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Kingsmill residents plead for help with water

By BETH MILLER
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Kingsmill residents came armed Friday to a Gray County Commissioners Court meeting with personal experiences of the problems the benzene pollution in their water well has caused for the community's 114 residents.

Since the pollution was recently discovered, residents have purchased and hauled water with which to cook, drink and brush their teeth. The Texas Water Commission has not determined at this time who is responsible for the pollution. Some residents are blaming the nearby Hoechst Celanese plant, which has said there is benzene contamination in water underneath the plant.

Residents at the Friday meeting questioned why the Commissioners Court would not take action on an emergency urgent needs funds application. Because Kingsmill is not incorporated, the Kingsmill Water Supply Corp. cannot apply for the grant of up to \$400,000. Only cities and counties can apply for the funding.

"We were told the decision has been tabled and we want to know why," said Peggy Ward, manager of the water corporation.

Earlier in the day before the Kingsmill residents arrived at the meeting, County Attorney Bob McPherson had requested the Commissioners Court to give him two more weeks to check into the legalities of the county applying for the grant for the Kingsmill community. He said he has been checking with the Attorney General's office, but wants to talk to the Kingsmill residents' attorney and maybe the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

McPherson explained that the county could not get into a position where it would be liable to pay out to complete a project, if grant money ran out.

However he said, "There are a number of ways to clear it (any financial liability questions) up. I apologize to anyone here from Kingsmill. Hopefully we'll have something by the next meeting, but I really can't be sure."

Ward said to the Commissioners Court, "We don't need water in two weeks or 10 years, we need it now and all we're asking is for you people to help us get this



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Peggy Ward of Kingsmill gestures in her plea for help Friday to the Gray County Commissioners Court as other Kingsmill residents stand behind her.

water we so desperately need. We've got sores, we've got babies that are sick and you people keep putting us off; you table us. We're not asking you for money. What we want is drinkable water that we can take baths in, that we can do our laundry in."

County Judge Carl Kennedy said to the residents, "I believe this is your first visit to Commissioners Court. Who are we dealing with?"

Ward responded, "Your dealing with the Kingsmill community. We're part of your county."

The judge explained that the county attorney had asked for more time to research the county's participation in such a grant application.

Ward asked, "What more time do you need? We're running out of time, Mr. Kennedy. We have to get the papers into the state to get us the money to drill a new well."

"... We pay county taxes, we pay school taxes. We're 114 people, now that's not too many, but we are people and we do need help, and all we're ask-

ing is for our commissioners to help us."

Carolyn Hood, a Kingsmill resident, said that real estate agents have taken homes off the market at Kingsmill because you must have good water in order to sell a home.

Ward said, "We are out of time, Mr. Kennedy. We have sick people in this community. We have people with rashes on their bodies, burns on them."

Hood said, "We cannot invite our families to spend the night with us. We can't let them take showers out there. We can't have animals out there anymore. Our lives are ruined and we need help."

Ward said, "Would you like to move out to my house? I'll give it to you. It's three bedroom, two bath. We've got a hot tub/jacuzzi that we can't use, a swimming pool. I mean come on out. I'll let any of you move into my home tomorrow if you want to put up with what we've been putting up with. But right now we need help and if you're going to keep tabling this each time we come down here, we're not going to get that help and we pay our taxes just like everyone else."

Minnie Reeves said that she and her husband, Roy, moved to Pampa because the water made her husband's mouth bleed when he was brushing his teeth. She said their 17-year-old grandson began having skin problems and ulcers in his mouth and throat, but after moving to Pampa and not drinking the Kingsmill water, the grandson's mouth and throat is now well.

Atha Burnett, a Kingsmill resident, said numerous people in the Kingsmill camp have developed rashes, sores and burns from the water.

Hood said, "We don't even dare wash our vegetables or our meat. We don't brush our teeth with it, we don't cook with it... We're living in a nightmare and we need help."

Ward also said that the community is not made up of "(law)suit happy people," and said, "All we want is what is rightfully ours."

Hood added, "Our rights as American citizens are being violated."

Ward also pointed out that if money is granted from the state funds for drilling a new water well, Carson County has agreed to allow a new well to be built in that county.

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(AP Laserphoto)

Serial killer Jeffrey L. Dahmer, center, prepares to leave the Milwaukee County courtroom Saturday after a jury found that he was sane at the time he killed 15 people. Judge Laurence C. Gram Jr. has scheduled a sentencing hearing Monday. Dahmer faces life in prison for each of the 15 counts of intentional homicide for which he has been charged.

Jury finds Dahmer sane

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A jury found Saturday that Jeffrey Dahmer was sane when he killed and dismembered 15 men and boys in a horrifying quest for sexual gratification.

The decision means that Dahmer, who already has pleaded guilty to the murders, will receive a mandatory life sentence for each count. A judge will determine when, or if, he will be eligible for parole. A hearing was scheduled for Monday.

Judge Laurence Gram Jr.'s calm reading of the jury's verdict brought to a climax one of the most stunningly gruesome murder cases in U.S. history.

As he announced the jurors' 10-2 decisions, reading off a grim roll call of Dahmer's prey, a shudder of emotion rolled through one victim's family after another in the gallery. Some shouted in pain. Others rocked with sobs. One or two smiled.

Dahmer sat stone-faced, as he has throughout the three-week trial.

"God bless you. I love you my brother," one relative said to District Attorney E. Michael McCann as he walked out of the courtroom. Other relatives hugged McCann and thanked him.

"They gave a powerful, powerful argument," said Teresa Smith, sister of victim Edward W. Smith. "They brought back the faith I'd lost in the justice system."

Another sister of Smith, Carolyn Smith, said she felt some sympathy for Dahmer.

"Because I am Catholic, I was raised that way," she said. "At times I have hatred like anyone would, but you have got to love all."

McCann said jurors realized Dahmer could have controlled his conduct. "This was an unusual individual, and I think the jury saw through it," he said.

"His whole conduct showed he was a con artist... and he is above average in intelligence, and that's all we went by," said juror Karl W. Stahle.

Elba Duggins said she and other jurors were struck by the graphic testimony during the trial. "I've already dealt with it partially by leaving the room and crying," she said.

Defense attorney Gerald Boyle said he warned Dahmer beforehand to expect the worst. He said Dahmer thanked him for trying.

"I'm pretty sure that he wants to close the book on it and just live out the rest of his life as he knows it's going to be," Boyle said.

"Justice was done," said the Rev. Gene Champion, who counseled relatives. "The healing can now come forth. That is a blessing for the families, a blessing for the city."

The jury deliberated about five hours, Stahle said.

The unusual trial required only that 10 of the jurors agree. After the verdicts were read, Boyle was granted a 10-minute meeting with Dahmer and Dahmer's parents.

The law also put the burden of

proof on the defense to prove that Dahmer — who admitted to boiling skulls, eating body parts and having sex with corpses — was insane.

To be proven insane in Wisconsin, defendants must prove that they suffered from a mental disease, and that the disease kept them from knowing right from wrong or made them unable to stop themselves from committing the crimes.

Few crimes compare to Dahmer's for sheer horror, and his trial provided an in-depth study of the mind of a killer who had strayed as far outside the bounds of civilized behavior as most people could imagine.

Even his own lawyer said he was not there to excuse Dahmer's behavior, but to explain it. He insisted that Dahmer's craving for sex with the dead and his fear of loneliness drove him out of control — to kill again and again, unable to stop.

"This was not an evil man. This was a sick man whose sickness rose to the level of mental illness," Boyle said. He maintained that Dahmer suffered from necrophilia, a sexual attraction to corpses.

McCann said just the opposite: Dahmer was in the grip of evil, not insanity, when he picked up young men for sex and then drugged and strangled them, in some cases first performing crude brain surgery in the vain hope of creating zombies who would serve as his sexual slaves.

Jail dedication up in air; inspections slow opening plans

By BETH MILLER
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Formal dedication of the new Gray County Jail and Sheriff's Office is still up in the air because of the unknown timing of required inspections.

The Commissioners Court on Friday discussed the grand opening and the dedication, but came to the conclusion that a decision might be better made at the March 2 meeting of the group.

"It is now moving slowly," County Judge Carl Kennedy reported of the jail inspections.

He said the mechanical engineer would be in Pampa this week to inspect items and he said the architect was in town Feb. 7 conducting his "punch list."

"Basically, they're (jail contractor) through, but the contractor is on hold until the inspections are complete."

After the architect and the county approve of the building, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards will then have to inspect and approve the jail prior to the

occupancy by any prisoners.

Kennedy said the county is still in need of two 17-foot benches to place in the reception area of the jail and sheriff's office.

The Commissioners Court unanimously approved having G.W. James to pave the parking lot between the new jail and Combs-Worley Building at a cost of \$4,500. The lot has been rented by the county during the jail construction for \$350 a month.

Also, in related items, the Commissioners Court unanimously approved a new parking proposal for the east side of the Courthouse once the new jail and sheriff's office is open. Two handicapped places will be designated as well as five 15-minute visitor parking spots. Other spaces will be designated for courthouse employees.

Bids were opened during the meeting for food services for the new jail. No action was taken on that item, however. Bid specifications asked for bids on three options — a self-employed person to do the cooking using county kitchen equipment; a catering service; and a con-

tract service that would utilize the county kitchen equipment.

A bid from Sun West Services Inc. of Tempe, Ariz., was opened under the contract service option and Bob Meyer of Sun West said the company has been in the feeding prisoner business for 10 years.

Sun West Services Inc. bid \$2.39 per meal for one to 50 meals and \$2.25 per meal for 51-75 meals. If the county had 50 prisoners during a month who were served three meals a day, it would cost an estimated \$10,000 under Sun West's bid.

Sheriff Jim Free said the prison-

ers are currently fed TV dinners at about \$1.50 to \$2 a meal.

The Commissioners Court also heard from Margaret Hall, a 25-year Gray County resident who has been working in public food service for nine years. She said she was interested in the job, but would like to become a county employee.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley said he had two people contact him who were interested in the position if it was under county employment.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene said he believes the cook-

ought to be a county position.

The Commissioners Court unanimously voted to close the bids and consider the item further at the March 2 meeting.

In unrelated business, the Commissioners Court unanimously approved a 15 percent rate increase for AMT Paramedic Service. Pampa City Commission had previously approved the request at a meeting last week. The new rate will be effective March 1. The city and county subsidize the ambulance service with a total of \$104,000 per year.

In other business, the Commissioners Court:

- unanimously approved the payment of \$216,511.19 in salaries and bills.

- unanimously approved the following transfers: \$33,169 from the general fund to the salary fund; \$887 from Highland General Hospital to Courthouse and Jail; \$3,602 from FM&LR to Precinct 1 R&B; \$1,675 from FM&LR to Precinct 3 R&B; and \$2,358 from FM&LR to Lake McClellan.

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Candidate Tripplehorn claims Free has mismanaged sheriff's office

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Gray County Sheriff's candidate John Tripplehorn, in a press conference Friday, blasted Sheriff Jim Free, saying he has mismanaged the office and county residents do not deserve being repeatedly "embarrassed" by Free.

"Over the last couple of years, the Gray County Sheriff's Office has had several serious problems and these charts are just a few of those that I consider rather glaring problems that can be taken care of by good management and good supervision," Tripplehorn said as he revealed five charts he had prepared.

Tripplehorn said that from 1988 through 1991, cost of Gray County government, minus the sheriff's office, has risen 5.95 percent. He said the sheriff's office budget has risen 32 percent in the same time period.

"I know the other officeholders in Gray County have tried diligently to work with the sheriff; the commissioners, as a result of the voters saying they were ready for a change, have tried to give him the financing that he said he so needed. But I

believe it has come to everyone's attention that just throwing money at this is not working and now it's time to start exercising some good principals of management and supervision. That's why I'm running."

Tripplehorn presented a chart on compensation time in the sheriff's office. From January 1989 to May 1991, the compensation time was more than \$20,000. Free went to the Commissioners Court and asked them to pay the compensation time because he could not give the employees the time off, Tripplehorn said.

From June 1991 to December 1991, the compensation time figure was \$12,000, Tripplehorn said, and has continued to rise since that time.

"That's another example of mismanagement and something that has not been supervised properly that should have been taken care of by allowing the men to take the time off as they have incurred comp time."

A third chart on medical expenses on prisoners in the county jail was produced with Tripplehorn saying \$7,000 was budgeted in 1991, but \$27,000 was spent.

"The sheriff's office is not in the



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

John Tripplehorn, a candidate for Gray County sheriff, used a chart to point out the mileage on vehicles purchased for the sheriff's office during a press conference Friday.

health care-providing business. If there was a problem, this should have been handled through the indigent health care program and not through the sheriff's office."

Tripplehorn showed a chart with the make, model and mileage on

some of the vehicles Free has purchased since he's been in office. He showed six cars, with mileage ranging from 85,000 miles to 146,000 miles when purchased by the sheriff.

"These are vehicles that are worn out. Somebody wanted to get rid of

them and Gray County has been the dubious recipient of worn out cars. That is not responsible purchasing. The sheriff's office could have purchased newer model cars and not had to purchase so many at any given time," he said. "But to purchase worn out cars at taxpayers expense is inexcusable."

Tripplehorn also pointed out that the comp time which one deputy has been receiving is a result of that deputy doing maintenance work on the "junk" cars.

The fifth chart, which Tripplehorn said was probably the most "unnecessary" was a chart showing that \$13,000 in county funds had been spent in 1991 for legal counsel for three lawsuits filed as a result of the sheriff's office.

"That's just a beginning of what I feel like some of the problems are," Tripplehorn said.

Tripplehorn said he can offer more to Gray County than Free.

He said he has a good education, with a bachelor's degree in business. He cited his private sector business experience and time spent as a leader and officer in the U.S. Army.

"I have no intention of being a Rambo, gun-carrying-style sheriff... The gun and force are absolute last resorts."

Tripplehorn said that since announcing his candidacy, he has been approached by people in

Pampa and Lefors giving him information that the drug problem in Gray County is still serious. He said he would work with all local and area law enforcement officials to try to get a handle on the drug problem.

"I want to make Gray County an uncomfortable place for drug users and drug dealers."

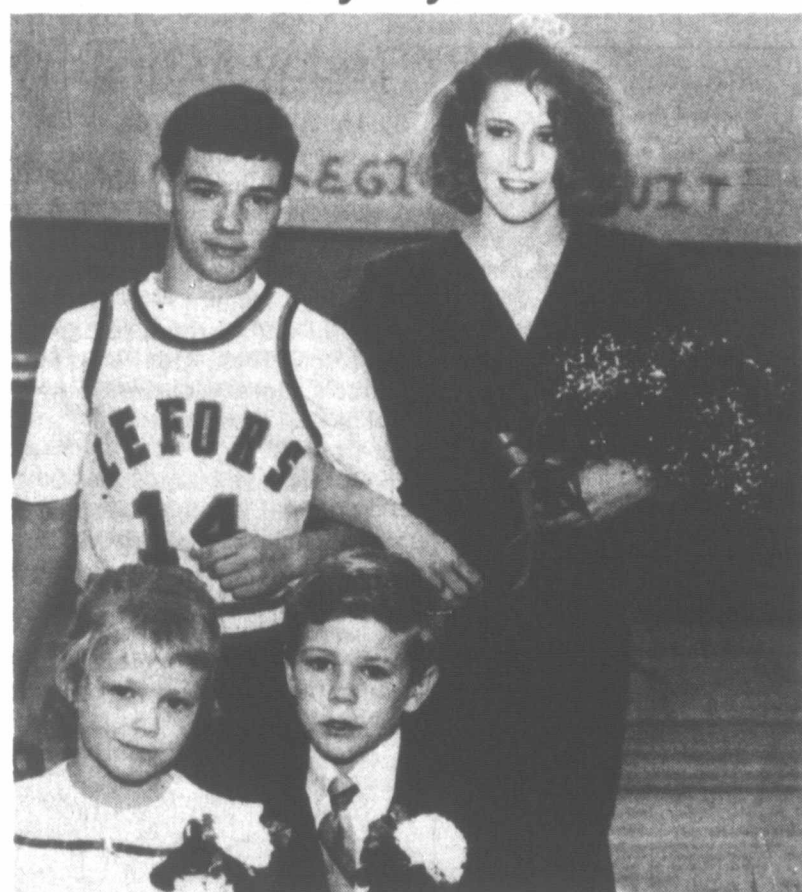
"I also do not see any need for Gray County to purchase an expensive drug dog when there is access to a drug dog not 300 yards away with the city of Pampa. And they are more than willing to cooperate with the sheriff's department. That would be a savings to the county and basically if we had it it would be nothing more than a duplication of assets for this county."

He said for people questioning his experience, as of March 9, he will start the criminal justice school to receive his certification as a peace officer, something he pointed out that Free does not have.

"When I graduate I'll bring that to the office of sheriff and it's something Gray County has not had in three years — a certified peace officer as sheriff."

Tripplehorn has been the Gray County veterans service officer for the past three years, during which he said he has attempted to treat everyone equally, something he said he would continue if elected sheriff.

Basketball royalty



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Lefors High School students Susie Davis, a senior, and Dennis Williams, a sophomore, were chosen as basketball royalty in a coronation ceremony Friday evening at the school gymnasium. Shown in front are Candace Tanner, the flower girl, and Todd Howe, the crown bearer. Davis and Williams were chosen by the Lefors basketball teams. Other candidates were Missy Wariner, Brandi Steele, Starla Gilbreath, Andy Swires, Jeremy Helfer and Donny Williams.

U.S. Supreme Court votes nay to delay of state Senate election

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court Saturday decided not to delay state elections in the wake of accusations an Austin federal judge played political favoritism in drawing a state Senate redistricting plan.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales had filed a legal motion with Justice Antonin Scalia to have the court hear oral arguments on the allegations Friday.

Scalia had referred the case to the Court, who voted 8-1 against staying state elections. Justice John Paul Stevens dissented.

The map for the 31 state senate districts has been mired in controversy for weeks, with Democrats charging that U.S. District Judge James Nowlin had improperly favored Republicans in drawing the lines.

Early absentee voting is scheduled to begin Wednesday, and Morales Friday had sought a

quick appearance on the high court to delay the Republican and Democratic Senate primaries.

The Supreme Court's ruling appeared to clear the way for the Senate races to be held March 10 along with the presidential primaries, and primaries for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission, three seats each on the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals, 30 U.S. House seats, 150 seats in the Texas House and other offices.

Gray McBride, press secretary for the attorney general, said Saturday evening he had heard news reports of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, but added that the office had not been formally notified.

"Until we get our own official confirmation, I'm not going to be able to say anything," McBride said.

Judge postpones decision on request for castration

HOUSTON (AP) — A state district judge has postponed an admonishment hearing for an accused child rapist who has volunteered to be castrated.

State District Judge Mike McSpadden on Friday delayed the hearing until March 6.

Steve Allen Butler, 28, will be led through a series of questions designed to show no coercion is involved in his guilty plea and voluntary castration in exchange for a probated sentence.

McSpadden said Butler will undergo a surgical procedure meant to curtail production of testosterone in his testicles.

Condemned man's attorneys seek reprieve

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Attorneys for Texas death row inmate Leonel Torres Herrera said Saturday they have asked Gov. Ann Richards to grant a 30-day reprieve for their client's scheduled execution next week.

Robert McGlasson with the Texas Resource Center said affidavits from Herrera's nephew and his late brother's attorney question whether Herrera is guilty of killing a Los Fresnos police officer in 1981.

Herrera, 44, is scheduled for lethal injection before dawn Wednesday for the shooting death of Officer Enrique Carrisalez, who allegedly stopped Herrera for speeding Sept. 29, 1981.

McGlasson said Texas Resource Center sought the reprieve from Richards late Friday. Attorneys also have filed two federal appeals to obtain a stay for Herrera, a former roofer.

The affidavits claim that Herrera's brother, Raul Herrera Sr., actually was responsible for killing Carrisalez and a Department of Public Safety Trooper David Rucker.

After his conviction for Carrisalez's slaying, Leonel Herrera pleaded guilty in the same-day shooting of Rucker, which occurred at a roadside park on Farm to Market Road 100 shortly before the police officer's killing.

McGlasson said the affidavits are "not a basis for a legal claim" that would overturn Herrera's conviction on their own. But McGlasson said they do provide more information that could challenge the case.

Raul Herrera Sr. was killed Sept. 8,

1984, by Jose Isabel "Chavello" Lopez, only days before Herrera was to be tried for attempted murder of his wife. Lopez pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the case and received a 10-year probated sentence.

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Opinion

Consumers must make the choice

A recently published booklet documents the often-substantial rate increases imposed in recent years by many cable-TV franchises around the country. Good reason for subscribers to be steamed, if you ask us. But not a good reason for even stiffer price controls, as chest-thumpers in Congress would tell you.

In fact, restrictive price controls are the surest way to erode service, which already is too often on the blink.

Instead, what we have in the rate-hike spiral is another case for competition. Congress should prohibit localities from granting exclusive contracts, easing the way for multiple-cable franchises and more competition from technologies such as satellite broadcasters and microwave cable systems.

Isn't this nothing more than common sense? When a franchise operator has no competition to worry about, is it any wonder that many subscribers grouse about being gouged—or that what "service" they receive is delivered with a frown?

In contrast, "Head-to-head competition places an exceptionally high premium on cutting costs and putting the customer first," as Alfred Sykes of the Federal Communications Commission put it a few years back. "Competitive markets and competitive markets alone will in the final analysis force prices toward true costs."

You'll hear it claimed—mostly by the firms that enjoy lucrative exclusive franchises, and the pols who granted them those rights—that competition isn't economically feasible in this field. Sykes disagrees. He noted that about 87 percent of the nation's TV viewers could subscribe to cable, but only about 60 percent do. That means there are "many new profit centers potentially available to multi-channel video producers. Millions of people in America are waiting for the right package of service at the right price."

In other words, there's money to be made by new operators if more cities allowed side-by-side cable systems.

The trump argument comes from the First Amendment. As one federal court ruled, granting a single cable firm sole access to a city is akin to giving "a permit for the operation of newspaper-vending machines... only to the newspaper that the government believes 'best' serves the community." Those are the kinds of decisions best left to consumers, not bureaucrats.

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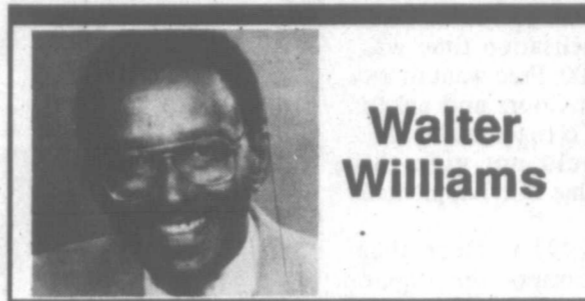
You're about to be taken out to a restaurant. Would you be worried if you found out that the chef, waiters, busboys or even the rats didn't eat at that restaurant? Wouldn't you want a choice to eat elsewhere?

According to the U.S. Population Census, public school teachers enroll their kids in private schools at over twice the rate of the national average. Forty-six percent of Chicago public school teachers (54 percent of black teachers) enroll their children in private schools, 33 percent in Washington, D.C., and 30 percent in Atlanta compared to 16 percent of the general population.

I'm worried. It's like the restaurant question. Do public school teachers know something we don't? And how come they fight to deny us the same choice?

I worry about the Bush administration and glibble Americans, Jews among them, calling for Israel to exchange "land for peace." That sounds nice. But Israel won't be exchanging land for peace. She'll be exchanging land for promises of peace. Promises is the operative word. What's the value of promises in the Middle East? If promises aren't kept, who's going to enforce them and how? With Williams as the head of the Israeli delegation, there'd be promises of land in exchange for peace promises.

Then there's the Bush-Baker assurances that if



Walter Williams

we lend money to Russia and its former colonies, they will pay us back. During World War II, we pulled Russia's chestnuts out of the fire with our Lend-Lease program. They didn't pay us back. What makes anybody think they'll pay us back this time? Aren't we first-class suckers? Of course the Bush administration can be liberal since it's taxpayers' money, not theirs, that guarantees the loans.

Speaking of debts, how about our national debt? According to conservative estimates, in eight or nine years, the interest alone on the national debt will exceed the total income taxes collected. What do you think your congressman or senator will do for the national debt this year—increase it or decrease it?

I worry about the Magic Johnson mystic. Magic Johnson is an excellent athlete and a won-

derful person; but should we make a hero out of a person who contracted AIDS through grossly promiscuous behavior? Should Bush appoint Magic to the AIDS Commission? If the president just has to appoint a celebrity to the commission to preach safer sex, I think Pee Wee Herman would be a better choice.

Then there's the multiculturalism drive besieging our schools and universities. Students are taught that Western values are no better than any other values. Nonsense. While we've made mistakes, Western treatment of women, minorities, homosexuals, the mentally ill and criminals is far superior to treatment accorded them in the Middle East, the Far East, the U.S.S.R. and Africa. In some places, homosexuality is a crime punishable by death, and women are treated as mere chattel.

The next time a multiculturalism puts down Western values, ask him to identify a part of the world where human rights are better protected.

The big worry for 1992 is whether we're going to let Bush get away with betraying his solemn promise not to raise taxes. Can he have any credibility in any promise he makes in his 1992 presidential campaign? We should orchestrate a nice little chant when Bush comes to the podium at the 1992 Republican Convention: "Liar, liar, pants on fire." That would make my day.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 1992. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 16, 1862, during the Civil War, about 1,400 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname, "Unconditional Surrender Grant."

On this date:

In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence.

In 1937, Dr. Wallace H. Carothers, a research chemist for Du Pont who invented nylon, received a patent for the synthetic fiber.

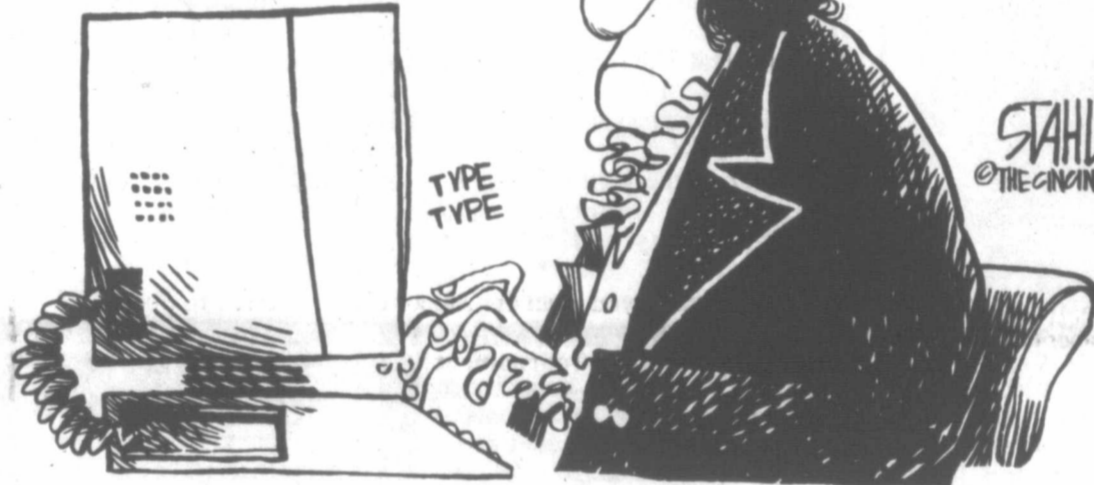
In 1945, during World War II, more than 2,000 American troops dropped onto the island of Corregidor in the Philippines.

In 1959, Fidel Castro became president of Cuba after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1961, the United States launched the Explorer 9 satellite.

POOR RICHARD'S ALMANAC CIRCA 1992

'Early to bed, early to rise makes a person healthy, wealthy and able to pay that health-care premium'



Politics as usual in the games

Here's some good news. The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG), also known as Atlanta Greedy for the Olympic Games (AGOG), has announced it will screen job applicants more closely from now on due to criticism that the best way to get hired is to be a relative of a city official.

"Nepotism!" the critics cried when it was learned that Atlanta Mayor Maynard (Big Mo) Jackson's sister had landed a dandy position of the committee.

"Nepotism!" they cried when it was learned that the wife of Atlanta City Council President Marvin Arrington had also been hired.

I've never been one to criticize in such a situation until I have all the facts. It could be just a coincidence that the mayor's sister and the president of the city council's wife got those positions.

Things like that happen by chance all the time. Do you think a politician who selects the highest bid on a paving contract necessarily knew the bid came from his brother-in-law's paving company?

Could have been just a coincidence. Do you think a politician who lands a federal grant and hands it over to an organization that his wife and children are running really knew they were involved?

Of course not. Surprises happen.



Lewis Grizzard

So before I decide to charge anybody with looking out for his or her own in the planning for Atlanta's 1996 Olympic Games, I needed more evidence.

A little detective work turned up two interviews Mayor Jackson's sister and Council President Arrington's wife had at ACOG.

The mayor's sister went in first.

"I'd like to know what special qualifications you think you have for this job?" she was asked.

"I'm the mayor's sister."

"Well, certainly that's not all the qualifications you must have. Is there anything else?"

"Yes, I'm still the mayor's sister and how would you like to be working in the Department of Pot-holes next week?"

"I see what you mean and it is perfectly clear to

me now that you are the exact person we've been looking for to fill this position. Take the first two weeks off with pay."

Next it was the council president's wife's turn. "I just need to know what sort of background you have. As you know, the Olympics involve many sports."

"Sports?" said a shocked Mrs. Arrington. "I thought the Olympics was a concert and a big picnic."

"I'm afraid not, Mrs. Arrington. Let's see now, have you ever been to a track meet?"

"My husband didn't say I'd have to answer any questions."

"Do you know anything about Greco-Roman wrestling?"

"Does my new office have a view?"

"Perhaps those questions were too difficult. Do you know on which part of the horse the rider sits during equestrian events?"

"No, but I do know who'll be cleaning out the stalls in '96 if you ask me one more question."

"Your office is the third door on the left with a lovely view."

Just as I thought. Certainly there's nothing there that smacks of nepotism.

So let the Games begin as soon as it can be determined whose cousin is going to light the flame.

Teaching the Russians how to feed

We've heard lot about Russian food shortages this winter. Plenty of TV images of peasants huddled in long lines for bread, butter and sausage—waiting on promises for food that never arrives. And plenty of calls for Western aid to the former Soviet republics.

But we don't hear very much about the real causes of the food crisis, and even less about real solutions.

Not surprisingly, last year's harvest is being blamed for the empty grocery shelves. But Russia's chronic food problems are not the result of Nature's unsteady hand, but of 70-plus years of centralized, communist control over the economy.

In fact, Russia's harvest last year was not a bad one. Soviet economists agree that to feed the population (including food for livestock), 100 million tons of grain is more than enough. The total harvest last year hit 157 million tons.

So that's not the problem. The real problem is that less and less grain found its way from the farms to the processing plants and food stores.

It's not hard to understand why: In the late 1980s, the Soviet government was paying farmers about 400 rubles a ton for wheat; on the black market, it sold for 5,500 rubles a ton. The gov-



Edwin Feulner

ernment's offer could never inspire a herculean effort to deliver the harvest to market, and it never did.

By 1989, the share of grain that left the farms shrank to less than 30 percent of the total harvest. "The rest of the grain simply remained on the farms, was lost in transportation, rotted in the rain or perished in storage," says Heritage Foundation Russian specialist Leon Aron.

By the end of last year, only about 25 percent of the grain harvest was delivered to the government. Food shortages resulted, right on schedule, just as everyone expected. Meanwhile, international conferences were called, such as the recent one held in Washington, to try to figure out how to

help Russians endure the winter.

The West, especially the United States, can help Russia and the other states—and their experiments in democracy—survive the next winter and beyond. One step would be to loan the new governments enough money so they can pay farmers in hard currency for wheat delivered to market. As we capitalists know, money talks. Even at \$50 per ton (a third of what U.S. farmers are paid), it would get enough grain off the Russian farms to feed the hungry.

Unlike previous loans that did nothing to reform Soviet agriculture, this one would be used only to pay the farmers. It would be administered solely by the Western donors, not by lingering communist apparatchiks. And we should make the commitment now, before the spring sowing season, because unless the farmers know their labor will be rewarded later in the year, the specter of famine will return.

The acid test now faced by the leaders of Russia and the other former Soviet republics is whether they can feed their people. It may prove to be an acid test for the West as well, and our determination to see the democratic and free-market reforms in the republics succeed.

Letters to the editor

Next year may not come again

To the editor:

Today a meeting is going to take place that could affect our community for years to come. It's about the declining involvement in our youth programs sponsored by the Pampa Optimist Club. If there is not a sufficient turnout today, the Optimist Board will cancel all youth activities for a year!

Some people will say that playing sports is not that important, but this is about participation. Lots of people have heard of Zach Thomas, Billy Lemmons, Steve Stout or Nikki Ryan. What about the names of Paul Budd, Rodney Brown, Stacy Fellingham or Chuck Mercer? All of these people participated in Optimist programs. Some people go through life and the only organized activity that they have done was a youth program.

Today's meeting at 2 p.m. is about getting coaches for this year's baseball and softball seasons. You don't have to coach to participate! A season consists of many important jobs such as umpires, scorekeepers, groundskeepers, concessionaires and program organizers.

I haven't been as active as I should, but I hope everyone will show up at this meeting and do something to keep the youth programs going. Blaming the Optimist Club because things in their programs don't run just right is blaming yourself, because the community is the Optimist Club.

Not every child turns into an Olympic star like Randy Matson (another Optimist participant), but let's not give a new meaning to the saying "Wait Till Next Year." Because next year may never come again.

Robert Dixon Jr.
Pampa

Pampa should honor coaches

To the editor:

The community of Pampa should recognize the coaching staff at Pampa High School for a job well done with that Hustlin' Harvesters basketball team led by Robert Hale and his coaching staff.

Having gone through Coach Robert Hale's program for three years and going through a highly ranked program such as South Plains College, I would have to say that the program such as South Plains College can be put on a level with Pampa because of the class program's that are conducted. I would have to say that the program at Pampa has a first class atmosphere, and the credit goes to Coach Hale and his assistants.

I have attended Pampa High and South Plains College, and I am currently involved with the basketball program at West Texas State, and I would have to say that Coach Hale gets the best for his players along with the courtesy of his players on and off the court. I recently watched the top ranked Harvesters dominate a very good Randall High basketball team by a margin of 52 points and I was impressed by the talent and the discipline on the court which could lead to good things up the road for this fine basketball team.

My hat is off to Robert Hale, his coaching staff and the community of Pampa for a job well done.

Sammie Franklin
WTSU/Pampa

Seeking quilt top's rightful home

To the editor:

Some 20 years ago an elderly friend in Akron, Ohio, gave me a pieced quilt top and the patches for another. Over the years, both have been pushed aside for other projects.

It is the pieced quilt top that always comes to mind when I am quilting with the ladies of the Calla Evangelical Church. So, finally, I am seeking a home for this quilt top. Perhaps your newspaper can help identify some of the people that signed and embroidered the patches in the top.

The date appearing on the quilt top is 1940, over 50 years ago! In the center patch is embroidered the wording, Home League. I am enclosing a list of names as they seem to appear on the quilt top.

I will send the quilt top to someone who will enjoy finishing it and has some connection to the persons who originally pieced it.

The names on the quilt top are: Florence Yearwood, Bertha Yearwood, Mrs. J.O. Jackson, Leola Jackson, Jessie Jackson, Ferne Otags(?) Mrs. H.C. Lambrecht, Mamie Jackson, Gagea Elliott, Ruby Jackson, Lela Southard, Mrs. Lily Ulrich, Myrtle Moore, Mrs. F.J. Thoma, Mabel Brown, Dorothy (Lents or Jents or ...) Pinegar, Mrs. R.E. Murphey, Mrs. Blanche Jenkins, W.H. Toothman, Mrs. Viola Bullard, Mrs. H. Brammer, Mildred Rochelle, H.M. Gibson, Mrs. Martin, D.B. Love, J.W. Van and Jerry Mullins.

Mary Ann Johnson
Canfield, Ohio

Editor's Note: Anyone interested in contacting Ms. Johnson about the quilt top can contact me for the address.

Letters would be appreciated

To the editor:

I recently received this short note from Jon Presnell, a lifelong friend. Pampa, please respond:

Dear Gene:

Received a call last night from Johnny Wills' daughter. You may already be aware of the situation.

Johnny is in the UCLA Medical Center waiting on a heart transplant. Been there for 10 weeks, and is on life support systems. In very bad shape. Very tired, and depressed!

I called him today [Feb. 5], and he is handling it like a man - with his head up.

Thought it would be the Christian thing to do, for all his friends to drop him cards and notes of encouragement. I'm enclosing his address if you would care to.

Everything here going well - hope same with you folks.

Jon

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10833 Leconte Ave.
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Gene W. Lewis
Pampa

Don't condone filth as 'art'

To the editor:

A bill, H.R. 299, has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Philip Crane to "abolish the radical National Endowment for the Arts." Most everyone is knowledgeable about the pornographic "art" that has been approved by the NEA, using our tax money. Most of us do not want our money to support and encourage such filth. It is time the people let our representatives know we do not want our government to be condoning the continued flaunting of obscenities to the American public in the name of "ART."

In my opinion, for the government to require certain standards to be eligible to receive government funds is not censorship. The so-called artists are not prohibited from producing whatever they wish and have their own shows with no restrictions. The government need not contribute to an activity that does not meet established standards.

I encourage everyone to contact their representatives and let them know your feelings relative to the National Endowment for the Arts.

W.A. Morgan
Pampa

Special Olympics tournament a success due to public support

To the editor:

We would like to acknowledge the people who cared to render assistance to their fellow citizens. On Feb. 8, many people in the Pampa community rallied to provide a first class Special Olympics Area basketball tournament. The event included 17 Special Olympic teams from across the Panhandle.

The tournament was a great success due to the effort of volunteers in our community. The unselfish donation of products, time and work contributed to the success of this event. Volunteers, corporate sponsors and local merchants are the foundation of Special Olympics; without their support Special Olympics would not exist. These people gave our athletes an opportunity to be successful at the day's event.

A special thank you to all our supporters of the Area 16 Special Olympics.

Area 16 Basketball Tournament
Planning Committee

Hopes tax money spent wisely

To the editor:

The citizens of Pampa have agreed to fund the growth of their city with an additional one percent sales tax.

Annual growth fund income has been projected at \$650,000, which results in an unadjusted total of \$6,500,000 over the ten-year span of the added tax: about \$325 each for every man, woman and child in Pampa. And since we all contribute, we should all be aware of how our collective contributions are spent.

I suggest that a quarterly growth activity progress report be published in *The Pampa News*, summarizing the total collected to date, expenditures made, current activities and specific future goals and plans.

We all hope that (unlike some other communities) our money will be spent wisely and well and with success. But that success can only come about with the active support of an informed Pampa.

Sandra Van Bergen
Pampa

Honesty pays for teacher who found unclaimed cash

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

A Pampa Independent School District teacher found late last week that honesty really is the best - and most profitable - policy.

The instructor said in early December he found a bag with just under \$500 in it near his campus. After the money stayed locked in the campus's administration office for a week waiting to be claimed, it was turned over to police.

Theories on where the money came from range from it being Christmas money that the owner accidentally dropped to drug money that was abandoned during flight from police or angry dealers.

Based on the possibility that it is misplaced drug money, police and school officials are withholding the teacher's name.

"After I turned it in, I didn't think too much about it," said the instructor on Friday. "I just knew that if somebody lost that much money they would turn up to claim it."

However, police CID Director Ken Hopson said attempts in the Berger and Pampa area to come up with the money's owner were unfruitful.

"It looks suspicious when somebody loses that much money and doesn't come around to report it lost," Hopson said. "That has to make you wonder."

Hopson stated, "We had several people call and make guesses how much money it was and what it was in, saying they were the ones who

Fellowship Baptist to host conference

Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis, is hosting a family conference beginning today with John Aldridge as the conference speaker.

Aldridge is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Edmond, Okla. He will be covering all aspects of the family.

"I believe this conference will be a real help in building a family relationship God will be pleased with," said the Rev. Doyle W. Ross, pastor.

Conference times will be at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. today and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. The public is invited to attend.

lost it. Some of them came close, but nobody could describe how much it was and the kind of container it was in."

He noted the money was packaged in such a way to make officials think it came to Pampa from Berger.

After nine weeks of wondering what ever became of the cash, the teacher found out last week that it is now his since no one claimed it.

"Now that they've given it to me, the owner will probably show up," said the teacher. "I hope not, though, because I don't have it anymore."

He said his wife, upon learning the money was his, prepared a romantic candlelight dinner. "I walked in, saw it and just gave her the money," he laughed.

Almost all the money, that is, Ten percent of the loot was donated by the teacher to the PISD's Student Assistance Program to fight drug abuse among youth.

SAP Director Jerry Lane said the money will go toward the purchase of either anti-drug videos or literature for youth.

The rest, said the teacher, is being spent by his family with a clear conscience, since they know all efforts to locate the owner were exhausted.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By
Danny
Bainum



Creamy pasta sauce doesn't have to be high in fat to be delicious. Mix part-skim ricotta cheese with a little chicken broth. Add a diced roasted pepper, garlic, basil and sliced green onions, and wow!

Toast nuts right in the microwave. Put a half cup of nuts in a 2-cup non-metallic measure. Microwave on high for two to three minutes, stirring every minute. As they start to toast, spread on a paper towel and let cool.

Extra - chocolate treat is easy to make. Soften ice cream or sherbet so it's spreadable, then stir in miniature semisweet chocolate pieces. Spread evenly on chocolate wafers and make "sandwiches".

Brown rice will cook faster if you soak it overnight. Soak one cup rice in two cups water, cover pot and chill. Bring rice and water to a boil, then simmer until rice is tender, about 20 minutes.

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Three teen-age girls die in car-train collision

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) - sheriff's Deputy Bill Kellogg. Three teen-age girls were killed when a train struck their car at an unmarked railroad crossing, authorities said.

The car was struck Friday night at a crossing about two miles northeast of Hutchinson and 40 miles northwest of Wichita, said Reno County

sheriff's Deputy Bill Kellogg. "I think they pulled across the tracks in front of the train," he said.

The freight train was traveling between 40 and 45 mph.

The exact ages of the girls were not available, but they were believed to be 16 or 17, Kellogg said.

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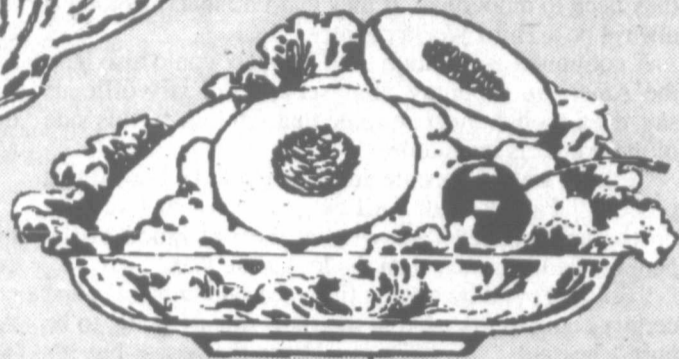
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Business

Free trade seen as catalyst for change in maquiladoras

By EDUARDO MONTES
Associated Press Writer

MALLEN (AP) — The twin plants that have given an economic boost to the Texas border will be changed by a North American Free Trade Agreement.

But no one is sure how. Along the Texas border, some worry expanded trade will reduce the need for the twin plants. Most hope they will robustly expand.

Speculation about the fate of the plants, also called maquilas or maquiladoras, has grown in recent weeks as U.S., Mexican and Canadian trade representatives near a pact.

During meetings in Dallas this week, the negotiators and their working groups will push for a document they can give to leaders of the three countries.

Production sharing in the twin plants represents about 16 percent of total U.S. imports. The maquilas account for 75 percent of Mexico's exported manufactured goods.

"This industry plays a critical role in the economies of the United States and Mexico," said Don Michie, director of the Institute for Manufacturing and Materials Management at the University of Texas-El Paso.

"I have heard people say that somehow or another it is going to hurt the industry, but I don't see it," Mike Allen, president of McAllen Economic Development Corp., said of a free trade pact. "In fact, if anything I think it's going to increase."

Negotiators have kept details about the trade agreement secret. Scenarios, however, are abundant.

A free trade agreement would mean "zero tariffs," said Tim O'Leary, a spokesman for the U.S. Trade Office in Washington, D.C. "So in a situation where there are no tariffs among the three countries there might not be as much need to establish an industry in the narrow belt on the U.S.-Mexico border."

The premise of maquiladoras is for American companies to take advantage of cheaper production costs in Mexico, yet avoid tariffs when bringing products back into the United States.

"With the free trade agreement those tariff barriers are going to come down anyway," said economist Michael Patrick, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development at UT-Pan American.

"The maquiladora industry, per se, probably will kind of gradually disappear because there won't be any real advantages," he said.

Patrick instead envisions a continuing evolution of what he terms "co-production agreements," joint ventures with Mexican and American investors owning industrial plants along the border and sharing capital and technology.

Standard practice now is for the U.S. to provide the technology, know-how and, in many cases, management, and for Mexico to provide the labor.

Co-production, which is in evidence now but would "grow sizably" under a free trade pact, would give

Mexico a larger stake in the factories and along with it greater benefits, Patrick said.

"What the Mexicans hope to get out of this is a transfer of technology into the heartland of Mexico to where they can enhance their industry," he said. "Because they need to modernize. If they can't do that then they'll always be a Third World country."

A continued association with Mexico would also help the American economy, analysts and industry officials say, even though most concede that job loss on this side of the border is inevitable.

"I don't say that people aren't going to be hurt in this process," Patrick said. "All the research that I've seen on the national level shows that the likelihood of the benefits being greater than the losses are there."

"But there will be certain firms, certain industries and certain communities that in the short run are going to be hurt," he said. "We have to address that issue, but it's not a reason to say we're not going to do this."

But basing maquila operations in Mexico will create jobs as well, especially along the border, analysts say. "The U.S. economy has benefited tremendously in terms of employment, benefited tremendously in terms of providing materials to the maquiladoras operating in Mexico," Michie said. "And as long as the U.S. continues to provide these materials to the maquilas the economy remains very positive."

A key factor, analysts say, is to keep U.S. companies investing in Mexico. If those same firms were forced to move to another country, the likelihood that American

materials would be needed for the operation and that American jobs would be created is slim.

"However, if I am manufacturing in Mexico, then the history has been that I am sourcing 85 to 95 percent of my materials in the United States," Michie said. "That is the reason that jobs are retained and created in the United States."

The rules of origin, which will determine what materials from which countries are going to be subject to duties and tariffs, will be a large part of retaining those Mexican operations, analysts say.

Those rules are on the table in the free trade negotiations. "What the negotiators want to do is they want to make Mexico grant the same tariff protection that Mexico grants to Mexican businesses," said Mike Miles, customs committee chairman for the Border Trade Alliance, a group of business and political leaders in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

But he says that poses a problem for products, particularly electronics, that receive final assembly in Mexico from components made outside North America.

In that scenario, for instance, a TV tube made in Taiwan would be subject to a higher tariff when it comes to Mexico for assembly into a TV set.

Some companies may move their final assembly plants to the countries where the components are made to avoid that new cost, Miles said.

"Our worst fears are that possibly 25 percent of the maquiladoras that are in electronics could be forced to relocate out of North America," he said.

Phillips Petroleum establishes new subsidiary

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — Phillips Petroleum Company board of directors have approved the filing of a registration statement for an initial public offering of up to 51 percent of the common stock of its gas gathering and processing subsidiary.

The offering will establish the subsidiary, to be known as GPM Gas Corporation, among the largest publicly-held gatherers and processors of natural gas in the United States, with 1991 operating revenue of just over \$1 billion. GPM is also the largest domestic producer of natural gas liquids.

"The offering, in which both we and GPM will sell shares, will enable us to realize the value of our gas gathering and processing business for our shareholders and make the strengths of GPM's business more apparent to investors," C.J. Silas, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Phillips, said.

"The opportunity to make this offering presents Phillips with an effective way to issue additional equity capital and in so doing to strengthen Phillips capital structure," Silas added.

B. M. Thompson, Vice Chairman

of the Board of Phillips, has been designated Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of GPM, and will step down from the Phillips Board at the time of the offering.

Thompson said, "We have selected Michael J. Panatier as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of GPM. Mike and I are committed to the future development of GPM. The proceeds of the shares we will sell will go to reduce our debt to Phillips. GPM's primary offering will establish a sound capital structure and

support GPM's growth objectives."

David W. Casselberry, formerly assistant treasurer of Phillips, who has been named Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of GPM, said that GPM plans to file its registration statement as early as Friday, Feb. 14, and following regulatory approval expects to be in position to make the offering in April. Casselberry noted that, under the federal securities laws, the offering can only be made by means of a prospectus which meets the appropriate legal standards.

Free copyright seminar set for Feb. 27 at WTSU campus

CANYON — West Texas State University and the Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts (TALA) will sponsor a free public seminar on copyright law from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, in Room 189 of North Hall on the WTSU campus.

"Basically, the seminar will provide information about what you can use and what you can't both in terms of the people that use the material

and those that hold the copyrights," Dr. Robert Variabedian, head of the WTSU department of art, communication and theatre, said. "It should clear up a lot of legal questions regarding the practice of reproducing pictures and artwork for use in theses and other scholarly works."

Program topics include "Overview of Copyright Laws," "Work for Hire Doctrine," "Fair Use Doctrine," "Legal Remedies and Liabilities,"

"Federal Visual Arts Act" and, if time permits, "Artist-Gallery Relationships." A question-answer session will follow each presentation.

Featured speakers are attorneys Steve Bordman of Vinson & Elkins in Houston and Alec Horn of the J.M. Huber Corporation in Amarillo and Dr. Marilyn Phelan of the Texas Tech Law School in Lubbock.

For more information, call 806-656-2799.

Records donation



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Dale Greenhouse, right, chairman of the American Petroleum Institute Panhandle Chapter, presents a \$500 check to Nanette Moore, director of the Pampa Chapter of Commerce, center, in appreciation for the storage of past Texas Railroad Commission records at the chamber offices. Also present was API member Joe Curtis, left. The Panhandle API chapter stores and maintains these records for research by all interested parties as a public service. The original records would otherwise be destroyed after being kept in Austin after five years. However, microfilm records of the transactions are still kept in Austin. The chamber has been storing the materials for the local API chapter since 1945. Records date back to the 1950s.

Drilling intentions

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #6-228 Flowers (474 ac) 467' from North & 850' from East line, Sec. 228,C,G&M, 8 mi south from Canadian, PD 10900' (20 North Broadway, Suite 830, Okla. City, OK 73102)

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WHEELER (WILDCAT) Plains Petroleum Operating Co., #1 McAllister Unit, Sec. 3,L, J.M. Lindsey

Survey, elev. 2402 gl, spud 7-11-91, drlg. compl 9-18-91, tested 1-9-92, pumped 13.36 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + 12 bbls. water, GOR 1123, perforated 11684-11780, TD 21350', PBTD 11830' — Plug-Back

Gas Well Completion HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) Phillips Petroleum Co., #9R Yake 'G', Sec. 36, 47,H&TC, elev. 2984.5 kb, spud 11-8-91, drlg. compl 11-14-91, tested 2-3-92, potential 1200 MCF, rock pressure 193.8, pay 1717-1732, TD 1997' —

Plugged Wells HUTCHINSON (PANDHANDLE) J.B. Herrman, #5 Luginbyhl, Sec. 6,R-2,D&P, spud 3-9-80, plugged 1-1-92, TD #344' (oil) — LIPSCOMB (BECHTHOLD Tonkawa) Corlena Oil Co., #1 Montgomery, Sec. 8,D,W.P. Wisner, spud 12-1-91, plugged 12-11-91, TD 6400' (dry) —

LIPSCOMB (NORTH FOLLETT Basal Sand) Zinke & Trumbo, Ltd., #1-81 Merlin Laubhan, Sec. 81,10,HT&B, spud 12-27-87, plugged 1-24-92, TD 9100' (gas) — OCHILTREE (WILDCAT) Harken Exploration Co., #10-1 Hungate, Sec. 10,Z, J.S. Hungate Survey, spud 11-27-91, plugged 1-20-92, TD 7700' (dry) —

Oilwell firefighter to speak at API February meeting

Bobby Joe Cudd, president of Cudd Pressure Control of Woodward, Okla., will be the keynote speaker at the American Petroleum Institute Panhandle Chapter February meeting.

Cudd will discuss his company's experiences in battling the Kuwait oil-well fires over the past year. Cudd Pressure Control continues to play a major role in the Middle East oil field fire control and cleanup in Kuwait.

The meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Pampa Country Club. A social hour will begin at

6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7 p.m.

All members and their guests are welcome and API memberships will be available at the door.

This month's door prize will be furnished by Flavious Smith Petroleum Properties of Amarillo.

For more information, please contact Dale Greenhouse at 665-0931 or Smith at 354-0123.

The February meeting is Ladies' Night and wives of all members and guests are welcome to attend.

Desk and Derrick Club to meet here Feb. 25

Ernest Beauregard, president of BeauTech Inc., with offices in Perryton and Tyler, will be guest speaker for the Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa February meeting.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1992, at the Pampa Country Club. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with the evening meal and meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Topic of the program will be "Introduction to Plunger Lifts".

Beauregard is the former president and co-founder of Ferguson-Beauregard, Inc. He graduated from Louisiana State University with a bachelor of science degree in geology.

For reservations, contact Diane

Pergeson, TexWell Oil and Gas Inc., at 665-7128, before noon on Monday, Feb. 24.

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House Democrats aim tax plan at middle class; Bush eyes recovery

By JIM LUTHER
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats have developed their own tax plan to rival President Bush's and the major differences are obvious: The Democrats want to share the wealth while Bush wants to increase the size of the pie.

The plan approved by Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee Friday night would grant wage earners an annual tax credit of up to \$200 this year and next, while couples would get up to \$400. About 80 percent of workers would get the maximum.

The credit would be financed by higher taxes on the well-to-do. Over a five-year period, the key changes would shift \$75 billion of the federal tax burden onto the richest 1 percent of Americans — single people earning more than \$100,000 and couples above \$200,000.

Bush has proposed his own version of tax cuts for millions of individuals, a \$500-per-child increase in the \$2,300 personal exemption.

But the hallmarks of his plan are a hefty reduction on capital gains

investment income, tax relief for the important real estate sector of the economy, and no general increase in income taxes on the rich.

"I don't want to compromise," Bush said a couple of hours before the Democrats made their bid to do just that. "We don't need any tax increases. What we need to do is stimulate the economy."

He repeated accusations that Democrats are engaging in class warfare by soaking the rich.

Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, whose tax writers will begin putting their imprint on the bill later this month, had a ready answer for that charge.

"It's better than soak the middle class, which is what the Republicans have been doing for the past 15 years," Mitchell said.

The rich would be hit several ways by the Democratic bill. The most significant measure would raise the 31 percent top tax rate to 35 percent; the rate would apply on taxable incomes — after subtracting exemptions and deductions — above \$85,000 for single people and \$145,000 for couples.

In addition, a new surtax of up to 10 percent would apply to about

60,000 people with taxable incomes over \$1 million a year.

Both bills offer special tax relief for the depressed real estate industry, though the Democrats' plan is a two-edged sword. Bush's would be considerably more generous.

Democrats are offering an across-the-board reduction in the 34 percent top corporate tax rate, to 33 percent. Bush counters with a faster depreciation incentive for businesses to buy equipment and machinery this year.

Either bill would allow owners of Individual Retirement Accounts to tap into those deposits without penalty to buy a home or pay college or medical expenses. Bush offers a new kind of IRA for taxpayers making up to \$120,000, although it would provide no immediate tax deduction.

Nothing in the tax debate so separates the Republicans and Democrats as the capital gains issue. The question is how much the economy will benefit from cutting taxes on profits from the sale of investments.

Bush has insisted since his 1988 campaign that nothing is more crucial to the economy than expanding investment to create jobs. He has a

lot of economists on his side but Democrats have their own experts, and they are skeptical.

When fully in effect, Bush's bill would give tax-free treatment to 45 percent of the profit from the sale of assets owned three years or longer. The benefit would be available for all assets except collectibles; it would apply even to property owned a half-century or longer.

In essence, that would tax the investment profits of higher-income Americans at a 15.4 percent rate; their wages, interest and dividends would continue to face a 28 percent rate. Two-thirds of the tax benefit would go to people making more than \$100,000 a year.

Democrats are willing to buy some of the capital gains argument — but not much.

Their bill would retain the 28 percent maximum rate on capital gains, while boosting the overall top income tax rate to 35 percent. That would create a 25 percent differential favoring capital gains. A person trying to decide between investing \$10,000 in a bank certificate or in a stock could calculate the tax bite on bank interest would be as high as 35

percent; on gain from sale of the stock, 28 percent.

The bill would make long-term investment in small business more attractive. Half the gain from such stock held five years or longer would be free of tax.

The third part of the Democrats'

capital gains cut is one Republicans have been advocating for years — indexing assets so that gains caused solely by inflation aren't taxed.

The bill would adjust the original cost of an asset every year to offset inflation.

A COMPARISON OF THE HOUSE AND BUSH TAX PLANS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here's how the House Democrats' tax bill compares with President Bush's on key provisions:

INDIVIDUAL REDUCTIONS

Democrats: A tax credit of up to \$200 per wage earner, \$400 per couple, this year and next.

Bush: A permanent \$500-per-child increase in the \$2,300 personal exemption.

INDIVIDUAL INCREASES

Democrats: A new 35 percent maximum rate would apply to taxable incomes above \$85,000 (single) and \$145,000 (couple); that equates to total incomes above \$100,000 and \$200,000. A new surtax of up to 10 percent would apply to people with incomes over \$1 million.

Bush: No general increases in individual income taxes, although there would be scattered increases in other taxes, affecting some businesses and many state and local government employees.

CAPITAL GAINS

Democrats: Despite the new overall top rate of 35 percent, the present 28 percent maximum rate on capital gains would be retained. To stop taxation of capital gains caused solely by inflation, the basis or original cost of an asset bought in the future would be adjusted each year to offset inflation. In addition, half the profit from the sale of stock in certain smaller businesses would be tax-free if owned five years or longer; that would apply only to stock bought in the future.

Bush: Exclude from taxation 45 percent of the gain from the sale of assets owned three years or longer, including those presently held. That would result in a maximum capital-gains tax of 15.4 percent.

HOMES

Democrats: Adjust annually for inflation the \$125,000 maximum profit a person 55 or older may take tax-free from the sale of a principal home and extend the break to a totally disabled person of any age.

Bush: Allow a credit of up to \$5,000 for a person who buys a home after not having owned one for the last three years or longer. Permit a person who loses money on the sale of a principal home to use part of that loss to shelter other income from taxes.

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS
Democrats: Penalty-free withdrawals from IRAs to buy a home or pay education or medical expenses.

Bush: The same. In addition, single people with incomes under \$60,000 and couples under \$120,000 would be allowed to set aside in a new type IRA up to \$2,500 a year (\$5,000 couples) that would provide no immediate tax deduction but whose interest would be tax-free if the account is held seven years or longer.

STUDENT LOANS

Democrats: Allow a credit — a

direct cut in taxes — of up to \$300 for most people to help offset part of the interest on a student loan; poorest families would get up to a \$500 credit.

Bush: Permit a deduction — subtracted from income subject to tax — for student loan interest, but this would be available only to those who itemize deductions.

REAL ESTATE

Democrats: Give some relief to real estate professionals from "passive loss" rules that prohibit using losses from real estate operations to shield wages and other income from taxation; this would apply only to property already in existence. On the other hand, owners would have to depreciate non-residential property over 40 years, up from the present 31.5 years, and residential real estate over 31 years, up from 31.5 years.

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Sports

Young ignites Harvesters past Caprock

Shockers rip nets to beat Caprock JVs

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Pampa post player Jeff Young bade a fond farewell to McNeely Fieldhouse by scoring 31 points as the Harvesters rolled to a 90-68 win over Amarillo Caprock Friday night.

Young was one of eight seniors who played their last game in "The Pit," and an overflow crowd turned out to say goodbye to the playoff-bound Harvesters.

Pampa, ranked No. 1 in Class 4A, boosted its record to 27-2 for the season and 9-0 in District 1-4A. Caprock falls to 12-17 and 5-4.

Except for a Caprock rally in the later stages of the second quarter, there was little doubt about the outcome.

The Harvesters led, 41-32, at halftime and scored 10 unanswered points in the third quarter to go up by 23, 65-42.

"Sometimes a couple of good runs is all it takes. Caprock came out and played us pretty good the first half. It's hard sometimes for us to stay focused," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

Friday night's contest was meaningless for the Harvesters as far as the district race is concerned. Pampa wrapped up its fourth straight district title four nights before with a 78-45 win over Borger.

It was a far different story for Caprock, which needed a win to stay alive for the No. 2 playoff spot. Randall clinched second place Friday night with a 64-54 win over Borger.

Young scored 10 first-quarter points and the Harvesters used its relentless full-court press to jump out to a 14-point lead (25-11) at the end of the first quarter.

Caprock - sparked by a pair of 3-pointers by Franco Islas and Javier Fierro - made a charge in the second quarter, outscoring Pampa, 12-2, and cutting the lead to one, 33-32, with 1:50 to go in the first half.

An 18-8 rebounding edge helped the Caprock comeback in the first half, but Pampa got its offense in gear again just before intermission with eight consecutive points on two free throws and a fast-break layup by Young, two free tosses by Cederick Wilbon, a steal and a basket by Dwight Nickelberry.

After Caprock's Armando Carrasco scored on an offensive rebound to start the second half, Pampa answered with a pair of 3-pointers by Wilbon and Randy

Nichols, giving the Harvesters a 13-point advantage.

Caprock had trouble getting the ball in bounds against Pampa's pressure defense in the third quarter. At one stretch, the Harvesters converted four consecutive Caprock turnovers into points in helping to build a 65-43 bulge going into the final period.

The Harvesters defense was a key factor in the game, forcing the Longhorns into 30 turnovers. Pampa was guilty of only 10 miscues.

Wilbon added 19 points and Nickelberry, the only underclassman on the varsity roster, tossed in 12 to join Young in double-digit scoring for the Harvesters.

Islas led Caprock in scoring with 16 points, followed by Tony Palmer with 14. Fierro had 13 and Carrasco had 10.

Every Harvester got his name on the scoring chart. David Johnson had 8 points, Nichols 7, Ryan Erwin

5, Sammy Laury 4, Paul Brown and Brent Skaggs, 2 points each.

Pampa closes out the regular season at Dumas on Tuesday night.

Hale said the Harvesters will probably try and schedule a practice game to help prepare for the playoffs.

"We're looking at playing one of the Class 3-5A representatives, maybe Lubbock Monterey," Hale said.

In the junior varsity game Friday night, the Pampa Shockers cracked the 100-point mark with a 105-45 win over Caprock.

Seivern Wallace scored 26 points for the Shockers, followed by Lamont Nickelberry with 21, Shelby Landers 12, and Sean Hardman 10.

It was a 3-point goal by Landers with 1:16 to go in the game that put the Shockers over 100 points (101-45).

The Shockers have a 27-2 record.

PHS girls to battle Levelland in playoffs

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

This season, there's more than just a glimmer of hope the Pampa Eady Harvesters can get past traditionally-strong Levelland in the first round of the Class 4A girls' basketball playoffs.

For one thing, the Lady Harvesters won't have to deal with all-everything post player Twylana Harrison. For another, the Lady Harvesters will have a distinct height advantage.

"Levelland doesn't have very many tall players this year and I feel like we can take our height into the game and use it to our advantage. I feel good about the way we're playing. We're shooting the ball better and we're starting to jell as a team," said PHS head coach Albert Nichols.

Pampa (18-8) and Levelland (27-5) meet in bi-district action at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Canyon's West Texas University fieldhouse. Levelland is ranked No. 5 and Pampa No. 15 in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Led by Harrison, Levelland eliminated Pampa in the bi-district round enroute to winning the state championship last season. It was Levelland's fifth state title in the past six years and seventh overall.

Harrison, now a starter at Texas A&M, has a capable replacement in 5-9 senior Amy Arp, who was selected to the all-state team last season.

"Arp is one of their tallest girls and she's been moved from point guard to center to take Harrison's place. She's been their top scorer this season," Nichols said.

Two other starters, 5-6 junior Shea Banks and 5-8 junior Emily Fowler, return from Levelland's championship squad.

"One thing you can expect when you play a Dean Weese-coached team is that they're going to be strong in fundamentals. Levelland also shoots real well and they don't miss their free throws," Nichols said.

The Lady Harvesters lost only two District 1-4A games, both to Randall, and are going to the playoffs for the second straight year as the district's No. 2 seed.

"I'm just really pleased with the great attitude our girls have," Nichols said. "I know they're very appreciative of the fan support. We've love to see the Pampa fans outnumber the Levelland fans Monday night."

Pampa's strength has been in the paint with 5-10 senior Nikki Ryan and 6-2 senior Amber Seaton giving the Lady Harvesters a solid scoring and rebounding duo.

Ryan, who is averaging 21.0 points a game, became Pampa's all-time leading scorer and rebounder this season. She has 1,883 points and 1,044 rebounds in her four-year career, surpassing Yolanda Brown as the all-time leader in both categories.

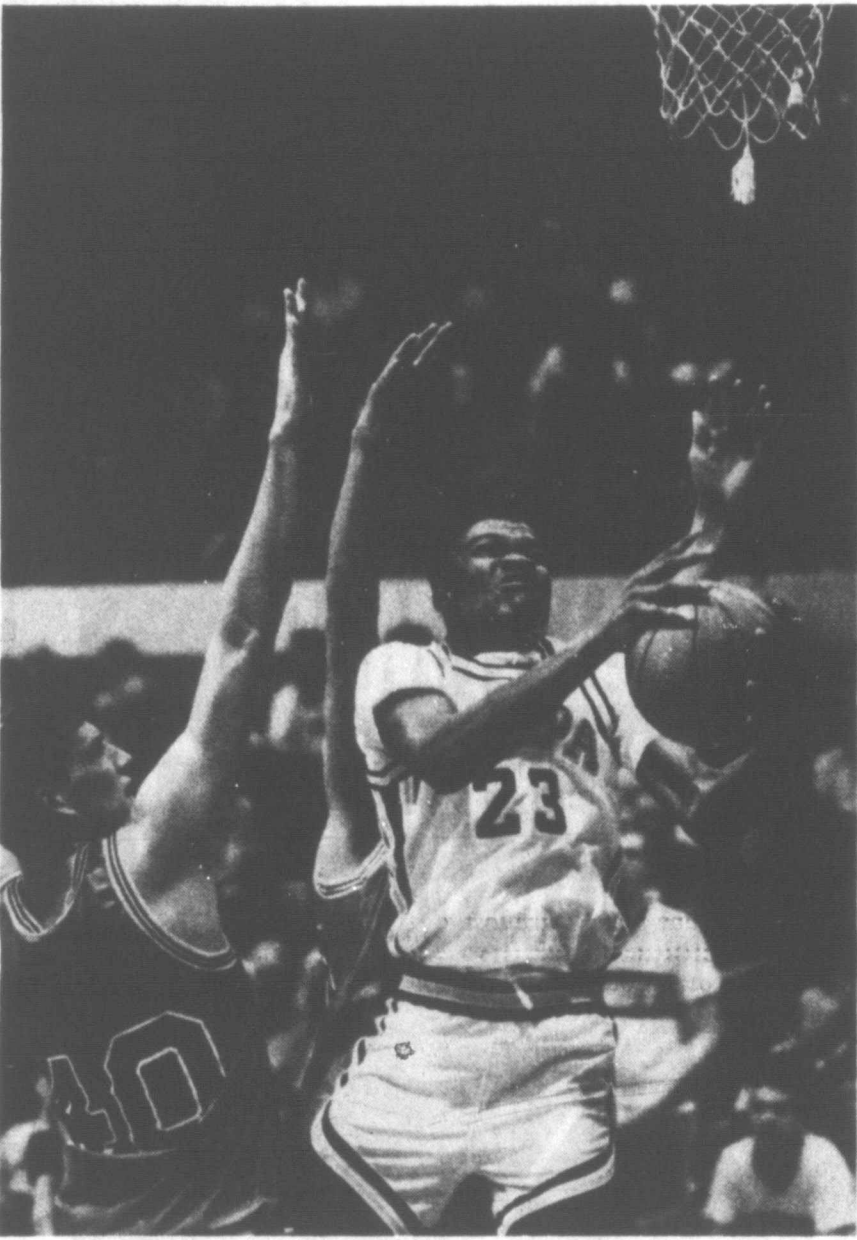
Ryan scored 638 points last season to break the single-season scoring record, also held by Brown, who is a starter along with Levelland's Harrison, at Texas A&M this season.

Seaton is averaging 17.9 points a game and has been the leading shot blocker on the team the past two seasons.

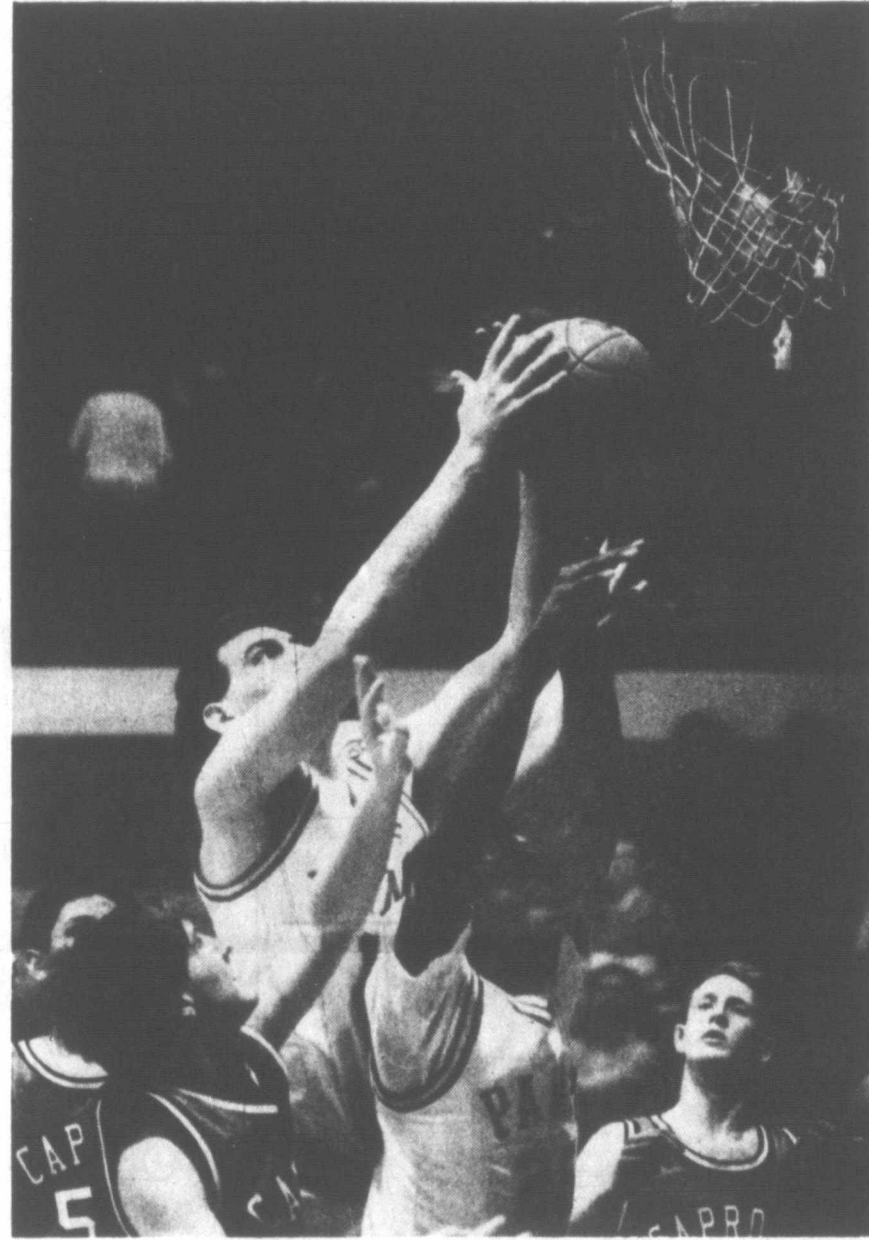
Both Ryan and Seaton have attracted the attention of a number of major college and junior college coaches, Nichols said.

"Nikki has had about 30 colleges looking at her and so has Amber," Nichols said. "And in most cases it hasn't been the same colleges looking at both of them. Some are more interested in Nikki and others are more interested in Amber."

Kristen Becker, Pampa's leading 3-point shooter, and teammates Lisa Jeffery, LaTonya Jeffery and Bridgett Mathis are also being scouted by several division 2 college and junior colleges, Nichols said.



(Staff photos by J. Alan Brzya)
Pampa Harvesters' Jeff Young (23), in photo at left, overcomes Caprock's collapsing defense to score inside Friday night. Above, Young slams one through the nets. At right, Pampa Shockers' Justin Collingsworth reaches over Lamont Nickelberry (25) for an offensive rebound against Caprock in JV action at McNeely Fieldhouse.



Groom boys defeat McLean, force playoff

Miami teams advance to postseason

GROOM - Wes Hall zeroed in for 28 points as Groom downed McLean, 62-53, Friday night, leaving the two teams in a first-place tie for the District 12-1A lead.

Both clubs closed the regular season with a 7-1 district record, and a playoff game is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday night at either Pampa or Miami to determine the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in the playoffs.

Groom (18-8 overall) outscored McLean, 22-14, in the fourth quarter after leading by only three after three quarters of play.

Daryl Homer chipped in 13 points for Groom, which led by six, 27-21, at halftime.

McLean (22-5 overall) was paced by Christian Looney's 27 points. Daniel Harris added 10.

Karen Babcock scored 23 points in leading Groom to a 54-24 win

over McLean in the girls' game.

Both teams are heading into the playoffs with Groom as the district's No. 1 seed and McLean the No. 2 seed.

Misty Homen added 15 points for Groom, which closes the regular season with a 26-1 record.

McLean (11-16) got 10 points from Brandi Melton and 7 from Joetta Bailey.

HIGGINS - Miami clinched District 10-1A's No. 2 seed in the playoffs by defeating Higgins, 70-40, Friday night.

The Warriors finished the regular season with a 13-15 record and a 5-1 mark in district, placing second behind Follett.

Matthew Neighbors topped Miami in scoring with 23 points, followed by Brock Mayberry with 11.

Alex Valenzuela was high scorer for Higgins with 15 points.

Higgins closes out at 7-17 for the season and 1-5 in district play.

Miami's Warriorettes, who go into the playoffs as the district's No. 2 seed, slipped by Higgins, 58-55, in the girls' clash.

Amanda Morris and Cam McDowell sparked Miami's scoring attack with 14 points each.

Higgins was led by Janna Detrixhe's 24 points.

Miami closes out the regular season with a 12-12 record while Higgins ends at 11-12.

CANADIAN - Canadian downed White Deer, 94-64, Friday night to force a one-game playoff with Wellington for District 2-2A's No. 2 seed in the playoffs.

The two teams meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Wheeler High School gym with the winner advancing into the playoffs.

Area Basketball

Highland Park clinched the district championship with a 74-43 win over Panhandle Friday night.

Wellington's 56-55 loss to Clarendon Friday night left the Sky-rockets in a second-place deadlock with Canadian.

Canadian's Joel Robbins scored 25 points to lead the scoring attack against White Deer, while teammate Thadd Hodge tossed in 16.

"We played a pretty good game," said Canadian coach Robert Lee. "Everybody got into the ball game and everybody scored."

Brandon Carpenter had 31 points to lead White Deer scoring.

Canadian has an 18-8 record while White Deer finishes the season at 4-24.

Jenny Wilburn scored 25 points to lead Canadian to an 87-29 win over White Deer in the girls' contest.

Myrlah Jaco added 16 points for the Lady Wildcats, who finish the season with 12-13 record.

White Deer (4-23) was led in scoring by Stacey Phillis and Kandi Cargal with 8 points each.

GRUVER - Wheeler teams closed out the basketball season with losses to powerful Gruver in District 1-1A action Friday night.

In the boys' game, Gruver zipped to an 85-40 victory to clinch the district championship.

Trent Seagler led Gruver in scoring with 17 points. Jason Helton and Joe Dan Ledbetter had 11 points each for the Wheeler, which finishes at 6-16.

GRUVER girls, which also won the district title, defeated Wheeler's Mustangettes, 66-45.

Meyer scored 16 points and Maupin had 14 to lead Gruver scorers. Christy Glassey had 10 points and Dedra Dorman 9 to lead Wheeler.

The Mustangettes finish with an 11-16 record.

BRISCOE - Briscoe dropped a 65-58 decision to Claude in a non-district boys' game Friday night.

Chris Eaton had 14 points to lead Claude while Dallas Fillingim scored 27 points for Briscoe.

The Broncos, who won the District 11-1A title last weekend, finish the regular season with a 21-6 record.

Briscoe won over Alamo Catholic, 66-37, in the girls' clash.

Mary Swigart and Lindsey Fillingim gunned in 24 and 23 points respectively to lead the Lady Broncos' scoring attack.

The Lady Broncos, who also wrapped up the district title last weekend, go into the playoffs with a 14-10 record.

Rangers' Ryan ready for upcoming season

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) - Jack Daugherty decided to try to fool Nolan Ryan.

He sneaked up behind the future Hall of Famer, tapped his right shoulder and ducked to Ryan's left.

It didn't work. "Jack, the last person to try that on me was one of my kids when he was four-years-old," Ryan laughed. "Didn't work then, either."

Ryan, who recently had his 45th birthday, may be old to be a major league pitcher but he's no fool.

He'll make \$4.4 million throwing a baseball this summer in Arlington and he'll be the heart

and soul of a Texas Rangers franchise trying to capture its first ever major league divisional pennant.

"I feel good," Ryan said. "I've still got a lot of work to do between now and the opening of the season. But I'd say I might be a little ahead of where I've been in the past."

AP Analysis

Ryan recently took part in a Rangers' "Fantasy" camp in Port Charlotte, Fla., the spring training home of the American League club.

He threw a lot of pitches against fantasy campers. In fact, one day Ryan stood on the mound for 70 minutes as the amateurs took their hacks against the king of Ks.

Ryan threw without shoulder or leg problems, much to the relief of the Rangers front office brass.

Oh, he was wild at times. "It didn't dawn on some of those guys I might not have real good control pitching off a mound for the first time in five months," Ryan said. "I hit one guy and knocked down two."

Ryan came away from the experience a little stiff but in strong condition.

Twice last year he was placed on the disabled list because of either leg or shoulder problems.

"I'm going to modify my workout regime this year," Ryan said. "I need to speed up my recovery time between starts. I

don't want any more shoulder problems. Last year was the first time (in 26 years) I had any problems."

The Rangers are hoping for 15 victories from Ryan this year as they hope to make a legitimate pennant drive in the tough AL West.

Ryan said the Rangers potential gets him pumped. "I'm excited about our team," Ryan said. "Our offense will be as good as anyone. The key is the pitching staff."

The Texas pitching was ineffective last year and led the major leagues in walks.

Also, the defense was something that had Nolan shaking his head at times.

"You'd like to see less errors,"

Ryan said. "We need less walks and less errors. We have to have an attitude about walking people. I saw a study that showed that 60 per cent of all leadoff hitters who get on base score. We've got to stop that."

Ryan said he would love to be pitching on a late September day with a pennant on the line.

"Our fans have never had the opportunity to get excited about a pennant race in September," Ryan said. "You bet I'd like to be there for it."

Ryan's not a big enough fool to predict the Rangers are going to be there. Just count on him to being ready if they do stay in a pennant chase.

"Haven't felt this good in two or three years," he said.

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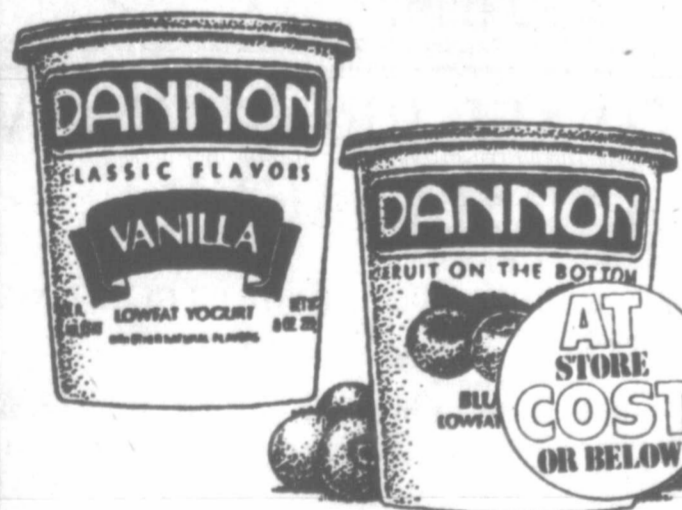
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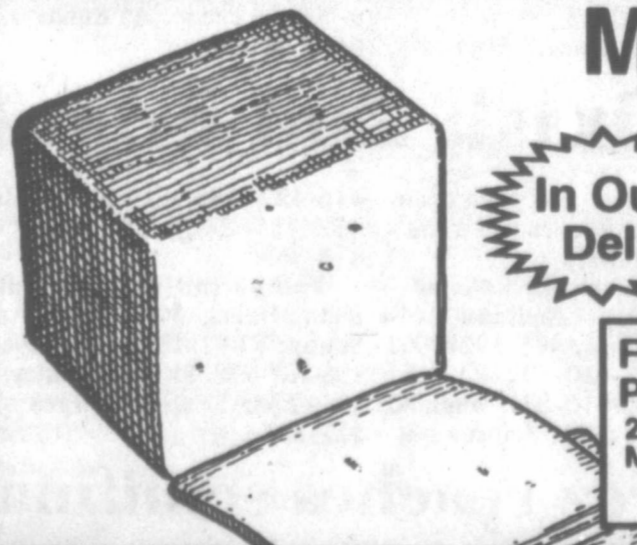
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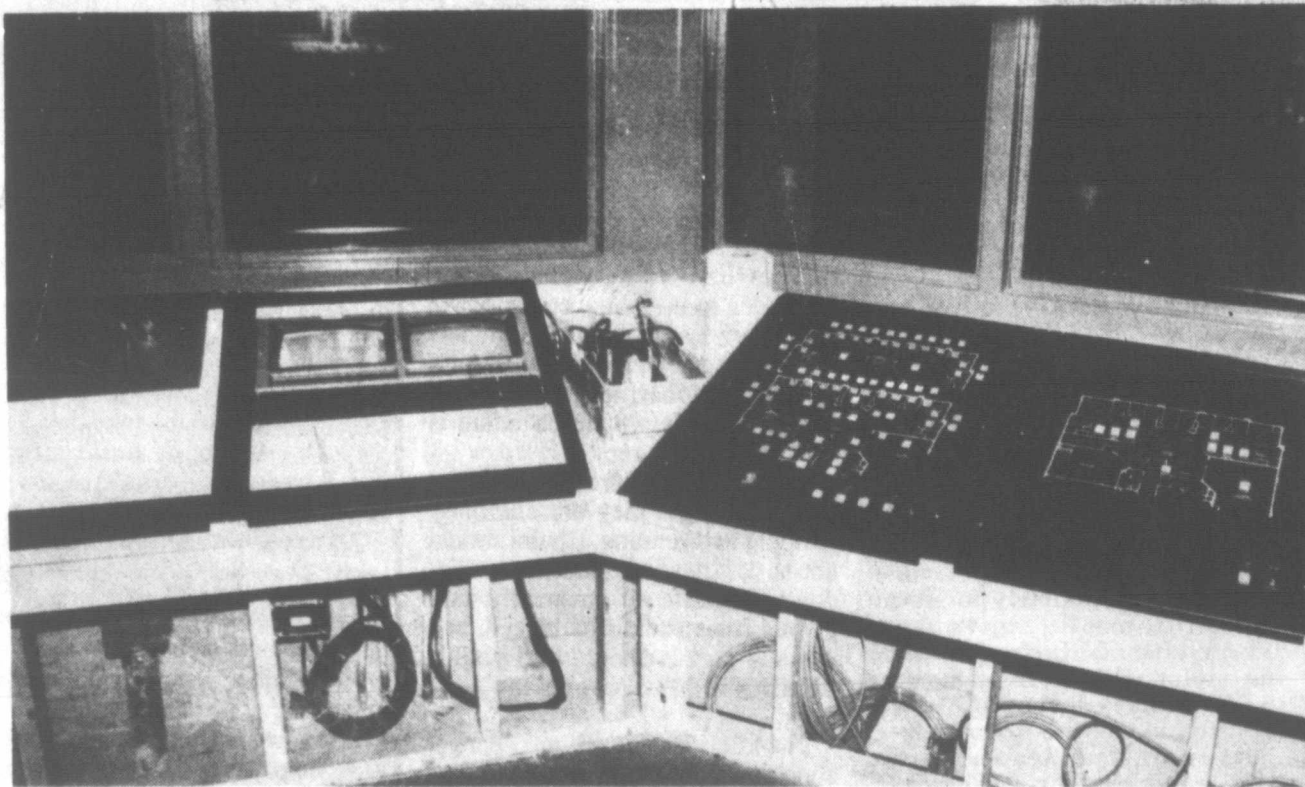
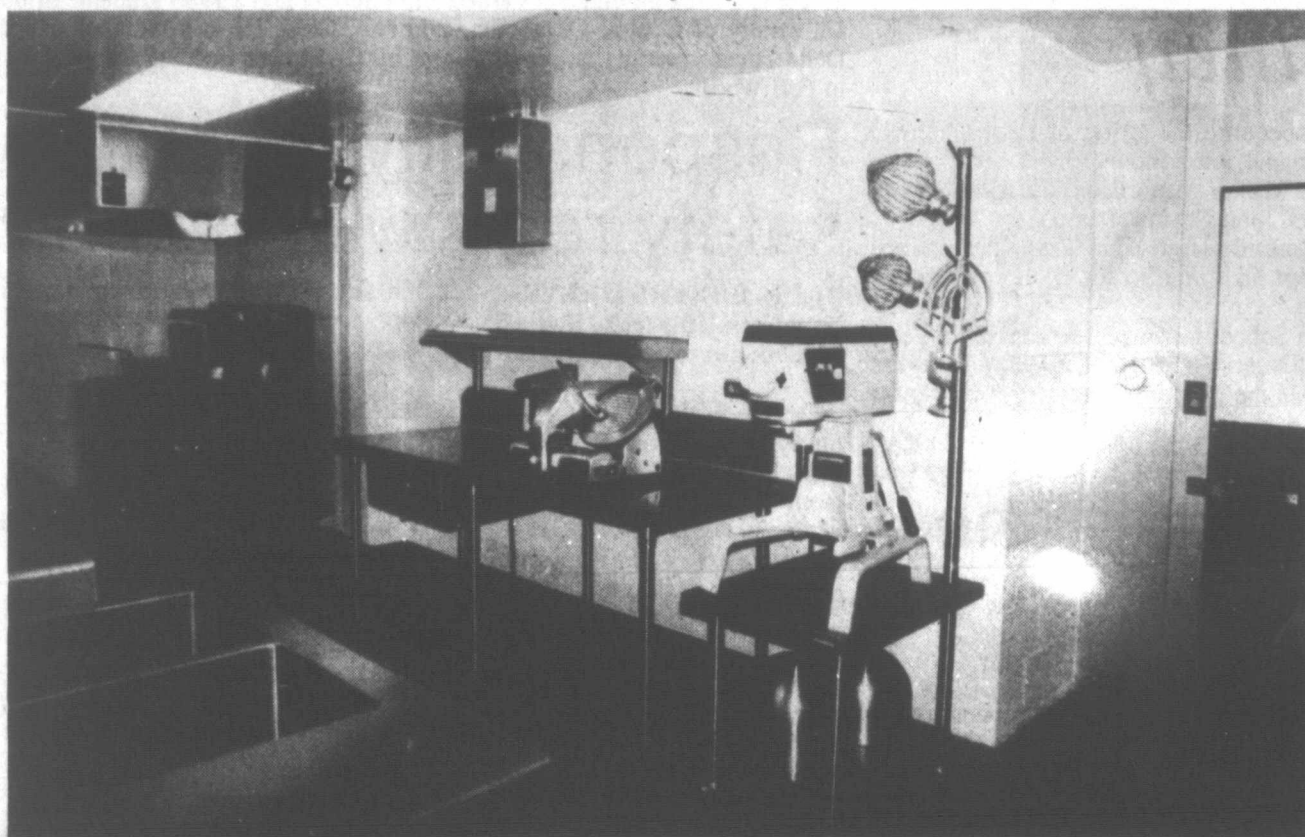
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Gray County Jail

a look at the old and new



The kitchens in old and new facilities range from "make do" to fully equipped. From a chest-type freezer, microwave and frozen dinners, above, to an institutional kitchen with a walk-in freezer, stainless steel counters and the capability to produce meals in-house, below.



This electronic control panel has TV monitors which watch various sections of the secured area. Colored buttons which activate the Intercom system, open and close cell doors, and turn on and off lights, are on the right of the panel. The panel is in the central control office, which looks around the men's cell area.



A misdemeanor cell in the old Gray County jail has space for six and is surrounded by layers of wire mesh.

In early March, Gray County will open a new jail, the first since the early part of the 20th century. The original was constructed when the courthouse was built, 1928 through 1930.

In this gallery, readers may see photos of the old and new - the giant steel box with bars, state of the art in 1928, and the new jail with electronic controls and no bars, state of the art in 1992.

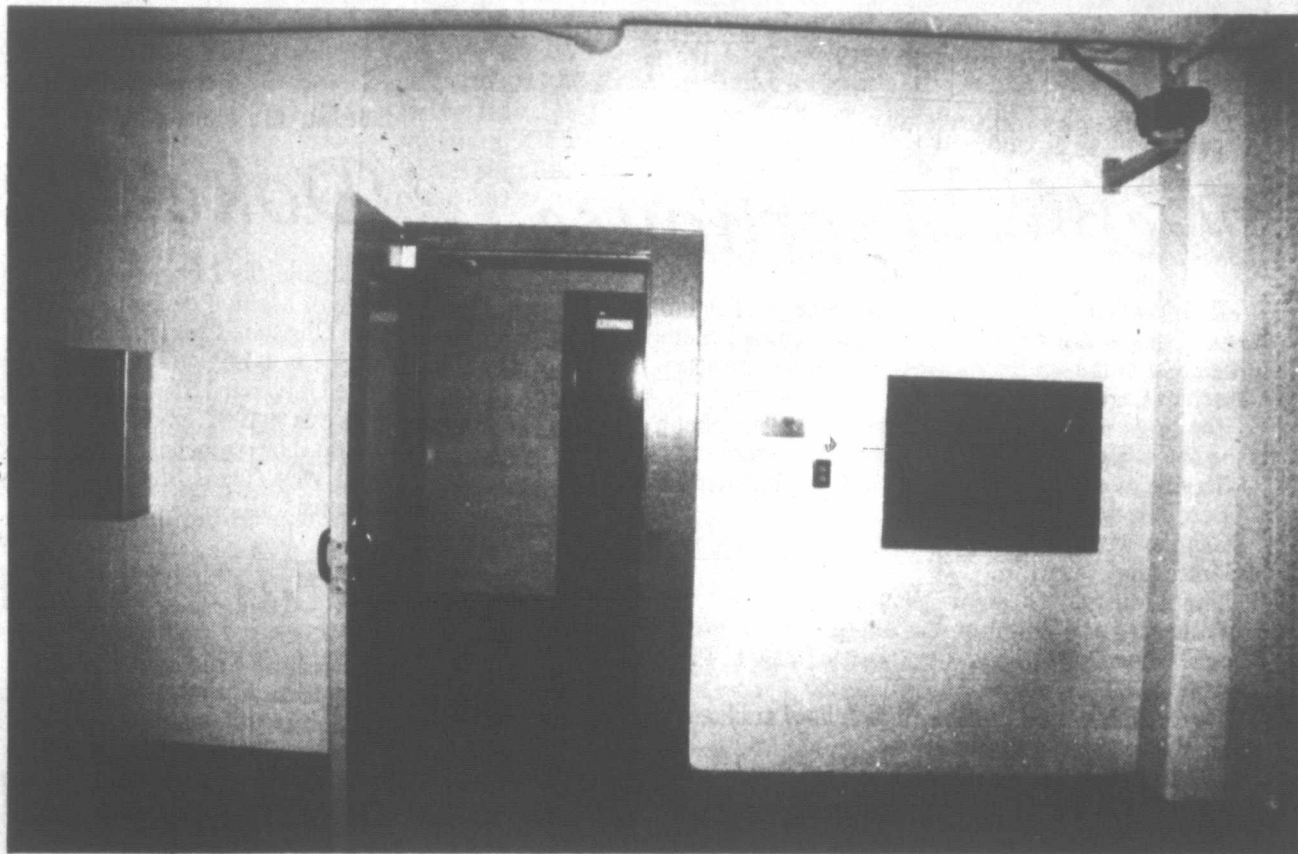
Besides being more spacious,

the new facility is safer for jail employees, according to Gray County Sheriff Jim Free. Vandalism resistant glass, electronic door releases, secured areas for prisoners, numerous TV monitors, and intercoms are features that protect correction officers.

The new jail can house 78, with up to 96 prisoners possible with expansion. The current facility on the fourth floor of the Gray County Courthouse, houses 27 men and women.

The estimated cost for construction for the new jail is \$3.3 million for 30,000 square feet of space. It is heated and cooled by a boiler and chiller system, as opposed to a boiler with radiators and window air units for the original facility.

Inside the new jail, colors are mauve, white, blue and gray, considered "soothing", rather than the metal and concrete of the original facility.

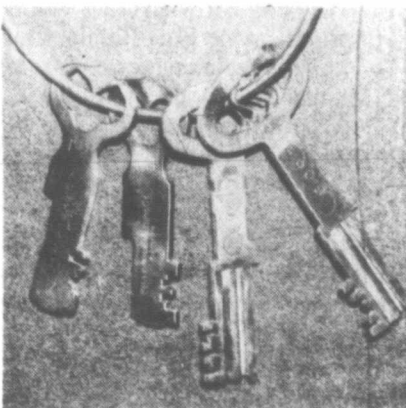


This sally port is equipped with a camera so prisoners and officers may be observed entering the jail facility. The door to the interior is electronically opened by the dispatcher. A weapons locker is available for gun storage so that the officer is unarmed when in the secured areas of the jail. Currently, prisoners are taken in through the east entry to the Gray County Courthouse.



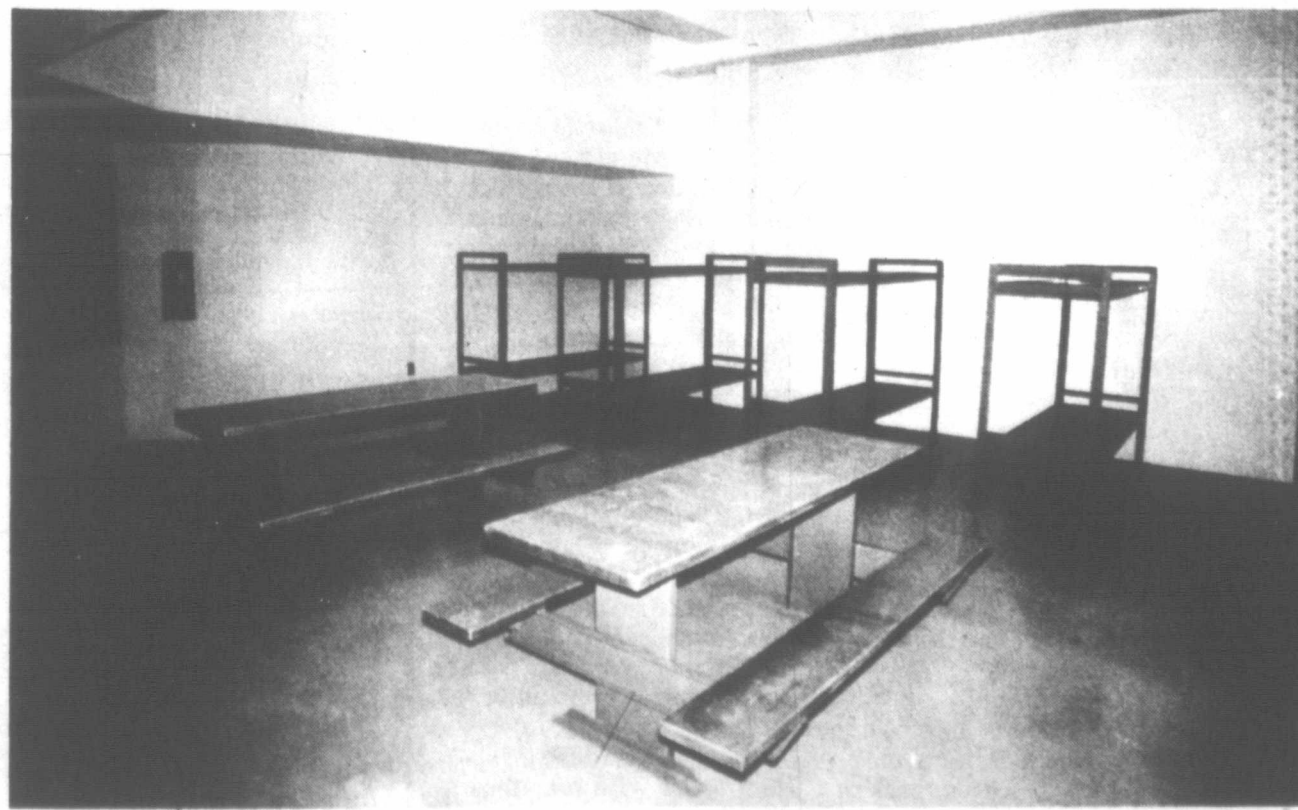
Chief correction officer, J.D. Barnard, manually locks and unlocks the door of the felony tank in the old jail.

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The jailer's keys

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A multi-occupancy cell in the new jail can sleep 12. Picnic tables are in the room for mealtime. A bathroom area (not shown) provides toilet facilities. The shower water is controlled by a spring loaded button to dispense a pre-measured amount of water.

Lifestyles



Mrs. Jed Thomas Moorhouse
Tara Heather Webb

Webb-Moorhouse

Tara Heather Webb, Amarillo, became the bride of Jed Thomas Moorhouse, Canyon, on Feb. 14, in the First United Methodist Church chapel. Officiating at the ceremony was the minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Dean Whaley.

The bride is the daughter of Irene and Clark Webb, Pampa. The groom is the son of Becky and Tom Moorhouse, Benjamin.

Serving as maid of honor was Hilda Nail, Amarillo.

Best man was Lanham Jones, Canyon.

Candles were lit by Jody Moorhouse, Benjamin. Guests were registered by Janice Nash, Canyon.

Tamra Musgrave, Canyon, played the piano.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlor of the church. Guests were served by Nancy Reagan, Pampa, and Janice Nash, Canyon.

The bride is a 1991 Pampa High School graduate. She is employed by T and T Telemessaging in Amarillo.

The groom is a 1991 Guthrie High School graduate. He attends West Texas State University. He is employed by Donnell Ag. in Amarillo.

Following a honeymoon trip to Red River, N.M., the couple will make their home in Amarillo.

Davis-Hargrove

Tonya Davis, Sweetwater, Okla., will become the bride of Dale Hargrove, Clinton, N.J., on March 28, at the First Baptist Church of Elk City, Okla.

She is the daughter of Pat and Tony Sargent, Pampa, and Kervin and Kathy Davis, Sweetwater, Okla. He is the son of the late Dale Hargrove and Carmen Hargrove, Country Club Hills, Ill.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Sweetwater High School, and attended Southwestern State University. The groom-to-be is employed by Foster Wheeler Constructors in Clinton, N.J., and is working in Punta Fijo, Venezuela.

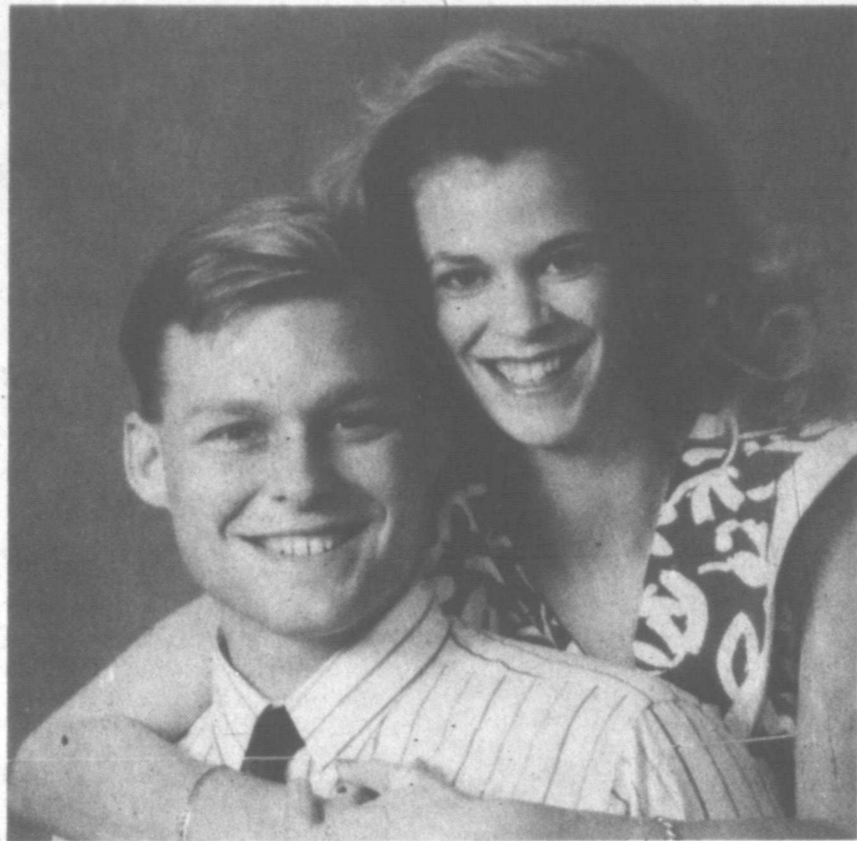
Young-Hendricks

Roberta Brown Young will become the bride of Roy Don Hendricks on April 10, at the First Baptist Church of Pampa.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Brown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendricks.

The bride-elect is a 1972 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1976 graduate of Baylor University. She is a member of Junior Service League and is employed by Pampa Independent School District as a third grade teacher at Woodrow Wilson Elementary.

The groom-to-be is a 1972 graduate of Pampa High School and is self employed as a painting contractor.



Shellee Jay Duke and Monte Lee Dalton

Doke-Dalton

Shellee Jay Duke, daughter of Gary and Shirley Duke, will become the bride of Monte Lee Dalton, son of Gary and LaVonna Dalton, on May 9, at First Christian Church, Pampa.

She is a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School and attended West Texas State University. She is employed by Dr. Keith Teague as dental assistant.

He is a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Stephen F. Austin, Nacogdoches, for three years. He plans to graduate in December from West Texas State University with a major in computer information systems.

Spicer-Chaney

Suzanne Spicer, Amarillo, will become the bride of Paul Chaney, Pampa, on April 4, at the Wedding Chapel, Amarillo.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Jett Mason, Amarillo, and John Spicer, Houston. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chaney, Pampa.

The bride-elect graduated from Amarillo High School. She has worked for Republic/Collateral Insurance Dept. in Amarillo for eight years as the senior administrative assistant.

The groom-to-be is a Pampa High School graduate. He served six years as a Marine Corps reservist and is a Desert Storm combat veteran. He has worked for Phillips 66 as an operator in the Borger refinery for 3 1/2 years.

Forgiveness Week brings opportunity to start anew

DEAR READERS: I love this time of year. The bingeing of the holiday season has come to an end, and everyone is frantically trying to stick to their New Year's Resolutions, having slipped only occasionally.

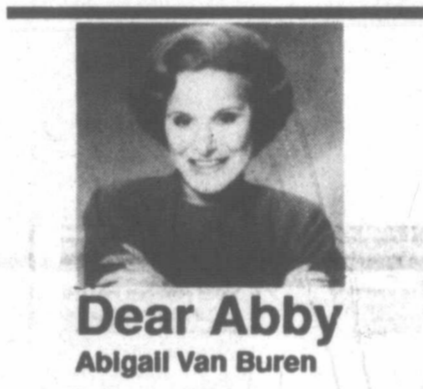
This year, Feb. 16 through Feb. 22 is International Forgiveness Week, so perhaps there's still time to slip in one more important resolution for 1992 — be forgiving.

If you are a card-carrying member of the human race, there is at least one person who needs your forgiveness. (Or perhaps, it's you who needs to be forgiven?) So climb aboard the mea culpa bandwagon and read on:

Former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Robert Muller wrote the following especially for International Forgiveness Week:

DECIDE TO FORGIVE
Decide to forgive
For resentment is negative
Resentment is poisonous
Resentment diminishes and
devours the self
Be the first to forgive,
To smile and to take the first
step,
And you will see happiness bloom
On the face of your human
brother or sister.
Be always the first
Do not wait for others to forgive
For by forgiving
You become the master of fate
The fashioner of life
The doer of miracles
To forgive is the highest,
most beautiful form of love.
In return you will receive
untold peace and happiness.

Here is the program for achieving a truly forgiving heart:
Sunday: Forgive yourself.
Monday: Forgive your family.
Tuesday: Forgive your friends and associates.
Wednesday: Forgive across economic lines within your own nation.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Thursday: Forgive across cultural lines within your own nation.

Friday: Forgive across political lines within your own nation.

Saturday: Forgive other nations.

Only the brave know how to forgive.
A coward never forgives.
It is not in his nature.
Robert Muller

P.S. Many years ago, long before I became Dear Abby, I came across this particularly poignant description of forgiveness: "Forgiveness is the fragrance of the violet which still clings to the heel that crushed it." — attributed to George Roemisch
And now, Dear Readers, if you have read this in my column before, please forgive me. I devoutly believe this message is worth repeating. A favor, please? If this piece has inspired you to forgive someone, I want to hear from you.

Hot off the press—Abby's new booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)



Judy Lynn Upton and Dennis L. Mashburn

Upton-Mashburn

Judy Lynn Upton, of The Colony, will become the bride of Dennis L. Mashburn, Euless, formerly of Pampa, on April 11, at the First Baptist Church of Decatur.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kenneth W. and Rae Upton, Decatur. The groom-to-be is the son of Don L. and Martha Mashburn, Woodward, Okla., former residents of Pampa.

She is a 1986 graduate of Decatur High School, Decatur, and attended West Texas State University, Canyon. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, and is employed by Intellical in Carrollton.

He is a 1982 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1988 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Okla. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and is employed by Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. of Texas in Fort Worth.

Responsibility for child's safety rests with parents

By DR. BENARD DREYER
New York University School of Medicine

NEW YORK (AP) — Every month in the United States nearly 400 children under the age of 4 die from accidents, most of them preventable.

And during their school-age years, more children die from accidental injuries than from all other diseases combined, again most of them preventable.

For the most part, it is up to parents to follow some simple rules of safety to prevent a child's injuries from falls, fires, poisonings, car and bicycle accidents; following these rules may even save their child's life.

First of all, parents should never leave an infant alone on high places such as changing tables, beds, chairs, or cribs with the side rail down, since babies can wiggle and move almost as soon as they are born.

And as early as 6 months of age, infants learn to crawl, so it is a good idea to use gates on stairways and doorways to keep the toddler out of danger. Parents also should remove any sharp-edged furniture from a room in which the infant is crawling or walking.

By the time children reach 1 and 2 years of age, they are climbing, jumping and running. Chairs should not be left next to counters or windows. Doors to all potentially dangerous areas should be locked, and window guards should be installed on all windows above the first floor.

The kitchen is a particular danger zone for children under 4 years of age. Hot fluids or food can cause serious burns and should never be left within the reach of or carried

near the child, or held while carrying a child.

While eating or cooking, make sure the infant or toddler is placed in a playpen, crib or highchair before answering a telephone or doorbell.

Smoke alarms should be installed in strategic locations throughout the home, their batteries tested once a month and replaced once a year. Older children should be taught what to do when a smoke alarm goes off, and should practice what to do in the event of fire. Matches or lighters should always be kept out of reach of children.

Parents should never leave small children alone — even for a minute.

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Pampans go to the pokey for fund raising fun

How about trading the box of Valentine candy for a cup of hot coffee and a comfortable chair while we peek around town.

Raising money for two worthwhile community services, Crime Stoppers and Tralee Crisis Center, seemed secondary to the fun of it all to the 150 or more people who were arrested and hauled (?) to jail last Friday. Sheriff Jimmy Free jumped at least three feet off the ground each time a handcuffed friend came into the new jail building. The arresting officers, all willing to donate their off-duty time, smiled broadly as they delivered the summons to appear, a switch from the usual solemn task. Hats off and "Thanks a lot!!!" to Sheriff Free and his off duty deputies Bill Toten, J.D. Barnard and Ed Copeland. The same warm words to off-duty city policemen Dave Wilkinson, Dannie Brown, Jess Wallace, Jay Lewis, Allen Smith, Richard Spears and Ken Hopson.

Noticed all the fun the MVD was having during the Jail-a-Thon. The staff had Margie Gray arrested not once, but twice. Margie decided the girls needed to have a fun day, too. So, she had Donna, Sammie, Gaye, Jeannie and Debbie arrested. One busy afternoon got lots of money raised for two good causes. (Let's do it again.)

Former Pampa residents Tom and Betty Sparks Bicknell are visiting old friends before spending the remainder of the winter in Florida.

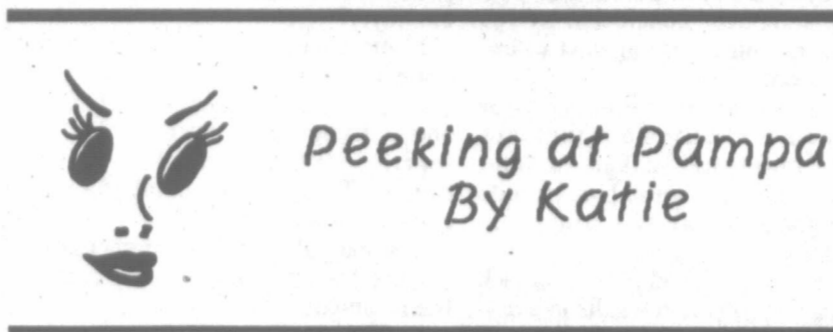
Next summer they plan a trip to Canada and Alaska, before returning to Florida where they are purchasing a home. They send "best wishes for 1992" to their many Pampa friends.

Christopher William Moody, five year old son of Brenda and Garry, wants everybody to know his grandmother, Jerline Williams, Hereford. He walked up to a stranger, who happened to be Tracy Cary, and asked, "Do you know my grandmother? I want you to meet her! Here she is!!" Jerline has another grandson in Atlanta who is just as proud of her as Christopher is! Pretty sweet love, huh?

Can you think of anyone who received as many warm hugs as Mae Williams does? Being an outgoing person is a plus in the Pampa Southside Senior Citizens group.

Selma Northcott, a young 80-year-old and longtime worker at Moses' lunch counter didn't take full retirement on Jan. 1, as she or her children had planned to do. She shares her sweet smiles and good service there a couple of days each week.

Recovery wishes to Fred Neslage following knee surgery. Five sons were on hand for the surgery: Bob, Bill of El Paso; Terry, Borgerc; Tim, Lubbock. Tom and his family live in Denmark with the enthusiastic approval of Fred and Dorothy.



Vic Raymond and Jack Reeve of IRI, Int. were welcomed home from an important business trip to Poland and other parts of Europe. Good news of upcoming business contracts preceded their return home. A vote of thanks to Vic and Jack from a grateful community!

Belated 6th birthday wishes to Betty Duncan, manager of the Pam Apartments. Collen DeVore, John Wentworth, Betty Dills, president, and Alpha Rath, treasurer, beavered away during Betty's lunch hour to decorate and put a party together as a total surprise last Monday. Club members presented her a corsage, video of the party made by Teresa Dalrymple, a blue sailboat quilt and two pillows, plus lots of cards and gifts. Quilters, who used fancy stitches for a special lady, were Maudie Wheeler, Betty Dills, Nellis Potet, Alma Davis, Alpha Rath, Iva Tigrett and Esther Stone. Mary Musgrave and Emma Cargile poured punch to go with an elaborately decorated cake.

Robert Caplin, apartment complex owner, called in twice to share in the party fun. Special guests were Al and Pat Bolton and Dee Dalton.

After persuading Vera Hall, a visitor from England to extend her visit to her sister Louie King, to two months, Schneider House residents are working on keeping her until May, when her grandson will be married in Canada.

Ned Pryor DID play the SH piano for the residents. Lee Gillis and Melba Lynch presented a concert of old, foot tapping, hand clapping hymns. Maybe some more groups will volunteer to entertain?

Belated 50th wedding anniversary wishes to Dock and Leona Stuart. Obeying their parents' orders of no big party, the four daughters left family behind and came for a surprise long weekend visit. What celebration could have possibly surpassed a few days of visiting, laughing and eating together? The daughters, Mary

Stuart-Turnbow of Dallas, Maurine Warr, Huntsville, Martha Kovacs, Porter, and Marsha Boyer of Houston presented the anniversary pair with a crystal clock.

The Mark Hollingsworth's are experiencing the fun of moving into a new-to-them home, formerly owned by the Charlie Snider's. Charlie and Sue recently moved to Amarillo.

Ramona and Bill Hite and Meredith recently purchased the house on Mary Ellen built by the late Bob and Claudine Vail. It's a house Ramona had admired longingly for some time. Chris very well could be the interior decorator!

Majunta Hills made the trek to Corpus Christi to attend the graduation services of her daughter, Stephanie Rice. When Stephanie passes the state board examination, she will be the fourth RN in the Hills family. Family RNs are Majunta, Gearlyn, Dawn Marie and Shannon. Wendy will complete her training late this year. Speaks well for Mom's influence when five daughters follow in her footsteps, huh?

Joyce Roberts and her mother Margaret Nichols were happy to see each other when Joyce returned from a visit with her daughter Margaret and family in Costa Mesa, Calif.

When Berrie deLange, physical therapist at Coronado Hospital,

went north on an assignment in Alaska, his wife Jose went west to San Francisco to visit friends. Both are home in Pampa again. Dorien Groenfeld house sat in their absence. Dorien and her brother, living in Malaysia, were called home to Holland because of the illness and subsequent death of their mother. Kind words of condolence.

A few Pampa visitors last weekend were Cole and Jessica Matson (Randy Matson Avenue was named for their dad) and Norma Jean Sanders, all of College Station; Reed Nash of Leona. Brenda Rougeux of Keller visited Dr. Harbard and Dolores Cox. Lisa and Rose Maze of Amarillo visited Phil and Nelda Savage.

Bill and Greta Arrington, Ray and Harriet Hampton, Leonard and Wanda Hudson, Henry and Margaret McClelland spent last week in Scottsdale, Ariz. The women did lots of shopping while the men played golf.

Geneva Lisenbee has returned from a week in the San Antonio - Austin area where she visited daughters and grandchildren.

Ell Hesse's guests this weekend are Jo and Morris Chambless, her daughter and son-in-law from Ardmore, Okla.

Today is the beginning of Forgiveness Week. Shouldn't every week be that? Think about it. See you next week. Katie.

'Birdbath' opens Feb. 21



Left, Robert Douglas and Sophie Goode perform in "Birdbath", a suspense play produced by ACT I. It opens on Feb. 21, in the ACT I theatre, Pampa Mall.

Adults invited to Spring Fling on Lake Brownwood

Mature adults, 55 and over, are invited to participate in Spring Fling '92 at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood in April. The Spring Fling is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The five-weeks offered from which men and women may choose include:

- Spring Fling I—March 31-April 3
 - Spring Fling II—April 7-10
 - Spring Fling III—April 14-17
 - Spring Fling IV—April 21-24
 - Spring Fling V—April 28-May 1
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and "hands on" learning centers offer a wide variety of topics to fulfill the highest expectations of all who attend. Energizing and relaxing recreational opportunities will stimulate enthusiasm while all will welcome great fellowship and new friends.

Boat rides and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to the stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and rible games round out the event.

A special "Down on the Farm" theme will provide a festive atmo-

sphere to the facilities. Thursday's theme party will feature some unusual events and activities.

Each weekly event is limited to the first 165 participants. The cost of the event is determined according to the accommodations chosen. Dorm accommodations are \$94 per person and semi-private rooms are \$118 per person. This includes room, all meals, refreshments, linens, and limited accident insurance.

For more information, contact the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

Weed control possible with seasonal action

Homeowners have the opportunity of having a relative weed free lawn this year if they will act fairly soon.

Warm season turf grass areas generally can have two problems:

1. Cool season weeds/junk grass; or
2. Warm season weeds/junk grass or the combination of both warm and cool season unsightly plants.

If you have a warm season turf grass such as bermuda or buffalo and if you find some cool season weeds or grass growing now — kill them out by using a herbicide spray containing Roundup. Mix 2.67 to 5.33 tablespoons Roundup per gallon of water or 1/2 to 1 cup per 3 gallons of water. Roundup Lawn and Garden requires a lot more as it is diluted - read and follow label directions. Wet the green leaves of the plants you want killed, but not to the point of run-off. Do not use Bluegrass or Fescue lawns.

The active ingredient in Roundup is: Isopropylamine salt of glyphosate. The original full strength of the product contains 41.0% of the glyphosate. When making purchase and application decisions, study or calculate how much you are paying per ounce of active ingredient.

What is the "best buy" on the many different glyphosate containing products available:

1. A quart of Ready to Use for \$5.00 containing 1% glyphosate.
2. A quart of L&G for \$25.00 containing 18% glyphosate.
3. A quart of regular product for \$45.00 containing 41% glyphosate.

In the above examples, a quart contains 32 ounces, multiply 32 by the percentage to determine how many ounces of active ingredient is in each quart. Then divide the cost per quart by the ounces per quart



For Horticulture
Joe Van Zandt

and you determine the cost per ounce of the active ingredient. In the above examples:

- (1) Costs \$15.62 per ounce of active ingredient.
- (2) Cost \$4.34 per ounce of active ingredient.
- (3) Costs \$3.43 per ounce of active ingredient.

Another thing to remember is that hard to control "weeds" such as dandelions, bindweed, etc. need a 2% strength product sprayed on them. So if you use the 1% Ready to Use product, you will likely experience poor results on hard to control weeds.

Bermuda grass can be starting to green-up in warm, protected areas such as the south side of buildings and fences. Therefore, please check your turf grass to verify that the turf

grass on your lawn is still dormant. Dormant grasses will not be affected by Roundup. However, it will kill all green, growing vegetation that you spray such as henbit, winter grass and dandelions. Henbit is the weed found growing now, and it develops purple flowers later this spring. The higher dosage rate may be needed for dandelion control. During this time of the year, it may take 2 to 4 weeks for Roundup to show its effect. It is best to select a warm spell when temperatures will be above 60 degrees during the day-time.

Now then, if you expect to have warm season weeds/junk grass such as crabgrass growing in your lawn, late in spring, you can apply a granular type pre-emergence herbicide containing either Balan, Dacthal, Betasan, Surlflan, Ronstar or Devrinol. These herbicides applied before warm season weed or grass seed germinate will prevent them from growing next summer. Some of these herbicides only last in the soil about 8-10 weeks. A lot of these unwanted seeds do not germinate until soil temperatures warm up in late May. Therefore, I do not recommend applying a pre-emergence herbicide until late April or early May, depending on how warm of a spring we are having.

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Know the ups and downs of retirement offers

DENVER (AP) — Today, staff reductions and plant closings are almost as common as the coffee break. As a result, mature workers in particular may be faced with the decision of a lifetime: whether to accept an early retirement offer from your company.

You may feel excitement or dread; however, few employees are fully prepared to say yes or no on the spot.

"You may be tempted to say yes right away, because the prospect of early retirement is so appealing to many of us," says Jan Walsh, an academic associate at the non-profit College for Financial Planning. "But realistically, the decision to accept an early retirement offer will affect your finances and your lifestyle from that day on. You need time, and perhaps some professional financial counsel, to weigh your resources and the package's benefits against your income needs."

For instance, if your annual income is \$50,000, it's easy to think that \$50,000 per year in combined pension and savings income will underwrite a plentiful retirement.

"But you also should consider the rate of inflation," Walsh says. "For example, at 5 percent inflation, after 20 years, you'll need \$132,665 each year just to maintain the same buying power you have today with

\$50,000. And the current life expectancy for someone age 55 is 28.6 more years."

One typical early retirement package is called a "5 by 5," in which the company adds five years of service and five years of age to your retirement eligibility. Packages may also include a lump sum severance payment. Availability of other benefits, such as health insurance, will vary.

"The real task is to take what your company is offering you — plus your own savings for retirement, other pensions, and investments — and balance these against your expected expenses," says Walsh.

"If you believe you have the option of continuing in your position, you should weigh the benefits you'd receive at normal retirement age against your 'early' benefits," she says.

Those considering early retirement should think about:

— **Time.** When does your company need to know your decision? Early retirement offers often arrive with little time for consideration. Begin to assess your financial situation immediately after the offer is made so that you can make an informed, aware decision.

— **Financial resources.** Your stock portfolio, a life insurance policy, a small pension from a former

employer, and even the value of your home should be considered as you measure your assets against retirement needs.

— **Retirement goals.** If your planned-for retirement includes a cross-continent junkies' or summers at a mountain cabin, include those goals — and their costs — in your tally.

— **Emotional readiness.** The lack of a paying job often results in a dramatic drop in self-esteem. Are you mentally and emotionally ready to retire? Even if the answer is no, some employees see little choice in their company's offer. In that case, if you aren't quite prepared, plan to seek a support group of new retirees or do volunteer work to ease the transition.

— **Bridge payments.** Will your company boost your monthly income to supplement your income until you are eligible for Social Security benefits?

— **Lump sum payments.** If your package includes a sizable lump sum, invest it — like the rest of your portfolio — in ways that meet your current income and long-term growth needs.

— **Insurance.** Will your company continue to provide medical insurance for you and dependents, and at what cost to you? If not, is insurance

provided through your spouse's employer?

If insurance isn't included, use benefits provided under COBRA laws to continue your health insurance, at your cost, until you buy a separate policy. Remember, you'll need medical coverage until you are eligible for Medicare at 65.

You may also need to compensate for the loss of company-provided life insurance.

— **Tax implications.** Investigate how your early retirement package will affect your income taxes by reviewing your tax liability with a professional tax preparer.

— **Financial status of your employer.** In a time when some pension-holders of distressed companies are standing in line with other creditors, company stability is an important retirement issue. Is your company healthy? Good news about the financial status and competitive stance of your company may help ease some of your worries about accepting and early retirement offer.

— **Negotiate.** Occasionally, there is room to add to your benefits, but only if you ask. You may be able to negotiate for medical benefits, outplacement services, a part-time consulting position, use of an office and secretary for a job search, or tax planning help.

Wilkerson awarded Silver Beaver

Dick Wilkerson was honored by the Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America with the Silver Beaver medal, the highest honor awarded on a local level for volunteer service.

He received the award at the council's annual recognition dinner on Nov. 8. Also honored were other outstanding volunteer scouts and 1991 Eagle Scouts.

Council president Bill Esler was emcee for the event attended by approximately 165 volunteers and scouts from the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

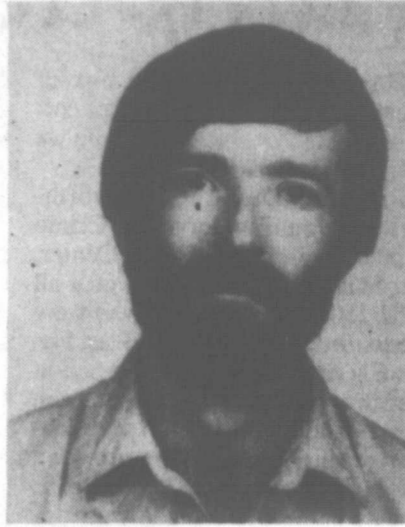
Council vice-president of programming, Ethan Hassinger, presented all 1991 Eagle scouts in attendance with a pewter eagle key ring as a memento. There were 52 young men in the Golden Spread Council to earn the highest scout rank in 1991.

Jan Roper of Gruver, was featured speaker.

Council commissioner Bob Russell presented Silver Beaver medals to four other Golden Spread volunteers.

Recipients were Harold Smith, Panhandle; Carol Vaughn, Barbara Lafferty and Mike Donnelly, Amarillo.

Wilkerson, of Pampa, began in



Dick Wilkerson

Cub scouts in 1962, continuing through Explorers in 1970. He joined as an adult volunteer scouter in 1982, as assistant Webelos leader of troop 462.

He completed requirements for Wood Badge in 1986, as a Bob-white, receiving the district award of merit in 1986. He continues as leader of troop 416 sponsored by Pampa Lions Club.

"While there are many, and many who serve well, these have been chosen tonight by their peers to be honored," said Bob Russell, council commissioner.

Credit cards: For wise consumers or foolish borrowers?

Hardly a week passes that consumers aren't being met at the mailbox with new credit card promotions. Although credit cards have been around for some years now, they are not all alike. There are at least 6,000 credit card issuers in the United States today. Comparing them is a little like comparing apples and oranges.

Here are some guidelines and tips to help consumers manage their credit card decisions:

(1) **Analyze your credit use style.** Your use of credit cards should dictate the kind of card that serves you best. If you are a **convenience user** who always pays off the balance in full each month and never incurs finance charges, Annual Percentage Rate won't matter. Instead, you will be best served by a card with a grace period on purchases but no annual fee. On the other hand, if you do not pay your balance in full each month, you are a **credit user** and should pay close attention to the Annual Percentage Rate. You will be best served by a card with a grace period on purchases, no annual fee; a low Annual Percentage Rate or a variable APR.

(2) **Know the basics about credit cards.** It is very difficult to make



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comparisons and choices without a basic understanding of the most important features: Annual Percentage Rate, grace period, method for computing the balance subject to interest, cash advance charges, transaction fee, and credit limit.

(3) **Shop for the lowest interest rate you can find.** This is especially important if you are a credit user. Published ratings can be found in numerous consumer financial publications.

(4) **Don't pay annual fees.** Competition among card issuers has centered on the reduction or elimination of annual fees.

(5) **Time purchases and payments carefully.** By timing purchases and payments carefully, con-

sumers can maximize the benefits of the grace period, provided the card has this feature. Consumers who understand the terms and conditions of their credit cards can often take advantage of features unknown to the majority of cardholders.

(6) **Monitor who owns your card.** As banking takeovers and changes continue, more cardholders will find that their card is now owned by an entity different than the one who originally issued it. With these changes may come sudden changes in rates, terms, and conditions. Do not ignore the "fine print."

(7) **Keep no more than three major credit cards.** Debt management problems can start with too much credit available to you and can act as if you had already spent it, even if you never use your extra credit cards. Such practices could disqualify you from additional borrowing for car loans or mortgages.

(8) **Resist the marketing enhancements.** Many of the enhancements being offered to potential customers are features that may never be used. Ask yourself if the added features will result in real benefits to you as the card-

holder, especially if there is an increase in the cost of the credit card.

(9) **Be careful about gold/platinum cards.** Make sure you examine the offer carefully, especially if the advertisement charges upfront fees, without saving there may be additional costs; uses 900 or 976 telephone exchanges, misrepresents prices and payments for merchandise; or promises to get you "better credit" easily.

(10) **Manage your plastic transactions carefully.** Make certain that you keep track of your credit card use. Save credit card sales receipts and keep a running tally of charges that you incur. Make it a habit to reconcile your credit account statements just as you do your checking account statement. By keeping a running tally of credit charges you run up, you can set spending limits for yourself and your family. Too often, consumers spend their "plastic" when they have run out of available cash. Excessive plastic spending can lead to serious debt management problems.

For more information on family financial management, contact your Gray County Extension Agent.

Clothing project leaders needed; discipline program planned

DATES
17-Assertive Discipline Program, Pampa Middle School, 7:00 p.m.
Fashion Club Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.
18-Junior 4-H Consumer Project, 4:30 p.m., Annex
20-Meats Judging team practice, 5:30 p.m., Annex

Intermediate and Senior 4-H Consumer Project, 6:00 p.m., Annex

4-H CONSUMER PROJECT
The 4-H Consumer Project is underway, the junior group (ages 9-11) are meeting at the Annex on Tuesdays, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The intermediate (ages 12-13) and seniors (ages 14-19) are meeting Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Annex.

It is not too late to join the project. For more information, call the Extension office.

CLOTHING PROJECT LEADERS NEEDED
It is time to begin the 4-H Clothing Project. We have about 55 4-Hers signed up for the project. However, we are in need of leaders! Currently, we need leaders for a sixth

class members sought for reunion

The graduating class of 1982 is making plans for an August reunion. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the following class members, contact Kerri O'Neal, 665-9787, or William McCarley, 665-6418.

Class members being sought are Hilton Brown, Twala Goode, Dennis Mashburn, Steven Murrill, Brian Oakley, Ray Powell, Lidia Ramirez, Reani Roland, Mauro Roncato, David Sadler, Julie Schnabel, Sabra Stevens, Larry Sturgill, Tori Thomas, Quinn Walberg, Eleana Young, Lidy Zelaya.

Amarillo Cat Fanciers set exhibition for March
Amarillo Cat Fanciers competition and exhibition of purebred cats is set for March 28-29, at the Amarillo Civic Center.

ACF is affiliated with the Cat Fanciers Association, the main cat registry and promoter of purebred cats. It is the only CFA affiliated club between Dallas and Denver, according to club information.

For more information about the ACF, call Don Bozeman, 622-2776.

4-H Futures and Features

and seventh grade group, a senior group, and we could use another leader for elementary.

Please consider donating some of your time and talent for these young people. Training is provided.

ATTENTION PARENTS!
The Pampa Independent School District is sponsoring a special program on Assertive Discipline on Monday, Feb. 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pampa Middle School auditorium. Diane Day will be the guest speaker. Ms. Day presented programming on "Homework Without Tears" last September. All parents are invited to attend.

4-H MEATS JUDGING
Our 4-H Meats Judging team has gotten started with weekly training sessions. We are in need of some more junior age 4-Hers, under 14, who would be interested in learning about meats. Meats judging is a very involved subject

area and youth will learn a lot about many things related to meats.

The knowledge gained from meats judging could possibly lead to several career choices in meats related jobs. The information can be useful when purchasing and cooking meat for your lifetime.

We have several senior 4-Hers working out for this team and we are hopeful that this group will win

state this year. This contest subject is involved and it takes a few years for most folks to learn all the details.

We are meeting Thursday afternoons, 5:30 p.m., for approximately one hour. We also will be making a few weekend trips to IBP or WTSU. Anyone interested in starting this activity is encouraged to call or visit with Joe VanZandt.

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Risky eating: Scientists can't give answers to fish-eating mothers

By PAIGE St. JOHN
Associated Press Writer

SUTTONS BAY, Mich. (AP) — For years, scientists and health officials have warned women not to eat Great Lakes fish lest they damage their fetuses.

The alert belies a debate among uncertain scientists, alarmed environmentalists and nay-saying corporate lobbyists. None of them can tell Great Lakes fish-eating mothers with certainty what risk their children may face.

"We recognize that none of these studies are perfect," says June Fessenden MacDonald, a Cornell University toxicologist who chairs an international committee pushing for even greater Great Lakes warnings. "When one is worrying about human health, we're suggesting it is better to be wrong than subject people to harm and say nothing."

For Cindi John, the uncertainty is part of her life. In good-weather, she drops baby Ruby off at the sitter's and goes out on Lake Michigan to fish with her husband and other members of the Ottawa tribe.

The nets come back full with whitefish and salmon and trout and perch and walleye, and the giant ancient lake sturgeon.

Amid the abundance, she witnesses the imbalance of the lake. She finds sea lampreys with their circle saw mouths sucking the life from trout. She sees island rookeries with cormorants impaled on fishing lures or strangled in plastic beer can rings.

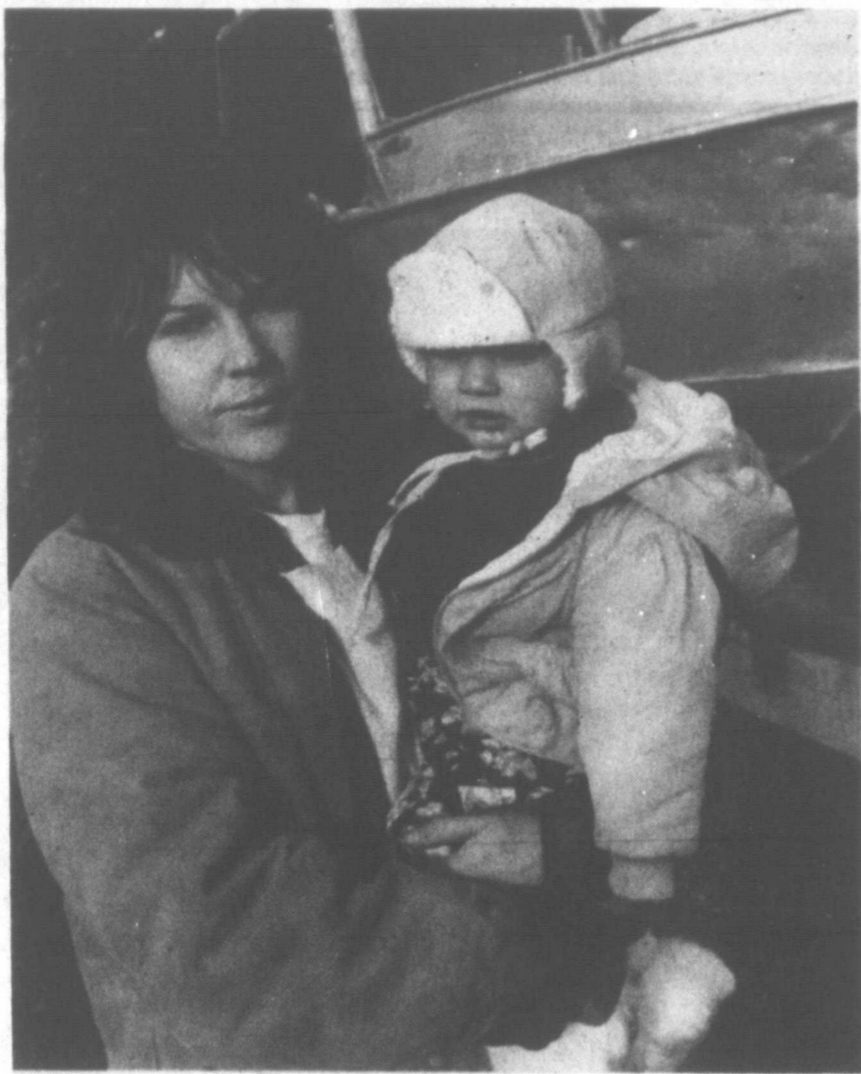
After a day on the inland sea, Cindi returns to bright-eyed Ruby, who in her blood carries a deeper imprint of the lake.

Ruby was born Nov. 23, 1990, her body carrying the toxins from her mother's lifetime in the catch basin of the industrial Midwest. Though Cindi stopped eating Lake Michigan fish when she learned she was pregnant, her fetus already had a toxic legacy of PCBs and DDT stretching back 32 years.

The alphabet soup of cancer-causing industrial compounds known as PCBs was banned in the 1970s. In large doses, PCBs deform babies and cause cancers. But what happens when a fetus is exposed to tiny doses of the industrial fluid in the womb?

Researchers Sandy and Joseph Jacobson have spent a decade trying to answer the riddle by tracking children like Ruby. Their preliminary studies found effects as subtle as the dosages — slightly stunted growth and slightly diminished memory.

Environmentalists cite their work



(AP Laserphoto)

Indian fisherwoman Cindi John of Suttons Bay, Mich., holds her daughter Ruby. Health officials warn women to avoid some species of lake fish because of industrial contaminants.

and other PCB-animal studies to warn that the brilliance of generations of children has been dimmed.

And because of the Jacobsons, the Great Lakes Science Advisory Board for which Fessenden MacDonald works is asking the International Joint Commission of the United States and Canada to declare the Great Lakes a human health threat.

The advisory board also wants the commission to begin monitoring PCB levels in breast milk.

Yet the Jacobsons cannot yet say if Ruby John pays a real price for her mother's fish diet.

"It's interesting, but I don't know if it makes a difference," Jacobson said recently from his office at Wayne State University. Jacobson says his findings are not conclusive. But he says there is enough to suggest a cause and an effect, to warn of a diminished potential in children.

"It's enough to tell companies we're worried about adding new PCBs to the environment," he said.

Though banned for nearly two decades, PCBs continue to recycle

in the Great Lakes basin through landfills, dredging, soil erosion and other means. After playing host to heavy industry for a century, the lakes are awash with 373 such identified persistent chemicals. Small doses are a concern because they build up in the body over a lifetime.

The Jacobsons surveyed 8,482 new mothers at four western lower Michigan hospitals in 1981 and from there found a core of fish-eaters, 236 women who each ate an average of two to three fish meals a month.

The two child psychologists tested the women's blood and found PCBs. And they tested their children.

At birth, the fish-eaters' babies were about 160 to 250 grams lighter than other infants in the study — about the same lightness as babies of mothers who smoke tobacco during pregnancy.

Jacobson said tobacco babies catch up to the rest of the population in five months. The fish-eaters' babies did not. When the Jacobsons revisited the children four years

later, they were an average 4 pounds lighter than their peers. At that time, the PCB-exposed babies had slightly reduced short-term memories compared to other babies.

Other researchers have found links between PCBs and other Great Lakes toxins and birth defects, low birth weights, wasting, internal organ damage, abnormal sexual development and behavior changes in the offspring of fish-eating animals.

"It's really frightening. Really an entire generation of Great Lakes kids doesn't have the intelligence potential they should have," said Tim Eder with the National Wildlife Federation in Michigan. "They're subtle problems, but how do you put a price tag?"

As fast as the environmentalists seized upon the studies, a counterattack was launched by the pulp and paper industry, which also prompted the recent rethinking of dioxins' dangers.

The American Paper Institute this year paid two Johns Hopkins University researchers to critique the Jacobson studies. Most of the criticism centers on uncontrolled factors such as mothers' smoking and drinking habits.

Rather than balance the numbers of smokers and drinkers in the test and control groups, the Jacobsons checked for mathematical correlations to rule out those and 22 other possible factors.

It is a fatal flaw, says Jacqueline Agnew, assistant professor of environmental health sciences at Johns Hopkins and one of the critics hired by the Paper Institute.

Nigel Paneth, a Michigan State University researcher, independently critiqued the Jacobsons' work. He cited the same flaws and said he sees a greater danger if the studies

are used to write public policy.

"It's crazy to put out advisories when there is nothing known," Paneth said. "If you're not on solid ground, if you start to scream and yell, you just lose your ability to deal with the really important issues. And there just hasn't been that much good epidemiology in these areas."

Other researchers say the criticism is unfair, that the Jacobsons' work is solid.

"It's a field observational study. Those studies have those flaws in them," said Michigan Health Department researcher Hal Humphrey. "You can try to crucify an individual researcher, but almost every epidemiological study that has been done can be attacked on a point-by-point basis."

In August, the Paper Institute presented its case to the International Joint Commission. At the same forum, the International Joint Commission's science advisory board called for the lake basin to be declared a human health threat.

The press for answers continues. The Jacobsons are again testing the Michigan study children, now 10 years old. Health and Welfare Canada is collaborating on a study of native people. Another researcher is examining the effects of eating contaminated fish on Mohawk women and their children.

Humphrey said the state began advising women about lake fish in the early 1970s, when there was mercury in Lake St. Clair. The later discovery of DDT and PCBs in fish cemented the warnings, now basinwide.

Some people say the advisories are not protecting those most at risk: people in Quebec who rely on fish for subsistence and immigrant families in Ontario who gather on the

shore of the Lower Niagara River each weekend to eat fish.

"If you have 1 percent of your population who might not have kids quite as smart, shouldn't you protect them?" Daniel Green, a Quebec environmentalist, challenged the International Joint Commission in August.

In Hamilton, Ontario, associate medical officer Brian Gibson said he thinks the city's estimated 2,000 Southeast Asians might eat a large amount of Lake Ontario fish. But without more information, he can't find a way to warn them of the risk.

"You have to understand the significance it has in their culture. Just translating it into Vietnamese or Laotian doesn't get it across."

In some cases, scientists don't want to discourage fish consumption. People on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River eat fish probably more toxic than anywhere else on the Great Lakes, he said, yet have a death rate from heart disease that is 80 percent of Quebec's average.

"Fish is very healthy food," Gibson said.

The scientific debate and public health warnings have not affected one whit the lifestyle of Ray Cummins, an avid Lake Michigan fisherman and salmon eater who lives just off the shore in Ludington, Mich.

Cummins is a guinea pig in another Michigan study to find out how long PCBs stay in the bodies of Lake Michigan fish eaters (The answer is 10 years and running.)

He has a detailed analysis of his blood: 23 parts per billion of PCBs, 29 parts per billion of DDT.

"No, I'm not afraid to eat the fish," Cummins said. "You'd have to live in a glass house and wear a white sock over your face to be safe in this world."

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Tesoro, a Lubbock-based group, hopes to make it big in Latin music.

Tesoro seeks treasure from Latin music field

When you think of Spanish treasure what comes to mind? In the '90s, Spanish treasure is the group Tesoro (translation: treasure), and treasure just about sums up their debut album with Warner Discos (translation: records).

Tesoro is the first group to be released on Warner Discos, a new Spanish language record division of Warner Bros. Inc.

The group was formed by lead singer Joe Trevino Jr. of Lubbock, Texas. Joe came to prominence with the group Excelencia. After much thought, he decided to leave the group in early 1990 to form his own group.

It was only after four months of auditions that Joe was satisfied that he had found the best musicians for his new group that would later become Tesoro. He only wanted members who would be truly dedicated to the group and the music that they would be playing.

They began to practice and play engagements in the West Texas area and developed into the outstanding group they are today.

Little did they know they would be discovered at the warehouse where they practiced by the father of producer Billy Stull.

It was only a coincidence that Tesoro was discovered by Stull. He had been working with Warner Bros., doing some research and trying to locate artists who could be part of the new Latin music division.

Stull's father had heard the group practicing at a warehouse near his home in Lubbock. He informed them that his son was

doing some work with Warner Bros. in Latin Music. After the group submitted a demo tape, the rest is history.

Tesoro is based in Lubbock, which is the home of Buddy Holly. After signing with the Warner Discos label, the group traveled to Clovis, N.M., to record at the Norman Petty Recording Studios, the same studio that produced Buddy Holly, Trini Lopez and the first Tex-Mex band known as the Fireballs.

Holly sold millions of records before he died in the tragic plane crash in Iowa which also claimed the life of tour mate Ritchie Valens of "La Bamba" fame.

Tesoro's single release of "En Mi Soledad" and "No Puedo Yo Creer" received major air play on radio stations across the U.S. The album *Tesoro* was released on Oct. 15.

Currently Tesoro is preparing for their second release of "No Me Conoce" in February.

Producer Stull had already been behind the board for the huge Norteno hit from Los Huracanes del Norte, *El Ranchero Chido*. It is evident that he is no stranger to hits in the Latin music market. He has discovered and produced Tesoro, which will be a glimmering treasure to this market.

Tesoro has a unique sound that will attract and interest a broad spectrum of listeners. Their album even includes an English song, "Phantom," written by Stull as a salsa with a bit of a rock feel to it. Tesoro has laid down a superb Tex-Mex groove with an international edge.

Square House Museum to present two operas

PANHANDLE - Amarillo Opera and Amarillo College, assisted by an Amarillo Area Foundation grant, will present two comic operas Sunday, March 1, at 3 p.m. in the Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle.

Both operas were written by Amarillo Opera Outreach Director Gene Murray. Murray has been in TEXAS for 14 summers and has played Uncle Henry for the last 10.

The first opera, *Whirligig*, is a folk opera based on an O. Henry story. It features soprano Mila Gibson, artistic director of Amarillo Opera; tenor Jerry Perales, music director of TEXAS; and bass Gene Murray.

Gibson last appeared at the museum in Panhandle when she and artist Pan Eimon presented *Primary Colors* in tribute to Ralph Randal.

The music for *Whirligig* was written to sound like folk music from the hills of Tennessee, where the story takes place. A couple comes down from the hills to get a divorce. The fact that there isn't a divorce ceremony available complicates the story.

The second opera, *Dear Doctor*, was written by Murray for Jerry Williams, who has played Tucker Yellwell in TEXAS for the last 25 years.

Williams plays the part of the doctor who has a visit from a bored, rich lady with imaginary ills, played by Kathy Kendle, a leading mezzo with Amarillo Opera.

Racnell McDonough, pianist,



(Courtesy Photo)

Kathy Kendle, left, and Jerry Williams perform a scene from 'Dear Doctor,' one of two comic operas to be presented March 1 at the Square House Museum in Panhandle by Amarillo Opera and Amarillo College.

will accompany both operas.

"Both operas are in English and were written especially so people who think they don't like operas might change their minds," Murray said.

Mrs. Frank Robinson, BRAVO!

area representative, was instrumental in bringing the Amarillo Opera Outreach production to Panhandle.

"BRAVO! is the membership organization for Amarillo Opera. We have several BRAVO! members from Panhandle and the surrounding

area, and we would like to encourage more of our neighbors to experience the thrill of opera," Mrs. Robinson stated.

Admission to the Square House Museum and the opera performance is free.

Turntable tips

By The Associated Press

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2. "To Be With You" Mr. Big (Atlantic)
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4. "Diamonds and Pearls" Prince and the N.P.G. (Paisley Park)
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10. "Finally" Ce Ce Peniston (A&M) - Gold
11. "Can't Let Go" Mariah Carey (Columbia)
12. "The Way I Feel About You" Karyn White (Warner Bros.)
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5. "Is It Cold in Here" Joe Diffie (Epic)
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7. "Dallas" Alan Jackson (Arista)
8. "That's What I Like About You" Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
9. "The Whiskey Ain't Workin'" Travis Tritt (Warner Bros.)
10. "Mama Don't Forget to Pray for Me" Diamond Rio (Arista)
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5. "Can't Let Go" Mariah Carey (Columbia)
6. "Save the Best for Last" Vanessa Williams (Mercury)
7. "Your Song" Rod Stewart (Polydor)
8. "Good for Me" Amy Grant (A&M)
9. "I Fall All Over Again" Dan Hill (Quality)
10. "Somewhere, Somebody" Aaron Neville (A&M)
11. "I Can't Make You Love Me" Bonnie Raitt (Capitol)
12. "I'll Get By" Eddie Money (Columbia)
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12. "These Three Words" Stevie Wonder (Motown)
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14. "Keep It Comin'" Keith Sweat (Elektra)
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Rural communities finding it's harder to attract and keep medical doctors

By MARK JEWELL
Associated Press Writer

ST. JOHN, Wash. (AP) — Every day, Leah Layne asks if there's a doctor in the house.

The answer is nearly always the same for the health administrator trying to lure physicians to the Columbia Basin. Like many of her colleagues, Layne finds it difficult to attract doctors to an area where salaries are lower, equipment is older and lifestyles are different than in urban areas.

The search has taken her years into the future.

Layne recently encouraged an Othello high school graduate to follow through on her interest in a medical career and eventually return to her hometown to practice. She also courted an interested medical student from Southern California.

But she needed to fill two vacancies immediately. She expects it will be nearly 11 years before the high school grad can become a physician and six years before the medical student can serve.

She persists under the belief that any candidate is worth chasing.

"I'm ready to do anything," said Layne, the Othello-based executive director of the Columbia Basin Health Association. "I've been in this business 18 years, and I've never before felt my efforts have been so fruitless."

In the state's northeastern corner, a 20-bed hospital at Metaline Falls has been closed three years for lack of doctors. Residents now rely on a smaller clinic 10 miles away at Lone, where a physician's assistant based at Colville fills in a half-day each week.

George Kubota, a Metaline Falls hardware store owner who heads the area hospital association, said recruiting has become a battle because so many rural communities are in the hunt.

"Everybody wants a doctor, that's part of the problem," he said.

A few communities are finding success through ambitious recruitment drives. But in most, finding physicians willing to move to rural areas has become acute.

Two-thirds of the areas with physician shortages in the nation are in rural America, said Jeff Human, director of the federal Office of Rural Health Policy.

Those doctors that do start up rural practices often leave after a few years because of high case loads, long hours and little vacation, Human said.

"There is a big problem with physician burnout in rural areas," he said. "The nature of rural practice is you can't get away from it. You go down the grocery aisle and run into many of your patients. Often they'll be telling you their symptoms in the checkout line."

Steven Meltzer, the director of the Area Health Education Center's Eastern Washington office in Spokane, attributes the shortage to the retirement of many family doctors who entered practice in the 1950s, often in rural areas.

The issue is critical for rural communities, where populations in recent decades have declined or not grown. Families, particularly with small children, won't move to town if health care is a long drive away, said Dr. Gordon McLean, administrator of Whitman Hospital and Medical Center at Colfax.

"Economic development depends on the existence of a health care system," McLean said.

In recruiting, rural hospitals that emphasize family medicine find it impossible to match the financial power and prestige of large urban hospitals where high-technology medicine

is a staple. Money can be a big issue for a recent medical school graduate anxious to retire a student debt.

"It's an issue of the competitiveness of the market and being able to match salaries and benefits," Meltzer said.

The rural lifestyle is another barrier. Many married doctors decide against starting rural practices because spouses can't accept the change of lifestyle, McLean said.

Some point to a medical education system more tailored to specialized, urban medicine rather than general practice in a rural setting.

Despite the obstacles, some rural communities still manage to recruit and keep doctors.

One is St. John, a town of 499,

where Dr. Hans Gahler retired in the mid-1980s after 29 years. Jim Howell Sr., a farm implement dealer who had helped recruit Gahler back in the 1950s, joined two others to lead a new search.

Howell found it much more difficult in the 1980s than in the 1950s. Seven candidates who visited town each turned down offers to practice.

"We had nearly given up," Howell recalled. "We had tried for two years."

Then Dr. Kim Mellor, a Spokane native recently out of medical school, dropped by town one day in 1988. Within hours, as word of the unplanned visit spread through St. John, community leaders gathered

enough people to pack the local

gymnasium and stage an impromptu welcome luncheon. Only those at work in the fields were missing.

After the visit, church leaders, the Chamber of Commerce and others wrote letters thanking Mellor for stopping by. The recruiters offered Mellor a special deal on a house and other incentives.

The salary guarantee wasn't much, but Mellor was suitably impressed.

"I feel like I could have carved a niche anywhere, but people in St. John really needed me and showed they needed me," Mellor said.

Today, the 36-year-old doctor and partner Richard Holmes have a bustling practice that serves three

towns — St. John, Endicott and Colfax. Their new clinic was completed a year ago next door to the Colfax hospital.

And the hospital — which a few years ago was in danger of becoming a limited-care facility — is thriving. Area voters have overwhelmingly approved a series of bond issues the hospital needed to get back on its feet financially. Childbirth and other services have been expanded.

"St. John just set the standard for any community in need of a doctor," McLean said. "They would turn out with enthusiasm and a commitment to saying, 'We need a doctor and we're going to appreciate and support you.' To recruit a rural doctor, you have to do that."

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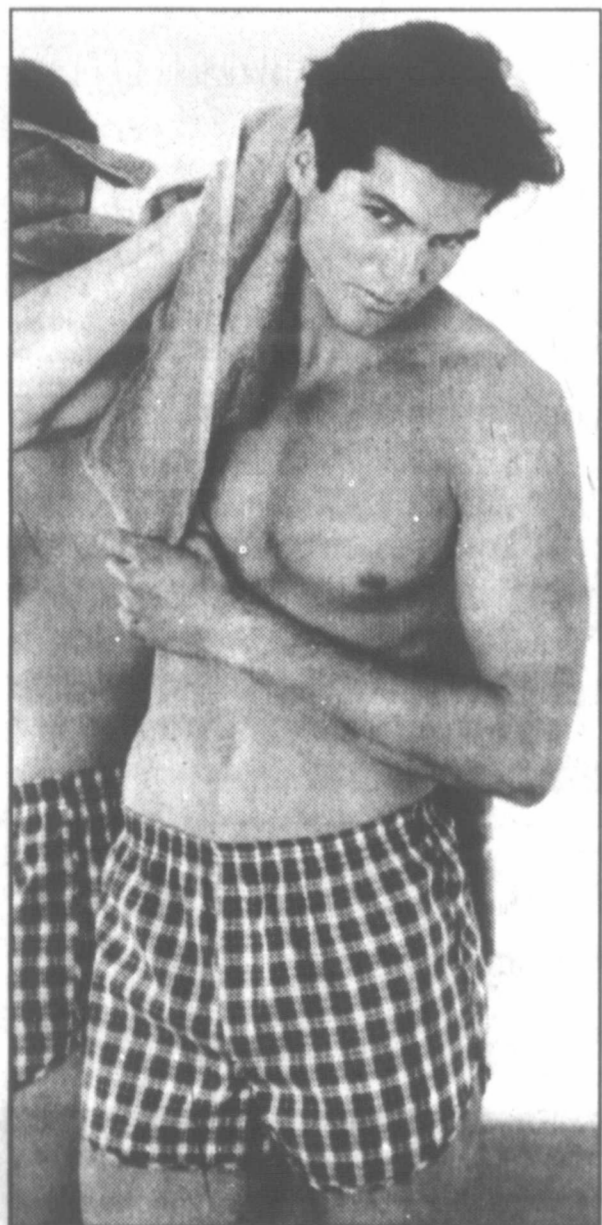
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New Hampshire primary enters 12th season as maker of presidents

By ADOLPHE V. BERNOTAS
Associated Press Writer

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The New Hampshire Leap Year Follies and Revue — the quadrennial presidential primary — is in its 12th season.

Reveled and praised, it has produced presidents since 1952.

Promoters of the leadoff primary see it as New England democracy at its best — voters trudging through the New Hampshire snows to Norman Rockwell-type town halls to pick presidents.

Detractors censure the state's primary as giving too few voters in an unrepresentative state with few minorities too much say in electing the world's most important leader.

But over the past 40 years, no candidate who lost the New Hampshire primary has become president, and every candidate who went on to become president was a winner here first.

No other primary in any other

state has a flawless record.

The primary actually goes back 76 years.

Through 1948, though, voters chose only delegates to the national nominating conventions. A straw poll on presidential preference was added in 1952.

Since then, the process has been refined. The delegate distribution now reflects the number of votes the candidates win.

And New Hampshire's primary voters have been regularly serving as political barometers, rewarding persistence and springing surprises.

In 1968, Lyndon Johnson barely defeated Eugene McCarthy in the Democratic primary here. The meager margin and the prospect of a similar embarrassment in Wisconsin drove the president out of the race.

That same year, a poor New Hampshire Republican response prompted Michigan Gov. George Romney to drop out while a strong showing by Richard Nixon pro-

pelled him toward his political comeback.

In 1972, New Hampshire was the beginning of the end for Maine Sen. Edmund Muskie. He was damaged by an emotional outburst in a snowstorm as he defended his wife against unflattering editorials.

Muskie beat South Dakota Sen. George McGovern in the primary, but his narrow margin of victory was seen as a sign of weakness.

The primary used to be held on the second Tuesday in March, Town Meeting Day, offering visiting reporters postcard clichés of quaint voters discussing presidential politics around potbellied stoves.

But other states tried to steal New Hampshire's spotlight with their own primaries. State law now automatically leapfrogs New Hampshire's primary ahead of any other.

Here's a brief look at primaries past:

Republicans in the 1952 primary

rejected "Mr. Republican," Ohio Sen. Robert Taft, in favor of Dwight Eisenhower. Democrats, resenting Harry Truman's lukewarm interest and late entry into the primary he described as "eyewash," chose Tennessee Sen. Estes Kefauver.

Truman decided not to run for another term and in the general election, Eisenhower beat Adlai Stevenson, who had edged out Kefauver for the Democratic nomination.

In 1956, Eisenhower won unopposed on the Republican side while Kefauver crushed a Stevenson write-in effort but later lost the nomination to the Illinois governor.

Four years later, New Hampshire Democrats gave their neighbor from Massachusetts, Sen. John Kennedy, an easy victory over Chicago ballpoint pen maker Paul Fisher. He went on to defeat Nixon in the fall.

Lyndon Johnson, who became president when Kennedy was assassinated, won the Democratic primary

in 1964 and went on to win the election.

Republicans rejected Barry Goldwater, who would become the GOP nominee, giving the victory to Heary Cabot Lodge's write-in effort.

Four years later, Johnson campaigned from the White House with New Hampshire establishment Democrats running a write-in effort.

Insurgent Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy waged an anti-war campaign against Johnson and came within 4,000 votes of the presidency.

Johnson's victory was so unconvincing that to this day some persist in believing he lost the primary, even though he polled more votes. He announced he would not seek another term.

Johnson's vice president, Hubert Humphrey, went on to win the nomination, only to be trounced by Nixon, who had beaten Nelson Rockefeller in the New Hampshire GOP primary.

In 1972, Nixon won the New Hampshire primary over California Rep. Paul McCloskey and went on to defeat McGovern in the general election.

In 1976, outsider Jimmy Carter beat Arizona Rep. Morris Udall in the Democratic primary. On the Republican side, President Ford defeated Ronald Reagan but went on to lose the White House to Carter.

Carter won the 1980 primary over Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, but lost the general election to Reagan, who had beaten George Bush in New Hampshire.

The 1984 Democratic primary went to Colorado Sen. Gary Hart over Walter Mondale, but the nomination was won by Mondale. In the general election, Reagan easily won a second term.

The last primary went to Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis. Bush succeeded Reagan as the Republican winner and crushed Dukakis in November.

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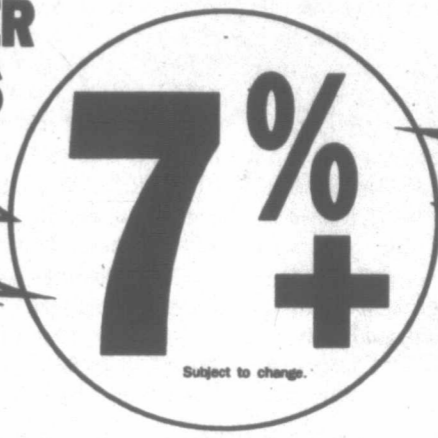
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Primary elections near for Texas candidates – if the courts are willing

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) – Unless courts intervene, Texans will begin casting absentee ballots for the March 10 primaries on the day after New Hampshire voters hold the nation's first presidential primary of the year.

The "no excuses" absentee voting period opens Wednesday and runs through March 6, said Tom Harrison of the secretary of state's elections division.

Harrison said 7,841,902 voters were registered as of Jan. 1, with the final total for the primary not expected to be tallied until this week.

The state is appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court over a Senate redistricting plan imposed by a three-judge federal panel. In addition, an inquiry into one of the three, U.S. District Judge James Nowlin, was ordered last week by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after allegations that Nowlin improperly allowed a Republican lawmaker to work on the new map.

Despite the courtroom maneuvers, election preparations are moving forward.

Voters will determine party nominees for one Railroad Commission seat, three spots each on the Texas Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Also, candidates will be chosen in the 30 congressional districts Texas was awarded after the 1990 census and in the 15 State Board of Education districts.

But most of the attention will be focused on the top of the ballot, where presidential candidates are listed.

President Bush, who calls Houston home, appears unlikely to find much trouble in his adopted state.

"I think the president is extraordinarily strong," said Fred Meyer of Dallas, the state Republican chairman.

Meyer noted that neither of Bush's main rivals, TV commentator Pat Buchanan and former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, has done much campaigning in Texas.

Buchanan, in fact, isn't scheduled to make any appearances in the state until March 6. Duke scheduled, then postponed, an appearance and now doesn't plan to show up until Feb. 27.

"Texas is a big state, and they obviously do not have an organization on the ground. They don't have money for significant campaigns," Meyer said.

So Bush should enjoy the inside track for all 121 Texas delegates to the Republican National Convention that's being held in Houston.

Party rules call for an essentially winner-take-all system, with 90 delegates apportioned based on balloting in the 30 congressional districts and 31 from the statewide vote total. A candidate topping 50 percent in each district and statewide wins all

delegates available. "I believe the president will carry each congressional district, the state and win all the delegates," Meyer said.

Texas Democrats will send at least 214 delegates to their New York convention. The total may go higher, depending on how many Texas congressmen attend, said Jim Boynton, primary director for the state party.

Of the 214, Boynton said, 127 will be apportioned to candidates directly from the primary vote. Another 43 will be selected through the precinct-county-state convention system. The remaining delegate slots go mostly to Democratic National Committee members, elected and party officials.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton has made the strongest effort in Texas and leads among the few delegates already committed.

An Associated Press survey of Democratic National Committee members showed Clinton with seven, Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin with two and three officially uncommitted.

Clinton visited Texas early and has been back often. Land Commissioner Garry Mauro was an early backer. Clinton also has been endorsed by more than 40 state lawmakers and the state's largest teacher group, the 95,000-member Texas State Teachers Association.

Harkin has appealed to organized labor, and Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey won a key early endorsement when he picked up the backing of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Neither former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas nor former California Gov. Jerry Brown have much presence in the state so far.

There are few races this year for statewide office. Neither Texas U.S. Senate seat is up for grabs, and the major state posts won't be open until 1994.

Heading the list of seven statewide races is Railroad Commission.

Democrat Lena Guerrero, appointed to the post by Gov. Ann Richards, is seeking election to a full six-year term. She faces one primary opponent, State Board of Insurance employee David Young of Austin. Ms. Guerrero reported raising \$742,000 in the July-December 1991 period, while her opponent reported no contributions.

On the Republican side, former Austin mayor Carole Keeton Rylander and Dallas oilman Barry Williamson are waging a spirited race. Ms. Rylander served as a spokeswoman for Republican gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams in 1990, while Williamson touts his experience with the U.S. energy and interior departments.

Three incumbent Texas Supreme Court justices – Democrats Oscar

Mauzy and Jack Hightower, and Republican Eugene Cook – want re-election.

Mauzy is unopposed in the primary, while Republicans Craig Enoch of Dallas and Charles Ben Howell of Dallas are seeking to challenge him.

Cook likewise is unopposed, as is Democrat Rose Spector, who will face him in November.

Hightower drew a primary opponent, E. Paul Banner of Greenville.

Two Republicans, George Barbary of Dallas and John D. Montgomery of Austin, want the GOP nomination for Hightower's seat.

Three incumbent judges on the Court of Criminal Appeals – Democrats Charles F. Baird, Morris Overstreet and Fortunato "Pete" Benavides – all are seeking re-election.

Baird faces Sam Paxson of El Paso in the Democratic primary,

while Republicans will choose Joseph Devany of Dallas or Jim Vollers of Austin for the Place 1 race.

Overstreet is being challenged in Place 2 by Democrat Eugene Kelly of Universal City. On the GOP side Sue Lagarde is the lone candidate and will advance to the general election.

Benavides is unchallenged for the Democratic Place 3 spot, with Republicans Ed Gray of Dallas and

Lawrence Meyers of Fort Worth seeking the nomination.

The Libertarian Party also plans to field candidates in a number of general election races but will nominate them by convention. "We decided not to add to the \$10 million burden Texas taxpayers will bear for the Republican and Democratic primaries," said state chairman Joe Barnett of Fort Worth.

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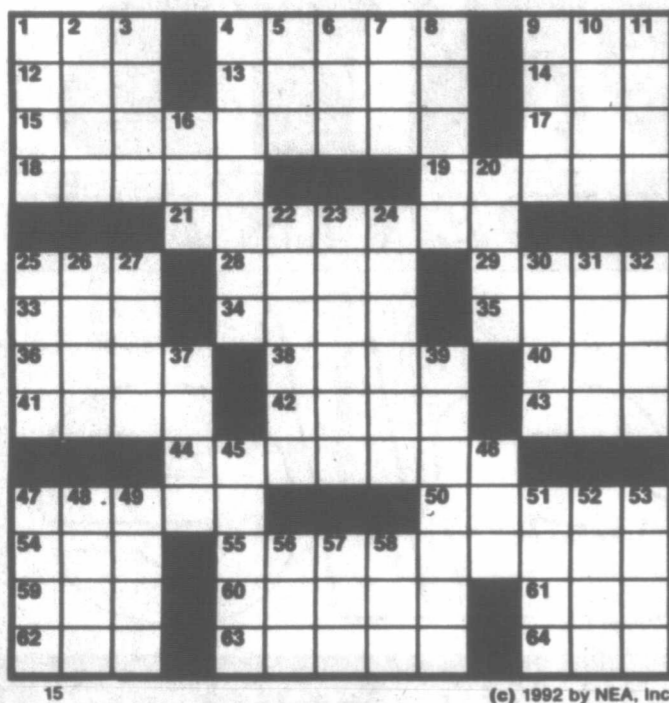
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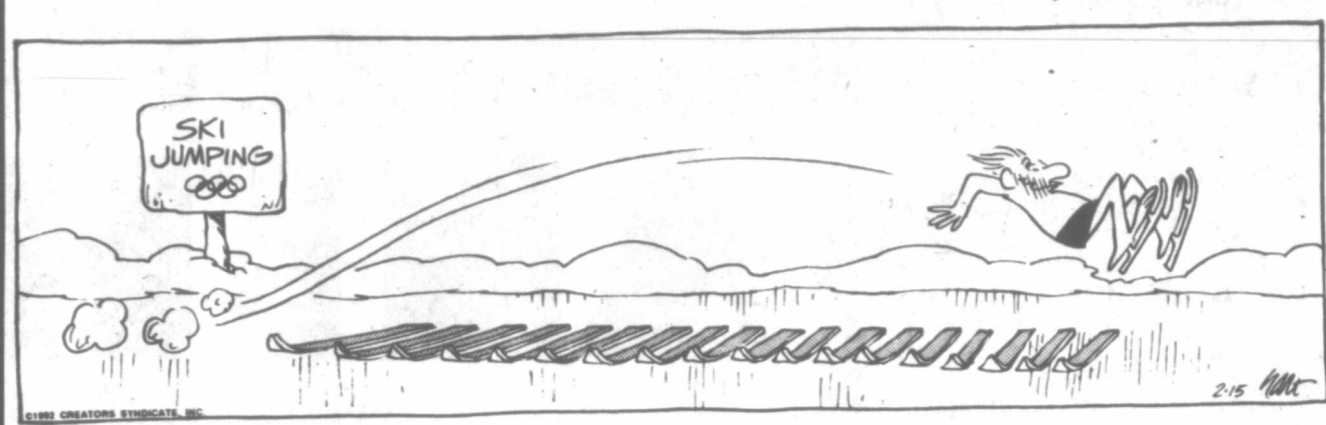
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) If possible, speculative involvements should be avoided today. Lady Luck may be working on behalf of your position and, without her help, you might not be able to make things work on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually, you're inflexible once you have arrived at a decision. But today you could be influenced by an individual whose will is stronger than yours and whose desire is to do something counterproductive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you want others to be supportive of your efforts today, you must praise their participation rather than pick them apart. Criticism could cost you allies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may not be too skillful at managing your resources today, and perhaps even less so if you attempt to handle the affairs of another. Don't create complications you can't resolve.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Circumstances might prevent you from following your agenda today. Letting your emotions rule your behavior will only make matters worse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might have to deal with an individual you dislike today. However, you can operate effectively — if you don't turn the event into a grudge match.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If your friends want to do something today that you can't presently afford, try not to let your ego get in the way — unless, of course, your pals are prepared to pay your share.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A difficult objective is achievable today, provided you don't make it even more difficult than it actually is. Unfortunately, there's a chance you might do just that.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might be faced with a critical development today that is similar to one you recently handled with success. You used your reasoning powers then, but this time you may employ your emotions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Tactics that worked well for a friend might not be applicable in your case today. If they aren't modified to suit your needs, they may not be effective.

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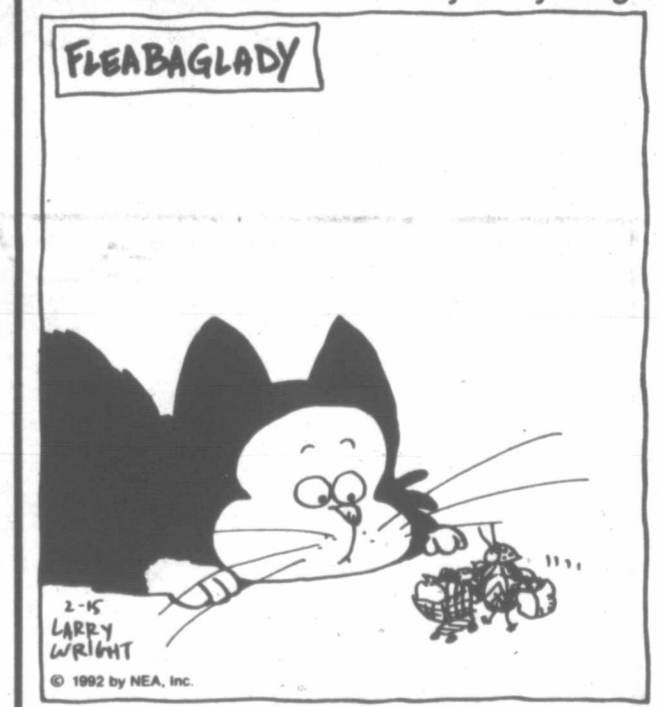
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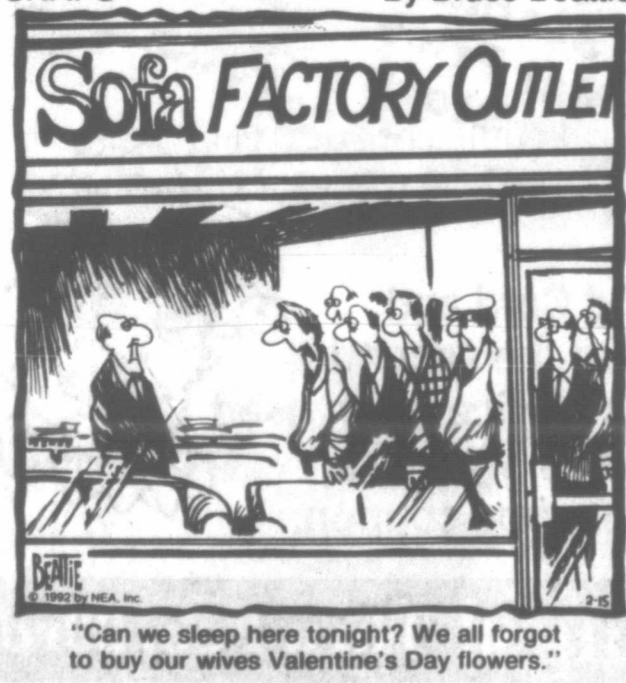
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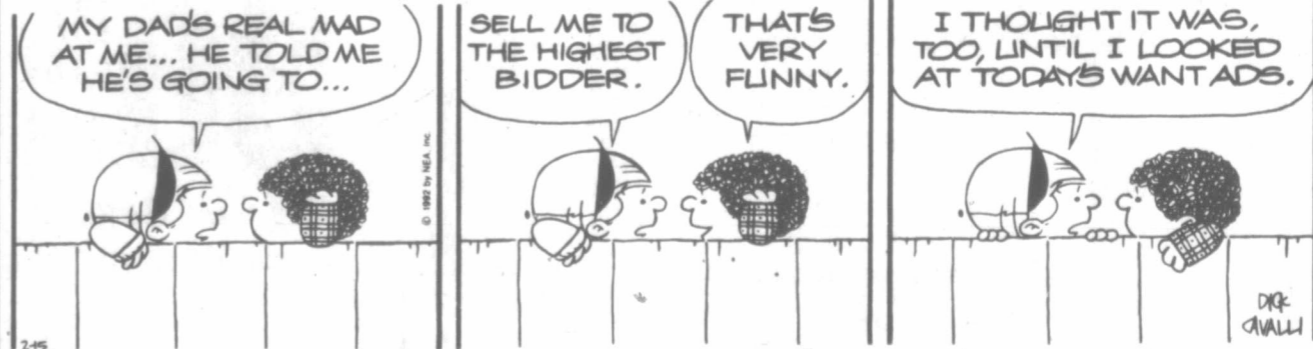
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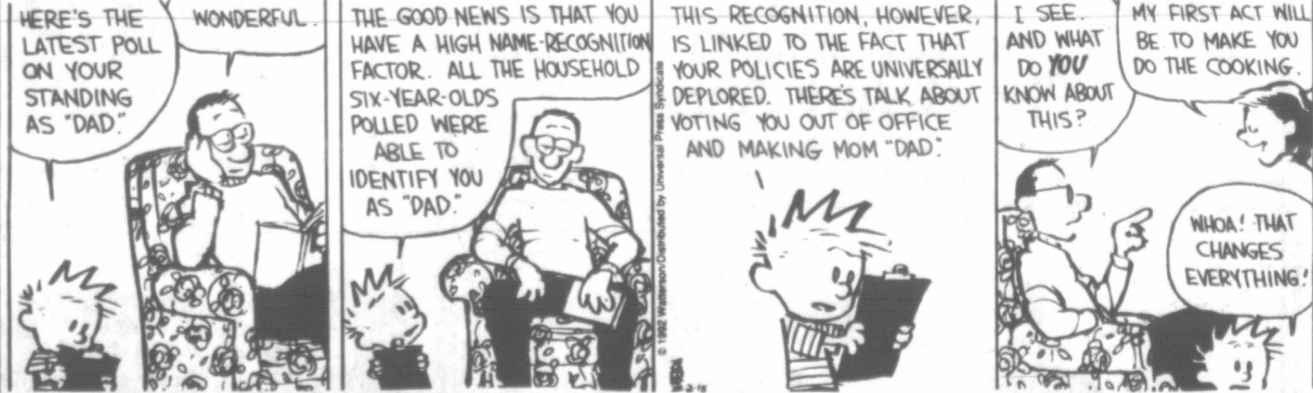
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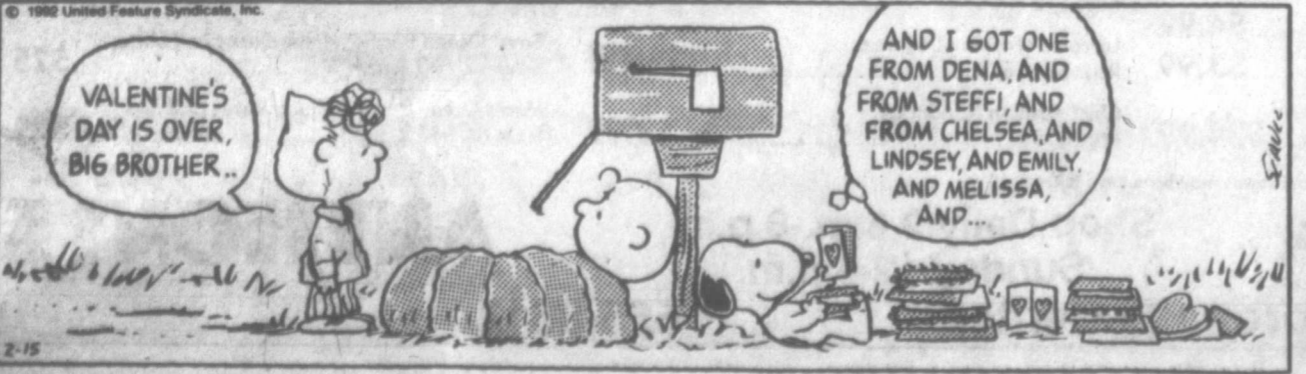
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Smokeless tobacco use growing fast among American teenagers

By RAY FORMANEK Jr.
Associated Press Writer

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — When 17-year-old Todd Dittman must lose weight before a wrestling match, he puts wads of snuff between his cheek and gum.

"It's a good substitute when you can't eat because you're trying to make your weight," says Dittman of Blacksburg, a senior at Clay-Battelle High School. "I don't think it hurts me at all. But I haven't been using it that long. I'll quit before I get cancer."

A classmate, senior Shawn Tennant, 17, says he "rubs" smokeless tobacco to relax.

"I use it whenever I get nervous or anxious about something. It calms me down," Tennant says. "Some people have a candy bar. I rub tobacco."

The use of chewing tobacco, snuff and other smokeless tobacco products among the nation's teenagers has been increasing at an alarming rate in recent years, says Elbert D. Glover, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at West Virginia University.

Gary Smith, principal at Clay-Battelle, estimated that 40 percent of the boys enrolled in grades 7-12 at the school use smokeless tobacco. Dittman and Tennant estimated that 80 percent of the senior boys at the school chew tobacco or dip snuff.

Glover, director of the school's Tobacco Research Center and a leading health researcher on the

product, says receding gums and white leathery patches inside the cheeks of many young tobacco chewers are the first inklings of a mouth cancer epidemic within the next 15 years.

"We don't have a lot of problems yet, but it takes about 25 years of tobacco use for cancer to manifest," Glover says. "My estimate is that between 2000 and 2005, mouth cancer is going to take off if we don't do something about smokeless tobacco use right now."

An estimated 12 million Americans regularly use snuff, twist, plug and other types of smokeless tobacco, Glover says. It is chewed, sucked or, in a finely ground form, inhaled into the nostrils.

Such usage disturbs Betty Marsee of Reading, Ohio. Her son, Sean, was in his senior year in high school in Talhina, Okla., when he died of mouth cancer that his doctors attributed to snuff.

"He thought it was just a canker sore," Mrs. Marsee said in a telephone interview from her home near Cincinnati. "I'm a registered nurse and I know it wasn't a canker sore. A head and neck surgeon told him the next day that it was cancer."

Marsee died in February 1984, nine months after doctors diagnosed his cancer and removed much of his tongue, cheeks, lymph glands, facial nerves and arteries and all of his right jaw.

"I don't think he ever tried to quit," said Mrs. Marsee, 55, who now speaks to about 9,000

schoolchildren each year about the dangers of smokeless tobacco.

"My husband had died the year before from heart problems related to smoking, so Sean never smoked," she says. "But if you live in Oklahoma, you know that 75 percent of the kids in school use smokeless tobacco."

"Kids think they're going to live forever. Unless they have someone they can relate it to, they don't listen when you tell them they can get sick and die of cancer if they use the stuff."

West Virginia ranked first in smokeless tobacco use in a 1988 federal survey of the health behaviors of people living in 36 states and the District of Columbia.

About 20 percent of adult men living in West Virginia reported using some form of smokeless tobacco, according to the study. One-third of the men living in one isolated county reported using it.

More than 30 percent of the users were between ages 18 and 24, according to the survey.

"No one even comes close to West Virginia in terms of smokeless tobacco use," Glover says.

The cancer risk makes the high rate of smokeless tobacco use by children especially disturbing to Glover.

About 16 percent of 4,230 randomly selected West Virginia students in grades 5-12 reported chewing tobacco in a 1989 study conducted by the state Department of Education.

Among the boys in the study, 29

percent of the 7th, 8th and 9th graders and 39 percent of the 10th, 11th and 12th graders said they were regular users. About 1 percent of the girls in each group said they had tried a pinch between their cheek and gum.

The study also found the mean age for trying smokeless tobacco was 10. More than half reported that they were regular users by the time they reached 11.

In a 1988 national survey of college students, 22 percent of the males and 2 percent of females reported that they had used smokeless tobacco in the previous month.

"We've seen tons of problems in younger people, especially in this area," says Dr. Kathleen Schroeder, an oral biology researcher and associate director of West Virginia University's tobacco center.

"We've even seen preschoolers whose parents have put a little bit of snuff in their mouth to suck on," she says. "It's considered a folk remedy for teething. It numbs the gums."

Glover says smokeless tobacco use causes stained teeth, bad breath, tooth sensitivity, cavities and gum recession. Other consequences include tooth loss, addiction, irritation of the mouth, and tongue tissue and cancer.

Research has shown that snuff or chewing tobacco delivers 10 times more cancer-causing substances to the bloodstream than cigarettes, Glover says.

And an average pinch of snuff or chewing tobacco pumps three times

more nicotine into the body through the lining of the mouth than the average cigarette delivers through the lungs, according to Glover.

The nicotine jolt speeds the heartbeat, raises blood pressure and contributes to heart disease and arteriosclerosis, researchers say.

Mark McHale, a spokesman for the Smokeless Tobacco Council, a trade group based in Washington, D.C., challenged Glover's findings, saying they had not been proven.

"The only response the council has to make is that smokeless tobacco has not been scientifically established to cause any disease whatsoever, including oral cancer," McHale says.

The council represents snuff and chewing tobacco manufacturers, including Brown and Williamson Corp., Conwood Co., L.P., Helme Tobacco Co., National Tobacco Co., The Pinkerton Tobacco Co. and U.S. Tobacco Co.

A 1986 report on smokeless tobacco by former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop found that the substance caused cancer and was highly addictive. An independent review of Koop's report by the Institute of Medicine, a private group of physicians based in Washington, D.C., reached the same conclusions.

"The evidence on smokeless tobacco is solid," says Jack E. Henningfield, chief of clinical pharmacology research at the National Institute of Drug Abuse in Baltimore.

About 30,000 new cases of mouth cancer were reported last

year in the United States, according to Louis Sullivan, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources.

Only 51 percent of mouth cancer patients survive five years, Sullivan says.

A Federal Trade Commission report to Congress last year indicated that smokeless tobacco sales in this country increased to 1164 million pounds, 2 million pounds more than the total sold in 1988.

Smokeless tobacco sales soared in the late 1960s and early 1970s after the serious health consequences of smoking cigarettes became widely accepted, Glover says.

Advertisements featuring major league ballplayers, professional football players and rodeo stars boosted sales through the mid-1980s. Smokeless sales were down in 1986 and 1987, after the government tightened controls on smokeless tobacco advertising and required that health warnings be put on packages.

But the industry has rebounded and registered annual increases since 1988, Glover says.

School officials in West Virginia and other states are using pamphlets, presentations, suspensions and even padding to persuade their students to quit using snuff and other tobacco products.

A new West Virginia law which went into effect Jan. 1 prohibits tobacco use by anyone on school property, including administrators, teachers and coaches.

Types of smokeless tobacco, and danger signs to check

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — There are two types of smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco.

Snuff is cured, ground tobacco available in three varieties. Dry snuff has the color and texture of cocoa. Moist snuff is cut longer and typically sold in a round tin and plastic can. Sachet is moist tobacco in a pouch that resembles a tea bag. It also is sold in round tins or plastic cans.

Chewing tobacco is available as loose-leaf tobacco, which consists of shredded leaves dipped in a flavoring such as molasses and typically sold in a 3-ounce pouch; plug tobacco, which is compressed tobacco marketed as a small brick; or twist tobacco, which is merely long leaves twisted to resemble a long piece of rope.

When a user "dips" or "rubs"

snuff, he or she takes a pinch or sachet and puts it in the groove between the cheek or lip and gum.

The tobacco absorbs saliva and the user uses his tongue to press the tobacco against the lower lip to squirt tobacco juice into the mouth.

A tobacco chewer stuffs the cheek with a "chaw" or "quid" of loose-leaf, plug or twist tobacco. The user usually doesn't actually chew the tobacco. The tobacco is sucked instead and occasionally bitten down on to release juice and flavor.

The juice is either spit out or swallowed.

Users of smokeless tobacco should watch for early signs of mouth cancer, according to the American Cancer Society and Elbert D. Glover, director of the Tobacco Research

Center at West Virginia University.

Using a mirror in good light:

• Check your face and neck for lumps on either side. Both sides of the face and neck should be the same shape.

• Look at your lips, cheeks and gums. Look for sores, white or red patches or changes in your gums by pulling down your lower lip. Check your inner cheeks, especially where you hold your tobacco. Gently squeeze your lip and cheeks to check for lumps or soreness.

• Put the tip of your tongue on the roof of your mouth. Place one finger on the floor of your mouth and press up under your chin with a finger from your other hand. Feel for bumps, soreness or swelling. Check around the inside of your teeth from one side of your jaw to the other.

• Tilt your head back and open your mouth wide. Check for color changes or bumps or sores in the roof of your mouth.

• Stick out your tongue and look at the top. Gently grasp your tongue with a piece of cloth and pull it to each side. Look for color changes. Feel both sides of your tongue with your finger for bumps.

You should conduct this check once a month. If you find anything that looks or feels unusual see your dentist or doctor as soon as possible.

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Agriculture

Humans still battle insects in crop confrontations

By DONALD SMITH
National Geographic
For AP Special Features

BELTSVILLE, Md. — We have met the enemy, and it has six legs.

In the Battle of Southern California, it is the tiny sweet-potato white fly, which devastated the region's fall vegetable crops — the latest struggle in the long-running war between humans and insects over food.

The news from the front is not all good.

"I guess the insects are winning," concedes Douglass R. Miller, head of research for the Systematic Entomology Laboratory at the U.S. Agriculture Department's research center here.

As much as 95 percent of the fall melon crop in California's Imperial Valley was lost last year to swarms of white flies so thick that they plastered windshields and lodged between farmworkers' teeth.

Other crops were savaged by the hungry creatures as well: citrus fruits, grapes, sugar beets, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, squash, cabbages and carrots.

With winter settled in and the insects retired from the field, scientists are using the cease-fire to figure out what to do next. Their first job has been to determine what they're up against.

"We suspect the white fly was introduced into the United States from somewhere else, and has no effective natural enemies here,"

Miller tells *National Geographic*. "There is also a remote possibility that it's something that changed into a whole new biotype once it got here, though we doubt that in this case."

A new biotype would be an insect that belonged to the same species (that is, it could mate with others and produce offspring) but would have different biological characteristics because of mutation or reorganization of genetic material.

These characteristics could be passed to successive generations, resulting in a new breed of insect that is impervious to existing insecticides or capable of overcoming natural resistances that have been built up in plants.

"In the case of the sweet-potato white fly, we're working very hard to try to find differences in appearance, and as yet we have not been able to find any," says Miller. "But there are some major differences in some of the enzyme systems, and in terms of behavior."

Such clues are eagerly sought, as farmers and environmentalists alike increasingly demand less reliance on chemical pesticides such as DDT — banned in this country since 1971 for all but essential uses — to control bugs.

One promising approach to controlling insects such as the white fly is to find "good" bugs to wipe out "bad" ones.

"Most crop-damaging insects



(National Geographic photo)

The pistol on Utah farmer Tim Munns' hip does him little good as migratory grasshoppers descend upon him and some recently baled hay.

and weeds in the United States came from somewhere else, but left their natural enemies behind," says Richard Soper, who heads the Agriculture Department's research program on natural pest controls. "We want to turn the tables on the pests by bringing their worst adversaries to this country."

In 1991, U.S. Agriculture Department scientists overseas shipped a record 402,766 pest-fighting insects and mites into the United States.

The bugs are aimed at helping control more than two dozen insect pests, as well as weeds, another enemy of agriculture.

Bugs are not released wholesale into the U.S. environment without careful study to ensure that they don't cause more harm than they were intended to alleviate.

Another method of attack is to help nature itself as it tries to keep marauding insects in check through plant evolution.

Over centuries of exposure in Europe, for example, rye has developed a genetic hostility toward a rye-loving insect known in this country as the Hessian fly.

The pest is believed to have been brought into the United States more than 200 years ago in the straw bedding of Hessian mercenaries hired by the British to fight in the Revolutionary War.

George Washington routed the Hessians at Trenton, N.J., but their flies have plagued American wheat fields ever since.

Wheat varieties that genetically resist the feeding larvae have been used to fight the bug, says entomologist J.H. Hatchett, who heads an Agriculture Department research team in Manhattan, Kan. But some of those genes are losing their effectiveness because new strains of the fly can overcome the plant's resistance.

Hatchett's team is trying to assist the plant's natural defenses by transferring fly-resisting genes from rye to wheat, with the help of X-rays.

"We feel there's a possibility that, in the long run, rye genes may be more durable than those in wheat," Hatchett says.

"My personal view is that we should be looking toward the natural controls rather than chemical controls," says Douglass Miller. "But I do believe we'll always be using chemicals of some sort, because there are going to be organisms that we don't know enough about."

In agriculture

Joe VanZandt

FORAGE SYMPOSIUM

Farmers and ranchers are reminded of the Forage Management Symposium on Tuesday, Feb. 18, in Amarillo.

The all-day conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Timely information on developing a total management program for native grasses, Old World Bluestems and sorghums is planned.

Speakers include experts in agricultural economics, range management and brush control, grazing and production systems, ruminant nutrition and entomology. This will be a comprehensive program designed to help area farmers and ranchers develop year-round forage management systems to fit their individual operations.

WHEAT PASTURE BLOAT

With wheat rapidly growing and there being some trouble with cattle losses on wheat pasture, I thought a reprint of an article I first ran ten years ago would be appropriate at this time. This information has not changed and I have not heard of any recent studies on wheat pasture bloat.

Wheat pasture forage with a high percentage of water leads to frothy bloat and grass tetany. Dr. B.A. Stewart, soil scientist at the USDA Conservation and Projection Research Laboratory at Bushland, and three other researchers determined this in a three-year study in Texas and Oklahoma.

Frothy bloat and grass tetany usually cause 2 to 3 percent death losses on wheat pasture on the Southern Great Plains. This is bad enough, but sometimes losses jump up to 20 percent.

Stewart says most severe losses occur in the spring after a cold winter when the soil is wet and temperatures rise fast. Under these conditions, wheat plants take up a lot of water and nutrients. This increases the level of potassium in the forage to above normal levels, which can cause grass tetany. The percentage of carbohydrates decreases, which in turn increases chances of bloat.

Stewart and his USDA co-workers, Drs. D.D. Grunes, Ithaca, N.Y.; A.C. Mathers, Bushland; and F.P. Horn, El Reno, Okla., determined nitrogen (N), potassium (K), calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), phosphorus (P), and total non-structural carbohydrates in wheat pasture forage at Bushland and El Reno for three winters during the mid-70s.

They found that N, P, K and water content of forages increased about two weeks earlier than growth increased yield of dry matter. This condition was at its worst at El Reno during the spring of 1978. The winter had been so wet and cold that forage samples could not be collected from Jan. 12 to March 14. Then it warmed rapidly, causing ideal growing conditions. The N and K in the forage increased dramatically. The K increased from 2 to 4.5 percent in two weeks. Unfortunately, Mg and Ca did not increase rapidly. This increased the ratio of K and Ca and Mg up to 5.0, which is very hazardous to lactating cows. Ratios above 2.2 are considered dangerous, according to Stewart.

The scientists found also that N in forage increased rapidly under these conditions. High nitrogen in forage leads to increased concentration of fatty acids. This caus-

es foam formation in the rumen, which results in bloat.

In looking over all of their data, the scientists noticed a common denominator. When conditions leading to grass tetany or bloat came about, wheat forage contained a high percentage of water. In other words, measuring dry matter in the forage would be a good indicator for the hazard of grass tetany and bloat.

Although studies were not conclusive, Stewart and the other scientists think that wheat forage that has at least 25 percent dry matter is safe. There is some hazard when dry matter ranges from 18 to 25 percent. If dry matter drops below 18 percent, there is a good chance that bloat and grass tetany will be a problem.

The scientists advise people with cattle on wheat pasture to watch for weather conditions leading to rapid growth after a cold spell and take the following precautions. Lactating cows should be put on other pasture, and young calves and feeder cattle should be fed some hay or other dry feed. Feeding cattle molasses salt blocks with the anti-foaming agent, poloxalene, will decrease the chances of bloat. These precautions should be continued until wheat growth slows and dry-matter content of the forage increases. Be sure and follow label directions on the product you decide to use.

WHEAT PASTURE POISONING

Another problem that can occur is wheat pasture poisoning. This most commonly occurs in adult cattle such as cows — rarely occurring in stocker cattle. This is not to be confused with bloat and/or nitrate poisoning which does commonly occur in stocker cattle grazing wheat pastures.

Wheat pasture poisoning is also known as grass tetany and generally is caused by deficient levels of magnesium in the diet.

Cows are particularly susceptible to tetany when nursing a calf or producing milk. Sometimes pregnant animals die from the condition. Older cows are more susceptible than those with their first or second calves. Also, cows that are herded or worked may be more susceptible to the disease.

Grass tetany is common during cool, cloudy and rainy weather; and often occurs when cool weather is followed by a warm period. Animals get grass tetany most often when they are grazing cool-season grasses or small grain pastures in spring or fall.

To aid in prevention, animals can be fed a supplement of special high-magnesium mineral blocks or mineral salt mixtures.

Throughout the high-risk period, a minimum of 10 grams of magnesium should be given to beef cattle every day. For beef cows nursing rapidly growing calves, 20 to 25 grams is better.

Adding magnesium sulfate to drinking water is helpful. Some diarrhea may occur, but this has not been a problem. Magnesium acetate or magnesium chloride may be used instead of magnesium sulfate. To be effective, the drinking trough must be the only source of water.

If you are having problems, I recommend you work with your local vet on management practices for your individual situation.

Forage management symposium to be in Amarillo

AMARILLO — On Feb. 18, scientists with Texas A&M, Texas Tech and the USDA Southern Plains Research Station (Woodward, Okla.) will present a symposium targeted to managing forage production systems.

Livestock producers, farmers and ranchers in Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas are encouraged to attend the program which begins at 8:30 a.m. and adjourns at 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo W. Blvd.

"It's the first time we have organized an in-depth program dealing specifically with the unique and varied forage options in the High and Rolling Plains," says Dr. Brent Bean, Texas Extension Service agronomist at Amarillo.

Symposium sessions are free and open to the public. Each segment will be geared to fit a total management system for forage production and pasturelands.

The conference will hear speakers cover a broad range of topics that will include grazing and production management, haying, cattle performance and utilization of other grasses in a comprehensive production system.

Phil Sims and William Berg of USDA's Oklahoma Southern Plains Research Station will open the program with a joint discussion on management of Old World Bluestems. Bill Pinchak, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Vernon, will provide sound management principles developed for native grasses.

Jerry Matches of Texas Tech will review forage sorghums focusing on yield and stover quality. Dave Hutcherson, Texas A&M's ruminant nutritionist, will present an overview on supplements for native and improved pastures.

Extension Service economist Steve Amosson of Amarillo will highlight profitability assessments of grazing systems and J. F. Cadenhead,

a TAEX range and brush control specialist from Vernon, will review brush control practices developed especially for the region. Carl Patrick, Extension Service entomologist of Amarillo, will address management of pyrethroid resistant horn flies.

The symposium will feature a comprehensive program designed to help area farmers and ranchers develop year-round forage management systems to fit their individual operations.

Exhibits will be open until 4 p.m. Area agricultural companies joining Amarillo Globe News and KGNC Radio in sponsoring this event include: ACCO Feeds, American Cyanamid, Boehringer Ingelheim, Cargill, Conlee Seed Company, Elanco, Godbold, High Plains Seeds, Hi-Pro Seeds, Hoffmann LaRoche, Merck, Pfizer Inc., Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Rhone Poulenc, Syntax Animal Health, Warner Seed Company and Western Vet Supply.

Ostriches catch on as lucrative alternative

By ELLIOTT MINOR
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — They are cheaper to raise than cattle. Their meat has the taste of beef, but not the cholesterol. And their hides can be stitched into \$1,200 boots and \$8,000 jackets.

Ostriches, the nation's latest alternative agricultural craze, are attracting droves of investors willing to stick their necks out on a bird that can't fly.

"We see a very lucrative business," said Suzanne Shingler, who raises ostriches on an 800-acre farm near Albany in southwest Georgia. "I think eventually Europe and the world in general will be looking to the United States for skins, feathers and meat."

Georgia breeders organized a state ostrich association last month and the number of U.S. farms raising the long-necked, big-eyed birds is going up.

Ostriches are the biggest birds in the world. They are native to the deserts and plains of Africa. Males can reach a height of 8 feet and weigh up to 345 pounds.

What they lack in flying ability they make up for in footwork: Powerful legs and a 15-foot stride give them a top speed of 40 mph.

Scientists are studying the birds in Louisiana, Georgia, Oklahoma and Texas. Because of technological

advances, breeders believe the United States has the potential to replace South Africa as the world's leading supplier.

Ostriches are valuable for their hides, feathers and meat. But the ostrich population in the United States, estimated at 10,000 to 20,000 on about 2,000 farms, is still too small to support tanneries and slaughterhouses.

And because of the bird shortage, ostriches are worth more alive than dead.

A pair of breeding birds cost \$45,000 to \$60,000; 3-month-old chicks sell for about \$3,000. Ostrich hens lay an average 50 eggs a year, each worth about \$1,000.

Producers think there should be enough ostriches in five to eight years to support a market for meat, hides and feathers.

"We're still trying to get the population up there," Susan Adkins, director of the American Ostrich Association, said in a telephone interview from her Fort Worth, Texas, office. "There is an established market for our products."

Texas is the largest producer, though there are ostrich farms in many other states, including Washington, California, Maine and Florida.

Ostrich hide is used to make 1,500 briefcases, \$8,000 jackets and boots that sell for up to \$1,200. Each bird produces about \$80 worth

of feathers, which are useful in making feather dusters. Some Las Vegas showgirls wear ostrich feathers and little else.

The meat has the texture and taste of beef, with a little fowl taste mixed in. It is lower in cholesterol and fat and higher in protein than beef.

The Cuyama Buckhorn restaurant in New Cuyama, Calif., a rural town about 150 miles northwest of Los Angeles, has been selling ostrich burgers since last summer. The burgers sell for \$6.95 with french fries and salad.

"The response was overwhelming," said Dave Rogers, manager and head cook.

Ostrich ranchers say the birds are more profitable than cattle.

A cow has a calf in nine months. The calf, slaughtered after about a year, yields up to 550 pounds of beef, plus a hide.

A pair of ostriches lay from 30 to 100 eggs a year. If only half survive, ranchers still get more than 20 birds. They yield about 100 pounds of meat each at 14 months, plus hides that are more valuable than cow leather.

In Louisiana, the number of producers has grown from about 50 last year to about 100, said Rosilyn Goodson Williams, a poultry specialist with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service in Baton Rouge.

North Rolling Plains RC&D Council offers grant research

Grant research of funding sources for local projects is being offered by the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council. The service is available free of charge to sponsors of the RC&D Council.

The grant research will review all possible funding sources for your specific project. This will include federal, state and private foundation sources. A list of possible funding sources will be provided along with

information on how to contact those sources and develop a grant proposal.

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Names in the news

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Kline's shortcut through a decrepit, gang-ridden neighborhood in Grand Canyon angered Inglewood officials, who want the movie's producer to apologize.

In the movie, Kline's character is threatened by a gang of hoodlums when his car breaks down in the Los Angeles suburb. A tow truck driver played by Danny Glover rescues him.

"They automatically assume that if somebody is stuck out there, they're going to be robbed, beaten or worse," Mark Sinagaglia, president of the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, said.

Andrea Jaffe, a spokeswoman for producer 20th Century Fox, did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump has asked a court to bar ex-wife Ivana from talking about her life with him.

Trump lawyer Jay Goldberg asked an appeals court last week to reinstate a gag order that forbade Mrs. Trump from talking publicly about life with The Donald.

That gag order was part of a divorce contract the couple submitted to state Supreme Court Justice Phyllis Gangel-Jacob last year.

But the judge — acting on her own — removed it from the final decree, saying it infringed on Mrs. Trump's right to free speech.

The judges reserved decision.

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony Bennett, who has recorded 91 albums and won two Grammy Awards, says he has the "get-up-and-go of some-

one just starting."
"I always tell people, 'Stay busy — don't ever stop, because it's like cashing in,'" Bennett, 65, says in Sunday's *Parade* magazine.

His 45-year career includes such hits as "Blue Velvet," "A Stranger in Paradise" and "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese media have called a halt to reports about Crown Prince Naruhito's search for a bride.

Public interest is high about his love life, or lack of it.

But the imperial palace — angered by a magazine story suggesting Naruhito needed a new haircut — asked the Newspaper Publishers and Editors Association to consider the privacy of the women Naruhito may consider.

The association said the news blackout — which affects all major Japanese newspapers, news agencies and broadcasting companies — will last three months.

The 31-year-old crown prince has been under pressure to find a wife following the 1990 marriage of his younger brother, Prince Akishino.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — NFL coach Jerry Glanville's latest move is from the sidelines of his Atlanta Falcons' games into a TV studio.

Glanville will appear with the country music group Confederate Railroad in the group's music video, "She Took It Like a Man."

The coach became a fan when the band performed in the Atlanta area recently, Atlantic Records

spokesman Kevin Lane said.
Lane said Glanville's role has not yet been determined.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pop star Michael Jackson, on a tour of Africa, has been phoning home to check on whether powerful storms pounding California have threatened his Santa Barbara area ranch and its menagerie of animals.

So far, both have been unscathed, spokesman Lee Solters said.

Jackson's spokesman quoted an unidentified neighbor as commenting that it was lucky the animals weren't threatened because "evacuating them all would have meant a 1992 version of Noah's Ark."

Storms moving in off the Pacific Ocean have been drenching the state, sending rivers, creeks and streams over their banks.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly 3,000 homeless people sent a giant Valentine's Day card to Frank Sinatra to thank the entertainer for contributing thousands of dollar bills handed out each Sunday on Skid Row.

"One heart simply isn't enough to hold our feelings for you," the 3-foot card says.

The signatures were collected during the past three weeks by the Rev. Maurice Chase, who hands out the \$1 bills contributed the past five years by Sinatra and other celebrities.

"A lot of Sundays he's helped me out, and a lot of other people, too," 41-year-old Lester Blankenship said as he signed his name. "We all look forward to the Dollar Man."

A spokeswoman for Sinatra, who was in Las Vegas, said he would look forward to receiving the card.

Credit check for student college loans criticized as unfair to poor

By TAMARA HENRY
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some educators and lawmakers fear that students will be denied the college education they need to get good jobs under a measure that, ironically, is designed to help some 2 million jobless Americans.

The law that extended unemployment benefits for an extra 13 weeks last November included a provision requiring students over 21 to undergo credit checks when applying for federally guaranteed student loans.

Students would pay \$25 for the credit checks, designed to weed out borrowers who are likely to default on the loans.

The provision drew little attention when the \$2.7 billion jobless bill was passed, but it's now being attacked by those who say it will prevent thousands of low-income students from going to college or trade schools.

"The greatest irony is that many unemployed workers who are helped by one part of the law will now be ... denied the education and training they need to get a job," said Stephen J. Blair, president of the Career College Association.

Supporters hope the provision will prevent some costly loan defaults. But critics believe the credit reports will block students from qualifying for loans because most have low incomes with poor or inadequate credit histories.

The White House Office of Management and Budget estimates the government can save between \$15 million and \$25 million through the credit checks and another requirement that older students with poor credit histories have co-signers on federally guaranteed student loans.

But David Carle, an aide to Illinois Sen. Paul Simon, said the Congressional Budget Office has estimated the savings to be negligible.

"To believe that we can save money to provide unemployment compensation by denying people the chance to go to college is the most shortsighted policy I can imagine," Simon told members of the Senate last week.

Simon and Rep. William Ford, D-Mich., are leading efforts to rescind the provision before the Education

Department finalizes rules later this summer to start the credit checks.

Simon plans to offer a bill to repeal the measure when the Senate begins debate this week on reauthorizing the Higher Education Act.

He believes a more useful tool in dealing with student loan defaults is another provision that authorizes guaranty agencies or the Education Department to garnish up to 10 percent of a student's wages if he or she defaults on a loan.

In citing the need for the credit reports, the Bush administration said the cost of student loan defaults has grown from \$151 million in 1981 to an estimated \$2.7 billion last year.

But Charles Saunders of the American Council on Education said the purpose of the guaranteed student loan program "is not to loan money only to the people who are going to pay it back."

"It's to take risks and give people a chance. To say you need a credit check is to put more obstacles in front of precisely the people who find it most difficult to get a loan," said Saunders, whose group represents 1,400 universities and colleges.

The overall default rate of Guaranteed Student Loan participants has risen to nearly 17 percent but it is substantially higher for trade schools — 27 percent. That concerns some operators of trade schools.

James L. Combs and James Forsythe of the American Transportation Education Centers Inc. said more than 60 percent of the students who graduate from their two truck driving schools in Missouri and Ohio wouldn't qualify for a student loan under the new provision.

Combs and Forsythe think that would be unfortunate because 86 percent of their enrolled students graduate and 90 percent of the graduates are helped to get jobs that pay \$25,000 a year or more.

Simon said he's also concerned about the possibility that erroneous credit reports might wrongly cause a student to be rejected for a loan they needed for their education.

A recent study by Consumers Union found 49 percent of all credit reports contain errors and problems with erroneous credit reports are now the No. 1 consumer complaint made to the Federal Trade Commission.

Pilots who bombed Libya and youth who flew to Moscow: Cold War heroes

By CHARLES WHITESIDE

The Soviet Union is history; it died of natural causes. As we watch the formation of a new commonwealth composed of several former Soviet states, we marvel at the dramatic changes and wonder how it could happen. What caused the break up? How could such a drastic restructuring happen without bloodshed? The Russian bear became a pussy cat overnight.

First and foremost, communism (socialism) doesn't work. It never has and never will, but two very important events are being overlooked or ignored.

The first of these events occurred in the spring of 1986. U.S. planes bombed Libya. As our pilots were attacking, Libyan forces were countering with Soviet-built SAM's (surface to air missiles). Our radar-jamming techniques were 100 percent successful; the SAM's fell into the sea without a single hit on U.S. planes. Our only loss was to anti-aircraft fire.

This showed an imbalance of

power in favor of America that the Soviets were not previously aware of. Surely Kremlin leaders must have been greatly disturbed. With what could they defend themselves if we attacked? They were relying very heavily on SAM's that proved worthless.

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The second event came only about a year later, when a German youth, Mathias Rust, flew a light plane (Cessna 172) 500 miles inside the Soviet radar curtain and landed in Red Square. The iron curtain, previously thought impenetrable, was pierced by a 19-year-old in a small civilian airplane. Rust did the world a great service that military people could not have done.

If a military plane from the West had tried this, it would have caused an ugly confrontation, and if unsuccessful, would surely have meant the pilot would have been blown out of the sky as the Korean airliner was.

Since Soviet missiles could not destroy U.S. planes, and Soviet radar leaked and let a plane fly to the very heart of Moscow, the Soviets knew they could not continue iron-fisted control over Eastern Europe and the Baltic States if the U.S. opposed them. They also knew that Ronald Reagan was the most hawkish president America had had in many years.

Surely these events must have caused many sleepless nights for Mr. Gorbachev and his close associates. When the Eastern European states began to try to break away, the Soviets were reluctant to exert their power. Soon after, several Soviet states began to revolt and the U.S.S.R. gradually crumbled.

True, there were other factors important to this process, but let's give credit where credit is due. The pilots that bombed Libya and Mr. Rust should be decorated heroes of the Cold War.

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He wipes Soviet Union off the globe

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A lone man, armed with 400-grit sandpaper, wiped the Soviet Union off the face of the globe Friday.

"Having been born in the generation of the Cold War, this is kind of fun," said cartographer Richard Rogers, reaching up from a perch on his ladder to change the National Geographic Society's giant world globe.

The globe in the society's headquarters displays the world to thousands of school children, tourists and other visitors annually. And it stands as a symbol of the intricate maps compiled and published by the Geographic.

The Soviet Union won't be replaced by the Commonwealth of Independent States, the general term for the collection of new nations replacing the former Communist monolith.

Instead, the globe will simply show the independent nations that are rising from the breakup of the Soviet Union, said spokes-

woman Barbara Hand Fallon.

"I guess this is the first time in history, at least of our lives, that we've seen 17 new nations born all at once," said Rogers. "It's kind of a momentous occasion."

In addition to the breakup of the Soviet Union he was also dividing Yugoslavia into three parts.

The 11-foot diameter, 1,550-pound globe was completed in late 1988, replacing an earlier version that needed almost no changes in its years on the job.

Geographic officials also are updating their world atlas. When it came out at the end of 1990, they were proud of the fact that they had managed to include the merger of East Germany and West Germany. Now more than 70 maps in the volume have to be updated just to remove the name Soviet Union, Ms. Fallon said.

Changing the massive globe is the first public step, and Rogers was hard at work, sanding off old names and putting on new ones.

First the globe finish is sanded to roughen it a bit, using that fine 400-

grain sandpaper. Then the new borders go on, automobile striping tape following outlines that Rogers cuts from computer prints.

The new names are printed in reverse on paper, using sticky transfer ink. Rogers presses the paper against the globe and transfers the names of countries and cities by rubbing them with his thumbnail.

Then come several coats of automobile clearcoat sealer.

Friday morning, Turkmenistan was the first new country on the globe, arriving at 9:07 a.m. CST. Uzbekistan followed just seven minutes later and Georgia had joined them by 9:30 a.m.

Rogers, who places names and capital cities by eye, was asked if he ever makes mistakes.

"We have our critics," he said. "Sometimes they're right and sometimes they're wrong."

Then it was time to start on the big name. His right hand reached up from the perch, the sandpaper scraped, the cameras whirred and clicked, and the SOVIET UNION became the SOVIET UNI.

Business inventories rose 0.4 percent in December

WASHINGTON (AP) — Business inventories rose 0.4 percent in December, including a 1.2 percent buildup on the retail level despite the Christmas shopping season, the government reported Friday.

At the same time, the Commerce Department said, business sales fell 1.7 percent, the sharpest decline since a 2.2 percent plunge in December 1990. Sales had remained unchanged in November.

The difference boosted the inventories-to-sales ratio to 1.53, meaning it would take 1.53 months to exhaust the backlog at the December sales pace. It was the highest since April 1991 when it registered 1.54.

A large increase of inventories in relation to sales could cause growing production cutbacks and job lay-

offs as businesses attempt to sell of their backlog.

But analysts do not consider the ratio to be dangerously high. Economists at Fuji Securities in Chicago say the average inventories-to-sales ratio for the last 40 years is 1.54. It topped 1.70 in the severe recessions of 1974-75 and 1981-82.

And the Commerce Department reported on Thursday that retail sales had picked up 0.6 percent in January, which some analysts said could begin to reduce inventories and spur production.

The report said inventories totaled a seasonally adjusted \$817.4 billion, up from \$813.9 billion a month earlier. It was the fourth straight increase.

Sales totaled \$533.5 billion after

seasonal adjustment, down from \$542.8 billion in November, when receipts were unchanged from the previous month.

The 1.2 percent jump in retail inventories in December followed a 0.1 percent advance a month earlier. Manufacturing inventories, on the other hand, fell 0.5 percent following a 0.1 decline in November. Inventories on the wholesale level were up 1.3 percent after rising 0.5 percent a month earlier.

Despite the holiday shopping season, retailers' receipts advanced just 0.1 percent in December and were flat the previous month. Manufacturing sales dropped 3.8 percent after edging up 0.1 percent in November. Sales on the wholesale level slipped 0.1 percent after a 0.4 percent decline.

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Reloading: Carbohydrates can replace fuel a dedicated athlete burns

By IRA DREYFUSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — If your muscles have worked very hard, give them their reward — treat them to dinner.

A high-carbohydrate spread is just what your body needs to replenish the glycogen your muscles used up during exercise, experts say.

Glycogen is your muscles' prime fuel source. The starchlike substance is stored directly within your muscle fibers. But if you do aerobic exercise for up to an hour and a half, you can run through most of it, said researcher William M. Sherman of Ohio State University.

You also can run down your supplies in only 20 to 40 minutes of intense stop-and-go exercise, such as interval training in track or swimming, or even very hard workouts on an exercise bike, said researcher

Edward F. Coyle of the University of Texas at Austin.

Replacing glycogen — converting carbohydrates you eat into carbohydrates stored in muscles — proceeds at the slow pace of 5 percent an hour, said Coyle, a professor in the department of kinesiology.

"You can eat a huge meal, but what will happen is, it will sit in your stomach," Coyle said. Instead, he recommends 50 to 100 grams of carbohydrate, the equivalent of an average-size potato or two, every two hours. In a day, you should be fully glycogen charged, he said.

If you're not fully charged, you know it, Coyle said — the muscles you've been using feel like dead weights.

The researcher notes, however, that this is different than the tenderness you feel for maybe a couple of days after working hard in a new exercise. That soreness results from microtears in the muscle — the stage that kicks off the rebuilding that gives you strength.

It's best for hard-working competitive athletes to get

right to rebuilding glycogen, said nutritionist Nancy Clark of SportsMedicine Brookline, a clinic in the Boston area. Your body is most receptive to carbohydrate replacement in the two hours after you've finished exercising, she said.

She recommends juice, saying it's not only high in carbohydrates, it can start to replace the liquid you've probably sweated away.

Less-dedicated recreational athletes lose less glycogen, and therefore have less to worry about, said Sherman, an associate professor in Ohio State's school of health, physical education, recreation and dance.

Athletes undergoing moderately heavy training may go through up to 70 percent of their glycogen, while the others may burn 20 percent at most, he said.

Eating all the carbohydrates you need may not be as simple as it looks.

"People aren't very well trained in knowing what they're eating," Sherman said. "You end up with hid-

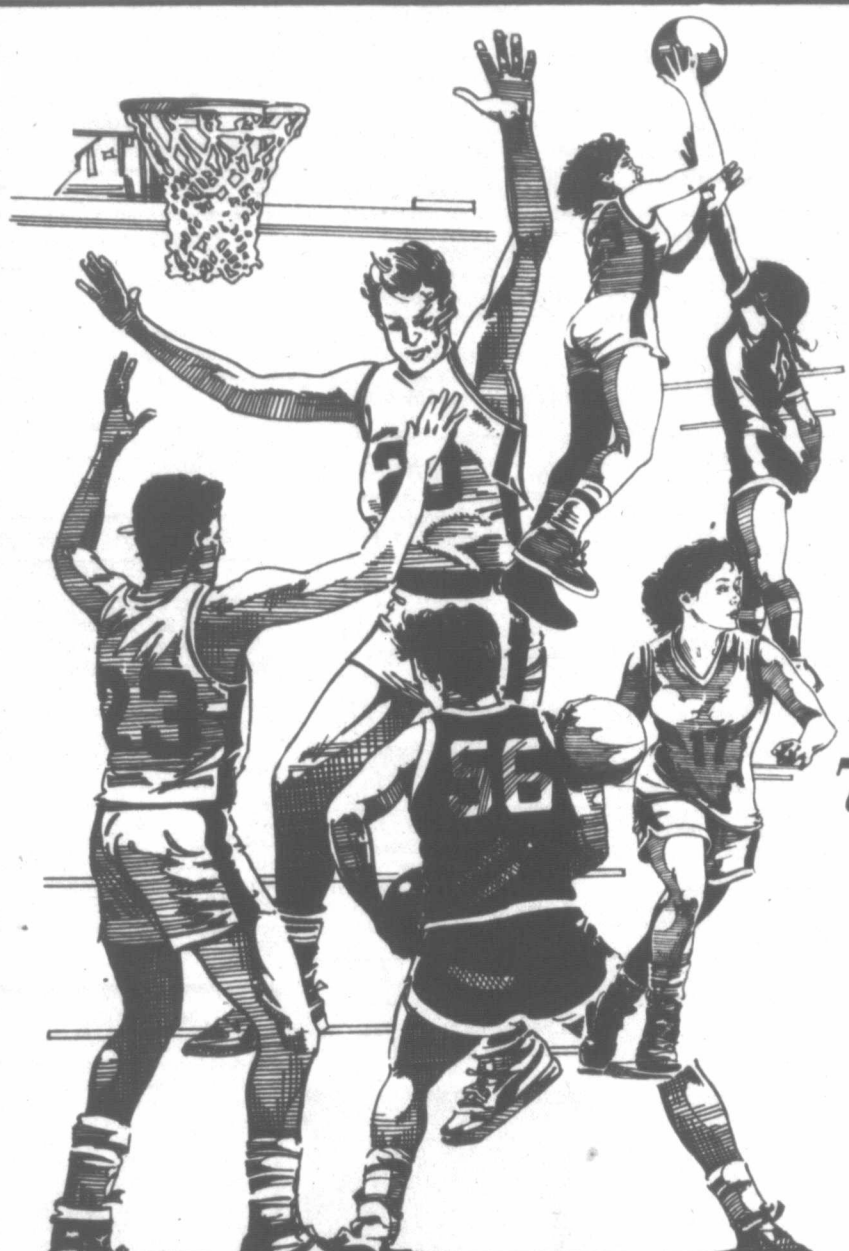
den calories coming from fat, and the kinds of things we tend to like are the ones that, because the fats are there, taste good."

Assuming athletes burn about 3,000 calories a day, they should get 60 percent to 70 percent of food calories in carbohydrates to get the approximately 500 grams they need, Sherman said.

For the not-so-hard-charging set, a normal, healthy diet and a couple of days off could give them the raw materials and the time needed to bring their muscles back to full storage, Sherman said.

These people don't have to pay special attention to their carbohydrates for glycogen replacement, but do need to have a standard healthy diet to reduce their risks of such problems as heart disease, diabetes and obesity, he said.

A standard healthy diet would break down to 55 percent to 60 percent carbohydrates, 10 percent to 15 percent protein and less than 30 percent fat, Clark said.



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