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## McLean school officials meet to discuss UIL hearing

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

McLEAN — McLean School Board held an emergency meeting Friday and reached a general consensus not to hire an attorney to represent the school district in a University Interscholastic League hearing in Austin on Tuesday.

Superintendent Rex Peoples said he posted the notice for the emergency meeting about 10 a.m. Friday for the 2 p.m. meeting.

Peoples read the six allegations that the UIL's State Executive Committee will be considering at the 1 p.m. Tuesday meeting to be held in the Lone Star Room of the Radisson Hotel in downtown Austin.

The six allegations concern a football player, Dennis Hill, and whether he has violated Section 441 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules by accepting money or other

valuable consideration.

One new allegation was added to the previous list of five on Friday, and the UIL faxed the school district a copy of the six allegations, Peoples said.

The sixth allegation is that Coach Jerry Miller called Dennis Hill in Brahm, Minn., during the week of Aug. 7, 1989, and asked him to return to McLean to play football; Miller sent him money by Western Union to ride a bus to Oklahoma City; Dennis Hill was picked up in Oklahoma City by Ida Hess, and Miller arranged for Dennis Hill to live with Jake Hess.

The sixth allegation would fall under a recruiting violation. The other five allegations fall under the amateur status rule.

Peoples said that the school's response on the sixth allegation will be that Ida Hess did pick up Dennis Hill at a bus station in Oklahoma

City, because she was going to be in Oklahoma City that day to pick up her daughter.

Peoples said Dennis Hill called his brother, Dwayne Hill, and asked him to find someone to pick him up in Oklahoma City. Dwayne talked to one of the Hess boys, who said his mother could pick Dennis up in Oklahoma City.

"There can't be anything wrong with that," Peoples told the school board.

The superintendent said that Dennis Hill called Coach Miller and asked him for a loan of \$60 because he was trying to get back to McLean for two-a-days. He said Dennis Hill paid the coach \$30 the following week and repaid the remainder of the money later.

The other five allegations are that Dennis lived with Jake Hess without paying room and board in

1989; that Dennis lived with Coach Miller in the summer of 1990 without paying room and board; that Sharon Haynes posted a \$5,000 cash bond for Dennis in violation of the amateur rules; that William Stockstill posted a \$10,000 property bond to replace the \$5,000 cash bond in violation of the amateur rules; and that Dennis' living with Sharon and Thacker Haynes since mid-November is violating the amateur rules.

The State Executive Committee also wants information on who hired attorney Gene Thompson to represent Dennis Hill.

The superintendent and his staff also discussed with the school board the range of the possible penalties that could be imposed if the committee finds a violation on Tuesday.

The penalties could be a public reprimand of the school district and/or coach, the taking away of any trophies or honors won by the football

team, and/or the suspension of the coach for up to three years. There are other penalties that also could be imposed.

"We haven't done anything wrong as far as enticing anybody to go to school here," Peoples said.

Peoples said he's talked to Coach Miller and he does not want to be represented by an attorney at the Tuesday meeting. "We don't have anything to hide," the superintendent said.

Board Member Bill Thomas said, "I personally wouldn't take an attorney down there. They would think you either have something to hide or you're looking at counter litigation."

"I just want to get the thing settled and get on with educating the students."

Board Member Joe Magee said, "No one's going down there to lie."

Board Member Thacker Haynes said, "We haven't done anything wrong."

The superintendent added, "Our heart might have been too large."

Peoples said Friday it was undecided if Dennis Hill would be attending the Austin meeting. He said the UIL has asked that Dennis Hill be there, but the school had not decided whether he would attend.

Haynes said, "If they want to suspend us for finding a place to sleep, go ahead and suspend us."

Thomas said, "One kid didn't get us to that point (state playoffs in football). We owe it to the rest of the students to plea our case and give them the true answers. I'd hate for the rest of the team to suffer."

Board President Jake Hess said, "It seems unfair to face all these allegations and not know who made them."

### Drug war contribution



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Area residents, civic organizations and businesses gave a resounding 'No!' to drugs by contributing \$21,600 towards a local drug program. The pledges were made during a five-day fundraising campaign sponsored by the Pampa Downtown Kiwanis Club. The money will now go as matching funds to be joined by a grant from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for an area drug task force program. Pictured are, from left, City Manager Glen Hackler, Pampa Police Chief Jim Laramore, Kiwanian Ben Woodington who spearheaded the fundraising, and Ken Hall, Downtown Kiwanis Club president.

## Blalock murder trial set for Jan. 28

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

The murder trial of Robert Kimberly Blalock, originally set for Dec. 17, has been continued until Jan. 28 on Blalock's motion to continue based on the need for more time to prepare for trial.

District Judge Don E. Cain of the 223rd District Court made the continuance ruling on Friday during a hearing for pre-trial motions.

Blalock, 34, has been indicted in the death of 13-year-old Dale Noble. Blalock is charged with throwing a Molotov cocktail through the front windows of the residence of the boy's mother, Paulette Noble, on May 21. The incident caused a fire during which Dale died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Blalock had earlier filed a motion for a change of venue, alleging there was so much pre-trial publicity that Blalock could not get a fair trial in Gray County. However, on Friday, defense attorney John White withdrew that motion.

Regarding other motions filed by Blalock, District Attorney Harold Comer told the court that his office has always had a policy of allowing defense counsel to view the entire file of the state regarding a case in the district attorney's office.

White said he appreciated the district attorney's offer and would take him up on it.

"I don't think we'd be ready for trial on Dec. 17 in any event," White said.

Comer said, "The state is prepared to go to trial." Judge Cain said that based on the Court of Criminal Appeals' ruling that the defendant's first motion for continuance should be granted, the Blalock trial would be continued and set for Jan. 28.



Robert Kimberly Blalock

Cain said this was the first motion for a continuance by the defense in the case.

Cain also set 10 a.m. on Jan. 10 as the date to hear pre-trial motions.

## Financier warns of Japanese 'invasion' of U.S. economic base

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
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T. Boone Pickens, well-known financier, warned of a new Japanese "invasion," during a speech Friday for a special meeting of co-sponsored by the Pampa Downtown Kiwanis and Pampa Area of Chamber of Commerce.

Since Friday was the 49th anniversary of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, Pickens was asked to speak about his recent experiences with corporate Japan.

"As I travel across the United States to relate my experiences with the corporates of Japan, I become increasingly concerned that America is once again fighting a war with the Japanese," Pickens said.

"Now there's not going to be any people lost, but it's a war of economic policies and trade practices in corporate experiences," he explained. "My investment is just a sideshow to the main event of what I think is going on. It does appear that Japanese have stacked the deck against America and the American worker." And I'm not a Japanese basher.

During the 1980s, the United States witnessed a strong challenge from the Japanese, especially in electronics and the automotive industry, Pickens said.

Fed up with increasing number of buy-outs of American industries by Japanese investors, Pickens made up his mind about 20 months ago, that he was going to invest in a Japanese company. "I made the decision at a time when the Japanese companies were investing heavily in the United States. I just felt some place in here, I would have an opportunity... It came to me in the form of a Japanese businessman who had bucked the establishment in Tokyo and then came to me.

"What it boils down to is he basically financed me to buy his stock. He gave me an opportunity also to see inside corporate Japan," Pickens said.

What Pickens did was buy 42.4 million shares, or 26.44 percent of the stock in Koito Manufacturing Co., shares worth more than 1 billion U.S. dollars. Koito manufactures headlights for Toyota automobiles.

"I didn't like several deals that were going on at the time. One of them was Bridgestone that was purchased from Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. I thought, well, that's a great name to go to the Japanese. Then you see Mitsubishi buy Rockefeller Center, and then you see Sony buy Columbia and you wonder how far this is going on... I felt like Columbia Pictures had a library that had a lot of information that was very important to the people of this country and the people that will come along after we're gone. And then I see MCA acquired by a Japanese company this past week. Then I see another library similar to Columbia pictures and I wonder if 10 years from now, 20 years from now if you can find anything about Dec. 7, 1941 in those libraries.

"All of this concerns me. Getting involved like I have, you start to wonder if you're paranoid. You also realize of all the stories that are coming to you, are probably only half true," Pickens said, adding, "If all the stuff that's come to me about Japan or the Japanese is only half-true, then we've still got a hell of a problem to deal with."

Pickens has recently been accused of using "greenmail," or buying a large amount of stock in a company with the expectation that the management, fearing a hostile takeover, will pay a premium to buy back the shares.

The accusations have arisen after Pickens has repeatedly asked for a place on the Koito board of directors as the largest stockholder. He has been repeatedly denied a position on the board. Friday, his company was forced to comply with a new law requiring owners of more than 5 percent of a public company's stock to disclose significant



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

T. Boone Pickens gestures while speaking in Pampa Friday.

financial arrangements or contracts made to buy the shares or dispose of the stock.

Pickens' attorney in a news article Friday said the documents show that Pickens bought shares of Koito stock with a loan from Azabu Building Co., a part of a group of companies owned by Kitaro Watanabe who had approached Pickens about buying stock in the Japanese

company earlier.

"Carla Hill, our trade rep in Washington told me, 'Boone, you won't be blocked by Japanese law. You'll be blocked by the silent barrier,'" Pickens said Friday. "She said, 'You'll find out that every place you go is a dead end.' That's about what I found."

Pickens told of going to Tokyo last June to attend the company's

annual meeting. The first time he had tried to attend the meeting, in 1989, he was alone.

"In 1990, there were 50 American shareholders that went with me," he said. "It was interesting when you went in, we were discriminated against on the outset. We had a place where we signed in; they checked our credentials and everything to see if we were shareholders before they would seat us. The Japanese just went right in and sat down. It was so obvious to the Americans..."

"We had a roped off area. This is where the foreigners sit. As we went in it was an incredible performance. As they saw us come in, the Japanese would stand up and yell at us and shake their fists at us."

Pickens asked his interpreter what the Japanese were saying. She replied, "They're saying 'Yankee go home! You've lost the economic war!'" When the sound of the words changed, Pickens asked his interpreter what they were saying now. She replied that they were yelling insults at her for sitting with the Americans. Eventually, she began to cry and had to be replaced with a different interpreter, he said.

Each time someone from the American delegation tried to ask a question in the meeting, they were told that the question had already been asked and answered and then told to sit down.

A woman who tried to address the group was berated with insults such as "Who are you? Do you have a job? Are you a stripper?" Pickens said.

Eventually, he became fed up and he and the other Americans left the meeting. As they were leaving, the Japanese yelled and shook their fists even more.

His interpreter said the Japanese were saying, "Remember Pearl Harbor!"

Pickens remembers rolling newspapers in a small newspaper office in Holdenville, Okla., where he grew up, reading the teletype as

the news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor came across on Dec. 7, 1941.

"I remember it so vividly. I was watching the teletype and I saw where those battle ships were sunk. And while it may not have been television, I knew it was a horrible scene."

"And then back in June I walked up those steps and I heard them yell 'Remember Pearl Harbor!'. I wish I could have spoken Japanese, because if I could, my response would have been, 'The Americans are not going to ever - ever! - forget Pearl Harbor!'"

Pickens explained that he was in favor of free markets and fair markets, but added that he didn't believe the Japanese had fair markets. He also said he believes the Japanese are not adhering to U.S. tax laws.

"In a closed meeting of the U.S. House Ways and Means committee, the IRS reported that the Japanese had underpaid taxes by as much as \$34 billion," Pickens said.

He also said that for every \$100 profit made in the U.S. by a U.S. company, \$5 was paid in taxes. For every \$100 profit made in the U.S. by foreign companies, 82 cents was paid in taxes.

"It is unbelievably uncomfortable to compete against that," he commented.

While Pickens said he is not saying that Japan is not paying taxes illegally, he added that he felt Japanese companies are "twisting our tax laws to the maximum."

He said, "Japan is here for one reason and one reason only - to make money. To inflict pain or take advantage of the Americans is a side benefit."

"The ultimate way people can show that they don't like what's going on is to not buy Japanese products," he said.

"I don't think we ever should be afraid of them. But I think we should damn sure be aware of what they're up to."



# Obituary brings back memories of Dust Bowl days

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
News Editor

Obituary notices sometimes do more than provide information about a person's death. A recent obituary in a Dallas newspaper turned back the pages of Pampan Ben Guill's memory to the days of the Dust Bowl — to a play and three young people who were on the threshold of their own lives.

The obituary was brief. "ARVO GODDARD, 72, of Republic, Mo., a retired Dallas Independent School District administrator, died of cancer Thursday at his home," it read.

Guill, 81, saw not the obituary of a Dallas school administrator, but the Pampa High School senior he taught back in 1936. He saw the boy who played John Anderson in Guill's original play "Dust," co-written with then-Pampa News writer Archer Fullingim.

"Arvo was the perfect country boy," Guill remembers. "He talked like an old country boy. He looked like a country boy. And he was honest like real country Texas people."

But Guill couldn't think of Goddard without thinking of Mary Adams, who played Sarah Anderson, the wife, in "Dust." Now Mary Adams Pryor, she is the only surviving member of the "Dust" cast. Bedridden with crippling arthritis at her home here, she happily recalls her days as an amateur thespian at Pampa High School.

"Arvo was perfect for the part. He was my idea of what a farmer looks like," she remembers.

And then there was the third cast member — Dickie Kennedy, the youngest, but the first of the three to die. A sophomore in 1936, Kennedy played the Anderson's young son who suffered, and eventually died, from dust pneumonia. "He was perfect for his part, too," Pryor said.

Guill was teaching speech and drama at PHS in the 1930s when the big black storms rolled through the Texas Panhandle blanketing everything in a fine layer of dust.

He remembers one in particular. He was driving back from West Texas State University with a girl (who later married his best friend, he says). He was taking her to Gouge Eye (now known as Alanreed) where she taught school.

As they were driving along, he saw a great rolling black cloud of dust on the horizon. When it hit, everything went dark, so dark he had to turn on the headlights of the car.

"I couldn't see a thing. I finally pulled over to the side of the road with the lights on until it got clear enough to see," Guill said.

"It was so quiet. But you could hear the sand and the dirt hit the top of the car. It looked as if we were going into the mouth of a great, dark cavern."

Pryor's experience with the dust storms led her to want to be in Guill's play, she said.

"The play appealed to me because it was so close to home. It was something I had lived through," she remembered.

"I'll never forget I was at First Methodist Church when one hit. I was sitting on a piano bench and by the time I stopped playing, the dust had settled and outlined my body on the bench. I remember my mother called and told us to stay there and not try to come home.

"Someone finally took my brother and I to the house and when we got there Mom was wetting towels and putting them over the windows," she said.

Guill wanted to take those experiences and turn them into a play. He turned to his friend, Fullingim.

"I think I can write a good play on these dust things," Guill told him. "But I want you to check out what I've written each day. You write so beautifully."

So they jointly wrote the one-act play "Dust."

It's about the Andersons and their battle with the dry storms that robbed them of their crops, their cattle and eventually their son. Guill used his experiences and those of people around him to make the play realistic. He draped the front of the stage with gauze which allowed just enough light through it to give the effect of dust hanging in the air. The

backdrop depicted a black duster moving in.

Pampan Icie Harrah had a phonograph machine that could reproduce sounds onto records. Guill's students used the machine to record them as they made the sounds of bawling cattle. One student whittled a 30-30 rifle out of wood to be used in the play.

**"It was so quiet. But you could hear the sand and the dirt hit the top of the car. It looked as if we were going into the mouth of a great, dark cavern." — Ben Guill**

"Everything had to be made and done by the students in UIL plays," Guill explained.

Despite his best efforts, however, the play was fated to controversy.

After "Dust" won on a regional level, a protest was filed because of the use of the phonograph record.

"We were all upset, wondering what was going to happen to us," Guill remembered.

UIL officials later ruled that the play was still eligible for state competition. It was the first play ever to be performed at the state UIL competition that had been written by the director.

"Dust" made the state finals. After the performance, the judges awarded Goddard and Pryor each with the Samuel French Medal for best individual acting. But the play itself placed second.

"It felt strange that Ben didn't get any honors, but we did," Pryor recalled.

"I couldn't understand it," Guill said. "One of the judges said it was 'so overdrawn. You just didn't have weather like that.'

"Well, we did. I wish I had had a picture to show her, but I didn't."

After the state competition, the cast members and Guill drifted apart. Pryor was 16, but a senior at the time. She and Goddard lost track of each other during World War II. Neither Guill nor Pryor knew what happened to Kennedy after he graduated. Pryor said she only knew that he had moved away and that he had eventually died.

Guill accepted a job with the Amarillo school district, and moved from Pampa.

He still had high hopes for his play, though.

He sent a copy of it to a well-known director, King Vidor. A terse telegram informed him that Vidor was busy working on a picture and did not have time to read the play, but suggested Guill send it to Pare Lorentz, director of documentary films for the Resettlement Administration in New York.

Lorentz replied that he appreciated Guill sending him the play, but that he had just finished writing and directing a musical picture called "The Plow That Broke the Plains," and "I personally have written myself out on the dust situation."

So, as far as Guill was concerned, "Dust" had settled into the dust of obscurity.

Until several years later. Guill was driving from Amarillo to Pampa on a business trip. To while away the time, he turned on a radio program in his car. Soon it occurred to him that he was listening to his play "almost word for word!" Guill exclaimed.

And at the end of the program, the radio announcer said "You were listening to 'The Plow That Broke the Plains.'"

"I had not copyrighted it, so there was nothing I could do about it," Guill said philosophically. But

hearing his play attributed to someone else still rankled.

Guill went to war. When he returned, he went back to work for Cabot Corp. In 1950, he was selected in a special election as the first Republican from this area to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He was defeated in the regular election and returned to Texas where he began to campaign hard for Dwight D. Eisenhower.

His efforts paid off when Eisenhower was elected. Soon he found himself going back to Washington, D.C., as an executive assistant to the Post Master General. Then he was appointed to serve as vice chairman of the Maritime Board. He resigned in 1961 when John F. Kennedy was elected and the Democrats took over the White House.

"It was that or be fired," Guill commented... philosophically. But he remained in Washington, this time as a private consultant, lobbying for various industries located in the Texas Panhandle. He had a number of secretaries during this time, but one stands out in his memory.

She had been married several times. Once she brought her latest husband to the Guill's home. She introduced him as Pare Lorentz.

"You may know his father," she told them. "He's a screen writer named Pare Lorentz who is famous for 'The Plow That Broke the Plains.' Would you like to meet him?"

"That thieving' s— of a b—," Guill said — philosophically. "I'd love to see him. Why don't you bring him to see me?"

"Needless to say, he never came to see me," Guill added with a grin.

"It just goes to show you that you don't write anything you want to keep without copyrighting it," he said.

## God help us to love our children

"Rubber boots?"  
"Check."  
"Rain gear?"  
"Check."  
"Umbrella?"  
"Check."  
"Swim fins?"  
"Check."

"OK," my wife Caryl sighed. "Looks like you're ready. Just remember, if your head gets underwater, be calm. Getting excited just makes you use up more oxygen."

She kissed me on the cheek and waved. I was on my way to give our eight-month-old daughter her evening bath.

Bath time is Sarah's revenge for all the ear-cleanings, face washings and nail clippings she goes through. With her rubber ducky Blinko in hand and an innocent smile on her face, she proceeds to play Drown Dat Daddy, her favorite game.

Drown Dat Daddy is a musical game, with bath water serving as liquid bongos.

"Uububububub dadada lumarororororororor," Sarah sings as she beats the water, sending a constant spray over her father.

I respond by popping open the umbrella, which she finds terribly amusing.

"Let's not do that, OK?" I smile.

But dealing with an eight-month-old is like talking to a cat. Either they don't understand what you're telling them or they're so smart that they know if they pretend they don't understand what you're telling them, doubt will enter your mind and you will begin to wonder if they understand or not and it will occur to you that talking to an eight-month-old is like talking to a cat. Understand?

"Sarah, let's not splash Daddy in the face," I say, a song in my voice. "No, no, my little angel." I smile again for good measure.

"Googooogooo dadadadada." Splash!  
"Hoooooney, I need more towels for the floor please!"

"I gave you seven of them a minute ago."  
"They're soaked. Just a couple more ought to do it."  
"Have you washed her hair yet?"  
"Make that four more. And hurry."

It's hard to get too upset with splash-happy babies. There's no greater pleasure in their life than to be in the

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tub with their ducky Blinko and their daddy in his rubber suit and flippers.

"Here comes Mr. Washy Rag to get your little bottom."

Sarah giggles with glee and flashes her four new teeth. Daddy's heart melts with the next spray that washes over the side of the tub.

After another five minutes, my wife comes in to survey the damage.

"Don't say anything," I tell her. "Or you can do it tomorrow night."

"Oh, no, you don't. I still haven't de-pruned from Tuesday's bath time."

We look at each other, then at Sarah. She wouldn't be happier at Disney World than she is at this moment.

What's a few wet towels and a soaked-down daddy? We have a happy child who knows we love her.

You may be wondering what the point of all of this is. Earlier this week we all read with horror the reports out of Guymon, Okla., about a father who allegedly raped his newborn daughter before murdering her. How can we respond to a crime so horrible?, I asked myself.

The only thing I knew to do was go home, hug my own daughter and give her the evening bath.

God help us to love our children more. They are so precious and so fragile. And whatever sins abound in human nature that cause people to do terrible things, I firmly believe there is a fountain-source of love that can overcome evil and bring us to a place of love.

But even that reality won't restore the life of that poor little baby in Guymon.

All I can do is love my own dear child with all that is in me. For my daughter, that means giving her the evening bath.

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## Letters to the editor

### McLean appreciates the Pampa merchants

To the editor:  
On November 10 in McLean, we had Bingo to raise money for the Tiger Pride Marching Band. It was a great success, and we had a wonderful turnout.  
We really want you to know how much we appreciate the merchants of Pampa who were so nice to us and so generous with their donations to help our small town. The poor moms that spent several days in your town talking to merchants were really grateful for your supportive attitude for our cause. It wouldn't have been a success without your help.  
We here in McLean depend a lot on the Pampa merchants for our needs. Many of us spend a great deal of time and money in your town. We are very thankful for the selection of stores you have to offer us. Our town, like so many, tries to keep business in our own town. Since our town is so small, and we spend so much time in your town, it's like a part of ours.  
Tiger Pride Marching Band thanks you; so do we.  
McLean Band Boosters  
McLean

### Other team members deserve support, too

To the editor:  
In answer to the letter of Ida Hess in your Sunday, December 2, paper, I must be one of those sanctimonious, self-righteous people that she feels is in the wrong here. I feel a number of things need to be presented:

1. These boys have been given virtually every opportunity by the community, i.e., free room and board, access to individual's cars to drive, etc.
  2. Three board members and a coach apparently feel that the boys' playing football is more important than what they have allegedly done or could do to others in the community. By the way, this is not the first time!
  3. If my sons had been involved in something like this, there would be no football problem. They would not be playing by orders from me!
- I hold Ida in high regard but strongly disagree with her this time.  
I applaud your editor on his answering note. In my opinion, he is right on target. As best as I can tell, the only reason for the continued support of this team is that there are 22 other players who have worked very hard and deserve it. No one wants to flush their chances and self esteem because of two players and a handful of what I consider to be misguided, self-righteous citizens who, for some reason, appear to support their activities in the name of football. In case no one knows it, we have a team without the Hills.  
One final note. Until these young men go to trial and are judged innocent or guilty, I feel that three board members and a small group of highly supportive citizens are directly responsible for their actions. Also, those who have a problem with my stand on this issue are welcome to confront me. I will, however, not tolerate my children being chastised over my actions as has been the rule in the past.

George M. Green  
McLean

### McLean emphasizes a positive attitude

To the editor:  
After reading about all the allegations concerning the much publicized events in McLean and after reading the article in *The Pampa News* December 5 issue, I feel that I have to say a few words about Coach Jerry Miller and the school administration.  
Coach Miller has been a very strong supporter of the young people in our community. I say OUR community because two of my children attend McLean High School, we shop in McLean and socialize with some good friends and organizations in McLean.  
Coach Miller has taken OUR football team and made them one to be proud of and one to be reckoned with, as demonstrated by their achievements in the playoffs. He has given the youth of McLean something that they can all be proud of, and that's a winning spirit, a team spirit and a cohesiveness that enables

every student to belong to something that is good and wholesome, all the more emphasizing to OUR youth of the importance that you don't need drugs or alcohol to get HIGH. Every teacher in the McLean and Alanreed community has and will go that extra step to ensure that our kids get the most of their education. They would be very difficult if not impossible to replace.

Reading the article about the alleged athletic rules violation was very disheartening, but after reading the article again, one can take pride in the fact that there are some good people in McLean who will go that extra step to help someone who needs it.

It's amazing how quick the news media can pick up on negative events and then elaborate on them with sensationalism, yet when a positive event occurs, you see very little about it in print, if anything at all. There sure wasn't much news about the McLean High School football team in the paper until the alleged assaults by the Hill boys occurred, even though the team had not lost (and to date still has not lost) a single game.

Also take note that I stated "alleged" assaults. Don't forget, we are in America, a wonderful country with a legal system founded on the principle that you are innocent until legally proven guilty. If those boys did do what they are accused of, then let's let our justice system work in the manner that our forefathers intended.

Let's get on with the positive events in life and quit trying to persecute those that have ideas and values that are different than our own. The spirit of these youngsters in our high school is high, and hopefully they will keep that spirit regardless of the outcome of the UIL investigation and the outcome of the charges against Dennis and Dewayne Hill. If we let one person in or out of the community with a "negative mentality" interfere with the positive spirit of our community, then not only is that one person a loser, we all become losers.

With Coach and Mrs. Miller, our football team, people like the Thackers and the other positive people in our community, how can we lose?

Yes, you can print my name, because I'm proud of our community and I don't mind telling you!  
Dan Martin, USN (Ret)  
Alanreed

### Let us remember reason for season

To the editor:  
This note is a reminder to everyone as to why we have this season of the year.

We are all so busy scurrying around shopping for Christmas presents, doing volunteer work and preparing for various activities that I think we lose track of why this season exists. Anyone who is trying to organize any sort of activity during this month knows how hard it is to get people together to prepare or do the activity, due to everyone's busy schedule.

We are running around trying to find the perfect present for all the people on our Christmas list. When we are not shopping, we are helping prepare for parties at school for our children or helping prepare for parties at work locations. All of this is going on while we are busy around the house putting up Christmas trees and lights, wrapping presents to the ones who are dear to us in our hearts and planning for large meals where we eat too much but enjoy it immensely.

At work we are busy attempting to complete the many projects that need to be done before the year closes. Those who are in the retail business are struggling with large crowds of shoppers trying to complete their Christmas lists.

While all of the activity and events of this time of year are important, we must remember that the only reason that this season exists is to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the reason why we have this season. If we lose sight of him because of all the activity at this time of year (his birthday), then we need to reexamine what our priorities are.

If He was willing to suffer a painful death on the cross for us, then the very least we can do is to remember him on his birthday. Parents need to take time to show their children by example the reason for this, our happiest time of the year.

As we go about our activities at this time of year, please slow down long enough to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

In Christ's Name,  
Bill Brady  
Pampa

### Clarendon College-Pampa Center to require Pre-TASP assessment test

Beginning with the Spring Semester 1991, every new freshman student entering Clarendon College-Pampa Center will be required to take the Pre-TASP assessment test before being allowed to register for classes.  
Clarendon College will offer this test at various times and there will be no charge for this test. If any student cannot take the test at these scheduled times, please call the Pampa Center office during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Please allow a maximum of two hours to take the test; however, most students finish the Pre-TASP assessment in one to one and one-half hours. The test will be administered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3, 1991; Friday, Jan. 4, and Saturday, Jan. 5.  
Any student who wishes to take the Pre-TASP on an individual appointment may do so immediately.

## SPS' rates to be less affected by Clean Air Act than others

Southwestern Public Service Co. will see future electric rates affected by the federal Clean Air Act, but much less so than consumers in other parts of the country, SPS officials say.

SPS's power plants are already among the cleanest in the nation, said Bill Helton, SPS president and chief executive officer.

SPS has just completed a preliminary analysis of the lengthy act and its effects on customers, Helton said.

He provided the following information on SPS and the new law:

- SPS has established a strong record of being an advocate for a clean environment. The service area is SPS's permanent business home, and this environmental tradition is important to the company.

- "SPS is committed to ensuring that its present and future facilities meet or are better than applicable environmental standards," he said.

- The company's modern, coal-fired plants are among the top 20 percent cleanest in the nation. If all coal-fired plants had sulfur emissions as low as SPS's, the national sulfur-reduction goals found in the new federal Clean Air Act already would be met.

- "SPS accomplishes these results by utilizing low-sulfur western coal and innovative air-quality-control devices known as baghouses at its coal-fired power plants," Helton explained.

- American consumers will pay enormous amounts to fund the act and yet not receive proportionate benefits in terms of a cleaner environment, he claimed. However, the law does recognize that many western power plants, such as those owned by SPS, operate with low emission rates and treats them accordingly under new standards, he said.

The Clean Air Act has 11 sec-

tions, or "Titles," ranging from Nonattainment (Title I) to Acid Rain (Title IV) to Job Displacement Provisions (Title XI). Primarily, it is the Acid Rain section that affects SPS customers; it contains two phases.

Phase I begins in 1995 and primarily affects "dirty" power plants. Phase II begins in 2000 and will further restrict emissions at traditionally clean plants, such as those operated by SPS, Helton noted.

The Bush administration estimates the new law will cost from \$22 billion to \$25 billion a year, while private industry estimates the bill will run somewhere between \$30 billion and \$50 billion a year.

Residents of the SPS service area will pay part of this in the form of higher costs for many types of products, including electricity, Helton said. "Yet this area already enjoys clean air and a healthy environment."

SPS believes its customers and other-Americans would have been better served had Congress considered the results of the 10-year, \$500 million National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program study on acid rain before passing the act, he said.

"As a result, much of the Clean Air Act was based on political expediency rather than scientific fact," he said.

However, the anticipated effect of the newly passed Act will be less severe on SPS customers than earlier versions of the bill. Through the aggressive efforts of SPS and other electric companies, trade associations, economic development coalitions and various concerned congressmen, some extreme proposals of earlier versions of the Clean Air Amendments were moderated before final passage of the conference bill.

Significantly improved proposals were ultimately approved for power

plants located in the "clean states." These are mainly western states that contain plants that have operated at much cleaner standards than plants in the East and Midwest. SPS plants are considered among the "clean" plants, Helton said.

The conference bill added 20 percent more emission allowances for clean plants. This benefit was in recognition of the fact that these clean plants already operate with very low emissions.

"Fortunately, the conference bill does not contain an electricity tax that, in effect, would have forced SPS customers to pay a fee to clean up plants in other parts of the country," Helton said.

SPS estimated that prior versions of the Clean Air Act would have caused customers to pay about 7 percent more for electricity. Now the company estimates it will have to raise rates about 2 percent, or approximately \$15 million, in 10 years to pay for additional air-quality-control equipment required for Phase II in the year 2000.

"This could include the cost of the installation and operation of a 'scrubber' unit at Tolk Station," he said.

The bill also will require SPS to obtain additional permits under the Permit section (Title V) starting in 1995 and to pay new fees. Current fees and taxes also will continue in effect.

Estimates are that these new permit-related expenses will increase costs about \$300,000 a year.

The act instructs the Environmental Protection Agency to write many new regulations to implement the new clean air law, so even more bureaucratic fees, paperwork and time-consuming permits could be required in subsequent years, Helton said.

### Former East Texas S&L owner convicted of fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — Former First Savings Association of East Texas owner Roy Wayne Dailey has been convicted on six counts of bank fraud and making false statements to federally insured institutions.

Dailey, 47, who faces a maximum penalty of up to 30 years in prison and \$1.5 million in fines, will be sentenced March 4.

Jurors found Dailey guilty Friday of participating in a "straw borrower" scheme with John Addison Ballis, a financially beleaguered developer.

The case focused on a series of loans orchestrated by Dailey and Ballis, who was described in the indictment as an unindicted co-conspirator.

In 1983 and early 1984, Dailey had provided \$9.3 million in financing for two development projects spearheaded by Ballis and his associate, Lance Winchester.

Ballis pleaded guilty earlier this year to one count of making false statements and received a two-year suspended sentence in exchange for providing information about Dailey.

Prosecutors said the men engaged in a "straw borrower" scheme in which they used two of Ballis' employees, Richard Harvey and Archie Wood, as "front men" to secure \$6.7 million in loans. They also fabricated financial statements for those employees to justify issuing the loans.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Braddock described the verdict as "a big hit" for the government. The U.S. attorney's office in Houston has come under attack recently for failing to prosecute thrifts aggressively.

After the verdict was announced,

Dailey's attorney, Robert A. Scardino Jr., refuted a motion to dismiss the case.

It is based on Ballis' claims the statement he gave FBI officials was not accurately presented to the grand jury that indicted Dailey and contradicting evidence used against the thrift owner, Scardino says.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt deferred ruling on the motion.

Scardino will not let Dailey answer questions until sentencing.

Much of the trial's testimony centered on more than \$371,000 that

Ballis paid Dailey.

On Dec. 28, 1984, MF Developers Inc., a firm controlled by Ballis and Winchester, received more than \$1.8 million from the First Savings loan taken out by Wood.

Ballis deposited the money in a First State Bank of Liberty account, but took out \$300,000 in cash.

Throughout early 1985, Dailey had First Savings' employees take portions of the \$300,000 to purchase cashier's checks in amounts of less than \$10,000 made out to Dailey, prosecutors said.

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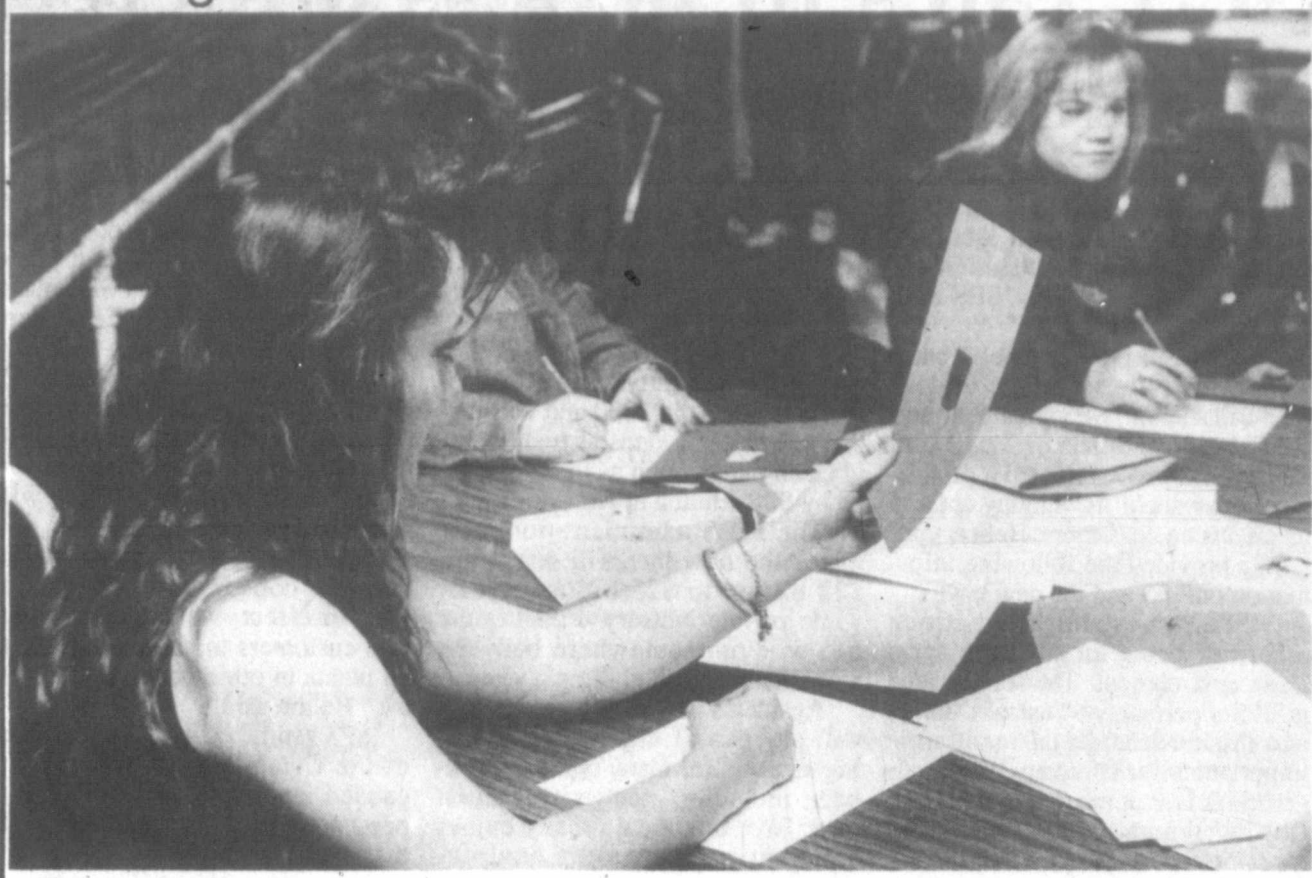
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### Drawing on air



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Laura Carter, an 11th grader at Pampa High School, works to "box in the air around an object," part of a unique right-brain art seminar Friday at the campus. Art teacher Dorothy Farrington and Amarillo artist Ardis Hood asked students to focus on "drawing air around a group of chairs" instead of drawing the chairs, which they said would allow students to develop correct perspective on their subject. Since "the air is infinite, it is necessary to box it in" with the viewer Carter holds, according to Hood. Approximately 50 students participated in the special seminar, which Hood said is designed to significantly improve artistic perception.

## Next step taken towards building prison here

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
News Editor

A group of local officials met with Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division representatives here Thursday to work out details on the site preparation for the proposed state prison.

Red McNatt, executive manager for the Pampa Chamber of Commerce said three persons from the TDCJ institutional division,

five representatives of design engineers Turner, Collie and Braden of Houston and consulting engineers, Phillip Swager & Associates of Dallas, met with persons representing the chamber, the city, the county, and the local utilities companies to finalize plans for preparing the prison site. A total of 25 were in attendance, he said.

At a recent meeting of the TDCJ board, board members voted to have all the proposed

prisons in the state under construction by the summer of 1991. Pampa's prison is scheduled to begin in early to mid-June, he said, almost 90 days ahead of schedule.

"That could mean as much as \$2 million a month in income to the community," McNatt said. "The quicker the start, the quicker we're going to start feeling the benefits from it."

Pampa and Gray County will

## Pampa contributes one-third of students named to Middle School All-Region Band

Fifty Pampa Middle School students reached All-Region Band status, or that of alternate, during competition Saturday at Travis Middle School in Amarillo.

Seventh and eighth graders from Pampa participated in the event, competing with students from Crockett, Borger, Valleyview, Dumas, Hereford, Travis, Austin, Bonham and Houston middle schools in the Panhandle.

Those from Pampa named to the All-region band include, by instrument and chair:

Clarinet: 3. Jennifer Crossman, 11. Crystal Gideon, 12. Shanie Funk, Regina Hopson, 15. Erica Hensley, 18. Talyia Lane, 24. Ashlee Bohannon; and first alternate Laura Lomas.

•Oboe: first alternate, Kim

McDonald, Tuba: 3. J.R. Neil, 4. Lamont Ford, 5. Jason Bowles. Tenor sax: first alternate, Robert Cozart. Baritone sax: first alternate, Chris Lamberth.

Bass clarinet: 2. Shelley Stephenson, 4. Gena Dougherty. Alto sax: 4. Tausha Thrasher, French horn: 3. Erica Koehler, 5. Melanie Rutledge, 8. Peggy Williams; first alternate, Kerrey Ford.

Baritone: 2. Joel Monds, 5. Cole Tefertiller, 6. Scott Focke. Trombone: 1. Brian Cathey, 2. David Kludt, 6. Ryan Bennett, 8. Ketrue Thompson, 9. Jeremy Nolie. Trumpet: 1. Luke Long, 2. Blake Allen, 3. Jason Jones, 4. Brian Easley, 5. Richard Williams, 8. Jason Etheredge, 9. Shonie Garland, 11. Chris Cochran, 14. Ben Padgett, 15. Ty Newman; first alternate, Cliff

Hudson. Flute: 1. Marissa Grabato, 3. Hugh Teng, 4. Amy Watson, 5. Danica Weeks, 6. Grace Sutton, 10. Danette Hoover, 11. Denise Reynolds, 12. Audra Shelton; third alternate, Stephanie Williams.

With their 50 band members reaching All-Region, Pampa Middle School had twice as many participants reaching that level than any other school.

PMS students also accounted for one-third of the young people named to All-Region.

Middle School All-Region Band will perform in concert, along with the High School All-Region Band, at Randall High School in Amarillo next January.

High school All-Region results were not available at press time.

## Representative of state comptroller's office to be in Pampa

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said that a representative from his agency will be in Pampa on Wednesday, Dec. 19, to answer questions about Texas taxes and assist taxpayers with paperwork and problems.

"I don't want to see state taxes turn into a burden for folks who can't get to a field office. Our visits

are a service we're happy to provide to Texas taxpayers," Bullock said.

Margaret McClung, enforcement agent at the Amarillo Field Office, will be at the Gray County Courthouse, in the non-jury room located on the third floor from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is welcome and there is no charge.

"I'm sending my employees out to help people with questions, filling out forms, and working out problems on a local, one-to-one basis. There are some things you just can't

do as well over the phone or through the mail," Bullock said.

Carson, Wheeler, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Armstrong, Donley and Collingsworth county area taxpayers who can't attend the courthouse seminar can still get individual tax assistance by calling the comptroller's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-252-5555, from anywhere in Texas.

The Amarillo office, headed by Mort Watson, serves 25 counties in the Texas Panhandle, including Potter, Moore and Randall.

## Mesa announces sale of property in Gray County

DALLAS (AP) — Mesa Limited Partnership, headed by T. Boone Pickens, agreed to sell property with about 13 percent of its proven reserves to Seagull Energy Corp. of Houston in a deal valued at nearly \$400 million.

The sale will allow Mesa to reduce its debt by 30 percent from \$1.3 billion to \$1 billion, spokesman Jay Rosser said Thursday.

The properties are in Oklahoma, the Texas Panhandle and North Dakota and includes all of the Mesa property in Gray County, Pickens said Friday. Pickens commented on the sale while in Pampa Friday for a speaking engagement at the Pampa Community Building.

Mesa estimates the properties have proved reserves of 330 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

Seagull will pay \$351 million in cash and assume \$9 million in liabilities associated with the properties. Mesa will also receive up to \$37.5 million more in April 1994 based on the weighted average price of natural gas sold from

the properties from 1991 to 1993. After the deal is closed, which Pickens said he expects to be on Feb. 13, 1991, Mesa's primary interests will be in the Hugoton field of southwest Kansas, the west Panhandle field of Texas, the San Juan Basin of New Mexico

and in the Gulf of Mexico, Rosser said.

The deal hinges on regulatory approval and Seagull's obtaining of financing.

News Editor Dee Dee Laramore contributed to this report.

## City to relocate free water well

Pampa city officials have announced the relocation of the city's free water well at Hobart Street Park.

Director of Public Works Nathan Hopson said the new well resulted from a decision to close down a well near the M.K. Brown Civic Center. Hopson said old casings in that well caused rust to appear frequently in the water adding a brown tinge.

However, the new well will offer

three water taps that are designed not to freeze in cold weather and will not suffer from rust problems.

Hopson said the three taps will also offer quicker service for individuals used to waiting for the one tap at the old site.

Residents concerned with saline content from Lake Meredith water often use the free water well as an alternative to tap water.

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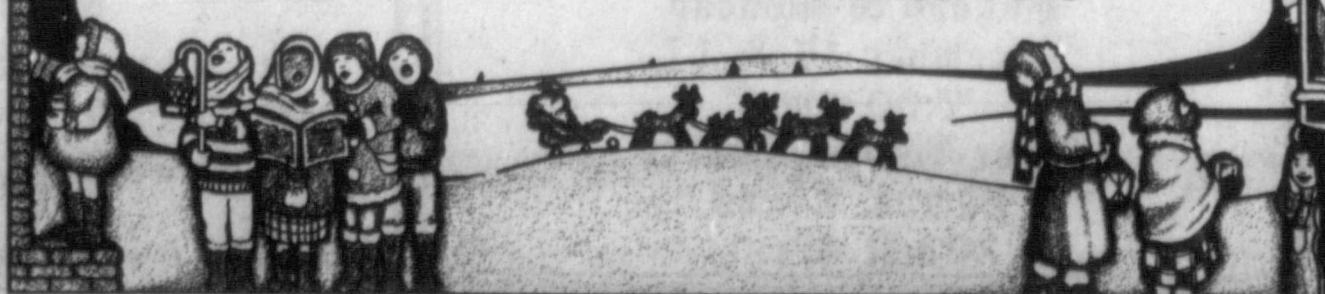
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# Clogged water lines threaten Columbia's astronomy mission

By MARCIA DUNN  
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA said Saturday it may bring the space shuttle Columbia back to Earth a day early because of clogged lines that prevented waste water from being dumped overboard.

The clog became the latest in a string of problems for the 10-day astronomy mission, which wasn't supposed to end until Tuesday

night.

Columbia's seven astronauts were in no danger, NASA said. But flight directors rushed to develop ways to solve the problem.

Randy Stone, chief of NASA's flight director office, initially said it was unlikely Columbia would have to return Sunday, adding that Monday was more likely. Mission Control later in the day assured the crew it would stay in space until Monday.

"I would be hopeful that we can

get to 10 days, but where we stand right now I'm not terribly optimistic that we can make it," Stone said.

On-board computer failures and a faulty instrument pointing system already left the \$150 million Astro observatory aboard the shuttle far behind its schedule of observing stars, galaxies and other celestial objects.

"We feel now that things are going rather well," said Warren Moos of the Johns Hopkins University telescope team. "We would be very disappointed but we also understand that's also the way the mission works. If there's something that endangers the spacecraft, you simply have no choice."

The waste water tank's clogged lines were discovered Saturday morning while the crew was performing the shuttle's daily water dump.

As Columbia circled the world for the 101st time, the astronauts purged the line with air. They said they succeeded in removing some debris, but a partial blockage remained.

Astronaut Mike Lounge transferred some water from the 20-gal-

lon tank, located beneath the cabin floor, into a large rubber bag. Before Lounge began the task, the tank was about two-thirds full and would have been full within 20 hours.

The transfer to the bag, which can hold about 12 gallons, should provide another 40 hours of flight time unless other water-saving measures can be carried out.

To help keep the tank's water level down, Mission Control's Story Musgrave instructed the crew to start using the 54 urine collection bags on board. Besides urine, the tank holds water from humidity removed from the cabin.

Stone said the astronauts would not be asked to drink less water.

"That is non-productive from a physiological standpoint because you want them in the best possible shape you can get them in," Stone said.

NASA has had trouble with the shuttle's waste water system in previous missions. During Columbia's last flight in January, water collected under the floor because of lint and other contamination sucked into the plumbing, Stone said. In 1984, ice collected

on a nozzle on Discovery's water output lines.

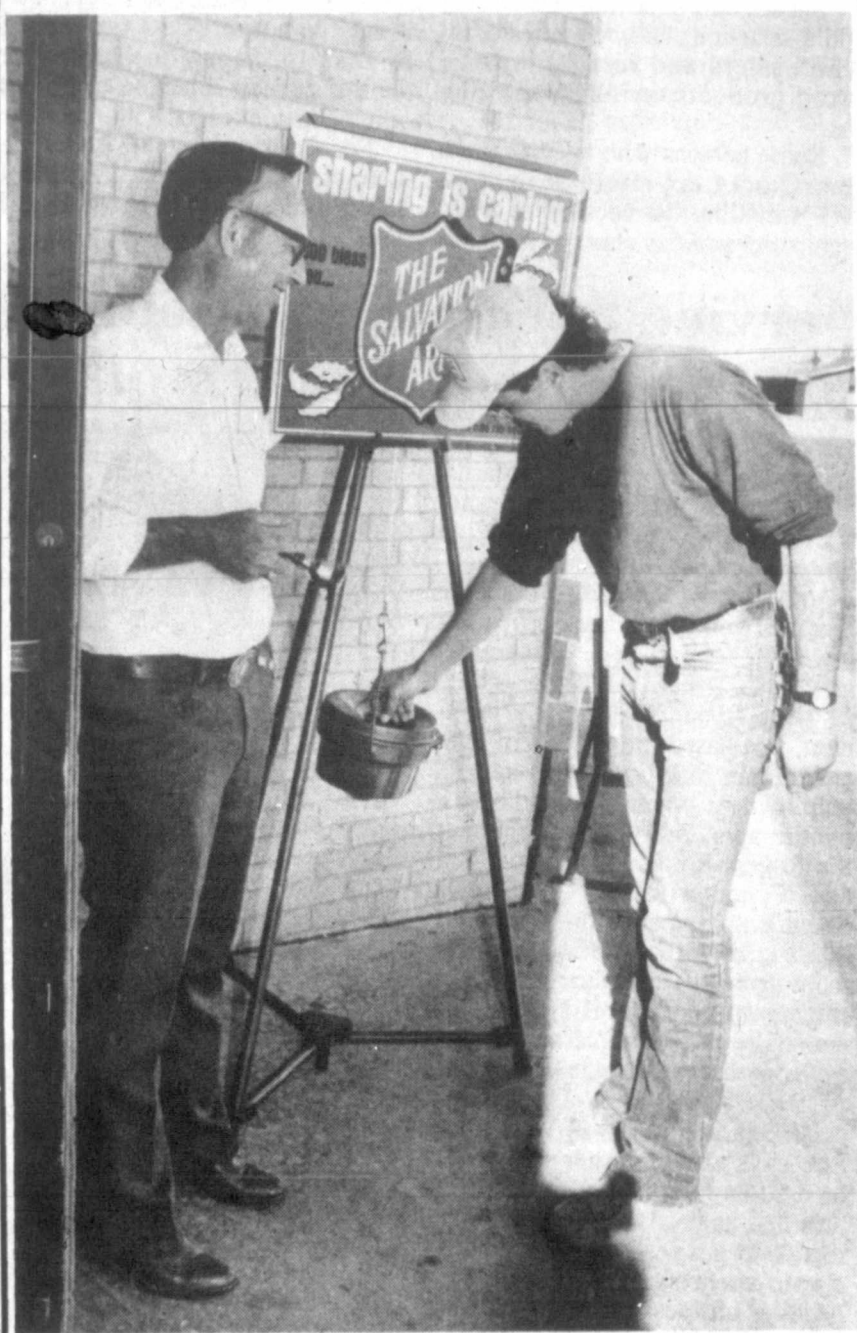
Lint was found to be clogging the air vents of a computer that failed aboard Columbia on Dec. 2. Stone declined to speculate as to whether lint also might have clogged the shuttle's waste water lines.

As the National Aeronautics and Space Administration debated what

to do, star-gazing calmly continued 218 miles above Earth. Astronauts Jeffrey Hoffman and Sam Durrance, with guidance from ground teams, focused the observatory's three ultraviolet telescopes on a variety of stars.

They hoped to get a glimpse of the Galileo spacecraft as it passes within 2,160 miles of the shuttle on Saturday afternoon.

## Got a dime?



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Ray Hupp, Pampa city commissioner, expresses his thanks to Tony Hullinger as he contributes to the Salvation Army's annual Christmas Kettle campaign. City officials rang the bell and manned the kettle set up at Wal Mart all day Saturday in support of the Salvation Army's annual drive to raise funds for the area's needy. Money raised from donations to the kettles and a mail campaign will go towards a goal of \$35,000 which will pay for Christmas toys for needy children and to provide a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings for the entire family.

## Investigators misplace key evidence in 20-year-old Oklahoma murder case

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Important evidence in a 20-year-old double homicide involving two Norman college students was misplaced by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, an OSBI official says.

Bureau spokesman Paul Renfrow said the OSBI lost track of bullets and shell casings from the May 1970 slayings of Sheryl Lynn Benham, 19, and David William Sloan, 21.

"It's a difficult story to talk about because it doesn't look good," Renfrow said Friday.

The case was dormant until last spring when new evidence surfaced and eventually led to a search warrant at the De Soto, Texas home of former Norman police officer Frank Gilley.

On Nov. 21, Norman police seized six weapons from Gilley's home,

but ballistics tests this week failed to pinpoint the murder weapon.

Norman Capt. Phil Cotton said Friday that investigators had known for several months that the evidence was missing from OSBI headquarters.

Renfrow cited records that indicate the bureau had the evidence 20 years ago, but he said the paper trail had faded.

"We do not have the evidence and we do not have any record of what happened to it," he said. Normally, he said, evidence is returned to the police department, but there is no record of that.

"We're embarrassed that this happened to our agency," he said.

However, he said the record keeping system was not well organized in 1970 and many changes have taken place since then.

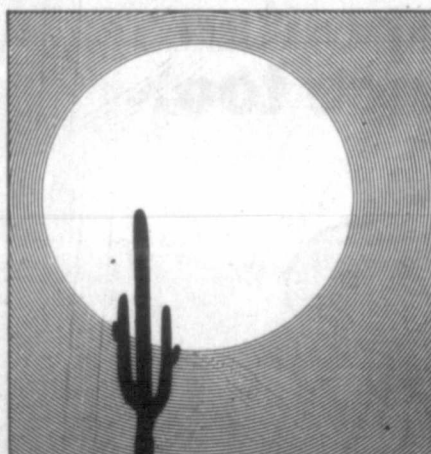
## Mule skips out on pageant

ARDEN HILLS, Minn. (AP) — Players in a church Christmas pageant had to interrupt a dress rehearsal to search for a veteran cast member who wandered away with an unexpected bout of stage fright.

Jerry, a mule who has appeared in the North Heights Lutheran Church's production of "The King" for the past two years, somehow got untied and walked away from the church during the Thursday rehearsal.

"He's normally a pretty cool animal," said Roger Carlson, who owns the 19-year-old mule. "He was just scared."

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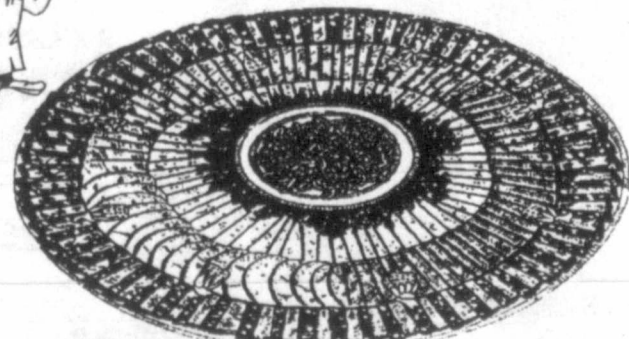
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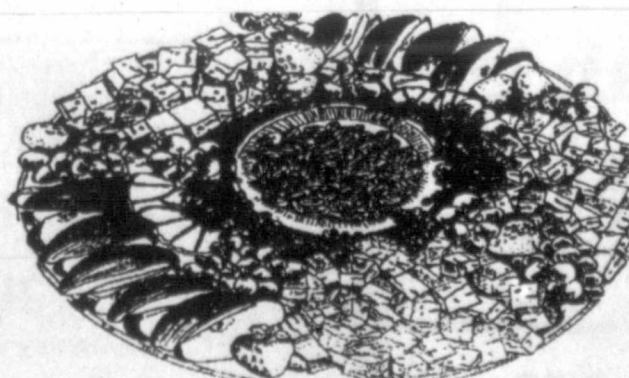


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# Business

## Drilling intentions

**Intentions to Drill**  
**HEMPHILL (BRISCOE 1400' & BRISCOE Chert)** Aikman Oil Corp., #1 Mark Meek (640 ac) 1980' from North & 1320' from East line, Sec. 66, M-1, H&GN, 15 mi SE from Mendota, PD 14600' (711 Texas Commerce Bank Bldg., Amarillo, TX 79109)  
**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)** Jerry Nolen, Operator, #41A Stansberry (480 ac) 1770' from North & 1330' from East line, Sec. 129, Z, EL&RR, 5 1/2 mi SE from Stinnett, PD 3150' (Box 1130, Borger, TX 79008) Replacement Well for #41 Stansberry  
**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & APACHE Lower Morrow)** Apache Corp., #1 Deeds '991' (640 ac) 933' from South & East line, Sec. 991, 43, H&TC, 12 mi SE from Booker, PD 9500' (6120 S. Yale, Suite 1500, Tulsa, OK 74136)  
**POTTER (PANHANDLE Red Cave)** Riata Energy, Inc., #9-6 Masterson (894 ac) 990' from North & 2675' from East line, Sec. 9, GM3, G&M, 19.6 mi northerly from Amarillo, PD 2350' (Box 9333, Amarillo, TX 79105)  
**SHERMAN (WILDCAT)** Bryan Exploration Co., #4 Bryan (40 ac) 467' from South & West line, Sec. 369, 1-T, T&NO, 11 mi southerly from Stratford, PD 2200' (Box 69, Panhandle, TX 79068)

**Application to Re-Enter**  
**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland)** Maxus Exploration Co., #11-691 Ola O. Piper (645 ac) 660' from North & West line, Sec. 691, 43, H&TC, 2 mi NE from Lipscomb, PD 7900' (Box 400, Amarillo, TX 79188)  
**Application to Plug-Back**  
**WHEELER (MILLS RANCH**

Atoka Granite Wash) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., #1 G.C. Davis (642 ac) 1020' from North & West line, Sec. 23, A-7, H&GN, 15 mi SE from Wheeler, PD 21543' (Box 36366, Houston, TX 77236)

**Oil Well Completions**  
**HUTCHINSON (HUTCH Granite Wash)** Benson-McCown & Company, #6A Peacock, Sec. 10, L, EL&RR, elev. 2990 kb, spud 9-18-90, drlg. compl 9-30-90, tested 11-2-90, pumped 73.7 bbl. of 37 grav. oil + no water, GOR 814, perforated 6094-6142, TD 6300' —

**OCHILTREE (McGARRAUGH Atoka)** Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Flowers, Sec. 143, 13, T&NO, elev. 2970 kb, spud 10-3-90, drlg. compl 10-7-90, tested 10-26-90, flowed 20 bbl. of 35.8 grav. oil + no water thru 3/4" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 420#, tbg. pressure 70#, GOR 13850, perforated 8636-8661, TD 10040', PBTD 8729' — Re-Entry

**Gas Well Completion**  
**SHERMAN (CARLANDER Red Cave)** Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Trumbell, Sec. 246, 1-T, T&NO, elev. 3667 rkb, spud 9-27-90, drlg. compl 9-30-90, tested 10-29-90, potential 280 MCF, rock pressure 631, pay 1799-1882, TD 1998', PBTD 1956' —

**Plugged Wells**  
**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT)** Aikman Oil Corp., #2-2 Rogers, Sec. 2, Z-1, ACH&B, spud 7-29-90, plugged 9-25-90, TD 15212' (dry) —

**LIPSCOMB (STRAT LAND Lower Morrow)** Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Landers, Sec. 235, 43, H&TC, spud 7-5-88, plugged 10-12-90, TD 11191' (gas) —

## Society of Petroleum Engineers to meet

Society of Petroleum Engineers, Panhandle section, is to hold its December meeting at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Borger Country Club.

Speaker for the meeting is Phillip C. Crouse, president of Phillip C. Crouse and Associates Inc. His topic will be on horizontal

drilling, where it has been successful and where it has not, and why.

He is also scheduled to discuss how to successfully apply what has been learned about horizontal drilling.

For more information, contact Brian Hertel at Phillips Petroleum Company in Borger.

## Unemployment rate rises to 5.9% in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate shot up to a three-year high of 5.9 percent in November, the government said Friday, creating the worst two-month loss since the depths of the 1981-82 recession. Over five months, the number of jobless has swelled by 900,000.

Nearly all of the nation's industries lost jobs last month as payrolls fell by 267,000, the Labor Department said.

Coupled with October's payroll decline of 180,000, it was the worst two-month job loss since the depths

of the 1981-82 recession, the agency said.

Last month's rise in the civilian jobless rate, up from October's rate of 5.7 percent, was the fourth increase in the unemployment rate in the past five months.

In that five-month period, the unemployment rate has surged from 5.2 percent to 5.9 percent and the ranks of the jobless have swelled by 900,000, the Labor Department said.

Analysts had been bracing for the poor news in Friday's unemployment report, the government's first look at economic activity last month.

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## 'Floor stocks' tax to be levied on Jan. 1

WASHINGTON — The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) advised that many of the nation's retailers and wholesalers will owe a one-time federal "floor stocks" tax on distilled spirits, wine, beer and cigarettes in their inventory on Jan. 1, 1991.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-108) increased the federal excise tax on most alcohol and tobacco products and also levied the floor stocks tax. ATF collects the taxes.

Revenue from the floor stocks tax is expected to return more than \$300 million to the federal treasury.

To comply with the new law, wholesalers and retailers need to

inventory their distilled spirits, wine, beer, and cigarettes as of Jan. 1. Copies of these inventories must be retained for three years. Tax returns and payments must be received by ATF by June 30, 1991.

The floor stocks tax rates are as follows:

- Distilled spirits — \$1 per proof gallon (U.S. gallon at 50 percent alcohol);
- Wine — \$.90 per wine gallon (U.S. gallon = 4 quarts)
- Beer — \$9 per barrel (barrel = 31 gallons)
- Small cigarettes (Class A) — \$2 per thousand
- Large cigarettes (Class B) — \$4.20 per thousand

The law requires all retailers and wholesalers of the taxed products to file a tax return with ATF. This includes those who will not owe any tax. A wholesaler or retailer will not owe any tax when the individual's floor stocks total not more than 500 wine (U.S.) gallons of alcoholic beverages and not more than 30,000 cigarettes.

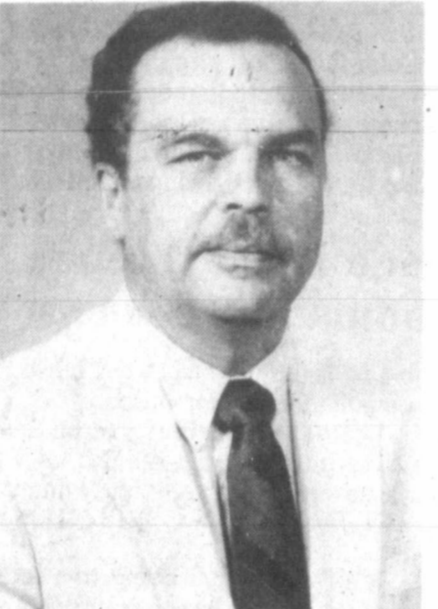
Packages containing tax forms and instructions will be mailed to all wholesalers and retailers of the taxed products on ATF's mailing list.

Some persons who need to file a floor stocks tax return are not on ATF's mailing list because of ownership and address changes, because

they have not previously filed a return with ATF, and related reasons. These taxpayers are urged to contact ATF. It is the responsibility of each retailer and wholesaler affected by the new tax to file a return and pay any tax due, even though a tax package may not be received from ATF.

ATF advises persons having a potential tax liability to contact ATF if they do not receive a tax package by Dec. 15. Failure to file and pay the tax subjects a person to civil or criminal penalties, or both.

For floor stocks tax forms and instructions, contact the applicable ATF office in Dallas at (214) 767-9461.



Joe Gassie



Kaye Gassie

## Desk & Derrick Club plans double program for Dec. 11

Joe Gassie, sales representative, National Wellhead in Odessa, and Kaye Gassie, lease analyst for Nearburg Producing of Lubbock, are to present at double program at the Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa, Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Pampa Country Club.

The program, titled "The Christmas Tree," is to begin with a social at 6:30 p.m. For dinner reservations, call Norma Briden, IRI International, 665-3701.

First portion of the program will be Joe Gassie discussing equipment for the petroleum industry and its use in the field. The second part of

the program will be presented by Kaye Gassie who will involve the use of the oilfield Christmas tree in the installation service for the new incoming 1991 officers of the Pampa Club.

Joe Gassie was graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, and has been employed in the petroleum industry for 15 years.

Kaye Gassie received her degree in business education from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La. She has been employed in the petroleum industry for nine years.

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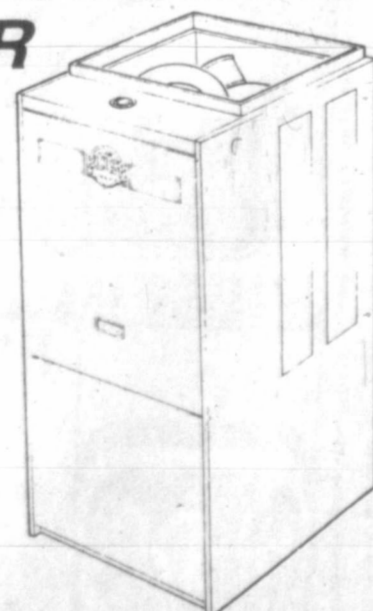
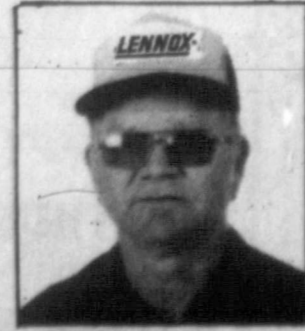
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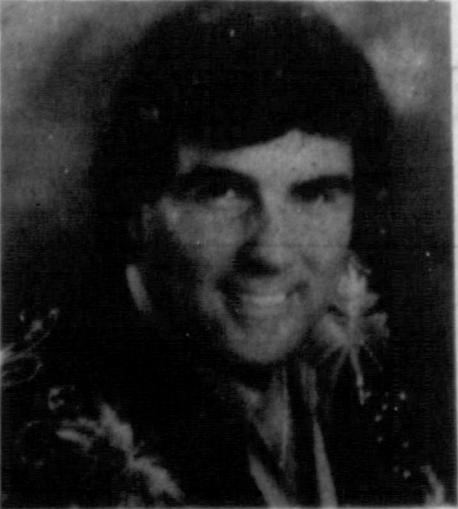
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# Ruling says lower court erred in ordering Challenger tapes released

By JAMES ROWLEY  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA won another chance Friday to show why it shouldn't be forced to release the taped conversations of astronauts aboard the space shuttle Challenger moments before it exploded.

A bitterly divided federal appeals court held on a 6-5 vote that a lower court erred in ordering the release of the tape without balancing the public interest against the harm of invading the privacy of the seven astronauts and their survivors.

The decision by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia sends the case back to U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, who had ordered NASA in 1987 to release the tapes to The New York Times.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration "is entitled to

an opportunity to prove its claim that release of the tape would invade the privacy of the deceased astronauts, of their families," the appeals court majority said.

The ruling reversed both the original district court opinion and a 1988 holding by a split three-judge panel of the appeals court that had upheld the release of the tapes.

Circuit Judge D.H. Ginsburg, who dissented from the 1988 appellate ruling, on Friday filed the decision for the full court's six-member majority.

The dispute goes back to a lawsuit the Times filed under the Freedom of Information Act seeking release of the tapes of cockpit conversations after liftoff, just moments before Challenger exploded.

All seven astronauts died in the Jan. 28, 1986, explosion.

NASA released a written transcript of the conversations, but the

newspaper contended that an analysis of the audio tapes might help determine what caused the tragedy.

NASA, invoking a privacy exemption under FOIA, said that releasing the tapes would subject the astronauts' families to emotional distress because the recordings would be played repeatedly on radio and television.

In Friday's opinion, Ginsburg wrote that "disclosure of the file would reveal the sound and inflection of the crew's voices during the last seconds of their lives."

"Therefore, the tape contains personal information the release of which is subject to the balancing of the public gain against the private harm at which it is purchased," he wrote.

Ginsburg's opinion, joined by five other members of the court's conservative majority, drew a sharp dissent

by Circuit Judge Harry Edwards, writing for the court's liberal minority.

Edwards accused the majority of twisting the meaning of the privacy exemption, saying it protects files that contain personal information about people, not files that reveal information about the person who made the file.

"Information that one might infer about the author or maker of a file is not the kind of information that qualifies for protection" under the exemption, Edwards wrote.

Even though the Times' "arguably morbid quest would indeed impinge upon the privacy and enhance the grief of the astronauts' families does not authorize the court to expand upon the privacy protection that Congress ordained," Edwards said.

George Freeman, an attorney for the newspaper, said the Times was

disappointed by the decision.

Ginsburg's majority opinion was joined by Circuit Judges Laurence Silberman, James L. Buckley, Stephen Williams, David Sentelle

and Clarence Thomas.

The dissent was joined by Circuit Judges Patricia Wald, Abner Mikva, Ruth B. Ginsburg and Senior Judge Spottswood W. Robinson III.

## Police hunt for two women in slayings of eight men

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — Cautious investigators say there is increasing evidence the shooting deaths of eight male motorists over the past year is the work of two female serial killers bent on robbery.

"We can't for 100 percent sure say that these cases are related," said police Capt. Steve Binegar, chief of Marion County detectives.

"We haven't put together the linkage until fairly recently. There are some commonalities in all the cases, and of course there are a lot of things that are not similar."

But police this week released the drawings of two women being sought for questioning. The women,


involved in a traffic accident in Marion County in July, also have been tentatively linked to a missing missionary and the most recent killing in Dixie County on Nov. 19, police said.

Their names have not been released, however, and investigators are reluctant to say much about them.

The victims were probably driving alone, police said. Their bodies were found in rural areas in northern Florida and southern Georgia.

Binegar said bodies of some of the victims were nude or partially nude, but there was no evidence indicating a sexual assault.

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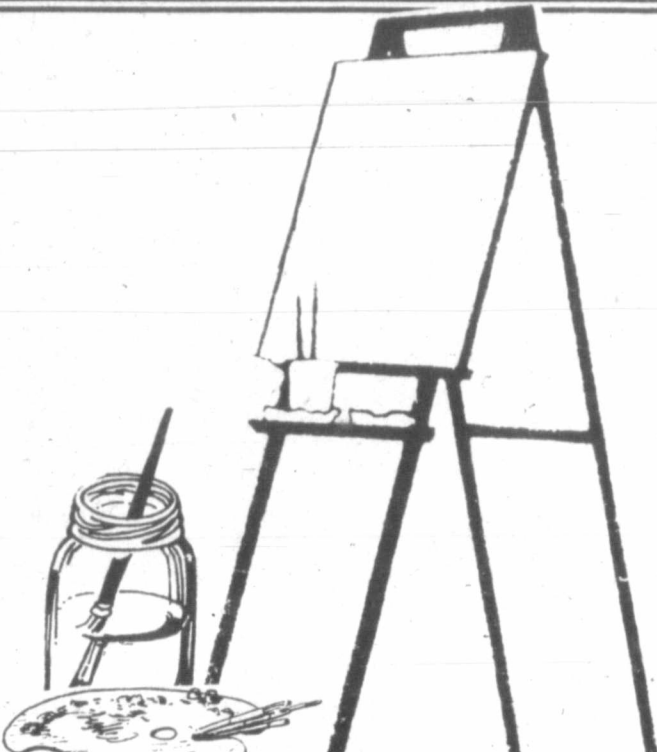
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# Sports

## Texas dominates All-SWC squad

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Cotton Bowl-bound Texas dominates The Associated Press 1990 All-Southwest Conference team, placing 16 players on the first two teams and walking away with several individual honors.

"When you win, you get noticed for these kind of things," said coach David McWilliams, named the AP's Coach of the Year by his peers.

McWilliams guided the third-ranked Longhorns to a 10-1 record and their first SWC title since 1983, and highest ranking since 1984. Texas still has a chance at the top ranking if it can defeat fourth-ranked Miami on New Year's Day, and No. 1 Colorado and No. 2 Georgia Tech fail in their bowl games.

In addition to honoring McWilliams, the coaches named Stanley Richard, who patrolled the Texas secondary like a heat-seeking missile, Defensive Player of the Year.

Texas A&M's William Thomas, who had 13 quarterback sacks, pushed Richard for top defensive honors.

Offensive Player of the Year honors went to Houston's David Klingler, who rewrote the NCAA record book with his passing. Klingler edged Texas A&M's Darren Lewis, who rushed for more than 1,500 yards this year and more than 5,000 yards in his career.

Lewis and Richard also were named to the All-America team.

Aggies linebacker Quentin Coryatt, who sat out two years because of academic problems, was picked Defensive Newcomer of the Year.

Freshman Longhorn Butch Hadnot of Kirbyville, who made some critical runs in the championship drive, was named Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

There was plenty of offensive firepower in the lineup.

Lewis was joined in the first-team backfield by Houston's Chuck Weatherspoon, who rushed for over 1,000 yards for the third consecutive season.

Houston's Manny Hazard led all NCAA wide receivers in receptions and Texas Christian's Kelly Blackwell caught more passes than any tight end.

Texas Tech's Rodney Blackshear had a league-high 973 receiving yards and his average of 22.11 yards per catch was the best. He also was a dangerous kick returner, leading the league in kickoff runbacks.

Offensive tackle Stan Thomas of the Longhorns, a second-team All-America, and placekicker Michael Pollak also were first team All-SWC selections.

Also on the first team offense were: Mike Arthur, Texas A&M, at center; Mike Sullivan, Texas Christian, and Monte Jones, Baylor, as guards; and Matt McCall, Texas A&M, as the other tackle.



(AP Laserphoto)

Longhorns' David McWilliams was named AP's Coach of the Year by his peers. McWilliams guided Texas to a Cotton Bowl berth.

## Groveton's Thomas exceeds 3,000 yards

Prep playoffs

By CHARLES RICHARDS  
Associated Press Writer

In helping the Groveton Indians to their 30th consecutive victory in a 39-27 Class 2A quarterfinal victory over Alto, Rodney Thomas became the first Texas high school football player since Robert Strait of Cuero in 1987 to rush for more than 3,000 yards.

That was one of the goals he set before the season began. Now, one even more important goal still lies ahead.

"We want to win another state championship. That's still ahead of us. We think we can beat anybody we play," said Thomas, whose 267 yards on 25 carries Friday night raises his 1990 total to 3,199 yards.

That breaks the state Class 2A record of 2,972 yards that Byron Morris of Cooper set a year ago.

Thomas scored five touchdowns, on runs of 31, 22, 60, 3 and 24 yards.

Groveton, the defending 2A state champ, advanced to the semifinals against Schulenburg, which beat Refugio, 14-6, behind Michael Moore's 107 yards rushing. Groveton and Schulenburg, both with perfect 14-0 records, will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Astrodome.

In other playoff action Friday night: — In Class 4A, Austin Westlake

(12-2) beat Calallen (10-3) 29-26 when Calallen, even on penetrations and ahead on first downs, spurned a tying field goal attempt with 1:49 to play and instead was stopped a yard short on a 4th-and-3 play from the Westlake 14.

Wilmer-Hutchins (12-1) recorded its seventh shutout of the season, beating Waxahachie (8-5) 14-0 at Texas Stadium. The running of quarterback Brian Kirk set up Victor Cullar's 21-yard touchdown run and a 38-yard touchdown pass to Cory Bennett.

— In Class 3A, No. 1-ranked Vernon (14-0) destroyed previously unbeaten Childress (13-1), 42-6, behind the 143 yards and two touchdowns of Derrick Richardson. Ken Collums completed 8 of 12 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns, two of them to Ivory Daniels, who had 134 yards in receptions.

No. 2-ranked Southlake Carroll (14-0) handed Gladewater (12-1) its first loss of the season, 27-12. Crockett (14-0) blew away previously unbeaten Connally (13-1), 35-6. Quarterback Jamie Driskell passed for two touchdowns and Alvin McCullough ran for 168 yards.

— In Class 2A, DeLeon (13-0-1) posted a 41-0 rout of Panhandle (12-2). DeLeon raced to a 38-0 halftime lead, and coach Grady West pulled his offensive starters after the second play from scrimmage in the third quarter.

## Tagliabue won't bulge on Super Bowl move

WASHINGTON (AP) — NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue will stand by his recommendation to move the 1993 Super Bowl from Arizona despite the appeals of state political leaders.

Arizona Gov. Rose Mofford and Sen. Dennis DeConcini led a delegation that pleaded with Tagliabue Friday night at the Capitol to reconsider the move, which the commissioner wants because of the furor over a paid holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

"They explained their point of view in terms of the electoral decision in Arizona," said Tagliabue.

But asked if he would still ask club owners at a March meeting to move the NFL's 1993 title game from Tempe, Ariz., Tagliabue said, "Yes."

Tagliabue announced the day after the Nov. 6 election that he would ask NFL owners to move the site because voters had rejected ballot initiatives for a paid holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader, a longstanding controversy in the

state. Arizona has lost numerous conventions and other events by groups protesting the lack of a King holiday and stands to lose \$200 million if the Super Bowl is moved.

Mofford said she would continue to seek legislative action to enact a holiday and would not rule out an executive order before she leaves office.

"I will continue to press for passage of the Martin Luther King holiday in Arizona. It's the right thing to do," Mofford said.

DeConcini said sentiment in the state was moving toward a holiday, but conceded there may not be action in time to save the 1993 Super Bowl.

"I told the commissioner that Arizona's going to deal with this and we're going to do it because it's the right thing to do," said DeConcini.

Joining Mofford and DeConcini were Phoenix Cardinals owner Bill Bidwill, Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson, Tempe Mayor Harry Mitchell and other state political leaders.



(AP Laserphoto)

NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue meets with Capitol Hill reporters.

## Shootout champions



(Special photo)

The Pampa Harvesters exhibit the championship trophy the team won last weekend at the Hays, Kan. Basketball Shootout. The Harvesters, 9-0 for the season, host Liberal, Kan. at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

## McLean ousted in six-man semifinals

GRADY — Two-time defending champion Fort Hancock ended McLean's season with a 54-8 win Saturday night in the six-man state semifinals.

The game was called with 6:09 remaining in the third quarter due to the 45-point rule.

Fort Hancock, 13-0, moves on to meet Christoval in the championship game.

McLean closes its season with a 13-1 record.

The Mustangs, who have won the state title three times in the past four years, built a 38-8 lead at halftime.

The Tigers' lone touchdown was

scored on a one-yard plunge by Dennis Hill with 2:26 remaining in the second quarter. The TD was set up on quarterback Christian Looney's 9-yard pass to Hill. Tuffy Sanders booted the conversion.

Quarterback Pancho Solis threw four touchdown passes for the Mustangs and he also scored one touchdown. Vicente Ramirez caught two touchdown passes and ran for two more scores.

It was the 42nd consecutive win for Fort Hancock.

The Tigers have lost just two games in their last 27 outings.

Christoval defeated Panther Creek, 53-46, in the other semifinal game.

## Army topples Navy, 30-20

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Quarterback Willie McMillian rushed for 195 yards and threw for a 35-yard touchdown on his only pass of the game as Army gave coach Jim Young a farewell present by beating Navy 30-20 Saturday.

Army finished with a 6-5 record in its final season under Young, who is retiring after eight years as the Cadets' coach. Navy, which missed a chance for its first winning season since 1982, went 5-6 in its first year under coach George Champ.

The Army victory evened the series at 42-42-7.

After Army raced to a 17-0 lead, Navy rallied to make it 17-14 on a 35-yard touchdown run by freshman Brad Stramanak with 13:51 left in the third quarter. But Army came right back to score on McMillian's pass to Myreon Williams at the start of the fourth quarter.

It was the first passing touchdown by Army against Navy since 1971.

Navy recovered a fumbled punt at the Army 23 and scored five plays later on a 1-yard run by quarterback Alton Grizzard. A 2-point pass conversion attempt failed, leaving Army with a 24-20 lead.

## Sports Scene

### Basketball

Although the Pampa Harvesters' District 1-4A opener isn't until Jan. 11 against Hereford, coach Robert Hale wants to remind fans of the scheduled tipoff times.

All 10 of Pampa's district games start at 8 p.m.

"There's no change in that starting time. That's the way it was set up originally, but people may get confused because the non-district games start at different times," Hale said.

The undefeated Harvesters go for victory No. 10 against Liberal, Kan. Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. Gametime is 7:30 p.m.

BORGER — Pampa's freshmen Green team has reached the finals of the Borger Tournament after defeating two teams Friday.

In the opening game, the freshmen Green team rolled to a 64-19 win over Dumas A.

Justin Collingsworth was the top scorer for Pampa with 19 points, followed by David Potter with 10, Greg Moore 9, and Tyler Kendall 8.

Pampa defeated Sanford-Fritch, 93-12, in the second game with Collingsworth again leading the way with 15 points. Jody Focke and Brad Baldrige had 14 and 13 points respectively while Sievern Wallace and Potter added 12 each.

Pampa, 6-0, played in the finals Saturday night.

Pampa sophomores also advanced to the finals with a 65-33 win over Dumas sophomores.

Pampa sophomores, 2-2, was led in scoring by Chris Poole with 23 points. Matt Finney followed with 12 points.

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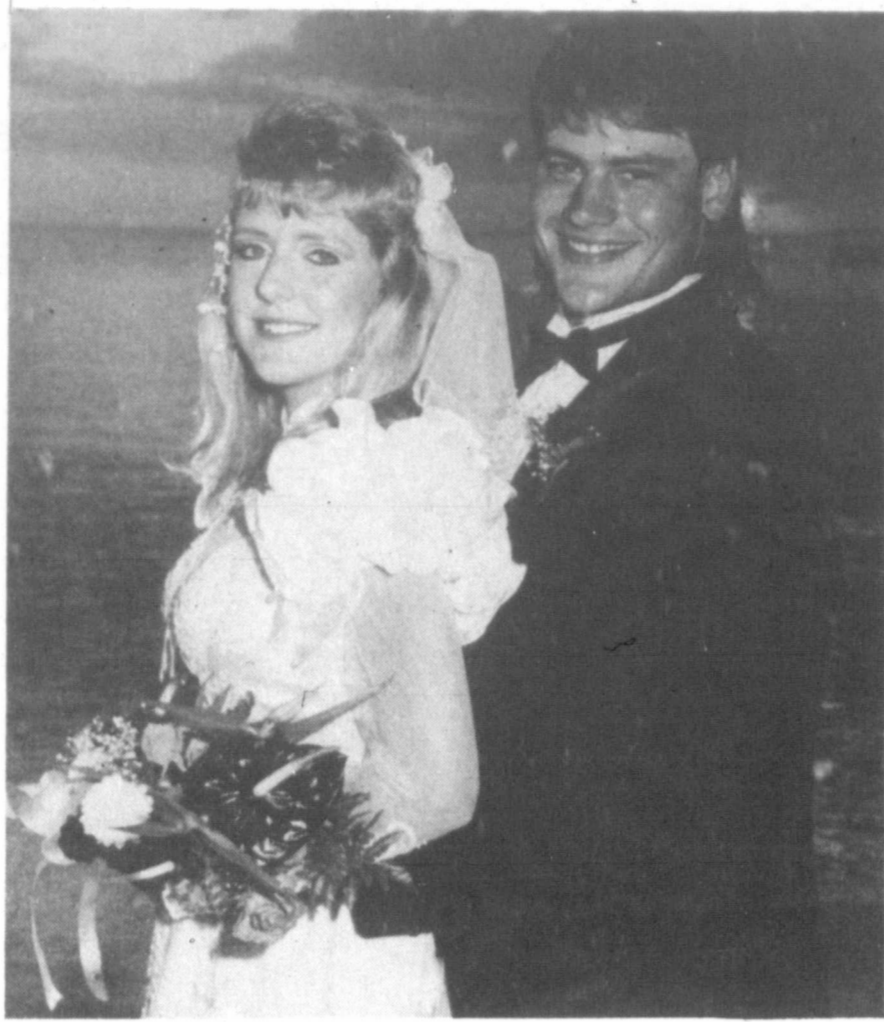
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Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Watson  
Sherry Hutchins



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vernon Brantwein  
Tamela Sue Johnson



Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Logue

## Hutchins-Watson

Sherry Hutchins and Shawn Watson were married in an evening ceremony at First United Methodist Church on Nov. 10, with the Rev. M.B. Smith and Rev. Metzger, of Pampa, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hutchins of Pampa, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Watson of Pampa.

Attending the bride was Tina Wells, of Pascagoula, Miss. Natalie Hutchins of Pampa, sister of the bride, was a bridesmaid. Nicole Watson, sister of the groom, served as miniature bride.

Best man was Bernard Avendano of Denton, and groomsman was Brett Watson, brother of the groom. Ryan Stewart of Amarillo served as junior groom.

The wedding guests were ushered by Tim Fisher, Cory Coblentz and Mike Taylor, all of Pampa.

Wendy Winkleblack registered the wedding guests.

Music for the ceremony was provided by vocalists Gayle Anderson, Steve Ross, and Kenny Meckfessel, with musicians John McKenzie and Tracy Cary.

The reception was held at the church with Wendy Winkleblack, Jennifer Chaney, Heather Voyles, Leah Sikes and Ruth Ann Sikes, all of Pampa, serving the wedding guests.

The bride attended Pampa High School and is employed by Balfour Optical.

The groom graduated from Pampa High School in 1987 and is employed by United Parcel Service. The couple will live in Pampa.

## Johnson-Brantwein

Tamela Sue Johnson and Robert Vernon Brantwein were married in an afternoon ceremony on the beach at Negril, Jamaica, with Rev. Edward Carls officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Sharon and Ed Bybee, and Jim Johnson, all of Borger.

Parents of the groom are Jessie and Vernon Brantwein of White Deer.

The maid of honor was Marsha Rhoden and best man was Paul Anthony Elliot, both of Negril, Jamaica.

Music for the ceremony was provided by a stringed instrument trio.

A reception will be held for the couple on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in the reception room of the Pantex Federal Credit Union building in Borger.

## 'The Plains of Passage' tops fiction best seller list

### FICTION

1. "The Plains of Passage," Jean M. Auel
2. "Four Past Midnight," Stephen King
3. "The Witching Hour," Anne Rice
4. "Dazzle," Judith Krantz
5. "Ruby Knight," David Eddings
6. "Memories of Midnight," Sidney Sheldon
7. "Lady Boss," Jackie Collins
8. "The Stand," Stephen King
9. "Polar Express," Chris Van Allsburg
10. "Under Siege," Stephen Coonts

### NON-FICTION

1. "Bo Knows Bo," Bo Jackson
2. "A Life on the Road," Charles Kuralt
3. "The Civil War," Geoffrey C. Ward
4. "The Frugal Gourmet on Our Immigrant Ancestors," Jeff Smith
5. "An American Life," Ronald Reagan
6. "Financial Self-Defense," Charles Givens
7. "Get to the Heart," Barbara Mandrell
8. "Millie's Book," Mildred Kerr Bush
9. "Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook," Eds.
10. "Discovery of the Bismarck," Robert Ballard

## Celebrity chairs bring big bucks at auction

By BRENDA C. COLEMAN  
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — A chair that touched Madonna's tush brought \$225, but the big bucks went for celebrity seating from City Hall and the White Sox's old stadium as furniture linked to the famous was auctioned to feed the hungry.

A rocking chair used by first lady Barbara Bush when she read to children during a stop on her literacy campaign brought \$60 at Thursday's auction. An orange plastic stadium seat thrown in by Indiana basketball coach Bob Knight sold for \$150.

In all, 32 chairs fetched \$5,085 for the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which distributes 20 million pounds of food a year throughout northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana.

"I was amazed. I didn't think we'd do so well," said auctioneer Leslie Hindman, whose Antique Center gallery was the site of the event. "You can never tell how it will go with a charity auction."

The biggest money-maker was a folding chair from old Cominsky Park that has seated hometown hero Carlton Fisk, the Chicago White Sox's veteran catcher. The Fisk chair fetched \$1,150, \$100 more than a visitors' chair from City Hall dating back to the administration of late Mayor Richard J. Daley.

"I've always had a great admiration for the mayor's office, regardless of who was in there," said Ron Onesti, 28, a sporting goods store owner who bought the light green, upholstered chair.

The woman who won the bidding war for Fisk's white, leather-padded chair left immediately afterward and couldn't be reached for comment.

Many of the chairs were donated by restaurants where celebrities dined. Restaurateurs had recorded the historic moments on the bottom of the seats, said Mary McCall, a publicist for one of the auction organizers.

Some celebrities, including Playboy boss Christie Hefner, donated their own chairs. Hefner's leather and chrome boardroom seat — along with a year's subscription to Playboy — fetched \$120.

The Holy Family Roman Catholic Church's bench — which survived the great Chicago Fire of 1871 — sold for \$225.

The Chicago Literacy Council provided the chair used by Mrs. Bush, while Knight — who has been known to throw a chair in the heat of a basketball game — turned over one of his own.

"It's going to live for a million years," Ms. McCall said of Knight's chair, which the coach autographed. "It's going to outlast me, and probably you, too."

## Exhibition of Titian's paintings

WASHINGTON (AP) — What the National Gallery describes as the first exhibition in more than half a century to cover Titian's long and influential career, "Titian, Prince of Painters," is now on show there through Jan. 27, 1991.

The exhibition commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Venetian Renaissance master's birth — widely accepted as 1490.

It brings together nearly 50 of his paintings and three of his ceilings,

one of them mounted with the 19 panels that originally surrounded it. The works have come from many sources: for example, there are six from the National Gallery of Art itself, 10 from Venice, six from the Prado in Madrid, others from the Louvre, London's National Gallery and the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna.

The exhibition was first shown in Venice earlier this year, and will not be shown anywhere else.

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Pamela Lynn Bloyd and Wesley Kent Schaffer

## Bloyd-Schaffer

Pamela Lynn Bloyd and Wesley Kent Schaffer have announced they will marry Saturday, Jan. 12 at Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mullins of Fairfax, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bloyd of Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Schaffer of Pampa.

## Mary Kay gets makeover

DALLAS (AP) — Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. has finished a major refinancing of its debt that will lower its costs and provide more flexibility, a company leader said.

Mary Kay, one of the nation's largest in-home sellers of cosmetics, on Thursday completed the issuance of \$155 million in fixed rate notes and \$85 million in floating rate notes.

The new debt allows Mary Kay to pay off \$117 million left from the \$469 million that was borrowed in 1985 to take the company private.

The company has lowered the cost of its debt in the transaction, said John P. Rochon, vice chairman of Mary Kay Corp., parent of Mary Kay Cosmetics.

"This refinancing provides Mary Kay with additional financial flexibility by extending maturities of its long-term debt and replacing some of the high-cost debt incurred at the time of the leveraged buy-out," Rochon said.

The new notes also allow the company to repurchase up to

\$122.5 million of debt from its parent, Mary Kay Corp., and pay \$17.5 million worth of debt held by the company's founding family.

The fixed rate notes have a 10-year maturity at a 12.75 percent interest rate and require no payments of principal until 1996.

The floating rate notes have a five-year maturity and have an initial interest rate of 10.56 percent.

Both series of notes are secured by the company's assets.

The success of the leveraged buyout prompted Rochon to venture a takeover of rival Avon Products Inc. in May 1989. Avon turned back the offer.

Mary Kay officers then teamed up with other powerful institutional investors, including a Getty family trust, to purchase nearly 20 percent of Avon's stock.

Avon said last month it hired an investment firm to advise it of ways to increase the value of its stock for shareholders, a condition of an agreement by the Rochon-led group for not waging a threatened proxy fight against Avon.

## Mitsubishi makes gift to UT

HOUSTON (AP) — University of Texas regents have accepted a \$500,000 gift from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. of Tokyo to establish a chair in Japanese Studies at UT-Austin.

Regents on Thursday also approved a recommendation that \$250,000 in matching funds be allocated to establish a Mitsubishi professorship in Japanese Studies.

Both the chair and professorship will be affiliated with the university's Center for Asian Studies.

"We've got more students ... wanting to study the Japanese language than we can possibly teach," said Richard Lariviere, director of the center.

The \$500,000 pledge from Mitsubishi is payable by June 30, 1991.



Latitia Gayle Hemphill and Zan Donell Walker

## Hemphill-Walker

Mr. and Mrs. D'Nard A. Hemphill of Amarillo have announced the engagement of their daughter, Latitia Gayle Hemphill, to Zan Donell Walker of Pampa.

The parents of the prospective bridegroom are Rev. and Mrs. Troy A. Walker of Amarillo.

The couple will marry Saturday, Jan. 26, in Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect will graduate in December from Amarillo College

with an Associate Degree in Nursing. She is employed at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

The prospective bridegroom received an undergraduate degree from Wayland Baptist University, and graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Church Music degree. He serves as Minister of Music and Youth at Central Baptist Church in Pampa.



Ginger Ann Ickles and Sam Butler

## Ickles-Butler

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ickles of Pampa announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Ginger Ann, to Sam Butler of New Deal.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neel White of Post.

The couple will marry Saturday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is a 1988 grad-

uate of Pampa High School, and a recent graduate of Executive Secretarial School in Dallas.

She is employed as a computer operator by Rainbow Bakery in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Post High School, and a 1988 graduate of South Plains Law Enforcement. He is employed as Chief of Police of New Deal.

## Keeping secret perpetuates cycle of abuse

DEAR ABBY: "Bitter Memories" felt that her deceased grandfather didn't deserve to be well thought of after having sexually molested her repeatedly as a small child. You counseled that no good purpose would be served in telling her mother what her deceased grandfather (her mother's father) had done.

That advice will certainly protect her mother, but it will devastate "Bitter Memories." You've convinced her that her emotional needs must take a backseat to her mother's comfort — her feelings simply don't count. Her grandfather taught her the same thing by denying her the right to privacy of her body.

"Bitter Memories" will have no trouble finding a husband who agrees that her function in life is to be used and abused. And that's the message they will probably pass on to their children.

Abby, our society can't afford to continue to protect the tender sensibilities of family members at the expense of abused children who become mixed-up adults. Such secrecy simply protects abusers from discovery. The fact that an abuser was abused as a child might explain the behavior, but it does not excuse abusive behavior.

It's always hard for families to deal with conflicting loyalties, but incest survivors of any age desperately need validation from their families.



## Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

As you advised, "Bitter Memories" needs professional counseling to prepare her for the hostility and rejection she will face from most of her family.

I'd like to tell "Bitter Memories": "You didn't deserve to be sexually abused, and it certainly wasn't your fault that you were. It was the ultimate betrayal, and you have every right to be angry. And should others try to blame you for their discomfort when you tell them what happened, recognize that such illogical responses came from their pain. It's sad, but it's not your responsibility to protect the world, or your family, from unpleasant truths.

"You will find people who will wholeheartedly support you. Sort-

ing it all out is not a do-it-yourself project. Get help, and learn how to deal with the consequences of your abuse now. It's never too late."

BEEN THERE IN THE '20s.

DEAR BEEN THERE: Thank you for an enlightening response that came out of your own painful experience. It was far better than mine.

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DEAR ABBY: Last week at a fast-food restaurant, I was seated near a plump woman who had ordered a regular (not diet) cola. After the woman left, the young girl who had served her giggled as she told another server that she had given the woman a diet cola, "because she was

too fat and would never know the difference, anyway." I told the young girl that I thought her action was reprehensible, and why.

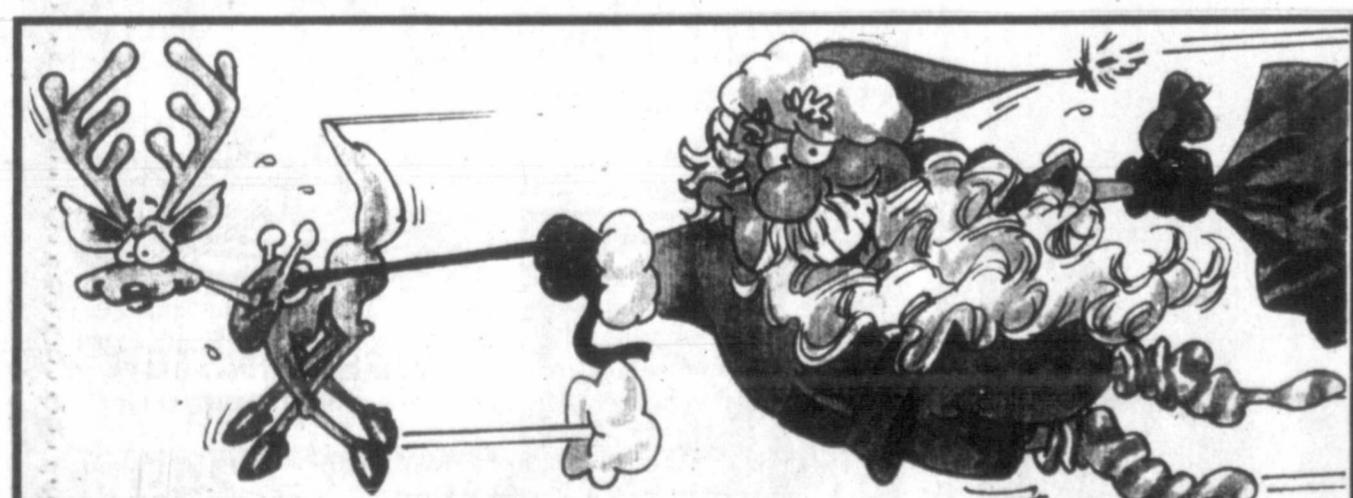
Since then, I have worried that substitutions may occur frequently. Abby, people need to know that some people have a metabolic abnormality called phenylketonuria (PKU), which makes it dangerous for them to consume aspartame, the artificial sweetener found in many diet drinks.

Some people (and I am one of them) develop severe headaches after drinking diet drinks for this reason.

Please tell your readers who are food servers never to make substitutions without first checking with the customer.

DELAWARE READER

DEAR READER: Thanks for the enlightening tip. I'm sure that many servers underestimate the importance of making no substitutions without notifying the customer. Should an unsuspecting diner have a seriously bad reaction to an unannounced substitution, the restaurant owner could find him/herself facing a costly lawsuit.



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# Holiday eating for diabetics

## Homemakers' News



Donna Brauchi

Dieters gearing up for holiday gatherings may want to take a few tips from those with diabetes. The American Diabetes Association estimates that more than 12 million people in the United States have diabetes, and half of them do not know it. More than 800,000 Texans are thought to have diabetes.

Weight control is something most diabetics are used to handling because it is crucial to their health. However, fighting the temptation of delicious treats can be a challenge to anyone when it comes to eating out.

Just like the average dieter, many people with diabetes panic when they are served so-called forbidden foods. Parties, holidays and restaurant menus can ruin sincere efforts to follow a meal plan.

For diabetics, selecting appropriate foods that fit into their meal plans help prevent wide blood sugar swings. For dieters, sticking to certain choices keeps them away from high calorie foods.

Today, it is more acceptable to call the hostess or restaurant manager ahead of time to discuss the best way to prepare your food. A good idea is to make a dish using a diabetic or low-calorie cookbook and take it to help out the hostess. Also, snack before festivities to reduce the hunger and the temptation to overeat.

If you are diabetic, check with your doctor before drinking alcoholic beverages to prevent drug reactions with insulin or hypoglycemic agents.

Oral hypoglycemia agents combined with alcohol can cause dramatic reaction - nausea, vomiting, flushing, a quicker heart beat and impaired speech. Alcohol lowers the blood sugar. If you take insulin, drinking on an empty stomach can lower your blood sugar enough to bring on severe hypoglycemia. With a little research and practice, eating away from home can be

pleasant for everyone. Learn to substitute wisely, so occasionally you can enjoy special treats.

The following choices are better for diabetics than others:

**-Appetizers-** Low-calorie vegetables, clear broths, consommé, bouillon, dill pickles, tomato juice, fruit juice without sugar, and fresh fruit.

**-Meat, Fish, Poultry-** broiled, baked, roasted or boiled meat, poultry, and fish or seafood. Trim all fat. Broiled food may be available on request only.

Ask that gravy be served on the side or left off and remove any breading or coating.

**-Eggs-** Boiled, poached, scrambled, or baked.

**-Potatoes and Substitutes-** Baked, mashed, steamed, boiled. Rice and noodles as a substitute for potatoes.

**-Vegetables-** Steamed, baked, boiled, stewed.

**-Salads-** Tossed vegetables, lettuce or tomato. Request dressing be served on the side or use vinegar or lemon juice. As far as the calorie content, count cottage cheese as part of your meat servings.

**-Fruit-** Fresh fruit, fruit salad, fruit juice without sugar.

**-Breads-** Whole wheat or enriched bread and toast, rolls, biscuits (watch size), unsalted or lightly salted crackers, muffins, popovers, English muffin, taco shell, hotdog bun, hamburger bun.

**-Fats-** Margarine, salad dressing, oil, unsalted nuts.

**-Desserts-** Fresh fruit, canned fruit without sugar. Sometimes, a scoop of ice cream (similar to the calorie content of one slice of bread and two servings of fat).

**-Beverages-** Coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea without sugar, sugar-free soft drinks, low-fat or skim milk.

For more information on coping with a diabetic diet, contact our Gray County Extension Service.



## 4-H Corner

Joe Vann

# Laura Williams to attend national 4-H conference

### DATES

- Dec. 10 - Rifle Project meeting 7 p.m.
- 10 - Deadline to pick up peanuts and pecans
- 11 - ETN training in Amarillo 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- 11 - Self-defense class 7 p.m. in the Annex
- 11 - Meat Judging Project meeting 4 p.m. in the Annex
- 14 - Rabbit Raiders Club meeting 7 p.m. in the Annex
- 15 - Exchange Project Dance 8-12 p.m. at the Bull Barn

### Gray County youth to participate in national event

Laura Williams, the 16 year old daughter of Bob and Margrett Williams, has recently been selected as one of 13 Texans 4-H members to attend the National 4-H Conference the first week of April 1991 at the National 4-H center in Chevy Chase, Md.

National 4-H Conference is designed to help selected youth develop their maximum potential by providing opportunities to participate actively in 4-H program development outside their states and at national levels. Youth also assist states in the further development of a system for involving youth, volunteers, and professional staff in 4-H program planning in their states.

National 4-H conference also offers youth, the opportunity to give input to the National 4-H Program Development Committee and to provide a system for an exchange of 4-H programming ideas among states. Conference delegates will also update elected and appointed government officials, national associations, donor groups, etc., on current developments in 4-H national, state, and local levels.

Williams will also be joined by two other Texas Panhandle youth, Jennifer Hick from Deaf Smith County and Juanita Diez of Potter County.

### Meats Team to hold first meeting

Anyone interested in being a part of the Gray County 4-H Meats Team needs to plan on attending a project meeting Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. in the Gray County Annex. Our Sr. 4-H Meats Team was very successful last year winning the district contest and placing 4th at the state contest.

Under the 4-H guidelines Gray County can have one Jr. and one Sr. Team with four members on each team. This is very unique and challenging contest for those who participate. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Dec. 11, and plan to attend the first meeting.

### Leaders to be recognized

The Gray County 4-H Council is hard at work making plans for the second annual Gray County 4-H Leaders Appreciation Dinner. The dinner is set for Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Fellowship Hall of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

This evening promises to be special in every way. First of all the council members will be serving meal to all the leaders. Next Dr. Martha Couch a Extension Youth Development Specialist will be serving as our speaker.

Dr. Couch is a very unique lady who serves as an excellent role model for 4-H youth and volunteer leaders. Finally, the Gray County 4-H Council will be recognizing each leader in very unique way. Any volunteer leader who has failed to R.S.V.P. needs to call the Extension Office by Monday the 10th a.m.

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## Basic first aid offered at college

Basic First Aid will be offered at Clarendon College-Pampa Center on Dec. 11 and 12, from 6 to 10 p.m. Gary James will instruct, and the classes

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(Special photo) Santa and Mrs. Clause, who will appear on stage at Pampa's M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium in two performances on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

## Pampa Fine Arts and school district to host Christmas play for school kids Dec. 12

The Pampa Fine Arts Association and Pampa Independent School District is sponsoring an original stage play, *The Night Before Christmas, 1990*, to be performed before Pampa school children at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Kindergartners through fifth graders will be transported by the school district to the auditorium for the play. The morning performance is only for the school children, but the afternoon performance is open to the public. There is no charge, but PFAA and PISD request that patrons use the last eight rows of seating in the auditorium, as the rest of the auditorium is reserved for the schools.

Penguin Productions is a touring theatre company who's staff is dedicated to bringing wholesome, quality entertainment to children. Since 1979, the company has produced 27

tours, performing for hundreds of thousands of excited school children. Actors chosen to tour with the company go through an extensive audition conducted before each production.

The original *The Night Before Christmas 1984* was such a success that the producers decided to continue this show as a Christmas tradition. The storyline remains unchanged, but each year the script is updated to depict the trends and fashions of that year. The play takes place in Santa's workshop and the characters include Mrs. Clause, Rudolf, elves, and, of course, Santa himself. In order to please the sticking elves and reindeer, Santa must convince two modern children to enjoy their childhood and not to be in such a hurry to grow up. He succeeds in a funny and very touching 60 minutes that bring out the holiday spirit in everyone, and make a memory that will last a lifetime.

## La Leche League meeting Dec. 13

The Pampa La Leche League will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at 1807 Lynn.

The program will address the question, "Are there foods I should avoid if I breastfeed my baby?" This and many other questions will be answered with the latest medical research and personal experience. Information about nutrition for nursing mothers and their families, as well as information about weaning nursing babies will be available.

Women who are interested in breastfeeding their babies are invited. Babies are welcome, too. For more information call 665-7658.

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Director Wanetta Hill takes the Pampa Elementary Chorus through their program as they rehearse for their concert scheduled on Monday evening.

## Pampa Elementary Chorus concert set for 7 p.m. Monday at PMS auditorium

The Pampa Elementary Chorus will present a Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. at the Pampa Middle School Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited. After the concert a reception will be held in the school cafeteria.

The Chorus is a 102-member choir comprised of fourth and fifth grade students from all six elementary schools. Directed by Wanetta Hill, this is the Chorus' third year in existence. Their accompanist is Donna Caldwell, music teacher at Lamar, who also serves as the Chorus' co-director.

The Chorus has performed this season at the Festival of Trees and at the Pampa Mall. The concert on Monday night will complete the fall season's performances.

This spring the Chorus will present Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* on March 8 and 9, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

## Planning for the New Year's dance



Chapter members from Beta Sigma Phi have been working on decorations for the annual New Year's Eve Scholarship Dance sponsored by the sorority. Pictured from left are Debbie Hogan, Starla Tracy and Lisa Crossman. The dance will be held at M.K. Brown Civic Center on Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For information about tickets to the event, call Debbie Hogan at 669-9968 or 665-0711, or Maxine Cox at 665-7345.

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By RON GASBARRO  
AP Newsfeature

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## Suggestions for buying pecans

I was glad to see our temperatures drop well into the teens for low's last week. This is Dec. and we need more cold weather. Trees and lots of plants don't know for sure that winter can blow in some day with zero temperatures. A lot of plants still have sap well up in the branches and limbs.

Only last week-end you could still find a few green leaves on some scattered trees. Someone reported that buds were swollen on some kind of plant.

We had a lot of freeze damage last Dec. because of the sudden below zero temperatures. Let's hope we won't have the same problem this year. This damage continued to show up throughout the summer or many kinds of landscape plantings.

### PECAN QUALITY CAN BE AFFECTED

Pecans are among the tastiest of nuts, but the grower faces some real problems maintaining the quality of the nut meat. The following information was written for Central Texas pecan growers. However, several of you travel downstate and this information might be helpful if you buy fresh pecans from the roadside in Central Texas.

Dr. John Lipe, Extension Service horticulturist, said that insects and drought are the major problems that limit quality, but disease and inferior varieties are also culprits.

Often a small one-eighth-inch diameter hole appears in the shell of the pecan. These holes are caused by "redheads," creamy white worms with red heads that are the larvae of the pecan weevil. The weevil larva eats the nutmeat, then bores an exit hole in the shell to escape to overwinter in the ground.

"Pecan weevils are one of the worst pest problems for pecan producers in the Hill Country and Central Texas," Lipe said.

Many unsprayed trees have had



### For Horticulture

Joe Van Zandt

heavy damage this year. Lipe said that one or more sprays in late Aug. and Sept. are necessary for reasonable control.

Pecan shucks that don't open or have trouble opening usually signal an infection of hickory shuckworms.

These small white worms are about three-eighths inches long; they tunnel into the shucks and cause extensive damage to the shuck tissue. This damage can cause the shuck to remain tightly closed, or to open partially if the damage is only at the base of the shuck.

Shuck damage results in poorly developed nutmeats. Properly timed insecticide sprays are essential for control, and infested shucks should be destroyed or plowed under to reduce the population of overwintering shuckworm larvae.

Shuckworms aren't the only cause of shuck damage. A condition termed sticktight also results in this problem.

Sticktight shucks gradually blacken as the nuts approach maturity in Aug. and Sept.. Affected shucks don't open, and the nuts are very difficult to shake from the tree.

"Tree stress, both drought and heat, are associated with sticktight," Lipe said.

Insect damage also causes the kernel not to fully develop. Aphids sucking sap from pecan leaves during the summer and fall rob the

pecans of nutrition. The black mold that grows on the "honeydew" secreted by the aphids blocks sunlight and thus photosynthesis.

Vivipary, another problem limiting the quality of pecans, refers to nuts sprouting in the shuck. This is usually caused by drought stress as nuts develop in the fall.

Certain varieties such as Burgett and Wichita have particularly bad sprouting problems. Vivipary is a serious problem in Wichita orchards this year.

"A recent check of highly stressed versus moderately drought stressed Wichita trees in a Hill Country orchard revealed 60 percent and 5 percent spouted nuts respectively," Lipe said.

Blackspots or streaks on the nutmeats usually are associated with stink bugs and related sucking insects that feed on the nuts.

Insect feeding before the nutmeats gel causes the nuts to drop, but nuts fed on after the nuts reach the dough state (later Aug.) remain on the tree and develop the black spots on the kernels.

These blackened spots sometimes have a bitter taste, but the recommended spray schedule for hickory shuckworm and pecan weevil will usually keep this problem at a minimum.

Moldy kernels, dark kernels and rancidity are problems that are caused by excess water. These problems can be easily cured by allowing the pecans to air dry in a well ventilated place for a couple of weeks.

Some of these problems don't usually occur here since most pecan insect are not found in the Panhandle. Our biggest problem is getting quick maturing varieties so they will mature before freezing temperatures. High nitrogen fertilization early in the growing season along with zinc applications at regular intervals greatly influence growth rate of pecan trees locally as well as having adequate water applied.

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# Entertainment

## Leon Redbone now has two records out

By MARY CAMPBELL  
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Leon Redbone has two albums in current release — *Sugar* and *Christmas Island* — both on Private Music.

*Christmas Island* came out two years ago on August Records, his own label, and had "teeny-weeny distribution." Private Music, with which he hadn't yet signed, "sort of snuck it out there" very late last year. The album is really new in record stores this year. It's mostly traditional songs, including "Let It Snow" and "Toyland," and includes the catchy "That Old Christmas Moon" by ragtime pianist Terry Waldo, on which Redbone whistles.

Originally, Redbone drew the cover, a postcard of Santa in beard, stocking cap and red-and-white-striped 1920s bathing suit on a tropical beach. Private Music wanted a picture of Redbone. The compromise is a black-and-white picture of him holding the color postcard.

Redbone, whose "old bluesman" baritone voice is frequently heard on commercials, steps to his own drummer. He's known for singing songs from the first 35 years of this century and songs that sound like they're from that time.

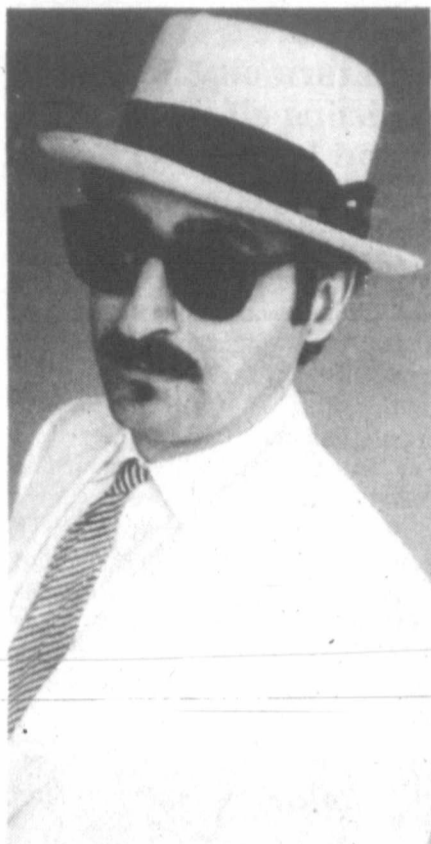
But he insists that he isn't a musicologist. "My concept of entertainment is to learn as much as possible. The last thing I want to do is hang out in a bar and waste my time. I've been known to do that; it's a complete waste of time.

"I've learned the accumulated knowledge of what it is that I do out of default or necessity. It just seems it is getting so far in the past and so few performers are interested in it. If they are, I'm not aware of them. I'm 20 years too late in gathering this information. I can only hope other people have done their homework. It's my job to find what they've done and put it all together."

Choosing songs for recordings, Redbone says, "is always based on what I like. If I didn't think it was a worthwhile song, I wouldn't bother with it. I wouldn't do it because it was an old song. People are always sending me things they wrote that sound like an old song." He has recorded only one of those, "Diamonds."

"I like any song that isn't an ugly song. I don't like ugly things. Loud and annoying, dominant rhythm, no melody, just seems counterproductive to the whole point of music. You're supposed to enjoy music and get some kind of emotional charge out of it.

"I think music is in effect a time machine. It takes you to different places, places you'd want to go. It can take you to a past you're not familiar with. I can't figure why people would want to go the places they're singing about these days.



Leon Redbone

"All music now seems to be loud, blatant, repetitious noise, something you want to rip your clothes off and dance to."

He laughs. "In the early days of jazz, it was frowned on by legit musicians of the day. You could argue it's all relative, just as crazy Redbone is complaining today."

When he records his next album in February, Redbone will take his own ribbon microphones to the studio. "The filament is a piece of foil that looks like a ribbon. They were the standard broadcasting mikes used from the '30s until the '60s. Some places still use them. I only use them because I like the way they sound. The disadvantage is that they accept room noise. Any amount of air movement in the room will create noise in the system."

*Sugar* is Redbone's eighth album. There also was a bootleg album, from a club in New Orleans. Someone asked if he could record, only for his own use, and Redbone, being young and naive, said yes. "Life is a learning experience," Redbone says. "It seems you're almost forced to be less trusting as years go by. It's an unfortunate thing."

He wrote "The Whistling Colonel," which is on *Sugar*, for a film. Instead, the film used one of his old records, even after he said that record had been in two flop movies. It now has been in three.

For touring, Redbone has used many different combinations of instruments. "We make a lot of noise for a three-piece outfit. It has been as many as five. The latest was a dobro, Hawaiian guitar and cornet. That's not too far fetched a combination. In the early days of recording, which started to become big business in the '20s, you had every known combination, from marimba

to Hawaiian guitar to riple, a double-stringed South American instrument like a mandolin but a little more than that.

"I can play it, but not very well. If it has strings on it, I can probably play it."

Redbone is known as a blues and ragtime guitarist and singer, and also plays banjo and harmonica. He calls himself an entertainer.

*Sugar* has two songs, "Right or Wrong" and "Ghost of the St. Louis Blues," that were first recorded by minstrel-show star Emmett Miller for Okeh Records.

Redbone, who has researched Miller's life, says: "Lovesick

Blues' was written by a World War I pilot, Cliff Friend, in 1922. Emmett Miller recorded it. Hank Williams recorded it in 1949. The way he did it was the way Emmett did it. Emmett was around and performing."

Redbone talked with Miller's sister a couple of times. "She died shortly after. I almost gave up. I found his niece and talked to her. She wanted to help me but she died young. Her husband was throwing everything out. I managed to salvage things; I ended up with his letters and contracts.

"I would like to write a book about him."

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# University of Texas problems raise questions over school's status

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — The University of Texas at Austin is the flagship of the state's largest higher education system, with a national reputation in academic as well as athletic circles. But within the last year, the school's campus has at times resembled the '60s, with students marching against racism and sexism and a dispute over curriculum. AP Staff Writer Darryl Ewing looks at the school and the unrest and what's happening in Austin now.

By DARRYL EWING  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas loyalists have long considered their alma mater "a university of the first class," a phrase used by delegates to the 1875 state constitutional convention that led to the school's creation.

But brewing racial tension, fraternity hazing, gay and lesbian student demonstrations, and unrest over multicultural studies now have many people on the 357-acre Austin campus wondering if their university is second rate.

They know Texas annually attracts some of the brightest students in the country, ranking second only to Harvard-Radcliffe for the last seven years in the number of National Merit Scholars attracted.

The 49,617 students, second only to Ohio State University, realize the cost of attending Texas is among the lowest nationwide, about \$7,000 for state residents.

The university has four Nobel Prize winners on its faculty, plus 18 members of the National Academy of Sciences and 18 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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The University of Texas System endowment, which significantly benefits the Austin campus, is more than \$3 billion, second nationally only to Harvard.

In athletics, the Longhorns have won more Southwest Conference championships than other school, including 12 national men's titles and 15 women's.

But for all its advantages, some students believe their university is in disarray.

"I'd say that without a doubt," said graduate student Louis Mendoza, a member of Todos Unidos, a mostly Hispanic group that has submitted a racial reform plan to school officials. "It's always been our stance that (racist) actions take place in an environment that is tolerant of them and that fosters a certain amount of ignorance about non-white cultures."

**"What's going on here is just a reflection of what's going on in the world. Our students are not any different from the people out there."**

Last spring, racial slurs found painted on a car at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house and Phi Gamma Delta T-shirts emblazoned with a "Sambo" caricature sparked a series of demonstrations, including one where Texas President William Cunningham was shouted down as he tried to address minority concerns. (See related story, Page 28.)

The two fraternities were suspended for one year, ordered to perform 1,200 hours of community service and to participate in a multicultural education program. But about 300 black, Hispanic and homosexual students marched to the state Capitol in protest of the punishment, calling it "a joke."

Shirley Binder, admissions director, said some black parents called the school before the fall semester wanting to know if it was safe to send their children to Austin in light of the spring racial turmoil.

The number of black students enrolled this fall dropped from 1,866 in 1989 to 1,830. Hispanic enrollment, however, increased to 5,355 from 5,152.

Though summer break quelled some of last spring's unrest, gay and lesbian students kept controversy simmering by blocking traffic along the university's main road in late July and rattling the walls of Old Main with demonstrations complaining that administrators had been slow to adopt policy banning job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

While school officials don't excuse the events, many say the roots of controversy develop long before students get to Austin.

"What's going on here is just a reflection of what's going on in the world," said Glenn Maloney, assistant dean of students. "Our students are not any different from the people out there. They come here with ingrained values and beliefs."

The hazing, protests and racial conflict reflect negatively on the university, he said, but "we're still accomplishing our educational mission."

**'(Students will) need to leave (universities) knowing how to deal with other cultures. They'll have to work with diverse groups.'**

"Students are still going to class. They're still learning. That's why they come here," Maloney said. "Sure, there's conflict; there's crisis. But that's what gets you toward progress."

Part of that progress, he said, includes "multicultural studies," a push to better emphasize in the classroom and in special fraternity programs the contributions that all cultures have made to civilization.

"Multiculturalism will be the

key word for education," Maloney said. "I believe that will be the mission of the university in the '90s."

"(Students will) need to leave (universities) knowing how to deal with other cultures. They'll have to work with diverse groups."

Multiculturalism hit several roadblocks before a university panel decided in September to support a new lower-division English course designed to teach freshman composition and rhetoric while heightening awareness of race and gender issues. But some experts argued that supporters of the class would use the course to push personal political views onto students in terms of race and sex.

Vice Provost George Wright disagreed.

"Right from the start in my American history survey course, I inform my students that much of what they have learned about American history is the story of rich white men," Wright, who is black, wrote in a letter to *Texas Monthly* magazine in defense of multiculturalism.

"In many ways, I argue, that story is significant; but to center a course solely on these men perpetuates a number of myths about American history and excludes any knowledge of the vast majority of white people, not to mention Native Americans, Afro-Americans and women," he wrote.

In addition to debate on multi-

culturalism, undergraduate students saw overcrowded degree-track courses, increasing enrollment and a high student-faculty ratio as evidence that the school had neglected undergraduate education at the expense of research.

Those realities prompted school officials to:

- Install an enrollment management program aimed at cutting enrollment to about 48,000 students by 1994, with 35,000 undergraduates. UT's fall enrollment topped 49,500, with more than 37,000 undergraduates.

The student-faculty ratio this fall was about 20-to-1, said Marsha Moss of the Office of Institutional Studies. National figures for selected major research universities over the last three years reflect about a 17-to-1 average, she said.

- Add 131 faculty positions over the past two years.

- Develop a comprehensive plan to improve and evaluate teaching, including increased use of the Center for Teaching Effectiveness and such incentives as teaching awards.

"All of these efforts should dis-

pel the misconception that large public institutions such as UT-Austin are unconcerned about their educational opportunities," Cunningham said.

**'If we are a university in turmoil, then it's swirling all around me and I guess I'm just not smart enough to realize it.'**

"UT does have some good programs," said graduate student Mendoza. "Being the largest university in the state, that did have some appeal, and it's affordable."

"But that doesn't mean it has been all pleasant."

The West Mall, site of most UT demonstrations and a place where business-suit clad College Republicans staff membership tables a few feet away from students hawking Socialist newspapers, is a much quieter place these days.

Much of the spring and early fall hostility has been channeled into proposals for reform such as the Black Student Alliance's Project PRIDE — Proposed Reforms to Institute Diversity in Education — and the Todos Unidos Manifesto.

But the mall's makeshift shanties, symbolizing South African shanty towns and spray-painted with slogans such as "Fight the Power," "Keep The Pressure On" and "Support Your Race, The Human Race: End Racism," are evidence that student activism hasn't abated.

"It's died down some," said sophomore Jenna Marshall. "It shouldn't have, though. Nothing's really been resolved. I supported the demonstrations and I'll continue to do so."

"Right now, I wouldn't say we're in turmoil, but the problems are there."

Similarly, one university professor quipped: "If we are a university in turmoil, then it's swirling all around me and I guess I'm just not smart enough to realize it."



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# Wyoming's fossil forests serve as 'Rosetta stone' to ancient climates

By WILLIAM G. SCHULZ  
Smithsonian News Service

BIGHORN BASIN, Wyo. — At noontime, members of Dr. Scott Wing's research team press up against the rocks here in Northern Wyoming, hoping to find a small patch of shade. In these badlands, the intense rays of the sun can feel like a rain of fire in the summer.

The heat and the landscape — a stark, yet beautiful panorama of angular hills and broad mesas — make it hard to believe that this area was once a lush subtropical forest. But, in fact, this research team is excavating a fossilized forest that flourished here 50 million to 60 million years ago. Rather than a desert, the climate then more resembled subtropical south Florida.

After another belt of cool water, members of the team adjust their hats and bandannas, pick up their shovels and head back to the dig site on the other side of the ridge. Lunch break is over.

"The plant fossils in the Bighorn Basin are a real Rosetta stone for studies of the ancient climate," says Wing, a Smithsonian paleobotanist at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

A 2,500-foot-thick sequence of rock layers in the basin hold a record of plant and animal life for five million years during the Eocene epoch, a span of geologic time.

"What I'm most interested in," Wing says, "is change in the abundance and diversity of species through time." Further, he wants to see how climate patterns relate to these changes.

Because the basin has large exposures of rock layers containing fossilized plants and animals from the Eocene, he can study this abundance and diversity of plant species during several million years. Upper layers of rock are younger than lower layers, providing a natural "time line" for the fossils in those layers.

Until recently, interpreting ancient climates was done with separate studies of either marine or terrestrial fossils. Now, because of the quality of the fossil record in Wyoming, Wing has been able to correlate plant and marine fossils from the Eocene.

With this information, scientists can see what was happening, climate-wise, both on land and in the sea during that epoch. Through studies of fossilized leaves, Wing can determine more accurately climatic variables, such as mean annual rainfall and temperature, during the life of the extinct forest.

"I call this 'Plantanus quarry,'" Wing says of the place where his team has cut three right-angle gashes into the hillside. *Plantanus*, he explains, is part of the Latin name for sycamore trees; mostly, the team has found fossilized sycamore leaves at this site.

It is not obvious to the untrained eye, but Wing has selected this area as a place to dig because it was once the site of an oxbow lake. Oxbow lakes are formed when the wide meanders of old rivers become sealed off.

The pond or lake had to have been surrounded by sycamore trees, he explains, because leaves cannot travel very far without being destroyed or damaged beyond recognition. Most leaf fossils, then, are preserved and fossilized near the plant that produced them. On ancient river flood plains, fossil leaves in a layer of mud and sand mirror the original distribution of plants.

Fossilized leaves give a general picture of ancient climates, Wing says. Botanists have recognized a relationship in living plants between the shape of their leaves and the climate in which they grow.

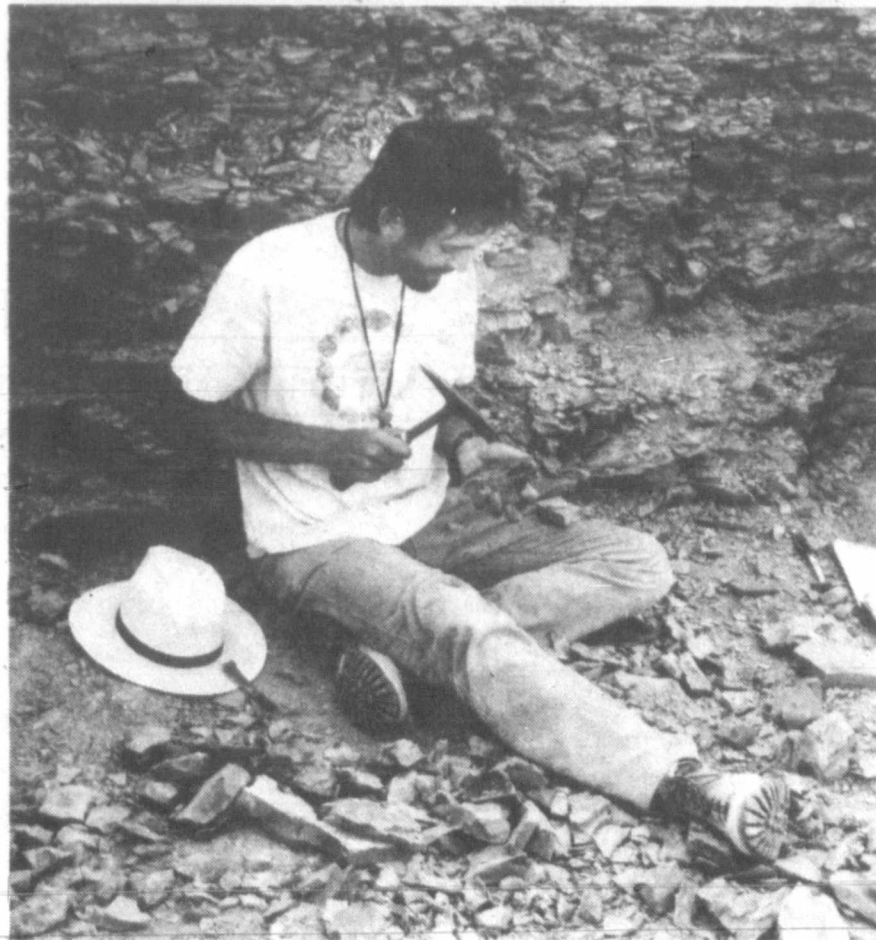
Leaves with "teeth" or lobes, such as maple leaves, appear more frequently in colder climates. Leaves that are "entire-margined" or rounded, such as magnolia leaves, are found more frequently in tropical climates.

With these guidelines, scientists can look at the relative abundances of the two types of fossilized leaves in a layer of rock and predict the mean annual temperature.

At the end of the working day in the field, the expedition team begins wrapping up the fossils that Wing decides will be sent back to his lab. These sedimentary rocks are somewhat fragile, and so they are bound tightly with several layers of toilet paper and paper towels. Masking tape holds the package together and also provides a place to mark a number keyed to the quarry location.

The fossils are not destined for a display case at the museum. "It's the content here that keeps me interested, not necessarily the aesthetics," Wing says.

Wing, with the help of an assistant, also takes a census of the different fossilized plants from each quarry. Back in Washington, with fall and winter bringing cool relief from the summer in the badlands, he will conduct more detail analysis.



(Smithsonian News Service photo by William Schulz)

With a delicate tap of a geology hammer, Dr. Scott Wing, a Smithsonian paleobotanist, splits open a rock to reveal the plant fossils inside.

"A lot of these floras have never been written up," he says, referring to the detailed work of recording all of the plant species in a bed of fossils, as well as describing their abundances and characteristics.

Along with several college interns, Wing got help this summer

from five adventurous people. They are members of the Smithsonian's National Associate Program, which, throughout the year, sponsors Smithsonian research expeditions. The expeditions give people with a taste for the unusual a chance to accompany and work with the

Smithsonian's scholars at field locales throughout the United States and around the world.

Wing himself has been involved in fieldwork in this part of the West for nearly 20 years — since graduating from high school. He is drawn back year after year by both the value to his research and by the basin's natural beauty.

During graduate school, he says, "I started to see that there was something special here in terms of the completeness of the fossil record and what it can reveal about climate and vegetational change."

Climate change — global warming in particular — has become a topic of growing concern for environmental scientists. The global temperature is rising, scientists claim, heralding, for better or for worse, at least some change. But as rain forests disappear and deserts creep over once verdant land, the past might provide a window on the future, Wing says.

Plant fossils in the Bighorn Basin stretch back through a period 50 to 60 million years ago known as the Paleocene/Eocene transition. It was a period of global warming, possibly the warmest time ever on Earth, at least when there was life. Wing wants to find out how that warming affected organisms, particularly plants.

"There is a potential parallel between warming in the Eocene and warming that will happen over the next couple of centuries," he says.

At times during the Eocene, the composition of plant and animal species remained stable, he says. Interspersed with these periods were

times when many species rapidly became extinct and were replaced by others.

There may be aspects of complex biological systems that we do not yet understand, Wing says, that create such "pulsed" changes. He makes the analogy of pushing on a desk. A person can push very hard and the desk won't budge. At some point, however, inertia is overcome and the desk lurches across the floor.

Similarly, links between individual species and the environment may break as climate changes begin affecting various aspects of ecosystems, he says. After the first few links are broken, nothing may happen. But eventually, when enough links between species and their environments are broken, catastrophic change may follow.

"That has some sobering impli-

cations for what's happening on Earth now," he says about the propositioned global warming and other environmental concerns. "By the time we notice major changes, it may be too late."

At twilight in the Bighorn Basin, the setting sun deepens the red and purple hues of the surrounding hills. Wing and his expedition team cook dinner over an open fire at their campsite.

A small trailer, loaned by friends at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Worland, Wyo., the nearest town, has eased the primitive conditions a little bit.

"People ask me, 'Are you going back to that same site?'" says Wing, who has also worked in such places as Panama, Egypt and Cameroon. "It's not the same place ... This is a huge area. I see myself coming back here forever."



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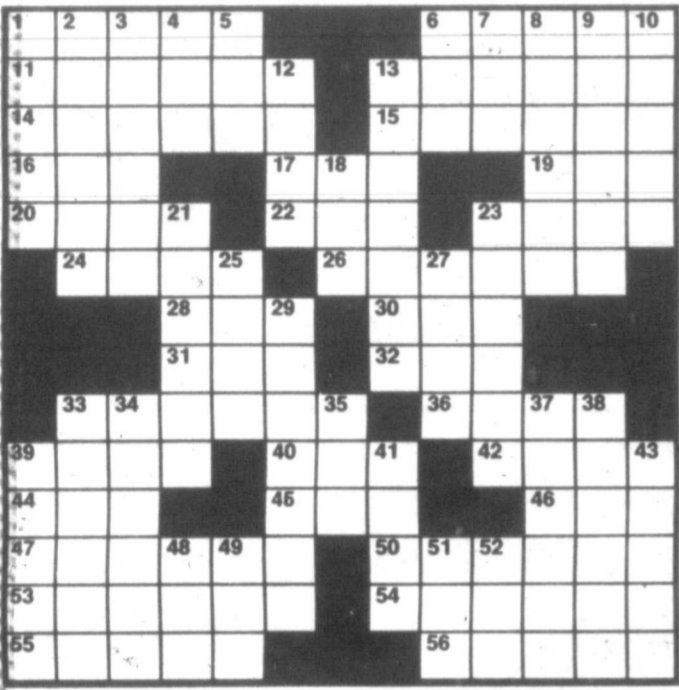
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- 23 New York football team
- 24 Shackle
- 26 Disclaim formally
- 28 Anglo-Saxon letter
- 30 Atomic particle
- 31 Dakota Indian
- 32 Golf peg
- 33 Actress Gilda —
- 36 Beasts of burden
- 39 Of aircraft
- 40 Caustic substance
- 42 E pluribus —
- 44 Medieval poem
- 45 Pro — (for the time being)
- 46 Unclose
- 47 One-celled animal
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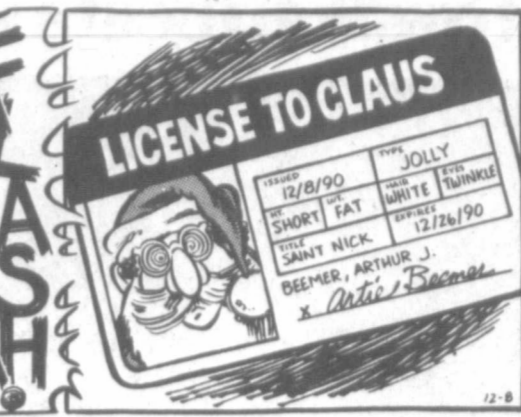
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- 29 Shoe-repair item
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**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your probabilities for material success are very good today with persons with whom you've been fortunate previously. Untested individuals could deflate your purse, rather than fatten it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You're a good salesperson and promoter today, yet you may still have problems getting a prospect to sign on the dotted line. Be careful not to offer more than you can deliver in hopes of priming the pump.

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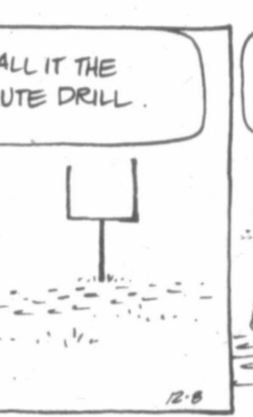
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# UT frat membership holds steady despite hazing, racial incidents

By DARRYL EWING  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Membership in University of Texas fraternities has remained constant over the last several years, despite hazing and racial incidents officials say have given the university a black eye.

Only last month, Travis County Attorney Ken Oden declared that hazing was "out of control" at the Austin campus and subpoenaed all 29 fraternities, demanding the names, addresses and phone numbers of all members and pledges to help investigate about a dozen hazing allegations.

The summons came a day after Sigma Nu fraternity was suspended by its national organization amid allegations that pledges had been beaten and subjected to other forms of hazing.

Among them include an attack on a fraternity member found blindfolded, bound and gagged behind a fraternity house this fall, and an assault on an inactive fraternity member who said three men held him down and slashed "S" and "X" Greek letters for Sigma Chi, on his face.

Texas fraternities this year saw a membership drop of only about 100 members, going from about 2,600 in 1989 to 2,502. The average chapter has 86 members and ranges in size from 18 to 194 members, according to the Interfraternity Council, which governs the Greek system.

"I think the majority of people looking at fraternities realize that fraternities are generally good things," said Larry Dubinski, IFC president and a member of Zeta Beta Tau. "They know that the actions they've seen by a small percentage of our membership are the exception, not the rule."

Pledge class size among UT-Austin fraternities, however, dropped 10 to 12 percent this fall, IFC Treasurer James Reid said. Overall, student enrollment dropped 1.2 percent.

Reid said the Greek organizations have spent several years re-examining their mission.

"I'll be the first to admit the system is not perfect," Reid said. "There are a lot of things that could be changed. But I don't think the system would have survived this long if it was not willing to grow and change with the times."

From 1986 to 1988, overall membership held steady at about 2,600 members even though two students died in fraternity incidents during that period. In 1986, Phi Kappa Psi freshman pledge Mark Seeberger died of alcohol poisoning during an outing officials described

as a "ride," the practice of driving pledges far from home and letting them out. Two years later, Delta Tau Delta fraternity member Gregg Scott Phillips fell from a 125-foot cliff while being chased by two pledges.

A 1987 commission reported that hazing with paddles, electric cattle prods and alcohol attracted nationwide attention to the school's fraternities and the so-called "Texas mentality."

Glenn Maloney, assistant dean of students said the focus on Texas was unfair.

"Hazing is just as prevalent outside of Texas," he said. "But there is an attitude that it is much worse here. I mean, cattle prods; where

else do you use cattle prods except in Texas?"

"I think there is a Texas mentality. Texas is a different place with a different culture."

He did say the state Legislature's move in the mid-1980s to enact a stricter statewide anti-hazing law has limited the type and amount of hazing.

"Ten years ago, we had more physical brutality, more beatings ... calisthenics, guys up all night doing push-ups" he said. "Today, I think it's more prank-related."

In addition to hazing, racial slurs found painted on a car at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house and Phi

Gamma Delta T-shirts depicting a "Sambo" caricature sparked outcry last spring among minority groups.

"I think there are a fair number of people going through rush who are able to look at those as isolated incidents not indicative of the system as a whole," Reid said.

"Phi Gamma Delta still has one of the largest pledge classes on campus. When people went to their rush, they found out they were not a racist house. They found out that it was a house they could be proud of and be affiliated with," Reid said.

"Take a look at the Fiji incident," said Glenn Maloney, assistant dean of students. "That kind of

thing results from ignorance. They're naive. They're not really intending to offend. They just need someone to hit them over the head and say, 'Wake up.'"

But Fiji only got slapped, say some black student leaders.

"You have to understand the history behind the Fiji," said junior Jason Bugg of the Black Student Alliance. "That's been occurring for the past eight years. And every time something happens, they get a slap on the hand."

UT sororities drew criticism in 1987 for refusing to register as campus organizations for nearly two decades. As off-campus groups, the sororities did not have to sign stan-

dard non-discrimination statements.

"There is a perception ... that this (off-campus) status is because of a policy of exclusion based on race. It is one of the biggest hurdles to minority recruiting at the University of Texas," the 1987 commission reported.

Evelyn Bennett, director of the Panhellenic Council, said the decision not to register had nothing to do with racial exclusion, but that "sororities didn't feel they had anything to gain by registering since they did not use university facilities."

The sororities became registered on-campus groups following the commission's report, Ms. Bennett said.


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