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Troops to remain in Gulf minimum of two months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Saturday the force of 2,400 soldiers being sent to the Persian Gulf likely will remain there at least two months.

The training exercise will show Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein the U.S. resolve "to return rapidly to the region in the event of a crisis," Cheney said on CNN's "Newsmaker Saturday."

The defense secretary said that "I just categorically reject" the notion that the action has any connection to shore up President Bush's floundering political fortunes.

Democratic challenger Bill Clinton is leading comfortably in presidential polls.

Cheney said that while there is no specific timetable for how long the

troops will remain in the gulf region, "they'll probably be there for a couple of months, long enough to be able to get some value out of the exercise."

The decision was made to dispatch the troops now, rather than in September as originally planned, because Saddam refused to allow United Nations inspectors access to Iraq's Agriculture ministry.

Records of a suspected covert weapons program were thought to be stored there.

"He's the one who escalated things. It certainly wasn't a choice we made," Cheney said.

"If Saddam Hussein complies with those U.N. resolutions there won't be any talk about Iraq. It's not something we generated. It's some-

thing that has been done totally independent of any campaign consideration. And to suggest otherwise really would be — I think is inappropriate."

Beginning this week, soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Campbell, Ky., will move to Kuwait for a "field training exercise" with their Kuwaiti counterparts, the Pentagon said Friday.

The latest exercise follows decisions announced last week to send a battery of Patriot missiles to Kuwait and another battery of the antimissile weaponry to neighboring Bahrain.

In addition, some 2,800 Navy and Marines are ready to participate in a round of naval and amphibious exercises with the Kuwaiti military from Aug. 3-19.

Bambinos - Play ball!

Three Idabel, Okla., pitchers combined for a no-hitter against the Pampa All-Stars in one of four first-round games Saturday in the Southwest Regional Bambino Tournament at Optimist Park.

Only two batters reached base for Pampa in the 4-0 setback.

Winning pitcher was

Travis King, who went the first three innings. King, Larry Garrett and William Tidmore combined to strike out a dozen batters.

Aaron Whitney went the distance for Pampa, giving up five hits while striking out five and hitting one batter.

Tidmore broke up a scoreless tie when he belted a two-run homer in the fourth inning.

Pampa was charged with five errors while Idabel played perfect in the field.

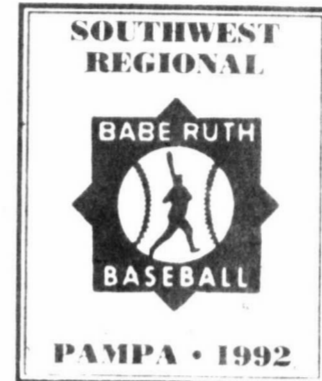
The All-Stars will play Choctaw County, Okla. in the loser's bracket at 7 p.m. today.

The regional champion advances to the Bambino World Series Aug. 15-22 in Alachua, Fla.

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(Staff photo by Daniel Wieggers) Luke Hand of Denham Springs, La., team catches a pop fly Saturday in a game against Little Rock.



Two orphans killed by machine-gun fire near Sarajevo

By TONY SMITH
Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A bus carrying 50 orphans out of Sarajevo was hit by heavy machine-gun fire Saturday night, killing a 2-year-old retarded girl and a 1-year-old boy, the orphanage said.

The bus was driving east out of Sarajevo on a road known as

"Sniper Alley" when it was fired upon by anti-aircraft guns, said Dusko Tomic, director of the Medjasi Children's Embassy charity.

"It's an absolute catastrophe. No other kids were wounded, but they were all screaming," Tomic said.

There was no word on who hit the bus. The road is frequently targeted by Serb snipers, but U.N. officials said the Serb nationalists were bat-

ting troops of the mostly Muslim Bosnian government in the area at the time.

The children had been waiting for six days to be evacuated to an orphanage in Bavaria, southern Germany. Fighting has prevented any but a few flights from leaving Sarajevo airport for several days.

On Saturday, the Bosnian government continued a major counteroffensive aimed at slicing the Serbian

noose that has bound the capital for months.

Tomic said his group had received no escort from the U.N. protection force that is providing food and medicine to the 300,000 residents of the besieged capital. The U.N. spokesman, Mik Magnusson, said the German-donated bus left Sarajevo at 7 p.m., a "daft time" to start off.

The victims were identified as

Vedrana Glavas, 2, and Roki Sulejmanovic, 1. Their ethnic identities weren't known.

The 48 children who survived the attack, along with 10 adults, were being sheltered by families near where the bus was hit, according to Radio 99, an independent station.

The attack occurred just before the final Bosnian government checkpoint on the three-mile "Sniper Alley," which was the main east-west highway before the civil war broke out five months ago.

Tomic said the survivors eventually would travel on to Croatia's Adriatic port of Split, where a plane was to take them to Germany.

Another 100 orphans remain at in the laundry room of the agency's Ljubica Ivezic orphanage in Sarajevo, where they were placed after an exposed wing of the orphanage was hit by shells, wounding one girl and one nurse.

Magnusson said Serb and Muslim fighters were battling all around Sarajevo at the time of the attack, as the government attempts to break the Serb siege.

The Bosnian government has become increasingly desperate to break out of the encirclement of the mountain-ringed capital in recent weeks as it becomes clear that the international community has no plans to intervene militarily to halt the Serb advance that has captured two-thirds of Bosnia.

Croatian radio said late Saturday that 43 people had been killed and 586 wounded in fighting over the last 24 hours, most of it in Sarajevo.

Bosnian radio reported that government forces advanced to Vogosca, northwest of Sarajevo, to try to break through Serb forces and

connect to Muslim forces further west in Visoko and Zenica.

Maj. Dervo Harbinja, a senior Sarajevo defense official, told reporters territorial forces also had surrounded the Serb-held town of Ilijas, further to the northwest.

The Belgrade-based Tanjug news agency quoted Bosnian Serb sources as saying four Serb soldiers were killed and three wounded in an attack by 2,000 Bosnian militia on Trnovo, 25 miles south of the capital.

At least 7,500 people and as many as 50,000 have died since Bosnia's Muslims and Croats voted for independence from Serb-led Yugoslavia on Feb. 29.

Magnusson, meanwhile, charged that Bosnian forces had endangered U.N. peacekeepers by setting up weapons too close to their monitoring positions.

On Friday, six newly arrived Ukrainian peacekeepers were injured when a mortar hit the entrance to their bunker northwest of Sarajevo. Two suffered severe head injuries and were evacuated by a U.S. plane to Frankfurt, Germany, Magnusson said.

The Serb gunners who hit the Ukrainians apparently were aiming for Bosnian recoilless rifle positions 15 yards away from the site, Magnusson said.

Government forces also had two tanks positioned just outside U.N. headquarters, Magnusson said, and mortars only 200 yards away from other U.N. positions in the city.

"That's just dirty war, and we have protested," Magnusson said. A protest was also lodged with the Serbs for firing back at well-marked U.N. positions, he said.

Wreckage of TWA jetliner to be removed for study

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators prepared Saturday to haul the hulking wreckage of a TWA jetliner into a hangar as they continued to probe why it caught fire during takeoff and sent all 292 people aboard fleeing for exits.

Federal investigators said they had no preliminary conclusions as to what caused one of the three engines in the Lockheed-built L-1011 to catch fire Thursday as the plane was departing Kennedy International Airport. About 65 people suffered minor injuries evacuating Flight 843, which had been bound for San Francisco.

National Transportation Safety Board member John Lauber disputed an earlier report that a ruptured fuel line may have fed the engine's fire as the plane raced down the runway. He said investigators found no visible damage to the plane's fuel lines and no fuel on the runway.

The pilot, Capt. William Shelby Kinkead, told investigators he aborted the plane's takeoff when a cockpit instrument indicated the craft might stall, and because the plane didn't feel right as it was taking off.

"It didn't feel like it was going to fly," Lauber quoted Kinkead as saying.

Air traffic controllers also told investigators they saw smoke coming from the jet and radioed the pilot, Lauber said.

The cockpit crew told investigators a fire warning signal didn't go

off until the plane returned to the ground.

Kinkead, 54, a 27-year veteran with TWA, was credited with heroic action in managing to swerve the hurtling plane onto the grass and avoid a barrier as it approached the end of the 14,000-foot runway.

With flames quickly moving up the aircraft from the rear, everyone got out.

On Saturday, two cranes and several flatbed truck-trailers were brought to the airport to begin moving the plane, which was charred from the wings back. The runway it had used remained closed.

The plane would probably be taken to an airport hangar for further study, Lauber said. He said he didn't know how long the study would take.

On Friday, the plane's flight data recorder was sent to St. Louis and its cockpit voice recorder to Washington for evaluation.

The L-1011 has a fairly good safety record, according to aerospace experts, but two incidents involving L-1011 engines spurring flames have occurred in the past two years; at JFK on April 16 and at Boston's Logan Airport on March 26, 1990. Neither incident caused serious injury.

The *New York Times* reported Saturday that the engine that burned — the one in the rear — was a Rolls-Royce RB-211 with 15,181 flights, just short of the 16,000-flight limit of that type's service life.

Fierce foes?



(Staff photo by Daniel Wieggers) Dick Alexander of Lubbock and Jim Kirk of Ardmore, Okla., relax at Pampa Country Club's 16th tee Friday as they await their turn during the final round of the 58th Annual Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament. To see how they and others fared, please see page 9.

Problem thwarts shuttle's satellite release

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A communications problem prevented Atlantis' astronauts from releasing a European science satellite from the shuttle Saturday and threatened a second, and final, attempt on Sunday.

The Eureka satellite, with its load of crystals, brine shrimp eggs and fungi spores, remained locked on the end of Atlantis' crane, while engineers for the European Space Agency worked frantically on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean to resolve the data-relay problem.

The trouble struck early Saturday, less than a day into Atlantis' flight.

The satellite could not communicate properly with ground stations, most notably when the data were relayed through Atlantis. Lapses occurred in the flow of information, officials said.

Ground controllers switched to a backup data processor on Eureka, but they found that when the satellite's positioning system was turned on, it disrupted the flow of information to the ground, just like before.

The future of the \$428 million Eureka project hinged on a midnight test. Eureka managers said they would try to establish a direct link between the satellite and a station in French Guiana and base their decision on those results.

"When we really know that we can communicate with our ground stations in a trouble-free manner ... we are go for the mission," said Eckart Graf, a program manager for the European Space Agency, which owns Eureka.

There are two other stations, located in the Canary Islands and Australia. The Eureka project is managed from Darmstadt, Germany.

"We're still optimistic," said NASA flight director Phil Engelauf.

Sunday was the last chance for Eureka. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the satellite would be bundled back into the cargo bay and brought back to Earth if the problem could not be resolved in time for a Sunday release, and the rest of the mission would proceed as planned.

The main event of Atlantis' mission — testing an Italian satellite on 12 miles of electricity-generating cord — was delayed one day as a result of the Eureka problem. That

30-hour experiment is now set for Tuesday and Wednesday.

NASA was considering extending the flight by one day. Atlantis was supposed to land Friday at Kennedy Space Center after seven days in space.

Until early Saturday, everything had gone well aboard Atlantis, which lifted off Friday morning. Swiss astronaut Claude Nicollier was ahead of schedule, in fact, when he grappled Eureka with the shuttle's robot arm Friday night.

The trouble began after Nicollier lifted the 9,900-pound Eureka from the cargo bay. European controllers

quickly encountered several problems involving the satellite's data-handling and communications systems.

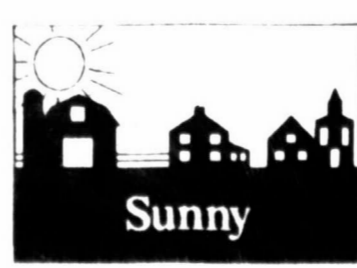
Eureka's long, accordionlike solar panels were unfurled as engineers struggled with the problems, a few of which were resolved. NASA and the European Space Agency missed three orbital opportunities to release the satellite before giving up for the day.

Although two of Atlantis' astronauts are trained as spacewalkers to perform emergency satellite repairs, there is nothing they could do in this situation, Graf said.

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Groom's birthday parade



Proud Heritage Farm Equipment Club of Pampa participates in Grooms 90th birthday celebration in a parade on Broadway street Saturday morning.

(Staff photo by Daniel Wiegiers)

Plaintiff dies just hours before jury gets case

DENVER (AP) — A jury Saturday ordered a blood supplier to pay \$6.5 million to a woman who contracted AIDS from a 1983 blood transfusion and died just hours before the panel began deliberating.

Susie Quintana, who was 56, was seeking more than \$12 million from United Blood Services of Albuquerque, N.M., which supplied the blood, donated by a homosexual man.

On Friday, Denver District Judge Nancy Rice sequestered the panel after she was notified of Quintana's death, believing the information could sway jurors.

Saturday, the Denver District Court jury said United Blood Services should pay \$6.5 million for negligence. It also awarded Quintana \$105,000 for emotional distress and \$1.5 million to her husband for loss of consortium.

Quintana, who was hospitalized Thursday, died as her attorney gave closing arguments. Quintana's husband and three of her children were with her when she died.

Quintana was diagnosed with AIDS in 1985. She had lost 70

pounds during the past year and her death was expected.

Lawyers for the blood bank had argued that no federal agency formally recommended blood-screening steps suggested by the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control.

A former CDC doctor, Don Francis, testified in July that CDC staffers told the blood industry in January 1983 that AIDS could be transmitted through transfusions, and that homosexual men — a high risk group — must not be allowed to donate blood.

The centers' recommendations were rejected in a joint statement by the American Association of Blood Banks, the American Red Cross and the Council on Community Blood Centers.

"We're sorry that anything like this ever had to happen to anybody," UBS attorney Art Downey said in his closing arguments Friday. "We do not think this was our fault. We were trying to save lives."

He noted that the transfusion, given Quintana during surgery for a gunshot wound, "did save her life, temporarily."

Bush launching TV ads, but don't look for them on Murphy Brown

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — President Bush opens the television phase of his reelection race Monday, with campaign planners promising to advertise only on programs compatible with his brand of family values.

So don't look for Bush ads on Murphy Brown. But the campaign apparently does like Mary Tyler Moore.

While the Bush camp is silent on where the ads will appear and when, at least one station — KCTV in Kansas City, Mo. — is set to air one of the campaign spots on a MTM anniversary special Friday on CBS.

Bush aides have already said in letters to the three major networks that the 30- and 60-second spots will appear only on shows that are in keeping with the campaign's family values theme.

That apparently leaves out Murphy Brown, whose decision to have a child out of wedlock became the target of a speech by Vice President Quayle on family values.

But plans do call for airing the spots on the Olympics and pre-season football.

And in general, Bush's advertising will be peppered throughout the day and evening schedules on stations in midwestern states considered crucial to his re-election, including Michigan, Ohio, Missouri and Wisconsin.

One Bush commercial shows the president calling on voters to elect a Congress that will pass a balanced budget amendment and recharge the economy, according to a television executive who saw the ads.

Bob Sliva, the national sales manager of station WXYZ in Detroit, said the other spot showed Bush enumerating three principles needed for change: Cutting government waste, upholding family values and respect for the law.

The Bush-Quayle campaign has to spend a \$7 million primary campaign surplus before the Republican convention, which begins Aug. 17 in Houston.

Although the campaign bought

some ads on Cable News Network, most of the money went to local stations.

Bill Clinton hasn't started advertising on television yet. When he does, his campaign will choose television shows based primarily on their audience, not their moral values, Democratic strategist Mandy Grunwald said.

The Bush campaign stirred controversy last month when its advertising agency, the November Co., sent letters to the networks, asking them to evaluate the moral values of their programs and decide which were appropriate for the president's ads.

The letters — and the response from CBS — were reported in

Advertising Age magazine in early July.

"We cannot and will not take responsibility for determining which of our shows you might consider 'reflective' or non-reflective of the president's moral values," wrote Mary Lou Jennerjahn, the CBS vice president for administration.

Her letter was addressed to Mark McLaughlin, media director for the November Co., who had sent the letters. Neither ABC nor NBC agreed to McLaughlin's request, according to officials from those networks.

McLaughlin won't talk about the letter, but some political advertising executives have expressed amazement at what they consider its naivete.

They say it may be the sign of a troubled campaign.

"That is highly unusual," said Jan Crawford, a Democratic ad strategist who worked for Walter Mondale's presidential campaign in 1984.

Perhaps the sharpest reaction came from Catherine Farrell, who helped buy advertising time for Bush's 1988 campaign and Ronald Reagan's 1984 campaign.

"What he's saying is: We only want to be in 'nice' programs, 'sweet' programs, right? Your largest audience is — I hate to say it — in the most violent, sexy programs," Farrell said.

And if Farrell were advising the campaign? "I would definitely buy Murphy Brown."

Clinton blasts Bush as the 'failed president of a big country'

By KAREN BALL
Associated Press Writer

BELLE MEADE, N.J. (AP) — Bill Clinton on Saturday called President Bush the "failed president of a big country" as he sought to blunt expected Republican attacks on him as a "failed governor from a small state."

More than a dozen of Clinton's fellow Democratic governors stood with the Democratic presidential nominee at a news conference as he delivered what they called a preemptive strike against expected Republican television ads.

Republicans have been hitting the "failed governor" theme for months and the Democrats are expecting the Bush campaign to use it, perhaps this week as it launches its television advertising.

Bush supporters are also expected to hammer on the theme repeatedly at the Aug. 17-20 Republican National Convention in Houston.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo called the Republican theme an "exercise in evasion." He said the Bush team was trying to avoid debate on the economy.

"Talk about failure — failure so monumental they are not able to deal with it," Cuomo said, one of about a dozen Democrats attending the summer meeting of the National Governors Association here.

"So talk about every other issue you can," Cuomo said. "Talk about Murphy Brown, challenge somebody to basketball, talk about small states as compared to large states."

"I'm working very hard in New York to fail the way Bill Clinton has in his state," Cuomo said. "The last

time I looked he had been elected six times."

Texas Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat whose state will host the Republican convention, said Democrats were encouraged that Clinton has proven to be a fighter on the campaign trail.

"When it really gets down to the licklog, we're going to have somebody in the Democratic Party who's going to get in there and slug it out with them," she said.

Clinton defended record as governor, noting that Arkansas has always been one of the poorest states. But he said his state was headed in the right direction and added that the same could not be said for the country.

"The issue is not miracles, it's direction," he said.

Concerning the Republican

theme, the Democratic nominee said sharply, "Well, I think I'm running against a failed president of a big country."

Clinton defended his attacks this week on Bush and the economy, foreign policy and his trustworthiness.

Clinton also scoffed at the notion that there was something wrong with the barrage of criticism that he has been firing at Bush while complaining about attacks on him by the president's "minions."

A Republican Party official this week called Clinton an arsonist posing as a firefighter in his complaints about negative GOP advertising.

Clinton said he has been attacking Bush's record. "I hardly consider that arson," he said. By contrast, he said, the criticism of him has been "distorted and often personal."

"I'm trying to rebuild the house

of America, not tear it down or burn it down," Clinton said.

Clinton said Republicans were unprepared for an opponent willing to return fire.

"They like it better when they run against people who believe in disarmament," Clinton said.

His appearance with the governors Saturday capped a free-for-all week of sniping with the rival presidential camp over everything from defense cuts to welfare reform.

Clinton mostly kept up a drumbeat about Bush's ability to be trusted, staging carefully scripted events to remind voters of the president's "broken promises" and matters that raise questions about his judgment.

For example on Friday in St.

Louis, Clinton told a black lawyers' group that he would only choose minority candidates for the Supreme Court if they were truly qualified.

Though Clarence Thomas wasn't mentioned by name, Clinton clearly meant to raise questions about Bush's judgment.

Saturday's meeting was Clinton's last big campaign event for a few days. He had been scheduled to take two days off before what had been Tuesday's scheduled start of the Clinton-Gore bus trip from St. Louis to Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The start of that trip was delayed one day because Clinton is attending a memorial Tuesday for a friend killed in a plane crash. The bus trip instead will start Wednesday.

Two Desert Storm vets stricken with mystery illness

DALLAS (AP) — A former Navy petty officer from Eulless is one of two Desert Storm veterans suffering with mysterious ailments associated with petroleum poisoning, an environmental expert says.

Gary Zuspann is being tested for exposure to petrochemicals, his private doctor said.

Dr. Theron Randolph, a Chicago-area internist considered the founder of environmental medicine, said four other ailing veterans he has examined also could be contaminated with the same toxins.

Army surgeon general spokeswoman Virginia Stephanakis said she did not know of any Desert Storm veteran

diagnosed with petroleum poisoning, but said it is a possibility.

"We are not closing the door on anything right now," Mrs. Stephanakis told *The Dallas Morning News* in today's editions.

Dr. Al Johnson, Zuspann's physician, said all soldiers suffering the similar problem should be tested.

Johnson, of Dallas' Environmental Health Center, received permission from the Army to test Zuspann, 32, who served aboard an amphibious assault ship during the war.

He began suffering chronic fatigue, weight loss, muscle weakness and shortness of breath following his return to the United States.

Physicians said the symptoms could be reactions to shots or drugs administered to service members in the Persian Gulf, parasitic infection or a viral infection.

Other environmental researchers and physicians said the variety of seemingly unrelated health problems experienced by the veterans are typical results of heavy exposures to crude and refined petroleum.

Petrochemical or hydrocarbon exposure can cause chronic fatigue, hair loss, memory loss, rashes, joint and muscle aches, cardiac complaints and gastrointestinal complaints.

Army officials say they are exam-

ining whether Desert Storm veterans could have been harmed by emissions from hundreds of burning oil wells in Kuwait or by other petroleum exposures.

Mrs. Stephanakis said the Army's Environmental Hygiene Agency has almost completed researching the health effects of the Iraqi-ignited oil well fires in Kuwait.

The study included monitoring one Army regiment before and after its deployment, she said.

The Morning News reported last month that private researchers and veterans groups list more than 200 Persian Gulf veterans suffering mysterious ailments.

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Opinion

Behind Dan Quayle lies a real tragedy

There are precedents in American political history for dumping a vice president in mid-campaign. President Ford dumped Nelson Rockefeller for Robert Dole in 1976, Sen. McGovern dumped Sen. Eagleton in 1972, and the venerated Franklin Roosevelt dumped "Cactus Jack" Garner in 1940 and Henry Wallace in 1944.

So how likely is it that President Bush, down in the polls and facing some pressure to dump a vice president who has become every comedian's favorite target, will replace Vice President Dan Quayle at this juncture of the Political Circus of 1992? Given the president's temperament, the probable answer is: not very.

But some scuttlebutt has it that Secretary of State James Baker, George Bush's best friend and most trusted adviser, might like to see Quayle replaced. If true, dumping Quayle just might be a possibility.

On the plus side, Bush might be in a position to anoint somebody who could buttress his sagging popularity. Among the candidates suggested is Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, hero of Desert Storm, and, as a black American, somebody who might jolt the Democratic Party's most reliable constituency. Other names to surface include Housing Secretary Jack Kemp and Defense Secretary Richard Cheney.

Jack Kemp still carries a certain cachet among conservatives and a certain crossover appeal. Cheney is considered a solid and reliable sort with few active enemies.

But dumping Quayle would raise anew questions about Bush's judgment and character, even if initiated by the veep himself. Quayle has committed real gaffes, but he's been targeted by the media in a way that might stir sympathy beyond the core conservative constituency he has cultivated. If conservatives stay home or vote for Howard Phillips, Andre Marrou, or even Ross Perot - and if others stay home out of cynicism - George Bush could be sunk.

All this suggests an impish speculation. What if President Reagan had faced pressure to dump Vice President Bush in 1984? As a dumped ex-veep rather than anointed successor, it is unlikely Bush could have won the GOP nomination in 1988. We might never have had "Read my lips," followed by new taxes and regulations. Many problems, perhaps even the recession, might not have developed - though whoever was elected in 1988 would have caused other problems.

The publicity boomlet around the minor issue of Dan Quayle distracts us from the fact that no presidential candidate with a chance in 1992 - the year after communism died - is even talking about paring the quasi-socialist state structure we've built in this country. That's a real tragedy.

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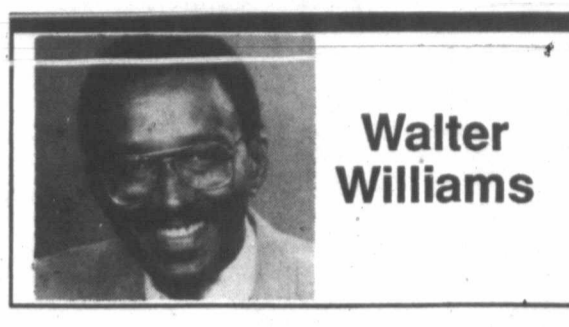
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Imponderables, enigmas and puzzles

Which is more important, eyeglasses, books or schools? It's hard to tell. If you need eyeglasses, and don't have them, what good are books and schools? Eyeglasses and books are important for education, and we're doing well without much government control, doing so well that it never crossed your mind. Schools are completely controlled by government, and we have all sorts of customer dissatisfaction. Could there be a relationship between the level of government involvement and customer satisfaction?

Which is more important - marriage or work? Did you say marriage? If that's so, how come we have anti-discriminatory and equal-opportunity laws when it comes to work but not when it comes to marriage. Take me. Thirty-two years ago, when interviewing prospective spouses, I engaged in open discrimination. No interviews were offered to Oriental, Hispanic or white women, and men of any race. Moreover, there was no consideration of women given to temperate drinking habits, foul language and criminal behavior. I'm sure my interview procedure violated all Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) regulations for negotiating contracts, not to mention the Americans With Disabilities Act. Probably most men and women engage in similar grossly discriminatory behavior. But no sweat. Anybody who wants to be married tends to get married, even those that many consider undesirable. How is this happy outcome



Walter Williams

possible without government regulation? How about language? Language is mankind's most important tool. Who discovered language? Who governs its use, deciding which words become part of the language and which get discarded from ordinary use? Nobody. Our language just evolved over time, adjusting itself to human uses, conditions and tastes; there were no government rules and dictates. Unlike the arrogant French, we anglicize anybody's word and make it a part of our vocabulary. That's one of the reasons why English is the world's most efficient language (efficiency measured as the number of bits of information conveyed per character.)

All of these are examples of Williams' law: On balance, the less government is involved in something, the fewer the problems, the greater the level of satisfaction and the cheaper the cost.

Imagine that the decision of what kind of eyeglasses and books were to be produced, and deliv-

ered to whom at what time, was determined by Congress or state legislators. The resultant cruelty is unthinkable. Those who wanted paperback books would be in political conflict with those who wanted hardback. Similarly, those who wanted plastic lenses would be fighting those who wanted glass. It would resemble the fights between those who want prayers, the teaching of creationism and no sex education in school, and those who take the opposite view. Government allocation of resources always enhances the potential for human conflict.

Government control, such as the attempt to establish an official language, frequently leads to conflict, including wars and civil unrest, as we've seen in Quebec, Belgium, South Africa, Nigeria and other places. As our government creates bilingual legislation, we are seeing language become a focal point for conflict such as the ugly, racist-tainted "English Only" political campaigns in several states. The best state of affairs is to have no language laws at all.

Finally, there's the animal rights people. I'm wondering how they got the right to speak for animals and protect them from cruelty. Did the animals vote them in? Who's to say that animals don't like cruelty anyway? After all, cruelty seems to be a way of life among animals. When's the last time you saw cats and rats, lions and zebras, or birds and worms respect each other's rights? Only humans don't treat animals like animals.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 2, the 215th day of 1992. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 2, 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot from behind and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, S.D. The man who shot Hickok, Jack McCall, was later hanged.

On this date:
In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

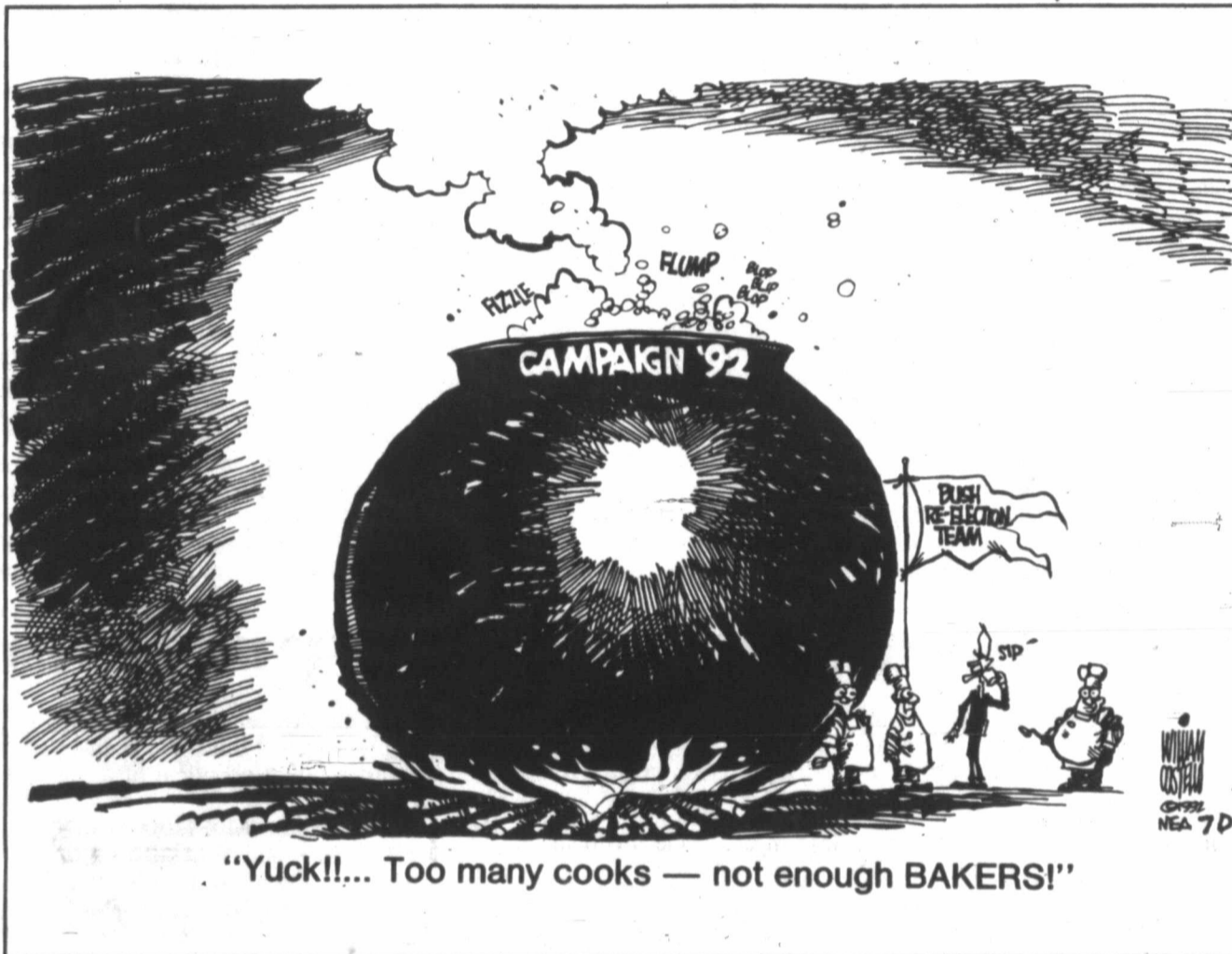
In 1892, 100 years ago, movie producer Jack L. Warner was born in London, Ontario, Canada.

In 1921, opera singer Enrico Caruso died in Naples, Italy.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco.

In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge issued a statement to reporters: "I do not choose to run for President in 1928."

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.



There's no 'R' in bibilocalatosis

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. - What a wonderful job God and man and woman did when they came up with the Greenbriar Resort. It is cool here in the mountains, the humidity is low, people smile and nobody seems to care what the *New York Post* called H. Ross Perot in a front page headline: "What a Wimp."

But this is not about politics, which is getting on my very last nerve in the first place. It is about having dinner here with Deidre.

Let me begin by saying I didn't eat an oyster until I was in my mid-'20s. I had seen others eat oysters, but I had always refrained.

Finally, however, I gave in and did allow a raw oyster to slide down my gullet and danged if that little sucker wasn't good. After that, I became an oyster addict.

To me, there is nothing as tasty as a dozen on the half shell, nice and cold. You salt them, squeeze-on lemon juice, add a little Tabasco and put them on a soda cracker and down they go.

Follow them up with a long swallow of cold beer and life is good.

So we're dining and I order an appetizer of baked oysters. I prefer raw oysters, but they didn't have any raw oysters, so I was willing to take them any way they came.

I ate the first of the six baked oysters and



Lewis Grizzard

Deidre said, "There's no 'r' in July, you know."

"What on earth are you talking about?" I asked her.

"You should never eat oysters in a month that has no 'r' in it."

"I never heard of such a thing," I said.

"Well," Deidre went on, "Everybody knows it's true. Oysters can make you sick if you eat them in a month with no 'r.' You should wait until September."

I'm sitting in front of five more baked delicious oysters and I'm not about to wait until September to eat them.

I slid another down.

So Deidre asked, "Did I tell you about my friend's father?"

"No," I said, "What about him?"

"He died."
"From what?"
"From eating oysters."
"How can anybody die from eating oysters?"
"He ate one in a month with no 'r' in it and he came down with bibilocalatosis."

"With what?"
"Bibilocalatosis."

"I don't think that's a word."

"It doesn't matter," Deidre went on. "He got it from eating an oyster and it attacked his central nervous system and he died a slow, horrible death."

"Look," I said, "I know drinking, smoking, eating fatty foods, and riding in a car without airbags are dangerous, but for goodness sake, can't you let me enjoy a few stupid oysters?"

"My friend said they had to give her father massive doses of morphine before he died, because the pain was so horrible."

I called the waiter over and had him take away what remained of my oysters.

"Is there something wrong with them, sir?" he asked.

"I don't want to catch bibilocalatosis and die in utter agony," I said.

Now, I'm not certain I can eat another one. So, yet one more of life's pleasures is gone.

I ordered a nonalcoholic beer and watched Deidre finish her fruit plate, wimp that I am.

It's OK to root for the Dream Team

The murmuring began three years ago when the international community agreed to let basketball pros play in the Olympics.

The games are supposed to celebrate amateur athletes, the critics said. It was a plot hatched by the National Basketball Association and its European counterparts to create a lucrative global market, they said. The United States would trump the rest of the world and thus lend even more credence to its ruffian image, they said. The United States was primarily interested in avenging Olympic losses to the Soviet Union in 1972 and 1988, they said.

I know nothing of conspiracies, but the critics are emphatically right about one thing: The "Dream Team" the United States has dispatched to Barcelona is poised to make basketball paste of the rest of the planet. During the Olympic warm-ups in Portland, Ore., Michael "Air" Jordan, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Larry Bird, Sir Charles Barkley and company leveled six opponents by an average margin of 51.5 points. And, Jordan hinted, it was in the national interest that there be no letup:

"We've got to regain our sense of pride, our dignity. Some way - even if it's just basketball. We can at least show the world that we can take control of something."

Predictably, the chorus of criticism reached a crescendo. William C. Rhoden of *The New York Times* berated the United States as ignoble: "The underlying principle here reflects a bully's way of doing business and an attempt to regain lost pride



Joseph Spear

at the expense of hopelessly weaker opponents." Roger Simon of the *Baltimore Sun* assaulted Michael Jordan: "You can see his point: We can't control our own economy. We can't stop murders on the streets of our cities. We can't even get rid of Saddam Hussein. So at least we can win a crummy basketball game!"

After I read that, my thoughts went like this: Oh my God, I want us to win and that must make me a chauvinistic creep and it's really more noble to lose gracefully anyway, and what am I saying, I want the United States to cream those futbol-loving johnny-come-lateys. That only took 12.5 seconds and now I can enjoy the next few days of basketball heaven with an unclouded mind. For those of you who are having trouble clearing your cerebra of annoying pangs of guilt, I offer these hints:

1. It is not jingoism to want your team to win. Only guilt-ridden, neurotic, dyspeptic, hopelessly sour-tempered apologists root against their own countries.

2. It does matter to win a "crummy basketball game." It matters because athletic events are vicariously rewarding, are a safe substitute for warfare and are easier for most of us to understand than SALT talks, GATT gabs and other forms of global gameplaying.

3. Until now, the other nations of the world have been deploying what amounts to professional teams. They have paid, fed, ferried, roomed and groomed their athletes. They have offered up their very best, and we have countered with collegians. Now those nations will witness the truth - Michael flies, Magic glides, Charles hammers and Larry has eyes in the back of his head - and they will weep for their own.

4. Basketball is ours. We invented it and we play it better than anybody else in the world. It may be true that the Japanese have better microwaves, the French have better bottled water, the Mexicans have better *frijoles* and the Canadians have better health care. But the United States of America has better basketball, and we are about to prove it.

So enjoy. After the debacle, they'll most likely outlaw basketball pros as an act of mercy and we'll never see the likes of it again.

But that will still leave Castro crowing about Cuban baseball. How about if we let the pros play just once - in Atlanta '96 - as we let Ripken, Clemens, Puckett, Fielder, Kruk and the gang settle for once and for all who best plays the game God invented. What say, Fidel?

Berry's World

POLITICAL JUNKIE

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Letters to the editor

Wants street paved

To the editor:

I received a letter in the mail saying the city was going to spot pave our street, IF we would vote for a sales tax; well we voted it in. Now, I don't have to "READ YOUR LIPS" to know that you were lying. I want my street paved! I am tired of the sand rolling down my street every time a car goes by. I was told they came by and surveyed this street years ago; they said they were going to pave it then but never did.

We pay taxes like everyone else. We get what the politicians want; when do we get what the people want? We got a golf course, which about one out of a hundred people in this town use.

I want the city to do what they voted to do. I want it this year, not 5 or 10 years from now. I don't want our road money put in savings so you can use it on something else.

You wanted a new jail; your bad business arrangements were your fault; not ours so why should we pay for it? People on the Southside are not going to stand for it any longer!

It is our money for pavement, not theirs to do what they want to. They tell me there is no use in going to the meetings, they won't let you talk, and if you do talk, they don't listen to what you want, just what they want. The only one I ever heard stand up to them is Ray Velasquez. I got news for him, they weren't planning on paving our street either. If they would gravel the roads, it would keep people on the Northside from asking me if our roads are paved yet.

If you are not going to fix our roads, then roll back our taxes!

Mrs. Burke Carver
Pampa

Policy 'hard to swallow'

To the editor:

Your editorial "Good Science" (June 11, 1992) faults the Environmental Defense Fund for criticizing the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) new policy for regulation and labeling of genetically engineered foods. We find this hard to swallow. FDA's new policy singles out the biotechnology industry for special treatment by establishing looser labeling and safety-testing requirements for new genetically encoded substances than for chemicals added to food.

Many genetically engineered foods will truly be different from foods obtained from traditionally bred crop plants. Plant breeders can only cross closely related organisms, such as different types of potatoes. In contrast, genetic engineers can now insert genes from one organism into virtually any other. For example, potatoes engineered to contain genetic material from chickens, moths, peas, soybeans, viruses, and bacteria have all now been field-tested.

To consumers, altering crop plants to produce new, genetically encoded substances in their edible tissues is no different than adding chemicals to fruits or vegetables during food processing. We want FDA to treat them the same way.

Unfortunately, FDA's new policy runs counter to FDA's longstanding requirements for labeling of food ingredients. Food labels list the sweeteners, preservatives and other

ingredients in a food, not because FDA thinks these substances are hazardous, but because consumers have a right to know what they are purchasing. Observant Seventh Day Adventists, Muslims, and Jews, for example, depend on food labels to avoid certain or all animal products. In the near future, however, supermarket shoppers will not be able to tell if their potatoes contain chicken enzymes, their tomatoes contain flounder proteins, or their apples contain bacterial toxins.

Even FDA's one exception to their "no labeling" policy—food genetically engineered to produce substances that cause "common" food allergies will have to be labeled—is inadequate. The many individuals with "uncommon" food allergies will not be able to identify and avoid genetically engineered foods they may be allergic to.

FDA's new policy hands industry new discretion to decide whether foods are safe enough to sell to customers. Like most traditional food additives, most substances added to foods via genetic engineering will probably be acceptable for human consumption. But, there may be exceptions to this rule. In the wake of breast-implant manufacturers' failure to even disclose the serious risks of their products, consumers of genetically engineered foods can hardly feel reassured by FDA's expanded reliance on industry self-monitoring.

Although FDA's new policy for genetically engineered foods went into effect at the end of May, the agency has asked for public comments on the policy through August 27. We urge your readers to let the FDA know how they believe genetically engineered foods should be labeled and regulated. The address to write is: Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, Rm. 1-23, 1240 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

Rebecca Goldberg
D. Douglas Hopkins
Environmental Defense Fund, New York City

A group effort

To the editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with our recent success at the State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene. It was a dream come true to win a class at State my first year to go.

First of all, a special thanks to Ben and Betty Wilson for giving me the privilege of being able to show a horse of this caliber. I want to thank Betty for taking time off from her busy show and judging schedule to haul us down there and help me with all the work involved in getting ready for all my classes.

Thanks goes to Mom and Dad for footing the bills and giving me that extra push when I wanted just to "sit on my tail"; to my grandmother, Evelyn Epps, for making my show clothes, Ron and Kathy Hess for letting me use their show halter, and to the rest of my family and friends for understanding that I had to spend more time with my horse than I could with them.

Thank you very much to Jim Reeves for making the trip to Anson to pick us up with all our junk when the truck broke down.

I'm sure I've forgotten someone, but I really wanted to let everyone know how much I appreciate all the help and support they have given over the last several months.

Finally, my greatest appreciation goes to "Bender." I couldn't have done it without you.

Love,
Angela Moyer
Pampa

Editor's note: Angela Moyer and Mix Master Ben, a 4-year-old quarterhorse gelding, won first place in Junior Geldings in state 4-H competition. Angela is the daughter of Jim and Della Moyer, and granddaughter of Lewis and Evelyn Epps of Pampa and Bob and Ann Moyer of West Sacramento, California.

Help from, for veterans

To the editor:

The membership of the Pampa VFW Post 1657 would like to express their appreciation to the city of Pampa for again this year allowing us to be part of the Fourth of July festivities. It's truly great that the city is once again sponsoring the fireworks display out at the rodeo grounds. Special thanks also goes out to Randy Stewart and Al Miles of Main Street Entertainment for providing the patriotic music and the PA system. Their assistance in so many of our community activities is truly appreciated. I hope everyone listened to the outstanding speech that was delivered by the incoming VFW commander, Clint Lewis. He made some excellent points, ones we all need to take to heart.

Once again, there are some items about the current VA system that need to be addressed. First and foremost, I hope everyone has taken the time to send a letter to the president and our respective senators about the cutting of the VA budget and the recently initiated policy of refusing VA hospital service to a large portion of the veteran community. There are those bureaucrats and liberal politicians who are determined to turn the VA hospital system into a welfare hospital system. With less than 48 members in the House of Representatives with any military service, the veteran community is facing a bleak future unless we keep the pressure on Washington. The real tragedy is that just when the WWII vets are now needing the services of the hospital, there are those who would turn their backs on these truly outstanding patriots. Also, it has been mentioned that on occasions there have been certain employees at the Amarillo VA hospital that have been less than courteous to veterans seeking medical treatment. If at any time this should happen to you or someone you know, please contact the Texas Veterans Commission representative located there in the VA hospital or contact this office. If the problem isn't brought to someone's attention, it can't be fixed. The Amarillo hospital is a good facility, and I hope we can work together to make it better and better.

The new officers of the Pampa VFW are Commander - Clint Lewis, Senior Vice Commander - Tommy Adams, Jr. Vice Commander - Clarence Upton and Quartermaster - Dean Carson. Contact them about getting involved!

John L. Triplehorn
Gray County Veterans Service Office

Tailhook probe stalls in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Police said they can't follow up on reports to them from women that they were groped and pushed through a ganlet of men during the Tailhook Convention last year because the women can't identify the culprits.

Police Capt. Frank Barker said a 28-year-old Las Vegas woman filed a police report last Monday that a line of Naval aviators fondled her and pushed her down a line of men as she kicked and screamed for help.

Barker said she couldn't identify the men "because there were so many of them. It's not a case we can pursue because there's not enough evidence to identify the perpetrators."

The police report was released Friday. It followed a police report filed Sept. 8 by two out-of-town women who described similar treatment. Barker called that report a "zero case because there was nothing to follow up on. There was no suspect information."

The Navy and the Defense Department have been investigating complaints that at least 26 women, half of them military officers, were sexually abused at the Tailhook Convention Sept. 5-7, 1991, at the Las Vegas Hilton. The convention was an annual gathering of Naval aviators that has since been banned.

"They surrounded me, grabbing under my shorts, down the front of my blouse, as they hollered and laughed, pushing me down the hall," said the Las Vegas woman in the police report made public Friday.

Her name was withheld by police. She listed her occupation as a clerk.

"I tried hitting, kicking and screaming, but it just seemed to entice them," she said.

The woman said she had walked into the hallway filled with men while looking for a bathroom.

The women who filed a police report in September said they were asked by several Navy and Marine officers if they wanted to attend a party on the hotel's third floor.

When they stepped from an elevator, the police report said men "started to shout and grab the victims all over their bodies. They lifted up their skirts and threw beer on them."

Chilly summer a bummer in Midwest

By JOSE MARTINEZ
Associated Press Writer

Too rainy for a picnic, too cold for a swim. What a spongy summer it's been in the Midwest.

"Summer hasn't happened," griped Joe Pecoraro, who's in charge of Chicago's 500 lifeguards.

Since June, weather across much of the Midwest has been the same: cold and wet. August got off to the same start Saturday with record cold and rainfall.

It was 52 degrees at 7 a.m. EDT Saturday at the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport. That's 3 degrees below the previous Aug. 1 record set in 1971, the National Weather Service reported. Fort Wayne, Ind., at 49 degrees and Indianapolis at 53 tied their record lows for the date.

"We've seen below-normal temperatures everywhere east of the Rockies — not every day, of course, but the general pattern has been there," said meteorologist Rich Tinker of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Analysis Center in Washington, D.C.

Temperatures around the upper Midwest and northern Plains have

been substantially below normal, Tinker said.

The average temperature for the Detroit area in June, was 65.7 degrees, compared with last year's 72.6 degrees. In Chicago, June's average temperature was 64.9 degrees. The Minneapolis-St. Paul area fared little better with a 65.2-degree average.

Abdulla Haji, a receptionist at Ruttger's Birchmont Lodge near Bemidji, Minn., said his guests' talk about the weather is mixed.

"A lot of them who come from a hotter climate like it," Haji said. "But people who are coming to spend time in a hot climate don't like it ... Some of them are really crabby and moody."

Norman Muntner, owner of Alpine Heating & Air Conditioning in Milwaukee, complained business is down 75 percent. "We're in a two-season climate: fall and winter," he said.

One man's bane is another's good news, however.

"It gives our customers some lower electric bills, in addition to a pleasant summer," said Jim Campbell, manager of energy forecasting for Northern States Power Co. in Minneapolis. "And we're burning

less-coal and fossil fuels, so there's less impact on the environment."

The cooler temperatures come with wetter weather.

Parts of eastern Kansas were soaked in July by up to 17 inches of rain. The rest of the state got more than 8 inches, as did Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska and Iowa.

"The auto plants have been shut down for two weeks in this area, so it's their vacation — and it's rained the whole time," said Jerry Taylor, owner of a car dealership in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Waterside parks, charter fishing and boat rentals have suffered in Wisconsin, said Bob Hastings, executive director of the Door County Convention & Visitors Bureau in the state's thumb-shaped peninsula, an area popular for outdoor recreation.

The foul weather is keeping day-trippers at home, he said.

But retailers are benefiting, he said. "If you can't go to the beach, you go shopping."



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There's Still Time To Take The Gang On The Road Before Summer Ends

Business

SBA offers development assistance

Lubbock - Small business people and prospective small business owners have an array of free business development assistance available to them from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and its resource partners.

"The SBA does more than guarantee bank loans for small businesses," says SBA Administrator Patricia Saiki. "We have an 'army' of business development specialists across the country to help people get into business and stay in business. Most of the assistance is free or available at a very nominal charge."

Saiki said the SBA's army of business development specialists place special emphasis on helping small business men and women improve their management ability.

SBA provides business counseling services through its nationwide network of field offices and through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Small Business Institutes (SBIs) and Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) and strives to

match the needs of each client with the expertise available.

SCORE is a 13,000 person volunteer program of the SBA with over 700 locations. The volunteers are retired business executives whose collective experience spans the full range of American enterprise. SCORE helps small businesses solve their operating problems through one-on-one counseling and through pre-business workshops and training sessions. SCORE counseling is available at no charge. In FY 1991, SCORE counseled over 167,000 clients and SCORE volunteers chalked up over one-million hours of volunteer time.

Small Business Institutes (SBIs) are organized through SBA on 513 university and college campuses.

At each SBI, small business owners can receive intensive management counseling from qualified graduate and undergraduate business students working under expert faculty guidance. These students serve as management consultants

to entrepreneurs, extensively studying the business and its problems, researching potential solutions, and developing a comprehensive plan of attack to meet the needs of their clients. Over 5,000 small businesses - about 23 percent of them owned by minorities and 22 percent owned by women - received management and technical assistance through the SBI Program in FY 1991.

The SBA organized the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) program to help make management assistance and counseling more widely available to present and prospective small business owners. SBDC services include help with financial, marketing, production and organizational, engineering and technical problems and feasibility studies.

SBDC program is a cooperative effort of the private sector, the educational community and federal, state and local governments. Each state has a lead organization which coordinates program ser-

VICES through a network of sub-centers and satellite locations, often located at colleges, universities and vocational schools. In FY '91, SBDCs trained more than 279,500 small business people and counseled more than 190,600 entrepreneurs.

In addition to its army of business development specialists the SBA has over 100 business publications which are available for a nominal fee. These publications offer expert advice on such topics as financial and personnel management, business planning, marketing and crime prevention.

"Our mission is to help people get into business and stay in business," Saiki said. "The U.S. Small Business Administration's program delivery network is expansive and help is available everywhere in the U.S."

To get more information about the SBA's business development assistance call the Lubbock office of the SBA at 1-800-676-1005, or call the SBA Answer Desk at (800) 827-5722.

Chamber Communique

WANTED! RECIPES.

Send your favorite recipe to the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. They will be judged and five recipes from the Pampa area will be chosen to be published in the "TEXAS BEST COOKS" cookbook.

There are 563 chambers of commerce in Texas and each chamber will submit five recipes. These cookbooks will be delivered in November of 1992, in plenty of time for Christmas giving.

Entries must be in the chamber office by August 25th. Deadline to order books is September 25th. These books will only be available through your chamber of commerce at \$12.50.

The Flying Tumbleweed Tour bike race will take place in Pampa on August 22, 1992. The tour will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Pampa Mall parking lot. There will be a 7 mile fun ride, a 37 mile ride, a 60 mile ride, and a 117 mile race sanctioned by the United States Cycling Federation. They will be giving away 100 T-shirts and water bottles to the first 100 participants to register. For further information contact John Stewart at 665-9422 or Bobby Schiffman at 669-6765.

Calendar:
August 3 - Membership Committee, noon; 5 - Solicitations Check-in, 4:00 p.m.

Bank accepts FmHA requests

Citizens State Bank of Amarillo announces it is now accepting applications for Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) Guaranteed Single-Family Housing Loans.

Their primary service areas include most counties located in the Panhandle. These include the 26 counties of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Castro, Bailey, Swisher, Briscoe,

Parmer, Lamb, Hale, and Floyd. Guaranteed Single-Family Housing Loans are loans whose funding is backed by the support of the FmHA, the lending agency of the United States government.

They offer opportunities for home ownership to families of moderate income who otherwise are unable to afford a conventional loan.

Guaranteed Loans may, furthermore, be made for up to 100% of the value of a property, and income is considered as a factor when establishing monthly payments.

Sparkman receives award

CHICAGO - John W. Sparkman, D.D.S. received the Academy of General Dentistry's prestigious Fellowship Award during a special ceremony at AGD's Annual Meeting July 14 in San Antonio.

The Academy is the second largest dental organization in North America. Its 33,000 members are dedicated to continuing dental education in general practice. To earn the Fellowship Award, AGD dentists must complete more than 500 hours of continuing education within ten years and pass the Fellowship exam.

Sparkman graduated from the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston in 1976. He maintains a private practice and is on staff at Coronado Hospital in Pampa.

Sparkman is a member of the American Dental Association, the Panhandle District Dental Association and the Hi-Plains Study Club.

In the community, Dr. Sparkman is active in his church and is also on the board of directors at the Pampa Country Club.

He and his wife, Julia, have two children: Kyle and Kimberly.

Western wear maker banking on craze

FORT WORTH (AP) - One family-owned western wear manufacturer is looking to women and Hispanics to boost sales amid a new wave of interest in country music.

Forty-six-year-old Westmoor Manufacturing will begin in September with ads in Spanish. The new campaign also attempts to reach fashion-conscious young women.

"We've decided there's a lot more out there," said Jeff Hochster, Westmoor president.

The company last spring signed an endorsement deal with emerging country music duo Brooks & Dunn. Ads have appeared in the past month featuring the pair, and there's the possibility of an entire line of Brooks & Dunn brand clothing.

Westmoor also has been tinkering

with its merchandising mix. To focus on its best-selling casual wear, it has ditched poor-selling lines such as socks, belts, men's suits, sportcoats and dress slacks.

The company's biggest sellers today, about 75 percent of the apparel business, are men's shirts and women's blouses. Also, the company has been weaving more fashionable styles into the mix.

"You're seeing a lot more women and a lot younger customer," says Gail Tapp, one of the company's merchandise specialists.

After the debut of the movie "Urban Cowboy" 13 years ago, Westmoor resisted the wave of clothing makers increasing capacity and opening new stores.

Westmoor officials gambled that the craze would be as short-lived as

John Travolta and mechanical bulls. They were right.

Lately, the company is again facing temptation amid the newfound popularity of such country music stars as Garth Brooks and Randy Travis.

This time, Westmoor is jumping in with both feet.

Almost without exception, western wear retailers across the nation are reporting major sales increases, and manufacturers are laboring to keep up with orders.

Hochster, whose father and uncle founded the firm, said the company has changed ad agencies and is launching an aggressive new ad campaign for its Panhandle Slim brand.

That doesn't mean Panhandle Slim is abandoning its core cus-

tomers - the working-class, middle-income man who might own a horse or maybe compete in rodeos, Hochster said.

But the current craze gives the company an opportunity to expand its customer base, he said.

"There are more people buying western today. Some of it is obviously going to be temporary; it won't last forever. But every time you have a fashion change, you pick up some permanent consumers of the product," Hochster said.

Panhandle Slim, although a respected name among retailers, still lags a distant second or third behind VF Corp.'s Wrangler among western-wearing consumers. The company doesn't release financial figures.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

MOORE (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Comstock Oil & Gas, Inc., #7-14R Bivins (54260 ac) 1890' from North & 1600' from East line, Sec. 14, PMc, EL&RR, 8.5 mi westerly from Masterson, PD 2500' (Box 702675, Tulsa, OK 74170)

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OCHILTREE (SMITH PERRYTON Lower Morrow) Universal Resources Corp., #2-5 Sell (640 ac) (2601 NW Expressway, Suite 700E, Okla. City, OK 73112)

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Oil Well Completions HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #2 Lucas 'A', Sec. 21,—,DL&C, elev. 3361 gr, spud 2-20-92, drlg. compl 2-24-92, tested 7-22-92, pumped 25 bbl. of

40 grav. oil + 100 bbls. water, G"OR 5280, perforated 3111-3366, TD 3450', PBTD 3300' —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #25 Lucas, Sec. 7,—, J.M. Swisher, elev. 3355 kb, spud 2-7-92, drlg. comp 2-12-92, tested 7-14-92, pumped 24 bbl. of

40 grav. oil + 111 bbls. water, GOR 1500, perforated 3106-3370, TD 3450', PBTD 3425' —

POTTER (ERT Granite Wash) Horizon Oil & Gas Co., #2-3 Bivins Ranch, Sec. 3,4,ACH&B, elev. 3276 rkb, spud 4-6-92, drlg. compl 4-30-92, tested 7-5-92, pumped 11 bbl. of

39.3 grav. oil + 17 bbls. water, GOR —, perforated 5588-5596, TD 7600', PBTD 6210'.

Gas Well Completion HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) R.A. McDonald Oil Co., #1 BO, Sec. 5,M-18,D&P, elev. 3154 gr, spud 7-20-92, drlg. compl 7-20-92, tested 7-27-92, potential 22 MCF, rock pressure 29.55, pay 2950-3100, TD 3200', PBTD 3144' —Reclassified from oil to gas. Was Hooks Bros Oil Co. oil well.

Plugged Wells CARSON (PANHANDLE) Hufo Production Corp., #9 Eller, Sec. 9,7,1&GN, spud 12-12-82, plugged 3-18-92, TD 3350' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Omni Exploration, Inc., T.B. Cobb, Sec. 165,3,1&GN (oil) —for the following wells:

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#38W, spud unknown, plugged 5-

27-92, TTD 3450' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. Glazier Upper Morrow) BRG Petroleum, Inc., #1 Nix, Sec. 86,42,H&TC, spud 2-18-81, plugged 6-10-92, TD 10900' (gas) —

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3060' (disposal) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Omni Exploration, Inc., #26W H.B. Terry, Sec. 72,Z,HE&WT, spud unknown, plugged 5-18-92, TD

2984' (disposal) —

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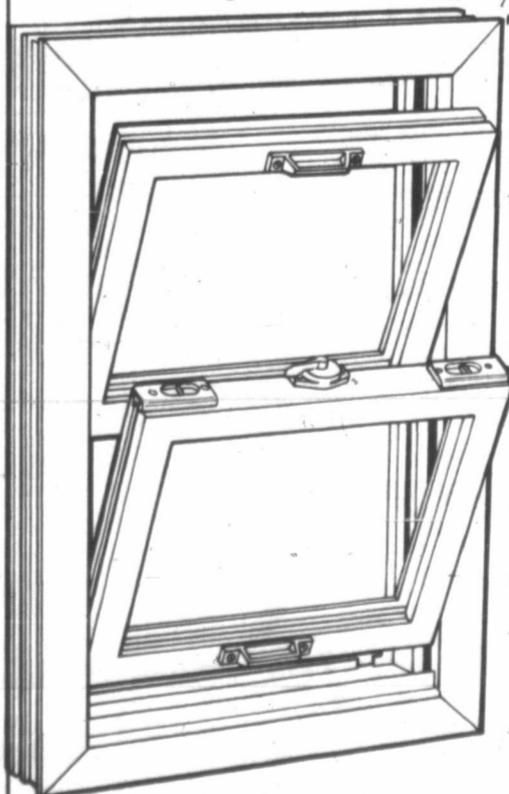
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Cows, customers and culls

Editor's note: This is the final installment of a three-part series.

In the last two columns we have discussed culling cows and customers. We shared how Missouri dairy farmer, Bill Sienbenborn, has increased his productivity by 58 percent. He selectively culls poorly producing cows and replaces them with profitable producers. In business the same process can improve your bottom line.

A careful analysis of your records may reveal customers who are eating up your profits. Others may be robbing you of time, energy and motivation. Last week we gave two examples of profit robbers. This week we will focus on other types of customers who may be ripe for culling.

The Time Thief

One potential cull is the time thief. I'm convinced that a good many folks don't have enough to do. Or maybe they have plenty to do, but don't want to do it. Time is a precious commodity that is scarce in most businesses. Time thieves waste it as if there were a surplus.

As was the case with the profit robbers last week, you may not have to cull the time thief. However, you must deal with them quickly, firmly and tactfully. Sometimes just pointing out how busy you are will do the trick. If your time waster is slow of wit, try a more direct approach. Say something like, "Bubba, I always enjoy visiting with you, but I've got to get busy." Then get up and get busy. Ninety-nine times out of 100 they will take your hint without hard feelings.

Another potential cull is the demander. Demanders expect special treatment. They want to go to the front of the line or move to the head of the waiting list. They expect you to drop everything and take care of them.

The following incident allegedly happened in the lost luggage line at an airport back east. A very disgruntled passenger bypassed about a dozen people in line and went right up to the counter and demanded service. The obviously harried customer service representative tried to ignore the demander who ranted and raved about his lost luggage.

Finally, she excuse herself from the customer she was serving and addressed the demander by asking his name. "Brown," he shouted. "William F. Brown the third."

"Well, Mr. Brown," the service representative said sweetly. "Right now just two people in the whole world give a darn about your luggage. And, frankly one of us is losing interest." He went back to the end of the line.

The Abuser

An abuser is a customer who can tear up a steel ball with a cotton swab. Several years ago, I sold a customer a quality weed trimmer. In a few hours he brought it back with the cutting head nearly destroyed. It had obviously been abused, but I installed a new head - no hassle, no charge - and sent him on his way.

The next day he was back with the new cutting head in the same shape. I told this customer that I didn't think this trimmer was heavy enough for his use. I refunded the purchase price and suggested that he check with a competitor to see if their brand would be more suitable. He had already cost me \$30 in repairs, so why not let my competitor share the fun.

In summary, use your records and good judgment to analyze your customers. Cull out those who are costing you excess time and money. Spend the time and money you save to attract and take care of profitable business.

If you missed any column in this series, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Cows, Customers and Culls, c/o Minding Your Own Business, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105. We'll send a free copy of all three columns.

Court rules on Haitians

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court on Saturday permitted the Bush administration to continue returning Haitians intercepted at sea to their Caribbean homeland.

The court suspended Thursday's ruling by a federal appeals court which had effectively voided President Bush's executive order last May that fleeing Haitians be escorted back to Haiti. The appeals court had suspended its own ruling for 48 hours after the Justice Department had asked it to do so.

Justices Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens dissented, saying that the fleeing Haitians face "the real and immediate prospect of persecution, terror and possibly even death at the hands of those to whom they are being forcibly returned."

The Supreme Court will decide whether to hear the case once the government makes such a request. The justices gave the Justice Department until Aug. 24 to do so.

Lucas Guttentag, attorney for the Haitians, said he is confident that when the case is heard, "the court will find that the president's order violates the most fundamental principles of U.S. and international obligations."

The lawyers representing the Haitians will ask the court on Monday to hear the case on an accelerated basis, Guttentag said.

"My only hope is that either Congress does something or elections sweep out President Bush," said another lawyer for the Haitians, Michael Ratner.

Thousands of Haitians have been intercepted at sea and returned to their country since the president's order of last spring, said Ratner.

And thousands of Haitians have sought asylum at the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince in the last few months.

A Justice Department statement issued a few days ago encouraged the asylum requests. To date, less than 100 have been granted admission to the United States.

About 30,000 Haitians fled their country after a military coup deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide last fall.

President Bush in May signed his executive order permitting the return of the refugees.

The boat traffic declined immediately after the United States decided to return those picked up at sea directly to Haiti.

The Bush administration says most of those fleeing Haiti are seeking a better economic life and do not qualify for political asylum.

In the dissent, Blackmun said that the government has offered only "a vague invocation of harm to foreign policy, immigration policy and the federal treasury."

Blackmun noted that four federal judges have concluded that the federal law the Bush administration is using to return the Haitians applies in international waters, while four other judges say it does not.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



By Danny Bainum
Herb marinade to flavor chicken for fish calls for finely chopped herbs made into a paste with a touch of olive oil and balsamic vinegar, plus salt and pepper. Spread on food before grilling.

Cheese tastes best if it's left at room temperature for an hour or so. But if you're rushed, put a half-pound piece on a plate and heat in the microwave for 1 to 2 minutes at medium.

Peel whole cloves of garlic and boil them with your potatoes in water and a little milk. Mash when tender, adding margarine or butter, more milk as needed, and salt and pepper to taste.

For a fun picnic, pack a giant muffuletta-style sandwich. Slice a 16-inch loaf of french bread in half, hollow it out and fill with sliced meats, cheese and marinated vegetables. Slice to serve.

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Four Pampa teachers attend SPS science workshop

Four Pampa teachers recently participated in a science workshop sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company. Almost 40 middle school teachers from throughout the Texas Panhandle attended "Electric Principles for the Classroom" July 15 at the Amarillo Garden Center.

teachers could use in their classrooms. Directed by Texas Agri-Business Electric Council Executive Director Greg Stark, teachers worked with static electricity, studied electrical circuits and made electric motors.

In addition, Amarillo meteorologist Len Slesick spoke on environmental issues, emphasizing the importance of

balance between the cost and the benefits of government regulation.

President Bush in May signed his

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Sports

Pampa High sends three to all-star games

By MARK SPENCER
Sports Editor

When the stars of Texas high school athletics strut their stuff this week at the McDonald's Texas High School All Star Games, there might be a green-and-gold tint to them.

Pampa High School will be one of the most highly represented schools in the state when the prestigious all-star basketball and football games are played Monday and Tuesday in the Dallas area.

Former Harvesters basketball star Cederick Wilbon, football star Zach Thomas and boys' basketball coach Robert Hale were selected in the spring for the North teams. Alief Hastings High School is the only other school to have three people chosen to compete in the games.

The teams were selected by members of the Texas High School Coaches Association based on athletic performances from the past school year.

The selection process took into account a player's off-the-field standing in the classroom and community. Only 12 players statewide made each basketball team, and 35 were selected for each football team.

Each head coach was selected from a pool of eight regional nominees by a statewide vote of high school coaches.

"It's a real thrill and a big highlight of my coaching career," Hale said. "Being elected by your peers is the highest honor you can get in any field. Having the other coaches in the state select me is a bit overwhelming."

Hale and Pampa assistant Scott Flynn will coach the North team against the South team led by Rick Sherley of Alief Hastings High School Monday at 7 p.m. at Moody Coliseum on the SMU Campus. "I have a lot of friends in the Dallas area so this will be a special night for me," Hale

said. "By the same token, I feel a sense of pride for our program here at Pampa. I realize I'm coaching this game because of the kids that take our coaching and use it on a level acceptable for us to get noticed."

"That in itself makes me very humble to be able to participate. I'm very grateful."

For Wilbon, the game offers his last chance to play against high school competition before heading to Navarro Junior College.

"I'm excited about the game now," he said. "But I'll be really excited about it once I get down there. It's going to be fun. It's always a lot of fun when players like that get together."

The football game is at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Texas Stadium at Irving.

For Thomas, the game serves as an honorary testing ground of sorts.

The former Pampa fullback and linebacker has been living in Lubbock this summer working out with his future teammates at Texas Tech.

On a recent visit to Pampa, Thomas said he had gained almost 10 pounds this summer and was eager to test his new 230-pound build against the top-notch competition at the All-Star game.

"They've got the main guys from the whole state down there so it should be pretty tough," Thomas said. "I don't know what I'll be playing. I'm just going to try and have fun."

The game might be the last chance Thomas gets to play for a while.

Immediately after it ends, he will fly to Lubbock where he must quickly ready himself for the start of the Red Raiders' freshman workouts on Thursday.

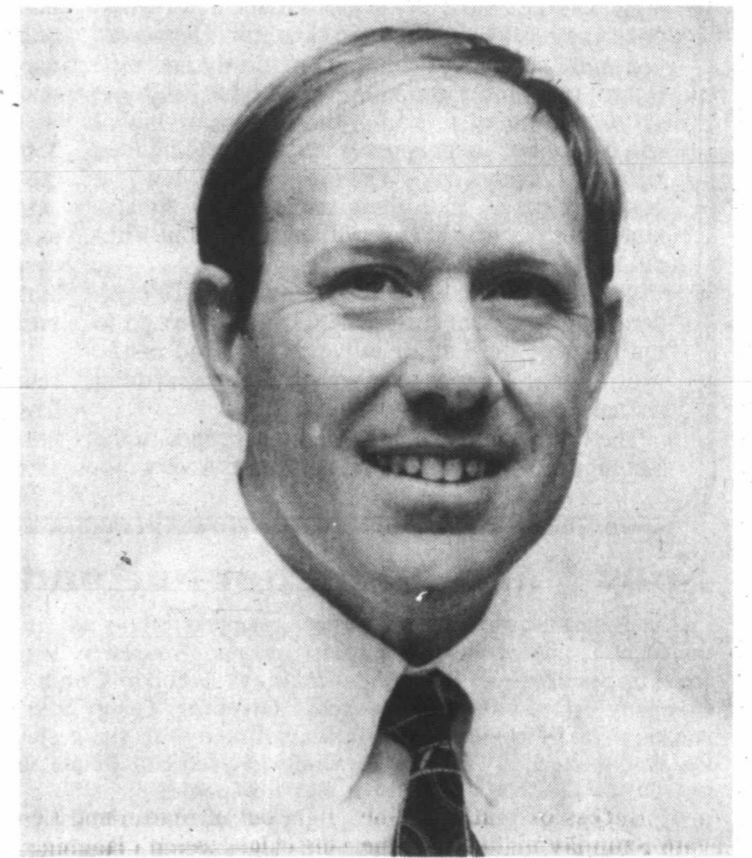
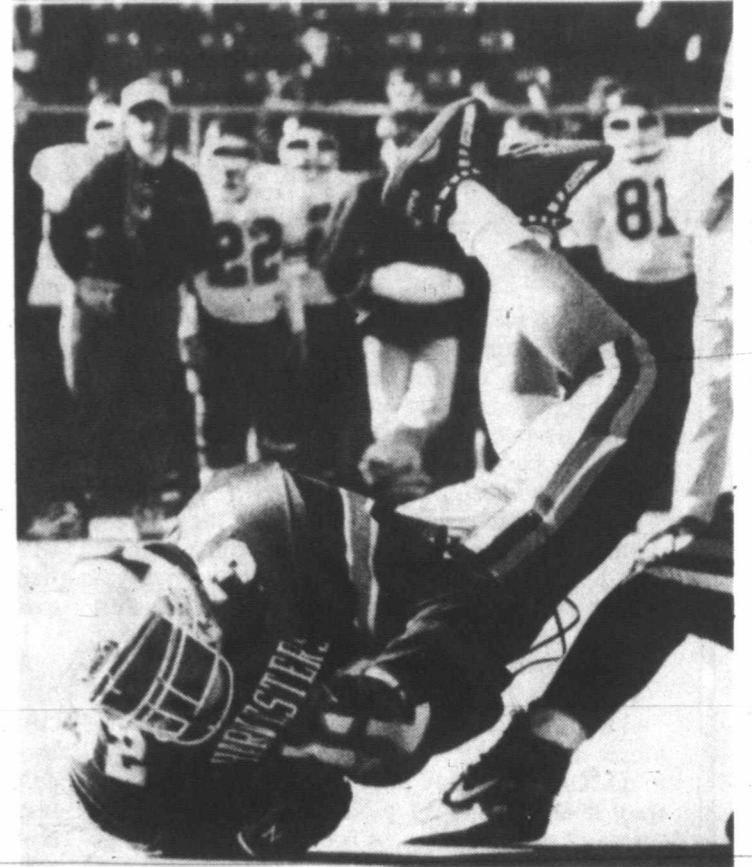
Although not positive, Thomas said he believed he would be redshirted by the Texas Tech coaches for his freshman season.

"It's up in the air," he said. "I probably will be redshirted, but it's no big deal. It will just give me another year to learn."



(Staff file photos by J. Alan Brzyz)

Pampa's Cederick Wilbon, above, Zach Thomas, upper right, and Coach Robert Hale are competing in the prestigious McDonald's Texas High School Coaches Association's All Star Games Monday and Tuesday in the Dallas and Irving area.



Reds shut out Astros, keep lead in NL West

CINCINNATI (AP) — Greg Swindell pitched a six-hitter Saturday night as the Reds beat the Houston Astros 9-0 to maintain a one-half game lead over Atlanta in the NL West.

Swindell (10-4) struck out five and walked two for his second shutout this season. He has four of Cincinnati's seven complete games.

The Reds got 13 hits off five Houston pitchers, chasing starter Brian Williams (3-2) after two innings. Cincinnati did most of its damage in the first, batting around and scoring four runs before Williams got his first out.

Bip Roberts walked and stole second, Dave Martinez walked, and Barry Larkin singled in Roberts. Hal Morris grounded into a double play, scoring Roberts.

In the third, Oliver singled off Shane Reynolds, went to second on Swindell's sacrifice and scored on Roberts' triple, which bounced in front of Anthony and went to the fence. Cincinnati added two runs in the seventh when Sabo walked, went to third on Oliver's single and scored on a wild pitch. Oliver went to second on the play, moved to third on a single by Cesar Hernandez and scored on a base hit by Martinez.

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Teams put on power displays in SW Regional Bambino Tourney

By L.D. STRATE
Sportswriter

Hitting displays by Little Rock, Ark. and Nord Lake Shore La. in the opening round of the Southwest Regional Bambino Tournament Saturday at Optimist Park will be a hard act for the other teams to follow.

Taylor Mitcham smashed a pair of home runs and Tanner Chapman added a round-tripper as Little Rock outlasted Denham Springs, La. 13-10.

Nord Lake Shore blasted Choctaw County, Okla., 16-1, as Frederick Snowton and Channing Cornelius each hit home runs for the Louisiana team.

"We swung the bat pretty good. We've got three boys who've hit 12 home runs in tournament play, so they like to take their hacks up there," said Little Rock coach Johnny Morris.

Denham Springs finished with one more hit (10-9), but Little Rock made the long ball count when it was needed the most.

With Denham Springs leading, 5-4, Mitcham and Chapman each unloaded two-run homers in the bottom of the second. Another run came across on a wild pitch and Little Rock went up 9-5, a lead the Junior Deputies never surrendered.

"We want to stay aggressive

in this tournament and play better defense. We usually play better defense than we played today," Morris said. "I thought Denham Springs hit the ball well, also."

Mitcham hit another two-run shot in the third inning to give his team an 11-6 advantage.

Lake Shore pounded out 18 hits against Choctaw County, which managed only two hits against winning pitcher Bradford Jones through five innings.

The home runs by Snowton and Cornelius were both two-run shots.

Three Rogers, Ark. pitchers combined to shut out, Boerne, Tex., 8-0, in another first-round game Saturday.

Rogers pitchers Scott Woods, Jason Rustin and Chad Russell limited Boerne to just two hits.

Russell and Allen Bates led Rogers hitting attack with two hits each. Bates batted in two runs with a triple and single while Russell had a pair of singles.

Rogers scored four runs in the second inning and tacked on two more in both the third and fifth innings.

Boerne's first hit didn't come until the third inning when Cody Lever beat out an infield single.

Four games — two each in the winner's and loser's bracket — are scheduled today,



(Staff photo)

Pampa manager Ronnie Haynes (left) visits with three of his all-stars, (l-r) Chris Manning, Erich Greer and Brandon Hill, at the bambino banquet.

beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Four more games are set for Monday, also beginning at 12:30 p.m. A Tuesday game in the loser's bracket will be played at 7 p.m.

The championship round is set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the double-elimination tournament. The winner advances to the Bambino World Series Aug. 15-22 in Alachua, Fla.

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Football may be the lifeblood of John Jenkins these days, but the University of Houston head coach spent many hours as a youngster playing baseball at Optimist Park.

"I've certainly got a lot of memories here, of growing up at Optimist Park, and playing baseball around the clock," Jenkins related during the bambino banquet Friday night at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The banquet was held to recognize the eight teams and 120 players who are in Pampa for the Southwest Regional Bambino Tournament — and Jenkins, a Pampa native, was the keynote speaker.

Jenkins, who enters his third season as the Cougars' football coach, told the youngsters to do their best in athletics, but also plan for the future when their playing days are over.

"There's one thing we all have in common — someday

you're going to hang your cleats up for the last time and those cheers are going to be for someone else. I want to encourage all of you to get an education because life is just as competitive as sports," he said. "An athlete retires relatively young. Make your plans before your sports career is over," Jenkins said. "We're all responsible for our own actions."

Also, Mayor Richard Peet presented Optimist Club President Robert Dixon with a proclamation, declaring it "Southwest Regional Bambino Week" in Pampa.

Peet, who had three sons go through the Optimist youth program, encouraged the players to work hard in their athletic endeavors.

"My second boy always had a dream of playing professional baseball and he's a freshman pitching in college now," Peet said. "But this is where it starts. It's not easy. It takes a lot of dedication."

Warren Hasse, former sports editor and radio announcer in Pampa, served as Master of Ceremonies. "There's 64 teams left to play for eight spots in the world series, and here you are, part of those 64," Hasse told the 11 and 12-year-old players. "You're all winners."

Sports Notebook

Football equipment checkout, physicals set for local athletes

Times have been announced for Pampa high school and middle school football players to check out equipment.

Pampa Coach Dennis Cavalier said Harvesters seniors and juniors will be issued their equipment on Thursday. Seniors will be fitted first at 6 p.m. and juniors second at 7:30 p.m.

Harvesters sophomores can check out their equipment next Friday at 6 p.m.

The first Pampa High practice will be Aug. 10 at 9 a.m.

Pampa Middle School Athletics Coordinator Dick Dunham said football equipment would be issued to eighth grade players on Aug. 17 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the school. Seventh graders can receive their equipment on Aug. 18 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Also, Pampa High trainer Stuart Smith announced times for physicals to be given at the Pampa High School Athletic Building.

High school boys will be given physicals on Saturday at 9 a.m. High school girls also

will be given physicals Saturday at 1 p.m. This includes all incoming ninth grade students.

The date for seventh grade students to receive physicals has been changed from Aug. 9 to Aug. 7. Boys will receive physicals from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by the girls from 5 to 7 p.m.

Swim suits for girls, shorts and t-shirts for boys must be worn for the physicals.

Bike race scheduled Aug. 22 in Pampa

The Flying Tumbleweed Tour will hold its annual bike race in Pampa on Aug. 22.

The tour begins at 9 a.m. at the parking lot of the Pampa Mall. Four courses, consisting of the 7-mile fun ride, 37-mile race, 60-mile ride and 117-mile race, are planned.

The Pampa Bike Club is hosting the tour, which is sanctioned by the United States Cycling Federation.

The tour is divided into pro I, 2 and 3 categories, (117-mile); category 4 (100-k); masters (100-k) women (100-k); juniors (100-k) and citizens-5 category (7-37, 60 and

117-mile).

Pre-registration deadline is Aug. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Best Western Northgate Inn in Pampa. Late registration is from 7 to 8:45 a.m., the day of the tour.

Contact John Stewart at 665-9422 for more details.

High Plains West places third in softball tourney

High Plains West All-Stars recently participated in the Texas State Girls' Softball Tournament held in Waco.

The All-Stars dropped their first two games in the girls' 16-18 year-old division. They lost by scores of 11-0 and 18-10.

High Plains placed third overall after beating Childress twice in a district tournament to advance to state.

Kelly Haines of Pampa, Amy Ulmer and Jennifer Harris of Skellytown were team members. Most of the other players were from Panhandle.

Linda Hawley and Margaret Barnett coached the team.



(Staff photo by Daniel Waggers)

Little Rock's Rusty Passini takes a hefty cut.

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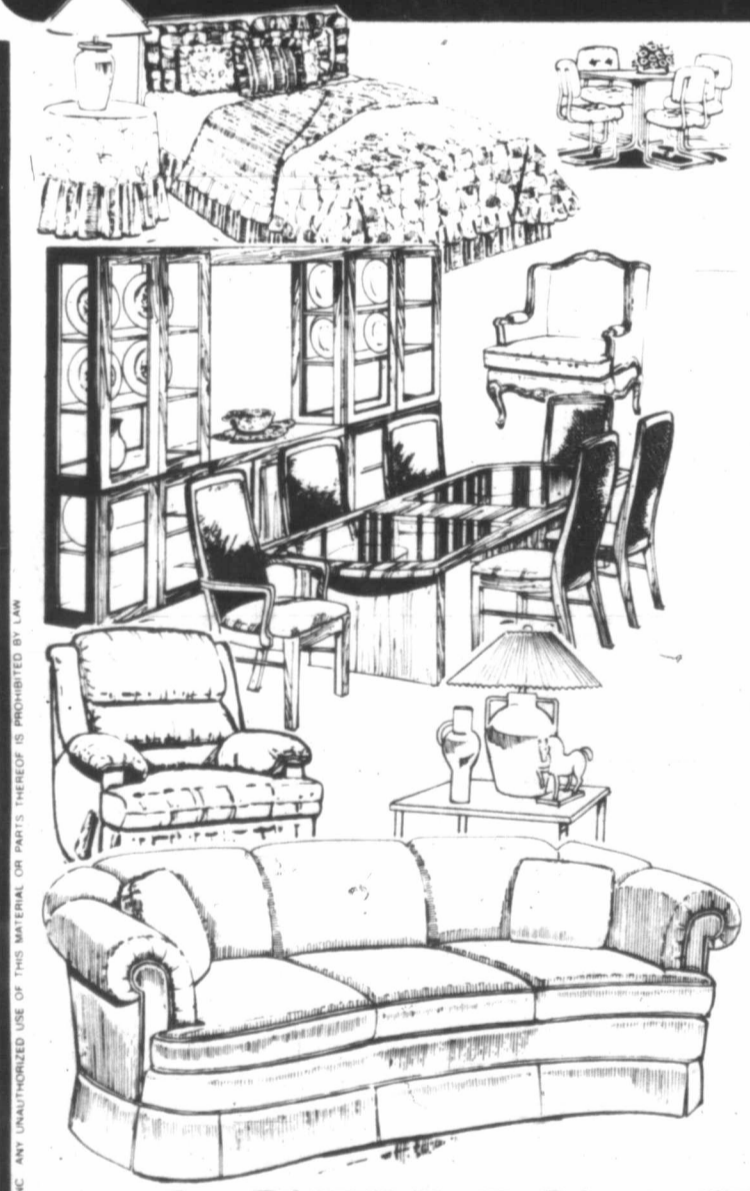
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Agnes Rasputin, right, played by April Melanson, shows three "Valley" girls who is boss when they are inadvertently transferred to Public School Maximum Security, otherwise known as Last Chance High. The "Valley" girls are, left, Amy Lowrance as Gwen Dawson, Abby Gikas as Sally Armstrong, and Alison Piersall as Betty Diluth. In the midst of a little violence, are actors Russ Dubose as Anzac Caligary, and Erich Crosswhite as Douglas Alexander.

'Help!

I'm Trapped in a High School'

The boys aren't as tall as Robert Redford or Tom Selleck. Their voices aren't as deep.

The girls aren't as mature as Julia Roberts or Meryl Streep.

Does it matter? NO! Not to the cast members of "Help! I'm Trapped in a High School," the Area Community Theater Inc.'s children's production. The show is set for 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at the Pampa Mall.

Brock Lowrance, April Melanson, Matt Piersall, Doc Welch, and Kellie Carter are five of several main characters in the play. In an interview, the highly verbal, energetic, outgoing young people spoke enthusiastically about their feelings toward theater and their role in it.

It was unanimous - all five want to tread the boards as professional actors and actresses.

"We're all kinda working up to become professional actors

and actresses, so it's good experience," explained 13 year old Matt Piersall.

As Matt spoke, four other heads nodded emphatically. "Yeah, me too!", "I want to, too," they echoed.

"I like getting to be more than yourself. You're a different person in every play," said 12 year old Doc Welch.

It seemed that the excitement, color and human interaction of play production enticed the group. They agreed that theater participation beats sports hands down.

"It's more exciting than sports. You get to be around more people," Doc explained.

"I think this is better than talking on the phone or watching TV," Kellie Carter, 13, said.

"It's 30 people you're around," Doc said, "not just two if you're at home playing."

The cast and crew, which range in age from 10 to 15 years old, don't see themselves as "kids" doing "kiddie stuff."

"We want people to look at us like we're mature actors not little kids," Matt said.

"I like to make the audience laugh," Doc said, "I want people to know we can accomplish things."

The five particularly like "Help! I'm Trapped in a High School" because they see it as a strong production. While the plot is more fun, according to Brock Lowrance, it is also more mature in theme than previous productions.

Are these young people going to pursue theater? You bet!

"I plan on doing it a bunch more," Doc said.

"It's my life long thing," Matt said.

The cast and crew

Mrs. Tadpole #1...Laura Mouhot
Mrs. Tadpole #2...Lauren Gikas
Evelina Culpepper...Kellie Carter
Mr. Beaumont... Chris Welch
Fabiola Buena Vista...Amber Crosswhite
Security...Adam Heare
Bronco Ranchwear...Matt Piersall
Sally Armstrong... Abby Gikas
Gwen Dawson...Amy Lowrance
Betty Diluth...Alison Piersall
Douglas Alexander...Erich Crosswhite
Agnes Rasputin...April Melanson
Anzac Caligary...Russ DuBose
Bag Lady... Candi Terry
Sigmunda Fraud...Krissy Nunn
Nina Nolan...Sarah Bruce

Isadora...Michelle Gee
Bobo Elliott...Justin "Doc" Welch
Dinosaur...Hulsey Smith
Jaws...Chris Ketchum
No Name...Brock Lowrance
Gumby...Jeremy Goode
Ivy Vine...Cortnie Allison
Thelma Bayswater...Sophia Gruszecki
Queenie Tupperware...Beth Brown
Nurse...Jennifer Brewer
Monica Diluth...Christa Mouhot
Branwell Fishtank...Sean Stowers
Scout...Holly Broddus
Stage manager...Shelbie Allison
Assistant director...Brooke Parks
Understudy...Shanna Jameson
Director...Sandy Crosswhite

'Help! I'm Trapped in a High School' will premiere at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 7 - 8, in the ACT I Theatre at Pampa Mall.

Tickets are available from cast members or by calling the theatre, 665-3710



Miss Evalina Culpepper, left, answers dictator Bronco Ranchwear's telephone because he can't be bothered. Kellie Carter plays the part of Evalina Culpepper and Matt Piersall creates the role of Bronco Ranchwear.



These young people ages 9 - 15 make up the cast and crew of "Help! I'm Trapped in a High School!" In this scene, Bronco Ranchwear announced that the students will be locked up - forever - in Public School Maximum Security.

Staff photography by Daniel Wiegars

Lifestyles



Preston and Ora Lee Cox

Cox anniversary

Preston and Ora Lee Cox will be honored with a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary 2-4, Aug. 9 in the parlor of the First United Methodist Church Educational Building at 201 East Foster.

It will be hosted by their children and grandchildren, Linda, Lawrence and Kasi Kubiak of Houston, Sherwin, Jenny, Ty and Teela Cox of Amarillo.

Preston Cox married Ora Lee Scott Aug. 10, 1942, in Comanche, Okla. They have lived in Pampa since September, 1945. He is retired from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and they are members of the First United Methodist Church.



Roger and Claudette Caldwell

Caldwell anniversary

Roger and Claudette Caldwell will be honored with a 40th wedding anniversary reception during the weekend of Aug. 5 - 9 at a family reunion in Red River, N.M. Hosting the reception will be their children Alan and Susan Buchanan, Red River, N.M., Sammie and Joni Morgan, Pampa, and Jerry and Robyn Franklin, Pampa.

Caldwell married Claudette Hogan on Aug. 22, 1952 in Borger. They have lived in Pampa for 24 years. He has been an employee of Albertson's and Furr's for 29 years. She is a homemaker.

They attend Briarwood Full Gospel Church and are the grandparents of six.



Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ray Prudhome
Julie Lynn Hamilton

Hamilton-Prudhome

Julie Lynn Hamilton and Dale Ray Prudhome, both of Fort Worth, were married on July 11 at the First Baptist Church of Pampa by Rev. John Glover of the church.

The bride is the daughter of Eugene and Colleen Hamilton, Pampa. The groom is the son of Danny and Barbara Prudhome, Waskom.

Maid of honor was Laura Hamilton, Pampa. Matron of honor was DeLynn Gordzelik, College Station. Bridesmaids were Nicole Judice, Mesa, Ariz., and Debbie Prudhome, Waskom.

Bobby Shaw, Winnfield, La., stood as best man. Groomsmen were Danny Prudhome, Jr., Waskom; Boyce Moon, Fort Worth; and Bill Stroud, Fort Worth. Boyce Moon and David Moon served as ushers.

Guests were registered by Vikki Lynn Hamilton, Kirbyville. Scripture passages were read by Kathy Hiers, Fort Worth, and Sydney Park, Houston.

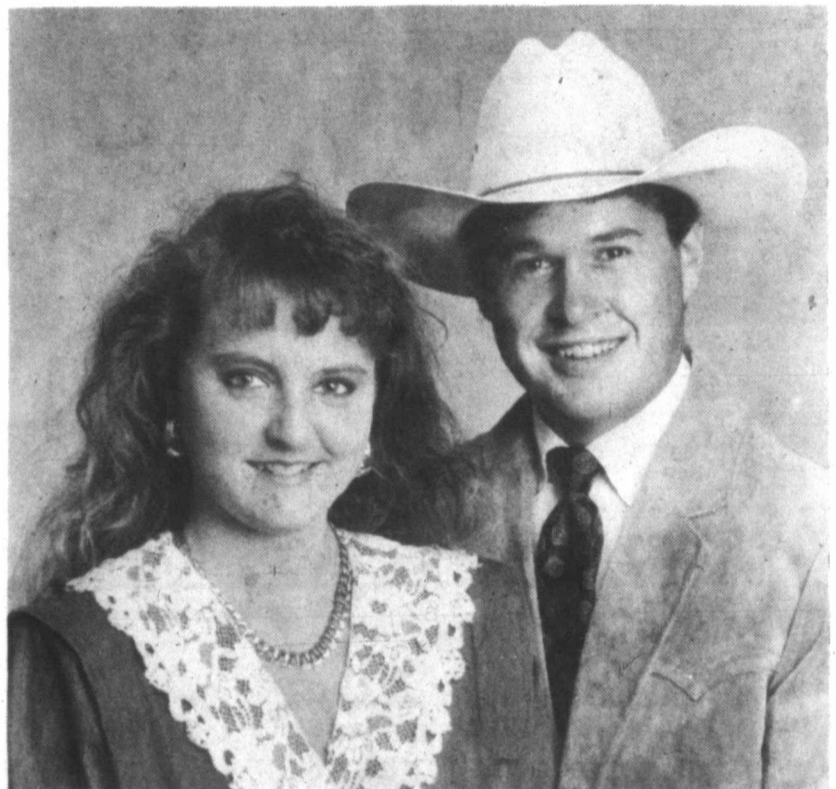
Vocal music was provided by Pattie Dunlap and David Tatum, Fort Worth; piano music by Darrin Collins, Bossier City, La.; saxophone music by Johnny Walker, Alexandria, La.; and organ music by Jerry Whitten, Pampa.

Following the ceremony, the couple was honored with a reception in the parlor of the church. Guests were served by Kristin Stark, Fort Worth; Traci Gibson Wells, Amarillo; Ann Duncan, Austin; Kristy Rhine, Shreveport, La.; and Jerriann Farris, Fort Worth.

She is a 1986 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1990 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is a 1984 graduate of Southwood High School, Shreveport, La. and a 1989 graduate of Centenary College. He is employed by Immanuel Baptist Church as minister of music in Fort Worth.

Following a wedding trip to Nagshead, N.C. and Williamsburg, Va., the couple plans to make their home in Fort Worth.



Teresa Carlton and Scott Alan Stokes

Carlton - Stokes

Teresa Carlton will become the bride of Scott Alan Stokes on Sept. 12. The ceremony will be in the First Baptist Church of Pampa with Rev. Ronnie Moore of Lubbock, uncle of the groom, officiating.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of James M. Carlton of Lauderdale, Miss., Wanda Hutcherson and Michael Hutcherson, both of Pampa. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James A. Carlton, of Lauderdale, Miss., the late Mr. and Mrs. James "Dolly" Gibson, of Pennington, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hutcherson of Meridian, Miss.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie L. Stokes of Pampa. He is the grandson of Lillian Stokes of Pampa and the late O.L. "Smokey" Stokes, Merle Moore of Lubbock and the late J.T. Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watts of Stanton, Calif.

Both Miss. Carlton and Mr. Stokes attended Pampa High School. The bride-elect attended Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, with a major in psychology. She is employed by the corporate office of Southern Pipe and Supply, Meridian, Miss. He is employed by Lowes Building Materials of Meridian, Miss.

The couple will reside in Lauderdale, Miss.

Chisum to chair scholarship fund for Quivira Girl Scouts

Representative Warren Chisum of the 84th District, is serving as honorary scholarship fund chairman for the Quivira Girl Scout Council, announced Mary Green, president.

Council, which serves the eleven eastern Panhandle counties, wants to provide scholarships for girls who want to join a troop, need a uniform or want to go to camp. Troop sponsorships are also being sought.

Entitled, "Tomorrow's Leaders are Girl Scouts Today", the scholarship program will be instrumental in offering Girl Scouting to a generation of girls

who will have self-esteem, leadership skills, know that it is their duty to give something back to the community and are patriotic citizens.

"I know what a fine program the Girl Scouts have", Rep. Chisum stated, "our daughter was a Girl Scout. I consider it an honor to be asked to be chairman of this fine effort."

Two hundred letters are being sent to clubs and organizations in the eleven counties. For further information, please contact the Quivira Girl Scout Council office, 669-6862 or 1-800-HEY-GIRL.

Neighborhood Watch works!



Kerri Michelle Johnson and Jimmy D. Lake

Johnson - Lake

Kerri Michelle Johnson, Pampa, will become the bride of Jimmy D. Lake, Claude, on Oct. 10 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Katy Wilde, Pampa.

The groom-to-be is the son of Bob and Karen Lake, Lefors. She is a 1990 graduate of Miami High School and plans to graduate in 1992 from Clarendon College with an associate of arts degree. She is employed by Armstrong County Sheriff's Office as relief dispatcher and jailer.

He is a 1985 graduate of Lefors High School and served four years in the U.S. Navy. He graduated in 1992 from Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy and is employed as chief deputy of Armstrong County.

Menus		Aug. 3 - 7
Pampa Meals on Wheels	Monday	Ham salad or tacos, twice baked potatoes, corn, buttered broccoli, slaw, toss or jello salad, carrot cake or chocolate pie, combread or hot rolls.
	Tuesday	Roast beef brisket with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, carrots, slaw, toss or jello salad, rice pudding or banana pie, combread or hot rolls.
	Wednesday	Oven fried chicken or kraut and Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, fried okra, toss or jello salad, German chocolate cake or blueberry pie, combread or hot rolls.
	Thursday	Fried cod fish /hushpuppies, French fries, yellow squash, creamed peas, slaw, toss or jello salad, coconut cream pie or lemon cake, garlic bread, combread or hot rolls.
	Friday	
Pampa Senior Citizens	Monday	Stew, combread, cherry pie.
	Tuesday	Tater tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, candy bar.
	Wednesday	Ham loaf, corn, greens, Jello.
	Thursday	Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, pudding.
	Friday	Oven chicken, macaroni and cheese, zucchini with tomatoes, pears.
	Tuesday	Chicken fried steak or meatloaf, mashed potatoes, spinach, Harvard beets, pinto beans, slaw, toss or jello salad, strawberry cake or butterscotch pie, combread or hot rolls.

Stroke has distinctive signs

By Dr. ORRIN DEVINSKY
New York University School of Medicine

You're sitting quietly at home when suddenly you notice a weakness in your arm or leg.

Call medical help at once. You're experiencing a symptom that could be the warning sign of a stroke. Quick action might well mean the difference between life and death.

Most people now know the warning signs of a heart attack, and the need to seek treatment when they occur. Few know, however, that there are also early warning signs for many of the 600,000 strokes that Americans will suffer this year.

A stroke is caused by a disruption of blood flow to the brain. The symptoms of stroke onset will vary, depending on which part of the brain is affected.

Early medical evaluation of these symptoms could be life-saving. If the stroke is caused by the rupture of a small blood vessel, emergency treatment can limit the damage.

Studies are under way to determine whether quick use of clot-dissolving drugs can reduce damage done by strokes in which a blood clot blocks a brain artery. The treatment now is regarded as experimental because of the worry over provoking bleeding.

One early warning sign of a pos-

sible future stroke is a TIA — transient ischemic attack — in which a small blood vessel is blocked for a few moments. Anyone who has a TIA is considered to be at higher risk of having a major stroke in the future.

Some common symptoms of a TIA include loss of vision in one eye, sometimes temporary, numbness or weakness of an arm or leg, slurred speech and difficulty or inability to speak.

These symptoms may come and go, but should be regarded as a warning to seek immediate medical attention.

A person who experiences a TIA may need to be treated preventively with anticoagulants or aspirin, drugs that reduce blood clotting. In some cases, surgery on the carotid artery can reduce the risk of a major stroke.

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Students new to Pampa Independent School District who will be attending Pampa High School should register beginning tomorrow through Aug. 6, according to PHS counselor Barbara Evans.

The counselors' office will be open 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m. on those days for those students. Last year's school records should be brought by the student also, Evans said.

Students who have withdrawn but want to re-enroll can register during that time, also.

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Mrs. Shane Seratt
Paige Kelly Cross

Cross - Seratt

Paige Kelly Cross and Shane Seratt, both of Amarillo, were married July 11 at the First United Methodist Church of Pampa with Rev. Kenneth Metzger of the church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Randall and Patti Cross, Pampa. The groom is the son of Paul Seratt, New Iberia, La., and the late Nell Seratt.

Matron of honor was sister of the bride Kendall McAlpin, Irving. Amy Cross, sister of the bride, Pampa, was bridesmaid.

Serving as best man was twin brother of the groom, Zane Seratt, Pampa. Deven Cross, brother of the bride, was groomsmen.

Lexton Rabel, Pampa, was ringbearer and guests were registered by Gina Pushman, Pampa.

Wanetta Hill, Pampa, provided vocal and piano music.

Following the serving, a reception honoring the couple was held at the Club Biarritz. Guests were served by Lauri Anderwald and Landee Cummings, both of Amarillo.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School. She is employed by the Marriott Corp. at St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo.

The groom attended Pampa High School and is employed by Amarillo Hardware, Amarillo.

Following a wedding trip to Santa Fe, the couple is making their home in Amarillo.



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Eugene Hoke
Veronica Michelle Alloy

Alloy - Hoke

Veronica Michelle Alloy, Pampa, became the bride of Steven Eugene Hoke, Pampa, on July 4 at The Carpenter's House Church with cousin of the groom, pastor Fred C. Palmer of the church officiating.

She is the daughter of Elia C. Alloy, Pampa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoke, Pampa. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Michael Anthony Alloy, Spring.

Leslie M. Budd, Pampa, served maid of honor, with Lillie Ramirez, cousin of the bride, Pampa, as bridesmaid. Nydia Ramirez, cousin of the bride, San Antonio, was flower girl.

Standing as best man was David P. Budd, Pampa, and Richard Dorman, Jr., was groomsmen. Tyler Holmes, cousin of the groom, Pampa, was ring bearer.

Serving as ushers were David Hoke, uncle of the groom, Lubbock; Joe Mario Ramirez, cousin of the bride, Pampa; Armando Ramirez, Jr., cousin of the bride, Pampa; and Joe Holmes, cousin of the groom, Pampa.

Guests were registered by Brandi Ellis, Pampa. Music was provided by Estel Malone.

Following the service, the couple was honored with a reception in the church. Guests were served by Pam Dittberner, Kimberly Dittberner and Sue Campbell, all of Pampa.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Pampa High School. The groom is a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by Billy Scribner Welding, Inc.

Following a wedding trip to Amarillo and Cuchara Pass, Colo., the couple will make their home in Pampa.



Mr. and Mrs. Danny Glen King

King anniversary

Danny Glen and Monta Sue King of Miami will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary with a reception 2 - 3:30 p.m., Aug. 9, in the parlor of the First Christian Church.

It will be hosted by Sharon King Mitchell, El Paso; Jenny King Kupcunas, Dallas; Cindy Nunn, Pampa; Betty Crawford, Pampa; and Kristina Nunn, Pampa.

King married Monta Sue Williams on Aug. 17, 1957 at the First Christian Church of Pampa. They are life long Pampa residents. He has worked at Hoechst - Celanese for 33 years and she has worked for Dr. Bhatia for 10 years.

They are life long members of First Christian Church, where she has been organist for 44 years.

The Kings are the parents of Sharon King Mitchell; El Paso; Jenny King Kupcunas, Dallas; and Matthew King, Pampa.

They are the grandparents of Tiffany Nicole.

Salvation Army launches shoe drive for needy kids

It was announced that the Salvation Army is taking applications for shoes for school children.

Last year, the Salvation Army sent 270 children to school with new shoes and socks.

To qualify, parents must bring the following items: proof of income, rent receipts, utility bills and other payments. Each child must have a birth certificate, social security card and last year's report card. This includes

children from kindergarten through fifth grade.

The dates to sign for the shoes are tomorrow through Aug. 7 and Aug. 10-12. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 701 S. Cuyler.

All shoes will be purchased at Payless Shoe Source. Each child is allowed up to twenty-five dollars for shoes.

For more information call Maggie Ivey - 665-7233.



Mr. and Mrs. Horace Williams

Williams anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Williams of White Deer will be honored 3 - 5 p.m., today, at the United Methodist Church, with a reception celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

It will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, McAllen; Lynette Russell, Carthage; and Dr. and Mrs. Donald Williams, Clarendon.

Williams married Mary Louise Koetting on Aug. 1, 1942 at Fort Worth. They are 47 year long residents of White Deer. He worked for Dorchester Gas for 35 years, retiring in 1984. She worked at Highland General Hospital for 14 years, retiring in 1980. They are members of the United Methodist Church.

The Williams are the parents of Frank A. Williams, Lynette Russell, and Donald L. Williams. They have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pride of Pampa band opens practice Monday

The Pride of Pampa members are to begin practice tomorrow. Freshmen will be taught marching techniques and upper classmen will be able sharpen skills.

The schedule of practice sessions is:

Monday: Seniors, council, drill instructors, KP and percussion - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Freshmen - 6 - 9 p.m.

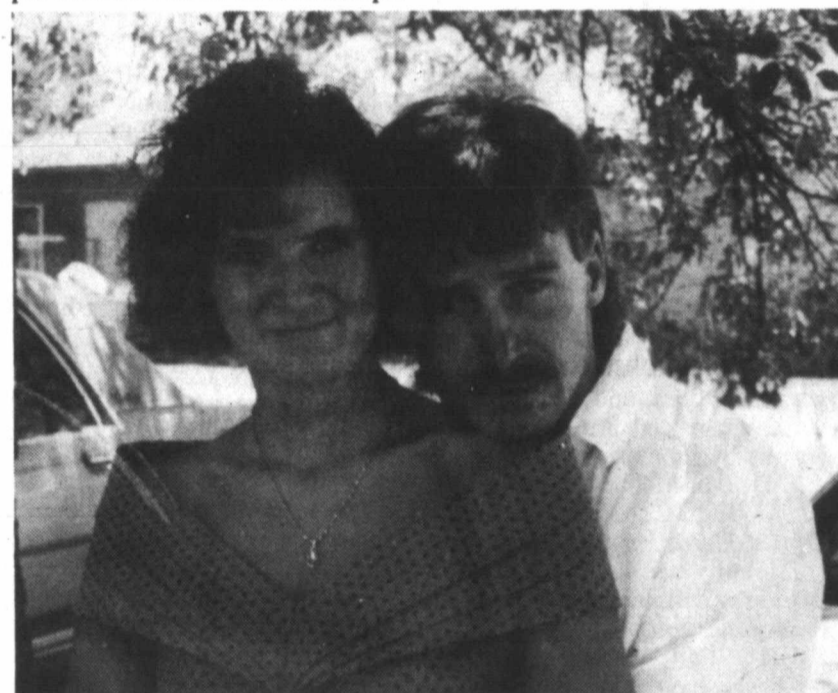
Wednesday: Freshmen - 6 - 9 p.m.

Thursday: Full band - 6 - 9 p.m.

Friday: 4 - 6 p.m.

Percussion will meet daily, except tomorrow, 9 - 11 a.m.

New students interested in joining the Pride of Pampa may contact Charles Johnson at 669-4818.



Karol McNeely and Dennis Dougherty

McNeely-Dougherty

Karol McNeely, Pampa, daughter of Al and Dorothy Childs of Vidor, will become the bride of Dennis Dougherty, Pampa, on Sept. 5 at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He is the son of Gene and Zetha Dougherty, Pampa.

She is a 1982 graduate of Vidor High School, Vidor.

He is a 1983 graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by Elliott's Glass.

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Henson - Hickman

Hope Henson of Pampa became the bride of Kelly Hickman of Pampa on June 27 at the First Baptist Church. Toby Henson, brother of the bride and minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Canyon, officiated. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henson, Pampa, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Caldwell of Dike, formerly of Pampa.

He is the son of Sharon Hickman, Pampa, and Don Hickman, Pampa. Matron of honor was Kloette Henson, sister-in-law of the bride, Canyon. Gwen Shock, Pampa, and Spring Cade, cousin of the bride, Gilmer, were bridesmaids. Kendall Hickman, niece of the groom, Pampa, was flower girl. Standing as best man was Mike Hickman, brother of the groom, Pampa. Mike Cagle, Pampa, and Tim Hucks, brother-in-law of the groom, were groomsmen. Ryan Henson, nephew of the bride, Canyon, was ringbearer. Serving as ushers were Jay Henson, brother of the bride; Mike Hickman, brother of the groom; and Todd Rithaler, brother-in-law of the groom, all of Pampa.

Jayne Rithaler and Tanner Hucks, niece and nephew of the groom, were candlelighters. Guests were registered by Debra Gikas, Pampa. Vocal music was provided by Charles Johnson, Ray Mouhot and Suzanne Rains, all of Pampa. Kloette Henson was pianist and Kimberly Wellborn, Boys Ranch, was organist.

Following the wedding a reception was held in the parlor of the church. Brenda Condo, Jan Gibson, Debra Gikas, Rogena Rice, all of Pampa, and Sharla Massick of Borger, served guests.

The couple honeymooned in San Antonio and plan to live in Amarillo. The bride is a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School and is a senior kinesiology major at West Texas State University.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School and a May 1992 graduate of West Texas State University with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology. He plans to teach at Arden Road Elementary in Canyon.

Gray Countians to blast off with Missions in Space weekend

DATES
4 - Breads Workshops, 9:00-noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m., Gray County Annex, pre-registration required.
7 - Last day to contact Extension Office for 4-H Mission In Space Weekend.

4-H MISSIONS IN SPACE WEEKEND

Several Gray County 4-Hers are planning to attend a 4-H Missions in Space Camp this fall at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. The mission is to excite young people to learning in science and math and becoming more interested in technology. Total cost including airfare is estimated at \$300-\$400. The Gray County group is planning for the weekend of Sept. 11-13. If you are interested, contact the Extension Office by Aug. 7.

4-H BREADS PROJECT
It's time to have "flour power" & "roll in the dough" as we offer the opportunity to participate in some fun activities related to breads! Any 4-Her may participate! You can come to all or one session. However,

4-H Futures & Features

er, you must register. Here's what's cookin':

1. Jelly doughnut workshop - Tuesday - Gray County Annex - 9:00 a.m. - noon. Come learn to make finger lickin' good jelly doughnuts as well as experiment with yeast! Cost: \$2. Pre-register by noon on Monday.

2. Dinner roll workshop - Tuesday, Gray County Annex - 1:00-4:00 p.m. Learn to make delicious yeast dinner rolls and help make rolls to deliver through the Mobile Meals program in Pampa. Cost: \$2. Pre-register by noon on Monday.

3. Tortilla workshop - Wednesday, Gray County Annex - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Learn from a tortilla expert how to make them and ways to enjoy them in your meals! Cost: \$1. Pre-register by noon on Aug. 11.

4. Bread Sculpture with Preschoolers - Wednesday, August



Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence Zimmer
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Skelly - Zimmer

On July 4, Gretchen Newhall Skelly, Plainsboro, N.J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott Skelly, Jr., of Pampa, and John Lawrence Zimmer, Lawrenceville, N.J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank John Zimmer, Lawrenceville, N.J., were married in the First Presbyterian Church of Plainsboro, N.J.

The Rev. Conita Yu of the church and Rev. Edward J. Amister of Trenton, N.J., cousin of the groom, performed the ceremony. Steven Bearse, organist, presented organ music and Alice Vail was soloist.

Catherine Ruth Riche of Princeton, N.J. was maid of honor and serving the bridegroom as best man was his twin brother, Joseph Charles Zimmer, Lawrenceville, N.J. Guests were seated by ushers Anton Van Zebenbergen, Plainsboro, N.J., and Rudolph Carraciolo, brother-in-law of the groom, of Trenton, N.J.

Barbara Van Zebenbergen, Plainsboro, N.J., presided at the guest register. Following the ceremony the couple was honored with a reception at Water's Edge Park in Plainsboro, N.J.

After a wedding trip to Bar Harbor, Maine, the couple will make their home in Plainsboro, N.J.

The bride is a graduate of Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., and is employed by Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory as a software engineer.

The groom is a graduate of Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va. He is employed by North Brunswick, N.J., school district as physical education teacher, soccer and baseball coach.

12 - Gray County Annex - 1:00-4:00 p.m. Join in a fun experience of helping preschoolers at a local day care center experience the world of bread sculpture! We will start at the Annex, make the dough, get instructions, and then be off to the day care center. Cost: \$1. Pre-register by noon on Aug. 11.

5. Deliver Mobile Meals on Aug. 22, 11:00 a.m., Southside Senior Center. Come be a part of a great community service project as we deliver meals to the homebound! Pre-register by noon, Aug. 20.

4-H RECORDBOOK WINNERS
Congratulations to our 26 4-Hers whose recordbooks were in competition at the district level. Six senior's recordbooks will be forwarded to state judging in August. Here are the results:

Senior Division: First place winners - Richard Williams - Fitness Leadership; Kirk McDonald - Foods-Nutrition; Dennis Williams - Shoot Sports; Grace Sutton - Consumer Education; Amanda Kludt - Clothing; Jessica Dawes - Rabbits. David Kludt earned second place in Achievement and Michel Reeves participated in Horse.

Intermediate Division: Blue ribbons - Kim McDonald - Fashion Revue; Brian Brauchi - Achievement; Shelly Davenport - Home Economics Achievement; Jennifer Williams - Foods-Nutrition; Matt Reeves - Sheep; and Nonnie James - Swine. Earning red ribbons were Shawn Dawes in Rabbits and Jason Bliss in Meat Science.

Junior Division: Blue ribbons - Barry Brauchi - Achievement; Jessica Fish - Sheep; Angie Davenport - Foods-Nutrition; Terra Hembree - Dog; Colby Street - Consumer Education; Lori Stephens - Clothing; Adam Stephens - Safety; Nikki Bockmon - Conservation; and Lindsey Tidwell - Fashion Revue. Earning a red ribbon was Jennifer Bliss in Rabbits.

Singles have values, too

DEAR ABBY: Lately I have been hearing a lot about "family values" from politicians, and several others in the media. My question is — what exactly are "family values"? Are they talking about the idealistic Cleaver family on "Leave It to Beaver"?

I am single and feel a little left out of our latest political buzzwords. This country has many types of families, and not all include a husband and wife and 2.5 kids. Do single-parent households meet the criteria? How about people who are alone and have no living relatives? Are they considered a family?

To me, all of these groups may not be termed ideal, but many have high moral values. I wish people would stop talking about family values and start talking about personal values. Just because I do not have a family does not make my values any less important.

Thank you, Abby, for letting me get this off my chest.

SINGLE AND HAPPY WITH HIGH VALUES IN DALLAS

DEAR SINGLE AND HAPPY: You rattled the right cage if you're looking for support. Single-parent households are most certainly a family, in my opinion. The same goes for people who are alone and have no living relatives.

Dear Abby Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am the concerned friend of a 72-year-old wealthy lady who is dating a 49-year-old man who has a 16-year-old son. This man is unemployed.

The lady is attractive and young-looking, but everyone knows that a jobless man that age is mainly after what she has. She just lost her husband last year and fell right into his hands.

If they get married, he can take her for everything. If she gets down and old-looking, he will be long gone. Should I try warning her? She acts crazy over him. What do you think?

WORRIED IN EL PASO

DEAR WORRIED: Keep your opinions to yourself until you are sure there is a marriage in the offing. Then, if you are still convinced that your friend is at risk of being taken advantage of — casually bring up the subject of a prenuptial agreement.

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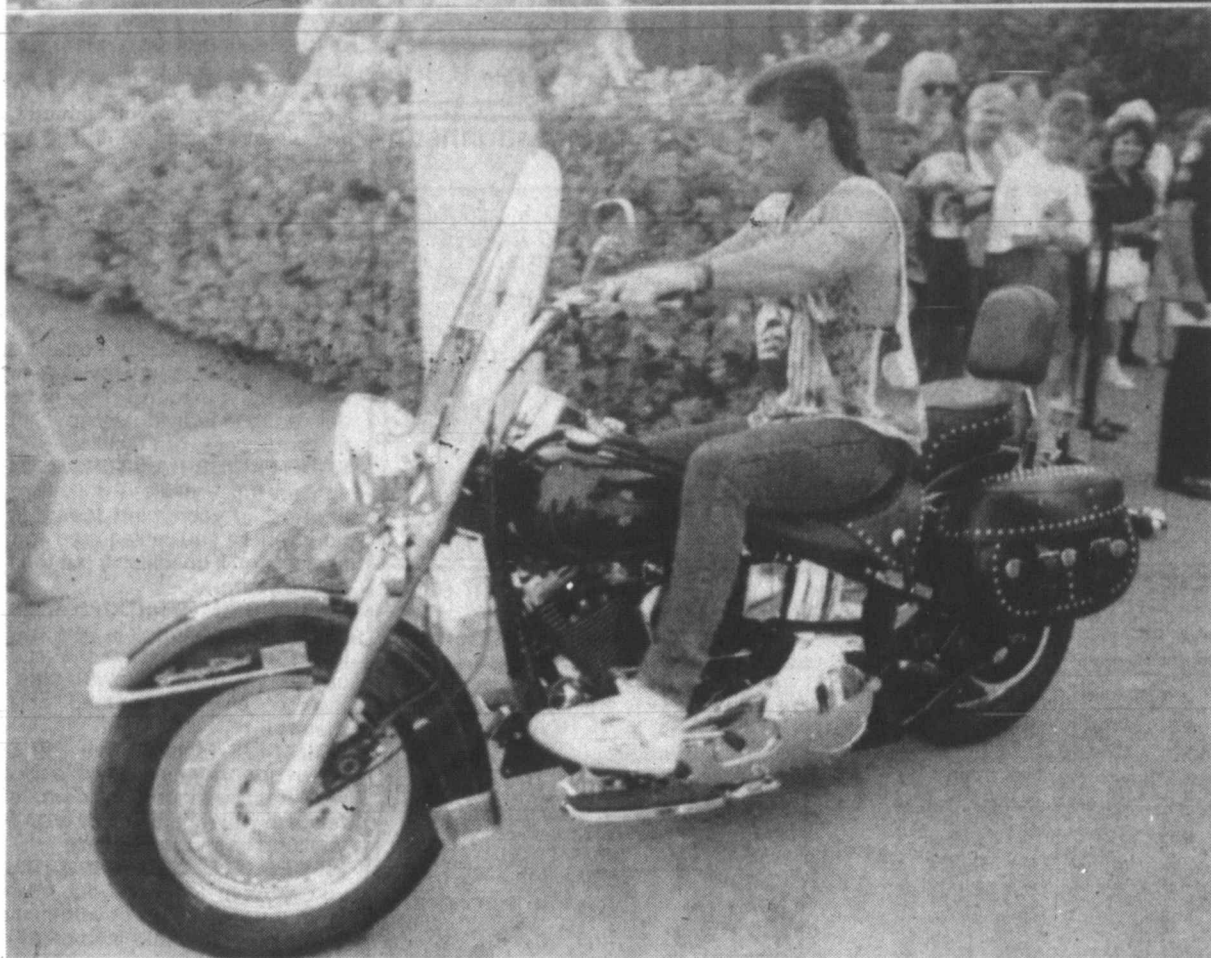
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'Achy Breaky' bike



(AP Photo)

Music sensation Billy Ray Cyrus takes a ride on his new motorcycle after it was presented to him Tuesday night in Nashville. The bike was given by Mercury-Polygram records in honor of his 3-million-copy-selling album *Some Gave All*.

Avenger returns in print

NEW YORK (AP) — The Avenger is stouter these days, to be sure, but at age 70, actor Patrick Macnee still has all the droll suavity and joie de vivre he brought to the role of super-secret agent John Steed.

If you read his autobiography "Blind in One Ear: The Avenger Returns" (Mercury House, \$9.95), you'll see how Steed brought such aplomb to dispatching mad scientists and would-be world dominators on "The Avengers."

It turns out that power-mad supervillains are much more calm and down-to-earth than his parents, world-domination schemes much saner than his childhood, and secret agency much easier than building a career as an actor.

As "Blind in One Ear" reveals, Macnee seems to have embraced his life, its loftiest highs and most abyssal lows, with the same droll, self-effacing wit.

The highs? "I did 'Sleuth' for 16 months on Broadway," he said. "But I played it and Tony Quayle played it because Rex Harrison turned it down. He couldn't be bothered with running up and down those stairs."

The lows? "I've done dinner theater in the Middle East! I've done Dubai, Abu Dhabi, ... I've been to the bottom! That's the nadir."

Macnee's mother was a beautiful alcoholic who dumped his father to live with her lesbian lover, the formidable "Uncle Evelyn," who

wouldn't allow men in the house and insisted that Macnee wear kilts.

Evelyn also paid his way to boarding school, where he discovered acting, and he excelled in it at Eton. There, alas, he was "sent down" for bookmaking and peddling dirty pictures to the other lads.

Then came the British theater's stern apprenticeship, followed by tours with provincial repertory companies and, in World War II, the Royal Navy.

Assigned to his first command, a motor torpedo boat in the Channel, Macnee began by becoming violently seasick. (From the book: "Never mind, sir," sympathized Able Seaman Parkins, 'the Admiral Lord Nelson had a dicky tum.")

After the war, Macnee pursued any acting job he could get. He worked in London theater, Canadian TV and tried, without varying degrees of success, to catch on in Hollywood.

Not until 1961, playing the sidekick in British TV's original "Avengers" series, did he begin to attain financial stability and professional success — at a salary of 100 pounds a show.

"It went up to 125 after we had a strike. We earned that for at least five years," he said. "Then we earned 300 pounds a week in the later years. And I think in the last six months of it, I earned about 600 pounds — about \$1,500."

Residuals and profit participation have made the show much more profitable to him in syndication. It still airs on cable's

Arts & Entertainment network.

"I earned more money in the last two months on the A&E repeats, than I earned in the whole nine years of the show!" he said. "Oh, they were robbers!"

Macnee is unsparingly critical of his own career moves.

In 1970, four months after "The Avengers" wrapped up, he was doing a play in Australia and was asked to take over from Quayle in the London "Sleuth" production. "I said, 'No, I don't think so,'" he said. Pause for effect.

"Ruined my whole career," he said, remarkably cheerful. "I did it 16 months on Broadway two years later, but it wasn't the same thing. I wasn't on the same level. Now, they think of Anthony Hopkins for everything."

Still, Macnee keeps busy, with the occasional guest shot in series TV — including HBO's "Dream On" on Aug. 8 — commercials, films (remember "The Howling"?) and books on cassette.

Turntable Tips

By The Associated Press

Here are the weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission.

(Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

HOT SINGLES

1. "This Used to Be My Playground," Madonna (Sire)
2. "Baby Got Back," Sir Mix-A-Lot (Def American) (Platinum)
3. "Baby-Baby-Baby," TLC (LaFace)
4. "End of the Road," Boyz II Men (Motown)
5. "November Rain," Guns N' Roses (Geffen)
6. "Achy Breaky Heart," Billy Ray Cyrus (Mercury) (Platinum)
7. "Just Another Day," Jon Secada (SBK)
8. "Life Is a Highway," Tom Cochrane (Capitol)
9. "Giving Him Something He Can Feel," En Vogue (Atco Eastwest)
10. "Too Funky," George Michael (Columbia)

TOP LP'S

1. "Some Gave All," Billy Ray Cyrus (Mercury)
2. "Totally Krossed Out," Kris Kross (Ruffhouse) (Platinum)
3. "MTV Unplugged EP," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
4. "Boomerang Soundtrack," (LaFace)
5. "Ten," Pearl Jam (Epic) (Platinum)
6. "Countdown to Extinction," Megadeth (Capitol)
7. "Shorty the Pimp," Too Short (Jive)
8. "The Hard Way," Clint Black (RCA)
9. "Ropin' the Wind," Garth Brooks (Liberty) (Platinum)
10. "Way 2 Fonky," DJ Quik (Profile)

COUNTRY SINGLES

1. "Boot Scootin' Boogie," Brooks & Dunn (Arista)
2. "Take a Little Trip," Alabama (RCA)
3. "We Tell Ourselves," Clint Black (RCA)
4. "I Feel Lucky," Mary-Chapin Carpenter (Columbia)
5. "The River," Garth Brooks (Liberty Album Cut)
6. "Billy the Kid," Billy Dean (SBK)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

1. "If Your Heart Ain't Busy Tonight," Tanya Tucker (Liberty)
2. "This One's Gonna Hurt You," Marty Stuart and Travis Tritt (MCA)
3. "I'll Think Of Something," Mark Chesnut (MCA)
4. "I Saw the Light," Wynonna (Curb)

TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN

1. "The One," Elton John (MCA)
2. "Just Another Day," Jon Secada (SBK)
3. "Restless Heart," Peter Cetera (Warner Bros.)
4. "Just for Tonight," Vanessa Williams (Wing)
5. "This Used to Be My Playground," Madonna (Sire)
6. "Why," Annie Lennox (Arista)
7. "I'll Be There," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
8. "I Will Remember You," Amy Grant (A&M)
9. "Take This Heart," Richard Marx (Capitol)
10. "If You Asked Me To," Celine Dion (Epic)

R&B SINGLES

1. "Baby-Baby-Baby," TLC (LaFace)
2. "Giving Him Something He Can Feel," En Vogue (Atco Eastwest)
3. "Keep On Walkin'," CeCe Peniston (A&M)
4. "Silent Prayer," Shanice (Motown)
5. "Warm It Up," Kris Kross (Ruffhouse)
6. "Mr. Loverman," Shabba Ranks (Epic)
7. "End of the Road," Boyz II Men (Motown)
8. "You Remind Me," Mary J. Blige (Uptown)
9. "Give U My Heart," Babyface (LaFace)
10. "They Reminiscé Over You (T.R.O.Y.)," Pete Rock & C.L. Smooth (Elektra)

TOP GOSPEL ALBUMS

1. "My Mind Is Made Up," Rev. Milton Brunson and the Thompson Community Singers (Word)
2. "Alive and Satisfied," Thomas Whitfield (Benson)
3. "He's Working It Out For You," Shirley Caesar (Word)
4. "Live in Detroit," Rev. James Moore (Malaco)
5. "God Gets the Glory," Mississippi Mass Choir (Malaco)
6. "I'm Glad About It," Rev. T. Wright & Chicago Interdenominational Mass Choir

7. "Focus on Glory," Hezekial Walker (Benson)
8. "When the Music Stops," Daryl Coley (Sparrow)
9. "Saints in Praise Vol. III," The West Angeles C.O.G.I.C. (Sparrow)
10. "Testimony," The Richard Smallwood Singers (Sparrow)

1. "Great Adventure," Steven Curtis Chapman (Sparrow)
2. "Tales of Wonder," White Heart (Starline)
3. "Forever Friends," Jon Gibson (Frontline)
4. "Addicted to Jesus," Carman (Benson)
5. "Heart in Motion," Amy Grant (Word) (Platinum)
6. "Angels of Mercy," Susan Ashton (Sparrow)
7. "The World As Best I Remember Vol. 2," Rich Mullins (Reunion)
8. "Michael English," Michael English (Warner Alliance)
9. "For the Sake of the Call," Steven Curtis Chapman (Sparrow)
10. "Go West Young Man," Michael W. Smith (Reunion) (Gold)



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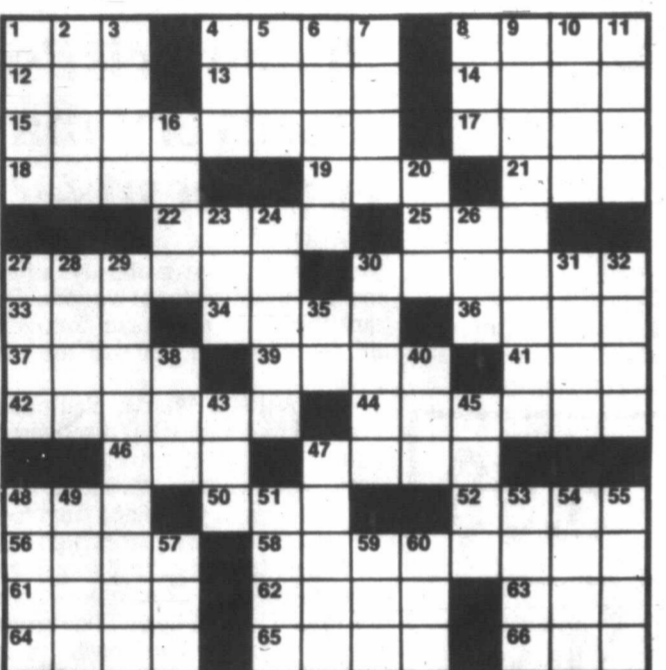
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By Mark Cullum

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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Concern for those you love is likely to be uppermost in your mind today. In situations where you're required to make a choice, you'll unselfishly put their needs above yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your greatest asset today is your adaptability, especially in matters that affect your career. You'll know how to take advantage of changes instead of fighting them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be alert for an opportunity today to help a friend who has been of considerable assistance to you recently. This is an account you'll be happy to balance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A change you've been fearful about might transpire today. Instead of worsening a development, it could completely eliminate the problem.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In order to appease your restless spirit today, make social arrangements with an adventurous friend whose company you sincerely enjoy. Don't get involved with dull types.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Working on creative projects today could provide you with a true sense of fulfillment. It might be your favorite hobby or something to beautify your surroundings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to re-establish communication with someone you've been neglecting a bit lately. There are indications something of mutual benefit might result.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your earning potential can be increased at this time — if you're motivated to buy something rather expensive. You'll figure out a way to do so.

Soldier gives reason for going AWOL - Ouija Board

By NANCY PLEVIN
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — When Vance Davis and five of his friends went AWOL, it was reported that they had gone to a Florida beach to await the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in a UFO.

No way, says Davis. "How ridiculous can you get?" he says. "Jesus Christ is Jesus Christ. Why would he come in a flying saucer?"

No, says Davis, the reason they left their Army intelligence posts was quite simple: Ouija Board spirits told them they were needed to help lead the world through an impending cataclysm.

For two years, since the six turned up in Gulf Breeze, Fla. — unleashing one of the weirdest stories of 1990 — they have remained silent.

But Davis now says he wants to tell his story to set the record straight and because, according to the Ouija Board, race riots in Los Angeles were to be a signal the group should go public. The others will come forward, one by one, depending on public reaction to what he has to say, Davis said.

The six former intelligence analysts, all with top-secret security

clearances, were reported missing from their Augsburg, West Germany base on July 9, 1990.

They were arrested five days later after one was stopped for a broken tail light in Gulf Breeze, a beach town known for reported UFO sightings.

Two weeks later, they were honorably discharged from Fort Knox, Ky., after an Army investigation found no evidence the soldiers from the 701st Military Intelligence Brigade had been involved in espionage.

As punishment, they were reduced to the lowest rank and forfeited half a month's pay for "the offenses of AWOL and forged leave papers," the Army said. Military officials refused to discuss the investigation.

Davis, originally from Valley Center, Kan., had the rank of specialist. Others in the group, with ranks and ages at their arrests, are: Pfc. Michael Hueckstaedt, 19, of Farson, Wyo.; Pfc. Kris Perlock, 20, of Osceola, Wis.; Pfc. William Setterberg, 20, of Pittsburgh; Spc. Kenneth Beason, 26, of Jefferson City, Tenn.; and Sgt. Annette Eccleston, 22, of Hartford, Conn.

It all began innocently in November 1989, Davis says. "We decided to do some experi-

mentation into things," he says. "We wanted to see if there was something actually to it — ESP, parapsychology, ghosts, Tarot cards."

Davis says the members of the group "hit brick walls" until finally they tried a Ouija Board.

"Someone showed up," he says. "I'm talking spiritually."

In the months that followed, Davis says, several spirits talked to the group, predicting the Gulf War and the 1990 Iran earthquake.

"At the end of May we were told we might think about trying to get out of the service because there's going to be some serious things occurring in the next five years, and being in the service would not help us grow and become what we were supposed to become," Davis says.

What they were destined to do, he says, is teach and prepare people for the coming world chaos.

"This will be the changing of the Earth and Jesus is involved," Davis says. "He will come back; and Rapture" — the fundamentalist Christian belief that believers will be swept to heaven before the world ends — "is real."

Davis says that when the group couldn't find a legal way out of the Army, the Ouija Board told them, "Leave, just leave."

Stunned, they decided to put their faith in the board's message that "things would work out."

"We had top-secret clearances and never did anything wrong in our life," Davis says. "Being AWOL was the furthest thing from our mind."

But on July 3, 1990, they hopped a flight from Munich to Atlanta, making their way to Gulf Breeze to see two friends, a psychic and her housemate who would become Vance's wife, Iris.

After their arrest and release from the Army, the group split up. Davis, 27, lives in Albuquerque with his wife and 8-month-old daughter, does odd jobs and gives seminars on "self-sustaining lifestyles."

"With everything we were told that's supposed to be occurring in the next five years, we want to be here to help," Davis says.

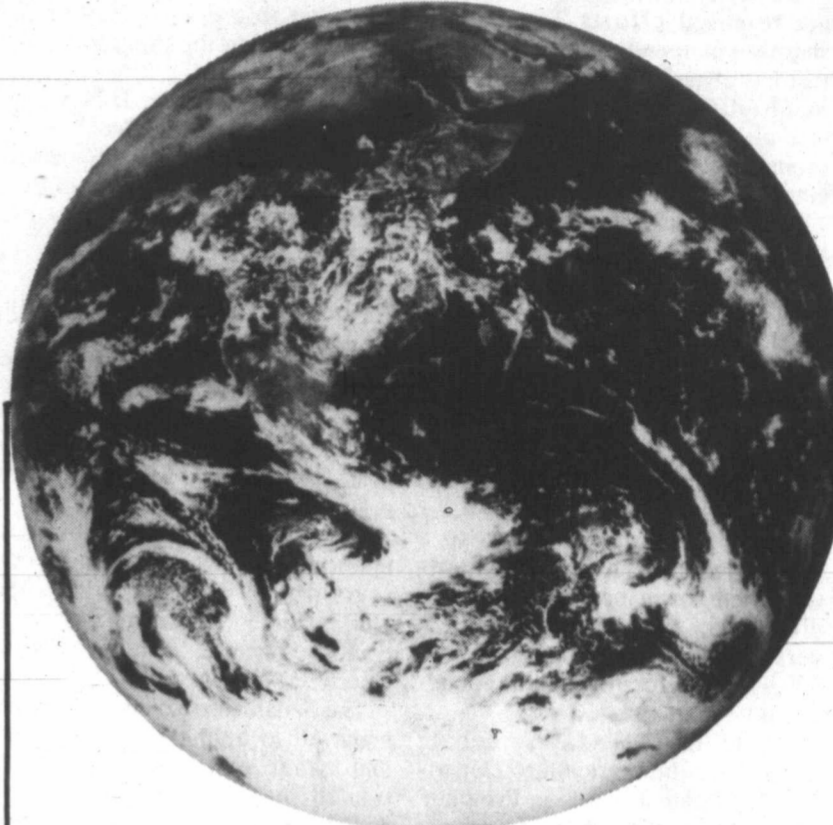
The changes, he says, include numerous earthquakes and volcano eruptions — including a major eruption of Mount Rainer

in Washington state — the devastation of New York City by gas leak, and food and race riots in every major U.S. city that will lead to martial law and economic collapse.

"When all this occurs, we'll be gone again," Davis says. "The six of us will be somewhere else. People will be looking for us and

they won't be able to find us. "After the thing occurs, we'll come back out again to help put the pieces back together."

But meanwhile, Davis says, the group may write a book, follow up on a possible movie deal, and — if offered — do an advertisement for Parker Bros., maker of the Ouija Board.

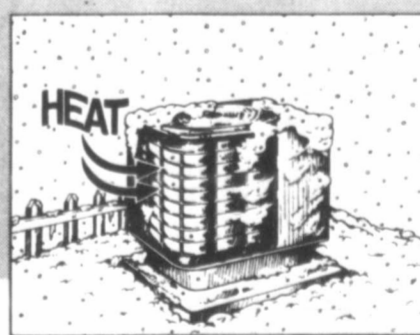


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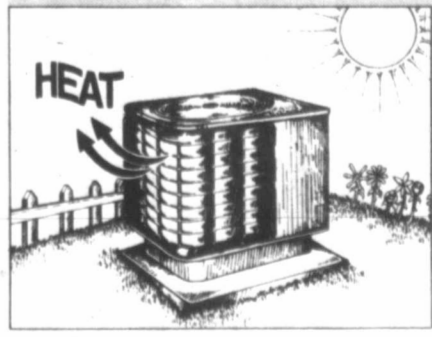
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Agriculture

Senate approves \$61.4 billion agriculture spending bill

By JENNIFER DIXON
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rejected efforts Tuesday to sharply cut spending on a program that has awarded millions of dollars in advertising grants to help corporate giants and foreign companies promote U.S. food and farm products overseas.

In a separate vote, the Senate turned back an attempt to kill subsidies for honey producers, rejecting critics' claims that the \$23 million program is little more than a sweet deal for the "beekeeper elite."

The votes came at the end of a daylong debate on a \$61.4 billion spending bill for the nation's food and farm programs in fiscal 1993. The bill passed by a vote of 88-9.

The legislation now goes to a House-Senate conference committee, where lawmakers will work out differences between the Senate's version and the House-approved \$58.9 billion food and farm spending bill.

Much of Tuesday's debate focused on the Agriculture Department's Market Promotion Program, which awards \$200 million a year in advertising grants to industry associations and private companies to

promote U.S. foods and farm products overseas.

The Senate's spending bill would cut funding next year to \$174.5 million. The House voted earlier this summer to trim the program to \$75 million.

Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., had sought to persuade the Senate to cut spending by an additional \$100 million, saying the country could not afford to finance such "corporate welfare."

But 74 senators voted to preserve the higher funding, with 23 voting for a sharper cut.

Backers said the program has created 38,000 jobs, increased exports for high-value food products and is a modest weapon against the European Community's far more generous export subsidies.

"It will be the mistake of our economic lives if we give away world agricultural markets, which the United States has dominated for a hundred years," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

The Senate also voted to finance a program to help farmers preserve and restore wetlands that had been turned into cropland, by taking \$54.9 million from USDA's computer purchasing fund.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said

his amendment to finance the wetlands reserve program would allow farmers to protect and restore 61,500 acres of wetlands in fiscal 1993.

"Today's vote is a major victory for the environment," said Leahy, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "It gives farmers the tools they need to protect fragile wetlands for generations to come."

The program, a pilot project this year in nine states, is funded at \$46.4 million, enough to help farmers protect 50,000 acres of wetlands.

Farmers who agree to restore their

wetlands agree to a permanent restriction on the land in exchange for a payment that is approximately equal to the fair market value of the land. They also receive 75 percent of the costs of the restoration from USDA.

President Bush had sought \$161 million for the program in 1993, enough to enroll up to 200,000 acres of wetlands. But the House and the Senate Appropriations Committee voted earlier this summer against spending any money on the program next year.

The spending bill would also eliminate funds in 1993 for a contro-

versal meat-inspection system at five slaughterhouses that provide approximately 20 percent of the nation's beef.

The House has already agreed to end spending on the Streamlined Inspection System, or SIS-Cattle, which activists claim has allowed tainted beef to reach consumers.

In both the House and Senate farm spending bills, domestic food programs get the lion's share of the spending. The Senate version sets aside \$39.3 billion for such programs as food stamps and school lunches, a 20 percent increase over fiscal 1992.

Spending on food stamps alone would total \$29 billion under the Senate bill, a 24 percent increase over this year, while the Women, Infants and Children supplemental feeding program would get \$2.86 billion, an increase of 10 percent.

Senators voting against the bill were Hank Brown, R-Colo., Richard Bryan, D-Nev., Jake Garn, R-Utah, William Roth, R-Del., Warren Rudman, R-N.H., Robert Smith, R-N.H., Steve Symms, R-Idaho, Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., and Timothy Wirth, D-Colo. Not voting were Al Gore, D-Tenn., Quentin Burdick, D-N.D., and Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

Exports of high value products boom

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exports of U.S. bulk farm commodities, such as wheat and corn, have stagnated in recent years while sales of such so-called high value products as beef and chicken have been booming, say agriculture economists.

"Policymakers often seem more concerned about exports of bulk commodities, but world trade in high value products is much larger, and growing more rapidly," said Stephen MacDonald of USDA's Economic Research Service.

High value products, often short-

ened to HVPs in department jargon, are defined as all commodities other than bulk products.

In fiscal 1991, the value of HVP exports exceeded the value of bulk exports. "This has rarely happened before, except during the two world wars," said a recent report in the research service's *Farmline* magazine.

Bulk agricultural exports fell in fiscal 1991 from \$21.3 billion to \$17.5 billion. At the same time, HVP exports rose to nearly \$20 billion, the report said.

In agriculture By Danny Nusser

Fewer fed cattle translate into higher prices

Retail beef prices could take a slight jump in the fall due to fewer cattle in feedlots now.

Texas and Nebraska, the two largest cattle feeding states, cut May placements from a year ago by 11 percent and 5 percent, respectively, said Dr. Ernest E. Davis, a livestock marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"It will help the ranch-level cattle market, definitely," Davis said. "If the fed cattle market goes, everything else will, too."

However, he doesn't expect retail prices to rise drastically because the retail price spread, or the difference between what the retailers pay for beef and sell to consumers, currently is large.

Traditionally, if retailers have a larger price spread, they do not immediately lower prices when wholesale beef prices decrease. Conversely, the price spread acts as a cushion. "If wholesale prices increase, retailers are rather reluctant to raise their prices immediately," Davis said.

"The price increase would depend on the retailers and how much they want to push their price up," he said. However, the price should not go up much more than 6 cents, to \$2.94 per pound (average retail price), for the remainder of the year, he said.

The June Cattle on Feed report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicated that cattle feeders

still are cautious about placing cattle on feed due to record losses felt last year, he said. Wholesale prices for 400- to 500-pound steers, for example, dropped from highs of \$115 per hundredweight in June of 1991 to \$94 per hundredweight in December.

During May, the seven major cattle feeding states placed 1.72 million cattle in feedlots, down 3 percent from a year ago and down 6 percent from the 5-year average of May placements.

At the beginning of June, the last date for which figures are available, it appeared that the second half of 1992 would parallel the 1990 fed cattle market in an upward trend in price and downward trend in numbers. The quantity of cattle on feed is very similar to those of 1990, he said.

But he warned against making too many comparisons. First of all, feedlots have been placing heavier cattle on feed in 1992 than in 1990, requiring fewer days on feed and faster turnover. Therefore, number comparisons may not be that accurate.

Additionally, the beef cattle market will continue to face increased competition for larger pork and poultry supplies during the second half of 1992, which may make producers and feedlots reluctant to expand production greatly, he said.

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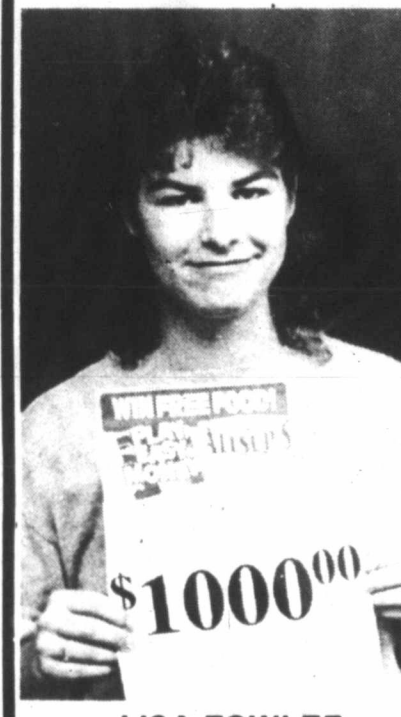
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