last year.

"Langen shot good the first day and Chase's 81 was good considering he just got out of basketball," McCullough said. "Once we get into district, people are going to see us playing real good," McCullough said. "We've got seven players who are real close to each other and it's going to be a tough task each week to see which five are going to play."

Pampa (Class 4A) and Abilene Wylie (Class 3A) were the only schools that weren't Class 5A in the tournament. Abilene Cooper, which has won the Class 5A state championship the last two years, had two tournament teams

which placed third and fourth.

"It was good competition and that was the main reason I wanted to get into it," said McCullough. "It was a good way to find out how good our team really is."

The Harvesters are entered in the Lubbock Tournament next weekend before starting District 1-4A play at Levelland two weeks from now.

Abilene Tournament (final standings)

1. San Angelo Central, 644 (316-328);
2. Abilene Wylie, 645 (304-341);
3. Abilene Cooper Two, 649 (314-335);
4. Abilene Cooper One, 656 (311-345);
5. Abilene High No. One, 662 (319-343);
6. Pampa, 667 (318-349);
7. (tie) Plainview, 670 (314-356) and Midland Lee, 670 (322-348);
9. Lubbock Monterey, 673 (323-350);
10. Odessa Permian, 685 (320-365);
11. Big Spring, 696 (317-379);
12. Lubbock Coronado, 709 (325-384);
13. Abilene High Two, 718 (334-384);
14. Lubbock High, 734 (336-398);
15. Odessa High, 755 (356-399).



ADVANCES TO FINALS — Ivan Lendl, ranked number one in the world, advances to the finals of the Lipton International Players Championship today against Mats Wilander. Lendl won by default over Jimmy Connors in the semi-finals. Wilander defeated Stefan Edberg in the semi-finals when the Swede withdrew due to a pulled stomach muscle. (AP Laserphoto)

The Freeman File

Rangers compared to Quixote

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Don Quixote's team is off to the healing sun-and-surf of Florida for another shot at learning the art of major league baseball.

The Texas Ranger bats soon will be flailing the trade winds at Pompano Beach just as vigorously as the mythical chivalrous hero Quixote jousted windmills in 1605.

Some cynics calculate Quixote's triumphs against the elusive windmill blades would just about equal the prowess of Ranger batsmen against American League pitching.

The Rangers packed up their equipment and motored out of Tarrant County for the sunshine state and spring training without fanfare.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area is currently in the grip of the Dallas Mavericks and anticipating college basketball's Final Four in late March. They are still talking about the recent NBA All-Star game and Texas Christian Horned Frog basketball.

The Grand Prairie man-on-the-street probably has forgotten the Rangers lost 99 games last year.

Who remembers they finished TWENTY EIGHT games behind

the World Champion Kansas City Royals in the AL West?

The Rangers drew 1,112,461 fans in 1985, the 11th consecutive full season the club has drawn over a million.

Rangers' fans come out for the nachos and the zany ballpark atmosphere. Any victory is an unexpected bonus like a prize in a Crackerjack box.

Bad ball isn't condoned but it's expected. Rangers' fans basically are a patient lot. Boos ARE heard but it's usually too much beer talking rather than hard feelings toward the team. The Rangers don't have 10 cent beer night anymore.

In 13 years, the Rangers have no pennant to show for all the wear and tear they've put their fans through.

Bobby Valentine says he's going to change all that.

If Valentine isn't the original eternal optimist, he's a close second.

However, he may also be the original eternal realist.

Valentine replaced the fired Doug Rader last summer, leaving the New York Mets organization for his first big league managerial job.

The Tommy Lasorda protege soon discovered he was in the salt mines of major league hardball.

Rangers' pitching was 12th in the AL with a lofty 4.56 earned run average. Texas was 10th in batting and 12th in homers.

The losing attitude was prevalent in close games. The Texas record was 11-27 in one run games and 1-8 in extra inning contests.

Valentine isn't about to try to hoodwink the Rangers' fans.

What would be a good season? "I'd like for us to become the most improved team in baseball," he says. "At the end of the year I want people to say the Texas Rangers are the most improved team in baseball."

A modest goal, but certainly realistic. It wouldn't take a lot for the Rangers to claw away the spider webs and take a few steps out of the AL West cellar.

Also, there's a confidence in young Bobby that shouldn't go unnoticed.

What Valentine believes down deep inside his Dodger blue veins is that eventually he's going to knock some people's hats off with this team.

Red Raiders hold off Mustangs

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)—Texas Tech took advantage of Southern Methodist's 5-for-22 shooting in the first half and withstood a brief cold spell of its own en route to a 57-44 Southwest Conference victory over the Mustangs Saturday.

The Mustangs missed their first 11 field-goal attempts of the game, and the Red Raiders raced out to a 13-2 lead with 11:12 remaining in the opening period.

SMU used free throws to chisel the lead to 16-8 at the 7:49 mark, but Tech held a 30-18 lead at intermission.

SMU, which fell to 16-9 overall and 8-6 in SWC play, outscored the Raiders 12-2 to open the second half and trailed by only two, 32-30, after a three-point play by John Colborne with 13:03 left in the contest.

Tech, which upped its record to 12-13 and 7-7, then outscored the Mustangs 8-2 to regain a six-point cushion, 40-32, with 10 minutes left. The closest SMU got down the stretch was six points.

Senior guard Butch Moore was the only Mustang in double figures with 12 points. SMU connected on only 33 percent — 16 of 48 — of its field-goal attempts for the game.

Mustangettes' hearts broken by O'Donnell

By DAN MURRAY
Sports Writer

LEVELLAND — When your hopes for a state championship freeze on the rim, then plummet anyil-like to the floor, the bottom of your heart drops into a hole as empty and open as Levelland's Texan Dome.

The Wheeler Mustangettes' did here Saturday morning, as O'Donnell eliminated them from the Class 1A state girls basketball playoffs, 52-51.

Wheeler never trailed until a Stacy Bessire free throw gave the Lady Eagles a 52-51 lead with 21 seconds remaining in the teams' regional playoffs semi-final match, then it never caught up. Bessire's single point left Wheeler shooting for the win with five seconds left to play, then Gate pulled the bottoms from the hearts of the Mustangettes.

With the clock at :05 and needing a field goal to win, Wheeler's Tammy Baker tossed a high inbounds pass to teammate Bridgett Wallace at the free throw line. The off-target pass deflected off of Wallace's left side and into the hands of Wheeler sophomore Mandy Smith.

Smith was open on the right side, 12 feet from the basket, and she went up smoothly with the ball. The shot looked good as the clock reached :04. The ball struck the far part of the rim and veered down. It hit the front portion and crawled back up.

For three full seconds, the basketball and the Mustangettes' hopes stopped on the orange rim. As the buzzer sounded, gravity sucked the ball to the floor of the cavernous Texan Dome, outside the sphere of the goal. Wheeler's players dropped to their knees unbelieving.

Wheeler coach Jan Newland hugged the distraught Smith, and the Mustangettes congratulated O'Donnell and left the Texas Dome crying. How can they ever forget the sight?

Fouls are the reason Wheeler was left shooting for the win in the first place, and why the Lady Eagles played Nazareth for a state tournament berth Saturday night. Junior Marlo Hartman, the Mustangettes' leading scorer, whom Smith had to replace, missed over half of the game with foul trouble and was finally sent to the bench with five with 3:27 left in the game.

Wheeler's Hartman, Wallace, DeeAnn Jolly and Tera Henderson started the second half with three personal fouls each and missed action as consequence. Hartman picked up her fourth personal 1:30 into the second half and sat out eight minutes before entering the game again.

Jolly, after logging 15 first half points, picked up her fourth personal 35 seconds into the last half and failed to score again. After picking up her fourth personal with 11:34 left in the game, Wallace didn't score again either.

There was nothing any of them could do as the ball reached a decision atop the Wheeler goal.

After holding off Anton 50-47 the night before, Wheeler ripped O'Donnell in the first quarter of their match to see who would play defending state champion Nazareth in the regional finals.

Jolly scored the Mustangettes' first seven points and Baker

added a basket at Wheeler jumped to a 9-0 lead. Jolly started the scoring with a three-point play, then hit left then right before Baker connected and O'Donnell responded with a Maida DeLeon jumper.

Jolly put the Mustangettes up 14-2 with 3:00 to play, but she soon logged her second foul and joined Hartman, who drew hers 2:40 into the game, beside Newland on the bench. Bessire led the Lady Eagles on a 9-3 run and it was 17-11 at the end of the first quarter, during which Jolly scored 11 points.

O'Donnell ran a full-court press against Wheeler most of the game, and it helped the Lady Eagles narrow the deficit to 30-27 at halftime. Wheeler succeeded only partially in breaking O'Donnell's press, and the short, but quick scoring bursts the Lady Eagles got off of it made a huge difference in the game.

After a Bessire three-point play, Wheeler turned the ball over and Bessire hit inside to narrow the Mustangettes' second quarter lead to 19-16. Jolly and Henderson made it 23-18, but O'Donnell's Tammy Rogers and Billie Jo Garces scored the next five points to tie the game at 23-23 with 3:56 left in the half.

Soon afterward, Jolly and Hartman picked up their third personal fouls. A Kelli Sabbe free throw and a Baker jumper gave Wheeler its three-point halftime advantage.

In the second half, O'Donnell altered its 2-3 zone defense to put one player man-on-man with Jolly at all times, and the Wheeler sophomore didn't score again.

The Mustangettes were in deep foul trouble entering the final 16 minutes, and needed points from somewhere. Hartman had scored but two in the first half, and finished with only eight.

But Wheeler stayed in the

game because its lone senior, Angela Presley, scored six of her 11 points in the third quarter and covered for Hartman and Wallace inside.

Hartman drew her fourth foul 1:30 into the third stanza, and Presley entered the game. The Wheeler senior immediately pulled off a three-point play to give the Mustangettes a 37-31 lead, and scored the Mustangettes' next four points. O'Donnell narrowed the margin to 43-41, however, on a Bessire jumper with eight seconds left on the clock.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Eagles tied it right off, but Hartman fought twice inside for baskets and Wheeler went up 47-43. A pair of Bessire charity tosses made it 47-45. Presley rebounded a Wallace miss to give Wheeler a 49-45 lead.

Bessire dribbled the court length through Wheeler's press for a layup to make it 49-47. At the 1:17 mark, Presley hit from eight feet to make it 51-47. O'Donnell's Holly Pugh brought the Lady Eagles within two. Wheeler turned the ball over.

Bessire tied it from 15 feet with 43 seconds left. Wheeler missed twice for the lead. Bessire hit once from the charity line at the :21 mark to give O'Donnell its only lead of the game. Wheeler's retaliation died on the rim.

O'Donnell, 26-5 prior to its championship match with Nazareth, got 25 points from Bessire, eight from Pugh, six from Tammy Rogers and DeLeon, four from Amy Ortiz and three from Garces.

Wheeler got 15 points from Jolly and 11 from Presley in her final game as a Mustangette. Hartman added eight, while Wallace contributed six. Smith and Baker four each, Henderson two and Sabbe one. The Mustangettes finished their season at 28-4, after watching it hang for an eternity

on the rim.

Wheeler made it to the regional semifinals by beating Anton 50-47 Friday night. As they later did against O'Donnell, the Mustangettes rattled off eight straight points before Anton could score and took a 13-5 first quarter lead. Hartman scored six of Wheeler's points in the quarter.

Kim Buchanan and Cathy Riker kept the Lady Bulldogs close in the second quarter, but Hartman and Jolly continued to score and Henderson's 15-footer with five seconds left gave Wheeler a 26-19 halftime lead.

Jolly gave Wheeler a 30-21 lead early in the third period, and Baker scored six points in the quarter as the Mustangettes took a 38-27 advantage into the final eight minutes.

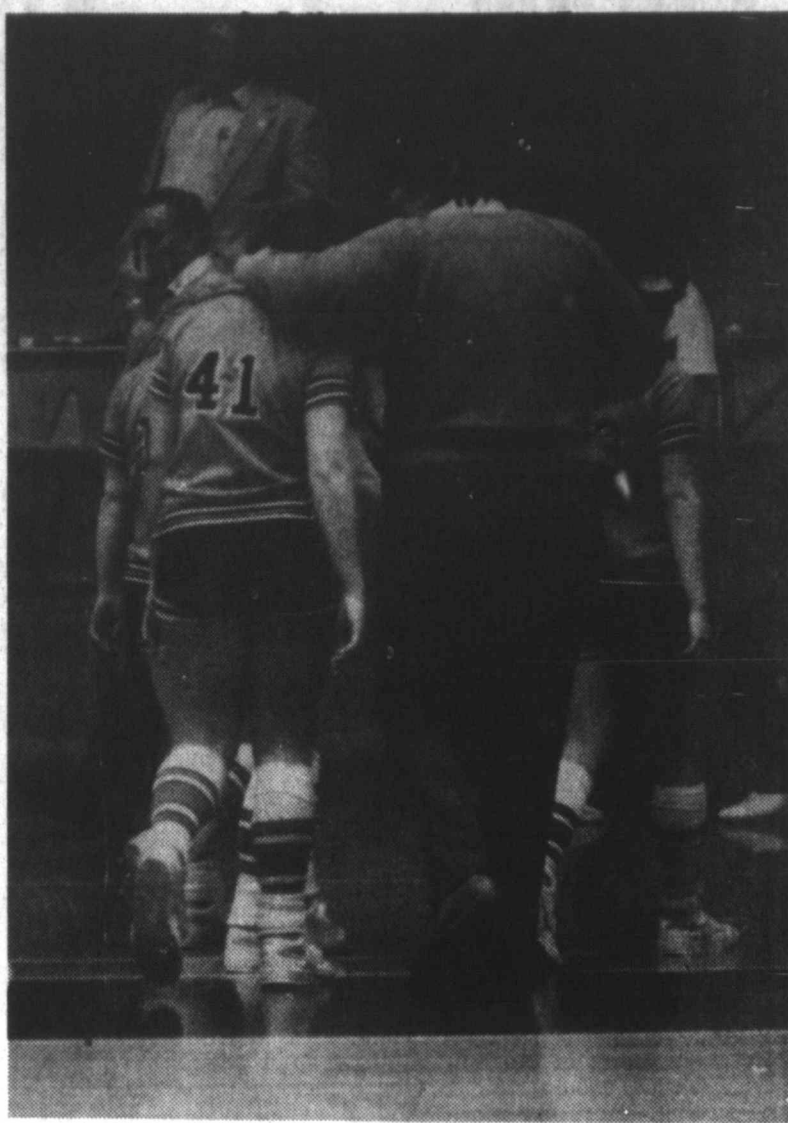
Anton made things tight then, and closed the score to 47-45 on a Denise Hunt jumper with less than a minute to play. But Jolly made two free throws down the line and Baker made the last one and the Mustangettes held on to win, 50-47.

Against Anton, Jolly had 20 points, seven rebounds, four steals and three assists. Hartman had 13 points and 11 rebounds, while Baker had nine points and five boards.

Buchanan paced Anton with 18 points and Hunt added 12.

In the other first round games: Nazareth beat Vega 45-15; Motley County upset Iraan 42-36 and O'Donnell beat Garden City 58-44. Nazareth pounded Motley County 73-40 in the first semifinal match.

Wheeler badly wanted a shot at the defending state champion Swiftettes, but the Mustangettes' hopes fell so slowly from the rim.



Wheeler coach Jan Newland consoles Mustangettes' sophomore Mandy Smith (41), whose final shot of the game stopped on the rim and fell out as the Mustangettes lost to O'Donnell, 52-51, in Class 1A girls regional basketball playoffs action Saturday in Levelland. (Staff photo by Dan Murray)

Rockets keep Dallas in line

DALLAS (AP) — With Houston center Akeem Olajuwon sidelined by a strained knee ligament, the Dallas Mavericks seemed a good bet to tighten up the NBA Midwest Division race with a victory over the Houston Rockets Friday night.

Ralph Sampson had other ideas.

"The main thing has been getting used to the post position again," he said after scoring 38 points and grabbing 15 rebounds in a 111-104 Houston win.

"Down low I can really control the offense," he said.

Friday night, he controlled the game as well. Moving from forward to center in Olajuwon's absence, the 7-foot-4 Sampson dominated on both ends of the floor.

When it was done, Sampson had made 16 of 33 from the field, played the full 48 minutes and left

Dallas center James Donaldson impressed.

"Nobody ever said he forgot how to play down low," Donaldson said. "The key was that they made a big effort to go to him. Put him at the low post, and he's going to cause trouble."

The trouble for the Mavericks began almost from the start as Sampson's 22 points helped stake the Rockets to a 57-51 halftime advantage.

After a 12-point quarter by Lewis Lloyd enabled Houston to extend that lead to 91-80 after three periods, Dallas trimmed the margin to 95-88 on a Donaldson follow shot with 9:27 to play.

Sampson, however, keyed a 6-1 Rockets spurt with a powerful dunk on a follow of his own and the Mavericks never drew closer than 8 points again.

"I was worried about Ralph coming into this game," said Dal-

las coach Dick Motta, whose team lost its second straight and dropped to 29-25 despite 28 points from Mark Aguirre.

"He's not like the way he played tonight when he is at the forward spot," Motta said.

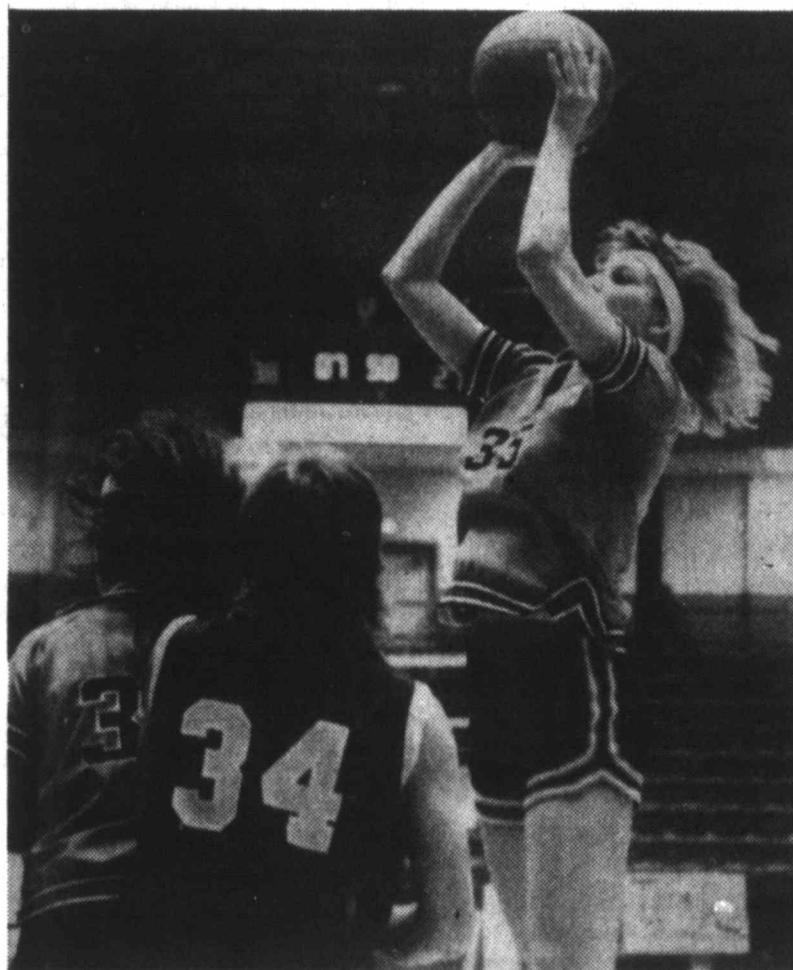
With Olajuwon due back in a few weeks, Houston coach Bill Fitch will once again have the happy problem of having two of the league's best centers.

Friday night merely pointed out what a luxury that is.

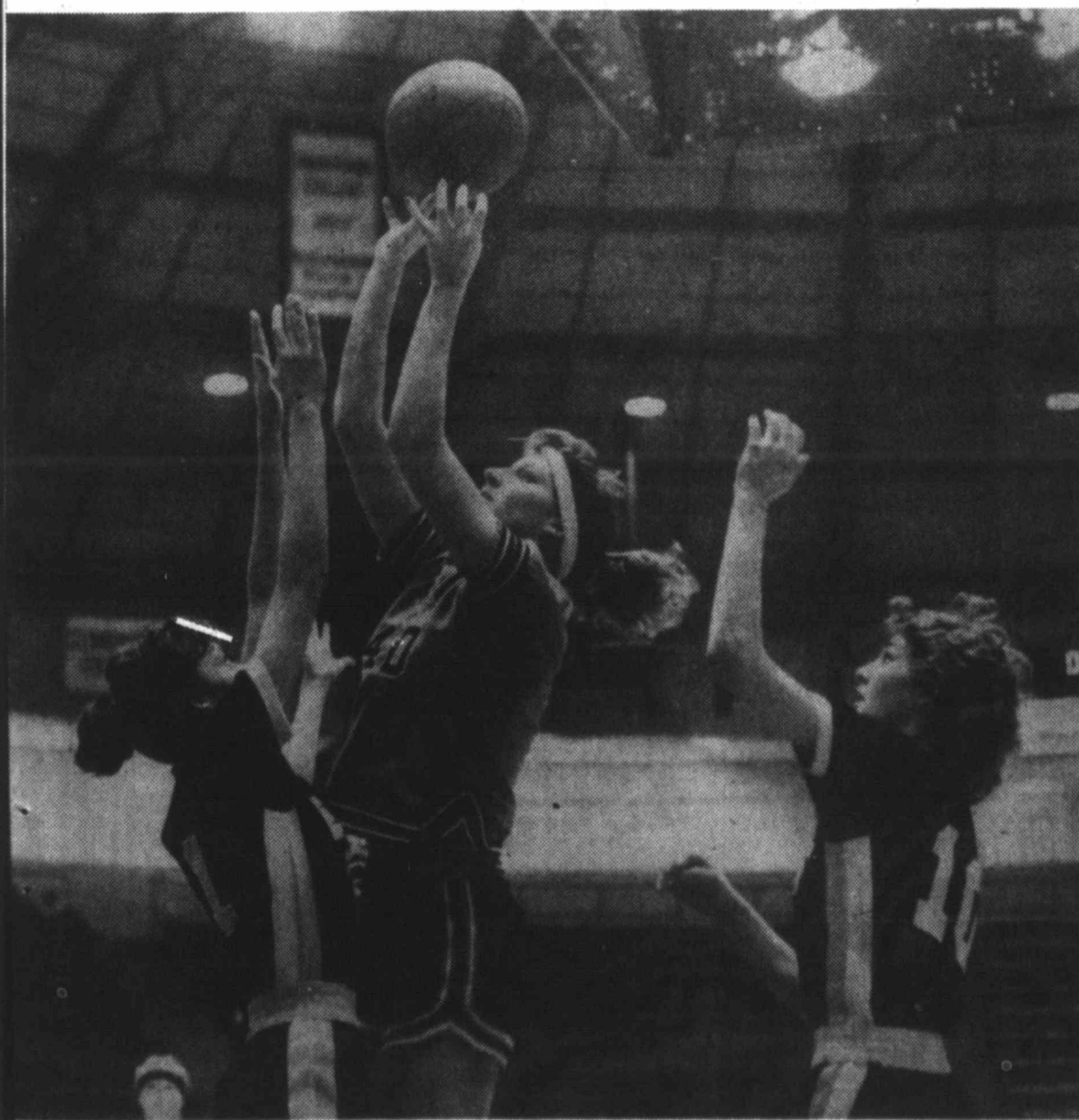
"That's the beauty of having two of them," said Fitch, whose team improved its division-leading record to 36-20.

"You can go to war every day or you can go to war every other day."

This one, certainly, was Sampson's day. "It was OK but I really didn't play the way I wanted to," he said.



Wheeler's DeeAnn Jolly (35) skies for a shot against O'Donnell during the Mustangettes' 52-51 playoffs loss Saturday in Levelland. (Staff photo by Dan Murray)



Wheeler post Marlo Hartman (40) goes high for a shot during the Class 1A Region I girls basketball playoffs Saturday morning in Levelland. (Staff photo by Dan Murray)

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HEY, RELAX COACH, RELAX! It's working, it's working.

To use your own terminology...and philosophy...this is a rebuilding year. You've got to be patient, as you want the fans to be, while we bring the young players along.

I'm speaking of no pass-no play.

I hate to get into that again, but with nothing else to write about, and this being a hot political item, the news media and the politicians have brought it to the fore again.

To fully understand it, we've got to accept some axioms. First, this is a political item designed to equate the huge pay raise the governor engineered through the last Legislature. Secondly, we all know that extra-curricular activities in the public schools, especially football, basketball and band, serve as the public relations arm of education. We must accept the fact that there are some poor teachers, and that there are some incapable students. And we must understand the primary intent of the taxpayer-supported school system is book-learning. There are more platitudes, but those are enough to start with. And taking them in reverse order.

There is more to teaching than subject knowledge. That is primary. But the ability to communicate with the student and to motivate the student and excite the student about learning is the greatest failing of many "teachers." Ferreting out those types is the problem. Six years of school board experience has proven to me that school administrators will not do the job. And just as your wide receiver will not tattle to you that the linebacker is breaking training rules, one teacher will not report another's deficiencies. So by placing no pass-no play in the spotlight, we will eventually begin isolating the key failure areas, which subjects, and eventually be able to designate the weak teacher. Then the final decision of whether it is a poor teacher or an incapable student must be made. The tremendous growth of special education classes for the supposedly slow learners is evidence enough there is a dual problem. Those special programs were once unheard of, along with "social promotions." Neither are as much benefit to the student as would be a qualified teacher. And then, coach, admit it. You try to secure some of your athletes in courses handled by friendly-to-you-program teachers. Unfortunately, many of those are conducted by members of your staff who are teaching out of their field, and doing little more than monitoring. Through the attention given no pass-no play, all of this should eventually be exposed...and for the sake of the student, and the taxpayer purchasing the instructional service...will be corrected. After all, you don't keep purchasing athletic shoes from the same manufacturer if the shoes don't get the job done.

We don't need to amplify any further the public relations aspects of extra-curricular events. You know that winning programs bring joy and happiness to a community, resulting in your immediate superiors being easier to get along with, and consequently your job security is strong. But have a couple of losing seasons, or horrible performing band or choir programs, and the taxpayers start asking questions. The uneasy school board members get tired of hearing constituents and changes take place. This despite the fact that academic scores may be at the very highest of levels. Unfortunately,

nately, the public mind determines the success of a school by other scores. Which is the major reason we are in the no pass-no play mess. And it is that particular mindset you are attempting to rally by calling the no failure edict unfair. One failure, you say, is not just. If there had not been one little part failure Challenger would have made still another successful voyage. If your placekicker had not missed one kick you'd have won the game. If your player had not missed that one free throw. Somewhere it must be taught that there is no room for accepted failure.

And the political aspect of it all is the distasteful part. We would have hoped that education would have been beyond politics. But your unions...you prefer to call them "associations"...started involving politicians, and now they are going to kick, swat, shoot, deflate and inflate that ball as they see fit for self-serving purposes. Pressures on legislators for salary increases, endorsement of candidates, active roles in rule-setting which should have been the responsibility of each individual school system, have resulted in some contrary action, much distasteful.

Yes, coach, it's working. Not perfectly. I, too, would prefer that the punishment be reduced to two or three weeks of redshirting. That will come when those who set the rules can find a way to do it without admitting an initial mistake. Meanwhile, you've got to be patient. Let the process function, rid our buildings of those inept teachers, identify the student that is truly in need of special education help rather than a victim of poor teaching instead of lumping them all together as is now done. It is slow, some will get hurt, but with a team effort, education in Texas will be better and everyone will profit.

There are benefits, too. As some are sent to the bench because of grade problems, others are given a chance they would never have otherwise gotten. And isn't that what education is about, a learning experience? Be proud you are part of it.

Remember the old single wing. To stop it you had to have your defensive ends and linebackers forget about trying to make the tackle. First responsibility to the team was to cut down the wave of blockers in front of the ball carrier, then have the secondary come up and make the tackle. It was necessary for some to sacrifice for the general team welfare. That's where you are now. Your programs are being used to chop through the obstructions to reach the real root cause of the problem. And once that has been tackled the ball will be in your hands.

It's working...three yards and a cloud of dust style...but if the ball isn't fumbled for some reason or another, with some minor blocking assignments adjusted, we'll finally score the winning points.

Umpires to meet

Pampa Umpires Association will have an organizational meeting Monday, March 3, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Energas Flame Room.

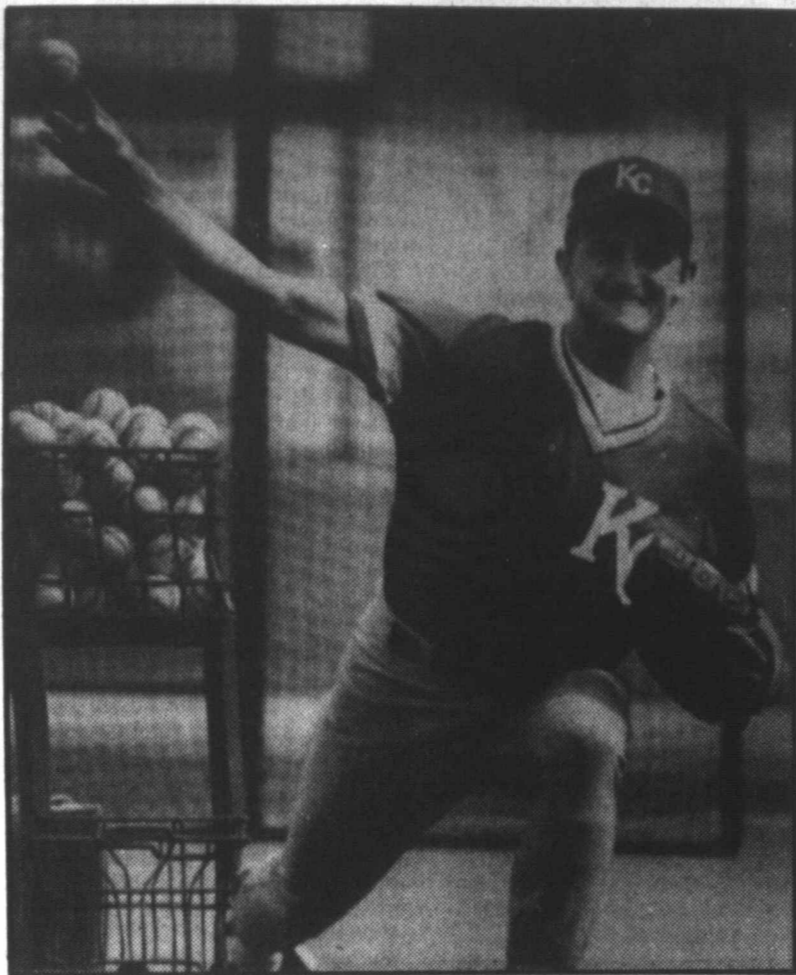
Association members and persons interested in becoming an umpire are urged to attend the meeting.

An umpires clinic is scheduled for March 17 through March 21, beginning at 7 p.m. in Room 202 of City Hall.

For more details, contact Association Secretary Randy Holmes at 665-2631.

Baseball roundup

Fingers' handlebar irks Reds' GM



READY TO THROW — Kansas City Royals' pitcher Brett Saberhagen warms up during Friday's spring training opener at Fort Myers, Fla. Saberhagen was the 1985 Cy Young award winner and World Series MVP. (AP Laser-photo)

By The Associated Press
Rollie Fingers is trying to find whether he has lost his touch as a major league relief pitcher. But he won't get the opportunity with the Cincinnati Reds this season because of his handlebar mustache.

Bill Bergesch, the Reds general manager who invited Fingers to training camp in Tampa, Fla., said Friday that Fingers wouldn't go along with the team's clean-shaven policy.

Bergesch quoted Fingers as saying, "The mustache is my trademark, and it has been for 15 years. I'm not about to shave it off just to play baseball."

Fingers, 39, former relief ace of the Oakland A's world championship teams in the early 1970s, later pitched for the San Diego Padres and the Milwaukee Brewers and became a free agent after last season.

Last season for the Brewers he posted a 1-6 record with 17 saves and a 5.04 earned run average in 47 games.

On the arbitration front, a decision on Boston Red Sox third baseman Wade Boggs' hearing was expected today after Friday's hearing. The American League batting champion, who won a \$1 million contract through arbitration last year, was seeking \$1.85 million for this season. The Red Sox offered \$1.35 million.

Two players were losers in Friday's rulings. The Houston Astros will play Frank DiPino \$280,000, which is \$100,000 less

than he had asked. New York Mets infielder Tim Teufel, acquired from Minnesota in the off-season, will get \$200,000 instead of his request of \$350,000.

Chuck Tanner, the new Atlanta Braves manager, said reliever Bruce Sutter, who underwent off-season arm surgery, will be allowed to set his own pace during the early drills. Sutter had a 7-7 record with a 4.48 earned run average last season.

Terry Forster, another reliever, became a casualty in the Braves' camp when he accidentally was kicked in the mouth by Coach Rich Morales during a sliding drill, with the emphasis on breaking up double plays.

Forster suffered a bruised lip and chipped teeth but continued working out.

Steve Carlton, the Philadelphia Phillies' 41-year-old left-hander coming off the worst injury of his career, impressed Manager John Felske.

"He really threw free and easy," Felske said. "The big thing was that he was on top again. He couldn't get his arm up high enough at any time last year to throw over the top. He says he feels great. His enthusiasm matches that of a rookie."

Carlton was 1-8 in 16 starts last year and underwent torn rotator cuff surgery.

Davey Johnson, the Mets manager, was happy with the throwing of Doug Sisk and Bruce Berenyi. Both pitchers had arm trouble last season.

Vaulters trade verbal jabs at Michelob meet

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Fast talking and a little brandy helped erase Sergei Bubka's threat to pull out of Sunday's indoor track meet here and preserved the featured East-West duel in the pole vault.

After Bubka reclaimed the world indoor best from Texan Billy Olson by clearing 19-feet, 5 1/2-inches in Friday night's Los Angeles Times-GTE meet, the Soviet vaulter declared he had no interest in competing at the Michelob Invitational at the Sports Arena.

"The competition in San Diego is of no importance to me, probably I won't even take part in it," Bubka had said.

When Michelob meet chairman Al Franken learned of Bubka's comments, he huddled with Bubka and leaders of the Soviet delegation and won a commitment from the Soviet vaulter to appear.

"My dad was drinking brandy with them until 1:30 a.m. (Saturday). They were mad. They were angry. They thought the Americans were cheating," said Franken's son, Don, who assists in running the meet. "It's all been smoothed out now and we're happy to have him."

Al Franken said Bubka was peeved by Olson's request Friday night to move the bar to 19-6 for his final jump.

The Soviets complained that the bar had to be raised at least two inches and officials agreed, so Olson wound up having to try 19-7 1/2 and he missed badly.

Olson, who set the previous indoor best of 19-5 1/2 two weeks ago, was upset after the Los Angeles meet, claiming the bar should not have been raised to the new height.

"I got beat and lost my world's record on the same night and that's not fun," Olson said. "I'm tired, but I think I still got enough in me to get it back (the record)."

The incident was the latest in a growing rift between track's premiere vaulters.

In recent days, Bubka has questioned Olson's sportsmanship as well as his skills.

In what he described as a light-hearted jab at his Soviet rival, Olson showed up at the Los Angeles meet wearing a T-shirt that read, "Sergei, Where's the Pit?"

Bubka earlier had said that Olson "wouldn't know which way to go on the runway" at a real championship meet.

Olson, meanwhile, struggled in the Los Angeles meet after accounting for four of the indoor records set this season. He cleared 18-10 1/4 to finish second.

San Diego will be the third confrontation in a month between Olson and Bubka.

In New York last Friday night, when Olson won, Bubka actually withdrew for a while when extra jumps were awarded to Olson and Joe Dial. Officials ruled that the Americans were distracted by photographers on their approaches.

Bubka's jump in Los Angeles was the eighth time this winter a new indoor standard had been set. He holds the world outdoor record of 19-8.

Besides Olson and Bubka, the Michelob pole vault field includes Dial, who had set a short-lived

world indoor vault best of 19-4 1/4 three weeks ago; Pierre Quinon of France, the 1984 Olympic

champion; Dave Kenworthy, who finished third Los Angeles with a jump of 18-4 1/2; and Bubka's older brother, Vasily. Kenworthy edged Vasily Bubka in Los Angeles by recording fewer misses.

Dirt riders win at Carlsbad

Members of the Top O Texas Dirt Riders Association competed in the Hackberry Enduro for motorcycles last weekend at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Winning first place for the TOT riders were Marc Reed, Overall C Class; Jodie Chase, 16 & Under

Class; Dwight Chase, 40 & Over Class; Jay Barton, 200 C Class, and Rick Allen, 200 B Class.

Brandon Strawn, 16 & Under Class, and Les Born, 200 C Class, finished second.

Others placing were David Jeffries, third, 250 B Class; Clint Deeds, fourth, Open A Class; Danny Strawn, fifth, 250 C Class, and Shaun Rodriguez, fifth, 125 C Class.

In an earlier race, James Skinner placed third in the indoor motocross race held in Lubbock.

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Crime

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quirement on doors makes them more difficult to kick through. He said dead - bolt locks, particularly those that open on both sides with a key, have been found to be the most secure lock.

Windows must be secured by auxiliary locking devices, such as screws, dowels, pins or key - operated locks. Denham said the turn locks found atop most windows are not enough because of strength and the fact they can be disengaged easily with a knife or sharp instrument.

Although recent news reports have been critical of metal bars or grates mounted outside windows because of several east Texas children who became trapped in a house fire because of them several weeks ago, Denham said security bars are now available with quick release attachments on the inside to mitigate fire hazards. He said they are probably the most secure method of guarding windows against potential burglars.

The insurance code says bars or grates can be substituted for auxiliary window locks in areas where safety codes permit.

Also under the code, sliding glass doors must be secured by secondary locking devices to prevent lifting and prying and garage doors must be equipped with key - operated locking devices.

The code also contains security

specifications for Dutch doors and double doors.

Once the police inspector certifies a home as meeting specifications of the code, the report is submitted to the Board of Insurance, which then issues the homeowner a certificate for the automatic premium reduction.

Even if a homeowner chooses not to try to meet all the insurance specifications, both Denham and Laramore said they feel the program is worthwhile in letting homeowners know what they can do to better secure their homes. Denham said his report usually includes both minimum and maximum cost factors for crime prevention.

For instance, he said, a window can be made more secure simply by drilling a hole and inserting a nail or screw.

"There's no way to make a house secure in the truest sense of the word," he said. But, he added, why make it easier for a would - be burglar?

Laramore said stopping crime before it happens is one of the department's goals. But that effort, he said, must involve participation from private citizens.

"Part of our job with the mission that we have and the goals that we have is the suppression of crime. Of course, if we stop crime, then we've got less work to do," he said. "But crime prevention is everybody's business."

How to make a home safe

Local police officer conducts security inspection

(Reporter's note: Pampa News staff writer Paul Pinkham and photographer Terry Ford accompanied police Cpl. Bruce Denham during a security inspection of a local resident's home. In order to maintain confidentiality, the home's location and the occupant's identity have been changed.)

because of the deadbolt lock.

But Denham pointed out that the lock was only about 18 inches from the door window and was a single bolt lock, meaning it can be opened from the inside, or by a hand reaching through the broken window, simply by turning the lock.

Denham recommended a double cylinder deadbolt lock, key operated on both sides. In order to mitigate an escape hazard, Denham said a key should be kept in a handy, nearby place if a double cylinder lock were used.

He also recommended equipping the door with a peephole, covering a viewing angle of at least 180 degrees.

"Always know who is on the other side of the door before opening," he said.

The inspector also noted that the door was probably too thin to meet the insurance board standards, which state that the door must be one and three - eighths inches thick.

Then Denham turned his attention to Cy's wood - framed, sliding type windows. He told Cy the locking method could be enhanced by drilling a hole in the back frame and inserting a nail or screw, which, he said, can be easily removed if the window needs to be opened.

"The hole should be drilled at a 45 degree angle, deep enough so that at least a third of the nail or screw overlaps the front frame," Denham said.

Cy asked about burglar bars and Denham responded they are probably the most secure method of reducing the chances of a burglary. Most now come equipped with a quick - release feature on the inside to lessen the chance of them becoming a fire hazard, he said.

As for the sliding bolt lock on the back door, Denham described it as completely inadequate. He said a six - year - old could kick the door in.

"It might take three seconds to get in without breaking the window," he said.

Then Denham took his inspection to the front yard. He said exterior lighting was poor with only a small porch light and the city street light providing any illumination.

Denham recommended installing high pressure sodium vapor lighting on two corners of the house. An estimate would be available from the local electric company, he said.

"Lighting is a great deterrent to residential burglars," Denham said. But, he added, "lights, if not turned on, are of no use to the home owner."

Denham found one positive note in that the house was not surrounded by fences or shrubs, which, he said, might offer cover for unauthorized persons.

Cy asked how much protection his watchdog offered.

Denham recommended a smaller house dog, which, by barking, serves as an alarm. A yard dog, tied up, cannot offer much protection and most people are not willing to spend upwards of a thousand dollars to properly train an attack dog, he said.

Three days later, Cy received a typed copy of Denham's survey, advising him of the recommendations made and what he must do if he wants the insurance discount. The inspection took about 35 minutes and cost nothing but Cy said he now knows a lot more about what he must do to make his home more secure.

GOP rally

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programs and determine which ones are not doing the job they're supposed to and which are simply too expensive.

"If it reaches that point, then this Congress, for the 32nd straight year, has failed to do its job," Boulter said. He said he feels the budget can be balanced without raising taxes.

Waterfield, who is running against state Rep. Buck Buchanan in the 88th District, said he thinks Gov. Mark White is proceeding properly to make an expected cut in state revenue due to declining oil and gas revenues by asking state agencies to cut their

budgets by 13 percent. But, he said, if the agencies can cut 13 percent without cutting employees or services, then there is probably too much "fat" in their budgets anyway.

Waterfield, who has served on the school board in Canadian, said White's sweeping Education Reform Bill, House Bill 72, contains both good and bad elements. He said he is concerned and insulted by how much control the bill takes away from local districts.

As for no pass, no play, Waterfield said he thinks a six week punishment period probably should be shortened to three weeks.

Geraldine Ferraro's son arrested

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. (AP) — The son of former vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro was a major cocaine supplier on the Middlebury College campus and was known as "The Pharmacist," police said.

John Zaccaro Jr., 22, pleaded innocent Friday in Vermont District Court to possession of a regulated drug with intent to sell. He was released on his own recognizance.

Zaccaro, a Middlebury College senior who had been under investigation for several months, was arrested after he sold one-quarter gram of cocaine to an undercover officer Thursday, police said.

A search of Zaccaro's car and off-campus apartment turned up a list of people believed to be involved in drug transactions with Zaccaro, according to an affidavit filed by police. Six to eight grams of cocaine and about \$1,500 the affidavit said was "directly related" to cocaine trafficking were found in the apartment, police said.

cocaine dealer whose nickname was "The Pharmacist," police Sgt. David Wemette said.

"I was told by numerous people in the past that he was one of the major suppliers up there (at the college)," Wemette said. "I was told he dealt before when he was here."

"He took a year off when he was on the campaign trail with his mother. He was a dealer when he came back," Wemette said.

Zaccaro's parents, Ferraro and John Zaccaro Sr., were not at Friday's arraignment. Ferraro was on a speaking tour in Hawaii, and Zaccaro's father was unable to leave New York because of bad weather.

Both issued statements supporting their son.

"Our son John has had some legal difficulty," Ferraro said. "We have hired an attorney to represent him. We love him and have confidence in him and will be standing beside him."

John is the couple's middle child. The other two are daughters, Donna and Laura.

Vermont Gov. Madeleine Kunin said Ferraro called her, "as a friend," seeking a recommendation for a lawyer.

Still another levee break threatened

ROBBINS, Calif. (AP) — Four hundred people were evacuated Saturday in flood-ravaged northern California after a levee bulged and began leaking, but a few miles to the north a breach in another levee was sealed and thousands of refugees waited for permission to return home.

Preliminary estimates set damage from floods and landslides all across northern California after nine days of torrential rain at at least \$225 million, according to the state Office of Emergency Services, not including the latest levee breaks that had chased more than 26,000 people out of their homes.

In all, about 38,000 people had to evacuate across northern California during the series of storms.

Saturday's evacuees were forced out of this town along the Feather River about 30 miles north of Sacramento by a weak spot in a levee along a separate channel, the Sutter Bypass.

Tom Mullins, a spokesman for the Emergency Services office, said the bulge originally was about 100 feet long, then grew to 400 feet and began leaking a four-foot-wide spout of water.

The water poured into a canal adjacent to the bypass, about three miles east of town, and

crews set to work to plug the gap.

He said helicopters and private vehicles carried refugees to evacuation centers, while trucks rumbled through the downtown area with dirt and boulders to shore up the weakened area.

Robbins Postmaster Ron Vraeten, 33, said he cleaned out the post office but "I'm going to stick around to help the community all I can. It's real tight-knit. Everyone is running around helping everyone. It's fantastic."

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—Billy T. Jones

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Foreign students report variety of impressions



Anu Laurila

The cold spell which dropped temperatures to below zero earlier this month may have left many Pampans out in the cold, but to Ana Laurila, it was like a note from home.

"Right now, it's snowing, very cold probably. Windy and dark," said Laurila, a foreign exchange student from Helsinki, Finland, now living with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brainard of Pampa. "In the winter, it's about 50 degrees below zero in the northern part of the country." The northern third of Finland lies within the Arctic Circle.

When the Panhandle weather swung to unseasonably warm temperatures, Laurila said "it's like summer to me."

Finnish summers hover around 70 degrees.

The unpredictable Top O' Texas weather was probably the

only part of Laurila's visit to Pampa that caught her off-guard.

Laurila is the daughter of a machinist and a school custodian. She is in the United States under the Youth For Understanding Program.

"I knew about this country," she said. "I read newspaper stories about America. And we get television programs from America, sometimes old and new movies, sometimes news programs."

"It's not really different from what I expected," she added.

Still, she admitted, there has been a lot to learn about this "foreign country."

"I'm learning a lot of new things," she said. "American history, that's new."

"And the school is different," she added. "I didn't expect so

much homework. I thought it would be freer."

"In Finland, the teachers and the students aren't as close as they are here," she continued.

Laurila is also surprised at all the activities students can be involved in at Pampa High School.

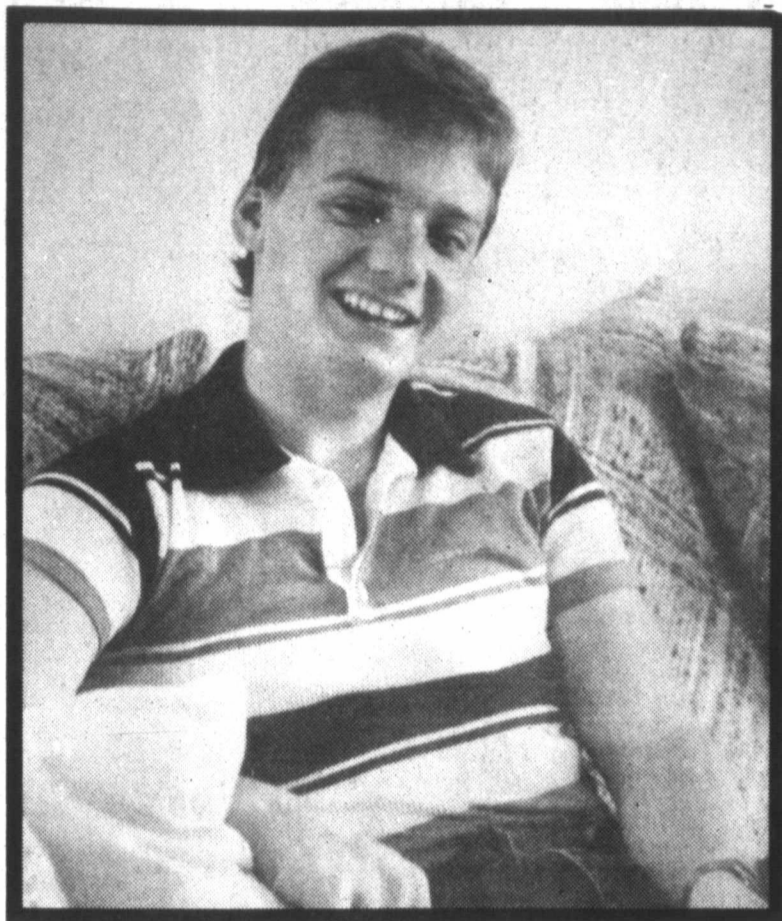
In Finland, she enjoyed cross-country skiing and ice skating.

"I kind of miss the skating and the skiing," she lamented. "I'm not very good in competition, but I know how to do it."

Having taken four years of English at her school in Finland, Laurila said she's had little trouble communicating with her new classmates.

"In the beginning it was hard because everyone talked so fast, but now it's better," she said.

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Michael Hoefler

Since Michael Hoefler arrived in Pampa from West Germany with no expectations or preconceived notions, he found no surprises upon his arrival.

"I didn't have any expectations," Hoefler explained. "It was like going on a holiday. I didn't think about it."

Coming from a small town near Nuremberg, in the state of Bavaria, West Germany, Hoefler fit right in with Pampans. Roth, his hometown, is about the same size as Pampa, he said. Nestled in the hills and forests of Bavaria, Roth is not as spread out as the Pampa, however, which did seem a bit strange to Hoefler at first.

"Everything was bigger, the streets were bigger. Everything was widespread," Hoefler says of his first impressions of Pampa.

And the exchange student did

think it was warm all year long in Texas. "I thought I could leave my winter coat at home," he remembered, "but (AISE officials) told me to go ahead and bring warm clothing."

Hoefler says he was happy to find that he had little difficulty listening to and understanding the English language, although it was a bit harder for him to speak in English. His seven years of English in school, gave Hoefler ample preparation, he said. Now he said he even thinks in English most of the time. "It's strange when you think in a different language," he said.

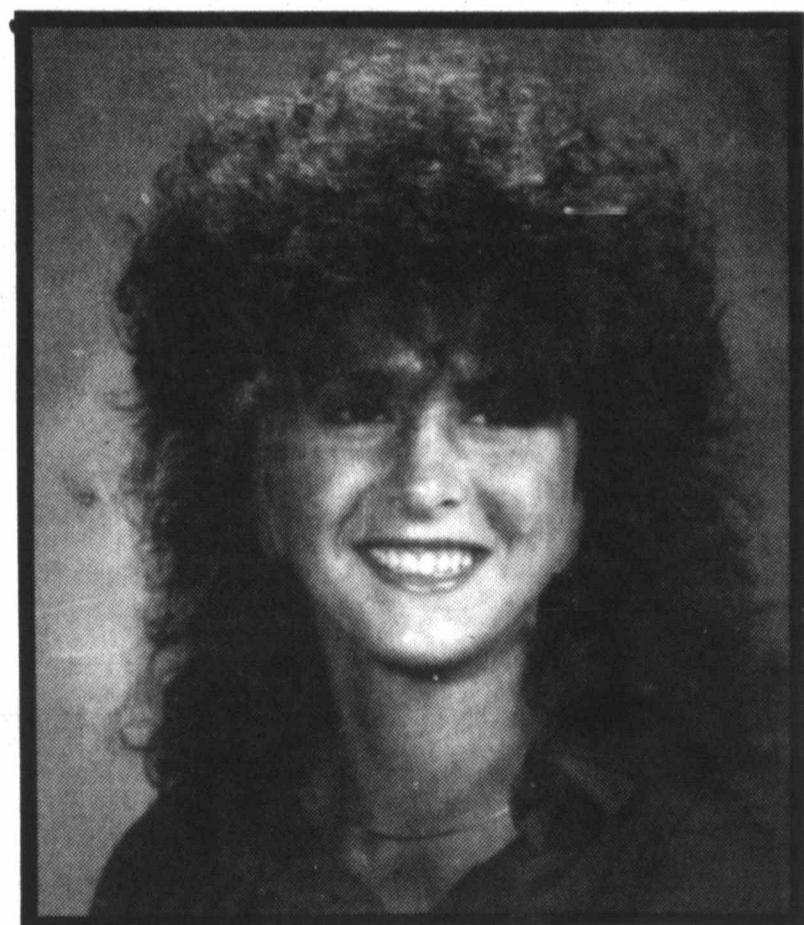
But Hoefler doesn't believe that he'll have too much of a problem readjusting to German when he returns. "It will probably take me maybe a week to get readjusted. I was talking to a girl from Germany here, and at first I

couldn't speak German at all. Then I kept getting German and English words mixed up. It took maybe 20 minutes for me to get back to speaking German. I may have a problem for a while when I go back."

As a participant with the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE), Hoefler is staying in the home of Gary and Sue Gustin.

In West Germany, his father is employed as a chemist and his mother, a homemaker. "That's usually the case in Germany. The wife stays at home when you have children," Hoefler explained. His sister Martina is 15.

When Hoefler returns to Germany he will take two more years of school. Germany has a 13-year Please see *Exchange Students*, page 19.



Lynette Visagie

Lynette Visagie found herself in for quite a cultural shock when she arrived on the flat plains of Texas, so different from Johannesburg, South Africa's cityscape.

Visagie says she was immediately impressed by how "very flat" this area was when she arrived on July 26, 1985. "I'm used to the tall buildings of the city," she explained. She came to Texas as a foreign exchange student visiting the Ed Brainard family.

"We (South Africans) think of America as a great place," Visagie said. "But it's not really like what we saw on the television shows. People keep to themselves here. They're kind of hypocritical. This shocked me. I think of Americans as being wild people, people who don't care what other people think. But peo-

ple here are very self-conscious. "Sometimes I felt very homesick. We've got lots of animals that I miss very much," she said. Visagie also felt that she stood out, particularly because of her South African accent. "People would mock the way I talk. Eventually that gets to you," she said. "But I feel 'in' now."

Regular letters to and from her mother in South Africa, plus a phone call from her mom every three weeks, helps Visagie keep her homesickness at bay during the remaining months of her stay in the United States.

"I thought I was independent before," she commented. "But I really am now."

Visagie's mother is a sub-accountant in South Africa. The exchange student will be returning to a new home when she goes back, since her mother has re-

cently bought a new house in Mayfair, a suburb of Johannesburg. Her father and two half brothers live in Springs, South Africa, where her father has a partnership in a sprinkling systems business.

Looking at her country from a different viewpoint has been disturbing, Visagie said, particularly the American press's handling of South African apartheid. "I get very mad about that," she said. "I feel like Americans shouldn't say anything when they're prejudiced themselves. I don't like the way you treat Mexicans, but I don't say anything."

Unlike many foreign exchange students, Visagie has not found language to be a problem. She's fluent in English, which she

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Krystel Wallart

Krystel Wallart, AISE student from France, arrived on American soil because she wanted "to see different things of the life and different peoples. I wanted to see how America looks like," she said.

Now that she has arrived here, as the guest of Pampans Bruce and Sharon Potter, Wallart has found that some parts of the United States are as she thought they would be and others are not. Her experiences here have given her some joys and some disappointments.

"People in America don't think the same way (as the French)," Wallart observed. "Maybe because the countries are so different. I live in the south of France and people are different even in France, those who live in the north are different from those in the south."

She was amazed at the size of the United States. "The U.S. is very large and you need to travel a lot of miles to change what it looks like," she said. The town where Wallart lives in France, La Fare Les Oliviers, is only 20 minutes from the Mediterranean, and is a suburb of Marseille, the second largest city in France, next to Paris.

Because Wallart's father is establishing a financial exchange center in Dallas, Wallart has been able to see him every three months since coming to America. "In Dallas, America is like I thought it would be. But not in Pampa. We had seen American movies. But I didn't know people were so different," she said.

Wallart's mother teaches aerobics and is a homemaker. One of her brothers, Frank, 18, is an exchange student in Arkansas. Her

other brother, Patrick, 23, lives in France.

"In France you have to be 18 to drive a car. Here you can do a lot of things. People are very different, especially the young people," she said.

French teen-agers often go to discos for entertainment, Wallart said, and they are allowed to drink alcoholic beverages. "We are more free than they are here, even if we could have a car very early. And we do more sports in France," she said.

American young people act differently, also, Wallart said. "When they are between friends, they didn't act like we do in France. In France, I think our relationship is deeper. It seems like they don't feel the same."

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Weddings

...and engagements



MRS. GEORGE RAY DANNER
Ruby Melissa Collier



MR. & MRS. WILLIE PRESTON RENEAU
Cyndy Giggy Thompson



SARA JANE RIEHART

Collier-Danner

Ruby Melissa Collier and George Ray Danner exchanged nuptial vows, Feb. 8, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in El Paso. The Rev. Roland McGregor officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Glenn Collier of Artesia, N.M. Parents of the groom are Alvin and Cathy Danner of McLean. Teresa Collier Crosby of Jal, N.M., was matron of honor to the bride. Roxanne Danner was bridesmaid. Best man was Gary Danner of Clovis, N.M., the groom's brother. Groomsman was Rick Kennedy of Miami. Guests were ushered to their seats by Henry Meggs of Dallas and Charlie Bobb of El Paso. Soloist for the wedding was Steve Collier of Dallas. Guests were registered by Maureen Collier and bird seed bags were distributed by Brittney Danner. A reception followed the ceremony at the El Paso Marriott Hotel's Grand Ballroom. A March honeymoon is planned with a trip to Taos, N.M., Ski Valley. The bride is a graduate of Kansas State University and is employed as a marketing representative for MedPlus, Inc. of El Paso. The groom is a graduate of McLean High School and West Texas State University. He is a gas controller with El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Thompson-Reneau

Cyndy Giggy Thompson and Willie Preston Reneau became husband and wife, Feb. 1, in an afternoon marriage ceremony at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with Father Ronald McCrary, pastor, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Giggy of White Deer. The groom is the son of Mrs. Selma Reneau of Spearman. Attending the bride were Lil Jackson of Alexandria, La., and Julie Walker of Pampa. Groomsman were Mike Johnson of Morse and Dave Clement of Perryton. Guests were seated by John Reneau of Pampa, the groom's brother, and J.W. Ward of Gruver. Layreader was Ernie Wilkinson of Pampa. Mark Pulse of Pampa was acolyte. Torchbearers were John Donnelly and Joseph Ragsdale, both of Pampa. Special music was played by Jerry Whitten on the organ. The bride is a graduate of Pampa High School. She is a member of Desk & Derrick Club and Pampa Fine Arts Association. She's a Sunday School superintendent and is employed by Magcobar. Reneau is a graduate of Spearman High School and Texas Tech University. He is employed by Phillips Petroleum Company.

Riehart-Rogness

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Riehart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sara Jane, to John Alden Rogness III, son of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Rogness of Cleveland, Tenn. The couple plan to marry on March 15 in the First Lutheran Church of Nashville, Tenn. Miss Riehart, a graduate of Pampa High School, received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Dallas and a masters degree from Vanderbilt University where she is currently completing a doctoral degree. She is employed by Educational Services for the Professions Inc., in Lexington, Ky. Rogness is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and is completing his doctoral degree in economics at the University of Kentucky.

Club News

Alpha Upsilon Mu
Diana Strickland and Kathy Black hosted the Feb. 17 meeting of Alpha Upsilon Mu where members agreed to contribute to Good Samaritan Place as their service project. A surprise baby shower was held for Tanga Bailey and her new daughter, Lee. Next meeting is to be Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Tamara Rogers.

Delta Kappa Gamma
Theta Delta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the First United Methodist Church here on Feb. 15. Nancy Coffee, president, conducted the business meeting where chapter rules were approved and adopted. Tracy Cary, musician and historian, presented a program on the Texas state song. He closed the program with a medley of tunes on the organ with each melody representing a historical period of Texas.

Beta Alpha Zeta
A surprise going away party was given for Tammy Shimon who is moving to Austin at the Feb. 18 meeting of Beta Alpha Zeta. Hostesses were Beverly Alexander and Sonja Longo. Next meeting is to be March 4 at 7:30 in the home of Marsha Shuman.

Sunshine Girls Extension Homemakers Club
Thirteen members of Sunshine Girls Extension Homemakers Club were present at the Feb. 18 meeting. President Nadine Wal-

drop led the group in a discussion of a survey for the Achievement Award Homemaker of the Year to be held later this year. Patty Boyd and Joyce Prater presented a program on safety highlighted with a humorous skit. Members joined in a covered dish luncheon following the meeting. Pauline Watson won the door prize. Next meeting is to be at 9:30 a.m., March 4, in the Gray County Courthouse annex.

Junior Service League
Junior Service League of Pampa met Feb. 18 in the home of Gladys Vanderpool where members discussed having a garage sale on March 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 227 E. Kingsmill. All members are to contribute items for the sale. Junior Service League is to help co-sponsor Operation Baby Save on April 17 & 18, along with the American Heart Association, Coronado Community Hospital and the Pampa Fire Department. Guest speaker for the Feb. 18 meeting was Carol Morgan of the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo who presented a program about the facility and its uses. Hostess duties were shared by Gladys Vanderpool, Diane Waters, Fran Stelman and Cay Warner. Next meeting is to be at 7:30 p.m., March 18, at the home of Omega Chisum, 1014 Quail Place, with Kim Laycock as hostess.

Celebrate Texas through books

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Why have a celebration of a state's history if there is no history to read about?

With that in mind, libraries across Texas will be conducting a Texas Voices: 1836-1986 program in March, April and May to give residents a chance to read and discuss five books on the state's history as part of the observance of the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration this year.

The Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa is one of 50 public libraries chosen throughout the state to participate in the book discussion program.

Scholars and authors will be discussing the five selected books, with participants then having an opportunity in group discussions to further review the history in the books.

Dan Snider, head librarian at Lovett, said the participating libraries were chosen because their applications indicated suitable library facilities, staff and community support, and deep interest and enthusiasm for the project.

The project is funded, in part, by the National Endowment for the Humanities. State sponsors are the Texas State Library, the Texas Library Association and East Texas State University.

Sponsoring the local Texas Voices programs are Lovett Library, the Lovett Memorial Library Board, the Friends of the Library, the Pampa Fine Arts Association and the Pampa Sesquicentennial Committee.

The five books are *Texas* by James Michener, *The Gay Place* by William Brammer, *The Wolf and the Buffalo* by Elmer Kelton, *Love Is a Wild Assault* by Elithe Kirkland and *With a Pistol in His Hand* by Americo Paredes.

All books are available on seven-day circulation at the local library.

Local dates for the discussions are:

- Sunday, March 2, 2-4 p.m., *Texas*, with local government teacher Richard Peet as scholar.

- Monday, March 31, 7-9 p.m., *The Gay Place*, with Max Sherman, LBJ School of Public Affairs.

- Saturday, April 12, 7-9 p.m., *The Wolf and the Buffalo*, with author Elmer Kelton discussing his book.

- Sunday, April 20, 2-4 p.m., *Love Is a Wild Assault*, with historian Bill Taylor.

- Tuesday, May 13, 7-9 p.m., *With a Pistol in His Hand*, with Patricia Knight, Amarillo College professor of English.

Snider said all the programs



Texas Voices

will be held in the auditorium of the Lovett Library with the exception of the April 12 program, which will be held in the Flame Room of the Energas Building.

The library and sponsoring organizations are making preparations for the programs, Snider said. Tentatively, two group leaders will be available for each program, with group discussions depending on the size of the crowds in attendance.

If 20 or less are present, the scholar probably will lead a single group discussion after his presentation. If more than 20 attend, then there will be two or three groups, using the group leaders and the scholar, Snider explained.

"If an unusually large crowd" is present, then probably the scholar will lead a single discussion, he said.

"We'll try to keep 10 or 12 people in each group," he said, though that may vary somewhat depending on the number in attendance.

The process of selecting only five books out of the many available on aspects of Texas history was not easy, Snider said.

First, 51 humanities scholars, largely university and college professors, nominated 40 titles. These titles then were ranked by librarians on the Texas Voices

Advisory Committee.

From the top rankings, the Texas Voices Steering Committee made the final choice of five books, keeping in mind such factors as the book's being in print and showing Texas' geographic, historic and ethnic diversity.

Even with that process, one book — *With a Pistol in His Hand* — was not currently in print, but the committee felt it was worthwhile. And the publisher agreed to publish a new edition, due out next month.

Snider said the library has several copies of all the books, with new ones being ordered in a couple of instances. The library has only one copy of Paredes' book, but others are on order from next month's publishing.

The books provide wide ranging and diverse looks at the state's varied history.

Michener's *Texas*, published late last year and currently on the best seller lists, offers a long-range look at the state with a history task force serving as a framework for the glimpses into the state's past. Brammer's *The Gay Place*, written in the 1960s, dishes up the variegated scene of Austin and Texas politics and the powerful, ruthless and dynamic men in control. Published early this year, Kel-

ton's *The Wolf and the Buffalo* concerns Gideon, a black U.S. cavalryman who fights Gray Horse Running, a Comanche brave, and his people on the last Texas frontier in Reconstruction days after the Civil War.

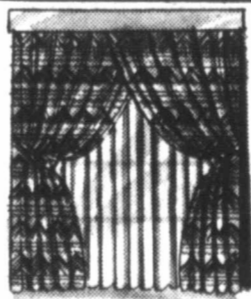
Love Is a Wild Assault is based by Kirkland on a woman's diaries from 1836 to 1842. The War with Mexico leaves Harriett and her children homeless and destitute, abandoned by her husband. She marries the famous and infamous Robert Potter, leading to disastrous encounters with his past.

Paredes' *With a Pistol in His Hand* brings Gregorio Cortez's exploits alive in a ballad that reveals the lives and nature of the Mexicans who became Texans, with their struggles and their triumphs.

The idea for Texas Voices grew from the development of reading and discussion programs for the American Library Association's "Let's Talk About It" program. The ALA held a seminar for western states in 1985 to develop a format and procedures to be used by public libraries for book discussion programs throughout the nation.

A Texas team involved in the conference decided the program could be tied to the state's Sesquicentennial observance and undertook the preparations to involve public libraries throughout the state.

That program is now ready. Snider said he felt Pampa should be pleased to know the Lovett Library is one of the 50 chosen out of the many libraries making application for inclusion in the project.



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Beverly Klein's quilt block to represent county

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor
A quilt block created by Lefors homemaker, Beverly Klein, has

been chosen to be included in the Sesquicentennial Quilt which will be displayed at the Panhandle-

Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. The top blocks from each county in the state were chosen by

panels of judges. Entries were evaluated on overall appearance, workmanship, originality of design, adherence to them, appropriateness of material, and use of color.

Klein heard about the contest at an Extension Homemakers Council meeting in Pampa last fall. "I decided I wanted to enter. So I began to think what it was Gray County was noted for," she remembered. "Where the wheat grows and the oil flows," kept coming to her mind, Klein said, as she considered the design for her block. Eventually, the theme became central to her idea. "And naturally I knew that cattle and farming would have to be incorporated, too," she said. "Then it all fell together."

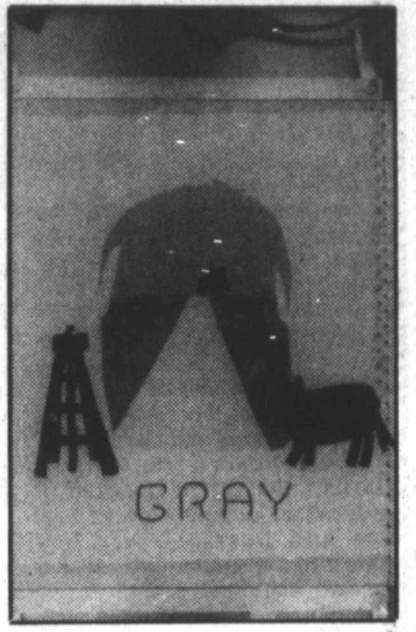
Klein's block shows an oil derrick and a cow in navy blue beside a green field and yellow row of wheat with the silhouette of a tractor in navy in the background. Stalks of wheat in yellow frame the scene all on a white background. Each piece was hand appliqued on the block.

"I worked on it for three weeks in my spare time," said Klein, who has been quilting for two years. Her interest in quilting began, she said, when she watched a program on quilting on television. She bought a book on quilting and began to teach the art to herself. "Everything I've made I've given away," she added.

The blocks were turned in to the Gray County Extension office on Jan. 17, and Klein was notified that she had won on Jan. 21. "I was speechless," she remembered. "I really was!"

She will now be honored at a ceremony at the museum in Canyon in April, along with each of the other county winners from the top 26 counties of the Panhandle. "To me it was an honor just to submit my entry, to be a part of the celebration, whether it won or not," Klein said. "It's an exciting thing to hand down, history-wise, to my grandchildren and to be able to tell them, 'Here's one good thing your grandmother has done.'"

Grandmother of six and a resi-



Winning quilt block

dent of Gray County for 39 years, Klein has lived in Lefors since 1958. She attended Pampa schools. She is married to Bob Klein, and they are the parents of four married children, Roger Klein of Lefors, Bob Roy Klein of Pampa, Randy Klein of Fort Worth and Susan Hudson of Tecumseh, Okla.

Area quilters arrived in Canyon this weekend to participate in the three-day quilting bee conducted to turn the 26 blocks into the Sesquicentennial Quilt. Scheduled to be completed today, the quilters have been working on a frame set up in the museum's front hall, with the public able to watch the process.

Each quilter was assigned a 20-minute session. The final stitches are to be placed in the quilt from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The quilting bee, said to be the only activity of its type this sesquicentennial year in Texas, has been co-sponsored by the Panhandle-Plains Museum and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



Mrs. Klein outlined her ideas on pad before making her quilt block.

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ANU LAURILA

Laurila's gentle, yet cheerful, personality has helped her make friends with people in Pampa.

"I like the people," she said. "When you go to the store, they say hello to you even if they don't know you."

The bright blue-eyed teen is no stranger to the foreign exchange program. Her older brother, now in the service, was a foreign exchange student through the Youth For Understanding program in Pennsylvania in 1984, and "he really liked it."

Laurila said she enjoys being around Pampa's other exchange students, "learning about their culture, the way they like it here."

"I'm very happy I know them," she said.

She plans on putting this multicultural experience to use as a guide or a language interpreter.

"I think being a foreign exchange student is a big help," she observed. "It's always interesting to know about other cultures."

In addition to the Scandana-

vian countries near Finland — Denmark and Sweden — Laurila has visited such diverse lands as Spain, Greece and Tunisia, (one day). But she finds the United States the most different.

"Probably that's because because I've been here the longest," she added.

Laurila said that the Youth for Understanding program is looking for exchange students.

"It helps to be an open person, willing to talk about your country," she said.

KRYSTEL WALLART

Wallart said she's had some difficulty making friends here. "I feel like I can't make friends here. They don't think the same."

She also had some problems with the language barrier when she first came to Pampa several months ago. "In the beginning it was very, very hard," she remembered. "I still have problems with my English." Once during the interview, she brought out her French-English dictionary to point out a word to the re-

porter, to help get her point across. But on the whole, she communicated quite well.

When Wallart returns to France, she plans to complete her high school education, followed by a couple of years of college, she said. "I would like to be a guide or interpreter — something to do with languages," she explained.

Because of her father's business in Dallas, she expects to come back to Texas quite often. Her family is planning on living six months in the U.S. and six months in their home in France, she said.

Unlike most exchange students who are unable to see their families for a year, Wallart shared Christmas with the Potters, her brother who is staying in Arkansas and her family who arrived here from France.

In between her father's visits to Dallas, she keeps in touch with her family through letters and telephone calls.

LYNETTE VISAGIE

speaks at home, and she's fluent in Afrikaans, a language descended from Dutch, which she speaks in her father's home. "Practically everyone (in South Africa) knows both languages," she said.

Visagie was amazed at the number of fast food restaurants available in the United States. "We do not have so many in South Africa," she said. South Africans do not eat out as much as Americans seem to, and, she said, "We like curry and rice much better." Mexican food is non-existent in South Africa, she said, and "our pizza is not so good. But our hamburgers are better — packed with more things, and they're juicier and bigger."

On her return to South Africa, Visagie plans to enter a university and study business. She has not yet made any further decisions on her future.

But before that, Visagie plans to "try to speak 'Texan' to im-

press my friends," using words like "awesome" and "ya'll." She's going to take home some Ding-Dongs and Twinkies and lots of lemon ice tea mix, something they don't have in South Africa. "I'm going to brag about everything I've done," she added, like a true Texan. "And tell about the concerts I've been to — Loverboy, Ratt and Night-ranger. We don't have concerts very often."

MICHAEL HOEFER

school system. Then he plans to enter the military for the required 15-month period. "They'll probably raise it to 18 months when I get there," he added. After that he hopes to go to a university.

American schools are quite different from German, Hoefer said. "School here's a breeze," he said. "The next two years in Germany are really tough."

In Germany, students take 13 subjects — three of which are languages. They go to class from 7:45 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., Hoefer said. "We don't have every subject, every day," he added. Two to three hours of study is needed every afternoon, he said. "I have the afternoons free to do what I like."

Hoefer said he feels he's ahead of American students his age in chemistry and physics, but that he likes American schools because he can take journalism, sociology and drafting, courses unavailable in Germany.

His experiences here have taught him many things, Hoefer said. "I've learned to adjust to a totally new life and new surroundings. I've gotten to see what it is like here and to get to know new things. I will tell them (his family and friends in Germany) that I liked it coming over. It was a very useful experience."

Hoefer said he feels he has increased his self-confidence through his trip to the United States. "It gets to be pretty strong doing a step like this," he said.



MR. & MRS. ELBERT DERR

Derrs to celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Derr are to be honored on their golden wedding anniversary, today, with a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Howardwick City Hall.

Hosts of the event are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Derr of Pampa and their family.

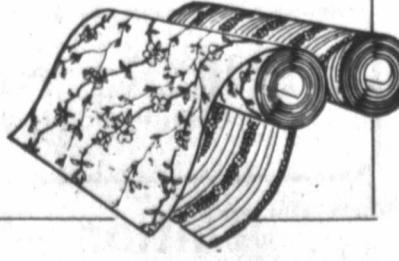
Elbert Derr married Nell Smith on Feb. 22, 1936, at Altus, Okla. They made their home at Mangum, Okla., Dalhart and Lubbock, before retiring at Howardwick in 1982. The couple are members of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

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The students, age 15 through 17, are to arrive in the United States on August 1986, attend a local high school, and return to their country in June 1987. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries and have spending money and medical insurance. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes, also.

AISE is also seeking American high school students, age 15 through 17, who would like to spend a high school year in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain or Australia or participate in a five week summer Host Family stay throughout Western Europe.

Families interested in this program should contact Sue Hutchison at 665-1780 or telephone toll free: 1-800-SIBLING.

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DAR honors area teens at Colonial Tea today

Las Pampas chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is to honor five seniors from area high schools as Good Citizens at the DAR's annual Colonial Tea today at 2:30 p.m. at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Those being recognized at the tea today include Angela Presley of Wheeler High School, Janet Risley of Clarendon High School, Melissa Fields of Groom High School, Amy Goldsmith of Lefors High School, and Karin Trgovac of Pampa High School.

Good Citizens were selected by their classmates and/or teachers to represent their respective high schools based on the qualities of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism. They answered a questionnaire, took a test and wrote an essay.

Angela Presley of Wheeler won at the local level. Her entry will now be entered in the state competition.

Angela Presley is the daughter of Ray and Shirley Presley. She has won academic awards in English, home economics, physical science and history. An active athlete, Presley participates in basketball and track. She has also competed in U.I.L. journalism and one-act play contests, where she was chosen as best actress. She has held many class offices, including class president, and has been an active member of Future Homemakers of America (FHA). Presley has also en-



ANGELA PRESLEY

couraged her classmates as a cheerleader and has been chosen as Key Club Sweetheart and homecoming queen candidate. Her musical talents in the school band has also brought her many awards. Presley hopes in the future to attend a Baptist college and possibly become a gospel singer.

KARIN TRGOVAC

Karin Trgovac is the daughter of Paul and Faye Trgovac of Pampa. An active member of the Pampa High School Harvester Band, she is now serving as the band's secretary. She was president of the PHS French Club during her sophomore and junior

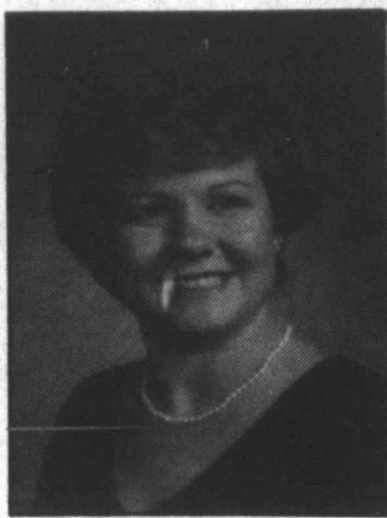


KARIN TRGOVAC

years and Key Club secretary her senior year. Trgovac is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Musicians and the PHS Student Council. Her writing ability has won her honors in U.I.L. ready writing contests. She has been chosen to participate in other writing contests, as well. The PHS senior enjoys reading and playing the oboe and xylophone. She plans to attend Rice or Trinity University next year and hopes to ultimately obtain a Ph.D.

JANET RISLEY

Janet Risley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Risley of Clarendon. She is a senior at Clarendon High School where she

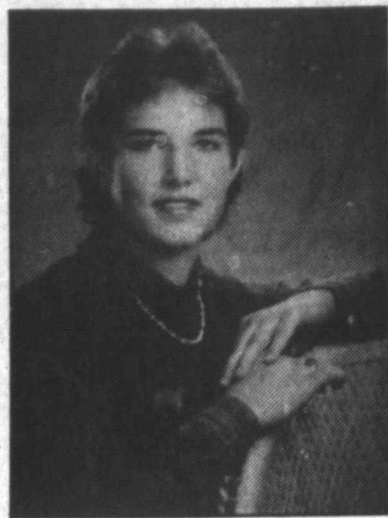


AMY GOLDSMITH

is a varsity cheerleader and participates on both the basketball and track teams. Her fellow classmates have elected her as senior class president, class favorite and vice president of both the Spanish Club and the National Honor Society. She has also held offices in the Future Teachers of America (FTA). Risley has competed in informative speaking, prose interpretation and feature and news writing contests. She plays the piano and enjoys swimming, astronomy and traveling. Her future plans include attending either Texas Tech or Baylor University.

MELISSA FIELDS

Melissa Fields, the daughter of



MELISSA FIELDS

Charles and Connie Fields of Groom, has been active in sports including basketball — all-district and all-region; tennis — regional qualifier and Most Valuable Player; golf, and track. She has also been a regional qualifier in U.I.L. spelling. She has been an officer of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) for two years, an officer of Fellowship of Christian Athletes one year, and a class officer for three years. Fields is co-editor of the Groom High School yearbook.

She likes water- and snow skiing, riding and training horses. Her future plans include attending college where she



JANET RISLEY

hopes to play college basketball.

AMY GOLDSMITH

Amy Goldsmith is scholastically the highest ranking girl in the 1986 Senior Class at Lefors High School. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Goldsmith of Lefors, she serves as president of the National Honor Society and the High School Choir. Her classmates have chosen her for the honors of FHA Sweetheart and Miss Lefors High School. An active member of her church, Goldsmith has 11 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School. She enjoys reading, listening to music and needlecrafts. She plans to attend Frank Phillips College next year.



Helping Hands

American Red Cross

Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for games at the nursing homes, to man the juice cart at Coronado Community Hospital, and some volunteer work at the Red Cross office. If interested, call Joyce Roberts, 669-7121.

Clean Pampa Inc.

Clean Pampa Inc. combats littering problems in Pampa and publicizes cleanup and beautification projects. Volunteers are needed on committees for business and industry, municipal government, civic and community areas, schools, funding and public relations. For more information call Jo Potter, coordinator, 665-2514.

Coronado Community Hospital Auxiliary

CCH's Auxiliary program needs persons of all ages to do volunteer work in various areas of the hospital. If interested, call Nancy Paronto, 665-3721, ext. 132, for an interview.

Coronado Nursing Center

Coronado Nursing Center needs volunteers of all ages to help elderly residents with art and exercise classes, and rhythm band. Teachers, one resident needs help with reading. Do you want a special friend? For more information, call Odessa East, 665-5746.

Good Samaritan Christian Services

Good Samaritan Christian Services provides food and clothing and referral services to the needy, working with volunteers from its member churches. Volunteers may contact the volunteer coordinator in their church. Food donations through member churches are also needed.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels, located in the basement of the First United Methodist Church, supplies hot meals to the elderly and home bound. This organization needs volunteer drivers and kitchen workers. Amount of time to work is flexible and can be fitted to the volunteer's schedule. For more information, call Ann Loter, director, 669-1007.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Pampa's chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association needs volunteers for fund raising activities. Can be individuals or organizations. For more information call Cliff Henthorn, community chairman, at 665-7613 after 5 p.m.

Pampa Nursing Center

Special need for male volunteers to visit with patients on a one-to-one basis, also need volunteers to help exercise classes in the mornings. If interested, call Velda Jo Hudleston at 669-2551.

Salvation Army

Pampa's Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to help with their monthly Golden Agers luncheon. For more information call Maggie Ivey at 665-7233.

Tralee Crisis Center For Women Inc.

Tralee Crisis Center for Women Inc. provides emergency and supportive services to battered women and their children. The crisis center is in need of telephone operators, people to work with clients on an individual basis, speakers for public awareness and education, and instructors for personal development courses. Call Tralee at 669-1131 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. for information. The 24-hour crisis "hot line" is 669-1788.

Texas Department of Human Services

The Texas Department of Human Services is in need of volunteers to help with the elderly and disabled who participate in the Community Care for the Aged and Disabled program. Training is provided. To register, contact the Pampa DHS office at 665-1863.

PAMPA COMMUNITY CONCERTS

People who sold tickets last year for Pampa Community Concerts Assoc. who have not been contacted to sell tickets for this year's fund drive may call Bobby Combs, Community Concert campaign chairman, at 665-1006 or 665-4728.



JUMP-A-THON—These students of Lamar Elementary School recently helped raise more than \$1,000 for the American Heart Association by bringing in \$50 or more in pledges. In the foreground, at left is Abeiah Betts who collected \$82.60, the most of all the student; with P.E. teacher

Cara Stone, coordinator for the jump-a-thon. Also pictured in the background, from left, are Bobby Davis, Heidi Venal, Melanie Grange, Dewayne Oudems, and Michael Smith. Not pictured is Josette Potter who also raised more than \$50. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

4-H Corner: dog project is for everyone

By JEFF GOODWIN
County Extension Agent

DATES

Feb. 24 — 7 p.m., Dog Project, Courthouse Annex.

Feb. 27 — 7 p.m., Courthouse Annex.

PROJECT SHOW

This year at County 4-H Round-up, to be held April 26, we will also have a county project show.

At this project show, we will determine which two entries in each 4-H project show class will be sent to the State 4-H Project Show at Texas A&M in June.

Entries in the different classes usually consist of exhibits, displays or actual hand-made items.

If you are interested, you need to contact your 4-H club leader or the County Extension office for complete details on the category of your choice.

Following are some of the different classes available to enter: veterinary science, leather craft, field crop exhibits, forestry, insect collection, beekeeping, wildlife and fisheries, rock collection, photography, wood working,

electric, energy, paintings, needlework, machine sewing, clothing, family life, health, safety, poster art.

ALL 4-H'ERS CAN ENJOY A DOG PROJECT

Whether living in the city or on a farm, a 4-H member can take part in the 4-H Dog Care and Training Program and gain valuable learning experiences.

This program is one from which all 4-H members can benefit. It enables any youngster with an interest in animals to learn responsibility and basic care and management practices.

Specific objectives of the dog care and training program are these:

1. To learn about major dog breeds and be able to identify their characteristics.
2. To study the responsibilities of dog ownership.
3. To demonstrate dog care and management in feeding, care, handling, grooming and fitting.
4. To keep records of all costs and management practices.
5. To learn and follow dog health regulations, including

first aid and simple treatments for ailments not requiring veterinary attention.

6. To train a dog to follow simple commands.

7. To understand the role of scientific research in dog husbandry.

8. To develop sportsmanship, cooperation, decision-making ability and public speaking skills through participation in demonstrations, tours, judging and exhibits.

4-H'ers in the program can ex-

hibit their animals at various dog shows over the state, including the annual State 4-H Dog Show, to compete for awards. Also, those who excel in the program can win awards provided by Ralston Purina Co., including an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago each fall for one member per state and six \$1,000 scholarships at the national level.

More information about the 4-H dog care and training program is available from the county Extension agent.

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Peeking at Pampa

Cheers for the blah season of the year between New Year's Day and Easter! No one seems to mind whether the snow falls or the sun shines. Not so with what goes on around town!

Hats off to Bob Hill on his work with the Dolphins, an independent swim team. He and Carmelita are proud parents of 11 children, all of them swimmers at one time. Two of their four active swimmers are on the Pampa High School Harvester swim team, Renita and Richelle. Rhea and Rene and a granddaughter Jaime are current family swimmers. Carmelita acts as a hand-igirl, ready with towels and encouraging words. Vickie and Fred Venal took Heidi and Bobby to their first swim meet, an invitational meet at Lubbock. Fred is famous for his daily running habits. Talitha Pope, third grade daughter of the Jerry Pops, is in her first year of swimming and loving it.

A brief peek at the Beta Sigma Phi Sweetheart Dance at M.K. Brown... Retha and Ray Jordan made a handsome couple. Retha, a chapter sweetheart, was dressed beautifully in silky, shiny pink. Mrs. Bryan Caldwell wore what the beautiful mother-to-be should wear. Irvine Dunn glittered and glowed in an all-over sequined dress of amber and gold tones. Gerry (Mrs. Clint) Caylor wore slinky black.

Somewhere around Valentine's Day saw Dr. Diane Simmons

dressed prettily in a soft mauve pantsuit, a dramatic contrast to her dark beauty.

Shoppers seen enjoying a trip to the grocery store were Diane (Mrs. Lee) Waters and her two darling little girls with curls bouncing at every step. Saw Flossie and Grant Anderson enjoying a little outing while the air was still a bit nippy. If you saw Shirley (Mrs. Cotton) Hargrove on Valentine's Day, you didn't have to be told the day. Shirley was dressed in red with white hearts woven in her bright sweater with a warm smile to match.

Congratulations to Cherie and Roy parr on the birth of their first baby Zachary. The baby is a long-awaited treasure.

All sorts of kind words to Lois Still, director of Genesis House. Dedication last Sunday afternoon of the new Genesis House for Girls, attended by 150, was the realization of a longtime dream for Lois. How many years has she been director? Lois was all smiles... and with just cause.

Heling with hostess duties... Mrs. Homer Johnson dressed in a beautiful gray suede, Jan Lyle with her pretty smile showing off her beautiful daughter Kristi. Janice Sackett wearing a deep green sweater with bright red blouse. Judy Warner with her graciousness and warmth. Lynn Lockwood with her beautiful dark shiny hair. All of the young residents of both Genesis homes proudly showing off the new resi-

dence... Susie Smith and Noel Domingo, R.N.s at Coronado Community Hospital, recently took state board examinations for certification in intensive care at Austin. And the winners of the Pretty Baby picture contest have been announced. Co-winners were Janet Genung, R.N., and Debbie Douglas, L.V.N. Runner-up was Denise Story, R.N. Winners were presented with boxes of chocolates on Valentine's Day.

Recently Danny Parkerson emceed the Miss Arlington scholarship pageant, the turned around and performed the same duties at Kingsville. School musicians, directors, etc., boarded the same plane at Dallas for the homeward lap. Faculty members were Janet Wood, Fred Mayes, Charles Johnson. Susie (Mrs. Jerry) Wilson was there as accompanist - private voice teacher.

When Jo (Mrs. Ron Love) became an aunt with the birth of her sister's baby boy in Denver, there was a party at Carver Center, complete with a "Happy Birthday" banner and all the trimmings.

Approximately 500 Boy Scouts, parents and sponsors of Adobe Walls Council attended a dinner at M.K. Brown last night where former governor Bill Clements was guest speaker.

Condolences and warm wishes for recovery to Peggy Turner who broke her arm in a recent fall, ice-related but an inside

accident. Sorry to have left out the name of Dale West, co-chairman with Jack Gindorf of the Texas Sesquicentennial Ball for the Pampa Noon Lions Club, scheduled for April 19.

Karen and Jim Wyrick sponsored a Valentine dance for the ChiRo group of teen-agers at First Christian Church. Martha (Mrs. Bill) Boswell and Jo Love did honors on decorations.

The last half of February is a memorable time for Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cash. Leonard celebrated a birthday last Sunday and they will celebrate a wedding anniversary on Thursday. Congratulations!

Roxanne Willis was one busy lady on some weekends. First she directed a high school age retreat late in January at St. Vincent's School only to be followed by one for the middle school students the next weekend. Noticed Jane McDaniel's gorgeous teal blue sweater with a most unusual design. Jane proudly tells everyone that it was handmade and designed by her mother, Helen Wells.

Can't wait to see what fantastic theme Bill Potts will use for the PHS Senior Prom on May 3. Bill does so much in the quietest way possible.

Another item on the can't-wait-to-hear list is Beta Sigma Phi's 1986 Woman of the Year. It's always a well-guarded secret. See you next week. KATIE



TYPING COMPETITION WINNER—Sheila Hearn, a student at Pampa High School, placed first in Typing I competition at the Business Skills Contest at Texas State Technical Institute Feb. 14. Hearn won the honor from a field of 72 students from four area high schools who participated in the competition, sponsored by the TSTI office training program. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

Homemakers News

Managing insurance, credit and taxes

By DONNA BRAUCHI
County Extension Agent

Part Two of "Earning and Managing Two Incomes," focuses on insurance, credit, and tax planning.

HEALTH INSURANCE

With today's rising medical costs, health insurance is a must for families. If adequate health insurance is provided by your employer or that of your spouse, at little or no cost, you may find no need to buy an extra individual policy. It is important to compare health coverage available to each employed spouse. If either or both of you contribute to an employer's plan, be sure to evaluate the merits of each plan. Make sure you are not duplicating coverage. Check out the cost of a family policy that will cover any children. It may be less expensive for the entire family to be covered under one policy instead

LIFE INSURANCE

The primary purpose of life insurance is to preserve the financial status of a family if the wage-earner dies. Although there are two wage-earners in dual-earner families, there is still a need for insurance on both since a drop in income would be noticeable and could affect the family's level of living. The income from a life insurance policy allows a family to adjust to a gradual decline in the family's spending. It can also help to cover expenses such as unpaid medical bills, funeral expenses, mortgage payments, housekeeping, or child care costs.

When determining amount of insurance needed, one method suggests that some families may need increased coverage on the husband's life if his wife is employed. The reason for this is that dual-earner families typically

have higher living expenses since they may have mortgage payments and other commitments based on their combined incomes. When calculating their insurance requirements, many two-earner families start by determining whether the family could live on the wife's income. If not, they then determine how much more would be needed to supplement income through insurance.

It is recommended that you first consider how much group insurance is available through your employer. If this is not enough, look for the least expensive way to buy additional insurance. Because the cost of insurance does vary among companies, it is advisable to shop around before purchasing a policy.

CREDIT

With two incomes, there is a risk of borrowing more money than can be repaid because two-earner families can often qualify for more credit than families with one earner. It is recommended that families not exceed 15-20 percent of their combined monthly take-home pay for credit use (excluding home mortgage). Planning the use of credit can prevent the problems of not being able to pay the bills if too much credit has been used. A budget which allows for all current bills

to be paid and have money for savings is important.

INCOME TAX PLANNING

Often dual-earner families experience problems related to either over or under withholding of taxes from their paychecks. If not enough tax is withheld each pay period to cover a couple's joint tax liability, the result can be a large unexpected tax bill or even a penalty. Over withholding can also be a problem if the couple has large itemized deductions. Many couples choose to overwithhold as a means of forced savings because they will ultimately get a refund check for the excess tax they have had withheld. However, by doing so, they are essentially giving the IRS an interest-free loan for the use of their money during the year. You would probably be better off training yourself to save or invest the money yourself so that you can earn interest throughout the year.

Remember - no one system of money management will fit everyone or every family. Individual needs, values, skills, interests, attitudes, and personalities differ. Discuss the issues and then work out a financial plan that feels right for your family. Whatever you choose, decide on it together.



Dear Abby

Closet dropout feels certain that diploma will open doors

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: I am a high school dropout who has been married to a very prominent businessman for four years. I'll never know how I got so lucky.

I want to finish high school and take some kind of job-training courses. I enrolled in some night classes once, but I never went because I'm too embarrassed to let our friends know that I never finished high school. It might even be damaging to my husband's career if it became known. My verbal skills are fine, but I am not really educated.

When friends ask me why I don't have some kind of job, I don't know what to say. Without a high school diploma, I can't get the kind of job that would be expected of me in our circle of friends. There must be other people who are in the same position. What should I do?

CLOSET DROPOUT

DEAR DROPOUT: First, get over the idea that it's a disgrace to be a dropout. It's not. Circumstances have prevented many from graduating from high school with their peers. Fortunately, you can pick up where you dropped out without embarrassment. There are adult education classes (nights or days) at your local college. You could even hire a tutor to teach you at home. You're smart enough to know you need more education. Now be brave enough to get it. And good luck.

DEAR ABBY: I realize that women don't like being looked at solely as sex objects, but do women know that men don't like being looked at solely in terms of how much money they have?
I am unemployed and have very

little money, and I am tired of being turned down by greedy women. I am 34 years old, fairly good-looking and I am still valuable, even if I am broke.

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DEAR WILLIAM: Obviously your self-esteem is intact. My hat is off to you. However, all men do not look at women solely as sex objects; neither do all women evaluate men on the basis of their pocketbooks. Please don't tar all women with the same brush.

DEAR ABBY: I have an apartment neighbor who goes outside all hours of the day and night to whistle for his cat! He sometimes does this as much as five or six times an hour. This is getting on my nerves. What are you supposed to do about harmless eccentrics who do nutty things?
WHISTLER'S NEIGHBOR

DEAR NEIGHBOR: Whistling for his cat every 10 minutes? Perhaps your neighbor is lonely and could use some human companionship. Why not invite him in for some tea and sympathy? The poor fellow may be just whistling for attention.

(Do you hate to write letters because you don't know what to say? Thank-you notes, sympathy letters, congratulations, how to decline and accept invitations and how to write an interesting letter are included in Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents) self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

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LITTLE STAR—Lacy Jaye McGuire, daughter of Dan and Ken McGuire of Pampa, was crowned first place winner in the Little Star Pageant, Feb. 16, in the four and five-year-old division. She also was awarded a trophy for best personality in that division. The child now qualifies to be a contestant in the state Little Star Pageant in Arlington this summer. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire and Mr. and Mrs. Nate Haynes, all of Pampa. (Staff photo by Terry Ford)

For Horticulture

Proper pruning skills important

By **JOE VANZANDT**
County Extension Agent

Due to some recent warm weather, I have noticed that some warm season lawn grasses - bermuda and buffalo - are starting to green-up on the south side of houses.

Homeowners planning on using Roundup to kill henbit and winter annual grasses that are currently green need to inspect turf areas closely. If you determine that your bermuda or buffalo is starting to grow, then you should not spray that area with Roundup. Damage can occur to any turf grasses that are starting or showing green growth. Roundup works on any green-growing vegetation that it is sprayed on.

PRUNING WOODY ORNAMENTALS

Now is the time to determine if woody ornamentals need pruning, but don't just prune automatically or because you need the exercise. If you can't justify the removal of each limb or branch, put up your clippers and go spade the garden instead.

Some of the right reasons for pruning include removing dead or winter-killed growth or balancing the top with the root

system when setting out new plants. Diseased or insect-injured wood, as well as storm or accident-damaged limbs, should be removed as soon as possible.

Older shrubs can be rejuvenated by removing the older branches at the base. Pruning can also help develop a desired shape or size as well as aid in producing better flowers and fruit.

Severe pruning should be avoided if possible. It is better to prune lightly and more often to prevent sunscald to the sensitive inner branches. Never leave stubs that invite the entry of insects and disease.

Plants which bloom in early spring with the appearance of new leaves should be pruned after they flower. Those that bloom later in the spring or summer should be pruned during the dormant season. Always use sharp tools to make pruning less burdensome. For additional pruning information, ask your county Extension office for a copy of B-1347, "Pruning and Training Landscape Plants."

USE PROPER PRUNING TECHNIQUES

Proper pruning enhances the

beauty of almost any landscape tree and shrub, while improper pruning can ruin or greatly reduce its landscape potential. In most cases, it is better not to prune than to do it incorrectly. In nature, plants go years with little or no pruning, but man can ruin what nature has created. By using improper pruning methods, healthy plants are often weakened or deformed. In nature, every plant eventually is pruned in some manner. It may be a simple matter of low branches being shaded by higher ones, resulting in the formation of a collar around the base of the branch, restricting the flow of moisture and nutrients. Eventually the leaves wither and die and the branch then drops off in a high wind or storm. Often, tender new branches of small plants are broken off or are pulled up by wild animals in their quest for food. In the long run, a plant growing naturally assumes the shape that allows it to make the best use of light in a given location and climate. All one needs to do to appreciate a plant's ability to adapt itself of a location is to walk into a wilderness and see the beauty of natural growing plants.

Pruning, like any other skill, requires knowing what you are doing to achieve success. The old idea that anyone with a chain saw or a pruning saw can be a landscape pruner is far from the truth. More trees are killed or ruined each year from improper pruning than by pests. Remember that pruning is the removal or reduction of certain plant parts to improve the health, landscape effect or value of the plant. Once the objectives are determined and a few basic principles understood, pruning primarily is a matter of common sense.

The necessity for pruning can be reduced or eliminated by selecting the proper plant for the location. Plants that might grow too large for the site, are not entirely hardy or become unsightly with age should be used wisely and kept to a minimum in the landscape plan. Advances in plant breeding and selection in the nursery industry provide a wide assortment of plants requiring little or no pruning. However, even the most suitable landscape plants often require some pruning. A booklet, B-1347, Pruning and Training Landscape Plants is available in the County Extension Office. Call or come by for your free copy.

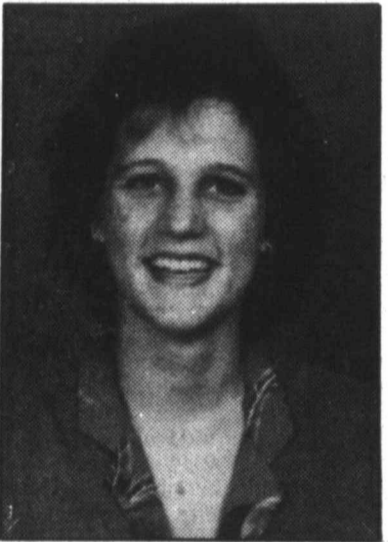
Newsmakers

Toni L. Ray
Toni L. Ray, a student at Pampa High School, has been named a United States National Award winner in home economics by the United States Achievement Academy. She was nominated for the award by her home economics teacher, Lynn Melton. Less than 10 percent of all American high school students are awarded this prestigious honor. Criteria for selection include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, and dependability. As a National Award winner, Ray will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally. Ray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Ray of Pampa. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ray of Dumas and Oak Allee Whittle of Amarillo and the late C.M. "Peg" Whittle.



TONI L. RAY

LaDonna Welch
LaDonna Welch of Pampa has been named to the Dean's List for the 1985 fall semester at Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachie. In order to qualify for this honor, Welch maintained a 3.5 grade point average on 12 hours of more of course work during the semester.



LADONNA WELCH

Mary Windsor Haney
Mary Windsor Haney of Tulsa, Okla., has been elected to the Board of Directors of Tulsa Independent School District No. 1. She is now employed as an accountant for an Oklahoma oil corporation. A 1953 graduate of Pampa High School and former resident of Pampa, she is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.W. "Gid" Windsor and cousin of George B. Cree Jr. and Betty Reid, both of Pampa.



MARY WINDSOR HANEY

Raynetta Jan Earp
Raynetta Jan Earp of Pampa has been invited to become a member of the National Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society of Clarendon College in Clarendon. Earp is to be initiated into the Iota Phi chapter during this

month and if accepted into the organization will be formally installed later in the semester.

Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor society for all junior colleges throughout the United States. To become a member, students must have attained a 3.0 or better grade point average, be a full-time student, and be recommended by the faculty as showing academic excellence, being of good moral character and showing qualities of citizenship.

dean's honor rolls for the 1985 fall semester. Those on the president's list by earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours include Angela K. West and Lynn Norrod.

Listed on the dean's honor roll with a grade point average of 3.5 or above are Patricia McGrath, Richard Hagerman, Angela Brown, Randy Lee Skaggs, Thomas G. Engel and Michelle Eakin.

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- WEDNESDAY
Broiled weiners, macaroni & cheese, breaded okra, applesauce cake, mile high biscuit, chocolate milk.
- THURSDAY
Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, English peas, sliced peaches, hot roll, butter, milk.
- FRIDAY
Chili beans, French fries, catsup, pickle chips, jello, fruit, cornbread, butter, milk.

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- THURSDAY
Roast pork with dressing & giblet gravy, candied yams, green beans, fried okra, slaw, toss, or jello salad, peach cobbler or pumpkin squares.
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Eighth Neslage achieves Eagle

While 25 local area Eagle Scouts were being recognized at the annual Adobe Walls Council recognition banquet here Saturday night, a local couple could take pride in knowing the eighth member of their family has achieved that goal.

Robert L. Neslage Jr., son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Robert L. Neslage, became an Eagle Scout last fall at Fort Campbell, Ky., where his father was stationed with the U. S. Army. His rank, the highest in scouting, is being recognized this month during National Boy Scout Week.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neslage of Pampa. His father is a graduate of Pampa High School.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 534 in Kentucky, Neslage was awarded the rank on Oct. 21. Twenty merit badges are needed for a scout to be eligible for the Eagle rank; a freshman student at Fort Campbell High School, he had already earned 23 merit badges. He has been in scouting since 1979.

Neslage's Eagle Scout community service project consisted of renovating two cemeteries at

Fort Campbell. He planned, coordinated, organized and executed the entire project, using five other scouts for assistance. They spent 75 hours leveling headstones, painting fences, clearing debris, mowing and raking the two cemeteries.

According to an article in the Fort Campbell Courier, his mother, Sheila Neslage, said, "The project was a real success. It was a group effort. All the scouts that assisted worked real hard, and the assistance given by the post engineers was terrific."

He has continued with his scouting with a new troop at Fort Sill, Okla., where his father was reassigned. He has formerly held positions as patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He also attended the National Jamboree last summer in Pennsylvania.

Neslage was a member of the Junior Varsity Golf Team and the National Honor Society at Fort Campbell High School.

The young man has joined his father and six others in his family in sharing the Eagle Scout ranking.



ROBERT NESLAGE JR.

"Diplomacy is the art of letting someone have your way." Daniele Vare

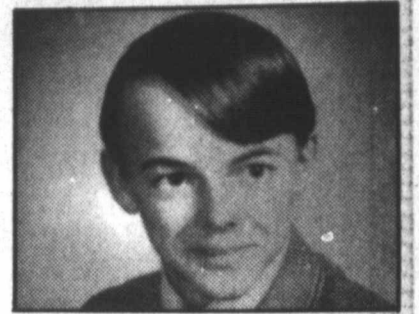
H2S is subject of club meeting

Steve Wade of Leonard Hudson Drilling Company is to speak on safety with hydrogen sulfide gas at the February meeting of Pampa Desk & Derrick Club.

Wade's program is to include a history of hydrogen sulfide (H2S), working safely with the gas, toxic values of H2S and detection of H2S and protection from it.

A diesel electrician and mechanic for Leonard Hudson for 11 years, Wade is a graduate of Oklahoma State Tech and Oklahoma State University. He is a member also of the American Petroleum Institute.

A charter member of the Top O' Texas Emergency Medical Technician Association and the American Red Cross, Wade has also been instructor for the American



STEVE WADE

Heart Association C.P.R., and the past emergency medical technician for the Texas Department of Health. He now instructs hydrogen sulfide safety training and teaches the American Red Cross Multi-Media First Aid courses.

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Exotic finishes for the home

Petrified wood, sharkskin, crushed pen shells on furniture, marble veining on fabrics and walls: it's all part of the current decorating scene. Believe-it-or-not surfaces that delight the eye as they play tricks on the imagination are all the rage these days.

Both real and simulated exotic materials and finishes are appearing in the well-decorated living rooms of the wealthy and on the pages of shelter magazines for those with more down-to-earth budgets. While exotic finishes are far from new, they are suddenly fashionable. Reasons cited for their rise include a trend toward more ornamented surfaces and the growing popularity of formal and traditional styles.

Painted finishes are also being used on walls and furniture by do-it-yourselfers. As a result, paint manufacturers are beginning to produce finishing kits, and retailers have begun offering the necessary glazes and oil-based

paints in greater profusion.

Christopher Adlington, design director for Lee Jofa Fabrics, noted that the firm's two "Marbles" fabric collections which imitate marble have been among its most popular since the introduction of the first in 1981. Adlington found the hand-made originals at a trade fair in England in 1979, but it took several years to develop the necessary technology to reproduce them acceptably, he added.

The high degree of expensive hand-labor needed to produce these finishes once priced them out of range of almost everybody. Today's improved screen printing technology, however, has made it possible to replicate the look at more modest prices.

Adlington sees the trend toward the dramatic finishes as lasting for a long time.

"There has always been a terrific interest in trompe l'oeil and faux effects," he said. "After all, they are the ultimate illusion and are totally intriguing and fasci-

nating."

Do-it-yourself is an important aspect of the new interest in illusory effects. Leslie Anne Sacks, a textile designer for Lee Jofa, recently took up the art of faux finishing herself. She learned how to imitate marble, bricks and the sky with clouds in it in paint and special glazes at the Finishing School, Great Neck, N.Y.

Each faux finish has a different set of requirements, she said. She plans to use one formula to create a console in the foyer of her home. Eventually, she hopes to translate the techniques she has learned to textiles and artwork.

Although new kits are coming onto the market to help amateurs, she says everything you need is already available. She uses oil-based alkyd paint and a variety of glazes straight from well-equipped paint stores to provide the necessary color. She applies it with brushes, Q tips, a piece of plastic, newspaper or even a corn pad, in one instance.

Or they may decide to purchase furniture in a painted special finish. Those who seek the real thing will find it exists, but it is pricey.

Second finance meeting set

Financial recordkeeping is to be the topic of the second program in a series "Making Your Money Grow" sponsored by the Gray County Extension Service Program Building Committee at 7 p.m., Tuesday in the Lovett Library meeting room.

Charles Cooley, local certified public accountant, is to present

the program on ways to keep personal financial records to help with income tax preparation and to help families keep up-to-date with monthly financial budget matters. Adequate time will be allowed for questions from the audience.

The program is free and open to all interested persons.

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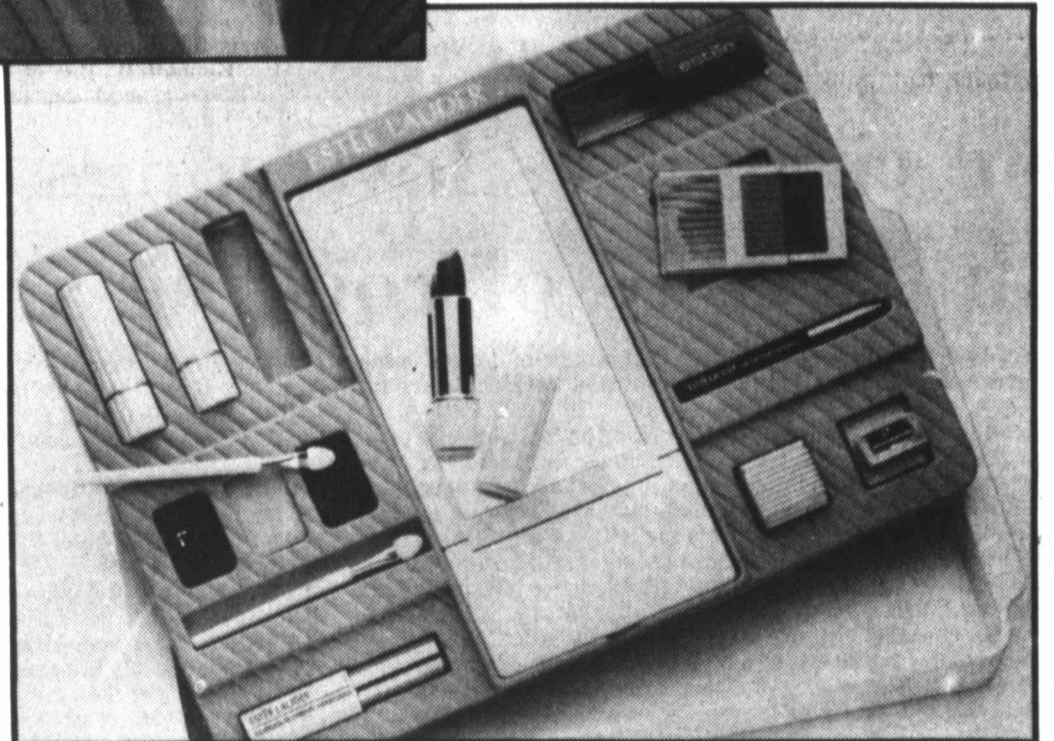
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ENTERTAINMENT



GRAMMY AWARDS - The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences will hand out its prizes for the 28th annual Grammy Awards in 71 categories on Tuesday. Of the many musicians nominated, Mark Knopfler, top left, leader of the British group Dire Straits, received eight nominations; Whitney Houston, top right, earned three Grammy nominations despite being disqualified for the new artist category; and the jazz vocal group Manhattan Transfer received half a dozen nominations. The program will be telecast locally beginning at 7 p.m. on KFDA, Channel 10. (AP Laserphoto)

Kate composes love songs — with collages of rocking art

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Kate Bush, who has toured once, in England and other parts of the United States, and performed in the United States once, on *Saturday Night Live* in 1979, recently visited New York, promoting her fifth EMI-America album, *Hounds of Love*.

"Running Up That Hill" from it has become her first top 40 hit in the United States. Her records sell well in Europe, Canada and Australia.

"I've only done the one tour, in 1979," Miss Bush says. "It is such a commitment. We rehearsed six months to pull the whole thing together. I wanted to do something theatrical and visually interesting while the music was happening. It took so much time and effort; I think that's partly why I haven't toured since."

"I enjoyed it. You learn a lot, by performing and getting reactions."

One review of her new album began, "Miss Bush is one of the few true art rockers who is still working. She's also one of the few who are not totally pompous and boring." The Rolling Stone review found that "Miss Bush's sound collages make appropriate settings for her themes of transcendence" then added that she "sometimes overdecorates her songs with exotica."

She considers the *Hounds of Love* album two separate pieces of work. Side one has five songs "all about love in some form or other." The 25-minute "The Ninth Wave" on side two "is about someone in the sea at night in a life jacket with a little light on it. Friends from the past, present and future come to visit the person to stop them from falling asleep and drowning, to keep them going until the morning when everything will be OK."

"It's about going through an experience and coming out the other side."

"Originally the idea was someone in the water at night, very red and really afraid of being left alone with their imagination, their own fear being greater than the situation."

"From there on it was trying to develop and get a structure of a

song that would build and have dynamics and keep the story interesting.

"Working on that side was very rewarding for me because it was something I was a little wary of. I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to do it. It was good to see it flowing together. I do enjoy doing individual songs. You're not bound by a story. There are advantages to both."

"Creating is an extraordinary thing. I think that's why people do become obsessed by it. Although you're controlling it, you're not really. It's a battle, with you trying to win over the personality of the song."

"When you write, you don't think 'Will it sell?' You're doing it for the sake of what you're doing. Obviously I want people to like the albums. I do depend on a



KATE BUSH

certain amount of success with them in order to be able to make my next one. But you write whatever you can manage to come out with."

Miss Bush lives outside London. In 1983, the year after she made her fourth album, *The Dreaming*, she built a studio near her house. "It's one of the best decisions I've made, definitely. The way I work is very experimental. I try ideas out and that's time consuming. It became financially prohibitive for me to work in a commercial studio."

"Some commercial studios don't have windows. They're like

holes in the ground. We've got windows. It is all helping you feel better in the working environment. I think it makes such a difference being able to see birds outside the window."

"My father was really the big encouraging force behind building the studio. We're a very close family so they're quite involved in a lot of what I do. My father's a doctor; he used to play piano. He showed me one day the principle of a scale. It was the only piano lesson I ever had, really."

She did have voice lessons. "I had a lovely teacher. He gave me confidence, the most important thing when you're trying to express yourself."

Miss Bush has two brothers. Paddy, a musician, often plays on her records and John, a writer and photographer, often shoots album pictures. Her boyfriend does a lot of the engineering.

She often electronically affects her voice for records. "It gives different textures. Definitely one of the techniques of making a production work is the right use of textures in sound."

She doesn't say how she changes her voice. "I think everyone who records has little techniques they keep secret."

"But I think the main thing about singing is the performance. Getting the emotional quality for me is the key to it."

"I work every day. To create a break, I find I have to go away."

"Working on this album was more organized. On the last albums there were quite a few occasions we'd be working very late nights. On this one we never worked past one in the morning. We'd start about noon. Actually, it was more productive. Sometimes working terribly late I think you just tire yourself out. Trying to keep the energy is one of the hardest things."

After her first album, *The Kick Inside*, made in 1977 when she was 18, Miss Bush was viewed in England as a "sex kitten." She did a lot of promotion. "I realized I had to get my priorities right. Running around, I was going to become a personality and no longer be a creative person. Ever since, I've spent much more time being creative and used promotion as a backup."

VIDEO BEAT
Tuning in to rock
Ethlie Ann Vare

Picking Grammy winners

As usual, the competition for the Grammy Awards (Tuesday, Feb. 25, on CBS-TV) reflects the taste of an organization whose bottom line is the bottom line.

To be nominated by their "peers" (usually old enough to be their parents) in the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, rockers generally have to be a commercial success and take care not to offend anyone.

Years later, the contributions of the truly daring will be recognized. Then everyone will scratch his head and say "Why has this person never won a Grammy?"

Here's your scorecard for the Grammy ceremony, with a few irrelevant comments:

ROCK CATEGORY
Best Solo Performance, Male: Don Henley, "Boys of Summer"; John Fogerty, "Centerfield"; Mick Jagger, "Just Another Night"; Bryan Adams, "Reckless"; John Cougar Mellencamp, "Scarecrow."

Adams is the only nominee even under 30 years old, and his music still creeps with age. Video Beat votes for Henley, if only because he has some intelligence in his lyrics.

Best Solo Performance, Female: Pat Benatar, "Invincible"; Tina

Turner, "One of the Living"; Melba Moore, "Read My Lips"; Nona Hendryx, "Rock This House"; Cyndi Lauper, "What a Thrill."

Most of these songs are movie promotions, not songs at all. And what's Melba Moore doing in this category? Has NARAS ever heard of Annie Lennox, Chrissie Hynde, Maria McKee, Martha Davis? We could go on and on. Let's give it to Nona, for her integrity.

Best Performance by a Duo or Group: Heart, "Heart"; Tina Turner & Bryan Adams, "It's Only Love"; Dire Straits, "Money for Nothing"; Starship, "We Built This City"; Eurythmics, "Would I Lie to You?"

The only rock category with two decent contenders: Eurythmics and Dire Straits. Video Beat's coin flips for

GENERAL CATEGORY
Record of the Year: "Born in the USA," Bruce Springsteen; "The Boys of Summer," Don Henley; "Money for Nothing," Dire Straits; "The Power of Love," Huey Lewis and the News; "We Are the World," USA for Africa.

It should never have been nominated (rather, it should have had a separate award all to itself), but you can't help but give it to "We Are the World." Album of the Year: "Brothers in Arms," Dire Straits; "Dream of the

Dionne's excited for cousin

By RICHARD DE ATLEY
Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — It was after midnight when Dionne Warwick heard her doorbell ring recently. She asked sleepily over the intercom who it was.

It was her excited niece, Whitney Houston, fresh from winning two American Music Awards.

"My feet never touched the ground," Miss Warwick said. "I went to answer the door. She was so excited and thrilled. Her mom, Cissy Houston, was with her along with her agent. I got a bottle of champagne and we just laughed and giggled."

Champagne nights and golden days are back for Dionne Warwick, who is enjoying a stupendous hit with "That's What Friends Are For," a single that's managed to be No. 1 on both the black, pop and adult charts for three weeks. Her LP, "Friends," is in the Top 20.

She also has reunited with her favorite songwriter, Bert Bacharach, after a 10-year split, and anchors TV's hit record review show, *Solid Gold*.

All royalties from "That's What Friends Are For" are going to the American Foundation for AIDS Research. So far it has raised \$500,000.

The song has introduced Miss Warwick to yet another generation of listeners. Her hits over 26 years include several standards from the songwriting team of Bacharach and former lyricist-partner Hal David: "Don't Make Me Over" in 1962; "Alfie," and "I Say a Little Prayer" in 1967; "Do You Know the Way to San Jose" in 1968; and "I'll Never Fall in Love Again" in 1970.

In 1974, the Bacharach and David hit-writing machine broke up. Miss Warwick sued, saying the pair had failed to meet a songwriting contract with her. The suit was settled out of court, with terms undisclosed. However, Miss Warwick and Bacharach could not come to terms with one another.

Miss Warwick's 1979 album *Dionne*, produced by Barry Manilow, turned out two Grammy-winning singles for her: "I'll Never Love This Way Again" and "Deja Vu." She has won four Grammys in all.

Last year, he called. "As a matter of fact, I did say 'Burt who?'" Miss Warwick recalled. Bacharach and Miss Sager had written the song "Finder of Lost Loves" for the TV show, and the producers wanted Miss Warwick to record it. Bacharach decided it was time to call.

"I think that because of what we felt at that time — well, it was just too strong to let attorneys destroy. I feel very safe in saying that he has a great deal of respect for my musical ability that never died."

Page: up for Oscar again

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Geraldine Page has a losing streak that most of her colleagues might envy: She has lost more Oscars than any other actress in Academy Award history.

Yet, the Missouri-born actress says she always knew she wasn't going to win.

"It was wonderful just to sit there and enjoy being nominated, which is honor enough. I was saved the embarrassment and danger of getting up and giving a speech which nobody would like anyway," said Miss Page, who had been nominated seven times.

"If it was too brief, it would offend the people I didn't mention. If it was too long, the audience would get bored. The only safe thing is to thank everyone you've ever known. No way. The best thing would be just to forget it."

She believes she was present at all seven Oscar shows (she was tied for the dubious record with Peter O'Toole and Richard Burton). At least she remembers the ceremonies for each of her nominations, beginning in 1953 with *Hondo* and continuing through *The Sweetbird of Youth*,

Summer and Smoke, *Pete n' Tilly*, *You're a Big Boy Now*, *Interiors* and 1984's *The Pope of Greenwich Village*.

Now the Hollywood crowd is betting that Miss Page has a good chance for the Oscar again. She was nominated for the eighth time this month. She has received rave reviews for her performance in *The Trip to Bountiful*, the new film based on Horton Foote's 1953 television play which he later adapted to the stage.

She plays a Texas widow with a fierce determination to return to her beginnings in the small town of Bountiful.

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SPECIAL BOOKSTORE — Nelida and Joe Arana pose in their Christian Bookstore in Odessa. The store, Manatial de Vida - Streams of Living Water - specializes in Christian literature written in Spanish. (AP Laserphoto)

Manatial de Vida bookstore is for Hispanic Christians

By JANICE JOHNSTON
The Odessa American

ODESSA, Texas (AP)—No crucifixes adorn the walls at the Manatial de Vida — streams of living water — Hispanic Christian bookstore.

No votive candles line the racks. Rosary beads do not clutter the tables.

Gone are the trappings of Catholicism. That absence, said the operators of the store on West Eighth Street in Odessa, is one of the more obvious signs of their reborn faith.

Manatial de Vida, in other words, is a store not just for those of the Catholic faith — the religion embraced by many of the world's Hispanics — but for Hispanic Christians of all denominations, say operators Joe and Nelida "Nellie" Arana.

The 30-year-old Joe Arana, an Alpine native who earns his living selling insurance, said that, like most Hispanics, he was brought up in the Catholic church.

Today, he attends the First Assembly of God Church along with his wife. Both teach a Sunday School class for 14-to 17-year-olds.

The Aranas say they are among a growing number of Hispanics to turn from traditional religion toward what they consider a "personal" faith.

"It's just Christian," Mrs. Arana said. She said it is a misconception that all Hispanics are

Catholic.

"People are hungry for the word of God," Arana added. He was quick to point out that he's not trying to say Catholics don't embrace God's word.

"It's just that (many Hispanics are) looking for something different, and that's when they have a personal encounter with Christ," he said.

Spanish-language Bibles and Spanish-language plaques bearing well-known Bible quotations take the place in the Aranas' store of medicinal herbs and votive candles found in many other Hispanic religious bookstores.

The books, written in Spanish, bear titles familiar to many Christian readers: "Las Cruz y el Punal," or "The Cross and the Switchblade," for example, and "Corre! Nicky, Corre!" or "Run! Nicky, Run!"

Spanish translations of books by James Dobson, a minister who produced a film series on family life, elbow for space with books by evangelist Billy Graham.

In a sunlit back room, Spanish records and tapes fill cabinets and spill over into several racks.

In a black dress and black heels, Mrs. Aranas smiles wryly as she recalls phone calls from Odessans who obviously misunderstood the 2-year-old store's purpose.

A sign in front bears both the store's name, Manatial de Vida, and the explanation, "Libreria Y Discoteca Cristiana," or Christian book and record store, Mrs. Arana pointed out.

Some passers-by must miss reading the word "Cristiana," Mrs. Arana speculated, because she has received calls asking whether the store sold the Spanish-language edition of "Playboy" magazine.

Other would-be customers walked inside the store for a quick survey before walking back outside. Those people may have wanted "hiervas," or medicinal herbs traditionally found in Spanish bookstores, the Aranas speculated.

The Aranas said they noticed a need for the store after talking to other Hispanic Christians, who

were driving to Lubbock and San Antonio in order to buy the same books now sold by the Aranas.

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Bills would set standards for asbestos removal from schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key members of Congress are trying to force the Reagan administration into a two-pronged attack on deadly asbestos — first in public schools, then in hundreds of thousands of other buildings.

Headed by Sen. Robert Stafford, R-Vt., and Rep. James Florio, D-N.J., the bipartisan group on Thursday introduced legislation that would require the Environmental Protection Agency to set standards for the safe removal of the cancer-causing substance.

The first target is some 31,000 public schools, where the EPA says asbestos could be threatening as many as 15 million children and 1.5 million school employees.

Identical bills introduced in the House and Senate would require EPA to prescribe methods for identifying, removing and disposing of asbestos that is crumbling and releasing life-threatening fibers into the air.

The legislation, taking aim at reports of shoddy removal work that increases the dangers of asbestos exposure, also would require EPA to establish minimum performance standards for abatement contractors.

But the proposal goes far beyond the well-publicized problem of asbestos in schools.

It also would require EPA to assess the extent of asbestos

hazards in an estimated 700,000 commercial and public buildings and to demonstrate to Congress why the requirements for schools should not be applied to these structures.

Florio and Stafford told a news conference that the schools program is especially needed because EPA has done little beyond adopting a regulation requiring schools to inspect for asbestos and to alert people to its presence.

"No one concerned other than EPA thinks this EPA regulation is sufficient," said Florio, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee that will work on the measure.

Stafford is chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee that will oversee the Senate bill.

Under the plan, EPA would have six months after enactment

to set a variety of standards, such as how school officials should inspect for asbestos and just when its presence is considered a health hazard.

If the agency failed to act, the proposal would define hazardous asbestos as any visibly damaged asbestos that has a potential for human exposure and would require its removal from a school.

"EPA estimates that as much as a stunning 75 percent of all school cleanup work is being done improperly by 'rip and skip' firms," Florio said. "Improper abatement work is worse than no abatement work at all because more asbestos fibers are released into the air ... than if the asbestos was not touched."

Rep. Billy Tauzin, D-La., said EPA has estimated that "1,200 children will die of (lung) cancer as a result of shoddy work."

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

Release in Papers of Saturday, Feb. 22, 1986

ACROSS

- 1 Normandy invasion day (comp. wd.)
- 5 Small coin
- 9 Displease
- 12 Advise
- 13 Latin poet
- 14 Tree
- 15 Pub drinks
- 16 Put down
- 17 Bantu language
- 18 Churchill
- 20 Small islands
- 22 Ever (poet.)
- 23 Victory symbol
- 24 Ooze
- 27 Spendthrift
- 31 Horse doctor, for short
- 32 Raised platform
- 34 Yorkshire river
- 35 Wind (comb. form)
- 37 Residue
- 39 7. Roman
- 40 Poxy
- 42 Paradise
- 44 Brim
- 45 Liberian natives
- 46 Rare gas
- 49 More worm-infested
- 53 Genetic material
- 54 Female
- 56 Shift
- 57 Adenosine triphosphate (abbr.)
- 58 Do newspaper work
- 59 Summers (Fr.)
- 60 Yes
- 61 Deteriorates
- 62 Scold

DOWN

- 1 Delineate
- 2 Food store
- 3 Gulf between Africa and Arabia

Answer to Previous Puzzle

O	U	C	H	L	S	T	O	U	S	T
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ACROSS

- 45 Electric units
- 46 Aid in diagnosing (comp. wd.)
- 47 Grafted, in heraldry
- 48 California wine valley
- 49 Legal paper
- 50 Something small
- 51 Neck and neck
- 52 Remainder
- 55 Bachelor's last words (2 wds.)

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STEVE CANYON

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SHE HAS TO BE IN HER HOME STATE FOR AN EXAMINATION BY THEIR SOCIAL WORKERS!

IT'S BRENNAN WHO IS BLOCKING THIS! I'LL HAVE TO GET HIM OUT OF THE WAY!

THE WIZARD OF ID

BONG BONG BONG

OH BOY... TEA TIME!

ECK & MEEK

M.M.M... SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE THE BEEF STEW DOWN PAT.

ALMOST...

STILL A FEW BUGS TO WORK OUT

B.C.

RUMBLE RUMBLE

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol
Feb. 24, 1986

Idealistic alliances will be formed in the year ahead with two people whose thinking is identical to yours. Each of these individuals will play beneficial roles in your affairs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions are a bit unusual today, and you could be rejected or opposed by people who are traditionally supportive. Go it alone for best results. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to c/o this newspaper, Box 1846, Cincinnati, OH 45201. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't make waves with co-workers today. If you start a rumble, it won't be resolved readily and could have far-reaching effects.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If possible today, try to avoid any form of financial risk. Chancy ventures could fall flat on your wallet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Domestic disagreements should be settled within the confines of your home today. If you involve in-laws or outsiders, your problems will snowball.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If companions do things today that you find objectionable, count to 10 before you respond. You might overreact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take extra security measures today to safeguard your valuables and possessions. Double-check to be sure you've locked your house and car.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is not a good day to rehash issues you and your mate disagree on. If you open Pandora's box, you may not be able to shut it again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Strive to maintain a positive attitude today, even if you have to contend with adverse conditions. Negative thinking will dig a deeper hole.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Misunderstandings with friends must not be allowed to fester today. If you try to get even or up the ante, you may be the one who pays the painful price.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are in a position of authority, think twice before you start throwing your weight around today. Heavy-handed methods will backfire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Wide mood swings will distort your judgment today. Mistakes are likely when you're either too pessimistic or unrealistically optimistic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Before assuming any new long-range financial obligations today, be absolutely certain they won't put you in a future financial bind.

MARVIN

IT'S TWO A.M.... TIME TO PUT DAD TO WORK

WAW

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WE MUST HAVE THE SAME AGENT!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Do we have any denture 'hesive, Mommy? This tooth is loose."

THE BORN LOSER

I'M SELLING MY STUDEBAKER CHEAP, MY BOY!

NO WONDER... YOU TOLD ME YOURSELF THAT IT'S A LEMON!

LOOK, WOULD I SELL A LEMON TO AN EMPLOYEE AND FRIEND?

NOT ANYMORE.

YOU SOLD YOUR EDESEL TO SIDNEY AND HE'S YOUR BEST FRIEND!

PEANUTS

THEY DID IT AGAIN!

BOY, THAT MAKES ME MAD!

THEY PLAY A SONG ON THE RADIO BUT THEY DON'T TELL YOU WHAT IT WAS!

THAT WAS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM!

MARMADUKE

"I didn't let him help me with the furnace, he just helped!"

WINTHROP

MRS. STENGLE SAYS WRITING NOTES TO MY PARENTS IS A LOT EASIER...

SINCE THE SCHOOL GOT A COPYING MACHINE...

SHE JUST CHECKS OFF THE THINGS I DID WRONG AND SIGNS HER NAME.

TUMBLEWEEDS

ANY WORD ON FREAKY EAGLE, THE GUIDE?

NO...

I'M AFRAID HE'S LOST...

HE WAS LAST SEEN A WEEK AGO LEADING A PARTY OF PALEFACE INTO THE BIG SHOPPING MALL AT VAPID CITY.

FRANK AND ERNEST

YOU'RE SURE YOUR NEW INVENTION CAN MAKE IT GROW BACK, BEN?

GARFIELD

WHY HASN'T OUR RELATIONSHIP GROWN?

BECAUSE YOU'RE A WISE GUY AND I'M SELF-CENTERED

BUT, GARFIELD, NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

OR, IN YOUR CASE, A CONTINENT

MY EGO AND I WILL GET BACK TO YOU

AGRICULTURE SCENE

Planting underway in warm, southern area

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — With this week's record-setting high temperatures, spring planting has gotten off to a fast start in southern sections of Texas, says Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

Farmers in the Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend are planting corn and sorghum while corn planting is active in Southwest Texas south of Uvalde, said Carpenter in his weekly report on the state's agriculture.

The unseasonably warm weather has pushed soil temperatures upward, and this should boost seed germination, Carpenter said. Still, farmers need to check soil temperatures at the 4-inch depth to make sure they are at levels for good seed germination: a weekly average of 50 degrees Fahrenheit for corn, 55 for sorghum and 65 for cotton.

Weekly averages reported by the Southwest Agricultural Service Center at Texas A&M University were as follows for southern, central and eastern areas: Austin, 49 degrees F.;

Beaumont, 54; Beeville, 55; College Station, 47; Eagle Lake, 52; Lufkin, 47; Uvalde, 56; Waco, 45; and Weslaco, 58.

While farmers in southern locations have started planting operations, those in colder locations are still getting cropland ready and applying fertilizer and herbicides, Carpenter said.

This week's warmer weather combined with recent moisture from rain and snow is providing good growing conditions for small grains (wheat and oats), Carpenter said. This should boost grazing conditions for livestock and bring some relief to supplemental feeding that is active over the state. Also, the warmer weather should take some of the pressure of feeding and should start boosting the growth of permanent pastures.

Livestock conditions generally are good over the state although cattle lost some body condition during the recent winter storm on the plains and northern Texas. The calving season is under way in many locations, and lambing and kidding are active in western

areas, Carpenter said.

Reports from district Extension directors showed these conditions.

PANHANDLE: Moisture from the recent snow plus warmer weather are giving a boost to the wheat crop. Stocker cattle are once again getting some grazing from wheat. Feeding of range cattle continues; many cattle lost some body condition during the recent winter storm.

SOUTH PLAINS: The recent snow provided valuable moisture for wheat, but a general rain is still needed. Cattle feeding remains active due to the lack of forage. Farmers are returning to their fields to continue with land preparations.

ROLLING PLAINS: Wheat has improved dramatically following recent rain and snow and warm weather the past few days. Cattle feeding remains active due to short grazing, but wheat grazing is improving. Lice are heavy on untreated cattle. Early-season vegetable planting is active.

NORTH CENTRAL: Good growing conditions in recent days

have boosted wheat and oats. Wheat that was topdressed recently is especially making good growth. Livestock are in fair to good shape, with calving active. Early vegetables are being planted.

NORTHEAST: Wheat and oats are responding to the warm weather and improved moisture conditions. Pastures also are starting to improve and cattle are in good condition, with hay feeding decreasing. Irish potatoes and other early-season vegetables are being planted.

FAR WEST: Dry conditions are hampering the growth of range forbs and wheat. Some farmers are irrigating wheat. Land preparation continues to bring planting; planting of onions and cantaloupes is complete. Sheep and goat shearing has started.

WEST CENTRAL: Recent

moisture and the unseasonably warm weather the past few days have given a boost to small grains. Farmers are busy getting cropland ready for planting. Livestock are in fair shape with supplemental feeding active. Early vegetable planting is under way.

CENTRAL: Warm weather this week plus improved moisture conditions have given a boost to small grains. However, leaf rust disease is still a problem in some wheat fields. Cattle experienced some shrinkage during the recent cold spell but overall livestock conditions are good. Lice are increasing on untreated cattle.

EAST: Wheat, oats and winter pastures are making good growth due to the warm weather and improved soil moisture. Growth is particularly good on small grains that have been topdressed with

nitrogen fertilizer. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues. Early vegetable planting is active.

SOUTH CENTRAL: Wet fields are hampering preparations for spring planting, but some corn and sorghum planting will start soon. Small grains are making improved growth with the warmer weather. Some livestock feeding continues but should decline with improved grazing and the warm weather.

SOUTHEAST: Farmers are planting corn south of Uvalde, and sorghum planting should start soon. Dry conditions are hampering the growth of small grains, and farmers are irrigating vegetables. The recent cold weather caused some tip burn on spinach, and the unusually warm weather could hurt spinach quality.

Agriculture exports will decline further

WASHINGTON (AP) — The value of U.S. agricultural exports, already sagging well below the record levels of a few years ago, is expected to decline even further this fiscal year, according to the latest Agriculture De-

partment estimate. Although there has been some pickup in the quantity of shipments, officials said Wednesday the value of exports is estimated at \$28 billion, down \$1 billion from the 1985-86 forecast made two

months ago. One reason for the billion-dollar slump are provisions in the new Food Security Act of 1985 calling for lower price support loans on grain crops, the report said.

Cattlemen oppose brucellosis tests

AUSTIN — "For a country to spend millions inoculating and testing cattle for brucellosis while allowing children of the poor to be exposed to diphtheria and polio is a gross distortion of our priorities."

This is the stand taken by the Independent Cattlemen's Association in a request to President Ronald Reagan and Texas Congressmen to end the brucellosis eradication program immediately.

"In light of recent announcements about cutbacks in inocula-

tion programs for school children and other cuts in Federal grants for health services to Texas, we believe that the brucellosis program is a prime example of misplacement of public funds and concerns," Roy Wheeler, president of the association, said.

Wheeler pointed out that federal funding for the national program before budget cuts for fiscal 1986 was \$70 million. State matching funds for the biennium are more than 3.6 million. These state funds could be released to help human services, he contends.

With the U.S. Department of Agriculture planning to phase out the program in 1990, "our question is why wait?" "Since 1934 more than \$2 billion just in federal funds has been spent in the futile attempt to eradicate the disease, and progress has been minimal at great cost to all involved," Wheeler said. He noted the annual federal funds are more than double the annual production loss of \$34 million.

"This disease is a problem cattlemen can handle by themselves," Wheeler said.

In Agriculture

By JOE VANZANDT
County Extension Agent

FARM PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETING

With time fast approaching when producers must make critical decisions concerning their farming operations, the Texas Agriculture Extension Service is sponsoring a day long program on Friday, February 28 concerning the recently passed farm bill and the new Conservation Reserve Program.

The meeting will be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program getting underway at 9 a.m.

The morning program will deal with the "Nuts and Bolts Aspect of the 1986 Farm Program" presented by Robert Boyle and Kelly Adkins, Potter and Randall County ASCS executive directors, respectively. "Evaluating Program Participation Decisions" will be the topic covered by Dr. Steve Amosson, district Extension economist-management. "Marketing Options and Economics of Non-Program Crops" will be presented by Tom Martin, chief executive officer, Altus Marketing Association, and Dr. Wyatt Harman, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The afternoon program begins at 1 p.m. and will feature Ernie Houdashell, district director for Congressman Beau Boulter. He will discuss the "1986 Farm Bill and the Effects of the Gramm-Rudman Amendment."

Comments on the "1986 Farm Bill Concerning Agriculture Commodities" will be addressed by leaders from the various groups of industry officials by Bill Nelson, president, Texas Wheat Producers Association; Elbert Harp, president, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Association; and Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association.

Houdashell will join the commodity leaders for a panel discussion. The panel will field questions that the audience might have concerning the prior presentation.

Boyle and Adkins will again provide additional interpretation of regulations concerning the farm bill.

Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension economist-management from Lubbock; will discuss factors

"Determining Your Bid on Potential Conservation Reserve Acreage."

The program will be concluded by 4:30 p.m. Program coordinator, Dr. Steve Amosson, encourages all people that have a direct or indirect interest in the farm bill to attend this program. There is no charge for this meeting. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Texas Wheat Growers Association.

MAKING YOUR MONEY GROW! FINANCIAL RECORD-KEEPING

Our Extension Program Building Committee is sponsoring a special program on Financial Recordkeeping. Charles Cooley, local C.P.A., will present the program on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., in the Lovett Library, 111N. Houston, on ways to keep financial records that will help individuals from an income tax standpoint, as well as month-to-month management. A question and answer period will be provided.

The program is open to all interested persons and is free of charge. Make plans to attend!

RE-IMPLANTING CATTLE ON WHEAT PASTURE

Weight gains are generally the greatest during the last part of the wheat pasture grazing period due to regrowth of the pasture and favorable weather conditions. Producers should maximize that weight gain through cost-effective management techniques. Cattle that were implanted when they were placed on pasture last fall should be re-implanted since most implants (Ralgro, Synovex-S, and Synovex-H) last for only 60-90 days.

Cattle that are re-implanted will generally gain 8-15 percent more than those that are not re-implanted which is especially significant of graze-out wheat. Re-implanting might mean some extra time, labor and expense, but the extra weight gain should more than offset the costs of getting it done.

CHECK WHEAT FOR MUSTARD

Mustard is more plentiful than usual in wheat fields this year because of late fall rains. In most cases, controlling the weeds will be profitable. Research by Dr. Allen Wiese, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station weed researcher at Bushland, shows that mustards in wheat can be con-

trolled with either 2, 4-D, Banvel, Buctril, Brominal, or Glean. If weeds are controlled before rapid spring growth, they will not compete enough to reduce wheat yields.

According to Wiese, it may not be profitable to spray all fields. As a rule of thumb, one mustard plant per square foot will reduce wheat yield 10 percent. One weed every four square feet will reduce yields 2.5 percent. The amount of economic damage caused by the weeds is related to potential yield. One weed per square foot on a dryland field expected to yield 10 bushels per acre will cut yield by 1 bushel per acre. On the other hand, the same population in an irrigated field expected to yield 50 bushels per acre would reduce yield 5 bushels per acre. Using this rule of thumb will help farmers decide if it would be profitable to spray.

Selecting the proper herbicide for wheat depends on the weed and subsequent use of the field. If the field is to be rotated, a herbicide that does not persist in the soil must be used or subsequent crops may be injured. In fields that will be rotated, tansy mustard, flixweed, and false flax can be controlled by 0.5 pound per acre of 2, 4-D, or MCPA. Banvel, Buctril, or Brominal can be used also. Pepperweed and treacle mustard are harder to control and 0.75 pound per acre of 2, 4-D must be applied to small weeds preferably in February.

Glean at 0.25 ounce per acre with surfactant will control all of the weeds except pepperweed. "This weed seems to be immune to Glean," Wiese said. Glean fits well into conservation tillage systems where the next crop is wheat because it persists in the soil for a long time. An application of Glean to weeds in February or early March not only controls mustards that are growing but prevents emergence of weeds well into the summer after wheat harvest. According to Wiese, the first plants to emerge after harvest in fields sprayed with Glean will be volunteer wheat.

Fields that are being grazed should be sprayed a few days after cattle are removed.

Farmers are urged to check wheat fields immediately for one or more types of mustard weeds. More than likely there will be a heavy infestation, and controlling the weeds will be profitable. On the other hand, doing nothing to badly infested fields will result in severe reductions in yield.

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Boy Scout's magazine, Boy's Life, celebrates diamond jubilee March 1

By DOUG CRICHTON
Associated Press Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — When Boys' Life was a baby in 1911, it had 6,100 subscribers, sold for a nickel per copy and was only "semi-official."

Next Saturday, the official magazine of the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its 75th birthday, a grown-up circulation of 1.5 million and a lifetime of teaching and entertaining America's youth.

Boy Scout officials plan to kick off the fete with an exhibit scheduled to tour New York, Chicago and Los Angeles of Norman Rockwell paintings that adorned the magazine's covers decades ago.

After all those years, boys are still pretty much boys, the magazine's editor says.

"What they like hasn't changed that much," editor-in-chief Robert Hood said. "Every time we ask in a survey what they want more of, it's always hunting, fishing, music and cars."

But all those years of puberty have wrought some changes in Boys' Life, the nation's eighth oldest magazine, and its esti-

mated 7.45 million readers.

"Boys don't read as much any more," Hood said in a recent interview from the Boy Scouts' national headquarters in Irving, where the monthly magazine is compiled. "And they are much more sophisticated now than 20 years ago."

A proliferation of computers, television programs and sports leagues targeted at Boys' Life's prime audience — boys aged 9 to 17 — are competing for the youths' attention.

So while the magazine still espouses the same all-American — i.e., Boy Scout — virtues that made it a favorite of parents and Scout troop leaders, it, too, has undergone changes since Rhode Island Scout Joseph Lane put out the first edition on March 1, 1911.

Most noticeable is its size: Until the 1970s, the magazine was printed on rough, heavy paper and was as large as the now-defunct Look magazine. Boys always knew when their subscription had arrived because it would never quite fit into the mailbox.

But now Boys' Life is printed on slick, standard-sized paper replete with snazzy photos, typefaces and graphics.

"We had to change with the market," says Hood, who has been with the magazine since 1953 and its editor since 1964. "We also trimmed the normal length of our articles from 2,500 and 3,000 words down to about 1,500."

The thrust of the magazine stories hasn't changed, however. It still carries real-life adventures called "Scouts in Action" and articles on magic, sports, fiction and hobbies.

Hood said the magazine, which will pay from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for an article from a noted writer, has little trouble getting celebrity contributors, since so many used to be Scouts.

For example, John Toland, author of the "Battle of the Bulge," agreed to write a piece for the 40th anniversary of the battle. Hood says Toland doesn't usually write magazine articles, but he got his start as a writer when he was elected scribe for his Boy Scout troop.

Boys' Life came into the Boy Scout fold months after Lane began publishing it in 1911. He called it the official magazine of the Rhode Island scouts and the "semi-official" publication of the Boy Scouts of America.

BSA, itself less than a year old at the time, was looking for an official organ and bought Lane's brainchild for \$6,100 — or \$1 per subscriber. For years, the magazine sold for 5 cents; it now costs \$13.20 per year for non-scouts and \$6.60 for scouts.

The magazine's subscriptions swelled with America's population during the baby boom years, reaching a high of 2.65 million by 1968 with the help of artists such as Rockwell, writers like Zane Grey and Pearl Buck and photographer Ansel Adams.

But the dwindling baby boom, coupled with the era of television and rock music, pushed sales downward, and publisher Warren Young says advertising has dropped from 340 pages per year during the heyday to 240 pages now.

Young said the magazine, which has operated in the black since the 1950s, is pushing to regain the soft drink, cereal and consumer products ads it lost.

Hood, who is retiring this year, said Boys' Life's future in the video age is uncertain and that it may have to evolve in to a People magazine-style format of high graphic but low print content.



DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY — Boy's Life editor Robert Hood poses with copies of the official magazine of the Boy Scouts of America. On March 1 the magazine will celebrate its 75th birthday, a grown-up circulation of 1.5 million and a lifetime of teaching and entertaining America's youth. (AP Laserphoto)

It is still tough to be a young homebuyer

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — With mortgage rates falling and prices stabilizing, the median-income family can now afford the median-priced house for the first time in seven years.

But there is still a catch, some-

times overlooked, and it makes some young couples wonder if the system isn't rigged against them.

The scene for the latest situation is set in the late 1970s, when thousands of young couples were forced to begin waiting out the years paying rent to landlords when their real goal was to own a house of their own.

High interest rates, tight money, high prices, unemployment and a depressed level of homebuilding were among factors that prevented them from fulfilling their dreams. Just one of those factors often was sufficient.

Many of those factors have now been corrected.

Some interest rates have actually found their way back into the containers from which they rocketed off, declining to single digit figures that many mortgage lenders said would never be seen again in their lifetimes.

Money that couldn't be torn from a lender's clutches five years ago is now offered with an

open hand.

Housing price increases, though continuing strong in certain areas, have fallen to a national rate of about 3 or 4 percent.

These various factors have combined to push the so-called affordability indexes over 100, which simply means that the family earning the median income of \$27,490 might qualify for a mortgage on a \$74,800 median-price home.

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Reagan gives ground

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Philippines is the latest case in point: Ronald Reagan can change his mind.

While awaiting a report from special U.S. envoy Philip Habib, the president already has shifted his analysis of the election in Manila.

After telling the nation Feb. 11

gestions of fraud in challenger Corazon Aquino's camp.

Reagan's reversal added to Marcos' mounting woes. His opponents drew encouragement in their effort to drive him from office.

White House aides said the president had been getting more information all the time. But that may not explain the shift in emphasis. With Reagan, who has a long history of pragmatism despite a deep-seated conservative philosophy, it's often hard to tell.

He may have changed his mind about Marcos and the way the election was conducted. He may have been persuaded by the stream of moderate-to-conservative Republicans on Capitol Hill who are lining up against Marcos and would hold up U.S. aid to the Philippines.

A Marcos victory in a demonstrably clean election would have appealed to the president. The Philippine leader represented a known quantity and the stability Reagan prizes in the strategic Pacific region.

But the furor over vote-rigging and Marcos' reluctance to agree to reforms posed an embarrassment to the politician in the White House and sparked disorder in Manila. So Reagan could be getting ready to cut Marcos off.

In foreign policy, Reagan evidently subscribes to an old rule of diplomacy: never admit you are changing your position even while you are changing your position.

An AP News Analysis

that fraud and violence may have occurred "on both sides," Reagan directly blamed the party of President Ferdinand Marcos five days later for most of the irregularities.

When Habib returns next week, the shift could pick up speed. U.S. aid could be reduced, Ambassador Stephen Bosworth recalled or Marcos urged to arrange his own succession or to share power with the opposition.

"We have a stake in freedom, we have a stake in democracy," Secretary of State George Shultz told the Senate Budget Committee on Wednesday. "Let's put that first, even above the bases."

He referred to Clark Air Base and Subic Bay, the main forward point for the U.S. Navy's Pacific fleet.

The embattled Marcos had drawn a rare bit of strength from Reagan's initial even-handed remarks. Marcos' opponents were said to be dispirited by the sug-

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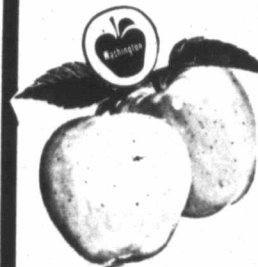
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