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Spirits run high

Luncheon set to celebrate prison victory

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writing

Spirits were high in Pampa on Friday as word was received that the city had again received a prison facility.

And to keep that spirit going, the public is invited to a prison celebration luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Monday at the Community Building, said Nanette Moore, chamber manager. Dyer's Bar-B-Que will cater the meal and people can make reservations Monday by calling the chamber at 669-3241.

"We're hoping everyone will come celebrate with us," Moore said Saturday morning.

Pampa initially received a 1,000-bed, medium-security unit in 1990. That facility, named the Rufe Jordan Unit, is under construction. On Friday the Texas Department of Criminal Justice accepted Pampa's offer of a large office building, donated by Hoechst Celanese. The building is planned to be used for a 300- to 400-bed pre-parole facility, officials said.

Coronado Hospital Administrator Bruce Reinhardt, said Friday. "We are excited. We had been gearing up and assuming that a 500-bed would be next on line and be opening on or around the same time as the Rufe Jordan Unit."

The hospital administrator said that in the next 30 to 60 days the hospital will be "igniting" its recruiting strategies for the Rufe Jordan Unit and once the professional personnel are identified that will be needed in the new facility, those will be added to the recruiting list.

"Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is willing to work with us to get us into the markets to tap into the professionals we will need," he said. "We're ready to get on the stick on both of these units."

The Rev. Art Hill of Zion Lutheran Church said, "This will give us a chance to give back to the state some of the things we benefit from by being part of the state."

State Rep. Warren Chisum estimated Friday that Pampa will get 150 jobs and from \$3 million to \$5 million in salaries from the addition.

Wayne Stribling, owner of Wayne's Western Wear, said, "Anytime we have that many more jobs come to town, it's got to help in putting that much payroll into the community. I'm very

excited about the fact that we were able to just get another prison. I think it's a big plus for our town and I hope this is just the beginning of a lot of good things."

Pampa Mall Manager Wanda Talley, said she believed the addition would be a big plus for Pampa. "I do think that it will entice new business to come in," she noted.

Martin Riphahn, owner of First Landmark Realty and manager of Coronado Shopping Center, said it was "excellent" that Pampa had received another facility.

"I don't see how it can help but help the economy in every way. People are going to have to have houses to live in; they are going to have to have food and clothing and other essentials," Riphahn said.

Gary Gattis, president of the Downtown Business Association, said, "I'm excited. What kind of economic boosts have we had over the course of the last 10 or 15 years, besides human tragedy (Celanese explosion), the prison and white oil?"

"Everything is a step forward. My entire board of directors of the Downtown Business Association supported the proposal. We are excited and behind it. It's a step in the right direction that all of us have been betting our lives on," Gattis said.



Cody Dyer, right, tells his kindergarten teacher 'Miss Pat' Stucker a secret meant for her ears only. Stucker was recently named the "Golden Apple Award" recipient for April because of her work with Cody.

Teacher wins special award for work with special child

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
News Editor

A grateful mother's heartfelt letter led to Travis Elementary kindergarten teacher Pat Stucker receiving KFDA-Channel 10's "Golden Apple" award for April.

The award recognizes outstanding teachers throughout the Panhandle. Recipients are spotlighted in brief television clips shown for a month after the award is given. Golden Apples are given for the nine months of the school year.

Golden Apple winners are nominated from someone in the community they serve. The nominations are then reviewed and the outstanding teacher for the month chosen.

Stucker, known as "Miss Pat" to her students, learned she had won the award on April 3. She was interviewed and videotaped by Channel 10 representatives Friday. She will be featured in these spots starting about Wednesday.

"I was very surprised," Stucker said. "I had no idea I would get it."

Shelly Dyer's letter of nomination was the determining factor in Stucker's winning the award, but she credits her mother, Judy Haynes, for giving her the idea.

"I sat down and wrote it and mailed it, I can't even remember what all was in it, but I meant every word of it," Dyer remembered. "It was October or November."

When Dyer learned Stucker had received the Golden Apple, she was "flabbergasted. I couldn't believe it!"

"Dyer felt it was important the public knew of Stucker's contributions to the classroom, particularly her work with her son, Cody, who has Down Syndrome."

"As far as I know, Cody is the first child (in the Pampa school district) with Down Syndrome who has been mainstreamed through kindergarten," Dyer said.

"That was a big step for Cody. And she's been so good. She's treated him like the other kids," Dyer said. "I wanted other people out there to know that this is possible."

"We discussed early in the year that we felt it was important that he would be treated like everybody else," Stucker said.

"There's one thing we learned. We have set high expectations for Cody and he's lived up to them."

Cody's classmates accepted him completely, Stucker added.

"I have to give a lot of credit to the other kids. If they see he's having difficulty with something, they encourage him," she said. "They've been good models for Cody."

Stucker feels much of Cody's success can also be traced to his family, his parents, his brothers and his grandparents.

"A lot depends on the child, his environment, and backing at home," she said.

Cody was born to Shelly and Shane Dyer six years ago. From the time he was six weeks old, therapists from Region XVI began to work with him.

"To me, he wasn't any different from the other boys, my nieces or nephews," Dyer said. "The people from Region XVI were amazed at his muscle tone and the way he was progressing at an earlier age than most Down Syndrome children."

"They encouraged me to treat him normally, so I did," she said.

So Cody went to Mother's Day Out, St. Matthew's pre-school, and pre-kindergarten.

But when Cody entered regular kindergarten at Travis Elementary, he presented a special challenge for Stucker, who had never taught special education children. Rather than ducking the challenge, however, Stucker took extra steps to be prepared for her new student.

"After Cody was placed in the classroom, I contacted the special education teacher to see if she could give me ideas what would be the best way to give Cody directions and to help him," Stucker said.

"She was excellent. She gave me all kinds of ideas and they worked!" she added.

"That's part of the reason I wrote the letter," Dyer said. "She took it on her own to contact Sandy Owens (special education teacher at Baker Elementary). She's also contacted Washington, D.C., to get a special reading program for the computer that Cody can use."

But Stucker cautioned that mainstreaming is not the best option for all Down Syndrome children. "This is good for him, but for the next Down Syndrome child, it may not be the right thing for them," she said.

Cody will spend another year in Stucker's room.

"I want him back in my room, not because I feel I'm the best teacher for him, but I saw him progress so far this year and I want to be a part of it next year. I'm so excited about the reading program."

Dyer said she agrees Cody should spend another year in kindergarten.

"There's no hurry. I don't want to push him too much. And I want him to have everything he needs," she said. "It seems like 'Miss Pat' brings out the best in Cody as far as learning goes."

"My philosophy is that all children can learn if given a chance," Stucker said. "It may not be at the same speed or the same level as other children."

"A teacher finds what motivates them to learn. That's why I'd rather call myself a motivator. Hopefully, I motivate them to want to learn."

Runoff two days away

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

In just two days, a field of four Gray County sheriff's candidates narrows to two when voters go to the polls in Democratic and Republican runoffs.

Democrats Ken Kieth and Randy Stubblefield are vying for their party's nomination to the general election ballot in November.

Incumbent Sheriff Jim Free and challenger John Triplehorn seek the Republican Party's nomination.

The two runoffs became necessary after the March 10 primary election, in which Free received 1,250 votes and Triplehorn received 1,006 votes. Other Republican challengers in the primary were Fred Brown and Roy E. Denman, who tallied 1,330 votes together.

In the March 10 Democratic primary, Stubblefield received 802 votes and Kieth received 582 votes. Other Democratic candidates Lynn A. Brown and Terry L.

Cox tallied about 990 votes together.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Voters can look at their voter registration cards to determine which precinct they reside in.

Voters who did not vote in the primary can choose which party's runoff races they wish to vote in. However, people who voted in the Democratic or Republican primaries must stay in the respective primary if they choose to vote in the runoff races.

A week of early voting ended Friday in the county clerk's office with 293 Democrats and 405 Republicans casting ballots, County Clerk Wanda Carter said. Carter also said that 28 Republican and 45 Democratic mail out ballots are still not in. They will be counted if they come in the mail by Tuesday, she said.

Also on Tuesday, the Gray County tax office will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. as required by law, said Tax Assessor-Collector Margie Gray. According to Section 12.004 (c) of the Election

Code, the registrar's office must remain open for voter registration activities during the hours the polls are required to be open for voting.

In other runoff races in Gray County, Republican voters in Precinct 1 can cast ballots for Larry Joe Fulton or James H. Lewis for constable. Republican voters in Precinct 4 can vote for Joe Billingsley or Curtis Dalton for constable.

And Democratic voters in Precinct 1 can choose between incumbent Constable Jerry Williams or William B. "Bill" Tolen.

In Wheeler County, Democrats voting can cast ballots for incumbent District Clerk Patricia McNeil Guthrie or her challenger Dale Helton. The winner of the district clerk's race will face Republican Beth Alvey in the general election.

Democrats voting in Precinct 3 in Wheeler County will choose between incumbent Bryan Close and Hubert C. Moore for county commissioner.

Sign of the times



Panhandle Industrial employees, from left, Paul Searl, David Hopson, David Caldwell and Ed Taylor fix timbers at the site of the west entrance to Pampa on Saturday. The "PAMPA" sign in the back, made of aluminum, was designed and placed in the timbers by Panhandle Industrial for the Clean Pampa Inc. beautification project. Landscaping is also scheduled to be completed at the site on U.S. 60.

Lefors Council meets Monday

LEFORS - Lefors City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday to discuss items relating to the Civic Center and other business.

According to the agenda, a stage at the civic center and glass plates for the civic center will be discussed.

Other items include a discussion of a proposed \$3.25 per barrel of solid waste ordinance and a water well grant update from Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Also listed as agenda items are the fire department's tax number, law enforcement insurance policy, mower/tractor bids, mayor's report, the transfer of funds and an executive session to discuss "employee."

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Supper to benefit Skellytown man

SKELLYTOWN - A benefit pancake supper, sponsored by the Skellytown Assembly of God, is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Skellytown Community Center.

Proceeds from the supper will go toward paying medical expenses incurred by Tim Yohn

of Skellytown, organizers said.

Tickets are available for adults and for children age 12 and under.

Anyone who may not want to attend the dinner, but who wish to donate towards the fund may do so by calling 848-2939.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BARRETT, Edward L. Sr. - 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.
KEETON, Eddie - 10 a.m., Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel, Odessa.
MONDAY, Dean - 7 p.m., vigil, Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.
REGER, Frank - 11 a.m., First Christian Church, Stinnett.

Obituaries

W.R. ADKISSON

BORGER - W.R. Adkisson, 79, father of a Pampa woman, died Thursday, April 9, 1992. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Brown's Chapel of the Fountains with the Rev. Art McAninch, pastor of Fairlanes Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery by Ed Brown & Sons Funeral Home.

Mr. Adkisson was a retired operator with Phillips E&P. He was a Snyder, Okla., native and a Borger area resident for 64 years. He married Mevelyn Poston on Dec. 16, 1937, in Borger.

Survivors include his wife, Mevelyn; two sons, John of Borger and Tom of Dallas; three daughters, Barbara Jett of Borger, Phyllis Key of Sanford and Claudette Caldwell of Pampa; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

EDWARD L. BARRETT SR.

WHITE DEER - Edward L. Barrett Sr., 72, died Friday, April 10, 1992. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Monsignor Kevin Hand and the Rev. Brendan Sherry officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Home of Panhandle.

Mr. Barrett was born in Elk City, Okla., and came to White Deer from Perryton in July 1991. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He married Genevieve Toelle in 1938 at Canute, Okla. He was a service manager for several Chevrolet dealerships, and at one time was captain of the Alva, Okla., fire department.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Edward L. Barrett Jr. of Simi Valley, Calif., George Barrett of Aurora, Colo., and Randy Barrett of White Deer; three daughters, Yvonne Stearns of Guys Mills, Pa., Shirley Whisman of Wichita, Kan., and Carolyn Snyder of Panhandle; a brother, Virgil Barrett of Elk City, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

LELAND R. (BLINKY) ENTERLINE

Leland R. (Blinky) Enterline, 67, died Friday, April 10, 1992, in Amarillo. Services are set for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Enterline was born May 9, 1924, in Beaver County, Kan. He had been a Pampa resident since the early 1940s. He served in the U.S. Army for five years during World War II. In the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of War, he served in New Guinea, the Philippines, Luzon and Guadalcanal. He received four Bronze Stars. He married Ernestine Crane in Pampa on May 31, 1947. He was a farmer and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ernestine of the home; one son, Randal L. Enterline of Pampa; one brother, Gene Enterline of Lakewood, Calif.; his father, Sherman M. Enterline of Emmet, Calif.; and one grandson.

CLAYTON GOBER

LIVINGSTON - Charles Clayton Gober, 68, relative of area residents, died Thursday, April 9, 1992, in Livingston. Services were held Saturday in Livingston. Burial will be Monday at the Veteran's Cemetery in Houston.

Mr. Gober was born Aug. 30, 1923, in Mobeetie. He had lived in Mobeetie and Dumas, moving to Houston in 1956. He was a veteran of World War II. He married Betty Gillispie in 1949 in Dumas.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Melinda of Conroe; four grandchildren; a brother, Perry Gober of Canadian; two sisters, Obeda Rucker of Lubbock and Alma Goodner of Pampa.

EDDIE KEETON

ODESSA - Eddie Keeton, 70, a former Pampa resident, died Friday, April 10, 1992. Services are set for 10 a.m. Monday at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. A.D. Kyle officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Keeton was born Aug. 9, 1921, in Hillsboro. He married Barbara Martin on Oct. 9, 1965, in Hale County. He came to Odessa in 1984 from Pampa. He was a heavy equipment operator. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #966 in Pampa and the El Maida Shrine. He was of the Nazarene faith.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, of the home; three sons, Tommy Keeton of Odessa, Jack Charbonneau of Richardson and Jimmy Keeton of Spring City, Tenn.; eight daughters, Betty Ann Harkrider, Sandy Hawkins, Jeanette Keeton, Chris Ray, Ella Mae Hightower and Barbara Settle, all of Odessa, Nell Dean Williams of Easton, Md., and Shirley Settle of Tennessee; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Keeton of Lubbock; one brother, Orville Keeton of Fritch; three sisters, Bervenia Pritchett of Pampa, Ruthie Allen of Richardson and Anna Mae Williams of Oklahoma City; 24 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of the Southwest or American Diabetes Association.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 40-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, April 10

6:25 p.m. - Three units and six firefighters responded to a false alarm 16 miles south of Pampa on Texas 70.

SATURDAY, April 11

10:52 a.m. - Three units and five firefighters responded to a false alarm at Knight Lites, 618 W. Foster. A worker was steam cleaning.

2:08 p.m. - Two units and four firefighters responded on a medical assist at Texas 70 and Lake McClellan Road.

Obituaries

DEAN MONDAY

Dean Monday, 80, died Saturday, April 11, 1992. Vigil service is set for 7 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Valdez, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Monday was born on Feb. 11, 1912, in Erath County. He moved to Pampa in 1931 from Dallas. He married Nelda Shaw Still on Feb. 2, 1946, in Amarillo. He worked for Culberson-Stowers Chevrolet for about 30 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II and serving with the Seabees during the attack on Iwo Jima. He was a member of the Pampa VFW chapter and of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include his wife, Nelda, of the home; one son, R.S. Still of Pampa; four grandchildren; Pam DeLange of Meglia, Calif.; Patricia Nowles of Sacramento, Calif.; David Still of Fresno, Calif.; and Todd Still of Rancho Mirage, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society or to a favorite charity.

FRANK REGER

STINNETT - Frank Reger, 85, brother of Pampa residents, died Friday, April 10, 1992. Services are set for 11 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church with the Rev. T.L. "Bo" Midkiff and the Rev. Rob Winkler, officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery by Ed Brown & Sons Funeral Home.

Mr. Reger was born in Young County. He had been a Stinnett area resident for 52 years. He was a retired employee of Shamrock Oil & Gas. He was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include two sons, Travis Reger of Spearman and Roy Reger of Houston; two daughters, Frankie Winkler of Wheaton, Mo., and Jonnie Williams of Stinnett; two brothers, L.L. Reger and W.E. Reger, both of Pampa; two sisters, Blanche Cox and Alta Mae Haddock, both of Pampa; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucy Pride Reger, in 1977.

Mr. Reger will lie in state at Brown's Memorial Chapel, 200 W. Broadway, Stinnett. The family will be at 500 Groves in Stinnett.

MILDRED "POLLY" STANSEL

Mildred "Polly" Stansel, 72, died Friday, April 10, 1992. Graveside services are set for 1 p.m. today at Electra Memorial Cemetery in Electra with the minister of the North Side Church of Christ in Electra officiating.

Mrs. Stansel was born Feb. 15, 1920, in Elliott. She married A.D. Stansel on Feb. 10, 1940, in Electra; he preceded her in death in 1978. She had lived in the Electra area for 35 years before moving to Pampa in August 1991. She was a homemaker and a member of North Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Lake of Lefors; one brother, Foy Barrett of Pampa; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Audrey Brown, in 1991.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 40-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, April 10

Gabriel Hernandez, 515 Short St., reported a burglary of a motor vehicle at Pampa High School.

Lorene Kuhn, Amarillo, reported a theft over \$20 at 1601 W. Somerville.

Mona Heiskell, 1928 N. Christy, reported criminal mischief to a vehicle in the 1300 block of North Banks.

Emmaluce Parsley, 1101 S. Nelson, reported a burglary.

Sandy Beaver, 430 Crest, reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Pizza Hut, 855 W. Kingsmill, reported a theft.

Connie Sue Kirkland, 701 S. Barnes, reported a theft of \$20-\$200.

Thomas J. Morvant Jr., Childress, reported a burglary at 821 E. Frederic #1.

SATURDAY, April 11

Alan Lynn Craven, Box 2891, Pampa, reported an aggravated assault at Crawford and Schneider. According to a report, he received lacerations to his mouth and broken teeth.

Donna Carol Sonnier, 511 Barnes, reported an assault with injuries at 2116 Coffee. According to a report, she received contusions and abrasions to her head, arms and legs.

City of Pampa, reported a theft of \$200-\$750 at 1601 W. Somerville.

City of Pampa reported criminal mischief to a vehicle at the city park, 1600 Boyd.

State of Texas Highway Department, U.S. 60 East, reported a theft of \$200-\$750, at 1601 W. Somerville.

Arrests

FRIDAY, April 10

Martin Dale Bruer, 57, 801 E. Gordon, was arrested at the police department on 14 warrants.

Robert Swearingim, 19, Skellytown, was arrested in the 800 block of West Kingsmill on charges of no valid driver's license and no seat belt. He was released to pay later.

Richard Anthony Hill, 26, 1033 S. Dwight, was arrested at Mary Ellen and Harvester on three warrants. He was released by the municipal judge.

Robert Steven Hill, 28, 400 Perry, was arrested at Mary Ellen and Harvester on two warrants. He was released by the municipal judge.

SATURDAY, April 11

Raymond Joe Swancy, 29, address listed as 313 N. Sumner and Dallas, was arrested at 2116 Coffee on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was transferred to Gray County Jail.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 40-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Arrest

THURSDAY, April 9

Santiago Garcia Miranda, 37, no address listed, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Dena Kaye Cozart, Pampa
 Lillie M. Fowler, Pampa
 Terry Lee Gillenwater, Pampa
 Dorothy L. Holcomb, Pampa
 Eva Q. Losoya, Miami
 Mary Frances McKennon, Abilene
 Aubra Ray Nooncaster, Pampa
 Stephen Anton Urbanczyk, White Deer
 Carl Ray Allen (extended care), Pampa

Dismissals

Carl Ray Allen, Pampa
 Frank Allen, Pampa
 Glenda Louise Atwood, Wheeler
 Opal M. Cook, Skellytown
 Earnestine Faye Freeman, Pampa
 Marguerite E. Martin, Pampa
 James M. Maxwell, Borger
 Leroy Edwin Proctor, Pampa
 Herman Sanchez, Pampa
 Ernestina A. Villarreal, Pampa
 Flora Mae Jones (extended care), Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions and dismissals for Shamrock Hospital are not available on weekends because the business office is closed.

Ambulance

American Medical Transport Paramedic Service had a total of 24 calls for the period of April 3-19. Of those calls, 16 were emergency responses and 8 were of a non-emergency nature.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

TAX RETURNS - Competitive Rates. M. David Webster, 109 W. Kingsmill, 669-2233. Adv.

TAX SERVICE, Ruby Pruet, 2301 Christine, 665-0654 or 665-2636. Adv.

J. McBRIDE Plumbing, 665-1633, 669-2724 Pampa area. Adv.

C&W CONTRACTORS. Remodeling, New Construction. 665-4772, 669-2016. Adv.

VIVIAN MALONE is returning to work at Yong's Beauty Secrets. April 7, 1992. Old and new customers welcome. 669-3338. Adv.

LAWNMOWER, CHAINSAW Repair - All makes. Pickup, delivery. Radcliff Lawnmower Chainsaw Sales & Service, 519 S. Cuyler, 669-3395. Adv.

KATCH UM Bait Shop. Come see what we have. Water dogs. West on Hwy. 60, 1/2 mile, pass Price Rd. 665-4772. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH - Upstairs Spring 20-50% Off. Downstairs draw an Easter egg for 20-50% Off. 113 N. Cuyler. Adv.

AIRDUCT CLEANING: Improve your indoor air quality. Dale Sprinkle 665-4229. Adv.

BETTE'S PRE-EASTER Sale. Entire stock 25% off, back room reduced to 1/2 price with lots of new items added. 708 N. Hobart. Adv.

EASTER BUNNIES for sale, also fishing worms. 669-6042. Adv.

FOR RENT for Sale, 405 Davis. 274-3677 or 665-6725. Adv.

BIG COUNTRY EGGS, also Banti eggs. 405 Baer, 665-4868. Adv.

3 DESIGNER Prom dresses, sizes 4-6, worn 1 time. 1/2 of original price. 669-9252. Adv.

FREE DELIVERY from 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. \$5 minimum. The Hamburger Station. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, mostly cloudy with a high in the mid 60s and southeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with patchy fog and a low in the mid 40s. Monday, partly cloudy and warmer with a high in the lower 70s.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Mostly fair far west and southwest mountains through Monday. Occasional drizzle and fog Panhandle today. Mostly cloudy today and tonight Panhandle and fair to partly cloudy south plains and southward. Early morning low clouds Monday morning most areas but partly cloudy or fair by noon. Lows tonight mid 40s north and southwest mountains to the mid 50s south. Highs today and Monday in the 80s Big Bend lowlands to the 70s elsewhere.

North Texas - Mostly cloudy and cooler today with a slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Partly cloudy tonight and Monday. Highs today in the lower 70s northwest to near 80 southeast. Lows tonight in the mid to upper 50s. Highs Monday in the mid to upper 70s.

South Texas - Partly cloudy and warm today. Mostly cloudy and cooler north tonight and Monday, partly cloudy and continued warm south. Highs today in the 80s, near 90 south. Lows tonight in the 50s to near 60 north, in the 60s to near 70 south. Highs Monday in the 70s north, in the 80s to near 90 south.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Tuesday through Thursday
West Texas - Texas Panhandle, partly cloudy and warm through the

Calendar of events

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester Ave. T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening at 513 E. Francis, Call 669-2389 or 665-1994 for more information.

MIHIA TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Maternal Infant Health Improvement Act project sponsored by the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Tech Health Science Center of Amarillo will be in Pampa, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 20, taking applications from pregnant women for financial assistance for prenatal care at the Hughes Building, Suite 100. For more information call 1-800-237-0167.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

The American Association of Retired Persons will meet Monday, Pampa Senior Citizens' Center. The program will be presented by Bill Ingle on "Asset Management Plus".

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

AARP will conduct blood pressure screening, 10-11:30 a.m., Monday at Pampa Senior Citizens' Center.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library is set for April 20, Lovett Memorial Library.

MIAMI HEALTH FAIR

First United Methodist Church in Miami plans to sponsor a health fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

A free blood pressure screening is set for 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Southside Senior Citizens Center, 438 W. Crawford.

TAX SERVICE & Bookkeeping, Glenda Brownlee, 825 Dwight, 665-0310 or 274-2142. Adv.

PEAT MOSS, Steer manure, sheep manure and top soil all on sale this weekend at Watson's Feed and Garden. 665-4189. Adv.

COME OUT this weekend for all your gardening needs. Spring flower bulbs, bedding plants, trees, shrubs, ground covers and lots more. Watson's Feed and Garden. Open Sunday 1:00-5:00. Adv.

LAGRONE MONUMENTS. Anything for the cemetery, monuments, markers, vases and curbing. 922 Duncan. Adv.

DUNLAPS IN-Store Trunk Show for Dooney & Bourke, now until April 18th. Over 40 handbags to choose from, \$40 holds your handbag in layaway. Free Dooney & Bourke keychain with a purchase of handbag. Coronado Center. Adv.

FINAL FOUR Lawn Service: Mow-Edge-Trim. 665-5377, 665-3562. Adv.

SPECIAL 15% Discount-drapes cleaned, take down, re-hang free. Good through April. Vogue Cleaners, 669-7500. Adv.

T-SHIRTS - new designs for spring. A "3 second" Witness. The Gift Box. Adv.

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DAVID, MYRNA, AJ, Mac and Brody Smith announce the adoption of Savannah Shandelle, born March 14, 1992. Grandparents Al and Pat Smith, Amarillo, James and Martha Jo McKandles, Lubbock.

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Highs in the low to mid 80s. Lows in the low to mid 70s. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast, late night and morning clouds. Otherwise partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms Thursday. Highs in the upper 70s. Lows in the low to mid 60s.

North Texas - West, partly cloudy and warm. A chance of thunderstorms Tuesday evening through Thursday. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 60s. Central and east, partly cloudy and warm. A slight chance of thunderstorms Wednesday and Thursday. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 60s.

BORDER STATES
 Oklahoma - Scattered thunderstorms ending southeast early today, otherwise mostly cloudy and cooler today and tonight. Mostly cloudy central and east and partly cloudy west on Monday. Highs today upper 50s Panhandle to mid 70s extreme southeast. Lows tonight mostly 40s. Highs Monday mid 60s to low 70s.

New Mexico - Today, considerable morning low cloudiness and fog northeast otherwise partly cloudy and cooler east with fair skies west. Tonight, partly cloudy east with variable high cloudiness west. Monday, some morning low cloudiness and fog east, otherwise partly cloudy statewide with isolated afternoon showers mountains and northwest. Lows tonight in the mid 20s to near 40 mountains and northwest with 40s to mid 50s elsewhere. Highs today and Monday in the 60s to mid 70s mountains and north with 70s and 80s at lower elevations of the south.

Brewer heads AQHA

AMARILLO — Bill Brewer has been named executive vice president of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), following the retirement of Ronald Blackwell in March.

As stated in *The Official Handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association*, the executive vice president is chief operating officer of the association, is responsible for implementing the actions, decisions and directions of the 150-member board of directors and five-member executive committee, and manages the association's physical facilities and personnel. In addition, the executive vice president is the authority for pedigrees and shall issue the proper registration certificates.

Brewer began amassing a list of credentials for the position as a youngster growing up in a small southwest Oklahoma town, showing registered Hereford cattle and American Quarter Horses. He then went on to receive an animal science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1967.

He joined *The Quarter Horse Journal's* advertising department in 1971 and became advertising director in 1972. In 1978, he was promoted to senior director of administration and field services, where he supervised the activities of the registration departments. In 1990, his responsibilities expanded to include the direction of AQHA's marketing efforts, as well as becoming senior director of administration and marketing.

"The executive committee feels Bill's background has provided an excellent training field to assume the position of executive vice president," said AQHA President Bill Englund of Cashion, Ariz. "This experience will serve him well as he continues to work with AQHA staff to coordinate association business on a day-to-day basis."

According to Brewer, the staff structure will undergo initial changes to streamline the association's day-to-day operations. "I have reduced the number of people who report directly to me by instituting an administrative level which includes all personnel who have been given the new designation of

senior directors, as well as Treasurer Lee Callaway, Registrar Gary Griffith, Executive Editor of *The Quarter Horse Journal* and *The Quarter Racing Journal* Audie Rackley, and Administrative Assistant Betty Nix," he noted.

Under the new structure, only two staff members will see significant changes in their duties. First, Cam Foreman, former director of judges, has been named senior director of judges and shows. In this capacity he will coordinate the activities of the Show & Contest, Youth Activities, Amateur and Judges departments, relieving the directors under him of the administrative duties which demanded much of their attention and took time away from the actual programs for which they are responsible.

The second change will not directly affect members, but will influence internal operations at AQHA's international headquarters. Ron Marshall, the new senior director of personnel, will direct all personnel activities, in addition to his existing duties as office manager.

Additional staff members who will report directly to Brewer include Senior Director of Racing Dan Fick, Senior Director of the AQHA Foundation Jim Pfluger, Senior Director of Marketing Services Don Treadway and Senior Director of Data Processing Cliff Smith.

As announced in January, Gary Griffith assumed the responsibilities of registrar director of field services. Perry Church, former director of advertising for *The Quarter Horse Journal*, also assumed new duties when he became assistant registrar/director of internal affairs.

"When I began thinking about how I wanted to approach my new duties, I developed an outline which will hopefully serve as a map each AQHA employee can use to measure and achieve goals. Number one on my list is to continually improve customer service. If we do that one job correctly, increases in memberships, American Quarter Horse owners and overall revenues should follow," Brewer added.

"Second, I want to continue a

trend which began with the 50th anniversary celebration two years ago by putting a great deal of emphasis on marketing efforts. To accomplish this, I want to expand the idea of marketing the American Quarter Horse and the association into every AQHA department, where goals and objectives can be established and concrete business and marketing plans can be developed."

To accomplish this goal, Brewer has appointed a marketing committee comprised of selected staff members, who will carry out marketing efforts and ensure all AQHA communication efforts are in concert with the Association's stated goals and objectives.

"The one thing I can promise you is the items discussed here will not be the last changes which will take place. I have many more ideas; however, they will not be put into place until they have been thoroughly researched and it is clear they will better serve AQHA members," he said.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By
Danny
Bainum



Luscious fruit sauce for ice cream or cake starts with 2 cups fresh or frozen berries, 2 Tbs. fruit liqueur and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Microwave on high for four to five minutes, stirring once.

You'll never miss the calories if you grease pans lightly with nonstick cooking spray, skim fat from soups and gravies wherever you can, and broil instead of frying.

Use your freezer to turn leftovers into handy packages of snacks, lunches, even extra meals. Key: freeze in single-portion batches.

To decorate cookies, place frosting in a plastic squeeze bottle with a dispenser tip. Or put chocolate square in a plastic bag and microwave; cut a corner off the bag to create a decorating tip.

When your favorite fresh vegetables are out of season, switch to frozen vegetables and add your own herbs and spices to make the dish special. Best bet: buy frozen vegetables in bulk bags and use only what you need.

Danny's Market
2537 Perryton Parkway
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(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Lefors Elementary School, in cooperation with the Lefors Post Office, has in operation a "Wee Deliver" program. From left on back row are Lefors Postmaster Jo Lane and school teacher Marian Miller. On front row are Rebecca Drinkard, sorter; Jesse Callaway, facer; Candid Ray, nixie clerk; Melody Seely, postmaster; and Bradley Sawyer and Caleb Barnes, carriers, at the Pirate's Cove Postal Service.

Lefors students participate in 'Wee Deliver' program

LEFORS — Lefors Elementary School has become one of thousands of schools across the nation participating in "Wee Deliver," a program introduced last year by the U.S. Postal Service to help promote literacy.

Lefors Postmaster Jo Lane said "Wee Deliver" allows elementary school students to use the experience of exchanging letters through an in-school postal service to supplement their regular reading and writing lessons. At the same time, it gives them a glimpse of the

responsibilities and challenges they will face in the work world.

The school's student post office, set up with the help of employees from the Lefors Post Office, functions as much like an actual postal operation as possible. It has its own student postmaster, letter carriers and clerks. Hallways and classrooms receive street names, addresses and ZIP codes.

Students write and receive letters from each other using stamps they design. The mail they generate is collected, sorted and delivered

by the student postal workers at the Pirate's Cove Postal Service.

"We think 'Wee Deliver' is a very useful learning tool for our students," said Lefors Superintendent Joe Roper.

"With the help of Postmaster Jo Lane and clerk Karen Lake, our student post office gives the children a chance to practice and improve on a variety of skills, enhance their self image and promote school spirit."

The U.S. Postal Service also sponsors an adult literacy program.

Meeting set for juniors and parents

Pampa High School juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend the annual junior parents meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Pampa High School auditorium.

This meeting, conducted by the Pampa High School counselors, provides juniors and their parents important information for the upcoming senior year.

Topics include senior year expenses such as senior pictures, ring, cap and gown, invitations and prom. Graduation requirements will also be explained. College admission processes and procedures, along with financial aid will be discussed.

Quadruplet dies

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — One of the quadruplets born last month to an unmarried woman who took a fertility drug died Saturday of complications associated with his premature birth, hospital officials said.

Ezekiel Salazar, who with his three brothers was born 10 weeks premature on March 16, had been listed in critical condition for nearly two weeks.

His brothers — Gabriel, Miguel and Rafael — were listed in stable condition Saturday at Presbyterian Hospital.

Republican runoff voting

- Precinct 1.....Lefors Fire Station
- Precinct 2.....South Fire Station, Pampa
- Precinct 3.....Motor Home, Grandview School
- Precinct 4.....Alanreed School Gym
- Precinct 5.....Young at Heart, McLean
- Precinct 6.....Jean Sims home, east of Pampa
- Precinct 7, 11.....Horace Mann cafeteria
- Precinct 8.....Austin cafeteria
- Precinct 9.....Wilson School
- Precinct 10.....Courthouse
- Precinct 12.....Lamar School
- Precinct 13.....Courthouse Annex
- Precinct 14.....Travis cafeteria
- Precinct 15.....Highland Christian Church

Democratic runoff voting

- Precinct 1.....Lefors Community Center
- Precincts 2, 10, 13.....Baker School
- Precinct 3.....Grandview-Hopkins School
- Precincts 4, 5.....Lovett Library-McLean
- Precincts 6, 14, 15.....Travis School
- Precincts 7, 11, 12.....Horace Mann School
- Precincts 8, 9.....Austin School

Sessions planned for parents of Lefors kindergartners-to-be

LEFORS — Children in Lefors Independent School District who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1 are asked to be at the school Monday during specific times.

The sessions are set aside for those children who are kindergarten age.

A parent needs to come with the child and bring the follow-

ing: the child's birth certificate, immunization records, Social Security number and glasses if they have them.

Children whose last names begin with A-L are asked to be at the elementary school at 12:30 p.m. Children whose last names begin with M-Z are asked to be at the school at 1:30 p.m.

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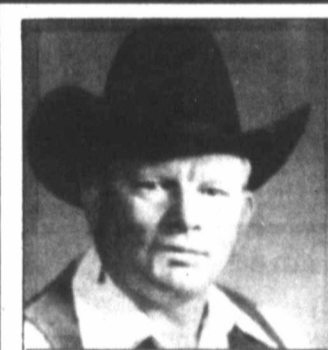
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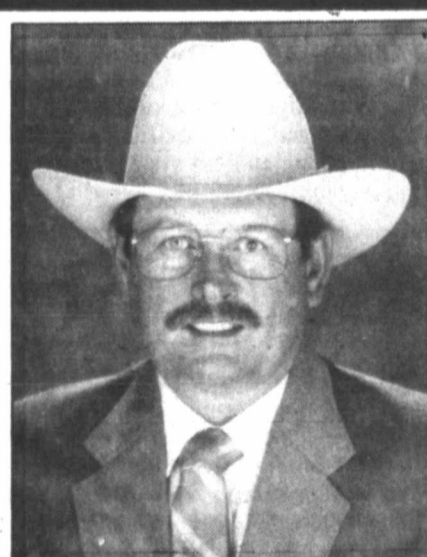
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Louise Fletcher
Publisher

J. Alan Brzys
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Opinion

Liberty, equality are still missing

With the U.S. Supreme Court now loaded with justices appointed by Presidents Reagan and Bush, isn't it supposed to restore property rights adjudged by the state courts of the 1960s and 1970s? Not yet, as was seen in a case decided last week, *National Railroad Passenger Corp. (Amtrak) v. Boston and Maine Corp.*

According to an *Associated Press* report, "A dispute between Amtrak and the B&M developed in 1987 after spring floods prompted the New England rail line to shut down" track for Amtrak's bumpy Montrealer passenger service. "When the line was reopened, the B&M restricted travel speed to 24 mph - adequate for its freight trains but not the 60-mph Montrealer..." Private companies would have resolved the dispute in a way just for all.

But Amtrak, using powers Congress gave it in 1972, seized the coveted track and gave it to the B&M's competitor, Central Vermont Railway. By a 6-3 vote, the Supreme Court upheld this seizure and ordered the appeals court to determine what compensation should be paid by Central Vermont to B&M.

Though government does hold the power of eminent domain (itself a dubious privilege), that power extends only to military bases, police stations, national parks, and other clearly governmental functions. It does not extend to a government-run company, which is supposed to run the way a private company does, using market forces. Property seizures, in addition to being unjust, allow socialist incompetence to go unpunished by the market.

The Supreme Court ruling denies the right to property guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. Paul A. Cunningham, a lawyer who submitted friend-of-the-court papers for eight other railroads, told AP, "We're not so much concerned about this particular case but about its broader implications."

Indeed, because Amtrak operates its tardy trains along socialist lines, it must follow the track taken by other socialist companies into more incompetency, prompting additional property grabs. Already, Amtrak has jacked up its subsidy request for fiscal 1993 to \$1.05 billion in taxpayers' money - a 22.7 percent increase over the current budget amount. Even as we have witnessed the demise of government-run industries in Eastern Europe and Russia the past few years, the court ruling pours coal into the engine of socialism here.

There are two points of light at the end of the train tunnel. First the less efficient Amtrak becomes the louder will be calls for privatizing it. Second, in the court minority opposing the Amtrak land grab, Justices Byron White and Harry Blackmun were joined by the Justice Clarence Thomas.

Perhaps Justice Thomas remembered how Jim Crow laws restricted his black relatives' property rights in Pinpoint, Ga. He seems to understand that the rights of liberty and of equality under the law are indivisible with the right of property.

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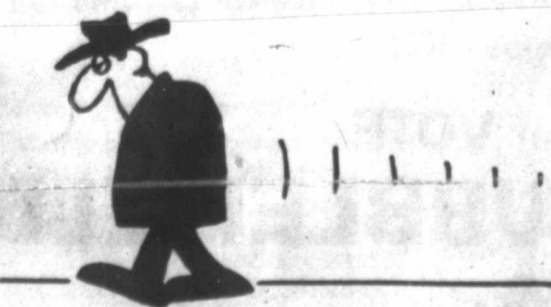
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Clinton, Brown: Where's the rest?

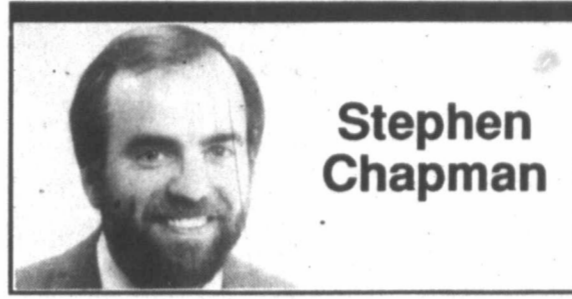
The Democratic Party has often been accused of clinging to an ideology that spelled electoral doom, of choosing nominees who would rather be left than president. This year, no one will say that. In Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown, the party has two candidates who are not about to let anything get in the way of victory.

Give Brown credit. He's the only guy who could make Clinton look like a loyal husband - as Clinton did in defending his wife against Brown's unfounded charge that as governor of Arkansas, he diverted state business to her law firm. He's also the only guy who could make Clinton look like a man of candor and conviction. Clinton's record is studded with evasions and reversals, but there are limits to what he will dare. Brown's brazenness knows no bounds.

In fact, one of Brown's most flagrant about-faces led to Clinton's only known moment of political courage in this campaign. In Michigan, the former California governor, who once championed a North American common market, donned a United Auto Workers jacket and fulminated non-stop against free trade with Mexico. Clinton, who has sounded vaguely protectionist when talking about Japan, stuck to his support of a U.S. - Mexico free trade agreement.

For this race, Brown has revised his views on any number of subjects, from large campaign contributions (he once defended and solicited them, now spurns them) to national health insurance (was against, now for) to gun control (ditto) to the federal tax code (suddenly he's the nation's leading advocate of the flat tax, an idea that has been around longer than Brown has been in politics).

Are these inconsistencies a flaw? Heavens, no - they're a virtue, proof that Brown is becoming ever



Stephen Chapman

wiser. "You grow," he informed the *New York Times*. "You learn from mistakes. Positions evolve." And who knows better the evils of campaign financing, he says, than one who raised millions for the California Democratic Party?

A California pollster who defended him said, "You have to remember Jerry Brown is a work in progress." You bet he is. But progress towards what?

People are beginning to look beyond Brown's ostentatiously anti-establishment pose, which is good except for the fact that it distracts them from similar scrutiny of Bill Clinton. For months, Clinton handled the drug question by saying he had never broken American laws. Only when reporter asked if he had broken international laws did he reveal that he smoked marijuana as a student in England.

Like his marital infidelity and his efforts to escape the draft, this youthful taste of marijuana tells little about the kind of president Clinton would be. But his handling of the three issues tells much about his penchant for avoiding the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

In his "60 Minutes" interview, Clinton said he had been unfaithful to his wife - he merely acknowledged "wrongdoing" and "causing pain in my marriage," while assuring his interrogator that

"most Americans who are watching this tonight, they'll know what we're saying." In fact, most viewers didn't know quite what he was saying, and he wasn't about to enlighten them.

When it was reported that he had finagled his way out of the draft, getting a deferment for a brief but crucial period by promising to enroll in an ROTC program, he insisted, implausibly, that he had actually chosen to expose himself to the draft. And rather than simply admit having used pot when the question first arose, he led voters to think he hadn't.

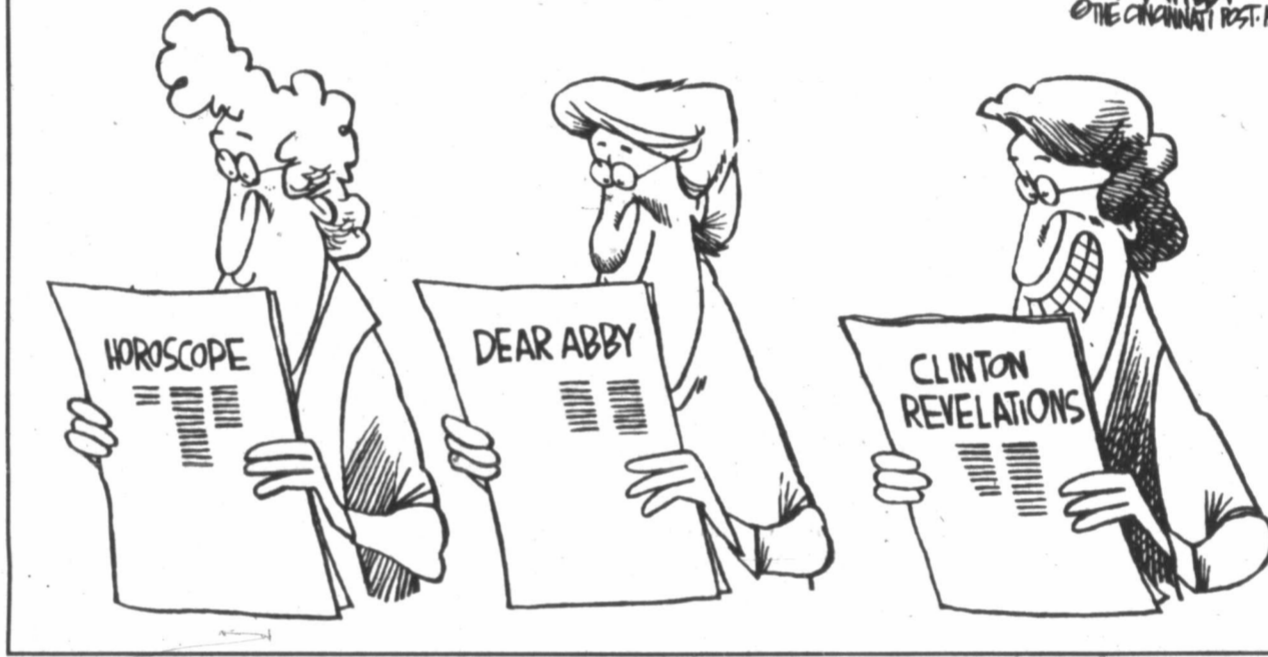
It isn't merely on personal issues that Clinton can be slippery. He says he supported going to war against Iraq, but *U.S. News and World Report* found that before the fighting began, "Clinton never said publicly that force would be needed to remove Iraqi forces from Kuwait."

During his 1990 gubernatorial campaign, he pledged to serve for four years, before deciding in 1991 he'd rather be in the White House. Gov. Clinton opposed the use of Medicaid funds for abortion; presidential candidate Clinton says he wouldn't be to a bill providing such funding. "I don't think necessarily he can carry every attitude of one particular state when he goes to the national stage," an aide explained. "At the national level, he has to recalibrate."

Recalibrate? Evolve? Whatever term they choose, Brown and Clinton have shown a talent for changing their colors to fit current fashions.

Clinton has addressed his personal history by saying, "Most voters intuitively sense whether they're dealing with a person who has a center or core. That's far more important to them than whether a person has made any mistakes in his life." He and his rival had better hope he's wrong. Voters who look for a core in Clinton or Brown may be looking for a long time.

POPULAR DAILY FEATURES...



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Palm Sunday, April 12, the 103rd day of 1992. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 12, 1861, the Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter, S.C.

On this date:
In 1877, the catcher's mask was first used in a baseball game.

In 1945, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd president of the United States, died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63. Vice President Harry S. Truman became the nation's 33rd chief executive.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

'Y'all can crank 'em up!'

DARLINGTON, S.C. - I've had some great memories in my life. I played golf with Arnold Palmer, I saw Favorotti in the park in London. I heard Willie Nelson sing "Precious Memories" in the backyard of the Carter White House. I once took the "Take It Off, Take it All Off" Noxema shaving cream girl to dinner.

But Sunday, I was the grand marshal of the Trans-South 500 automobile race at the historic Darlington Motor Speedway.

How I became grand marshal of the Trans-South 500 automobile race is a long story.

I think it's because I write a lot about how much I love the South, and there are very few things more Southern than a stock car race.

A politically correct person would have had a heart attack here. There were more Confederate flags waving in the cool, spring air than were carried across that opened field during Pickett's deathly charge at Gettysburg.

Lots of guys drinking beer with their shirts off. Lots of girls you could look at and just know they would pronounce dance as "daintz."

Good people, good people, even if they are a little off in the P.C. department.

People with whom I grew up. People I'd still pick if I were involved in anything from a broken beer bottle fight to a rat killing.

So, on national television, as grand marshal I got on the public address system to tell the drivers they could crank.



Lewis Grizzard

Normally, one says, "Gentlemen, start your engines."

I tried a little Southern flair and said, "Gentlemen, y'all can crank 'em up."

It worked. About 8-zillion horse-power went off behind me. The ground trembled.

Next, I had to ride in the pace car that led the racers onto the track.

I was in a convertible. I was supposed to sit up on the trunk and wave at the crowd.

A large man got into the back seat with me. "I'm here to hold you in the car," he said.

Hold me in the car?

"We're going to go pretty fast," he explained. "Don't want anybody flying out of the car."

What have I gotten myself into?

So there I am sitting on the back of a car with a man holding my leg and all that horsepower snarling and snorting behind me.

What grit I didn't get in my mouth, I got into my eyes.

I waved at the crowd. The crowd waved back. I'm certain they thought, "Who is this idiot?"

We picked up speed. My mouth is full of grit and I'm blind. We started at the back of pit row. We pulled off the track and back into the front of the pits. Behind me it sounded like World War II.

The race cars continued on the track. All except one, which had pulled back into the pit with some sort of mechanical problem.

And had its nose on our bumper. I am three feet from the front of a stock car barreling down on me.

"Who was that?" I asked, once I was safely out of the convertible.

"They call him 'Swervin' Ernie," I was told.

Oh.

I watched the start of the race from behind the pit wall, just a few feet from the track. A girl gave me a piece of wax and said, "Bite this in two and put a piece in each of your ears. You can go deaf down here."

Stock car racing, which I hadn't been around since I was a kid sports-writer 25 years ago, hadn't changed all that much.

It's still loud, it's still fast, it's still Southern, and it's still the sport of the working man and woman, God bless them all.

You be politically correct. I'll hang out with those who say, "Tars" for "tires," take off their shirts and knock down their suds and love the noise and the furor of stock car racing.

I hadn't realized how much I had missed it.

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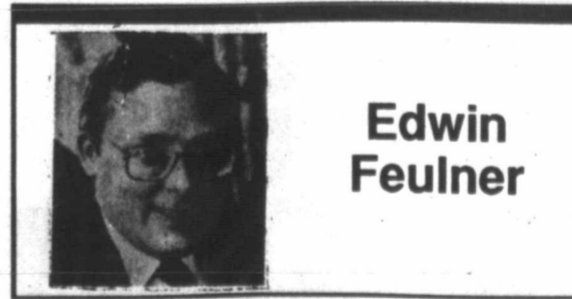
Travel to Black Hills, S.D., and you'll see carved in the stone of Mt. Rushmore the faces of four U.S. presidents who etched their enduring imprint on American history. Every school boy knows - or should know - these men and why we honor them: George Washington, father of our democracy; Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence; Abraham Lincoln, emancipator of the slaves and preserver of the Union; and Teddy Roosevelt, vigilante against government corruption and champion of conservation.

Maybe it's time to add another face to the mountain: George Bush, biggest spender in U.S. history.

The Bush administration lit the fuse for an explosion in federal spending in the fall of 1990, when it agreed with Congress to raise taxes, claiming their cockeyed scheme would reduce spending. For two years the White House has refused to face facts: The budget agreement has accelerated, not restrained, federal spending.

Fact: In the first two years after the budget deal, domestic spending grew roughly 10 percent a year - among the highest single-year increases in U.S. history.

Fact: By the end of his first four-year term, the Bush administration will have increased domestic spending 24.5 percent, compared to a total of 17 percent during the 12 years of presidents Carter and Reagan.



Edwin Feulner

Fact: Under President Bush, domestic spending has grown from 12.2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) to 14.6 percent. Under President Reagan, domestic spending was cut from 14.8 to 12.2 percent of GDP.

Fact: Taxpayers won't get back a penny of the "peace dividend." By 1997, the expected savings from defense cuts will be spent - nearly dollar for dollar - on increases in domestic programs.

Like a pitiful character in a Shakespearean tragedy, George Bush faces a twisted paradox. It is not just that he broke his promise not to raise taxes, or that the tax hike was the biggest one-year increase in history. The tragedy is that the president got nothing in exchange for his Faustian bargain - he simply increased taxes and unleashed an unprecedented spending Godzilla.

Of course, the administration had plenty of help from Congress - an institution that seems totally incapable of living within its means. But the president can reverse the damage. He should publicly admit that the 1990 budget agreement was bad economic policy - not just politically damaging. He then should remove the White House staff members responsible for the deal, starting with Budget Director Richard Darman.

More importantly, the president needs a practical but bold plan to slow the growth of domestic spending. If Washington would simply limit annual increases in domestic spending to 4 percent - just above the inflation rate - it could reduce the deficit by billions. And there still would be enough for meaningful tax relief: \$2,000 to \$2,500 annually for the average family.

The White House can no longer pretend it has no choice but to kowtow to the liberal, free-wheeling Congress. The economy - meaning the American worker - simply can't afford it.

It's time the president acted presidential: refuse to accept any budget plan from Congress that does not put an end to Washington's runaway domestic spending. Otherwise we can add his face to those cut into stone in South Dakota - and rename it Mt. Spend More.

Letters to the editor

Community partnership

To the editor:
One of the indisputable pluses of living in a smaller community is the partnership which exists between businesses, merchants, schools and private citizens in improving the general quality of life.

I am particularly impressed with the current "Driving For Education" campaign at Culberson-Stowers. St. Matthew's Day School recently participated in this campaign which asked citizens to come and test drive a vehicle in order to gain points for a particular school. Our school had over 230 test drives and in exchange, we will receive a TV, VCR, and camcorder. This is a tremendous opportunity for area schools to receive valuable educational technology that many of us could not otherwise afford. I understand that, although this promotion is a Chevrolet project, Culberson-Stowers is footing the bill for the prizes earned. I find this an admirable example of business supporting the youth of our community. During our week, I visited the dealership daily to tally our "drives" for the day. The salesmen were always helpful and friendly and I enjoyed talking with them. The community response to our plea for drivers was overwhelming and we are truly grateful. So, thank you, Culberson-Stowers for your generosity, and the friends of St. Matthew's for your support.

Cynthia J. Judson, administrator
St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School

Life is funny

To the editor:
Writers have more ideas than they can ever write about. For more than 30 years I have had a notion to write an article titled, "Second House On the Right coming off Browning." It is often almost impossible to back a car out of the driveway here to Doucette Street. The reason for this is that Doucette is a cut-through street from Browning to Harvester. The general rule of the thumb coming off Browning is to turn on to Doucette and floorboard it. ("Put the pedal to the metal" is the wording these days.)

Too many times when I would swear that all was clear, someone came zipping from two blocks down Browning and wheeled onto Doucette while I frantically shot back into my own driveway. I have temporarily lost my religion several times in such cases and I have had a few people scream at me when I'd backed out in front of them.

A few days ago at about 4 p.m. I had an experience that shook my own confidence beyond repair. I got into one of those situations where I found myself opposite God, Mother and Apple Pie. We had a sudden rain and I'd put the car in the garage and then when the rain storm was over decided to back the car out and go to the store to get the Pampa paper. As I backed out into the street I plumb forgot about the fact that a family have moved into the house directly across the street. They have several school children

and the school bus brings them home evenings coming from the north and stopping at Doucette. I had made two attempts to back into Doucette Street only to be driven back by the speed merchants on Browning. Then I made the third attempt to back out into Doucette. I heard a scraping at the back of our old Oldsmobile and through the back glass I could see nothing but shining yellow metal. You can offend God, Mother and Apple Pie and still there will be two or three people in Pampa who still like you.

But I couldn't at that moment find even three people that still liked me. I had committed the unpardonable sin. I had run my car into a school bus....worse, far worse, I'd backed my car into a school bus. When you back your car into something you've had it. When that something happens to be a school bus - LORD HAVE MERCY - because nobody else will. It cost me \$63 for that little reflector light. (That was a light punishment - usually they hang people who back into a school bus.)

Well, after more than 30 years the article floating around in my head got wrote. But I will tell you one thing I never intended for... MYSELF... to be the Culprit in "Second House on the Right Coming off Browning." Life is funny, it hardly ever works out the way you plan it.

James Waldrop
Pampa

Try 'common courtesy'

To the editor:
I see my old friend Rowdy Bowers has some of the same feelings I do about the Pampa police.

For many years I have told my friends that I have been in many of the ports in the South Pacific and China Seas, and that I have lived in some of the largest cities on the West Coast and in Texas. I have never been humiliated by any of the thousands of police I have seen except those in Pampa. Is it the water?

What Rowdy says is true. Mainly, I think they need what my father use to call, "common courtesy." Also smiling wouldn't hurt.

Should they be allowed to watch cop shows on TV?

Wm. W. Wiley
Miami

Special note to readers

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express opinions on issues of public interest and concern.

Policy concerning Letters to the editor - especially those pertaining to candidate or political endorsements - currently is under review.

In our effort to ensure fairness and equity in Tuesday's runoff election, no letters to the editor involving candidate or political endorsements appear in today's Letters to the editor.

Arafat's close call boosts his sagging PLO fortunes

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) - Yasser Arafat's narrow escape from death has boosted his sagging fortunes within the PLO, but raised concern over the future of the Palestinian movement without its charismatic guerrilla-statesman.

Arafat's return to Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunis just three days after his plane vanished in a Libyan desert sandstorm reinforced his image as a survivor, a man of legendary luck.

Arafat on Saturday bearhugged Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and said that he was rapidly recovering from his injuries.

"I feel great," a waving, smiling Arafat told photographers and reporters as he began 20 minutes of talks with the Egyptian leader. The substance of the meeting was not made public.

The outpouring of relief and joy at PLO headquarters and in the streets of the Israeli-occupied territories when Arafat was found alive revealed the genuine, widespread affection felt for the man who has led the Palestinian movement for 25 years.

But in the 15 hours between the

crash landing and Arafat's rescue, many Palestinians and others were struck by how much the Palestinian struggle and hopes for Middle East peace rest on the shoulders of one man.

"He is really the single most important support for the negotiations in the peace process," said Nabil Shaath, a senior adviser to Arafat. "This accident caused much anxiety."

When Arafat's plane vanished from Libyan radar screens, an urgent question arose for the PLO: Who could replace him, and how? There is confusion over how a successor is selected.

The Arabic daily An-Nahar in Jerusalem urged the PLO to elect a deputy chairman or set up a system for succession.

Shaath and Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi said a new leader could be chosen through elections or a vote of the Palestine National Council, the 450-seat parliament in exile.

Applicants for the job of PLO leader should be politically cunning, charismatic and agile enough to retain the loyalty of Palestinians in the occupied territories and the diaspora as well as fractious PLO fac-

tion leaders. Anyone living under Israeli control need not apply. Speculation has focused on several possible successors.

Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's long-time foreign minister, has been mentioned, although he lacks Arafat's grassroots popularity and charisma.

Faisal Husseini, 50, perhaps the most prominent Palestinian in the West Bank, has charisma but lives under Israeli rule and would be unable to operate independently.

Also mentioned have been Khaled Hassan, a moderate who publicly criticized Arafat for siding with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Mahmoud Abbas, a close adviser to Arafat, PNC leader Abu Mazen and Tayeb Abdul Rahim, the PLO representative in Jordan.

None of these men are believed to be strong enough to inspire people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, many of whom are increasingly critical of the comfortable lifestyle enjoyed by PLO leaders in Tunis.

People are complaining that donations meant for the intefadeh, or uprising, are lining the pockets of PLO officials.

WalkAmerica plans under way

Plans are under way for the 1992 WalkAmerica/Teamwalk to benefit the March of Dimes, said Karen Reeves, Pampa walk chairman.

The event, set for April 25 at Central Park, unites hundreds of Pampa residents in a short 4.6 mile walk to raise funds for the prevention of birth defects, Reeves said.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by opening ceremonies at 9:45 a.m. The actual WalkAmerica begins at 10 a.m.

Local walkers are asked to fill out the registration card attached to a prepaid envelope and return it to their team captain or mail it directly to the local March of Dimes. The envelope is used to collection donations from sponsors and has walk incentive information printed on it.

Sponsors pay their donations as they are signed up and the sponsor information is recorded in the



space provided on the back of the envelope. Funds from WalkAmerica support the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies, a nationwide effort to prevent birth defects, low birth weight and infant death.

The campaign supports community health services, advocacy efforts, medical research and public and professional education.

For more information, contact Reeves at 835-2352.

Maryland approves nation's first gas guzzler tax

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) - Maryland has agreed to slap an extra tax on gas-guzzling cars and give a tax credit on cars that get good gasoline mileage. It is believed to be the first state in the nation to approve such measures.

The General Assembly also voted Friday to raise the state gasoline tax by a nickel a gallon as part of \$120 million in funding increases for transportation projects. Gov. William Donald Schaefer later signed the bill into law.

Robert Veit, public affairs manager of the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association in Washington, said he knows of no other

state that has a gas guzzler tax. The penalty would not apply to trucks, vans, taxicabs and cars with disabled plates.

The bill is "a loaded gun that could devastate our industry," said Gerald Murphy, president of the Automotive Trade Association of the National Capital Area.

"I'd hate to be forced to give up my full-sized car," said an opponent, Delegate Ellen Sauerbrey, a Republican from Baltimore County. "If I'm ever in an accident, I'd rather be in my Buick than in a teeny-tiny car," she said.

Supporters said the gas-guzzler tax



would help clean the air and reduce dependence on foreign oil. It would also raise as much as \$20 million a year for mass transportation.


"It is economically, environmentally and socially responsible," said Delegate Gene Counihan, a Democrat from Montgomery County.


The tax or credit would be applied each time a car is sold, when the buyer pays the state's 5 percent titling tax.

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Business

Move over coffee brewer, here comes tabletop cola

By MARC RICE
AP Business Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Move over, coffee brewers. A rival is moving into the office.

The Coca-Cola Co. is marketing tabletop soft drink dispensers, aimed mainly at offices too small to support a vending machine. Introduced relatively quietly five years ago, about 30,000 of the "Breakmate" machines now are in use across the country.

A company that prides itself on ubiquity, Coke had its eyes on the small-office market for years. After some false starts, Coke got the technology fine-tuned and now is advertising the machines in office management publications and through direct mail solicitations.

"It's a big market," says Murray M. Cohen, president of Coca-Cola Refreshment Systems, the Coke subsidiary that markets the machines.

Cohen says there are 1 million offices in the United States with fewer than 50 workers, the Breakmate tar-

get. "Wherever there's a coffee brewer, a Breakmate ought to go right with it," he says.

Coke's pitch is that no matter how well equipped an office may be with personal computers, high-tech telephones and fancy desks, the place is incomplete if there's no way to get a cold drink.

A brochure for the machines tells managers that without a Breakmate, employees "are forced to spend valuable business time leaving their immediate work area ... to find the nearest available soft drink source."

At the real estate appraisal firm Schultz Carr & Bisette, workers used to lug in cases of soft drinks and stock the office refrigerator.

"You'd have to lift the cases around and all that business," says office manager Virginia Hawkins. "It became a real burden."

The firm got a Breakmate machine two years ago, making break time more convenient and sparking what passes in offices for a minor cultural revolution. Employees there now get their Cokes

for free, a perk long provided to coffee drinkers.

"They wanted us to pay for Coke but not coffee," Ms. Hawkins says. "I'm not a coffee drinker. I say if you've got to pay for Coke, you've got to pay for coffee."

Coke began trying to penetrate the small office market about 20 years ago with a succession of machines that proved to be too clunky or inefficient until the Breakmate was developed.

One mid-'70s version, which was counter-high and sat on the floor, was equipped with stainless steel holding tanks that had to be refilled with syrup every few weeks.

"It became a messy proposition," Cohen says. "There were about 5,000 of those machines placed, but it never took off because it didn't deliver the type of convenience (of Breakmate)."

Breakmate, which takes coins or dispenses for free, mixes drinks from snap-in packages of concentrate. Slightly bigger than a standard office coffee machine, it holds enough packages for 30 6 1/2-ounce servings.

The machines are made in Germany by Siemens. Offices can either lease one or buy a machine for as much as \$1,799.

Coke's main competitor, Somers, N.Y.-based Pepsi-Cola Co., also is going after the office market with a miniature vending machine called the "Compacvender." Pepsi spokesman Andrew Giangola says the machine holds two cases of pop.

"We certainly see the workplace as an important channel," he says.

Jesse Meyers, who publishes the Greenwich, Conn., industry journal Beverage Digest, says the office machines are a step toward soft drink machines for the home.

"The inevitability of a home soft drink dispenser is as sure as the sun coming up in the morning," Meyers says. Cohen doesn't rule out the possibility of a home version, but for now he says it's impractical.

"Today this is far too expensive for the home," Cohen says.

Meritorious Safety Award given

BORGER — An employee of Phillips Petroleum Company's subsidiary, GPM Gas Corporation, received Phillips' highest safety award.

The Phillips 66 Meritorious Safety Award was presented to Randy Stubblefield, Field Systems Operator for GPM, in Pampa today.

The award was presented to Stubblefield in recognition of his efforts to assist an 11-year-old boy who was choking on a piece of candy at a Pampa baseball game July 1, 1991.

Stubblefield saw the boy choking on a piece of hard candy and quickly administered the "Heimlich Maneuver," a procedure requiring the rescuer to help force the throat obstruction from a victim through a "bear hug" tactic. Stubblefield's quick response helped dislodge the candy and allowed the boy to breathe.

According to Gil Glinsmann, Panhandle region manager for GPM: "We are proud to be able to recognize this act of mercy by Randy. We believe that this incident demonstrates the usefulness of first aid training and other life saving techniques."

Stubblefield learned the skills for the Heimlich Maneuver through training he received on the job with Phillips and GPM Gas. "Medic First Aid" is taught to all field employees on an annual basis and combines the skills of first aid and CPR.

Phillips 66 Meritorious Safety Award was established 62 years ago to recognize extraordinary acts of safety related service. The award has rigorous standards. Since the creation of the award in 1930, Stubblefield's is only the 118th presented. All applications are scrutinized by an award committee at Phillips corporate headquarters in Bartlesville, Okla.



Randy Stubblefield

NBC announces promotions

Board of Directors of the National Bank of Commerce announced the promotions of two officers. Jerry Foote was named executive vice president, and Gladys Vanderpool was named assistant vice president and cashier at a recent board meeting.

Foote most recently served as senior vice president and cashier. He was one of the organizing officers of the bank and was elected to the board in 1984.

A graduate of West Texas State University, Foote holds a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. Foote began his banking career in 1969 at Amarillo National Bank.

He is currently president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, serves on the board of the Salvation Army, the Top of Texas Rodeo Association, and Clarendon College.

Foote and his wife, Connie, who is a teacher at Baker Elementary School, and their two sons, Michael and Brian, are members of First United Methodist Church.

Vanderpool began working at NBC in 1988 as internal auditor. She was named compliance manager in 1991. Her new duties will



Jerry Foote



Gladys Vanderpool

include the overall responsibility for the operations areas of the bank.

A graduate of Centenary College of Louisiana, Vanderpool holds a bachelor of science degree in business. She is also a graduate of Texas Bankers' Association

1991 Compliance School and 1992 Operations School.

Vanderpool currently serves as

treasurer for the Pampa Fine Arts Association, is a member of the Baker Elementary School Leadership Team, and is a sustaining member of the Pampa Junior Service League.

She and her husband, Phil, a local attorney, and their two sons, Keith and Stephen, are members of First United Methodist Church.

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OUCHILTREE (CREST Des Moines) Norcen Explorer, Inc., #1 H.C. Brillhart, Jr. (640 ac) 1476' from South & 2125' from East line, Sec. 1184,43,H&TC (BHL: 3597' from South & 4246' from East line of Sec.) 2 mi easterly from Twitchell, PD 7500' (550 WestLake Park Blvd., Suite 350, Houston, TX 77079) Horizontal Well.

Applications to Plug-Back
HANSFORD (EAST SPEARMAN Council Grove) Questa Energy Corp., #3-101 Phelps (640 ac) 1250' from South & East line, Sec. 101,4-T,T&NO, 4 mi SE from Spearman, PD 5250' (Box 19297, Amarillo, TX 79114)

LIPSCOMB (SOUTH KIWIA CREEK Upper Morrow) H & L Operating Co., #1-857 Duke (647 ac) 1250' from North & 11450' from West line,

Sec. 857,43,H&TC, 11 mi SE from Booker, PD 9480' (Box 7506, Amarillo, TX 79114)

OUCHILTREE (WILDCAT & ELLIS RANCH Cleveland) Harold C. Courson, #3-34 Richardson (640 ac) 660' from North & West line, Sec. 34,13,T&NO, 8 mi southerly from Perryton, PD 7500' (Box 809, Perryton, TX 79070)

Amended Intention to Drill
LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Cleveland) Phillips Petroleum Co., #5 Cruise 'E' (647 ac) 1000' from south & 2425' from West line, Sec. 768,43,H&TC, 12 mi SE from Booker, PD 7700' (Box 358, Borger, TX 79008) Amended to change well location

Oil Well Completions
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #2 Stewart Trust, Sec. 21,1M-16,AB&M, elev. 3350 kb, spud 1-18-92, drlg. compl 1-22-92, tested 3-26-92, pumped 14 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 29 bbls. water, GOR 143, perforated 3102-3334, TD 3450', PBTD 3425' —

MOORE (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Comstock Resources, Inc., #3-14 Bivins, Sec. 14,PMC,EL&RR, elev. 3682 gr, spud 2-17-92, drlg. compl 2-21-92, tested 3-19-92, pumped 43 bbl. of 30 grav oil + 21 bbls. water, GOR 3053, perforated 2076-2165, TD 2400' —
OLDHAM (HRYHOR Granite Wash) Rio Petroleum, Inc., #16 Aurora, League

316,—, State Capitol Lands, elev. 3571 kb, spud 11-20-91, drlg. compl 12-8-91, tested 3-25-92, pumped 17 bbl. of 42-6 grav. oil + 205 bbls. water, GOR —, perforated 7123-7126, TD 7300', PBTD 7199' —

Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (TWISTER Douglas) Maxus Exploration Co., #3 Urschel '57', Sec. 57,1,G&M, elev. 2543 kb, spud 6-25-91, drlg. compl 8-28-91, tested 2-18-92, potential 1150 MCF, rock pressure 632, pay 6970-7114, TD 13200', PBTD 10860' —

HUTCHINSON (Proposed: TURKEY TRACK Morrow) Arrington CJM, Inc., #167 West Turkey Track, Sec. 21,1M-25,TCRR, elev. 2899 gr, spud 2-18-92, drlg. compl 2-29-92, tested 3-31-92, potential 650 MCF, rock pressure 2066, pay 6526-6532, TD 6653', PBTD 6580' —

Plugged Wells
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Morrow) Samson Resources Co., #1-19 Parker-Amoco, Sec. 19,Z-1,BS&F, spud 4-7-84, plugged 3-2-92, TD 14766' (gas) —
Form 1 filed in Dyco Petroleum
WHEELER (ALLISON BRITT 12350') Brent Baker Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-32 Elmore, Sec. 32,RE,R&E, spud 10-24-80, plugged 1-23-92, TD 12730' (gas) —
Form 1 filed in B & B Farm Industries, Inc.

API to meet Wednesday in Pampa

George Scott, area salesman for Norse/O'Bannon Pump Manufacturing Company of Tulsa, will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday meeting of the Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute (API).

The meeting will be held at the Sportsman Club, located on South Barnes Avenue in Pampa. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m.

with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. Scott will discuss the bottom hole pump, recent improvements, and field applications. All API members, guests and interested parties are invited to attend. Memberships will be available at the door.

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Judy Martin

Martin named director of physician services

By LINDA HAYNES
Willow Communications

Judy Martin has been named director of physician services at Coronado Hospital, according to an announcement this week by Bruce W. Reinhardt, administrator.

The new position combines several functions at the hospital, Reinhardt said.

"We're continuing to devise ways to improve the service to our patients and physicians. By placing Mrs. Martin on the administrative staff in charge of many of the processes that govern pre-admission through discharge, we are putting several services under one umbrella. This will give us the ability to improve any weakness in our procedures for service," he said.

Martin said that she will supervise pre-admission, utilization review, social services and discharge planning, and CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement, formerly Quality Assurance).

Seven employees will work in her department.

They are Dolores Czesnowski, assistant head of the department; Norma Slagle, R.N., pre-admission nursing coordinator; Amelia Thompson, L.V.N., admitting nurse; Linda Stokes, L.V.N., records reviewer; Sheryl Fields, L.V.N., records reviewer; Lori Sailor, social services/discharge planning; and Deborah Musgrave, marketing assistant/medical staff secretary.

"Our job is to insure that the processes for the physician and the patient are efficient and problem-free from the time the patient enters the door until he leaves,"

she said. "This is not a quick fix, but rather a long-term program."

Martin will function as a liaison between the physicians and the hospital, coordinating efforts to initiate changes in policies and procedures to help the physicians, she said.

Martin began work at Coronado Hospital in 1981 as a part-time medical records transcriptionist.

When the Medicare payment system changed in 1983, she became the utilization reviewer and later, as more reviewers were needed, was named as department manager of utilization review.

She served three years as director of a combined department of utilization review and quality assurance.

"So many things have changed in health care in the last eight years that we have had to change our processes and our way of thinking to be sure we were serving the patient and the physician as well as possible," she said.

As the director of utilization review and quality assurance, she has worked closely with the physicians in complying with Medicare rules and regulations.

Martin lived for two years in Europe where her father was a vice-president of Union Carbide, stationed in Belgium.

She graduated from the International School of Brussels, and later attended Southwest Texas University at San Marcos.

Her husband Rob teaches English at the Pampa Learning Center. They have one child, Kimberly, a sophomore at Pampa High School where she is a junior varsity cheerleader and a member of the tennis team.

Panel: Response to teen AIDS 'national disgrace'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional panel expressed alarm Saturday at the spread of AIDS among adolescents and condemned the federal government's response as "a national disgrace."

It concluded that federal efforts are "underfunded, uncoordinated and largely unsuccessful" in dealing with AIDS and can't meet the need for prevention among teen-agers.

The House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families said federal prevention efforts are hampered by moralistic restrictions that prevent explicit or specific information about high-risk sexual practices and the effective use of condoms.

"Denial of the problem at the federal level, where leadership should be paramount, is a national disgrace," the committee said.

"Few federal resources are dedicated to research or data collection that involve adolescents and their health

care providers," it said. "Prevention efforts to curb risk-taking behavior among youth are sketchy. And use of explicit information about preventing HIV infection is often discouraged or even prohibited."

Eight of 14 Republicans on the panel took issue with the findings, saying AIDS among teens is primarily "a behavioral problem" rather than a health problem.

In a dissenting report, they said sexual abstinence and strengthening the family, not more government programs, were the answer.

"Safe sex for teen-agers today is clearly not using condoms but in using self-restraint — abstinence," the Republicans said. "The fact that some teens engage in unhealthy behavior should not discourage us as a society from promoting moral conduct."

The prevalence of the AIDS-causing HIV virus is unknown among adolescents, the panel found. But

the number of teens who have AIDS increased by more than 70 percent in the past two years.

AIDS is the sixth-leading cause of death among youth ages 15 to 24.

Among teens ages 13 to 19, there were 401 cases of reported AIDS in 1989, compared with 789 in 1991, the panel said, citing information provided by the federal Centers for Disease Control. Among those ages 13 to 24, cases increased from 5,524 to 8,949. Those figures don't reflect people with the HIV virus who have not developed AIDS.

The panel said that while the number of teen cases is relatively small, nearly one-fifth of all U.S. cases of AIDS occur among people in their 20s. Because the incubation period between infection with HIV and diagnosis of AIDS can be eight

to 10 years, many may have been infected as teen-agers.

The report said CDC requirements for basic educational materials are overly restrictive and avoid discussion of homosexuality and specific risky behavior. It said new CDC public service announcements fail to mention either condoms or sex.

The report also found: —Less than 5 percent of federal AIDS budget, excluding Medicaid, goes for research, programs or services that benefit teens.

—By age 20, 68 percent of females and 86 percent of males are sexually active. Among sexually experienced teens 18 and 19, nearly 25 percent of females and 20 percent of males report having six or more partners. Only half reported using condoms at first intercourse.

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Sports

Pampa posts first 1-4A win; Randall is next foe

After two District 1-4A setbacks, Pampa posted its first district win Saturday, outlasting Hereford, 12-8, at Harvester Field.

The Harvesters are now 1-2 in district play and improve to 11-7 overall. Hereford drops to 1-2 in district and 2-15-2 overall.

Sparked by Brad Smillie's two-run homer, the Harvesters jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the first inning. Two more runs scored on a fielder's choice grounder by Tarin Peet and a single by Zach Thomas. Hereford hurler Sammy Casarez balked home another run.

Hereford launched a hitting attack of its own in the second inning to knot the score at 5-5.

However, righthander Buddy Plunk, who relieved Peet in the second inning, held the Whitefaces scoreless the next three innings

while his teammates continued swinging hot bats. Plunk picked up the mound win to raise his record to 2-1.

The Harvesters broke on top, 6-5, in the fourth inning as Tony Cavalier reached first on an infield single, stole second and came home on Peet's single.

The Harvesters had another five-run inning in the fifth to chase Casarez from the mound. Peet knocked in two runs with a single while two more runs scored on Greg Moore's infield single and Plunk's sacrifice fly. Pampa added another run on a passed ball.

Hereford trimmed Pampa's lead to 11-8 with three runs in the sixth on a two-run double by Russ Watts and an RBI single by Andy Kauka.

The Harvesters added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth when Matt Finney laid down a squeeze bunt,

scoring Zach Thomas from third.

Although the Harvesters were charged with five errors, the Harvesters turned in some stellar defensive plays. Finney in right field threw out a runner trying to score from second on a base hit in the sixth. Shortstop Brandon Walden turned a double play on a sharply-hit groundball in the seventh inning to end the game. Cavalier and Chris Poole made some nice grabs in the outfield.

Peet, Smillie and Poole each collected two hits for the Harvesters. Cavalier, Moore and Thomas had one hit each.

The Harvesters host Randall at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Harvester Field.

"Randall was the pre-season favorite to win district. They've got eight starters back, so they're going to be tough," said Pampa coach Rod Porter.



Harvester first baseman Kurt West fouls off a pitch in district action against Hereford Saturday afternoon. (Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Thunderstorm interrupts Masters

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - A Georgia thunderstorm may have washed away Ian Woosnam's chance of winning consecutive Masters.

Woosnam was tied for the lead Saturday with Craig Parry when a storm struck, delaying play for almost three hours.

A cold Woosnam came back to the 205-yard par-3, No. 4 and immediately drilled his tee shot into a yawning bunker in front of the green. He exploded poorly, then three-putted for double-bogey 5.

"We were both cold after the delay and that was a very tough hole to start back on," said Parry, who also doubled there.

Woosnam rushed to the next tee and knocked a drive into a magnolia bush. He ruled it unplayable, returned to the tee and finished the

par-4, 435-yard hole with a double-bogey 6.

Two holes, two double bogeys. No lead, perhaps no chance.

In less than 10 minutes on Augusta National's deceptively dangerous front nine, Woosnam went from 10 under to 6 under.

He would find still more misery. After a steady par at the par-3 sixth, he hit another wayward drive on the 360-yard, par-4 No. 7, took bogey and plunged to 5 under.

He birdied the 535-yard, par-5 No. 8 and saved par at the 435-yard, par-4 No. 9 and the 485-yard, par-4 No. 10 by getting it up and down both times after missing the green.

Woosnam parred all three holes on Amen Corner and marked his ball without putting out on the 14th hole because of the darkness.

He then charged off the course, hopped into a van and left the

premises without discussing his failure to take advantage of his excellent position.

Woosnam began the day 9 under and got to 10 when he birdied the 555-yard, par-5 No. 2.

Woosnam, whose only major victory was last year's Masters, entered the day full of confidence. He believed he had found his putting stroke and was striking his driver solidly again.

"The excitement of the tournament has made me concentrate and it has helped my putting. The competition is bringing out the best in me. It's helping me lock in," he said. "I just need to keep myself in there close for Sunday."

Woosnam isn't that close anymore.

When he goes out Sunday morning to finish the third round, he'll be five shots behind leader Parry, with seven other golfers between them.

Reds' Hammond continues mastery of Astros

HOUSTON (AP) - Cincinnati starter Chris Hammond got his first victory of 1992 the same way he got his last victory of 1991 — against the Houston Astros.

Hammond got his fourth consecutive decision over the Astros, benefiting from three home runs by the Reds, including a three-run shot by Joe Oliver in the fifth inning, for an 8-5 victory Friday night.

Barry Larkin and Paul O'Neill also homered for the Reds, who had lost three of their first four.

Hammond, troubled by tendinitis in his elbow during the second half

of last season, got his first victory since beating the Astros last July 5. He allowed six hits in six innings, struck out five and walked one.

"Maybe it's the ballpark," Hammond said. "They've got a big park and I challenged everybody tonight. I guess I have a lot of confidence against them. I guess any pitcher would want to start the season pitching against the Astros in the Astrodome."

Norm Charlton entered with the bases loaded in the ninth and finished for his second save. He allowed an RBI single to Steve

Finley and a run-scoring double to Jeff Bagwell, but Craig Biggio was thrown out at the plate by Larkin's relay from shortstop. Ken Caminiti then flied out, ending the game.

Biggio hesitated at second base on the play and blamed himself for being thrown out.

"I didn't think the ball was hit that well and then it bounced off the wall," Biggio said. "It was bad judgment on my part. You're down three-four runs and trying to get them back one run at a time. The play at the plate was a big out."

Too many Olympians

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - Three months before the Summer Olympics, officials say their biggest problem is reducing the number of athletes and team officials signed up for the Games.

Organizers have set a strict limit of 15,200 athletes and team officials for the July 25-Aug. 9 Games in Barcelona, but about 19,000 requests for accreditation have already been received. Officials said Friday that Canada leads a list of 35 countries that have entered too many athletes and team officials — and that their delegations will have to be cut.

"We cannot take everybody in the Olympics," warned Gilbert Felli, sports director of the International Olympic Committee. "It is possible we may have to mandate reductions."

Organizers said they only have enough housing and services for

15,200 people. A surplus also could cause disruptions at training sites and in the scheduling of competitions.

Felli said Canada was the biggest abuser, requesting applications for 127 athletes more than originally approved by organizers.

Pal Schmitt, an IOC member from Hungary, said Ireland, Morocco and Poland were next on the list of abusers.

Schmitt said the United States, which is expected to send the biggest delegation to the Summer Games, was within its limit on athletes but has proposed sending too many team officials.

The U.S. squad was allotted places for 630 athletes and 201 officials, Schmitt said, and the U.S. Olympic Committee said last month it plans to send 624 athletes and 241 officials.



Pampa's Lawnda Webster (left) and an Amarillo High player go after the ball in soccer action Friday. (Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

AHS blanks Pampa girls

Pampa was shut out by Amarillo High, 6-0, in a high school girls' soccer match Friday at Harvester Field.

"We played them a lot a better the first time we played them. Amarillo High's skill really showed up this time," said Pampa coach Mike Jones.

Jones said Leslie Roberts and Jodi Millican played well for the Lady Harvesters, who are now 2-4 for the season.

"The girls hustled real well against Amarillo High," Jones said. "We just have to keep working."

The Lady Harvesters host Tascosa at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the final home match of the season.

PHS tennis teams place second at Amarillo Relays

AMARILLO - The Pampa High School tennis teams brought home the second-place trophy from the Amarillo Relays held Friday and Saturday.

Eight teams competed in the Relays.

Pampa's Patsy Barker and Meredith Horton won second-place medals in girls doubles, losing in the finals to Townsend and Townsend from Spearman. As a team, Barker and Horton helped get Pampa 15 points.

Kimberly Martin and Sharon Smith won two out of four matches, receiving 13th place and four points.

In girls singles, Laura Williams won 13 points and third place, beating Chacon from Memphis, 6-3, 6-2. Leigh Ellen Osborne got eighth

place, beating Johnson from Memphis, 6-1, 7-6. Osborne collected nine points.

In boys doubles, Sameer Mohan and Joe Welborn received second place medals, losing only to Palo Duro's Nguyen and Wilson, 6-3, 7-6, in the finals. Mohan and Welborn received 15 points.

John Allen and J.B. Horton placed ninth and received eight points.

Michael Sy placed seventh and received 10 points, beating out Campbell from Palo Duro in boys singles.

Also in boys singles, David Kludt lost to Garza from Levelland, 6-2, 6-2, but gave Pampa an extra five points for 12th place.

In the open division of girls singles, Hanne Zevenbergen lost a close first-round set to Amarillo High's Angie Fisher, 8-7. Christy Hoover made it to the second round before losing to Canyon's Hamrick.

In girls doubles, Lorrie Fulton and Jamie Earp made it to the quarterfinals before losing to Brandon and Holt from Borger. They received one point.

Also in girls doubles, Julie Patel and Catarina Campos made it to the semifinals, giving Pampa two points in the open division.

In boys singles, Billy Dewitt got to the second round before losing to Comer from Wellington. Joel Monds lost a close

match in a tie-breaker to Hensley from Borger in a first-round match.

In boys doubles, Aaron Witt and Lanny Schale lost in a first-round match in three sets to Tascosa's Skeen and Kirk.

Julian Chen and Stephan Bressler won their first-round matches before losing in the semifinals to Wellington, 6-4, 6-4. They helped the team receive two points for the open division.

Overall team points are as follows: Lubbock Coronado, 103; Pampa, 80; Palo Duro, 75; Levelland, 71; Memphis, 66; Nazareth, 62; Spearman, 50; Randall, 48.

Thursday and Friday the district tennis meet will be held in Borger.

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Signs of Spring



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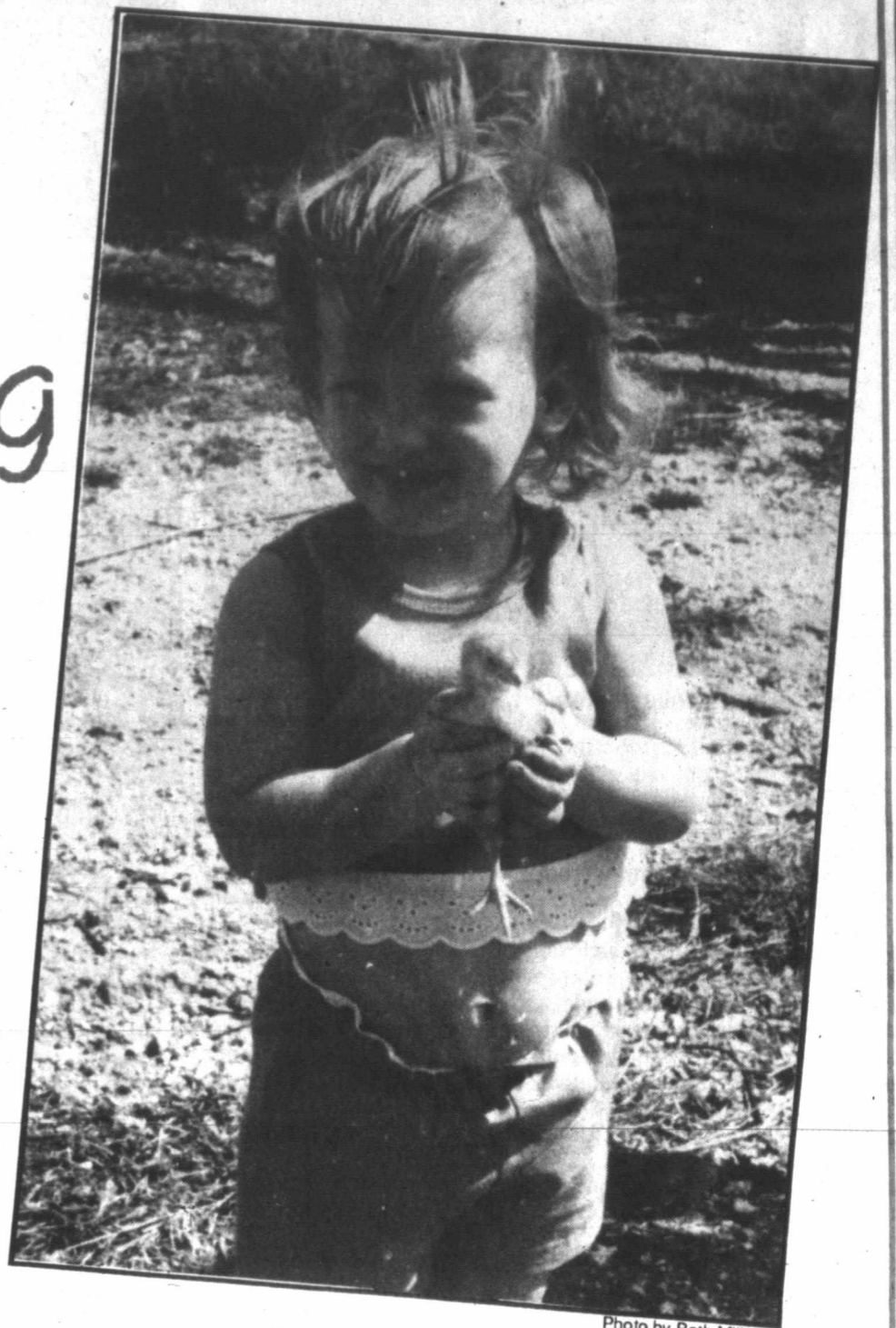


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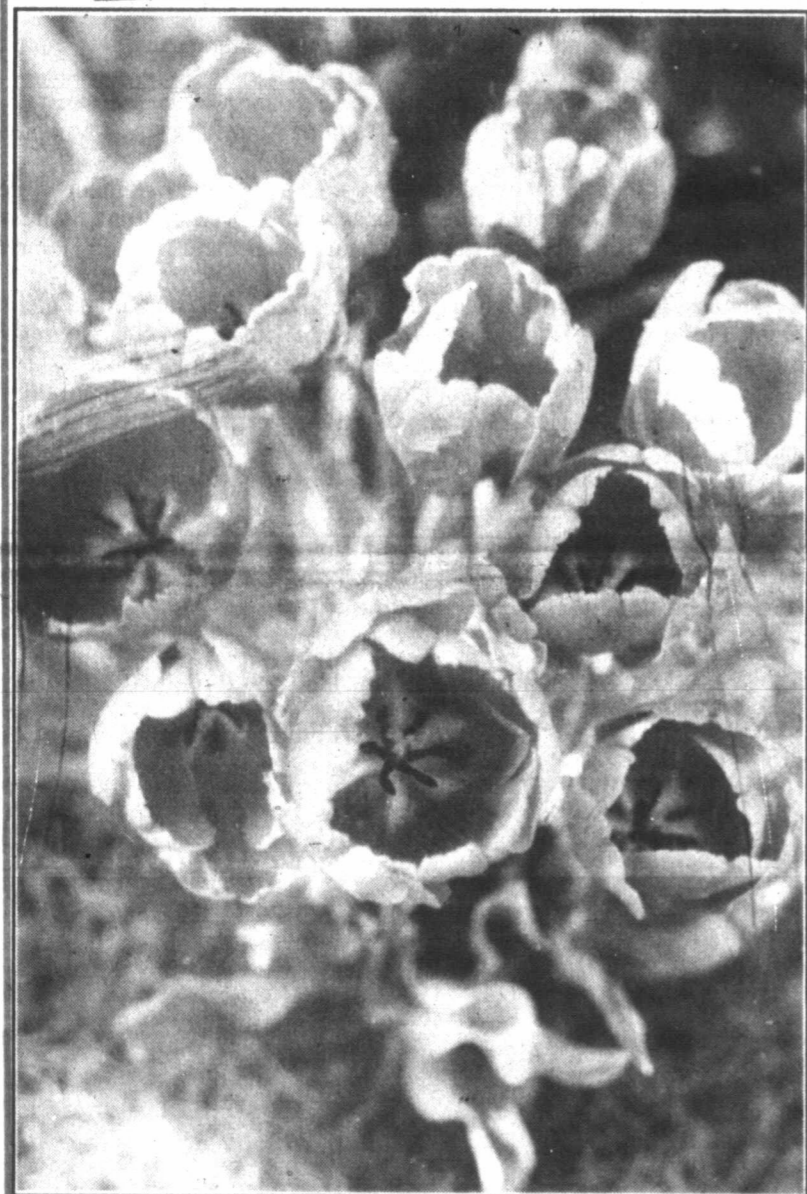


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The signs of spring are all around us. They encompass the Easter season, the awakening of the earth, and the birth of young animals.

Ashley Willis, top left, is dressed in her Easter finery. She holds a basket she hopes the Easter bunny will fill to the brim with goodies. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Don Willis. Larri

Golleher, top right, is loving a newly-hatched chick. She is the daughter of Lori and Dennis Golleher, Skellytown.

The tulips, middle left, are always a signal that warm weather is on the way. Religious observances also mark the spring season. The First Assembly of God Church is offering a dramatiza-

tion, "The Living Lord's Supper" at 6:30 p.m. today. Louis Klein, standing, portrays Christ with his apostles. In the bottom left photo, a Hereford mother and child make their way across the pasture near Lefors. Cher and Cher's Bold Streak, in the bottom right photo, are owned by Sequin Downey of Amarillo.



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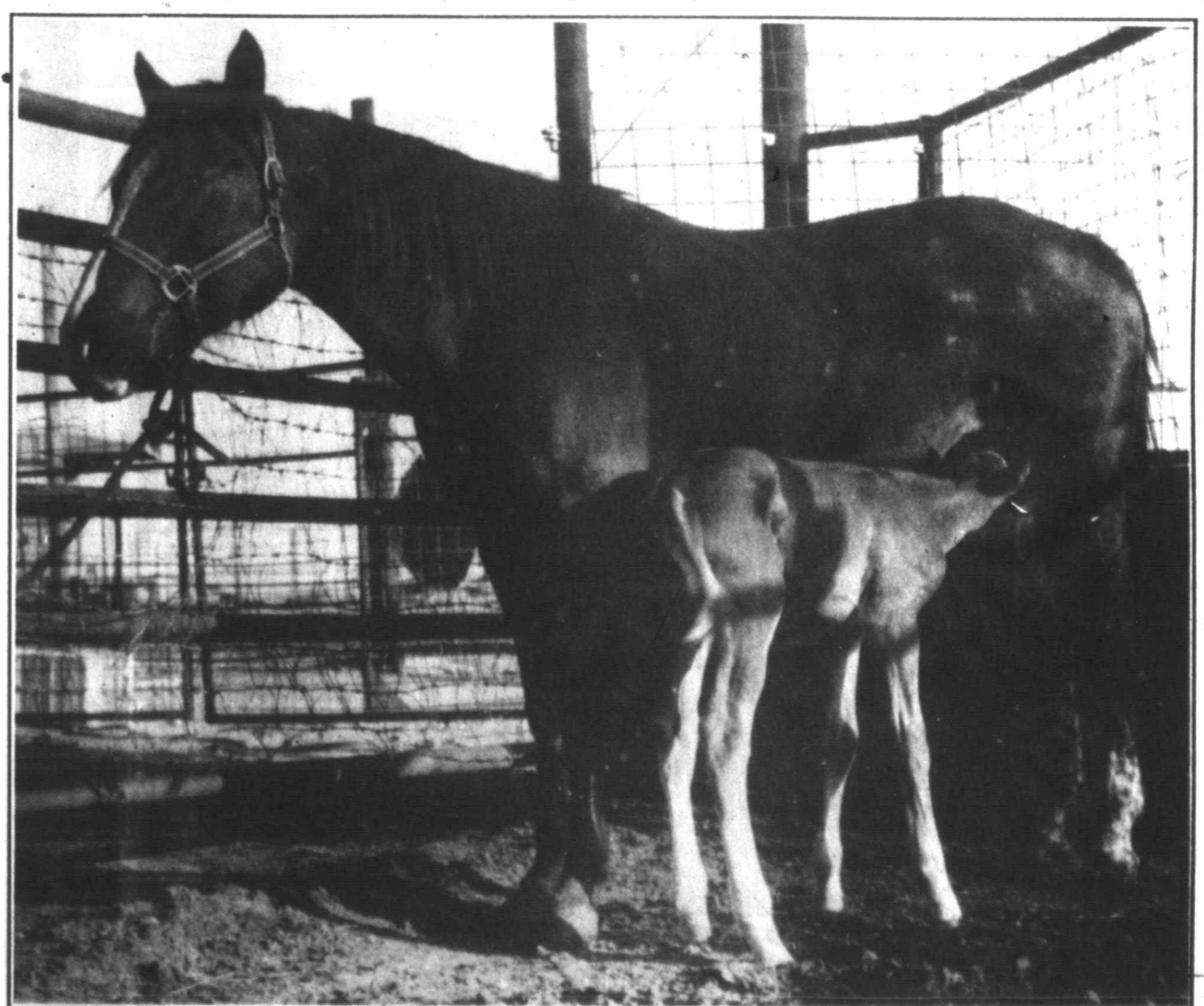


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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Leslie Minton
Jeanne Marie Brown

Brown - Minton

Jeanne Marie Brown became the bride of Herbert Leslie Minton on March 12 in the Caprock Clubhouse. Justice of the Peace Bob Muns officiated.

She is the daughter of Billy J. and Nancy Brown, Pampa. He is the son of Richard and Betty Minton, Kingsmill.

Mechelle Abbot, cousin of the bride, served as maid of honor. Sister of the bride, Sherry Harvin, Borger, was bridesmaid. Rebecca Middlebrooks, niece of the bride, Pampa, was flower girl.

Father of the groom, Richard Minton, stood as best man. Tom Brown, Pampa, was groomsman.

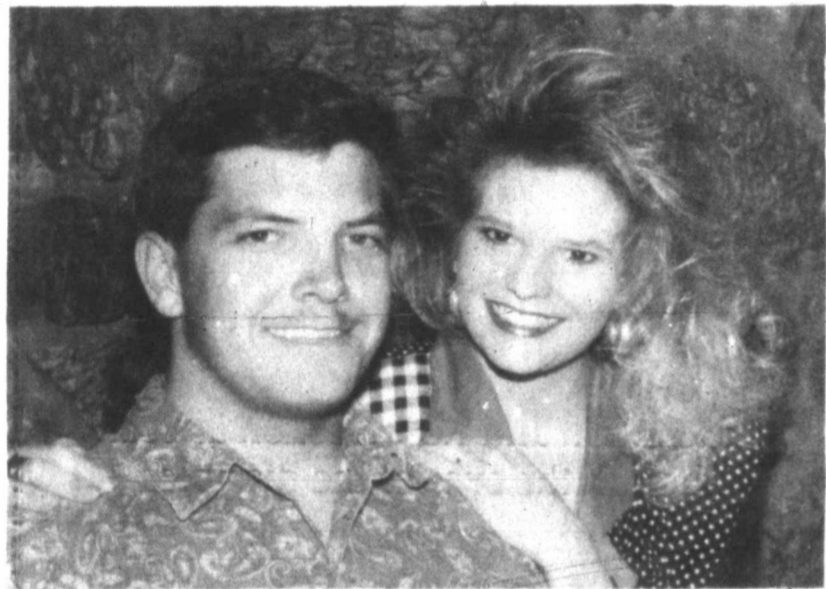
Guests were registered by Amy Ulmer and Jen Lewis, both of Skellytown.

A reception followed the ceremony in the clubhouse. Guest were served by Cindy Abbott, Kristy Lee, Shyla Cornsilk and Frances Lam, all of Pampa, and Pat Stone, Kingsmill.

The bride attended Pampa High School and is a checker at Homeland.

The groom is a 1986 Pampa High School graduate and is a dairy foods clerk at Homeland.

Following a honeymoon trip to Dallas, they are making their home in Pampa.



Cindy Lyn Lang and Todd Mason

Lang - Mason

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lang, Pampa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Lyn, to Todd Mason. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mason, Pampa. They plan to marry June 12 at Briarwood Church.

She is a graduate of Pampa High School and attends Exposito College.

He will graduate from Pampa High School in May and is employed by Thurmond - McGlothlin, Inc.

Special kitchen problems topic of lunch program

"Overcoming Special Problems in the Kitchen" will be the focus of a special program for older adults at noon, Thursday, at the Southside Senior Center, 430 W. Crawford. Dr. Dymple Cooksey, Food and Nutrition Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will present the program.

Dr. Cooksey will involve participants in looking at special problems of some older adults associated with food preparation in the kitchen. However, participants will learn good techniques to use in food preparation in the kitchen whether or not he/she has special problems.

Program emphasis will be placed on: preventing falls, fires, and accidents; organizing the kitchen; techniques to help those individuals with arthritis, weak arms, and hands; techniques for individuals with loss of feeling and limited vision; and working from a wheelchair.

The program is a lunch and learn opportunity. To make reservations, call Mae Williams, Southside Senior Center director at 665-4765 or the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

History facts to know

American naval hero John Paul Jones was born in 1747.

On July 1, 1898, Theodore Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" carried out a victorious assault on San Juan Hill in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

Sir Thomas More went on trial in England in 1535. He was charged with treason for refusing the Oath of Supremacy.

Experts say it is only a myth that shaved hairs grow to be stronger and stiffer. In fact, growing hair always feels stiff, and shaving it has no effect on its texture or growth rate.



Mrs. Brian Patrick Sullivan
Amber Lea White

White - Sullivan

Amber Lea White, Amarillo, became the bride of Brian Patrick Sullivan, Amarillo, on March 28 at the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo. Murry Gossett of the church officiated.

She is the daughter of Sam and Sally White, Pampa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ammons, Amarillo, and the late Patrick Sullivan.

Christina Eaks, Chicago, Ill., served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Suzette Snider, Amarillo, Michelle Hess, Lubbock, and Clover White, sister-in-law of the bride, Dallas. Rebecca Gindorf, Pampa, was flower girl.

Tyson Cates, Amarillo, stood as best man. Groomsman were Trent Jones, Clay Cole and Cory Johnson, all of Amarillo. Matthew Baldinger, Amarillo, served as ring bearer.

Brothers of the bride, James White and Shawn White, both of Dallas, and Chris Kunkel, Hale Center, served as ushers and candlelighters.

Guests were registered by Kathy McCall, Dallas.

Organ music was provided by Norman Goad, and vocal music by Paul Frederiksen. They are both of Amarillo.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlor. Guests were served by Suzette Snider, Michelle Hess, Clover White, and Christina Eaks.

She is a graduate of Pampa High School and attended West Texas State University. She works in sales and modeling.

He is a graduate of Amarillo High School and attended Amarillo College. He is employed in sales and modeling.

Following a honeymoon trip to Florida, they plan to make their home in Dallas.

Scholarship available for study abroad

Scholarships amounting to \$500 and \$1,000 are available to U.S. students desiring to study abroad with the AFS exchange student program. Students wishing more information should contact Darlene Birkes, 665-2913, as soon as possible.

Two new summer programs are being offered by AFS. One is an environmental issues program in Brazil which lasts for six weeks and includes homestays. Departure dates are June 27-30.

The second program is a first-hand view of the emerging democ-

racy of Eastern Europe with homestays, travel, and lectures in Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Cost includes orientations and survival language lessons. Departure dates are June 28-30. Information can be obtained from Birkes.

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Applications are also being taken for people who would like to host an exchange student or teacher for the school year of 1992-1993.

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Mrs. William Terrell Cooke IV
Sissy Sue Giddeon

Giddeon - Cooke

Sissy Sue Giddeon, Amarillo, became the bride of William Terrell Cooke IV, Amarillo, on April 11 at Paramount Terrace Christian Church, Amarillo. Rev. Cecil Ferguson, Pampa, officiated at the ceremony.

She is the daughter of Sammy and Sue Giddeon, Skellytown. He is the son of Wendy and Derrell Ruthardt, White Deer, and Terry and Pam Cooke, Amarillo.

Trena Ruthardt, sister of the groom, Amarillo, was maid of honor. Tami Craig, Pampa, served as bridesmaid.

Paul Cooke, brother of the groom, Amarillo, stood as best man. Joe Stafford, Norman, Okla., served as groomsman.

Lance Kennedy and Kelly Knight, both of Amarillo, were ushers.

Guests were registered by D'Lisa Pohnert, Amarillo. Music was provided by Sonja Solano, Pampa.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Paramount Terrace Christian Church Activity Center. Guests were served by Tonya Vanhoser, Amy Marshall, Lavada Kennedy, Stephanie Smart and Joannie Homer, all of Amarillo.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of White Deer High School and attended Frank Phillips College and West Texas State University. She is employed by Amarillo National Bank Coulter Branch as a teller supervisor.

The groom is a 1985 graduate of Tascosa High School and attended Clarendon College. He is self employed as a professional hunting guide and dog trainer.

Following a honeymoon trip to Santa Fe, N.M., they plan to make their home in Amarillo.

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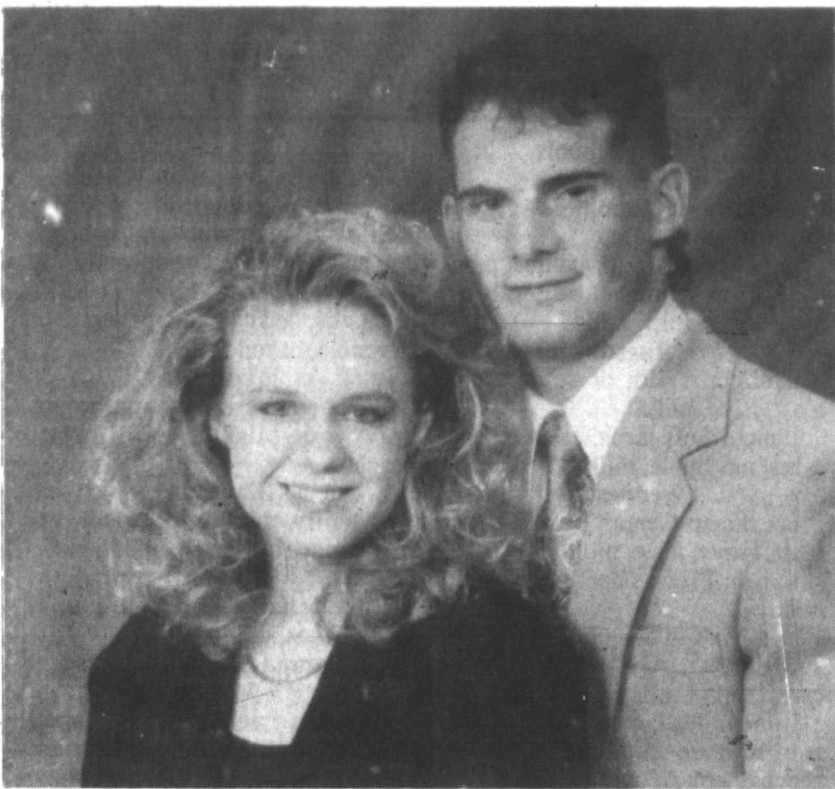
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Valerie Gae Molone and Sidney James Brass

Molone - Brass

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Molone, Pampa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Gae Molone, to Sidney James Brass. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brass of McLean.

She is a 1988 graduate of Pampa Christian School. She attended Southwestern College in Waxahachie. She attends Clarendon College, and is employed by Maurice's in Pampa.

He is a 1989 graduate of McLean High School. He is attending Seward County Community College, Liberal, Kan., on a tennis scholarship.

They plan to marry June 19, at Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa.

Bluebonnets welcome spring to Panhandle

If bluebonnets blooming in Pampa mean Spring, then Spring arrived a few days ago.

Mim and Newt Secrest have flower beds full of blooming bluebonnets all around their house. Newt advises planting them in July for next year's blooms. The Secrests went north on a long, long vacation with the first stop in Kansas City, where they picked up Mim's sister Ruth from Florida. The three then went to Iowa City, Iowa, to visit a niece and on to Galva, Ill., to visit a brother and his wife before heading for Waupaca, Wis., to visit an aunt. In one area they saw nine lakes still frozen over. No wonder they zipped back home almost non stop. For your info, their daughters live in scattered parts of the USA - Rene in Big Sandy, Beckie in New Hampshire and Stephanie in Austin.

Special congratulations to Mike Keagy, who was honored yesterday in Amarillo by the Women's Forum in the category of civic leadership and public service. Mike, a leader wherever she may be, is worthy of recognition in several areas. Remember she served as the first woman president of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and did a remarkable job. Friends tell they can half way through a project before they realize Mike persuaded them to work in the first place. That's good leadership! Instilling community pride in others has to begin with Numero Uno, and it begins there with Mike.

Dona Cornutt had one of her early morning breakfasts for friends recently, after spending three weeks having her house completely repainted and repaired in a place or two. Dona is known for her special breakfasts and lovely luncheons, featuring



Peeking at Pampa By Katie

recipes hard to duplicate. Her yard is always pretty with flowers blooming from early spring to late fall.

Belated congratulations to Tracey Warner, who was sworn in as assistant district attorney last week. A number of friends attended the ceremony, one of whom was her very attractive mother from Ardmore, Okla. Like mother, like daughter. In-laws John and Judy Warner were as proud as could be, too, and with good reason.

W.T. and Rhonda Shultz and their three children of Florida visited Rhonda's family, her parents Margaret and Jack Inmon and her grandparents Imogene and Oren Simpson. W.T. was separated from the service last November in Florida after serving there for some time.

If every lady could look half as pretty with grey hair as Maedell Lanehart does, there would be no need for hair color. Maedell has an artistic hand with make up and an artistic eye in choosing complimentary colors to wear, which add up to a neat, neat lady.

Another afternoon shopper was Mary Summers, attractive and neat to the last detail. Not far away was Marguerite Nash, another one of the neat, squeaky-clean and pleasant gals out shopping. Marguerite is a high quality seamstress with several

decades of experience in the field. Vivian Malone with her warm and friendly smile was welcomed back to work this week.

Jan Covalt and daughter, Raynetta Earp, both spic and span and spiffy as could be were seen enjoying a long walk down the hike and bike trail.

Can't let the chance go by to mention Irma Puryear's gorgeous pansies. For pansies the world is sweet.

A great people lover is Cecil Myatt, who especially enjoys being around younger people. He can be seen almost daily with either his son Ed or his daughter Betty Bohlander enjoying a meal together. Betty is chairman of the 45th reunion of the Pampa High School class of 1947 set for August 7 - 9. Already she has written 159 letters. She is trying to locate the following with last addresses given when available: Charlene Lorraine Brown, Duncannonville; Isaac Huvall, Kent, Wash.; Alverna Miller Cobb, Arvada, Colo.;

Lawrence Baines, Joann Codlin, Gerald Cooper and Betty Davis.

Guy and Jessie Lee Caskey of Arlington spent last weekend in Pampa. Although they moved from Pampa a number of years ago, their Pampa ties are still strong.

Other weekend visitors were Gladys Henson, Perryton, who visited Cindy Bolin. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jennings of Tahoka visited Bud and Beverly Watson. Carl and Lavada Warner enjoyed having grand and great-grandchildren Brent and Deborah Warner and two children from Hereford. Sally Grauer of Bloomington, Minn., visited Jean Gillmore. Mary Tonemah of Yukon, Okla., visited family Adney and John Parker, Kayla and Ervin Pursley and Dona Cornutt.

Jeffrey Lemons, seven year old son of Marge and Ken, has a new hair style of his own choosing, a BURR, quite a contrast to his life-long Buster Brown style. Marge discovered the reason for having to mop and sop up an ocean of water on the bathroom floor. While taking his bath after the major event, Jeffrey left the tub three times to see if his hairdo was still okay. It was!

Thanks to Brenda and Ronnie Liles for the beautiful Easter decorations in their front yard. Do go by and enjoy them, too.

See you next week on Easter morning, Katie.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Only thing we have to fear is fear that we're misquoting

DEAR ABBY: I am having an argument with a friend who considers himself an authority on everything. The question: Who said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself?"

I say, Franklin Roosevelt said it. My friend says the Duke of Wellington said it. Who is right?

BIG FIGHT IN LITTLE ROCK

DEAR BIG FIGHT: Roosevelt said it in his *First Inaugural Address in 1933*. And the Duke of Wellington — according to the Earl of Stanhope in his *Notes of Conversations with the Duke of Wellington* (published in 1888) quoted the Duke as having said: "The only thing I am afraid of is fear."

Wellington may have been paraphrasing Thoreau, who said in *Henry David Thoreau's "Journal"* (published in 1851): "Nothing is so much to be feared as fear."

However, Henry David Thoreau may have borrowed this gem from Francis Bacon who, in 1623, wrote: "Nothing is terrible except fear itself" (*De Augmentis Scientiarum, Book II, Fortitudo*).

There is also the possibility that Thoreau might have read Michel Montaigne's *"Essays, Book I"* (published in 1580) in which he wrote, "The thing I fear most is fear."

But leave it to the Old Testament to scoop them all: "Be not afraid of sudden fear," Proverbs 3:25.

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Saints Roost Day set for May 2

The Les Beaux Art Club of Clarendon will host the second annual Saints Roost Day from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 2, at the Saints Roost Museum.

Scheduled events will include the Adobe Walls Dancers performing authentic Plains and Pueblo Indian dances. They are a co-educational group from Explorer Post #565 from the Hutchinson County Museum. The Mountain Men will be setting up camps with musket demonstrations, flint carving, origi-

nal costumes, and settings depicting life in the middle 1800s. A chuck wagon with country cooking, local and area artisans exhibiting their wares, an art exhibit depicting early day scenes from the Panhandle area, museum tours and concessions by area and local organizations and individuals will be available.

For more information concerning exhibit or concessions, contact Tandy Boston at (806)874-2513 or Anna Beth McNabb at (806)874-2106.

Customer preferences studied by supermarkets

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — To give consumers what they want, local supermarkets study customers' shopping preferences, which vary by geographic location.

Ground coffee, for instance, sells best in the Midwest, while Southerners prefer instant and freeze-dried, and whole bean coffee is the favorite of Westerners.

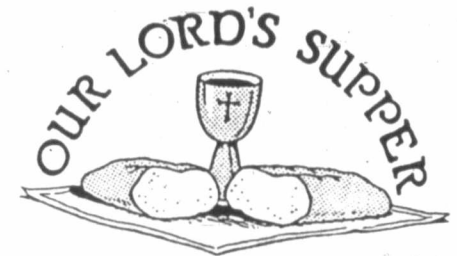
Statistics compiled by Market Metrics, whose software system identifies sales potential for products sold in 30,000 supermarkets nationwide, show that baby supplies sell at higher rates in Western states, and lower in Northeastern states. Southerners buy the most flour

and shortening for baking, but the Midwest leads in purchasing whole wheat flour.

Southerners buy the most jellies, Midwesterners lead in jams. Westerners buy more bottled water, wine, champagne and beer.

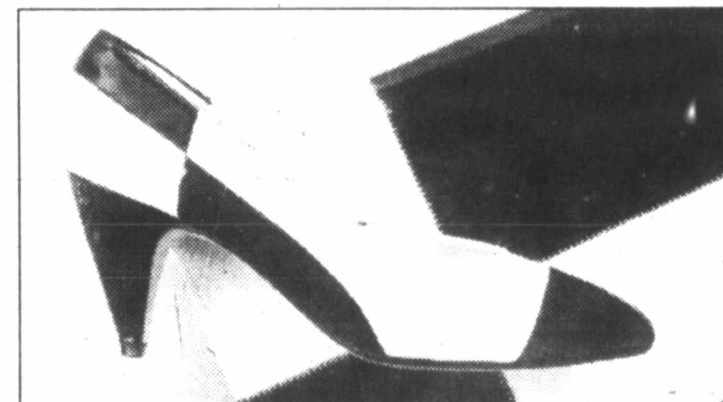
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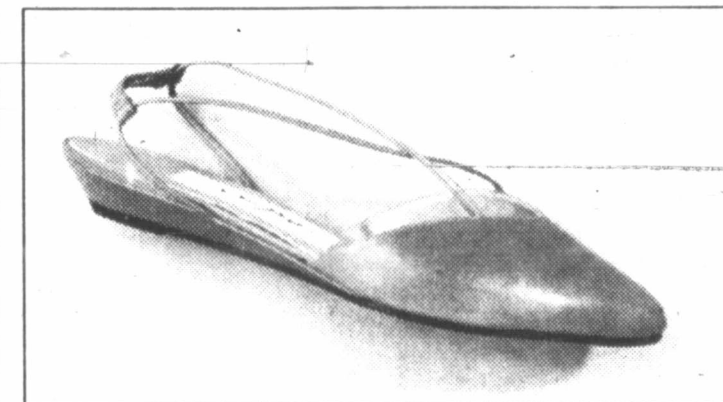


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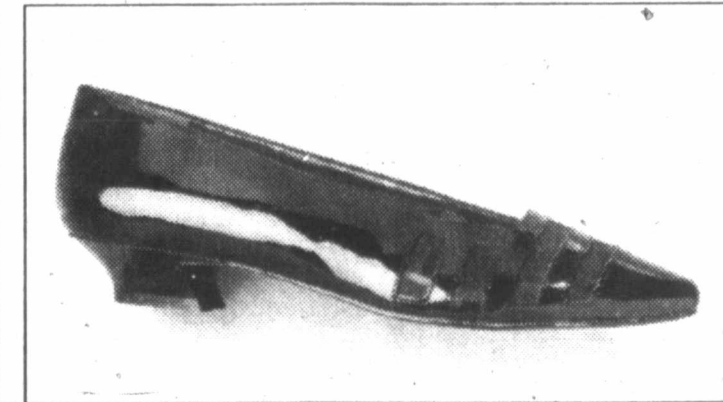
Spring Shoe Spectacular



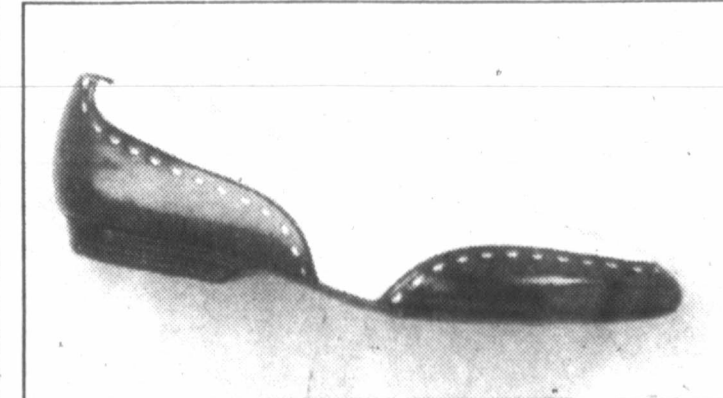
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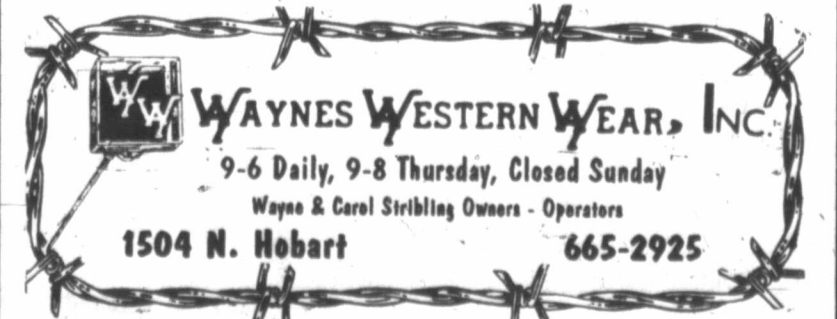
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Mike Keagy honored by Women's Forum

Marilyn "Mike" Keagy was honored Saturday by the Amarillo Area Women's Forum during a luncheon at Mary Moody Northern Hall at West Texas State University. She and seven other Panhandle women were recognized for outstanding service in the areas of art, business, civic leadership, education, health care and other fields.



Mike Keagy
Board of Realtors to state directorship and in 1983, the board chose her for the state "Realtor Citizenship Award."

The eight were chosen from 21 women nominated by area groups and individuals. The awards are given for exceptional and outstanding service.

Keagy was nominated by the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. She is a recipient in the civic/leadership/public service/volunteerism category.

Her accomplishments include 14 years on the board of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. She was the first woman president of the chamber, serving from October 1990 to December 1991. During her term, Keagy instituted "Spotlight on Pampa", featuring older businesses and the "Pat on the Back Award", which recognizes volunteers during the monthly chamber luncheons. During her leadership, the chamber operated in the black for the first time in many years, according to information from Women's Forum.

During 1990-1991, Keagy served as a task force member in the drive to obtain a prison.

In 1978, Keagy and business partner, Judi Edwards, purchased Quentin Williams, Realtors. Keagy was chosen Realtor of the year in 1977 and 1982. She was president of the Board of Realtors during those years. Both years she won the national award for community involvement.

In 1975-78 and 1980-1984, she was elected by the Pampa

Board of Realtors to state directorship and in 1983, the board chose her for the state "Realtor Citizenship Award." Keagy provided a seminar on "Women Against Rape" for area women, taught a defensive driving course, participated in a career education course for high school students, and organized the Pampa chapter of the American Diabetes Association and raised \$8,900 for the charity. She has been involved in beautification efforts in downtown Pampa and purchasing equipment for the Pampa Community Day Care Center.

Keagy is married to Robert Keagy. They are the parents of four and grandparents of nine.

Others honored by the Women's Forum were Teddie Allen, Memphis; Pan Eimon, Amarillo; Mary Beth Ford, Amarillo and Canyon; Sharon Kelley Oeschger, Amarillo; Dr. Sue Park, Canyon; Mary Ruth Evan Smith, Panhandle; and Dr. M. Joleen Walsh, Canyon.

Gray Countians take top spots in district competition

DATES
16 - Meats Judging meeting, 5:30 p.m., Annex
- Dog Project meeting, 6:30 p.m., Bull Barn

DISTRICT CONTEST-WINNERS

Gray County 4-Hers took top honors at the District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Amarillo on April 4. The Gray County senior team, composed of Regina Caldwell, David and Amanda Kludt, and Grace Sutton, earned the opportunity to compete in the Texas 4-H Roundup Contest in College Station in June by placing second. Also making an outstanding showing as an individual contestant was Kirk McDonald.

The intermediate team earned first place honors. Team members were Nonnie James, Kim McDonald, and Brian Brauchi. Brian was also named second high point individual in the intermediate contest.

The junior team of Colby Street, Barry Brauchi, Samantha Hurst, and Brittany Street earned second place honors. Also making an excellent showing in the junior division was Lindsay Tidwell.

4-Hers in this contest made consumer decisions related to boom boxes, watches, credit cards, antiperspirants/deodorants, bike helmets, auto insurance, and apartment leasing.

GRAY COUNTY 4-H ROUNDUP

Eighteen 4-Hers participated in the Gray County 4-H Roundup on April 5. Those 4-Hers making presentations in their categories included: Junior division; Brian Brauchi, Open Class; Mary Grace and Sarah Fields, Natural Resources; Jennifer Bliss, Companion Animals; Adam Stephens, Safety; Barry Brauchi and Colby Street, Consumer Life Skills; Kim McDonald, Family Life; Jessica Fish, Sheep; Sofia Gruszceki and Lindsay Tidwell, Food and Nutrition; Tara Hembree, Entomology; Jennifer Williams, Public Speaking; and Jason Bliss, Rabbit. Senior divi-

4-H Futures and Features

sion: Dennis Williams, Public Speaking; Grace Sutton, Open Class; and Holly Abbott and Sheila Sanders, Health.

All of these 4-Hers will have to opportunity to represent Gray County at the District 4-H Roundup, May 2, in Canyon.

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For more information, contact the Extension Office.

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Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Extension Office for more information.

Menus

April 13 - 17

Lefors Schools	No school.
Monday	Pampa Meals on Wheels
Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, sausage, juice, milk.	Monday
Lunch: Oven pork patties, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, applesauce, rolls, milk.	Steak fingers with gravy, broccoli and rice, carrot salad, candy.
Tuesday	Tuesday
Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.	Charbroiled chicken, potato casserole, baked beans.
Lunch: Soft tacos, ranch beans, salad, pineapple, milk.	Wednesday
Wednesday	Chopped sirloin with mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, Harvard beets, peaches.
Breakfast: Cereal, peanut butter toast, juice, milk.	Thursday
Lunch: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk.	Oven-fry chicken, peas and carrots, squash casserole, pudding.
Thursday	Friday
Breakfast: Grilled cheese or cereal, juice, milk.	Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, jello/fruit.
Lunch: Polish sausage, macaroni and cheese, green beans, peach cobbler, rolls, milk.	Pampa Senior Citizens
Friday	Monday
No school.	Chicken fried steak or baked chicken; mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, pinto beans; slaw, toss or jello salad; chocolate ice box pie or pineapple upside down cake; cornbread or hot rolls.
Pampa Schools	Tuesday
Monday	Pepper steak over rice or tacos; cheese potatoes, baked cabbage, fried okra; slaw, toss or jello salad; lemon cream pie or banana pudding; cornbread or hot rolls.
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Wednesday
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, English peas, hot roll, choice of milk.	Roast beef brisket with brown gravy; mashed potatoes, carrots, turnip greens; slaw, toss or jello salad; coconut cream cake or chocolate pie; cornbread or hot rolls.
Tuesday	Thursday
Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage patty, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Baked ham or smothered steak; macaroni and cheese, English peas, broccoli; slaw, toss or jello salad; cherry cobbler or butterscotch pie; cornbread or hot rolls.
Lunch: Hot ham and cheese pockets, corn on cob, vegetarian beans, pear halves, choice of milk.	Friday
Wednesday	Fried cod fish or chicken spaghetti; French fries, green beans, creamed corn; slaw, toss or jello salad, carrot cake or coconut pie; garlic bread, cornbread or hot rolls.
Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	
Lunch: Sausage pizza, salad with dressing, green beans, mixed fruit, choice of milk.	
Thursday	
Breakfast: Toast, jelly, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	
Lunch: Hot dog with chili, French fries, sliced peaches, chocolate cake, choice of milk.	
Friday	

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The Pampa News is sponsoring a Mother's Day story contest, "Mom and Me". The winning three essays will be printed on April 12, along with some others as space allows. Cash prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be paid to the winners.

editorial staff of The Pampa News.

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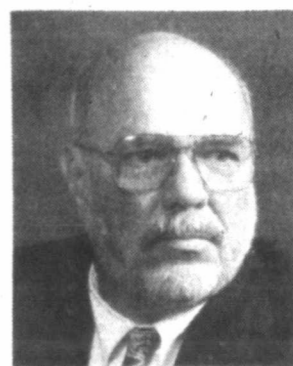
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Earth Day plants seeds of environmentalism among kids

By JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press Writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — They're turning off lights, pedalling their bikes instead of asking Mom to drive them, pestering their parents to recycle, planting trees, and cleaning streams.

They're also criticizing President Bush, landing corporate support and distributing newsletters read by millions.

Fearful for their future — and unimpressed by their elders' efforts — more and more of America's kids are putting their ideals into action, working to save the Earth by starting with their own neighborhoods.

The seeds of the children's crusade were sown on April 22, 1990, in the media blitz that accompanied the 20th anniversary of Earth Day.

"It was sort of the youth equivalent of the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas stuff. Something happens when you just get an issue in your face for a period of time," said Denis Hayes, executive director of the celebration and now president of Earth Seal in Palo Alto, Calif.

In the two years since, dozens of children's organizations have sprouted across the nation. Their names tell the tale — Kids for Saving Earth, Kids for a Clean Environment, Kids in Nature's Defense.

"On certain rare occasions, a shift in thinking that takes over an entire country can be seen first among the young. We saw that in the communist countries. I think that the same thing is beginning to occur with the global environment," said Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., who organized a special hearing this year for children to talk about global warming.

Perhaps the momentum can be traced to the fact that children aren't overwhelmed by the enormity of trying to save the Earth, the way many adults are, said John Javna, author of "50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth" and "Kid Heroes of the Environment."

"Kids see their immediate environment as the whole world," Javna said. "The street they walk on, the school they go to, is every bit as much the whole planet as our concept of different countries."

From Saturday morning cartoons to classrooms, these kids have been bombarded with warnings about rain forests destroyed to make pasture for Brazilian beef, global warming from the carbon dioxide released by cars and power plants, spotted owls pushed to the brink of extinction by too much logging, dolphins drowned by fishermen netting tuna.

And they have responded, in ways large and small.

Fifteen children's environmental groups claiming a total of 1 million members have joined in The CO2 Challenge Kids Coalition, which is working to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 1 million tons a year.

In a suburb of Minneapolis, the parents of 11-year-old Clinton Hill, who died of a brain tumor, carry on his dream of a national organization. Kids for Saving Earth is the biggest of the children's environmental groups. Its color newsletter is distributed around the nation by its main sponsor, Target stores.

"In a year and a half's time, we have 13,000 clubs with 400,000 kids," said Tessa Hill, Clinton's mother and president of the group.

Clinton's friend, 13-year-old John Hegstrand of Plymouth, Minn., handed 100,000 pledges for The CO2 Challenge to Gore after being turned away at the White House.

"Kids have a lot of power," John



(AP Photo)

Lauren Gilmore, a member of Earth Kids, lifts a plastic ball Earth in February during the Earth Summit Town Meeting in Portland, Ore.

"We affect the way our parents think. The more that we know, the more that people become aware."

Being ignored by the White House led 12-year-old Melissa Poe of Nashville, Tenn., to start Kids For a Clean Environment with her mother. With help from Wal-Mart stores, the group produces a newsletter that claims a readership of 2 million.

Melissa had written a letter to Bush asking him to help stop pollution. When she didn't get a response, she arranged for her letter to be reproduced on billboards, first in her hometown, and later in Washington, D.C.

She said she's ashamed of Bush for not doing more after declaring himself the environmental president.

"I don't think it's fair," she said. "The adults won't have to live in this world and the kids will. We don't want to grow up in a world where we can't breathe and we can't go outside and enjoy a nice day in the park."

Self-appointed trend spotter Faith

Popcorn noted the power of children in her book, "The Popcorn Report."

"It is our belief that children, through their Nintendos, will be able to organize all over the world and pressure the powers that be to save the environment," Popcorn said. She found evidence of children flexing their economic muscle in the boycott that led many tuna canners to pledge to stop buying fish caught in nets that kill dolphins.

Kids aren't networking yet via their Nintendos, but they are linking up around the globe on computer bulletin boards with the help of adults such as Marshall Gilmore, a lawyer in Salem, Ore. With his family, he started the Earth Kids Organization.

There's a computer in his home office dedicated to the K-12 network, allowing kids to stay in touch with group chapters as far away as Ukraine. Kids punch in their accomplishments, such as stenciling storm drains with warnings that dumping oil will hurt fish in nearby rivers.

"It's not just kids doing something for window dressing," Gilmore said. "These kids are pulling something off."

For children, this isn't business. It's personal.

"They seem to realize without being shown that the Earth is their friend, the same way an animal or their best friend would be. We have a tremendous natural resource here, and that is the united passion of children," said Michael Mish, who writes and records environmental songs for kids in Ashland, Ore.

The message that "The power is yours!" booms through the superhero cartoon "Captain Planet and the Planetees," the brainchild of environmentalist and broadcasting magnate Ted Turner. In only its second year, it has an audience of 2 million.

"If we can get people to care just a little bit, they will carry that through to their daily lives," said Barbara Pyle, vice president for environmental affairs at Turner Broadcasting and executive producer of "Captain Planet."

The message reverberates. Javna said a conversation with Pyle inspired him to write "Kid Heroes of the Environment," 30 stories of children who do real things, such as recycling, saving sea turtles, planting trees, raising money to protect rain forests and shutting down a hazardous waste dump.

"She said, 'Kids need heroes.' That's what this is all about," Javna said.

When it comes to heroes, no one reaches more children than the Teen-age Mutant Ninja Turtles, and their message is bright green.

Since CBS started broadcasting the cartoon in 1990, environmental "Turtle Tips," based on consultations with a UCLA professor, have been sandwiched between the show's two segments so children will be sure to see them, said Judy Price, vice president for children's programming at CBS.

"If the turtles are saying it, I think we are more effective in the message," she said.

Children are taking the message back to their schools, where they demand their teachers do more, said Steve Manning, staff naturalist for The Nature Company, a retailer based in Berkeley, Calif.

"At the start of the school year, I heard from a lot of teachers," Manning said. "They told me the kids came to school, and the kids said, 'All right, teach, what are we going to do for Earth Day this year?' The teachers were taken aback. They called me up to find out what the heck they could do with these kids."

In the same way children nagged their parents to stop smoking and wear their seat belts, they are teaching them to recycle and care about the environment.

Last fall, Paul D. Hart Research Associates of Washington, D.C. conducted a survey for the World Wildlife Fund of 880 kids around the country ranging in age from 11 to 18.

"We clearly found that children not only care about the environment ... but they are the ones who influence their parents and their households to be more considerate of the environment," said analyst Debbie Klingender. "They may not have the money to contribute to environmental groups, but they are working on the home front."

Sixty-three percent of the kids surveyed, for example, said they try to get their parents to recycle and 52 percent said they try to get them to

buy environmentally responsible products.

The kids reported that they regularly recycle aluminum cans (67 percent), turn off lights to save energy (77 percent), recycle newspapers (57 percent), conserve water (59 percent), and recycle plastics (48 percent).

"There's a very strong sense among many of these young people that they've inherited a world that's falling apart, and they are deeply disturbed by that," Ms. Klingender said. "They feel they have been left to clean up the mess."

As a result, they are developing an environmental ethic that never has existed in American culture, said Gaylord Nelson, the former Wisconsin senator who founded Earth Day in 1970 and is now counselor to The Wilderness Society.

"When you ask the question of an ecologist, 'What is the most important environmental issue?' they will be unanimous in saying it is exponential population growth," Nelson said. "However, one issue that is barely mentioned is a guiding environmental ethic in our culture."

"If we don't have a generation guided by a conservation ethic, we won't have the understanding or the courage or the desire or the conviction to make the hard decisions that society is going to have to make if we are going to maintain the integrity of a life-sustaining ecosystem. So these young folks are critical."



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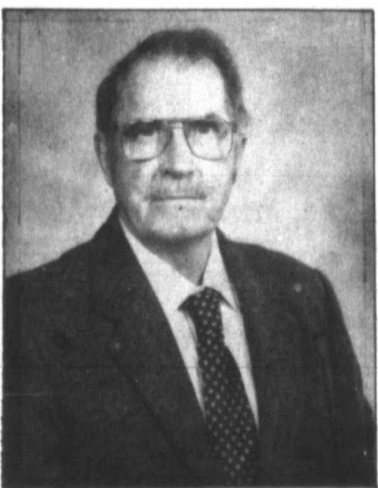
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Entertainment

Grodin is black sheep

By DANA KENNEDY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If celebrities plugging their latest projects are sometimes like a parade of enormous balloons spewing hot air, Charles Grodin is the black sheep on the sidelines, deflating everything in sight.

Actor-writer-director-producer Grodin has a new movie, "Beethoven" and a new play, a new book out this month and a recently completed feature script in the can.

But not from Grodin will you hear any tales of being discovered, of being encouraged, of being promoted, or any hint that life is a beach and everyone wants the best for you.

"Nobody cares," says Grodin. "Nobody. Much of my career is owed to the fact that I'm a writer and not just dependent on someone giving me an acting job. My next movie is one I've written."

Ask why he took the starring role in "Beethoven," an above-average kids' comedy about a dog, and you won't get any earnest answers about how he wanted to "stretch" his skills by working with children and animals.

"I'm not that much in demand," says Grodin. "It's not like I have this stack of wonderful offers. I'm just delighted they wanted me."

Grodin is immensely quotable but words on paper may not capture his dry wit and essentially merry nature. He's no bitter sad sack.

As he sprawls back comfortably in a hotel suite paid for by Universal Pictures, Grodin is not unlike his screen persona, droll, observant and fighting off angst. A Woody Allen for the goyim.

He's embarrassed that he's 10 minutes late, in part because of a

chapter on the importance of punctuality in his new book.

"I live a block away and Universal wanted to send a limo," Grodin says sheepishly. "Can you believe it? I couldn't. Really, it's a block. I walked."

At 56, he looks no more than 40, a fact he attributes to his continual efforts not to let life get to him.

"I'm not someone who walks around like this," says Grodin, scrunching up his face in a constipated expression. "I don't really hold onto bad things because I expect them."

But Grodin is a paradox. In the next breath he says he expects "Beethoven" to be a "monster hit."

"I'm extremely optimistic," he says with no apparent irony. When asked how he can both expect bad things but also be optimistic, he smiles.

"That's a good question," he says. "I'll have to explain it. Here's an example. I think 'Beethoven' will be a monster hit movie. And after you're in a monster hit movie, you're supposed to be in incredible demand. But I don't think I will be."

Grodin has been acting since he was about 18. He originally wanted to be a journalist but after seeing "A Place in the Sun" with Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift at 16, he decided to become an actor. Grodin says it's the same film that inspired Mike Nichols and Warren Beatty to go into show business.

In the mid-1960s, finding acting a struggle, he turned to writing, directing and producing to make it through lean periods.

"As an actor it's just you and the telephone — you wait for it to ring," he says.

In 1966, he co-authored a Broadway musical and has continued to

write plays and films while starring in movies as diverse as "The Heartbreak Kid" with Cybill Shepherd, "Midnight Run" with Robert De Niro and "Taking Care of Business" with James Belushi.

The last movie he wrote, "Movers and Shakers," was not a hit nor did Grodin expect it to be.

"There was no tension, no plot, nothing happened," admits Grodin. "It was essentially just humor. But just to get a movie made is a big thing. A lot of this stuff is like pushing something up a mountain."

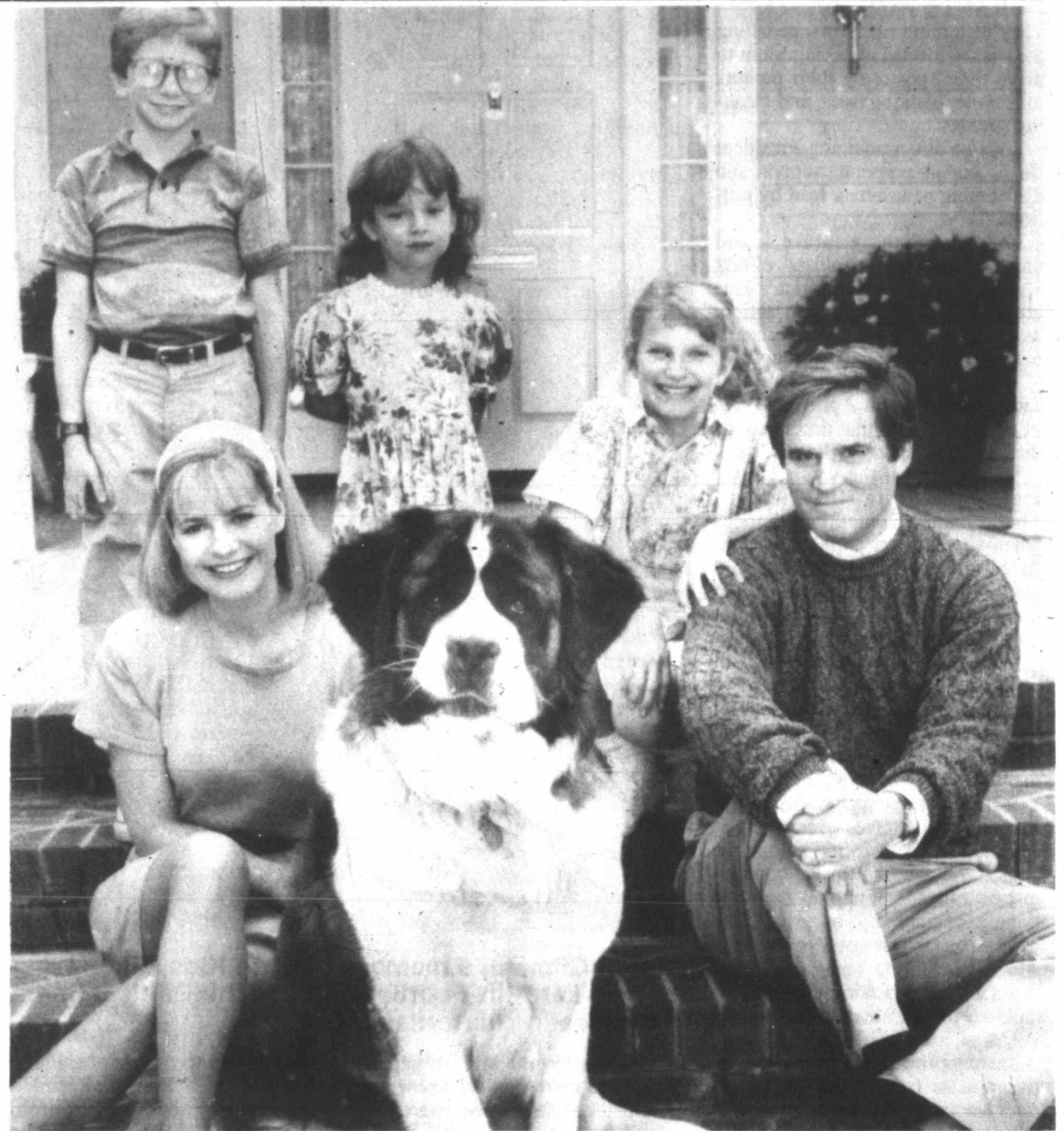
Grodin's first book, "It Would Be So Nice If You Weren't Here," chronicled the struggle of a show-business career. "I've read as many books about show business as anyone and none of them dealt with the rejection and what it's really like. I want to represent a dose of reality."

His second book is called "How I Get Through Life: A Wise and Witty Guide" (Morrow: \$17). Grodin writes in longhand every day, sometimes for 12 hours, sitting in his Stratolounger in his Upper East Side apartment.

"I like to do it, you can't get me out of the room," he says. "I make more money in a week doing movies but what really sustains me is the joy of writing. I'm very dedicated and I'm getting better."

His new play, which opened April 1 at the Vineyard Theater, is "One of the All Time Greats," about a play previewing on Broadway.

Grodin's lived in New York since moving here as a young actor from Pittsburgh. He's married to his second wife, Elissa, a writer, and they have a 5-year-old son. His daughter from his first marriage, Marion, isress and screenwriter.



Grodin and members of the *Beethoven* film family are, front row, Bonnie Hunt, Beethoven, Grodin; back row, Christopher Castile, Sarah Rose Carr and Nicholle Tom. (Special photo by Bruce McBroome)

Women and roadblocks in entertainment industry

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — (AP) Thelma and Louise looked down the road, didn't like what they saw, and drove off a cliff. For real-life women in Hollywood, the scene is more like a perpetual head-on collision.

Call it sexism, the backlash against feminism or plain prejudice. When it comes to doing business in the entertainment industry, 20 years into the modern women's rights movement, the playing field is anything but level.

Women, Men and Media, a national organization headed by "The Feminine Mystique" author Betty Friedan and *USA Today* founding editor Nancy Woodhull, held a conference here last week. Its title was "Hard Times: Polarization and Backlash."

Its upshot was contradictory. Male and female television reporters, producers and feature film makers said yes, there are more opportunities for women in Hollywood. But the opportunities are rare. And an opportunity to make a product that depicts women as self-sufficient, intelligent and well-balanced is rarer still.

"It's a very, very uphill battle," said Jon Avnet, producer and direc-

tor of "Fried Green Tomatoes." "For me and other people, I think there's a feeling of desperation," said Avnet, who also produces television movies with partner Jordan Kerner.

"It's a real issue that when someone hires a woman director, they've done a big thing," Avnet said. "When a woman fails as a director, she's less likely to get a second chance. God knows we (men) fail with amazing consistency."

Director Martha Coolidge said it took 17 years for "Rambling Rose" to get made. No one in Hollywood wanted to touch the film, she said, because of its frank look at female sexuality. No matter that women have been running around half-naked on screen for years, serving little purpose but to service male sexuality.

"The fact that we're sitting here, 20 years later, congratulating ourselves about movies like 'Rambling Rose,' 'Thelma & Louise' and 'Fried Green Tomatoes' (all released last year) is nice, but sort of sad," Coolidge said. "Disgusting, really."

When Coolidge applied to film school, "the interviewer said 'you can't be a director. You can't even

name five women directors in the world.' And I couldn't," Coolidge said. "I could only name one."

The afternoon panel on which Coolidge, Avnet, Los Angeles Times reporter Pat Morrison and record industry attorney Rosemary Carroll participated was devoted to the question of whether the feminist movement had created a backlash against today's working women.

Carroll said no. "The music industry was never affected by the first wave of feminism," she said matter-of-factly. The audience roared.

Coolidge agreed. "I think there was virtually no impact in the first feminist movement," said the director of feature films and television programs.

Moderating the panel was Bree Walker, anchor for CBS' owned-and-operated Los Angeles station, KCBS. In recent months, the station has been rocked by staff shuffling and press reports accusing news director John Lippman of practicing bad judgment and sensational journalism.

Walker, whose husband, Jim Lampley, left KCBS two weeks ago after being pulled from his anchor job, said "We do fast-food news

now and that's all we do. I'm up there hawking Hollywood's sexiest man and Hollywood's sexiest female. ... And we passed it off as news. And that makes me sick."

Walker's comments were echoed by other panelists who said the treatment of women as second-class citizens was one of several problems in television and film.

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Rich doctor depicts one fraud instance

By E. SCOTT RECKARD
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gershon W. Hepner had a million-dollar Westside house and four medical offices, gave \$600,000 to charities, published 80 articles in medical journals and had four children, two in college.

Here are a few more facts about the German-born, English-educated physician:

• He averaged \$1.7 million in gross billings per year. Witnesses said 90 percent of the claims he submitted to insurance companies were at least partially fraudulent.

• He recently pleaded guilty to 25 of 29 counts in a vast conspiracy to defraud auto and worker's compensation insurers from 1985 to 1989. Prosecutors say he gave kickbacks to people who brought him business from either real car wrecks or staged accidents, as well as phony insurance claims.

Now Hepner, who came to this country in 1975, faces up to 12 years behind bars and more than \$1 million in fines at his sentencing June 12, though Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg could grant probation. Hepner is being evaluated by

state prison psychiatrists in Chino.

Hepner paid kickbacks to dozens of "cappers," who recruited victims of real car wrecks and brought him staged-accident cases and phony worker's compensation claims; Deputy District Attorney Richard Rosenthal says.

"He had dozens of employees making out fraudulent physical treatment reports, and he himself was preparing hundreds of reports for examinations that never occurred," Rosenthal says.

"In many cases, patients would simply sign their names hundreds of times and leave. In other cases, patients would receive five minutes of treatment and he'd bill for an hour. In other cases, they weren't hurt at all, but got treated anyway — essentially they got a nice massage."

Hepner's attorney, Harland Braun, says the case was notable mainly for the blatant way in which his client operated.

"This is a man who didn't have a defensible case," Braun says. "There's no legal excuse for his conduct, but he's mentally ill."

Insurance fraud takes it's toll

By E. SCOTT RECKARD
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If you're sickened by insurance costs, consider this: Crooked doctors, lawyers and businesses are bilking tens of billions of dollars a year from insurance companies.

And the fraudulence has grown in the past decade, largely unhindered by law enforcement, regulators and the insurance companies themselves.

No one knows the size of the bill, but it is vast. The General Accounting Office says health-care fraud and abuse alone costs more than \$50 billion a year. Some insurance company investigators say the total tab for insurance fraud may be more like \$100 billion.

"The classic example is the guys who used to come to the old-age home and give everybody in the place pedicures. Then they bill Medicare for the treatment of toenail fungus. The 'patients' don't care," says Larry Urgenson, chief of the Justice Department's criminal fraud unit.

But fraud also is committed by the average citizen who fails to report a fender-bender, or adds an extra VCR to the list of claims when the house is burglarized.

Compared with drugs and gangs, it may seem innocuous. Yet the consequences are huge. Big-time fraud leaves some of America's oldest and sickest people without adequate care. It needlessly subjects others to risky surgeries, X-rays and high-tech procedures like CT scans.

It drives up private health insurance costs and taxes the public for insurance programs like Medicare and state disability coverage. It bleeds employers whose worker's compensation premiums have increased, forcing factories to close and jobs to be lost.

"Just like we have organized crime that deals in narcotics or bookmaking or loan sharking, insurance fraud is also a very sophisticated type of organized crime," says Albert MacKenzie, a longtime insurance fraud prosecutor for Los Angeles County, the national insurance scam capital.

"Some very smart people have managed to bleed the system for their own incredible financial gain at the cost of all the poor slobbs like you and I who pay the premiums," MacKenzie says.

Prosecutors and insurers have paid little attention, partly because insurance fraud is hard to investigate and complicated to prove. It's easy for the companies to simply pass along costs to consumers.

That is changing, however. With insurance out of reach to millions, consumers howling over premiums and regulators refusing to approve rate increases, insurers are getting serious about fraud-fighting.

"They are realizing that for every time they let that \$10,000 fraud go through, they are encouraging five more fraudulent claims for the same thing," says Allen D. Field, the head of major fraud prosecutions in Los Angeles County.

This, along with stepped-up anti-fraud efforts by local, state and federal agencies, is turning up the heat for millions of Americans who have practiced some form of insurance fraud, like:

— The 23 percent who told a 1991 Roper survey it was acceptable to say their car was kept in an area with lower insurance rates when it actually was not.

— The 11 percent in the Roper survey who thought it OK to go along with a doctor's or lawyer's advice to stay out of work longer to collect a bigger insurance settlement.

Agencies also are stepping up their efforts against the big-time offenders: highly organized fraud rings, many of them binding street criminals with businesses, doctors, lawyers and other professionals.

"The medical and legal professions have proved incapable of policing themselves, so the law has had to step in," says Jerry Treadway, a California Insurance Department investigator heading a newly funded squad assigned to worker's compensation fraud.

U.S. Attorney General William Barr recently announced that 50 FBI counterintelligence agents would be reassigned to investigate health-care fraud in 12 cities, more than doubling the number now assigned.

Emphasizing undercover "stings," as well as cumbersome paper cases, authorities will have their hands full with such organized schemes as:

— Auto insurance fraud that can cost households in urban states like New Jersey nearly \$200 per year in higher premiums.

— Phony billings, such as a Michigan clinic owner convicted last year of a \$7 million scheme to falsely bill for lab work and prescriptions.

— Kickbacks and bribes, like a Florida doctor charged with taking payoffs from a medical equipment company in return for fraudulently prescribing equipment.

— Drug scams, like that of a Virginia psychiatrist who pleaded guilty to dispensing unneeded drugs and submitting \$700,000 in false billings.

— Scams targeted at pooled benefit plans for smaller businesses, like a North Carolina fraud that left 2,500 workers with \$2 million in unpaid medical bills.

Nowhere is organized fraud more widespread than in California, where officials say 25 percent of auto insurance premiums go to scams.

Four big auto-fraud rings were broken up last year in Los Angeles County, including one in which the alleged ringleader, 49-year-old Esther Diaz, is accused of giving seminars in her living room for cheating the system.

"In less than two-and-a-half years' time, her little ring that she was running out of her front room produced about 1,600 accidents," says Ronald Warthen, the state Insurance Department's chief investigator. "That's somewhere in the neighborhood of \$40 million."

The biggest national health care scam to emerge so far, allegedly masterminded in Southern California by Russian immigrants David and Michael Smushkevich, used mobile labs to perform \$1 billion in unnecessary medical tests on 60,000 people attracted by the promise of free exams.

Unfortunately, it's not unique, says Aetna Life & Casualty Co.'s anti-fraud chief, James Garcia.

Tatoos remedy for purloined pets

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Catnapping is big. So is dognapping.

Dentist Bob Bloom was stunned when he came home recently to find his cocker spaniel, Millie, missing from his fenced back yard. Her blaze-orange collar was found under a nearby bush.

"It was like I'd been violated. I wish someone had just broken into the house and stolen some inanimate goods like a TV that I could go into a store and replace," he says. "Who'd steal a dog almost 8 years old?"

More than 2.5 million dogs and an unknown number of cats are stolen each year, according to Mitch Rapoport, director of the National Dog Registry of Woodstock, N.Y., a non-profit hot line that advocates tattooing pets with identification numbers.

Petnappers can sell the animals for about \$50 apiece to "bunchers," who accumulate large numbers of animals before reselling them to puppy mills, research laboratories and people who run dog fights, Rapoport says.

"A research laboratory could pay as much as \$500 for one, or more, if they want a specific breed," he says.

But there are also other markets. Cats "make marvelous fur for gloves," Rapoport says, and sometimes they become cat or dog food.

Stolen dogs and cats also are sometimes eaten by foreigners. "In some cultures, that's an accepted food," Rapoport says.

"Dog fight operators use an ungodly number of dogs. They're more prevalent than cock fights."

Occult worshippers use stolen animals for sacrifices while puppy mills breed handsome specimens to supply pet stores.

"You go to a pet store and they tell you the pet comes with pedigree," Rapoport says. "So what? There are organizations that do nothing but sell pedigrees."

Former space shuttle astronaut Jon McBride and his wife, Sharon, still miss their husky-timberwolf mix dog, Dakota, who was stolen last March.

"It's like yanking one of your children out of your family," McBride says. "He was so friendly. He'd

probably jump into a car if someone held the door open for him."

When the McBrides searched their Lewisburg neighborhood, they learned a "mysterious" truck had been spotted nearby that day and about 10 other dogs also were missing.

McBride later discovered dog stealing is a multimillion-dollar business.

"I went to a dog market, way up in a back hollow near Pikeville, Ky. It was awful," McBride says. "There were hundreds of dogs in chains and people would barter over them and the guy who bought one would just grab it up and go."

Dakota's disappearance led McBride and West Virginia Agriculture Commissioner Cleve Benedict to launch a state pet registry program last August similar to the one run by the National Dog Registry.

About 150 dogs have been tattooed and registered with the state since then, according to Nancy Staab, Benedict's executive assistant and director of the project.

Veterinarians, animal groomers and humane societies can tattoo a number on the inner right thigh or lower belly of a dog or cat to help identify it.

"It's the only identification that stands up in court," Staab says.

"In the eyes of the law," Rapoport says, "an animal is considered private property. But possession is nine-tenths of the law unless you can prove it's yours."

"And nothing works as proof

because dogs and cats don't have individual identities.... They can't be told from one another. Even if you call your dog and it comes to you, that's not proof in a court of law."

Tattooing animals can also be a deterrent to thieves.

"We encourage you to put a warning tag on your dog. It's just like putting a sign on your car window saying, 'Warning, burglar alarm.' The thief just moves on to the next easy target," Rapoport says.

"Registered dogs are less likely to be stolen and, if they are, the recovery rate is higher than 95 percent."

The National Dog Registry has 4 million dogs and 400,000 cats on file.

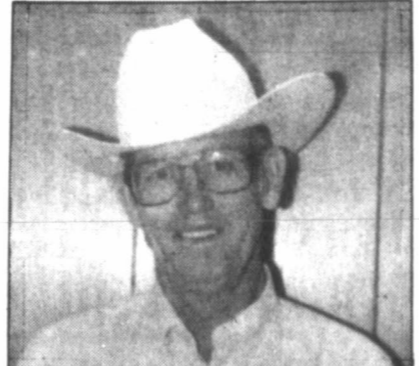
Rapoport says the organization recently recovered a dog stolen nine years earlier from a woman in Columbus, Ohio. A veterinarian became suspicious when someone brought in an old minipinscher that looked badly abused.

The vet contacted the registry, which tracked down the owner at work.

"When her supervisor told her they found her dog, she said she doesn't have a dog," Rapoport says. "Then she thought about it and said she used to have a dog, but her dog was stolen nine years ago."

"We were listening on the speaker phone as the vet brought the dog in. She said, 'Oh my God, that's Turner.' And the vet said the dog went nuts and jumped into her arms."

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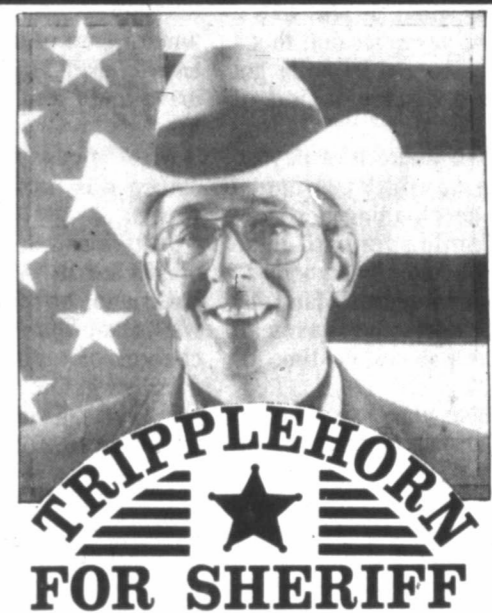
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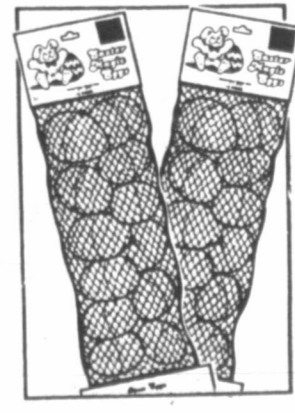


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Rape victim sees justice 12 years later: 'The truth set me free'

By SHARON COHEN
Associated Press Writer

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — In the eerie silence of night, Lisa Spears was always a prisoner of her past, pacing the floors, checking the doors, sometimes even sleeping with her baby in the car, ready for a quick getaway.

It seemed like she'd never escape from a terrifying night 12 years ago. But then a letter came, offering her a way out. It would be scary. It would be humiliating. But she would face the man who raped her in 1979.

When it was over, Lisa Spears walked from a Peoria courtroom, knowing that George Ray Prince, the con her father welcomed into their home, the man who raped her when she was 16, would finally pay for his crime.

"Justice is sweet, even after 12 years," she says in her husky voice. "I still hate him and even though he got 40 years, I'd still like to torture him."

For Prince, the sentence means more time behind bars for a three-time sex offender, already serving 50 years for a 1983 rape. For Ms. Spears, it means deliverance, freedom to resume a life stalled long ago.

"It was like a rescue," says Ms. Spears, a 29-year-old single mother. "Inside, I was still screaming from what happened. It was like a scream I could never let out, that I could never voice and I finally got to do that in a different kind of way."

"I wanted to make him pay so bad for what he did," she adds, cigarette smoke clouding her slender face. "Coming forward is so hard ... (but) I wanted everybody to know that ever thought, 'Man, this girl's weird because she shakes all the time, or she's shy all the time, or she doesn't talk to anybody.' ... People had no idea what happened to me. ... I just felt like the truth would set me free."

Lisa Spears' story is one of justice delayed, but not denied, of being on the right side of the law after watching her father, Leonard, walk the wrong side. He has spent much of his life in prison, including a stint for a robbery in which a policeman was killed.

Ms. Spears recalls her youth as a Dickensian tale of hardship and abuse, of an alcoholic, prostitute mother who brought men home, some of whom sexually abused her.

At times, the children were removed and separated to live in different homes. At times, Ms. Spears, the oldest of five, became caretaker and cook. She was a child without a childhood.

"All these years in my life I fantasized that my dad would come home and take me from all that, so it was real ironic that he brought someone in the house that ended up raping me," she says.

Two years after gaining custody of Lisa and a sister, Spears invited Prince to his Peoria home, apparently thinking he was helping a fellow con on the lam for burglary.

About a month later, on Aug. 13, 1979, Ms. Spears says she was sleeping when a naked Prince pounced on her and began choking and threatening to kill her. No one else was home.

She says she blacked out briefly and that when she came to, Prince apologized, then forced her to have oral sex and raped her, yanking her head back so tightly that clumps of hair fell out. He then asked for a pillowcase and began twisting it in his hands.

"I just kept thinking he was going to kill me," she recalls. "I just kept saying 'Take the money and leave. I'll never tell nobody what you did.' He said, 'If you had a gun, would you shoot me?' I said, 'No, God would never let me do anything like that.'"

Prince fled in her father's car, abandoned it, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Ms. Spears was examined at a hospital, and her bruised body photographed; she refused to return home. She moved in with relatives in Rockford.

She was constantly on edge. She hugged the door in cars, ready to jump out in an instant. She couldn't bear the feel of turtle necks. She trusted no man except her father, and he was back in prison within two years.

Her boyfriend left before their daughter, Angel, now 6, was born. Within two years, Ms. Spears was drinking heavily. She dabbled in cocaine. She slept days, she paced nights.

Sometimes, she'd sleep with Angel in the car. "I would lock all the doors," she says, "and roll the windows up because then I knew if anyone would try to get me, I could drive away and no one could hurt me."

Ms. Spears never knew that Prince was no longer walking the streets.

Authorities say Prince had been convicted in 1970 for fondling a child and, at the time Ms. Spears was assaulted, was a fugitive on charges of raping his 15-year-old daughter in Oregon.

In 1983, Prince pleaded guilty in Abilene, Texas, to sexually assaulting a woman in a night-club.

Michael Brandt, Prince's court-appointed attorney, argued his client entered the Texas plea with the understanding that Illinois and Oregon would drop their charges. Oregon later did.

But Illinois had no such agreement.

Ultimately, the 49-year-old convict — acting, Brandt said, when a fellow inmate urged him to clear the books — wrote Illinois authorities, demanding the charges be dropped or he be tried.

Ms. Spears agreed to prosecute,



(AP Photo) Lisa Spears was raped in 1979 by a guest at her father's house. For years she lived in fear until the man who committed the crime, George Roy Prince, was recently convicted following her testimony at his trial.

and a dead-letter case was very much alive.

One problem: Police had mistakenly thrown the evidence away in 1983, thinking charges had never been filed. Only pictures and a police report remained. And the memories of Ms. Spears.

On the stand, she trembled. She cried. And she exorcised her demons.

"By standing up and facing George Prince, I was carrying that 16-year-old girl out of that house so she didn't have to live with the pain

anymore," she says. "It was like I just left her there all those years, never really to deal with how she felt."

The first trial, in December, ended in a hung jury.

But jurors told Bill Loeffel, assistant Peoria County state's attorney, that he needed "one more piece of evidence." And he had it in a file cabinet.

During the first trial, a crime technician revealed he kept personal records of every fingerprint he had taken. Among them: one of Prince's left middle finger from a soft drink bottle taken from the house.

Prince was convicted in a second trial.

"I can remember lifting out my arms saying, 'Thank you God, Thank you God' and the tears pouring down my face," Ms. Spears says. "It was like a feeling of being reborn, like a bird trying to fly out of a nest and they fall. ... Finally, I was flying."

But it was a bittersweet victory.

After the trial, father and daughter were reunited for the first time in five years. Spears, in prison for armed robbery and other crimes, was a potential prosecution witness, but didn't testify.

The two talked, but weren't allowed to touch.

"I still wanted my daddy to hold me," says Ms. Spears.

On Feb. 28, Prince received a 40-year sentence, an extended term because of the brutality of the crime.

An appeal is planned, contending that Prince was denied his right to a speedy trial. A petition also will be filed to set aside his Texas plea because of the expectation that Illinois wouldn't press charges, Brandt said.

But for Lisa Spears, it's over. Now a part-time college student and secretary, she has been sober for five years. She plans to write a book.

She is proud of herself, prouder still of her survival.

"I can stand tall and say none of it's my fault," she says.

"I want to believe that even though a lot of bad stuff happened, I'm the good stuff. ... I'm a miracle because I still love God and I love my daughter and I'm beginning to love life."

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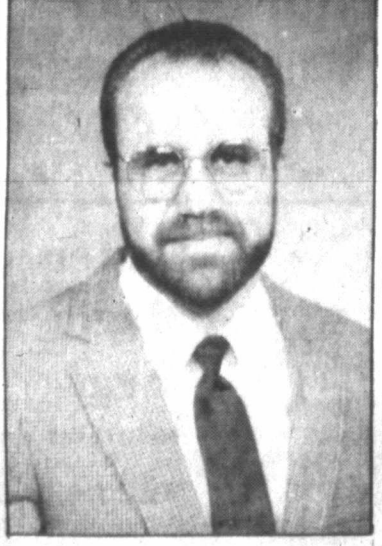
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National gallery marks 400th anniversary of early 'photo reporter'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jacques Callot lived two centuries before photography was invented, but this master of etching ranks as one of the world's earliest "photo journalists."

"His inventive, elegant prints accurately recorded international events of the day and serves as an early form of visual journalism," the National Gallery of Art says in noting the 400th anniversary of his birth with highlights of his work.

Callot, who worked in France, Italy and the Netherlands, did 1,438 etchings and about 2,000 drawings before dying at age 43.

Among them are illustrations of coins, fans, hunts, actors, beggars, a slave market, a gypsy parade, European celebrities, the building of a major bridge in Paris and two series on the horrors of war that have inspired many other artists and photographers since his time.

"For the first time in the history of western art, war was stripped of glamor and romance, and the miseries of the common people caught in the conflict are precisely shown," wrote critic Guy Walton.

His most famous print is "The Fair at Impruneta," a town near Florence, Italy, done in 1620. It includes 1,138 people, 137 dogs, 67 donkeys and 45 horses.

A much bigger print from 10 combined plates illustrates the siege of the French port of La Rochelle in 1628.

Callot retouched the plates on which he drew his sketches, giving them repeated baths of acid—somewhat like the way a careful photographer prepares his negatives—to help enhance parts of the image.

Hundreds of copies could be printed from each plate—and were until the beginning of this century.

Many of Callot's plates are still in the museum of his native Nancy, France, but are no longer used. The prints can be reproduced by photography without risk of damaging the plates.

In his last years, Callot concentrated on religious themes.

The exhibit, in the National Gallery's East Building, will feature 82 of Callot's works until Sept. 7.

Judge lets victims take belongings of thieves

By WOODY BAIRD
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A judge who allows burglary victims to go to the thief's home and snatch his favorite possessions says unconventional sentences can get a lawbreaker's attention in a big way.

"He learns what a good citizen feels like, worrying whether he's going to come home and find all his stuff still there," said Criminal Court Judge Joe B. Brown.

Since his election two years ago, Brown has built a reputation as a tough, street-wise judge willing to try new things in sentencing criminals.

"He has ordered several burglars to open their homes to former victims. With deputies in tow, they can take what they want, up to a limit set by Brown that approximates the value of what they lost."

One victim made several visits before he was satisfied.

"The first day he didn't find anything, but the second time he came

back, he bagged a color television and a stereo-component set," the 44-year-old judge said in an interview last week.

The sentences have raised eyebrows around the Memphis courthouse, but have drawn few serious complaints from defense lawyers.

"He's been very creative," said Robert Jones, assistant administrator of the Shelby County public defender's office. "But a lot of things that have been done in the past aren't working, so somebody needs to be creative."

Most of the lawbreakers brought before Brown are young, poor and uneducated. Clashes with authority often mean little but losing their personal possessions can hurt.

"They used to think bread and water was punishment in prison," Brown said. "But they stopped doing it when they realized the prisoners were bragging. 'Yea man, I was on bread and water for 14 days, man. You know I'm bad.'"

Brown grew up in Los Angeles and can speak the language of the

streets. He often talks with youth groups and regularly takes walks through Memphis's toughest neighborhoods to visit.

"They don't have many judges like me who can go hang out on the street corner," he said.

While the victim "raids" have drawn the most notice, they are only part of Brown's broader effort to break the cycle of crime that often traps young people growing up in poverty and ignorance.

As a condition of probation, Brown forces lawbreakers to get job training and go back to school. They must meet with drug and family counselors, and many are ordered to mow lawns or pick up garbage.

Some must write reports on the street-gang movie "Boyz n the Hood," and one was ordered to

spend his lunch hours at the Memphis Zoo watching gorillas in a cage.

Once a month or so, Brown holds group counseling sessions with the lawbreakers he has put on probation.

"Most of them cannot see daylight at the end of the tunnel. You tell them to work hard and get ahead, to do what?" he asked. "You tear him down but you give him these small things he can accomplish."

Brown said he knows of three burglary victims who have taken advantage of his take-back offer. Several others have permission but are biding their time.

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JIM FREE

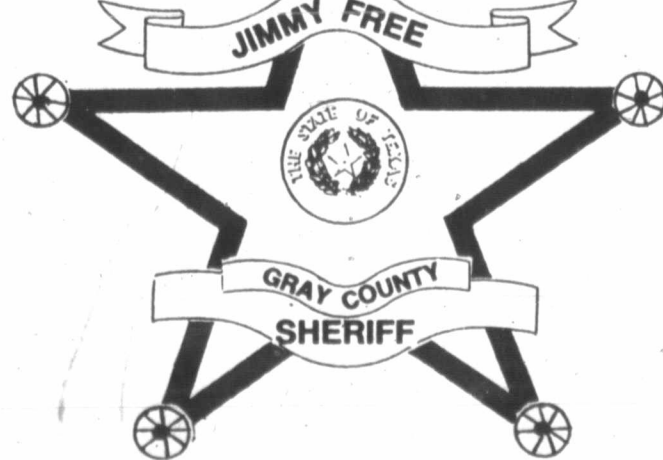
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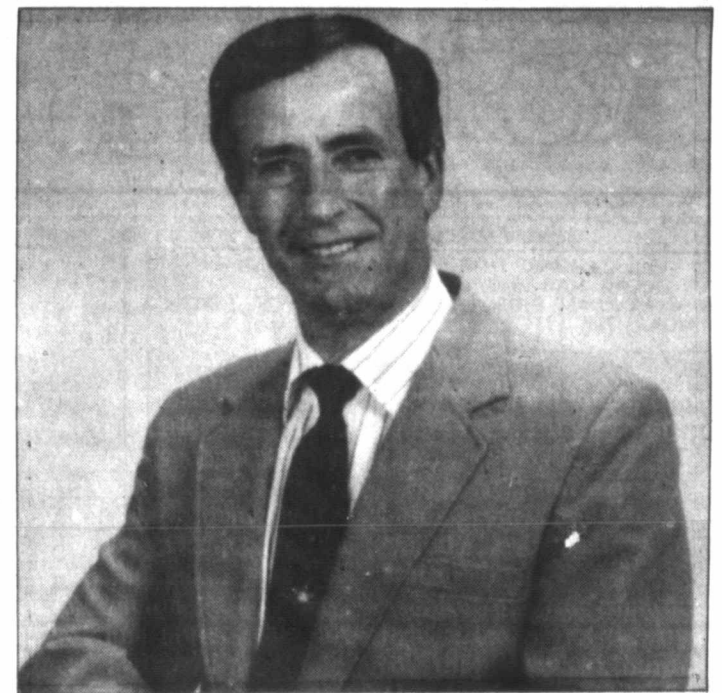
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Comic Page

The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Buzzing insect
- Tennis player Steffi
- Dull color
- Snaky letter
- Merest bit
- Relaxation
- Straight and limp quality
- Home of Adam
- Litigator
- And so on (abbr.)
- Tax agcy.
- Skeleton parts
- Environment agcy.
- Inventor Thomas
- Shackle
- Eternally (abbr.)
- Actress Tierney
- Military

DOWN

- Physics units
- Jacob's twin
- Serf
- Farm device
- Deer
- Confused

Answer to Previous Puzzle

UAW	ICON	WOVE
LVI	MIFF	ITIS
VIS	ANALOGIES	
AVENGER	NACRE	
COE	MIEN	
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ABEE	TEE	
FRILL	ARRANGE	
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(2 wds.)

- Quick
- Golly!
- Emitting
- Jacob's son
- Longs (sl.)
- Actor
- Kristofferson
- Fair grade
- Ship's diary
- Clumsy
- Harper Valley
- Finnish first name
- Precious
- Waters
- Pretend
- Adams
- Become a tenant
- N. of Mass.
- Poetic contraction
- Boy
- Convent inmate
- Venetian official
- Siskel and
- Breakfast food
- Layer of tissue
- Sailing
- Montand
- Ogle
- Singer Fitzgerald
- Observe
- Devoured
- Miserables

WALNUT COVE

Remember when we were first married, Howard? If we were low on groceries, you would stop at the store on your way home...

I never worried about running out of staples for baking bread or biscuits.

Sniff...

What?

You don't bring me flour anymore.

By Mark Cullum

ARLO & JANIS

DUCK!

DID I GAY TURN AROUND?!

By Jimmy Johnson

ECK & MEEK

WHY CAN'T PEOPLE LOVE ONE ANOTHER INSTEAD OF BEATING UP ON EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME?

WHY DOESN'T MONIQUE KNOW YOU'RE ALIVE?

By Howie Schneider

B.C.

ALL IN FAVOR OF LETTING THE DINOSAUR JOIN THE CLUB, SIGNIFY BY SAYING 'AYE'.

THOSE OPPOSED SIGNIFY BY STANDING WAY OVER TO ONE SIDE...

SO AS NOT TO SPURT BLOOD ALL OVER THE REST OF US.

By Johnny Hart

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Trying to help someone you like could create some unexpected complications today. You might end up getting far more deeply involved than you initially anticipated. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's time to review your budget to see if you can reduce some non-essential expenditures. If you do not begin to crop some of these costs, they could soon get out of hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your way of doing things might be superior to your boss' today, but it is not likely to be well-received or implemented. This could be due to your presentation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's a possibility something might develop today between you and a close friend that could evoke angry words. Restrain yourself, because you may say something you'll regret.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A strong-willed associate might try to pressure you into doing something today that does not serve your best interests. Show this aggressive individual an equal dose of resistance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There is no guarantee that a partnership you're presently involved in will produce favorable results today. It might look good on paper, but not in application.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to be productive today, you must be very methodical where your work is concerned. If you don't have a realistic agenda, little will be achieved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually, you're a reasonably patient person. But if your expectations are not readily met, you could be difficult to deal with today. Don't demand immediate gratification.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Owing to those who might deliberately oppose your efforts in order to serve their own interests, it could be rather difficult for you to achieve your objectives today. Be careful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to profit today from your experiences so that you do not repeat a painful mistake. If you have a lapse of memory, you could be sorry.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might not be advisable today to volunteer to manage the assets of another. Your skill in handling matters may not be equivalent to your good intentions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Dealing with others on a one-to-one basis might not be your cup of tea today, so be extremely careful how you conduct yourself. There is very little margin for error.

MARVIN

DON'T SAY A WORD...

I SLEPT WRONG ON MY EARS

By Tom Armstrong

MARMADUKE

"Yes, I'm awake and the breath mints are on the nightstand!"

By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE

MEN ARE SCUM... MEN ARE FILTH... MEN ARE SCUM...

UH OH...

By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP

YOU GO TELL GARZAK THAT HIS BOY JOOMI HAS JUST TAKEN A MOOVIAN PRISONER OUT NEAR TH' PIT!

WHEN HE SHOWS UP, WE'LL BE WAITIN' FOR 'IM! NOW GET GOIN'!

OKAY!

C'MON, FOZZY! WE'VE GOTTA SET THIS UP SO IT WON'T AROUSE GARZAK'S SUSPICIONS!

By Dave Graue

SNAFU

"Mom's really into recycling. It's the fifth time we've used this foil for leftovers."

By Bruce Beattie

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

ANIMAL CLINIC Beth Harenski DVM

"She's called a betternarian 'cause she makes dogs and cats better."

By Bill Keane

WINTHROP

ONE GOOD THING ABOUT HAVING...

A GARBAGE CAN FOR AN INNER SANCTUM...

IT GETS ME A SEAT ON THE SCHOOL BUS.

By Dick Cavalli

CALVIN AND HOBBS

TIGERS HAVE NO AMBITION, NO DRIVE! THEY DON'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!

HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY YOURSELF?!

By Bill Watterson

THE BORN LOSER

AH, AH, AH, GLADYS...

REMEMBER...FOR BETTER OR WORSE, RICHER OR POORER, IN SICKNESS AND IN...

HEALTH!

By Art and Chip Sansom

FRANK AND ERNEST

SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP

OUT

DO NOT ENTER

By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

SOMETIMES I LIE HERE AT NIGHT, AND IT'S LONELY SO I LOOK UP AT THE STARS, AND I GIVE THEM ALL NAMES LIKE THEY'RE FRIENDS OF MINE, AND I TALK TO THEM... HI, MICHELLE!

By Charles M. Schulz

GARFIELD

YOU'RE MAKING ME LOOK BAP

SORRY

HOW'S THIS?

BETTER

By Jim Davis

Non-surgical sampling of lumps inspires enthusiasm and caution

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A technique that samples suspicious breast lumps without surgery offers a faster, cheaper and less painful way to find out whether lumps found by mammograms are cancerous, experts say.

The procedure, sampling by needle, is being done at some medical centers. But some experts say its accuracy in detecting cancer should be studied more fully before it becomes widely used.

"It's created a huge controversy in the radiological community," said Dr. William F. Conway, director of mammography at the Medical College of Virginia. "I think it has a lot of potential, but I'm in no way convinced that potential has been proven."

The procedure is called stereotactic needle-core biopsy, and the debate is over using it for "non-palpable" breast lumps, those found with mammograms but too small to be felt.

The technique involves taking X-rays from two angles to locate the lump precisely. The breast is anesthetized, and a small cut is made. Then a spring-loaded gun thrusts the hollow needle one or more times through the cut and into the lump, so it can remove tissue when withdrawn.

It takes about an hour, doctors say.

"There is little pain or recovery time and it's less expensive than surgery," said Dr. Phil Evans, medical director of the Baylor-Susan G. Komen Breast Center in Dallas, where radiologists have done more than 200 of the procedures since May 1990.

Most patients don't need painkillers, and the procedure leaves little if any perceptible scar, he said.

Dr. Judy Destouet, head of the mammography unit at the Washing-

ton University School of Medicine in St. Louis, said she believes the technique could replace most standard biopsies of breast lumps.

Only about 20 percent or so of lumps sampled by surgery in the United States turn out to be cancerous, she said. "I think too many women are going to unnecessary open surgical biopsy for benign lesions," Destouet said.

"If we have an alternative to surgery that is used correctly, then I think we can decrease the cost of finding cancer, and we can decrease the morbidity (psychological and physical trauma) associated with finding cancer. ... Then I think women will be more likely to come for screening mammography."

The needle-core technique has been shown to be effective and is ready for wide use, at least by hospitals in urban centers, she said.

But others are cautious. "I think it's very exciting and I think more work has to be done, but in no way is it ready to replace surgical biopsy in this country," said Dr. Carl D'Orsi, professor of radiology at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester.

The main problem, he and others say, is how much to trust the needle technique when it indicates that a lump is benign. The risk is that the negative finding may be incorrect, caused by a failure to recover cancerous tissue.

D'Orsi noted that in a recent study that is widely cited as showing how accurate the needle technique can be, researchers missed one of 23 cancers, for a false-negative rate of about 4 percent. The corresponding rate is less than 1 percent for surgical biopsy of non-palpable lesions whose removal is immediately confirmed with an X-ray picture, he said.

Negative needle findings are confirmed with further tests such as follow-up mammography or surgical biopsy, radiologists say.

But a needle procedure loses its advantage if it is followed up by surgical biopsy, said Conway, of the Medical College of Virginia.

A key question is how many women would end up undergoing both procedures, versus the number who would be spared surgery, he said.

Doctors also caution that the technique will not automatically be as accurate in one radiologist's hands as another's.

"The problem here is that the average practicing physician can't be as confident he or she is going to wind up with (the best reported) results when everybody else seems to be not doing as well," said Dr. Edward Sickles, a radiology professor at the University of California, San Francisco.

"It's premature to expect the average place in any city, and even the best place in any city, to be able to offer this as a clinical service," Sickles said.

But Dr. William Jobe, chairman of Radiology Imaging Associates in Englewood, Colo., and a co-author of the study cited as having the best results, said other doctors who have trained at his institution are doing as well.

The missed cancer in his study occurred because the lump moved after its location was determined by X-rays, and so the needle missed it, he said. Jobe said he and colleagues now routinely take a second X-ray when the needle is in the breast to confirm that it reached the lump.

Evans said his team has had no negative finding proven false, on the basis of follow-up mammograms. But he said the follow-up has lasted an average of only eight months so far. He wants two years of follow-up.

Conway suggested that studies involving groups of medical centers and hundreds of patients will be needed to reveal the false-negative rate of the technique in routine practice.

Doctors eye alternatives to breast implants

By LORI DODGE ROSE
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A surgical procedure gaining attention across the country may provide a safer, more natural alternative to silicone gel breast implants.

The procedure involves taking excess skin and fat from a woman's abdomen, buttock or thigh to mold a new breast or breasts, said Roger Khouri, assistant professor in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Washington University's School of Medicine.

"The tissue is not rejected, sensation returns to the breast, which never occurs with implants, and you avoid the potential complication of leakage and disfiguring scar formation," Khouri said.

The procedure is being used primarily for women who have mastectomies and those who have had problems with breast implants, he said.

But as the technique, known as the microvascular free flap, is perfected and more surgeons are

trained, it could be an alternative to implants for women who want to enlarge their breasts, Khouri said.

The development is important especially after an advisory panel of the FDA recommended last month that silicone gel implants be permitted only for reconstructive surgery. FDA Commissioner Dr. David Kessler is to make a final decision April 20.

Anne Gorman, a spokeswoman for the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons in Arlington Heights, Ill., said the technique so far has been used in only a very limited number of breast reconstructions. But interest in the procedure is growing, she said.

"I think that as more women are looking for alternatives to implant surgery, it's definitely something that's going to be getting more attention," she said.

Plastic surgeons more commonly are performing a similar type of reconstructive surgery using the women's own tissue. The conventional flap technique involves using

tissue from the women's abdomen that is still attached to the abdominal muscle to form a breast.

Khouri's technique involves completely detaching a section, or flap, of tissue, then reattaching it to the upper body and reconnecting the tiny blood vessels with the aid of a microscope.

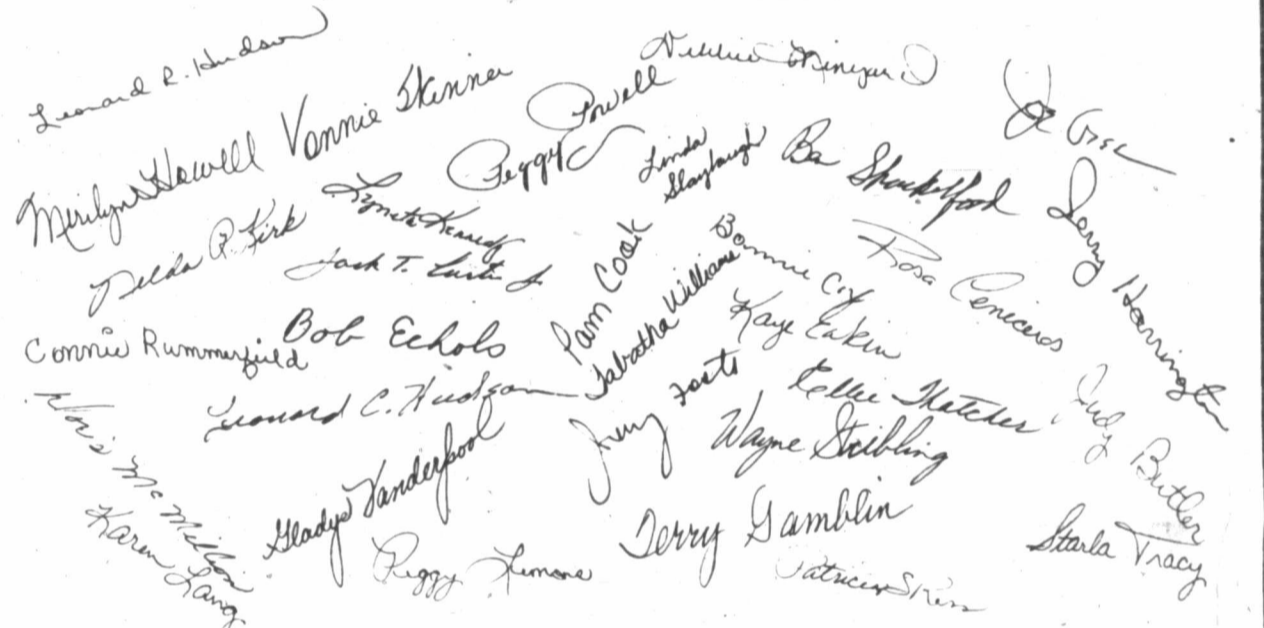
"This way the tissue survives, and you can shape it, sculpt it, fold it and give it a new function," he said.

With the conventional method, the woman loses the use of some or all of the main abdominal muscle, depending on whether one or two breasts are reconstructed, Khouri said. With the free flap, she doesn't lose much muscle and gets the added benefit of a tummy tuck, a buttock lift or a thigh recontouring, he said.

William Shaw, professor and chief of the division of plastic surgery at the University of California, Los Angeles, is considered a leader in the free flap technique. Women need to be aware there is an alternative to breast implants, he said.



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Agriculture

Here's the beef!

AMARILLO — You could almost call it a "hidden" industry. Not many realize how large it is, how many people it employs, or how significant it is to the economy.

In fact, not many realize that this industry, with its headquarters in Amarillo, produces over 1/4 of the nation's fed beef.

"Cattle feeding in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico," said Joe Hathoot of Canadian, 1992 President of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, "generates \$14 billion every year for our local and regional economy."

To arrive at those figures, Hathoot calculated the total value of the cattle fed in the TCFA area in 1991 and then applied an economic multiplier to determine total economic impact. "Based on TCFA data, the average price for fed cattle in the TCFA area in 1991 was \$74.56 per cwt. and the average live weight was 1,128 lbs," he said. "That means the 6 million fed cattle produced in the TCFA area in 1991 had a value of \$5.05 billion." Using a 2.82 multiplier supplied by Dr. Steve Amosson, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo, Hathoot calculated the total value of cattle fed in the TCFA area to be \$14.2 billion.

But it hasn't always been that way. Speaking in Amarillo to the Annual Convention of the Panhandle Press Association, Hathoot looked back on the past 25 years of growth the industry has enjoyed.

"Back in 1967, when TCFA was formed, Texas wasn't even considered a major cattle feeding state. We marketed only 1.6 million fed cattle," he said. "However, the industry grew rapidly, and in 1984, Texas became the first state to every market over 5 million fed cattle. Today, when you add the fed cattle production in Oklahoma and New Mexico, the total comes to more than 6 million — about 27 percent of the fed beef produced in the U.S."

The industry is particularly important to the Texas Panhandle and neighboring western Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico, according to Hathoot. "About 80 percent of the region's fed cattle production — 5 million head — can be found in the Panhandle of Texas, western Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico," he said.

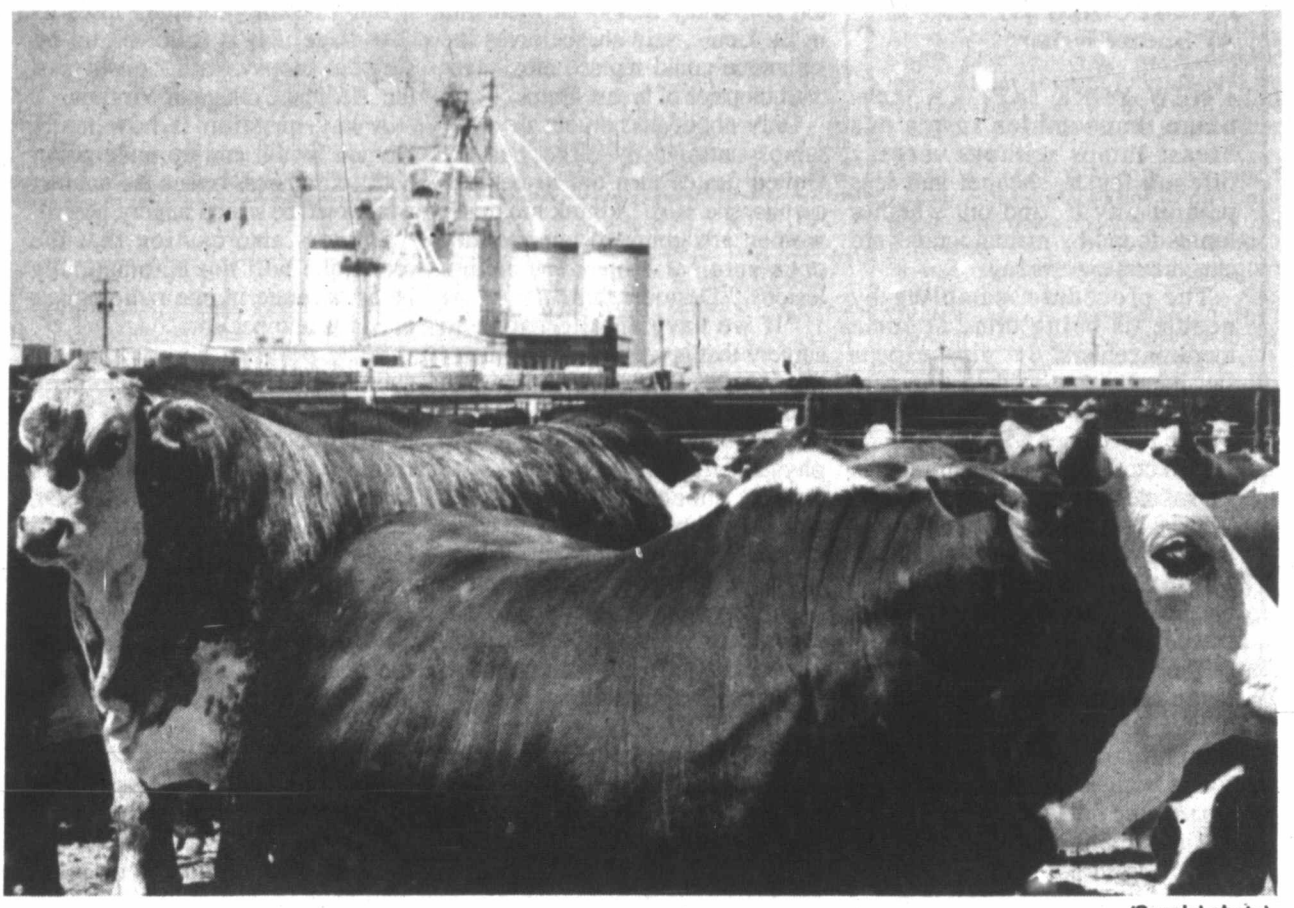
When discussing economic impact, Hathoot said he often finds it easier to look at the impact of just one feedyard.

"A typical feedyard in the TCFA

area has about 20,000 head capacity. Feedyards employ about 1.1 people per 1,000 head on feed. That means a typical feedyard will employ 22 people directly," Hathoot said.

But the impact doesn't stop there. According to the Revenue Estimating Division of the State Comptroller's Office, for every job generated directly by the cattle feeding industry, another 7.73 jobs are created elsewhere. "That means a single, average-sized feedyard in the TCFA area will generate enough economic activity to provide jobs for another 170 people," Hathoot said. "And since our region has about 2.5 million head on feed at any given time during the year, the cattle feeding industry in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico has a direct employment of 2,750 people and provides economic stimulus to create another 21,250 jobs, for a total of 24,000 jobs."

According to Hathoot, that can be a significant economic base to the many small and medium-sized communities throughout TCFA Cattle Feeding Country that are home to feedyards. Included in the many jobs that a feedyard generates are truck drivers, packing plant employees, computer sales and support,



(Special photo)

This is a close-up view of typical cattle feeding operations in the Panhandle.

industrial machinery parts and financing, to name a few.

"Take truck drivers, for instance," Hathoot said. "A single 20,000 head feedyard will require more than 3,600 truckloads of feed-

stuffs and cattle a year. That means 10 semi-trucks a day roll in and out of a single feedyard."

Hathoot, however, takes particular pride in the significant role that cattle feeders play in feeding a hun-

gry world. "More importantly, a single 20,000 head feedyard will produce enough beef to feed 234,000 people for a whole year. That's a city about one and half times the size of Amarillo."

Perry: Giving Texas producers a fair shake

By Rick Perry
Commissioner of Agriculture

Texas is like a cornucopia, overflowing with fruits, vegetables, meats and nuts. In fact, the Lone Star State may well possess the most diverse agricultural community in the world.

We produce everything from peaches and onions to some of the best cattle and livestock around. At the Texas Department of Agriculture we want the entire state to be aware of what our farmers and ranchers are doing for us — especially our children. With this goal in mind, TDA initiate Project TEACH — Texas Education and Agriculture Cooperating for Health.

Project TEACH is an innovative program designed to increase the nutritional value of Texas public school meals and the agricultural literacy of Texas youngsters. The program also aims to create new opportunities for Texas farmers and ranchers by gaining them access to the vast school breakfast and lunch market. I have discovered, however, that barriers exist within the system that effectively discourage the sale of Texas products to our own school districts.

Bid specifications used by many Texas school districts actually require that certain commodities be grown outside the state. For example, some bid requirements call for the use of Washington apples, Flori-

da green peppers or California tomatoes. These same products — and many others — are grown right here in Texas in large quantities, of excellent quality and at competitive prices.

More than two million lunches and 600,000 breakfasts are served daily in the Texas public school system. And, the Texas Education Agency estimates that public schools spend about \$500 million annually on food purchases alone. By encouraging school food service personnel to plan their menus using Texas-grown products, we can give something back to the agriculture industry and help nurture Texas school children with the

freest, most nutritious foods available.

One in five Texans is employed in agriculture or a related business, and as a result, more than \$36 billion is pumped into the Texas economy annually. The truth of the matter is that every time a farmer makes a sale, it not only helps his family — it helps yours and mine.

For every dollar earned by a Texas producer, an additional \$2 of economic activity is generated in the state. If Texas producers are given the opportunity to compete in every market on a level playing field, we can help ensure a strong economy — not merely for farmers and ranchers, but for the entire state.

Texas farmers and ranchers can

go head to head with the world's finest. We share our state with some of the hardest working, most knowledgeable agricultural producers in the country. At the very least they deserve the opportunity to compete — fairly — for markets in their home state.

Project TEACH shows school food service personnel just how easy the use of Texas products in their menus can be. Included in the Project TEACH materials are sample menus and recipes, comprised of items grown or processed exclusively in Texas, that give food service personnel some idea of the abundance and variety of products available in the state.

I encourage school food service

personnel, school board members and any other citizen who is concerned about the welfare of our children and our state's economy to review your school district's bid specifications for fresh and processed foods. If you find them to be biased, I urge you to push for change so that Texas producers are given the same access to our school food service industry as are non-Texans.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, or if you would like to request Project TEACH materials, please do not hesitate to contact the Domestic Market Development program at the Texas Department of Agriculture at (512) 463-7555.

Bonanza possible in overseas marketing of gift packs

By MARGARET SCHERF
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. agricultural exporters may find a bonanza of opportunities in overseas markets for gift packs, say Agriculture Department trade specialists.

"In some countries, such as Japan, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong, gift packs and baskets are big business," says an article in the April edition of AgExporter, put out by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

"In Germany, where there is a definite gift-giving tradition, the idea of U.S. food and beverages in a gift pack is a novel one worth exploring," it said.

But it is Japan that offers the best opportunity for sales of U.S. food items in gift packs, according to the article.

"It seems there is always an occasion to give a gift in Japan," the article said. "The annual retail gift market there is worth \$70 billion; the value of imported gifts is \$8.3 billion."

U.S. products likely to sell well in the Japanese gift market include liquor; ham and sausage; frozen beef and beef jerky; frozen, canned and dried seafood; fancy condiments; seasonings; cookies and candy; fresh fruits and vegetables; oils; gourmet foods; coffee, and tea.

"When selecting a gift product, the typical Japanese consumer is considerably more interested in quality than quantity," the article said.

"Manufacturer, place of purchase, geographic origin, perceived prod-

uct quality and status and packaging are all important factors which a conscientious shopper evaluates in selecting a gift," it said.

A good forum for introducing products to potential Japanese distributors and retailers is trade shows, the article said. And one of the most important trade shows is the International Gift Show, which takes place every February in Tokyo.

"According to some estimates, gift product sales resulting from this event exceed \$3.75 billion annually," the article said.

Farm Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Agriculture Committee has approved legislation that would impose stiff federal penalties for criminal acts involving animal theft or damage to facilities housing animals.

"Illegal entry, property destruction, theft of animals and other acts of terrorism against farmers and researchers in pursuit of a political or social agenda are unconscionable," said Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas.

"Unfortunately, these terrorist acts are forcing farmers and medical researchers to go to great and costly lengths to protect their property and research," said de la Garza, the panel's chairman.

The bill includes penalties of up to 20 years in prison and fines for acts involving interstate commerce, including the theft of animals or property from an animal facility, damage to an animal facility, or placing the life of any person in jeopardy.

The legislation also mandates a study on the effects of illegal activities on animal research and production.

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. exports of horticultural products in January this year totaled \$433.5 million, up 18 percent from the same month a year ago, the Agriculture Department says.

A 22 percent increase in fresh citrus, 33 percent for apples, 22 percent for shelled almonds and 48 percent for wine led the expanded January exports, according to the department's report.

During the first four months of fiscal 1992, October through Jan-

uary, the total value of U.S. horticultural exports reached a record \$2 billion, the report said. All commodity groups recorded gains during the period.

The report pointed out that on April 1, Japan lifted its longstanding quota system on imports of orange juice. Major Japanese supermarkets already have begun a campaign to promote sales of new orange juice products developed jointly with leading U.S. juice manufacturers.

Japanese imports of horticultural products increased almost 11 percent in 1991, to \$4.77 billion. Imports from the United States were valued at \$1.39 billion, up 13 percent in dollar terms. The United States supplied 29 percent of the value of Japan's horticultural imports in 1991.

The report noted that Egyptian tree nut and dried fruit imports have surged since the lifting of the government's 6-year import ban in January.

And it pointed out that Israel recently approved limited imports of some fresh vegetables through April 24 to curb domestic price increases resulting from crop losses "due to the worst winter in over 100 years."

Import licenses were limited to the following vegetables: squash, 1,300 tons; cucumbers, 980 tons; eggplant, 1,200 tons; cabbage, 490 tons; cauliflower, 490 tons; and onions, 2,100 tons.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cattle and calves are the leading agricultural commodity in the United States, according to an Agriculture Department economist.

Of the nearly \$170 billion in agricultural cash receipts for the year

1990, the latest for which data is available, livestock and products accounted for \$89.6 billion, or almost 53 percent. Crops brought in \$80.4 billion, says Roger Strickland of USDA's Economic Research Service.

"In 33 states, the number one commodity was in the livestock category, while crop commodities led the lists in just 17 states," says a recent issue of Farmlife magazine.

"Thirteen states got at least 50 percent of their farm cash receipts from one commodity — and in seven of those states, that leading commodity was cattle and calves," it said.

Cattle and calves accounted for 23.3 percent of U.S. farm cash receipts, dairy products 11.8 percent, corn 8.0 percent, hogs 6.7 percent and soybeans 6.4 percent, Strickland said. Other products made up the remainder.

The \$5.8 billion total for cattle and calves in Texas was the largest state amount for a single commodity, the article said. The next two largest totals also were for cattle and calves — \$4.8 billion in Nebraska and \$4.3 billion in Kansas.

California led the way in state total cash receipts in 1990 with \$18.9 billion for all farm commodities. Texas was next, with about \$12 billion, and Iowa, with more than \$10 billion.

The two lowest state totals were \$27 million in Alaska and \$71 million in Rhode Island. Greenhouse and nursery products were the leading commodities in those states.

Farm cash receipts in 1990 increased by about \$9 billion from 1989, Strickland said, with \$5.5 billion of that coming in livestock products.

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Dean Kleckner, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said many chemicals essential for the production of minor-use crops are no longer available.

"As a result, producers of minor-use crops are left without critically important production tools," Kleckner said. "In some cases this literally means the difference between growing or not growing these crops."

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Neem tree's miraculous powers cause scientists to look closely

By ED SCHAFER
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — In its native India, the neem tree has long been believed to have miraculous powers. And scientists around the world are beginning to agree.

For at least 2,000 years, Indians have cleaned their teeth with its twigs, smeared neem-leaf juice on skin blemishes, drunk neem tea as a tonic, and placed neem leaves in their beds, books, grain bins, cupboards and closets to keep out troublesome bugs.

The tree has relieved so many pains, fevers, infections and other ailments it's known as "the village pharmacy."

Now, after two decades of research, scientists from several disciplines are beginning to think the Indians may be right. Even cautious researchers are calling the neem "a wonder plant."

"At least as of today, the vision is certainly an entrancing one," said Noel D. Vietmeyer, senior program officer and neem study director for the National Research Council's Board on Science and Technology for International Development at the National Academy of Science in Washington.

"The world should be exploring it," Vietmeyer said. "Even if we realize just a fraction of the vision, the benefits will be tremendous. It could provide new resources that are gentle on the land and powerful against many of our insects and diseases."

Earlier this century, people found a way to get the tree from India to West Africa. In Ghana, the fast-growing tree has become the leading producer of firewood for the densely populated Accra Plains. It's a leading candidate for helping halt the southward spread of the Sahara Desert.

In the Caribbean, the broadleaf evergreen, which can grow to 90 feet tall and more than 7 feet in girth, is being used to reforest several denuded nations and already has become a major species in Haiti.

Although it's received little publicity, the neem tree also is being looked to as a potential source of cancer prevention, a harmless and temporary contraceptive, and a safe insecticide.

"U.S. Department of Agriculture studies have shown that chemicals in neem tree oil give good to excellent protection against 131 insect pests, and it shows activity against an additional 70 pests," said Eugene B. Shultz Jr., who recently chaired an international panel to study the tree.

The panel's conclusions about the tree's value were reported last month in the National Academy of Science's publication, "Neem: The Tree That Might Help Everyone."

"Neem can become a safe, nontoxic replacement for some of the more toxic and polluting synthetic pesticides on the world market," Shultz said. "It's use as an insecticide can't come fast enough."

Shultz, a professor of engineering

and applied sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, noted that a recent World Health Organization study estimated there are about a million pesticide-poisoning incidents reported each year worldwide. Most of the victims are agricultural workers contaminated by certain toxic chemicals in synthetic pesticides, and about 20,000 of them die, according to the study.

Schultz said companies such as W.R. Grace & Co. already are investing in neem technology and have products ready for marketing.

"When we do these studies, we are very careful not to overplay the prospects," he said. "In the case of the neem tree, however, there is honest enthusiasm. This tree could really solve a lot of global problems."

But Vietmeyer said he doesn't understand why the research and development of the neem culture isn't getting more support worldwide.

"The most valuable aspect of neem is that it is a tree that can be grown in the backyards of the poorest people in the poorest countries," Vietmeyer said. "It's a chance to give them ways to control pests and diseases in their crops, perhaps control some of their own diseases and even avoid unwanted pregnancies."

"All from a tree in their own backyard that at the same time is providing them with shade and a more pleasant environment. All in all, this ancient village dispensary could provide a lot of healing for the modern world."

Diamond mask



Georgetta Mosbacher models the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) diamond mask, "Lachrymosa," last week at Christie's auction house in New York. Elizabeth Taylor will auction the mask valued at more than \$1 million dollars on Tuesday at Christie's in New York to raise money for AmFAR. All materials used in the mask were donated.

Frozen food competition fierce

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Companies competing for precious space in the grocery freezer case are offering a dizzying menu of frozen meals and desserts that claim to be healthier than their TV-dinner ancestors.

The packages claim the contents are low in fat or salt or cholesterol. Food companies, at the same time, have spiced up their recipes by introducing ethnic fare, or turned to the past with comfort food.

Consumers face a mind-boggling selection, and the nutrition claims and ingredient lists on packages can confuse more than assist.

"You can't just run through the supermarket anymore and pick off the shelf here and there," said Chris Schmitt, 45, of suburban Pittsburgh, "I stand there with the door open and I'm freezing."

The makers of healthy frozen food are spending millions to woo customers like Mrs. Schmitt in what has become a volatile market.

— The best seller, with nearly \$96 million in fourth-quarter sales, is Healthy Choice, introduced by ConAgra Inc. in 1989 after the company's chief executive, Charles M. Harper, had a heart attack and changed his own diet. Healthy Choice's 24 entrees have about half the fat of some leading brands. The company targets consumers more worried about nutrition than losing weight.

— Stouffer Food Corp.'s Lean Cuisine ranked second in sales, according to Information Resources Inc., a market research firm. Lean Cuisine got leaner last year when the company cut the salt, fat and price of its 40 entrees, advertised as having no more than 300 calories each.

— Once the grand dame of diet food, Pittsburgh-based Weight Watchers has lost about \$100 million in sales since Healthy Choice debuted, estimated John M. McMillin, a food industry analyst with Prudential Securities Inc.

But it is fighting back with a vengeance, and has reformulated recipes to cut fat and salt and introduced new entrees, breakfasts and desserts. The food is being promoted more than ever at weekly Weight Watchers diet meetings attended by about 750,000 Americans.

Other established brands have introduced leaner lines, such as Kraft General Foods Inc.'s Budget Gourmet Light and Healthy. And the market has been flooded by new products like Mrs. Paul's Healthy Treasures fish entrees from Campbell Soup Co. and Kraft's Eating Right. The products haven't always

turned an instant profit. A year ago, Stouffer discontinued its Right Course line to focus on Lean Cuisine.

Other products are likely to disappear as sales fail to justify the expense of developing and promoting them. Last year, companies introduced an astounding 12,398 food products of all kinds, most of them just versions of current brands. Many of them fail.

TV dinners have been around for more than a generation, but they really caught on in the 1980s when the number of working women increased dramatically and the microwave oven became a kitchen fixture.

Stouffer began selling frozen food in 1954 when a restaurant manager in Cleveland noticed many patrons wanted to take macaroni and cheese home to reheat.

The company launched Lean Cuisine in 1981, when Americans focused on cutting calories and exercising to lose weight. Now, aging baby boomers also want to eat less fat, salt and cholesterol, while spending as little time as possible making supper.

ConAgra is credited with luring people interested in nutrition, but not necessarily weight loss, to the frozen food section. The company estimates 30 percent of Healthy Choice customers never bought frozen dinners before.

Its entrees average 3.8 grams of fat, compared to 4.8 grams in Weight Watchers and seven grams in Lean Cuisine. A gram of fat has nine calories; health authorities have focused on fat as the key to a healthier diet, and say fat should be no more than 30 percent of a person's calories.

Healthy Choice dinners have no more than 25 percent of the daily recommended amounts of salt and cholesterol and get less than 30 percent of their calories from fat.

But as ConAgra Chairman Charles "Mike" Harper noted, "Most American consumers will not sacrifice good taste for health."

The taste and variety of frozen foods has improved. There are low-fat versions of chicken cordon bleu,

stuffed pasta shells and shrimp creole. Weight Watchers has introduced sundaes in cups that keep the ice cream frozen while the sauce is heated in the microwave.

"They're a lot better than they used to be when mom sat us down in 1968 in front of the Flintstones," said Paula Eastley, 30, of Bakerstown, Pa.

Mrs. Schmitt preferred Weight Watchers until about a year ago, when she noticed Healthy Choice contained less salt. Now she buys Healthy Choice dinners about three times a week.

"In six minutes, I can eat. I like that," she said.

Weight Watchers took notice and has since reformulated its entrees and desserts, cutting salt, fat and calories. Kraft is also repackaging its Eating Right line, and products are to debut in mid-April.

But cutting the fat was just part of H.J. Heinz Co.'s effort to win back customers like Mrs. Schmitt. Heinz, which bought Weight Watchers in 1978, beefed up its marketing budget by \$100 million this year, and much of that will go to Weight Watchers.

Last fall, the company introduced the first of 194 products that will be unveiled by spring 1993. It introduced Ultimate 200, a line of 14 entrees in bright blue boxes with under 200 calories, and seven STIR-FRY entrees.

TV and newspaper ads featured dishes such as veal parmigiana and the slogan, "Total indulgence, zero guilt."

Brian Ruder, president and chief executive officer of Weight Watchers Food Co., said the changes already are helping. And Weight Watchers has started selling entrees at more than 400 Burger King outlets.

"It wouldn't hurt to lose a few pounds," said Mrs. Eastley, who buys a variety of frozen entrees, based partly on price.

"If I can buy a product and know I'm taking fairly good care of myself, I'll do it," she said. "It's a short cut to being health-conscious."

Leading healthy frozen food brands

By The Associated Press

Here are the leading brands of healthier frozen dinners, as ranked by sales in the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1991. The figures were provided by Information Resources Inc., a market research firm.

1. ConAgra Inc.'s Healthy Choice, \$95.8 million.
2. Stouffer Food Corp.'s Lean Cuisine, \$70.9 million.
3. H.J. Heinz Co.'s Weight Watchers, \$47.1 million.
4. Kraft General Foods Inc.'s Budget Gourmet Light and Healthy, \$32.8 million.
5. Campbell Soup Co.'s Le Menu Healthy \$12.3 million.



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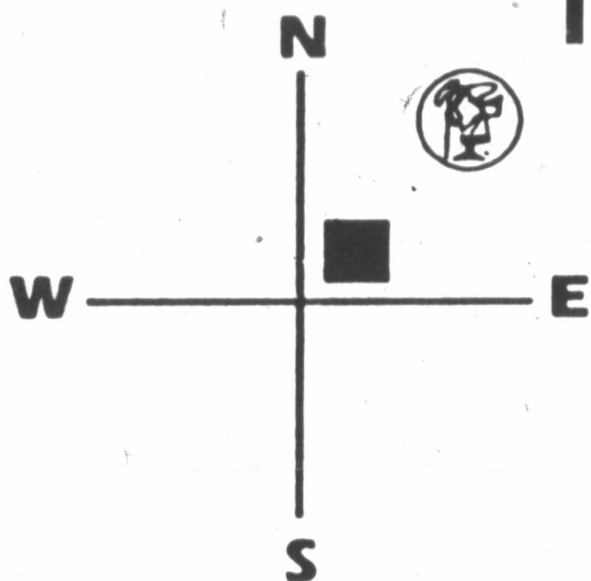
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