

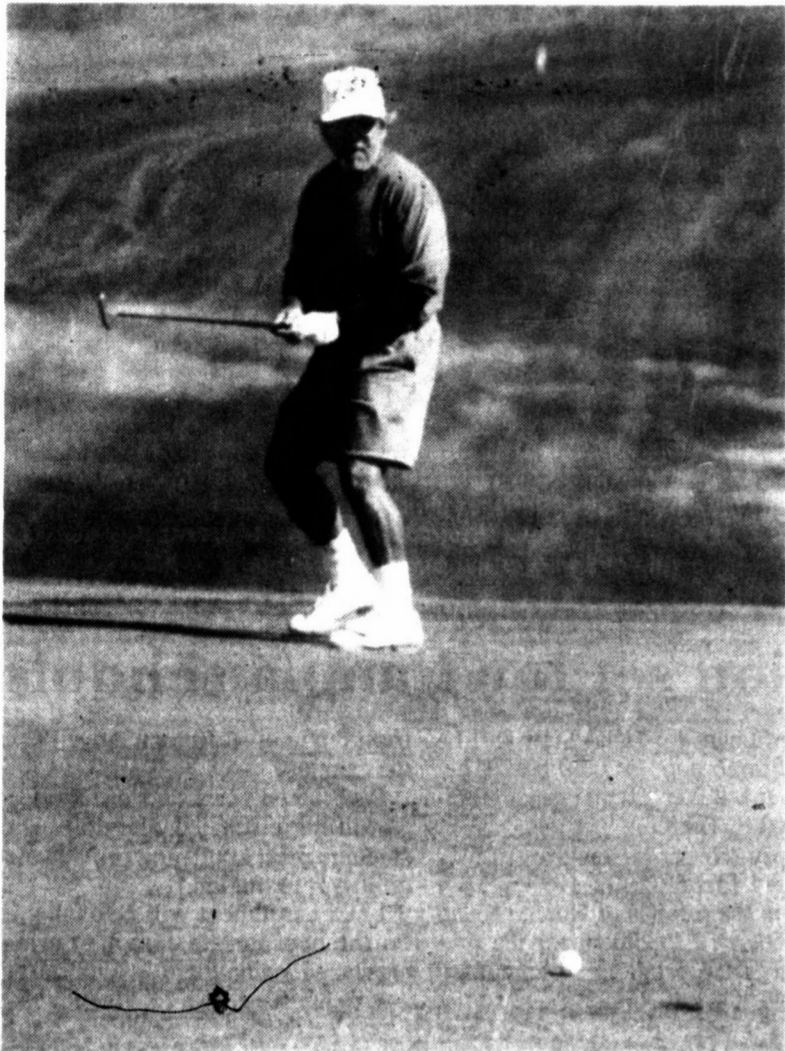
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(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzycki)

Bill King uses a little body english Saturday to urge onward his putt at the Hidden Hills ninth hole during the first round of the Third Annual Pampa News City Championship. Story is on page 8.

Talks aimed at averting telephone strike in East

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press Writer

Negotiators for Bell Atlantic and 52,000 East Coast telephone workers continued talks Saturday on higher pay and job security in the face of a midnight strike deadline. A company spokesman said some progress was made.

The regional telephone company and the unions, the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers, also are negotiating over pension and health care benefits.

Similar negotiations were underway in Atlanta; Chicago; Oakland, Calif.; and St. Louis between four other so-called Baby Bell regional phone companies and the CWA on new contracts for 219,000 workers. Contracts of workers at three of the companies, Ameritech, BellSouth and Southwestern Bell, also were due to expire at midnight Saturday.

The fourth, Pacific Telesis, has an Aug. 15 deadline.

In the Bell Atlantic talks, company negotiators have offered pay increases totaling 11.4 percent over three years and a 12 percent pension

increase effective next Jan. 1, company spokesman Ken Pitt said Saturday.

The discussions, which began at noon, were still continuing in the early evening.

"We have continued to make progress," Pitt said. "We're very hopeful of getting a settlement."

Bell Atlantic is the parent of local phone companies in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. The company has said it intends to continue negotiating until a new contract is reached.

Union spokesmen couldn't immediately be reached for comment Saturday. CWA spokesman Pat Shelton said Friday some progress had been made, but "the company has some things on the table that are causing us some problems." He did not elaborate.

The unions represent workers that include operators, cable installers, switching equipment operators and Yellow Pages advertising salespeople.

Last week, the unions authorized a strike if new agreements weren't reached before three-year contracts expire at 11:59 Saturday night.

Redistricting creates game of political musical chairs

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — In a game of political musical chairs, the Texas Democratic Party rearranged its candidates Saturday in several state Senate districts.

The action — occurring 5 months after the primary elections, and less than 90 days before the general election — was in response to Secretary of State John Hannah's order to change district boundaries.

Under the decision by the State Democratic Executive Committee, two candidates rejected by voters earlier this year received new political life — Roman Martinez of Houston and state Sen. Temple Dickson of Sweetwater.

And Democrats, reinvigorated by the new redistricting map that favors

their party, had only harsh words for Republicans who are challenging the district boundaries in court.

"They're doing what they do best, and that is acting like a bunch of damn kids," State Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle said referring to the GOP.

Democratic candidates involved in the changes said they were happy to be back in more friendly districts, but that voters are likely to be confused.

Talking about a district he switched from, Frank Madla said, "Originally, it was only a Bexar County district. Then it was a West Texas district. Then it was a South Texas district. Now it's back to West Texas. There's confusion out there."

Karen Hughes, executive director of the State Republican Party, said the candidate changes were "a futile

exercise." "The Democrats are attempting to rewrite history," she said.

For the Nov. 3 general election, Hannah ordered that the state Senate district boundaries approved by the Legislature be in place.

Those boundaries are vastly different from the ones that were in place for the March 10 primary elections. The primary election district lines were set by a three-judge federal panel in Texas, and were expected to help Republicans make significant gains in the 31-member Senate.

But last month, a three-judge federal panel in Washington, D.C. approved the plan adopted by the Legislature. Hannah then ordered the change in districts.

In response, here's what the Democrats did Saturday:

— Martinez is now the party's nominee in District 6, which is a Hispanic-dominated district under the Legislature's plan. Don Coffey, the previous District 6 nominee stepped aside. Under the Texas judges' plan, Martinez faced, and lost, the Democratic nomination against Sen. John Whitmire in District 15 in a runoff.

— Madla of San Antonio quit the nomination in District 24 and became the nominee in District 19.

— Dickson became the nominee in District 24. Under the Texas judges' plan, he was paired in the Democratic primary against state Sen. Bill Sims of San Angelo and lost.

— Greg Luna of San Antonio became the nominee in District 26. Carlos Higgins who won the nomination stepped aside.

Ceremony to salute air field's 50th

By BETH MILLER
Senior Staff Writer

A commemorative marker will be unveiled at Memorial Park on Hobart Street at 10 a.m. Saturday to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Pampa Army Air Field's opening.

The commemorative marker will be dedicated during a ceremony which will include a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps," said Mike Porter.

"It may be the only time in someone's life to see a 21-gun salute done properly," Porter, who will serve as master of ceremonies, said.

Porter said he encourages the public to be present for the dedication.

The Pampa Army Air Field served as an advanced flying school during World War II.

In March 1942, a committee of local residents, headed by Mayor

Fred Thompson, left for Washington, D.C., to make contacts with government officials to encourage the use of available cheap gas and other local facilities and resources in the war production program.

On May 15, 1942, the announcement was made by telegram that Pampa was to actively participate in the war program. Construction officials arrived later in the month to begin preliminary construction of a twin-engine flying school, to be located 12 miles east of Pampa.

The first group of aviation cadets arrived at the air base on Dec. 1, 1942, for training at the new Army Air Force's Advanced Flying School, according to a special March 7, 1943, edition of *The Pampa News* focused on the air base.

During Saturday's dedication ceremony, the National Guard at Pampa will present the colors and



PAAAF

Wanetta Hill is scheduled to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner," accompanied by the Pampa High School Band, which is under the direction of Charles Johnson.

Pampa City Manager Glen Hackler will give the invocation and Mayor

Richard Peet will deliver a welcome and read a proclamation.

C. Ralph Blodgett of Spearman, who is president of the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion Association, will introduce the dedication speaker, W.C. "Dub" Ferguson Jr. of Magnolia, Ark.

Nina Spoonemore will unveil the commemorative marker following the dedication speak. Calvin Whately, who was one of the first people to arrive at the PAAAF base and who served as the PX general manager will read the marker and make comments.

Blake Laramore is scheduled to present a memorial, followed by the 21-gun salute by the National Guard at Pampa and the playing of "Taps."

Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor of First Baptist Church in Pampa, is scheduled to give the closing invocation and the Pampa High School Band will end the dedication ceremony with the Army Air Corps song.

Veterans Hall of Fame to induct four

By BETH MILLER
Senior Staff Writer

Four men are scheduled for induction into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame during the third annual banquet set for 7 p.m. Friday at M.K. Brown Civic Center's Heritage Room.

Gray County Veterans Service Officer John Triplehorn said Edward Lawrence Earles, Melvin Dee Seals, Addison Raber (deceased) and Royce Jones will be honored during the banquet.

Proceeds of the event go toward the Pampa Army Air Field/Veterans of Foreign Wars Museum fund.

"The public is invited and encour-

aged to come. We have reduced the ticket price down to where we're just barely going to make anything to go to the museum, but we're in hopes of attracting more people."

More than 100 people are expected to attend the event, Triplehorn said.

"It's important to remember. It's important to keep the lights burning because it's so easy to forget. We got all stirred up for Desert Storm and two days after it was over some people couldn't remember what their flags were out for," Triplehorn said.

The four inductees will be the center of attraction at this year's banquet, Triplehorn said. Because of the length of last year's program,

there will not be entertainment or a guest speaker this year, he added.

To be nominated and inducted into the Hall of Fame, a person must have served in the military, distinguished himself in the military service through some act of valor, been a productive and positive member of his community and either have resided in the Texas Panhandle and/or trained at the Pampa Army Air Field base. The Hall of Fame covers the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Triplehorn said the museum fund continues to grow, but is still a long way from its goal of \$85,000 to receive a matching amount from the

M.K. Brown Foundation. So far, \$23,000 has been raised for the museum.

"It will benefit this community to have a museum that is well known. It will help attract people to our area. If the community wants this project as much as I hope they do, they need to come out and help us," Triplehorn said.

"We have to have \$85,000 by the 31st of December. We've shifted into another mode that will hopefully be more effective. We've obtained the services of a professional fund-raiser and we'll go public when we have those fund-raising events planned."

Serb leader proposes giving camps to Red Cross

By TONY SMITH
Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Trying to fend off criticism over reported atrocities in Serbian camps, Bosnia's Serb leader on Saturday proposed dismantling the compounds and exchanging prisoners with Croat and Muslim enemies.

Another Bosnian Serb official, meanwhile, threatened "kamikaze missions" against nuclear plants in Western Europe in the event of any outside military intervention in Bosnia.

President Bush praised the offer on detention camps, but condemned Aleksa Buha, foreign minister of the self-proclaimed Serbian republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, as "reckless" for his threat of suicide strikes.

The president, speaking to reporters in Kennebunkport, Maine, after meeting with top national security advisers, also reiterated his reluctance to become involved militarily in Bosnia.

"We are not going to get bogged down in some guerrilla warfare," he said.

News reports last week of Serb detention camps where Muslim prisoners have allegedly been beaten to death, raped and starved have shaken the world, reminding many of the Nazi horrors during World War II. They have also provoked talk of military intervention.

But Washington and its allies remain wary of sending troops into the civil war, except to ensure aid deliveries. The United States is preparing a U.N. Security Council

proposal to use military force to protect aid shipments.

Relief flights to the U.N.-controlled Sarajevo airport resumed Saturday after a three-day suspension.

Shelling around the capital also resumed late Saturday. Heavy fighting was reported around Visoko to the northwest, where government forces have been trying to break the Serb siege of the city.

Clashes also flared along Bosnia's northern front, particularly along the Sava River border with Croatia. Two people in the Croatian town of Slavonki Brod were reported killed by artillery and rocket fire from Serb positions in Bosnia.

Bush said that despite some remaining differences between the United States, France and Britain, "We are continuing to work with U.N. Security Council members on the substance of a resolution."

"Providing humanitarian assistance is our goal," he said.

Bush said he had talked earlier Saturday with U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic told The Associated Press on Saturday he has proposed handing over all detention camps to the Red Cross and has ordered the immediate release of all sick prisoners and those at least 60 years old.

Karadzic also called for an "all-for-all" exchange of prisoners with Muslim forces in Bosnia and said he was ready to close down all camps

in Serb control within three weeks if the other sides agree to do the same.

A Bosnian official said Karadzic's offer was a smoke screen to cover further Serbian abuses in Bosnia.

"Of course he has no intention of releasing anyone," said Hajrudin Soman, an aide to Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic.

In Geneva, Pierre Gauthier, a spokesman for the International Committee for the Red Cross, said the organization had received an official letter from Serbian authorities but would not disclose its contents.

Karadzic suggested he was responding to directions from Milan Panic, premier of Serb-dominated Yugoslavia, who said Friday he would order Serbs in Bosnia to close detention camps or resign.

Buha told reporters in Belgrade Saturday that ethnic Serbs outside Yugoslavia "have offered to participate in kamikaze missions against European targets in the event of Western aggression" against Serbs in Bosnia.

"They would be prepared to attack nuclear power plants throughout Europe," Buha said.

Bosnian Muslims and Croats claim Serbs run 94 camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina holding about 130,000 people. Serbs claim about 40,000 of their people are currently held in 45 Muslim and Croat camps.

Serbs opposed to Bosnia's independence have captured about two-thirds of Bosnia's territory since Muslims and Croats voted on Feb.

29 to break away from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

The war has killed at least 8,000 people, and up to 50,000 according to some estimates. Tens of thousands more have been wounded and more than 1 million Bosnians have fled their homes. Some refugees have been forced into camps as part of campaigns to create ethnically homogeneous areas.

Atrocities are alleged on all sides,

but most of the world's attention has focused on the Serb-run camps.

Reporters were allowed Friday to visit a camp at Omarska, in north-west Bosnia, where atrocities have been reported. Starved-looking inmates, some with bruises, sat quietly at mess tables as a radio blared Serbian folk songs.

An overpowering stench of urine filled the hallways. All the prisoners appeared terrified and were afraid to talk.



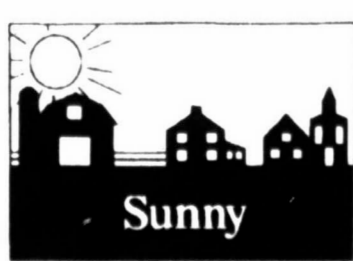
A small child dares to cast a glance at streetlife during shelling in Sarajevo Saturday

(AP Photo)

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State Farm suspends auto policy writing in Texas

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — State Farm Insurance Cos., the state's largest auto insurance carrier, said Friday it is temporarily suspending new auto policy sales in Texas because huge demand has stretched its ability to serve customers.

"We do kind of need to catch our breath right now," said Dan Logsdon, a company spokesman in Dallas.

The company received 629,000 new applications for auto policies in the first six months of the year, nearly double the rate in the comparable period a year ago.

New policies in Texas account for 30 percent of State Farm's nationwide growth this year.

"If that growth rate continued, our policy count by year's end would

exceed our count in California, a state with double the number of vehicle registrations," Logsdon said. "It's amazing to have that kind of growth."

State Farm has 3 million policyholders in Texas, about 30 percent of the state's auto insurance market. The group wrote \$1.7 billion in automobile premiums in 1991, giving it 25.7 percent of the market.

Logsdon said the demand is being fueled by several factors, including a new state Department of Insurance rule requiring insurers to provide coverage to previously uninsured motorists at rates lower than normal; it would charge that group.

Other factors include the departure of other insurers from Texas in recent years, the company's rates and news coverage of uninsured driver issues, State Farm said.

"We're in very good shape to be able to handle our on-board customers," Logsdon said. "Our concern was our ability to provide if we continue to take on new business."

He said there is no way to tell how long the suspension may last.

State Farm is also the largest homeowners policy carrier in the

state and one of the largest life insurers. Those policies will not be affected by the moratorium, Logsdon said.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Georgia Flint said State Farm officials assured her the company's decision would not affect existing policyholders.

State Board of Insurance member Richard Reynolds blamed the decision on over-regulation of the insurance industry by Gov. Ann Richards' insurance appointees.

"It's because they are just about fed up by some of the regulatory activities," said Reynolds, who is often out-voted on board policy decisions by Chairwoman Claire Koriath and Allene Evans, both Richards' appointees.

He also criticized Amy Johnson, of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel. "The majority of the board has been tracking her (Ms. Johnson's) proposals," he said. "They need to let the marketplace work."

Geoff Rips, a spokesman for the insurance counsel, disagreed. He said State Farm simply made a business decision "to rest for a little while."

He said criticism from Reynolds and the insurance industry was off base. "These companies are just having a hard time adapting to the concept that state regulation is not just a convenient tool for the industry, but serves a broader purpose of balancing consumer needs with insurance needs."

Atlantis ends troubled mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Atlantis swooped through a cloudy sky and landed at NASA's spaceport Saturday with seven astronauts whose mission to fly a satellite on 12 1/2 miles of string was ruined by a tangled line.

"We just want to say job well done, and outstanding and hard work on this very challenging mission," Mission Control's Jim Halsell told the crew.

"It's really nice to be back," replied shuttle commander Loren Shriver.

Nearly 400 spectators, many of them Italian and Swiss tourists, watched from bleachers as Atlantis rolled to a stop on the concrete runway at Kennedy Space Center. The crew includes the first Italian and the first Swiss in space.

The shuttle and crew almost ended up at the alternate landing site at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Rain earlier in the morning at Kennedy forced NASA to keep Atlantis up an extra orbit, or 1 1/2 hours, but the weather improved and allowed for a 9:11 a.m. Florida touchdown.

Atlantis circled the world 127 times during the eight-day flight, which began July 31, and traveled 3,321,007 miles. A preliminary inspection showed the shuttle to be in good shape, said NASA launch director Bob Sieck.

The astronauts enjoyed only partial success in orbit, and even that didn't come easy.

It took the crew an extra day to

release a European Space Agency science satellite because of communication problems with the craft. Once the satellite was freed, it got stuck in a low orbit because of a computer error. It reached its final destination Friday, five days later than planned.

The big disappointment came Wednesday, however, when NASA called off a \$379 million experiment to generate electricity with a tethered spacecraft that had taken two decades to plan.

The astronauts exhausted themselves trying to clear snags in the thin, copper-and-fiber cord that connected the Italian Space Agency satellite to the shuttle. The astronauts were able to reel out the satellite no farther than 850 feet, far short of its full 12 1/2 miles.

Scientists expected the tether to generate 5,000 volts of electricity as it hurtled through Earth's magnetic field. It yielded only 40 volts as a result of the reduced line.

Not a single primary scientific objective was met.

The astronauts avoided further calamity by clearing a snag in the line and reeling the reusable satellite back into the cargo bay.

NASA has established an investigative team to determine what went wrong with the tether system. Jeremiah Pearson III, head of NASA's space flight program, said he hopes to get some answers in a few weeks.

"I'm sure there will be some consideration on flying the tether

again," Pearson said. "I know, speaking to the Italians, they were very happy we brought it (the satellite) back. When we fly it again, I can't answer that now."

"Whether we owe the Italians another flight I wouldn't say we owe them anything," Pearson said.

But the astronauts made a pitch for a second tethered satellite flight before leaving for the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"I hope that they'll maintain interest in rejuvenating the system and going back and flying another tether flight somewhere not in the too distant future," Shriver said.

Atlantis was supposed to land Friday, but NASA extended the flight last week after the crew fell behind because of the trouble with the first satellite. That satellite, which is loaded with shrimp eggs, seeds, bacteria spores, crystals and a telescope, will stay in orbit until next spring when another shuttle crew captures it and brings it back to Earth for study.

Atlantis is grounded now until early 1994.

NASA plans to send the shuttle to Rockwell International's shuttle assembly plant in Palmdale, Calif., this fall for a one-year overhaul.

The next-to-the-youngest shuttle will be outfitted with a drag chute, equipment that could enable it to stay in orbit for nearly a month at a time, and a Russian docking mechanism that would enable it to hook up with Russia's Mir space station.

NASA hopes to dock Atlantis with Mir in 1994.

Passenger liner runs aground

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Passengers from the Queen Elizabeth 2 took buses, trains and a ferry home Saturday as investigators tried to learn what caused the luxury liner to run aground just off the southeastern Massachusetts coast.

The ship got stuck on an underwater ledge about 10 miles from Buzzards Bay late Friday as it returned to New York City from a five-day cruise

to Nova Scotia. None of the 2,800 crew members or passengers was hurt.

Cmdr. Robert L. Skewes of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office declined to comment Saturday on a possible cause, saying the case was under investigation.

Ron Santangelo, a spokesman for the Cunard shipping line, which operates the vessel, said the ship's captain had turned control of it over to a coastal

pilot, who steered it onto the shelf.

Bruce Fisher, president of Northeast Pilots, which employs the coastal pilot, didn't return a call Saturday seeking comment.

Coastal pilots are often hired to guide large vessels through tight spots, and the Queen Elizabeth 2 was traveling past a series of small islands dotting the shallow waters off Buzzards Bay when it ran aground.

Lefors schedules public hearing

LEFORS — Lefors City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday during a regular meeting to discuss applying to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program grant.

Mayor Gene Gee said the public is encouraged to express their views

about the proposed application.

The four types of programs normally funded through the grant process are water, sewer, streets and handicapped access, Gee said.

The city of Lefors currently has a grant to drill a new water well. During the regular meeting, an update on that water well will be given.

"We'll probably talk about water

again," Gee said of the grant application, "but this time focus on water lines."

In other business, an Enron ruling regarding the transporting and selling of gas is listed on the agenda for discussion.

In the mayor's report, Gee said he'll update the council on a continuing cleanup campaign for the city and discuss a resident who is asking for the use of city property.

An executive session, to discuss public official and employee is also listed on the agenda. The meeting will be held in the Lefors Civic Center.

— Beth Miller

CED 14 to meet Monday

County Education District (CED) 14 is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday for a number of agenda items, including consideration of approving the 1992-93 CED budget.

The meeting will be in the Pampa Middle School library, 2401 Charles St. and is open to the public.

The board is scheduled to declare an intent to set a certain tax rate and schedule a public hearing, consider approval of a 1991-92 budget amendment, hear a financial report and consider disbursements for June through July.

The board will also consider approval of minutes from a July 20 meeting.

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City to begin coating streets

The city of Pampa's annual seal coat program is scheduled to get into full swing on Monday and continue through Friday.

During the work on the streets this week, the city encourages residents to keep their vehicles out of the streets on the days that workers will be in their areas. The city also asks that residents refrain from allowing water to run into the streets while workers are seal coating.

Contractor for the project is E.D. Baker of Borger.

Following is the proposed work schedule:

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- Monday and Tuesday — Tyng Avenue south to Denver Street and from Tignor Street west to Barnes Street.
 - Wednesday — Tuke Street south to Albert Street and from Gray Street east to Barnes Street.
 - Thursday — Tyng Avenue south to Tuke and Barnes Street west to Cuyler Street.
 - Friday — Will include cleanup and hand work over seal coat areas.
- For more information, contact the city at 669-5700.

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Letters to the editor

Rodeo 'arrestees' say thanks

To the editor:
This letter is being written because we want the people of Pampa to know what kind of a town they represent. Please publish it. This is a true story. The names have not been changed in order to give credit where credit is due.

On Saturday afternoon, July 11, my husband, three sons, and myself departed our home in Oklahoma City for a greatly-anticipated vacation in the mountains of Colorado (Horn Creek). Our original plans were to drive until dark, spend the night, and reach our final destination late Sunday afternoon. Three hours later on I-40 and several miles past the Pampa exit we found ourselves on the side of the highway with car trouble. As my husband tinkered around under the hood, the rest of us were getting anxious and scared. There was not a structure of any kind within miles, and the thought of my husband going for help and leaving me and the kids stranded in the middle of nowhere was very unsettling to say the least. We would be at the mercy of anyone who happened to stop. The only comfort I could offer my kids was prayer - specifically that the car would start and we would make it somewhere decent to spend the night.

Twenty minutes went by with no luck at starting the car. My discouraged husband leaned in the window and shook his head. We guessed that the last gas station we had seen was 5-8 miles back, and the last sign showed Groom to be about 15 miles up the road. As my heart lifted a final distress call toward heaven, I decided to try the car one last time. I turned the key, and it started! My husband quickly jumped into the passenger seat and we headed out. The Suburban wasn't running very well, but it was running.

About three miles up the road was an overpass with a patrol car parked underneath. We decided to ask the officer if he knew of any place close that we could get help. Sheriff Jim Free and Deputy James Walker came to our rescue. They suggested Pampa as the likeliest spot to have our car fixed, and said we could even go to the rodeo that night. It sounded great to us - we've always enjoyed rodeos. What we weren't prepared for was the royal treatment we got. Tears filled my eyes as I began to realize that not only did the officers point us in the right direction, they were giving us an official escort into town. I am convinced that they were put on I-40 for us.

The wonderful thing was being able to ask, "Kids, does God answer prayer?" and hearing their delighted responses. We were overwhelmed. I'd like to say that the story end's here, but it doesn't. It gets better.

The officers escorted us to the Northgate Inn where we would spend the night. Waiting in the lobby for us was a Top O' Texas Rodeo Association director Billy Scribner and mechanic Max Bridges. While Billy and I made plans for dinner, Max and my husband took the car on the road for a diagnosis. Forty-five minutes later my family with Billy and Kathy Scribner were sitting down to some great Mexican food and lively conversation - something about being "arrested" and brought to the rodeo. At the rodeo we were seated in box seats and introduced as their special guests from out-of-state. The rodeo was as fun as we expected it to be, and we could not have hand-picked a better host and hostess than Billy and Kathy Scribner.

About 9:30 the next morning (Sunday) Max Bridges called from the lobby and had fixed the car there in the parking lot. After taking it for a test drive he sent us on our way. By 10:30 we were gone, and arrived in Colorado as planned. The entire ordeal cost us \$10 for the car part. We had been their guests.

I wish I could adequately express my appreciation to all those involved in that series of events, but I don't know that I ever could. My three boys want to live there. All I can say is that as transplanted Texans living in Oklahoma City for the past 12 years, we are quick to point out that something like this could only happen in Texas. To the people of Pampa, I must say that Sheriff Jim Free and Deputy James Walker represent you very well. We are thankful to them, and thankful to God for them.

Sincerely,
Tommy and Brenda Ratliff
J.P. (12), Matt (9), and Joe Bob (6)
Oklahoma City

Return government to people

To the editor:
It is my strong belief and opinion, brought about by actual experiences,

that our present city manager, mayor, and especially commissioners Ray Hupp and Gary Sutherland are attempting to run roughshod over anyone that dares to question or disagree with them on any matter that concerns the operation of our city.

The most sickening aspect of this is that thanks to the one-sided and incomplete reporting of this paper and it's so-called reporters - our commission is becoming more and more arrogant in suppressing those who would dare question!

How would any resident feel if you try to follow the rules and procedures set out by our commission in speaking at those meetings - only to have our mayor change those procedures - as you begin to speak? Oh, you will be extended their courtesy, but only if you are there to pat them on the back or praise them!

Recently, a speaker there to praise them was allowed to ramble into state and national politics for approximately twenty minutes. When I and another resident rose to speak we were informed that the requested 5 minutes limit set out in a city meetings pamphlet outlining procedures was being cut to 2 minutes by our esteemed mayor.

What did we do wrong? Apparently, we were brazen enough to let the city commission know in our first few words - that we disagreed with them on something!

How many of you have noticed that the only way, it seems, you will ever receive a spot on any city board is to praise and follow the line of our city commission? Recently, that rambling speaker who was extended extra time was given such an appointment. Still not convinced? Look at the appointment to the (PEDC) Pampa Economic Development Corp. Do you see any there that opposed more taxes?

Recently, I had two long conversations with this paper's publisher concerning what I believe to be deliberate - incomplete and slanted reporting. Some of you would be sickened at the reasons I was given why this happens. To me there was one good reason, possibly a few that might be valid and the rest out of any sane reasoning.

Oh, before any of you know-it-alls start calling and criticizing, whomever, it's the first time I have ever complained to this paper!

For these reasons it is very important that the city implement Terry Hembree's request of video taping all city meetings for replay on the city's access channel - soon! Mr. (Glen) Hackler (city manager) is bound to run out of excuses sooner or later for not adhering to this very important request.

Once this happens let's hope that the ill manners of some of our city commissioners, manager, and especially our mayor will improve with the public being able to see for themselves instead of relying on inconsistent reporting.

More importantly, maybe it will help do away with, what I believe to be blatant and deliberate intimidation. Perhaps, then anyone can go and feel comfortable about speaking out on issues that concern us all at our city meetings and not endure gross disrespect, to us as individuals and harassment of our constitutional rights!

There is no doubt in my mind that our form of government as originally conceived, can be and should be the best in all this world. For it was supposed to be - a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, not as some D.A. may want it or a politician or bureaucrat. How many of us would like a good work performance and report after having stolen public funds?

It is useless and a waste of effort to moan and cry about the goings on in Washington when we have some of the same here - locally. Let's start the clean-up, here!

Let's take back our government at all levels. Unless, more of us are willing to take criticism-harassment and verbal abuse for taking a stand against the status-quo our form of government - as conceived - will not survive.

I want to leave a true government "of the people, for the people, and by the people" for my children and their children and yours! How about you?

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Business

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Failure factors

I have never met an entrepreneur who planned to fail. They are usually very optimistic and prone to see only opportunities for success. However, in spite of the optimism, small business failures are common.

Depending on whose statistics you wish to believe, between 50 and 80 percent of all businesses started today will fail before their 5th anniversary. The causes for small business failures have been studied for decades. The studies identify several common factors. There are four that occur most often.

Lack of planning

The No. 1 failure factor is lack of planning. Only a few of the more than 1,500 existing businesses and pre-venture entrepreneurs we have counseled, have a current, written business plan. Most who created a plan initially, have never updated it.

There are several advantages in creating a business plan for your firm. A well-written plan will focus the efforts and resources of your business. Choosing a mission and establishing goals and strategies will guide you in getting from where you are to where you want to go.

Your plan should include a description of the business and its markets and an analysis of the competition. You should set your goals and calculate start-up and operating costs. It is also wise to create financial and cash flow projections and determine alternative strategies.

Once you write your plan, you can use it as a benchmark to measure your progress. Checking actual operations against projections can reveal deviations early enough to avoid problems.

The No. 2 most common reason for failure is under-financing. Most businesses lack cash and equity when they start. Often they consume their initial cash in the early stages of start-up.

Borrowing after the fact, is much more difficult than properly assessing cash needs early in the game. Most banks are justifiably reluctant to loan money to a business that has consumed much of the original equity through operational losses early in the business cycle.

Under-financing is actually a result of poor planning as most businesses lose money during the first few months of operation. Therefore, a well-planned venture would use financial and cash flow projections to secure additional equity or lines of credit.

Operating blind

The No. 3 major failure factor is the lack of adequate information for good decision making. Many entrepreneurs are operating blind. The information needed to give the firm proper direction either does not exist or takes too long to get into the decision makers' hands.

Every business owner should compare current revenues and expenses to previous periods. Records should track the monthly profit or loss and the current cash flow position. The cost of goods sold, present inventory level and the status of accounts receivable and payable should be readily available.

The No. 4 failure factor is that many entrepreneurs underestimate the tasks of managing a small business. Often business owners feel that they must do everything themselves, and this causes a pattern of stress that leads to costly errors. Long hours are required; paperwork is complex and unrelenting; and unanticipated problems constantly arise.

Common judgement errors include trying to grow too fast, selecting the wrong products or lines, carrying too much inventory, overestimating sales and underestimating expenses. Another error is buying equipment that promises efficiency but requires too much time to learn and operate effectively. Computers and software packages often fit into this area.

In summary, careful planning, adequate financing, staying on top of financial information and avoiding serious mistakes will improve your chances for success. If you would like a free copy of our two-page business plan guide, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Business Plan c/o Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Strate earns CLU designation

Lois Strate, ChFC, earned the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) diploma and professional designation from The American College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. One of the nation's oldest largest accredited, non-traditional educational institutions, the college specializes in professional education in financial sciences.

The CLU designation is awarded to those who complete a 10-course program of study and examinations and fulfill rigid experience and ethical requirements. Only 70,000 persons have been awarded the CLU designation since the college was founded in 1927.

The CLU program was designed by University of Pennsylvania professor Solomon S. Huebner, who guided the college's founding to meet the career education needs of men and women primarily in life insurance field services and management. Courses cover life and health insurance, pension planning, insurance law, income taxation, investments and family financial management, estate planning and business insurance.

Strate has been associated with Joe Cree, CLU, ChFC, for more

than 11 years. She received her chartered Financial Consultant Designation in 1991 and has been a licensed agent for seven years. She is a broker associated with Quentin Williams Realtors. She is a member of the American Society of CLU, ChFC, the National Association of Realtors, Texas Association of Realtors, Pampa Board of Realtors, Pampa Multiple Listing Service, Pampa OptiMrs. Club and First Baptist Church.

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Playing the stock market with certainty

NEW YORK (AP) — In a marketplace of uncertainties it has a solid record, but few brokers want to sell it, partly because few buyers are interested.

It is especially hard to sell to young people, who can benefit the most, and almost as hard to sell to the elderly, whose preference often is for current income rather than long-term goals. It is long-term investing.

A dollar invested in the stock market at the beginning of 1940 and left untouched would have bought 32 times as many goods and services in 1990 as when the initial investment was made.

While that result, based on the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, does not take account of taxes, it does discount for inflation. Over that period, the return exceeded the rate of inflation by 7.4 percent a year.

At that rate, money doubles in 10 years. Assuming a \$1,000 investment, the owner would have had \$2,000 by 1950 and \$4,000 by 1960. The power of compounding grows with time. By 2000, that \$1,000 might be worth \$64,000.

It didn't work out precisely that way, since markets never trace a straight line. In the 1950s, growth

was at an inflation-adjusted compound annual rate of 19.4 percent; in the 1970s, it was minus 1.5 percent. But it averaged 7.4 percent.

Such long-term statistical records are well known in the investment community, but they are swamped by statistics of another sort, such as those for the latest six-month period or projections for the next six months.

Brokers seldom talk about years when "long-term" for tax purposes may be half a year. The latest wiggle on the price charts is analyzed more intensely than the historical record, and it usually creates more interest.

In its concern for the short-term, Wall Street is similar to the corporate executives who sacrifice the future in order to squeeze out current profits, or elected officials who

seek to impress now, and let tomorrow take care of itself.

If it differs, it is probably in the intensity with which Wall Street con-

centrates on the short-term. Each day, and sometimes each hour and minute, is a new market. The next day it is examined and assessed in the media.

Chamber Communique

The Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to recognize our latest new members; Long John Silvers, Ernie Vela, Manager; Teddy's Christian Books & Gifts, Ted Quillen, Owner.

Frank Hommel with the Bar H Dude Ranch will be the special speaker at the Top O' Texan meeting Monday.

We are in the process of collecting recipes for the Texas' Best Cooks recipe Book. Please send your recipes to the Chamber, P.O. Box 1942. Five recipes from Pampa will

be selected. You do not have to be a member of the Chamber to submit an order for a recipe. Deadline for entering is Aug. 25th and deadline for ordering is Sept. 25th.

We are still accepting entrants in the City wide Thematic Banner Project. The banners again will be done in two colors only and 18" X 36". You may create a logo, theme or slogan. Please submit your entries to the Chamber office before 5 p.m. on Aug. 21.

Calendar of Events
Monday at noon - Texans-C of C

25 good years



(Staff photo by Daniel Wiegars)

Charles Walters, left, who serves as area sales manager of Goodyear, presents a plaque to LeRoi Ogden, owner of Ogden & Sons Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., for 25 years of friendly relations with Goodyear.

Club members attend Desk and Derrick 'Town Hall'

Three members of the Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa were among forty registrants that recently attended the Town Hall meeting of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs held at the Hilton Hotel in Midland. Representing the Pampa Club were Ronda Norris, president, employed by Bourland-Leverick Oilfield Supply; Carolyn Kitchens, vice president, employed by Cree Companies; and Doris Odom, co-owner of Glo-Valve Service and Testing, candidate for treasurer of the association.

Lacretia Cummings, Region V director, presided at the meeting. Amendments to the Association by-laws were among the topics discussed, as well as plans for the upcoming convention being held in New Orleans, La., September 2-6.

Ken Thompson of ARCO was guest speaker during the noon luncheon. He gave a presentation pertaining to self esteem.

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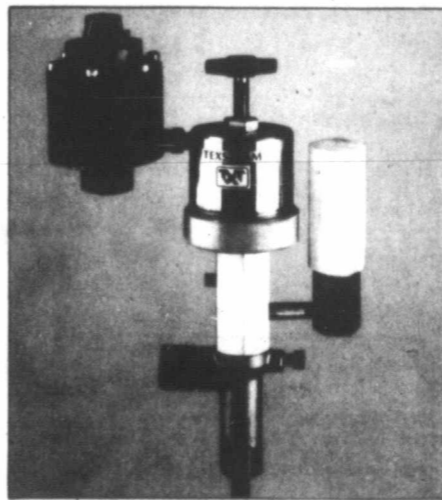
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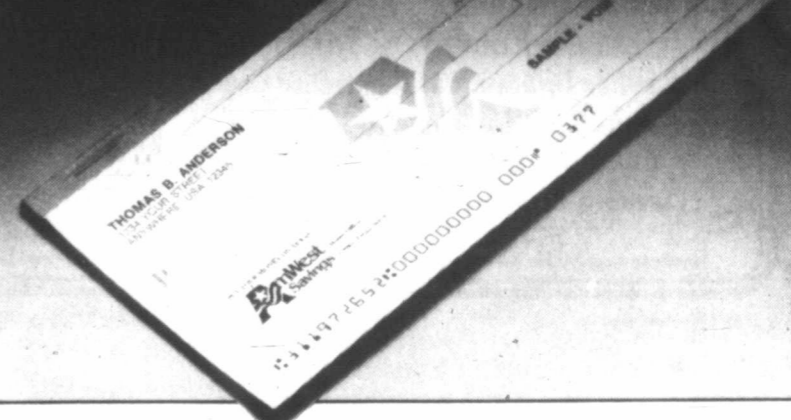
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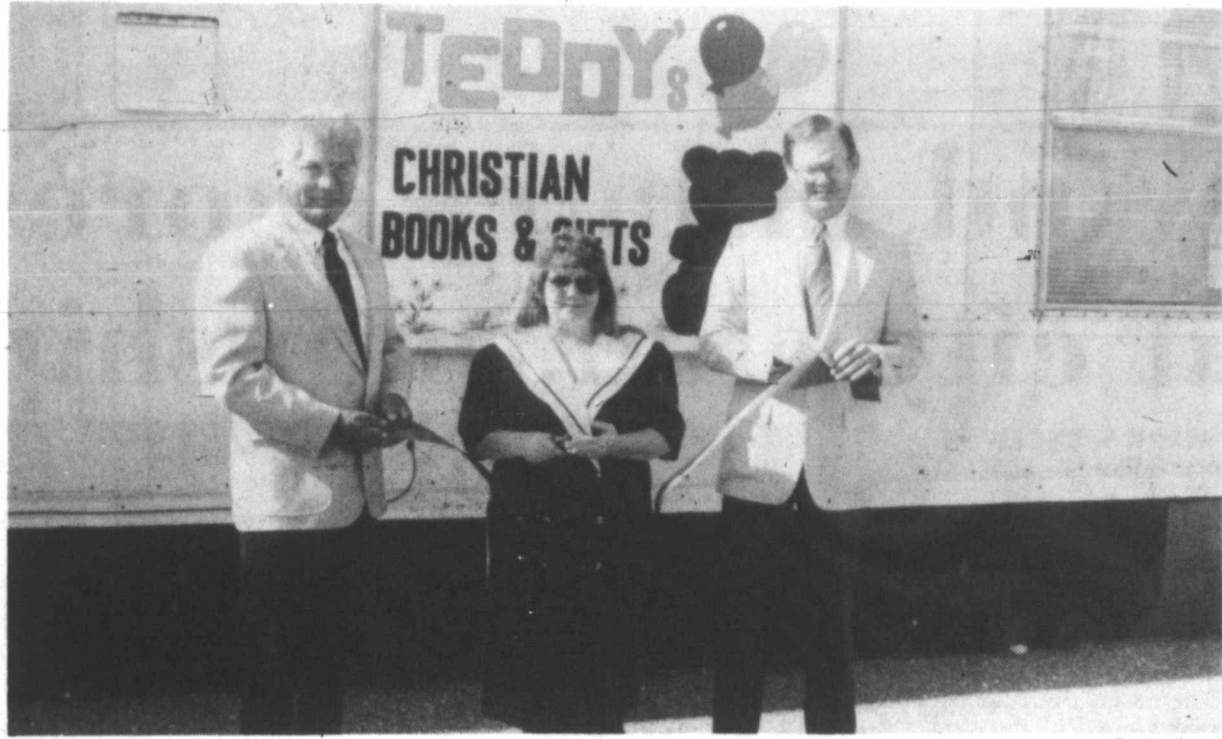
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Grand opening



(Staff photo) Rey Cardenas, left, and Jerry Foote, represent the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the grand opening of Teddy's Christian Store, 2901 Alcock. Manager Leah Pearson is shown cutting the ribbon.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Trans Terra Corp., International, Williams (120 ac) Sec. 149, B-2, H&GN, 6 mi south from Pampa, PD 3500' (Box 2814, Pampa, TX 79066) for the following wells:
 #2, 330' from North & 1652' from East line of Sec.
 #3, 330' from North & 2565' from East line of Sec.
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & N.W. GRUVER) Chester Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Murrell (640 ac) 2450' from South & 1990' from East line, Sec. 151, 2, GH&H, 11 mi NW from Gruver, PD 7500' (Nine East Fourth, Suite 800, Tulsa, OK 74103)
LIPSCOMB (NORTH MAMMOTH CREEK) Cleveland Enron Oil & Gas Co., #3 Christ Peil (645 ac) 660' from North & 2100' from West line, Sec. 955, 43, H&TC, 7 mi SE from Darrouzett, PD 7800' (20 North Broadway, Suite 830, Okla. City, OK 73102)
MOORE (PANHANDLE), Beren Corp., #61 Masterson Estate (1910 ac) 330' from North & 990' from West line, Sec. 62, 0-18, D&P, 15 mi southerly from Dumas, PD 3550' (970 Fourth Financial Center, Wichita, KS 67202)
OCHILTREE (NORTH FARNSWORTH) Chester Rife Oil Properties, Inc., #2 Yearly (640 ac) 2500' from South & 3201' from East line, W.J. Mitchell Survey, 11 mi NW from Perryton, PD 7950' (5020 Collinwood, #201, Ft. Worth, TX 76107)
Application to Plug-Back
OCHILTREE (DUTCHER) Cleveland Burk Royalty Co., #1-478 Neste-Burk (640 ac) 467' from North & 544' from West line, Sec. 478, 43, H&TC, 17 mi NE from Perryton, PD 7500' (Box BRC, Wichita Falls, TX 76302)
Oil Well Completions
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Heritage Drilg. Co., #1-2 Fuller, Sec. 2, M-18, AB&M, elev. 3350 kb, spud 6-5-92, drlg. compl 6-11-92, tested 7-24-92, pumped 21.63' bbl. of 34 grav. oil + 170 bbls. water, GOR 7628, perforated 3149-3262, TD 3370', PBD 3319' —
Plugged Wells
CARSON (PANHANDLE) Parker & Parsley Gas Processing Co., #1 McConnell, Sec. 46, 4, 1, &GN, spud unknown, plugged 2-25-92, TD 1667' (LPG storage) —
CARSON (PANHANDLE) Parker & Parsley Gas Processing, #3A Schafer Ranch, Sec. 88, 4, 1, &GN, spud unknown, plugged 3-27-92, TD 1980' (LPG storage) —
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Arco Oil & Gas Co., #C103 East Pampa Unit, Sec. 82, 3, 1, &GN, spud 3-7-38, plugged 5-19-92, TD 3143' (disposal) — Form 1 filed in Cities Service
HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN) Douglas Maxus Exploration Co., #1 Billy Jarvis & Sons, Inc., 'A', Sec. 217, C, G & MMB&A, spud 6-3-73, plugged 7-15-92, TD 7600' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Enerex Supply, Inc., Cockrell Ranch, Sec. 6, M-21, TCRR (oil) — Form 1 filed in Phillips Petroleum, for the following wells:
 #19, spud 2-4-37, plugged 7-15-92, TD 3086' —
 #41, spud 5-20-39, plugged 7-15-92, TD 3078' —
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Red Cave) J.M. Huber Corp., #2R Ingerton, J.T. White Survey, spud 4-7-61, plugged 7-1-92, TD 2152' (gas) —
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) Harken Exploration Co., #185-2 Dorsey, Sec. 185, 43, H&TC, spud 12-13-91, plugged 6-25-92, TD 11600' (dry) —
ROBERTS (PAYNE RANCH) Lower Douglas Lasmo Energy Corp., #2 Payne Ranch, Sec. 211, —, H&TC, spud 12-29-89, plugged 11-30-91, TD 9200' (oil) —

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



By Danny Bainum

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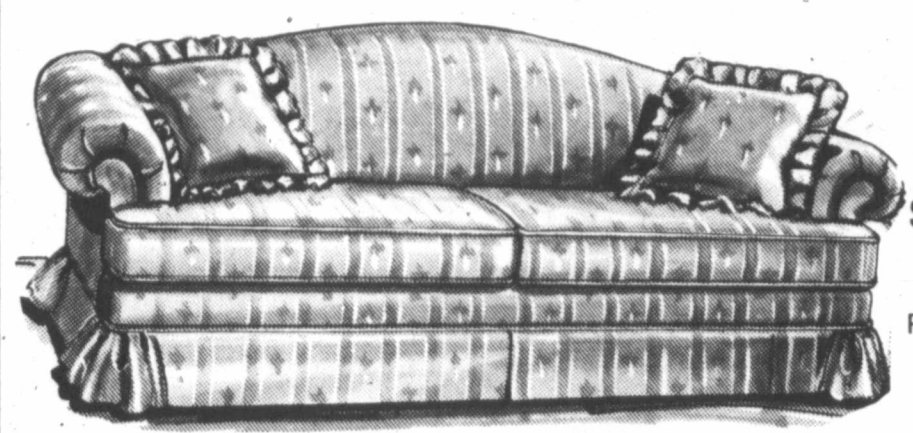
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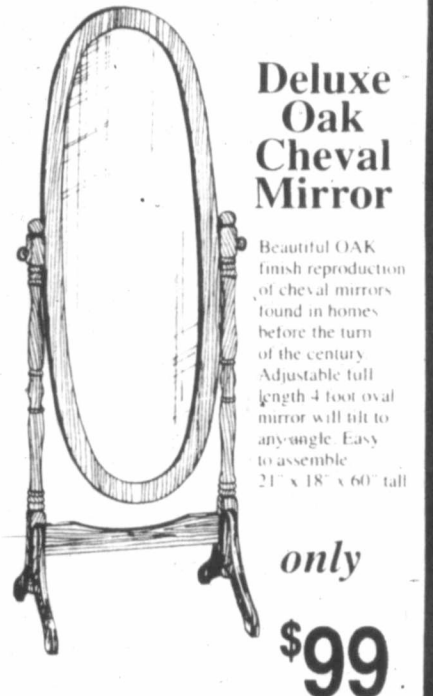


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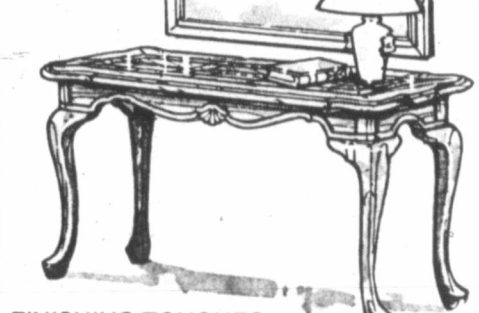


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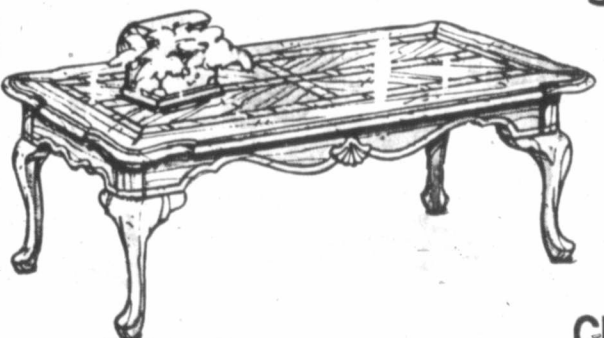
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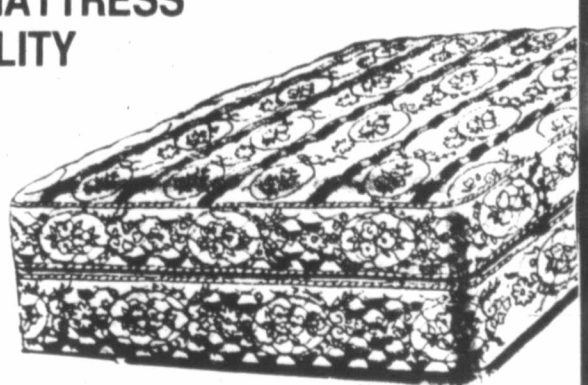


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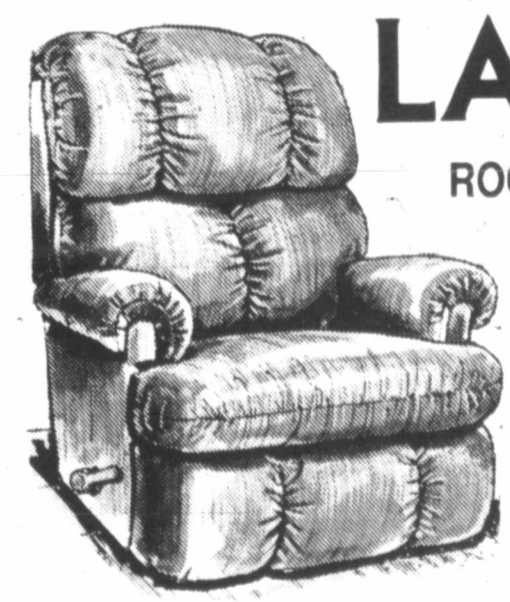
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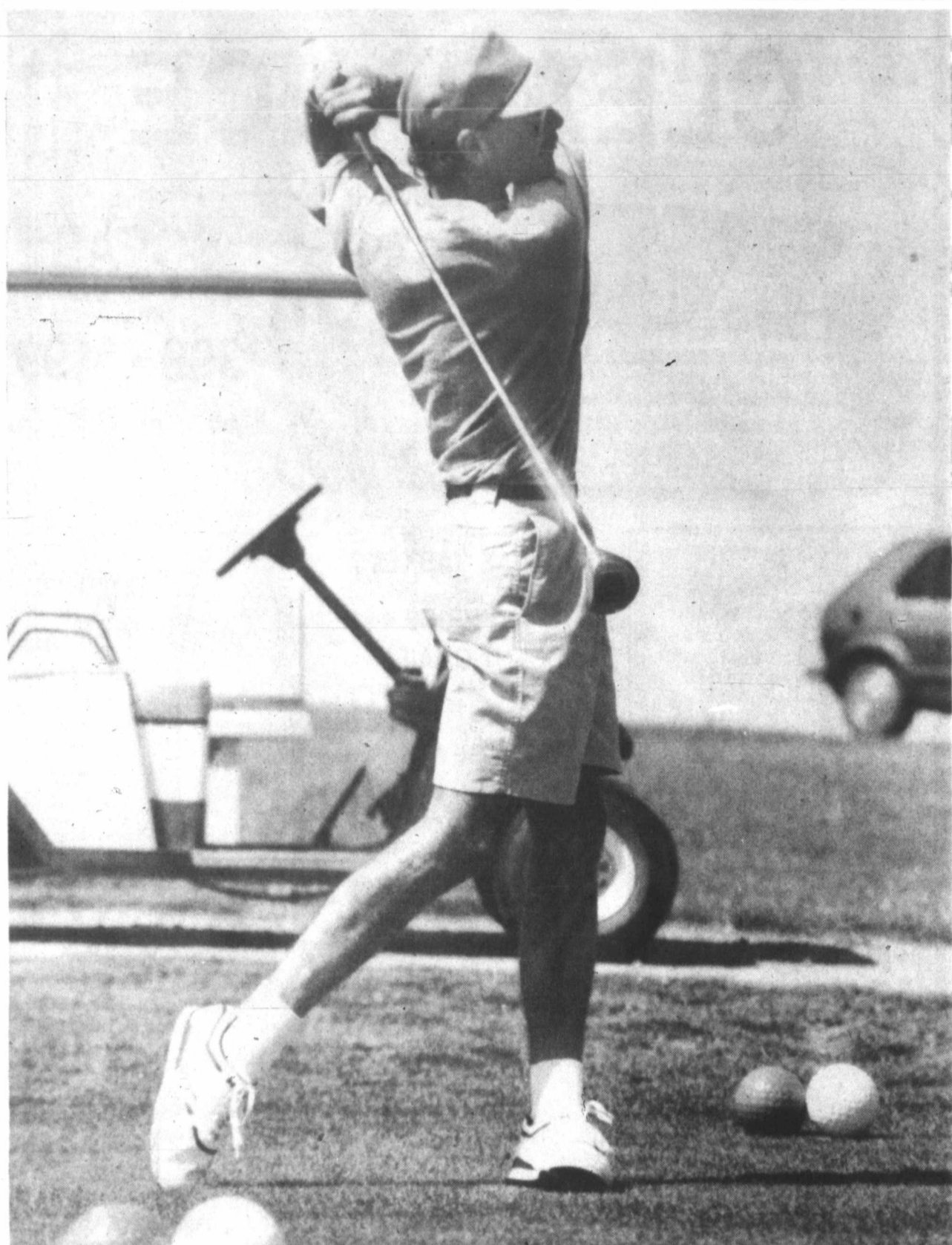
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Sports



Barry Terrell, the two-time defending city champion, tees off on the first hole of the Hidden Hills Golf Course during the first round of the Pampa News City Championship Saturday.

Wind inflates scores at city championship

By MARK SPENCER
Sports Editor

Coming up the 18th fairway Saturday, Barry Terrell made his assessment of the first round of the Third Annual Pampa News City Championship at the Hidden Hills Golf Course.

"There's only one winner today," he said. "And that's the wind."

Terrell, the tournament's two-time defending champion, and about 80 golfers from Pampa and Gray County competed in the first round of the tournament in a steady 15 mph wind out of the South that gusted up to 20-25 mph the entire round.

Coupled with the 95-degree heat, the wind plagued any shot the golfers made and dried the greens to a rock-hard surface.

In the end, no golfer's round managed to meet or break Hidden Hills' par-71 course.

The closest was Ken Cambern who shot a 1-over round of 72 for a two-shot lead in the Championship flight.

Trailing Cambern is Scott White who carded identical scores of 37 on the front and back nine holes for a 74.

"The wind made it really hard to go right at the hole with any shot because you couldn't hold the ball on the green," White said. "The wind even made the breaks on the greens deceiving."

White's round was particularly impressive in the conditions considering he double bogeyed the first hole and bogeyed the second.

He took two of those strokes back with birdies on the par-4 third hole and par-5 fourth where his 30-foot eagle putt stopped about two inches short of the cup.

Terrell and David Fatheree are three strokes behind Cambern after carding scores of 75.



Linnie Schneider taps in a putt on the 12th hole Saturday.

The second and final round of the tournament begins today at the Hidden Hills Golf Course at 8:06 a.m. with the ladies flight.

Following the ladies flight, seven flights of men's golfers will tee off until 12:30 when the final group of the Championship flight begins.

Before yesterday's first round, the golfers were grouped into three zones according to their handicaps.

After yesterday's scores were recorded, tournament organizers divided the three zones into a championship flight and six other flights based on each golfer's first-round performance.

The winner in each flight and a senior's flight will be determined by a two-day stroke total at the end of today's rounds.

First round scores, page 9

SUMMER OLYMPICS

Dream Team takes gold as Games' flame begins to flicker

Today is last day for competitions in eventful Barcelona Olympics

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — America's long basketball nightmare is over.

The Dream Team fulfilled its mission Saturday night, winning the Olympic gold medal with a workmanlike 117-85 victory over Croatia that re-established U.S. dominance after a generation of decline and defeat in international competition.

"We were able to do what everyone expected us to do," said Michael Jordan, who scored a team-high 22 points. "Now we can be proud of our basketball program again."

In the end, Team USA, unstoppable and unchallenged through the first seven games, was merely unstoppable.

It actually trailed 25-23 more than halfway through the first half before Charles Barkley hit a 3-pointer, turned toward the opposing bench and pumped both fists as if to tell the Croats they would never see the lead again.

And they didn't.

The United States went on to a 56-42 halftime lead, still its smallest of the Olympics, then started the second half with an 11-2 run. The eighth consecutive blowout was assured. The gold medal, only the United States' third in basketball since 1972, was never in doubt again.

In other Olympics' news, Carl Lewis led America on a wild relay ride around Barcelona Saturday, while the last vestige of the old Soviet sports machine stubbornly refused to pass the baton of Olympic supremacy to America.

"When you have a dream team in front of you, it's easy," Lewis said after anchoring a world-record 400-meter relay, as he promised he would. He now has won eight gold medals in three Olympics.

The United States won three of the four relays Saturday, also setting a world record in the men's 1,600 meters. Steve Lewis, running the anchor leg, finished nearly half the length

of a football field ahead of the Cubans.

It was a day of triumph and disappointment for America.

Oscar De La Hoya won a gold medal in boxing, but it was America's only one. That's the worst the U.S. team has done at the Olympics in 44 years.

And Mary Joe and Gigi Fernandez teamed to give the American women a sweep of the tennis gold medals, some consolation for being shut out on the men's side.

At the end of the day, the Unified Team led the United States 109-105 in total medals. The Unies had 45 golds, America 37.

While the United States and Unified Team battled for the medals lead, Spain celebrated a little of its own Olympic prowess Saturday.

Winner of only four medals at Seoul in 1988, the home team had two gold, including a 3-2 soccer victory over Poland, and three silver Saturday, and beat the powerhouse American team in the water polo semifinals. That gives Spain 13 golds and 20 medals overall.

"This is the most important day of my life," said Spain's Fermin Cacho, winner of the men's 1,500 meters. "I think I've lived up to everybody's expectations."

The relay gold was sublime redemption for Lewis, the 100-meter world record-holder who failed one month ago to even make the Olympic team in his specialty. He now has two gold medals here and eight in his glorious career.

"After the worst month of my life competitively, I could never imagine the Olympics ending with two gold medals and a world record," Lewis said.

Lewis, who won the long jump Thursday, only got on the relay team because of an injury to Mark Witherspoon.

He took the final exchange from Dennis Mitchell with about a one-step lead over Nigeria. As he released the baton, Mitchell spread his



From left, Quincy Watts, Steve Lewis, Michael Johnson and Andrew Valmon celebrate their victory Sunday in the 4x400-meter relay.

arms, then held them out toward Lewis, thumbs up and index fingers aimed at the middle of Lewis' back. The thumbs snapped down. Bang!

Lewis was gone like a shot, crossing the line 6 meters in front after running the last 100 meters in less than 9 seconds.

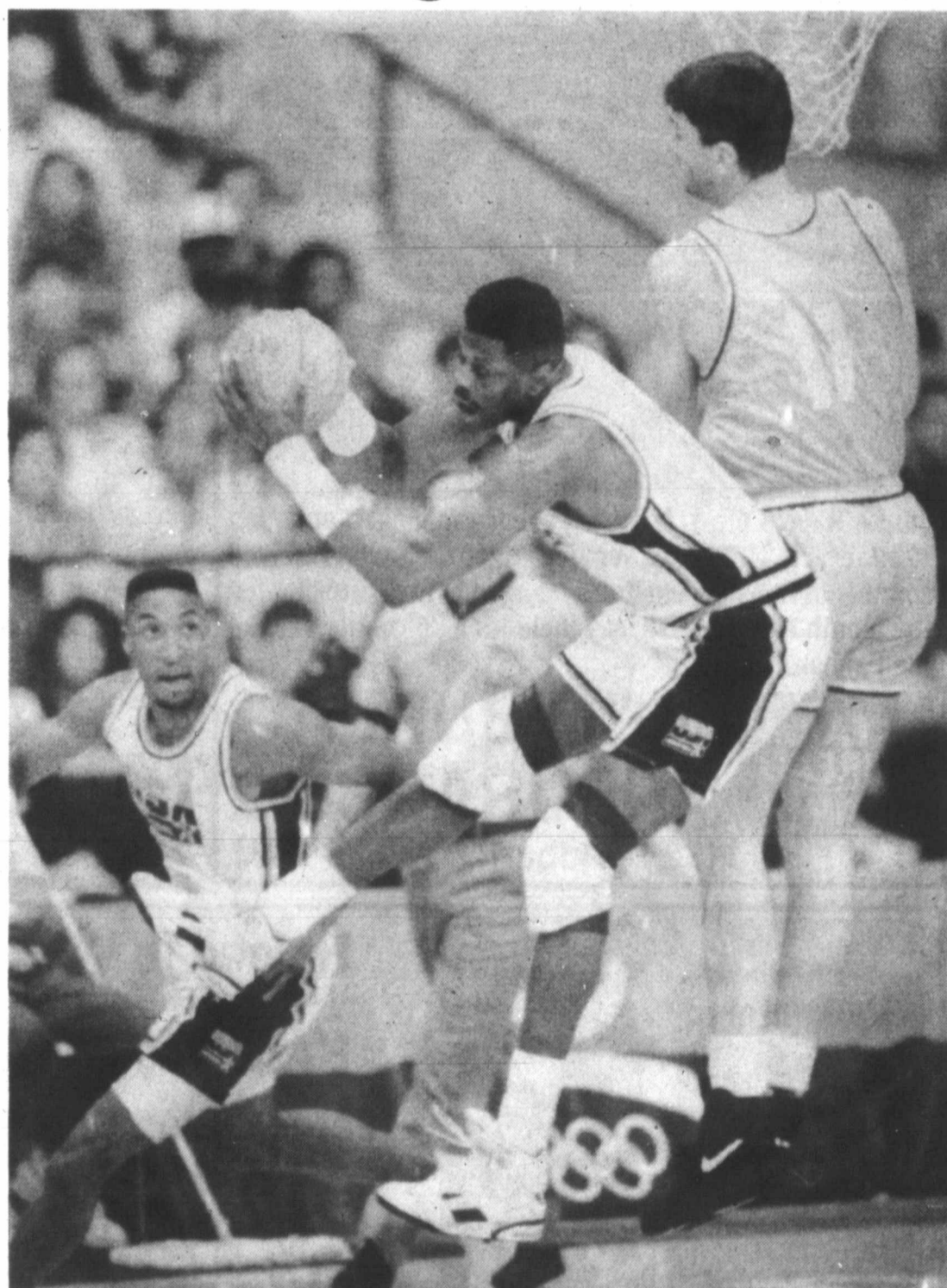
Mike Marsh of Los Angeles, who won the 200 meters on Wednesday, ran the first 100-meter leg. Leroy Burrell of Houston was next, then Mitchell, of Gainesville, Fla., who actually gave the Americans the lead.

Their time of 37.40 seconds took .10 off the world record set at the world championships last September in Tokyo by Andre Cason, Burrell, Mitchell and Lewis.

A U.S. team of Andrew Valmon of Bloomfield, N.J., Quincy Watts of Inglewood, Calif., Michael Johnson of Waco, Texas, and Lewis, of Santa Monica, Calif., ran the 1,600 relay in 2:55.74. The previous mark of 2:56.16 was set by the United States at the 1968 Olympics and equaled in 1988.

Valmon got the team off to a strong start, and Watts, who won the 400 on Wednesday, finished his leg with a 10-meter lead. Johnson added about 5 more meters, and Lewis ran away from the field.

The women's 400-meter relay team also won, giving



The USA's Patrick Ewing rips a rebound away from Croatia's Stjko Vrankovic as Scottie Pippen, left, runs upcourt during the first half of the USA's gold medal victory Sunday.

Only one other U.S. boxer made the finals, the coach's son, Chris Byrd, of Flint, Mich. He lost the 165-pound title to Ariel Hernandez of Cuba, 12-7.

"I had my heart set on the gold after Oscar won it," Byrd said. "I wanted one so bad."

Mary Joe Fernandez and Gigi Fernandez, who not only aren't related but don't usually even play doubles

together, beat Spaniards Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

"This is huge," Mary Joe said. "It's hard to describe how happy I am. It's a dream come true."

The victory came a day after Jennifer Capriati upset defending champion Steffi Graf for the singles championship.

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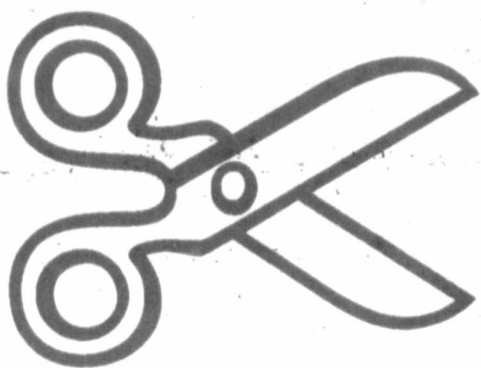
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STITCHING FOR LOVE: QUILTERS SPEAK THEIR PIECE

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

Quilts - once a necessity to keep Old Man Winter at bay have evolved into more than bed covering. While a chill-chasing blanket can be had for less than \$10, a quilt is more. It is love, beauty and sentiment all stitched up in squares, diamonds and rectangles of fabric.

Girls once stitched their hopes and dreams into "Double Wedding Ring" or "Log Cabin" quilts and took them into their marriages like treasures. A quilting bee was a social event; neighbor ladies came to stitch and gossip the day away - a good excuse to escape the routine of their lives and "help" someone else at the same time.

While a quilt is no longer an item for the dowry and it isn't necessary to fight winter's chill, a quilt is still a labor of love of the most intensive kind.

Avid quilters call Pampa home. They share patterns, the latest techniques and yes, they enjoy quilting together.

Vallie Futch is hooked on quilts. Or "addicted", as her late husband, James Futch, used to say.

Futch took up the addiction, uh, hobby, in 1986.

"My mother was a quilter but she was left handed and she quilted in the shell. She couldn't quilt so a right handed person could finish it," Futch said. "I told my kids when I got to be a little old lady I was gonna quilt."

A seamstress since she was a child, Futch spent her child-raising years sewing for her three children. In 1986, that came to a halt and now she sews only occasionally and when it is her idea, she explained.

Quilting took over her spare time.

"I just bought some material and cut out a quilt," she said.

Futch was primed, though. Before 1986, she began reading the quilting magazines.

"I did some wishing on the job when maybe I should have been doing something else," she said.

Her favorite part of making a quilt is the hand quilting. She likes to applique better than piece, but is not averse to machine piecing because it is tighter and more long lasting.

"A machine quilt will stay together better than a hand pieced quilt. They're tighter. I've done both," she said.

Futch quilts for pleasure and gift giving but she remembers when her mother made quilts because they were useful.

"I grew up in a family of nine children. (My mother) quilted for necessity but when we married she thought she should give us so many quilts. The girls got six quilts and the boys four. So my mother did alot of quilting," Futch said.

An admitted lover of pinks and burgundies, Futch's home is filled with quilts of different patterns: "Lone Star," "Dutch Girl," "Rail Fence," "Twisting Star," "Overall Bill," and "Album Block."

A butterfly pattern applique quilt graces her bed. Tiny, regular stitches fill in the areas around the appliques.

"My kids call it my dream quilt because I was taking a nap one day and dreamed it up," she explained laughing.

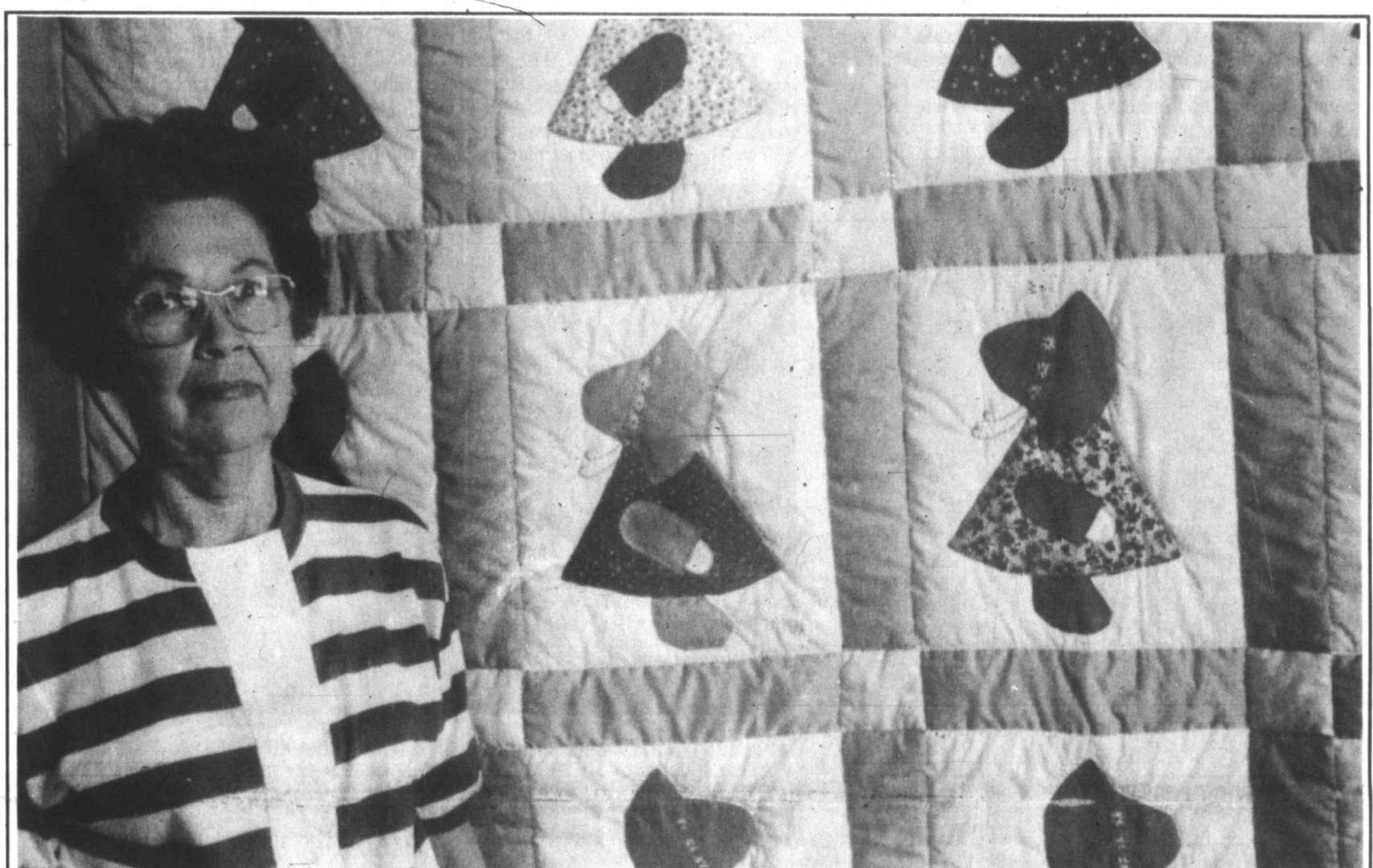
Futch has about 10 quilts in various stages of completion.

"When I'm gone (my children) won't inherit a thing but a house full of quilts."

Mobeetic native Alma Goodner has been quilting since the 1930's. The daughter of a quilter, Goodner is self taught.

"My mother just turned me loose in the north room where the quilt scraps were. They're wasn't anything else to do then," Goodner said. "I've even died sugar sacks to keep them from being white to give your quilt color."

Goodner quilts because she likes to see something come of her work. Housework, she



Alma Goodner with "Dutch Girl"

(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

said, is repetitive - the next day you just start over, she said.

"I love to see the end results," Goodner said.

In her 60 - odd years of quilting, Goodner notes several changes in quilts and quilt construction. When she began to quilt as a child, quilters used whatever fabric was on hand.

"You had to use what was in the scrap box," Goodner said.

Today she sees several improvements in quilt making.

"You make them bigger now than then because of queen and king size bed our kids and grandkids have," she said. "There are more tools now like a rotary cutter and ruler. Back then you had a tape measure. Now you have stencils for quilt blocks to make the pattern."

Back then, she said, quilt patterns were cut out of newspaper.

"(Quilt patterns) are more precise now than they used to be," Goodner said.

"There has to be over 1,000 hours in a quilt. You select your material, you wash it, you sew it all together and bind it. There are more (hours) in an applique quilt," Goodner said. The planning of color and design elements take time, too, she said.

Several of the quilts on hand reflect Goodner's love of bright colors. She showed an "Irish Chain" she is working on and explained that shamrocks will be quilted into the blue calico-type fabric. "Butterflies" on muslin grace her bed. A multicolor "Fan" hangs on a quilt rack. "Card Tricks" brightens another bedroom. A "Double Wedding Ring" uses fabric from as far back as the 1940's.

A "Dutch Girl" quilt created for a special great-granddaughter covers one wall of her living room.

This particular creation has quite a history though it is not an old quilt. It once escaped the ravages of a dust devil which leveled the home of the intended recipient and then escaped a fire which heavily damaged the Goodner's home in January.

Goodner likes constructing quilts better than quilting them. "Dutch Girl", she said, is probably her favorite pattern because she's made two of them and is working on two more.



Vallie Futch holds the Lone Star quilt she is making for her son.

(Staff photo by Daniel Wiegner)



Jay and Evelyn Phillips

Phillips anniversary

Jay and Evelyn Phillips of White Deer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception 2 - 4 p.m., Aug. 16, at the White Deer First Baptist Church.

It will be hosted by their children and grandchildren, Fern and John Danislavs, Cincinnati, Ohio; Don Phillips, Levelland; and Galen and Debbie Phillips, White Deer.

Phillips married Evelyn Young on Dec. 20, 1942 at the bride's country home near White Deer. He was a farmer and she was a homemaker. They retired in 1976, having lived near White Deer for many years.

The Phillips are members of the First Baptist Church of White Deer and have eight grandchildren.



Gordon and Nancy Tryon

Tryon anniversary

Gordon and Nancy Tryon will be honored with a reception for their 40th wedding anniversary, 2 - 4 p.m., Saturday, at the First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. It will be hosted by their children and spouses, Diana Morris and Rich Guffey, Albuquerque, N.M.; Dee Dee and Vic Laramore, Pampa; Keith and Robin Tryon, Amarillo; and Tracey and Gerald Wyche, Fritch.

Tryon married Nancy Jo Caldwell on Aug. 16, 1952 at the First Christian Church of Amarillo. They have made their home in Fritch for 17 years. He is division manager for Western Filter Co. Inc. and a former 20-year employee of Pioneer Natural Gas. She is a homemaker and former volunteer for the Texas Department of Human Services in Borger.

The Tryons are the grandparents of 12 and great-grandparents of one.



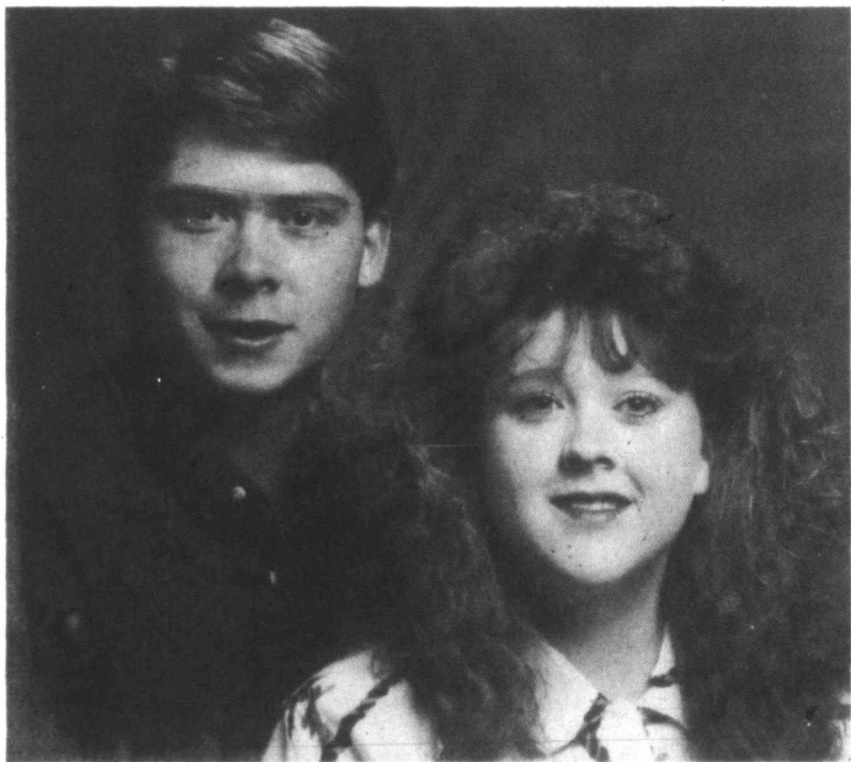
Estelle and Glen Hodges

Hodges anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Estelle and Glen Hodges will host a reception in honor of their parent's 50th wedding anniversary, 2 - 4 p.m., Aug. 16, at the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie.

The Hodges are the parents of Eddie and Lisa Hodges, Durant, Okla.; Terry and Glenda Dickey, Balko, Okla.; and Eddy and Gail Moke, Amarillo. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He retired from Phillips Petroleum in 1985. She is a homemaker.



Kandice Elaine Winton and Allen Ray Dull

Winton - Dull

Kandice Elaine Winton, Pampa, and Allen Ray Dull, Pampa, plan to marry on Sept. 25 at Zion Lutheran Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Gib and Mary Winton, Pampa. The groom-to-be is the son of Val Dull, Pampa, and the late Joseph A. Dull. She is a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School and will begin her third year of school at West Texas State University in the fall.

He is a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School and will begin his fourth year of school at West Texas State University in the fall.



Dana Ruth Corley and Benjamin Frederick Wheeler II

Corley - Wheeler

Bruce and Linda Corley of Fort Worth announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Ruth Corley, to Benjamin Frederick Wheeler II.

The prospective groom is the son of Ben and Cindy Wheeler of Miami. The couple plans to be married Sept. 19 at Gambrell Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Southwest High School. She attended Baylor University. She is a customer service director at Amaco Products, Waco.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Miami High School. He received a bachelor of business administration degree in finance/computer systems from Baylor University. He is employed at Howey's in Waco.



Jennifer Jo Stewart and Dwayne Alan Roberts

Stewart - Roberts

Joe and Nell Stewart of Kokomo, Ind., formerly of Pampa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Jo Stewart, to Dwayne Alan Roberts of Seattle, Wash. He is the son of Daryl Roberts, Amarillo, and Lila Huber, Houston.

The couple plans to marry Sept. 12 at the Morning Star Church in Kokomo, Ind.

The bride-elect attended Pampa schools, graduating from Northwestern High School in Kokomo, Ind. in 1987. She is a 1991 graduate of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

The groom-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Pampa High School, and a 1990 graduate of The Master's College, Los Angeles, Calif. He is employed as business manager of Consumer Credit Counseling in Seattle, Wash.

Fad toothpastes may pose health risks for consumer

BY DR. WARREN SCHERER
New York University College
of Dentistry

Some of the toothpastes and tooth whiteners that promise pearly white teeth may, in fact, hold possible health risks for consumers.

They could alter the chemistry of the oral cavity or be abrasive to the teeth and gums.

The public is cautioned against excessive use of products containing "dioforms," which are abrasive substances that can cause the breakdown of tooth enamel.

Products containing the ingredients silica and cellulose, in particular, should be avoided when gum disease, tooth decay, sensitivity and receding gums are present.

While these ingredients can remove tartar and make teeth whiter in appearance, they also may do harm to dental health by altering the acidic balance of the mouth, gums and tongue.

Some tooth care products found in health food stores also can lull consumers into a false sense of security.

Because these products do not contain chemicals or preservatives,

consumers tend to believe they are necessarily beneficial.

But many of these health store toothpastes omit fluoride, which helps fight cavities, and are also high in sodium, which in excess can contribute to high blood pressure and other diseases.

Along with being mindful about their toothpaste, consumers also should be careful about the type of toothbrush used.

Recent studies have shown that soft-bristle toothbrushes are more efficient than their hard-bristle counterparts for proper dental

hygiene, last just as long as the hard-bristle variety, and also are better tolerated by gum tissues.

Using a hard-bristle brush can cause bleeding of the gums despite the absence of periodontal disease.

The hard bristles also can cause abrasion of tooth enamel, making the surface of the teeth more susceptible to cavities as well as a number of other dental conditions requiring treatments.

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Mrs. David Calvin
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Garrett - Calvin

Jessica Joy Garrett of Midland and David Calvin of Odessa were married Aug. 8 at the First Christian Church of Midland with Rev. Paul Land of First Christian Church of Canyon, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrett, Midland, and the granddaughter of Bill and Geneva Tidwell and Jim and Madeline Garrett, Pampa.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Calvin, Odessa. Maid of honor was Deana Baker, Irving, and Jennifer Cox, Hobbs, N.M., was her bridesmaid. Katy Jo and Brittany Escobedo, Sanger, served as flower girls.

Standing as best man was Robert Lehmann, Odessa, and Billy Rider, Borger, was groomsman. Brother of the bride, Greg Garrett of Midland, served as usher.

Candles were lit by Lindsey Tidwell and Cami Stone, Pampa. Leta Calvin, Odessa, presided at the guest register. Organ music was provided by Jeff Fentem, Midland, and vocal music by Martha Fentem, Midland.

Following the service, a reception honoring the couple was held in the parlor of the church. Guests were served by Leann Lehmann and Leta Calvin of Midland, Candy Franklin, Midland, and Marla Escobedo, Sanger.

The bride is a graduate of West Texas State University where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She is employed by Midland Independent School District.

The groom attended Frank Phillips College. He is employed with Flint Engineering and Construction in Odessa.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple plans to make their home in Midland.



Mr. and Mrs. Wafic Hasbini
Leslie Leggett

Leggett - Hasbini

Leslie Leggett, Irving, and Wafic Hasbini, Irving, were married July 12 in a formal service at the Marriott Park Central Hotel, Dallas. Ivon Williams, uncle of the bride, Amarillo, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Butch and Terie Leggett, Pampa. The groom is the son of Salim and Sophia Hasbini, Beirut, Lebanon.

Nickie Leggett, sister of the bride, Pampa, served as maid of honor. Flower girls were Dalia Hasbini, New York City, and Deana Hasbini, Tulsa, Okla. They are nieces of the groom.

Standing as best man was the identical twin brother of the groom, Ziad Hasbini, Irving. Serving as ushers were Cary Lee, Canyon, and Bilal Ibrahim, Canada.

Candles were lit by Hany and Silvia Zambrana, nephew and niece of the groom, of Irving.

Alpha Omega Gonzalis, Dallas, provided music on the harp. A dinner and dance followed the ceremony.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School. She attended North Texas State University at Denton. She is employed as manager of Hylland Apartments Valley Ranch, Irving.

The groom is a graduate of the American Beirut University, Beirut, Lebanon, and the University of Texas, where he earned a degree in civil engineering. He is employed by Metropolitan Life.

The couple is making their home in Irving.

H&R BLOCK TAX COURSE TO BEGIN

H&R BLOCK is offering a Basic Income Tax Course starting on September 10th.

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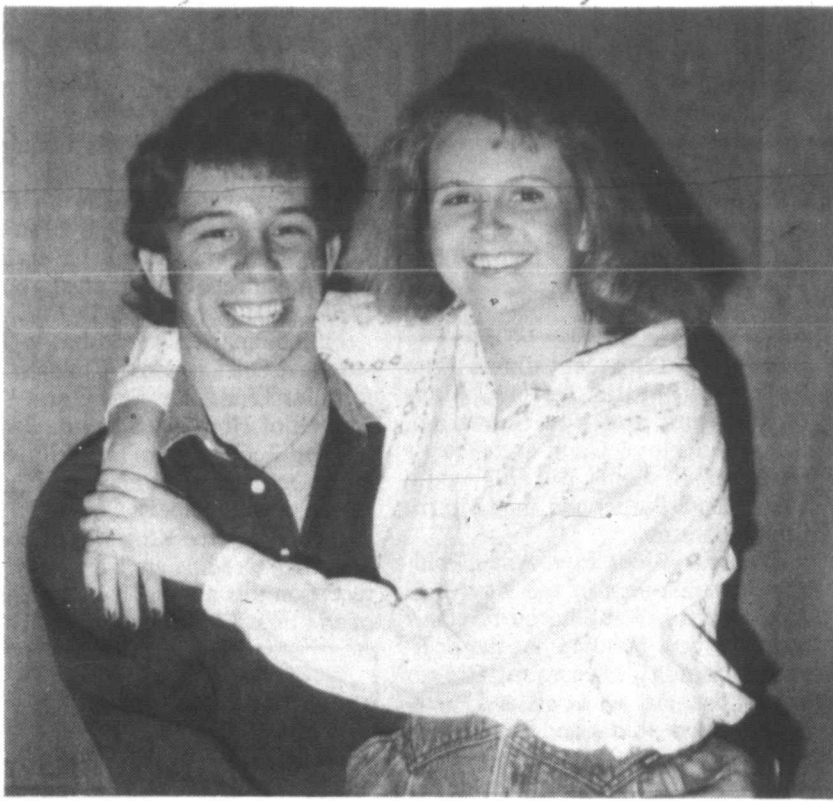
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The bride-elect is the daughter of Walt and Barbara Parry, Pampa. The groom-to-be is the son of Anthony and Sue Unruh, Pampa.

She is a junior at Pampa High School. He is a 1992 graduate of Pampa High School and attends Clarendon College - Pampa Center.

Parenting newsletter offered

In an effort to help new parents feel confident in their role of parenting, the Gray County Extension Service is continuing to offer a letter series, "Parenting the First Year."

The letter series is mailed one letter per month. They provide information related to infant growth and development, feeding and nutrition, safety, health concerns, adjusting to parenthood, and play activities. The letters are written to provide information necessary for each month of

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SETTING PIVOTS

All 4-Hers interested in horses have an opportunity to help set pivots for the 4-H rodeo on Aug. 14-15. If you would like to help, contact Danny Nusser immediately. The extension office number is 669-8033.

PROGRAM SALES

Any 4-Her who would like to help sell programs at the 4-H rodeo should call our office or Martha Hadley at 665-2751. Martha has agreed to serve as this year's rodeo program chairman and we appreciate her willingness to do so.

Program sales begin about one hour before rodeo performances on Friday and Saturday. Let us know when you can help.

RODEO CONCESSION

4-H club members are encouraged to check the times below and volunteer to work in the rodeo concession during your club's assigned time. Club assignments are as follows:

Friday, 5:30-8:30: Fashion Club
8:30-Closing: Rabbit Raiders and Grandview

Saturday, 3:30-5:00: 4-H Council (Cokes Only)

5:00-9:00: 4-Clover
9:00-Closing: E.T. and Leaders of the Future

RODEO CLEAN UP

All 4-Hers will be expected to help clean up after the rodeo August 16. You will need to be at the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds at 2:00 p.m. If everyone shows up, we will be finished in no time. This is your fund raiser and part of the responsibility of this activity is cleaning up. See you there!

TEXAS 4-H FASHION SHOW

4-H Futures and Features

Gray County was well represented at the Texas 4-H fashion show in Houston July 30 - Aug. 1. Holly Abbott competed in the construction division - non-tailored daywear and Laura Williams competed in construction division - evening wear. Both of these did an outstanding job. Congratulations!

4-H BREADS PROJECT

It's time to have "flour power" & "roll in the dough" as we offer you the opportunity to participate in some fun activities related to breads! Any 4-Her may participate! You can come to both or one sessions, however, you do need to register.

Here's what's cookin':

1. Tortilla Workshop - Wednesday, August 12 - Gray County annex - 10:00 - noon

Learn from a tortilla expert how to make them and wrap to enjoy them in your meals!

Pre-register by noon Aug. 11.
2. Bread Sculpture with Preschoolers - Wednesday - 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. Pre-register by noon on Tuesday.

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Ladies love, love, love those pretty fall fashions

Hasn't it been wonderful having visitors in town for special events?

Senior golfers and spouses who came for the Senior Golf Tournament last week spread the word about town on how friendly Pampans are.

Make no mistake about it! Women LOVE fashion shows with the promise and privilege of shopping the stores afterwards. There was a show and luncheon last Tuesday at the Pampa Country Club for the spouses with fashions from local dress shops. Now the visiting spouses have something to remind them of their visit when the time is right for fall clothes.

A word of thanks to local merchants who were generous with door prizes for the show.

A large crowd of women attending the fashion show at the Pampa Country Club for the Pampa Area Literacy Council were impressed with the generosity of local merchants in providing oodles of door prizes. Reasons for shopping Pampa first came in the form of the best clothes in Texas from 10 local shops, seven for ladies, one each for kids, shoes and pets.

Scene stealers were Laura Pulse of White Deer and Matt Piersall. Laura was sweet as could be and enjoyed being center stage. Matt modeled his clothes like a top-notch one-man show. The crowd roared its approval.

Evelyn and Wilma Mason, Dod and Leon Weatherly hosted the annual Mason family reunion last weekend at White River Camp at Crosbyton. As hosts they furnished plans, groceries and cooking for about 59 family members. In keeping with tradition, the group played spoons and awarded a prize to the champion.

Jack and Lillian Skelly hosted a

Peeking at Pampa By Katie

reception at the Pampa Country Club to honor their daughter Gretchen and husband John Zimmer of Plainsboro, N.J. Their wedding on July 4 at Plainsboro had at least one unusual feature. John and Lillian and perhaps others went to the wedding in a white carriage. After the wedding, guests who wished were taken for a ride. John is said to be quite personable and therefore forgiven his Yankee status. Sisters and families from near and far attending were Adelaide, Martha, Beckie, Natalie and Phoebe. Prudence was there in spirit. While Skelly family members always have a great time together, they enjoy seeing old friends, too.

Congratulations to Tommy and Nita Hill on the recent purchase of Travel Express. Mary Kneisley continues to be manager.

Bill and Jerry Hassell are busy as beavers making their newly purchased Knight LITES into a Palm Springs, family-type supper club with luncheons being served, too. First to go were 22 beer signs! One evening while Bill and Jerry were planning expansion and decorating, Chod and Theresa Grimsley and friends were enjoying a quiet dinner. Suddenly Chod decided things were much too quiet. In a matter of minutes he had everyone up dancing and exchanging partners with friends and strangers for friendly fun.

A few of the recent diners were Bob and Phyllis Jeffers, Mary McWilliams and Ron Sebastian, Betty and Floyd Gann and Betty's mom from St. Louis, Bill Gill and Lil Eason, Lora Barber and Inez Morris, Clois Robinson.

Congratulations Rev. Allen Poldson and members of the New Life Assembly of God Church for their beautiful new building. At the dedication Sunday afternoon, Ginger Meers, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth, brought thrills and chills when she sang, "On This Rock." Applause began before she could finish her song. Ginger, a sophomore at Evangel College in Springfield, Mo., studies drama, voice and piano. She is a member of the choir and production department. This summer Ginger has a speaking part and sings with the chorus of "TEXAS." Besides all that, Ginger is a lovely young lady!

Want to hear a bit of wonderful news? R.H. and Betty Dyson and family went boating recently. The best news of all is that R.H. exchanged places as pilot with son-in-law Lee Waters, who was WATER-SKIING!! Translation: R.H., who has been one sick man, feels much better and proved he is getting stronger every day.

Dona Cornut enjoyed a visit last weekend from her son Doc and family. Gladys and Dorothy Fuller of

Clovis visited her parents Columbus and Pearl Morgan.

Ray Reams of the Dallas is visiting his mom Alva Reams and Lynn and Greg Kurtz. Greg and Ray have a little fishing planned. Ray, an artist, recently had a one-man show in Dallas.

Fiftieth anniversary wishes to Preston and Ora Lee Cox! Children and families Linda, Lawrence and Kasi Kubiak of Houston, Sherwin, Jenny, Ty, and Teala Cox of Amarillo will host a reception this afternoon at the First United Methodist Church.

Danny and Sue King will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary with a reception this afternoon in the parlor of the First Christian Church. Hosts

will be their children Sharon Mitchell, El Paso; Jenny Kupcunas, Dallas; Cindy and Kristine Nunn and Betty Crawford, Pampa.

Daryl and Nina Miller brought back a vanload of young campers from Camp Blue Haven in New Mexico. Sometime soon they will take a vanload to Six Flags.

Congratulations to Hoechst-Celanese Corporation, one of Pampa's leading industrial plants, for 40 years operation! A big celebration later this month will bring back former employees.

Danny Hoggatt and cousin Lynn Eager of Amarillo hosted the third Hoggatt reunion on July 25 at Pamp-

cel Hall with 140 people attending from Pampa, Amarillo, Hedley, Clarendon, Quanah, Odessa, Round Rock, Springtown, Wichita Falls, Phoenix, Ariz., Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and Virginia.

Joe Eager, Quanah, was the oldest at 85. Holly Winegeart of Pampa was the youngest at 18 months. Door prizes and games were made by Debbie Winegeart and Jo Hoggatt which were won by Patty Altman of San Angelo and Ernest Hoggatt of Phoenix, Ariz. The family voted to have the next reunion in July, 1994, in Round Rock, to be hosted by Lana Adams and Allea Hoggatt Altman. See you next week. Katie.

Menus

Aug. 10 - 14

Pampa Meals on Wheels Monday	Pampa Senior Citizens Monday	Thursday
Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, oat bran cake.	Chicken fried steak or hamburger steak/onions, mashed potatoes, spinach, Harvard beets, pinto beans, slaw, toss or jello salad, apple cobbler or cherry cream pie, cornbread or hot rolls.	Barbecue chicken or baked ham, potato salad, pinto beans, onion rings, toss or jello salad, chocolate pie or carrot cake, cornbread or hot rolls.
Tuesday Meatloaf, winter mix, carrots, peaches.	Tuesday Baked chicken or tacos, mashed potatoes, Spanish macaroni, broccoli, slaw, toss or jello salad, ugly duckling cake or banana pudding, cornbread or hot rolls.	Friday Fried cod fish or chicken spaghetti, French fries, carrots, turnip greens, slaw, toss or jello salad, Boston cream pie or rice pudding, garlic bread, cornbread or hot rolls.
Wednesday Chicken and rice casserole, mixed vegetables, jello.	Wednesday Roast beef brisket with brown	
Thursday Cabbage rolls, lima beans, baked squash, pudding.		
Friday Spaghetti and meatsauce, green beans, bread sticks, applesauce.		

With a will, there's a way to donate organs

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, the members of the American Bar Association's Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law wondered what we could do to help the people on the waiting list for organ and tissue donations. As science and technology progresses, there seems to be a greater need for organ and tissue donors. At any one time, there are at least 5,000 people waiting for corneal transplants so they can see again, and approximately another 27,000 waiting for other organ transplants.

At our winter meeting, the entire American Bar Association adopted a resolution urging all attorneys to raise (when appropriate) the subject of organ and tissue donations with clients, and to provide donation forms to those who indicate an interest in making a donation.

As part of the resolution, we urged the legal community to coordinate its efforts with the medical

Dear Abby Abigail Van Buren

community, including physicians, nurses, paramedics, hospitals, organ and tissue donor registries (in particular, The Living Bank — the only national multi-organ and tissue donor registry), and others involved in transplantation.

We believe that as attorneys we can help educate the public about the need for organ and tissue donations, and the process for registering a commitment to be a donor. Those interested in becoming a donor may register, without cost, with The Living Bank, P.O. Box 6725, Houston, Texas 77265.

DAVID ALAN RICHARDS,
CHAIR, ABA SECTION OF
REAL PROPERTY, PROBATE
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DEAR MR. RICHARDS: I am printing your letter, hoping to recruit more organ and tissue donors.

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James - Shay

Peggy Sue James and Richard Lavon Shay, both of Pampa, were married July 14 under the gazebo at H.E. and Inez B. McCauley Park. Rev. F.C. Palmer, pastor of the Carpenter's House, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. James, Pampa. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Shay, Pampa.

Jolene James, sister of the bride, Pampa, was maid of honor. Johnny Hughes, Pampa, stood as best man.

Guests were registered by Debbie Shay, sister of the groom, Pampa.

Following the service, a reception honoring the couple was held in the fellowship hall of Hobart Baptist Church.

Guests were served by Betty Williams, Lessie Gist, Charmayne Cornsilk, Linda Bowers, Gayle Steward and Eula Lang.

She is a 1991 graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by The Pampa News.

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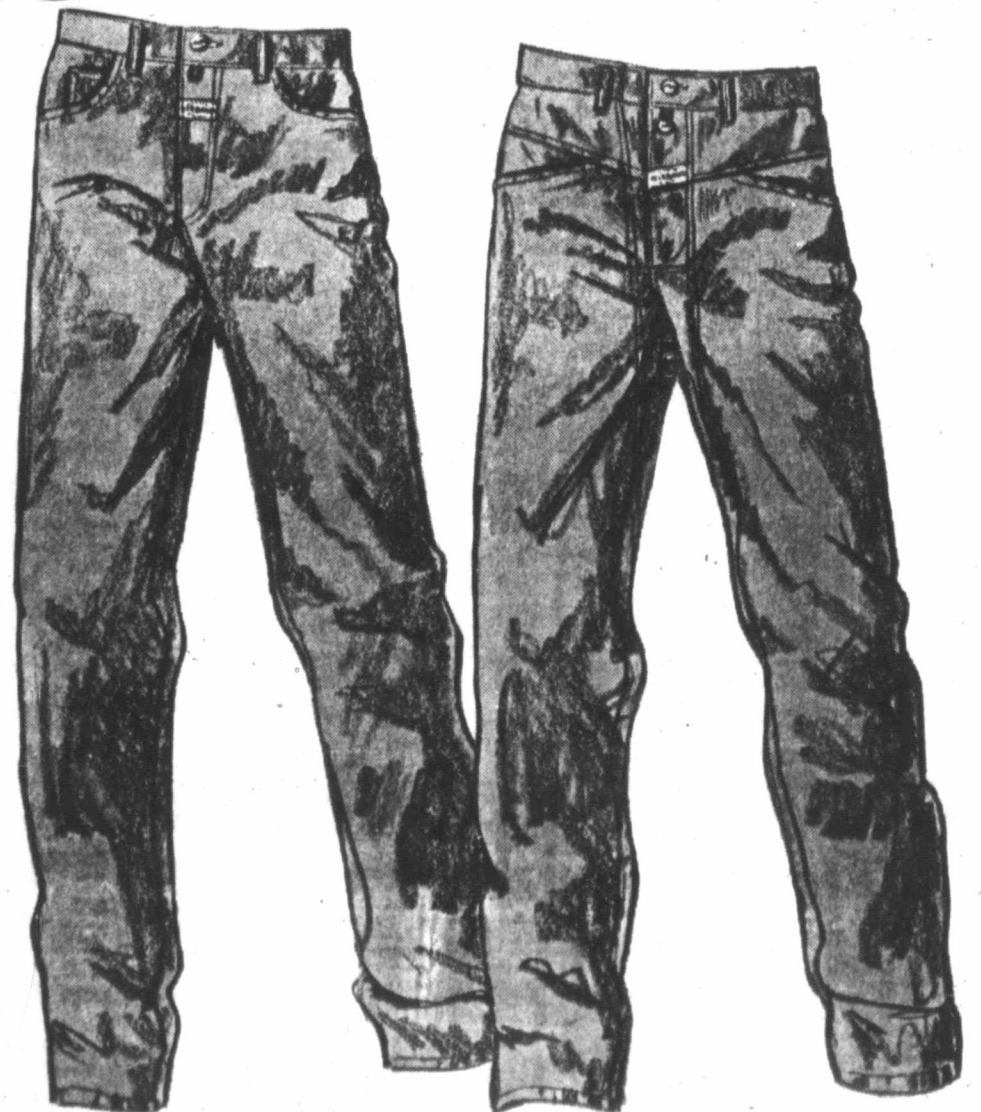
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- 37 Spoken
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Important assignments take on an added significance today. If you perform well, there's a possibility of some type of bonus — either material or intangible. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send for Leo's Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something you're presently involved in has greater potential than you realize. Try to focus today on ways to expand this endeavor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is one of those days when Lady Luck is likely to make an appearance just when you need her the most. However, bank on your own abilities, not on hers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Positive thinking is essential today, especially if you're involved in a new venture. Visualize this project with optimum results and proceed as if it is a "foregone conclusion."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you have any bright ideas for enhancing your material security, put them to work today. This could be a red-letter day for you — if you handle things properly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's not who you know but what you know that is the key to success today. Let others play politics, while you utilize your knowledge for profitable purposes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) That change in circumstances you've been hoping for looks like it might transpire today. Be prepared to make your move as soon as you see the signals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Two heads are better than one, and this adage could prove to be especially true today. Listen to the suggestions of those you exchange views with, because valuable insights could result.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may experience more than just a pat on the back for doing something successful today. Your efforts will arouse the admiration of one you'll need for future involvements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Recently, you've been turned into the latest trends and probabilities, and today, you may be even more hip. Something rather fortunate could result from this.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Things might not start off to your satisfaction today, but don't despair; improved conditions are likely. The end results are what count, and they should please you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might have to make a critical decision that will affect others as well as yourself today. Fortunately, your judgment is keen and all should work out happily.

Problem? Call 'Nudge Lady'

By NITA LELYVELD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beverly Sklover isn't the kind of woman you'd want to stand behind in a checkout line or overcharge for a coffee.

But if you just bought a lemon of a car and you're having trouble un-buying it, Sklover could spell salvation.

She advertises her services in a local freebie newspaper as "The Nudge Lady," after the Yiddish word that sounds like "noodle" and stands for a chronic and persistent nag or badgerer.

For the past five years, she's made her living as a pest.

For \$50 the first hour, and \$40 each additional hour, Sklover will make call after call after call to right a wrong or get someone a refund. If a store clerk won't help her, she'll ask for the manager. If that doesn't work, she'll call the manager's manager. If it takes a call to a corporation's president, so be it.

"This society has become so incredibly litigious. We litigate over some of the dumbest things," she said. "Sometimes all it takes to solve something is an unemotional third party like me."

She's successfully taken on car repairmen, contractors, and insurance and loan companies.

Sklover's been a lawyer and a New York city planner, but when she decided to stay home with the kids — a 9-year-old daughter and two 6-year-old twin boys — she wanted to make sure she kept busy.

In person, Sklover is anything but intimidating. She stands a plump 4 feet 10 inches tall, and smiles and smiles and smiles.

But being The Nudge Lady doesn't require a stern look. Just a phone, a combination of legal savvy and street smarts, and a refusal to give up.

"I grew up in Kansas City, Mo., and in my family's bakery, we lived by the concept that a customer is always right. I grew up believing that," Sklover said. "But that's not the case anymore, and it should be."

It usually doesn't take long for Sklover to wear down the other side.

In the case of Henriette Woolf and the contour-fitting chair, it took exactly 47 minutes.

Woolf, 89, said the company that



(AP Photo) Beverly Sklover sits in her home office in Washington. She makes a living as a pest.

sells the chairs had called her repeatedly at the retirement home where she lives in Silver Spring, Md. They offered her a free phone if she would just let a salesman come visit — no obligation whatsoever. So she agreed.

During the salesman's visit, she also agreed to give him a check for \$1,212, a down payment on a chair that cost twice as much.

Woolf didn't want the chair — and she wrote the company to say so. But the company never responded, she said, and when she called, the one person who could help her was out.

"Then I read in the newspaper about this gal and how she would go to bat for you, and she did," said Woolf. "Within a very short amount of time, I had my money back."

She also had the free phone. "It was simple," Sklover said. "She wrote the letter within 72 hours, and, under the law, if a deal is made outside a business, there's a 72-hour cooling-off period when you can change your mind or void a contract. The company had no choice but to give us the refund."

Woolf isn't the only grateful customer. "Everyone needs Beverly for about an hour a week," said Julian Simon of Chevy Chase, Md., a professor at the University of Maryland who turned to her for help last year.

Simon works out of his home, but he was finding it hard to do. He kept getting calls for a hair salon called Tres Chic. The phone company told Simon nothing could be done: The number had been misprinted in an

old non-phone company phone book, and then sold to countless direct-mail lists everywhere.

Simon didn't want to change his number, but he didn't know what else to do.

"In the end, various strategies came to mind. I was tempted to start scheduling appointments and doling out beauty advice," he said. "But I called Beverly instead."

Within a month, the problem was solved. Sklover got the phone company and a host of other companies to expunge the listing from its computer records, and Simon finally got peace of mind.

"I have a mental picture of covering executives all over Washington saying, 'Get this woman off my back!,' he said laughing. "She definitely did the trick."

Treatment used on mice may help Gehrig's disease

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists Wednesday said that a nerve-protecting natural substance greatly reduced the progression of a paralyzing disease in mice, raising hopes for treating human conditions such as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Treated mice showed less nerve destruction, better ability to move and longer survival than untreated animals did.

The experimental treatment's effect has yet to be demonstrated in humans, Dr. Hans Thoenen of the Max Planck Institute for Psychiatry in Martinsried, Germany, said in a telephone interview. He reported the work in the journal Nature with colleagues at the institute and at the University of Copenhagen.

Lou Gehrig's disease, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, strikes about 5,000 Americans a year. It destroys nerves in the brain and spinal cord, causing paralysis. Ninety percent of patients die within five years of its appearance.

The substance used in the study, ciliary neurotrophic factor, has already gone into preliminary human testing in ALS patients, Ronald Oppenheim of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., wrote in a Nature editorial.

The new study provides "the first real hope" that a strategy for treatment may soon be found for ALS and other diseases of muscle-controlling nerves in the spinal cord and brain, such as spinal muscular atrophy, he wrote.

Dr. Teepu Siddique, director of research in the neurology department at the Northwestern University Medical School, cautioned in an interview that "there have been many hopes in the past." But he said ciliary neurotrophic factor is a logical substance to test in ALS, given its effects in the new study and prior experiments.

Another nerve-protecting protein, called insulin-like growth factor-1, is also being studied in early human experiments involving ALS.

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Agriculture

Inspectors are still on the trail of cattle rustlers

By JOHN MacDONALD
Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — In the Old West, a man caught stealing another man's cow was likely to find his neck in a noose by sundown.

Today the penalties for cattle rustling far less severe, but North Dakota's brand inspectors still keep watch for livestock thievery.

"We have very few repeat offenders," Jack Chase, North Dakota's chief brand inspector, said with a smile. "In the eight years I've been chief, I think we've had only two repeaters. Once they get caught, they rarely do it again."

The maximum penalty for getting caught with someone else's cattle is a \$500 fine and a year in jail. But seldom is such a penalty imposed.

First-time offenders usually get

off with a warning, said Dennis Mosbrucker, one of about 35 brand inspectors working across the state.

Mosbrucker, who is based at an auction house in Mandan, is charged with making sure the cattle that farmers and ranchers want to sell actually belong to them.

"We catch someone every once in a while," he said. "But the laws aren't very tough. It's not like the old days when they used to hang guys."

Mosbrucker spends his days climbing through pens full of cattle, checking the brand on each animal against a wad of livestock title papers.

"I got kicked really good a few months ago. Broke my knee," he said.

Ranchers — somewhat like car owners — must have written proof of ownership and written proof that the

brand on the animal is theirs before they can sell.

If not, Mosbrucker can prevent the cow from being sold or — more likely — allow the sale but hold the money until the rightful owner is determined.

If he suspects a cow is stolen, Mosbrucker calls Chase or one of two field supervisors, who investigate.

Chase, a former steer wrestler on the rodeo circuit, works for the private North Dakota Stockmen's Association but is empowered by the state to investigate and make arrests. He carries a gun and handcuffs.

Cattle are big business in North Dakota — the second-largest income producer among agriculture operations in the state after wheat, according to Lyle Dawson, livestock director of the state Department of Agriculture.

North Dakota last year had 16,300 beef cattle or dairy cow operations, which grossed more than \$504 million, Dawson said.

Inspectors check about 1.5 million cattle annually and return about \$200,000 in stolen or "stray" animals to their rightful owners, Chase said.

"Sometimes a guy will have his

neighbor's critter and he'll say 'Gee, I didn't know I had that,' and we'd have a tough time proving he was trying to steal it," Mosbrucker said.

Most cattle thieves try to avoid the auction houses, where many brand inspectors are based, Chase said. Instead, they either sneak them out of state or butcher them.

All livestock leaving North Dakota must be inspected, but Chase admitted it is impossible to stop every cattle truck. However, modern technology has made the job of determining who owns the animals quicker and easier.

The Agriculture Department has a new computer program that keeps track of the more than 22,000 brands. An animal's owner can be identified in seconds by typing in an inspector's phoned-in description of a brand and its location.

Despite the technology, Chase and Mosbrucker said their jobs haven't changed much — and probably never will.

"They've talked about putting little computer chips under the cows' skin and having us carry some sort of little scanner gun," Mosbrucker said, "but we'd still be standing out here in the cow poop."

Greek weevil to fight weeds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists at the Agriculture Department are releasing a weevil imported from Greece to fight a thorny weed that slashes hikers, poisons horses and crowds out other plants in ranges and pastures.

"We have begun releasing this weevil for the first time, to see if it can help halt the spread of the weed, known as yellow starthistle," said Charles E. Turner of USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

Yellow starthistle infests more than 9 million acres of parks, range, vineyards, orchards and roadsides.

The most heavily infested states are California, Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

"Starthistle flourishes in this country because, for the most part, the weed has been free of its natural enemies," Turner said. "In Europe, dozens of starthistle-attacking insects keep it in check. You'll find individual starthistle plants scattered here and there, and an occasional dense patch of thistles, but nothing like the pastures and fields full of it that we have here."

On July 24, Turner released the first of the weevils.

In agriculture By Danny Nusser

In many of the sorghum fields in the area, producers are finding aphids by the thousands. In the fields I've looked at the past weeks, I've found mostly aphid greenbugs, and other aphids found on sorghum. Some producers have asked about Russian Wheat Aphids in sorghum, and in most cases, these have been corn leaf aphids. Below is a description of the common aphids and their subsequent harm to the plant.

GREENBUGS

These are the most damaging of the aphids which attack sorghum. Sorghum, wheat, johnsongrass, and other grasses serve as host plants for the greenbug. The greenbug is pear shaped and approximately 1/16 inch long. They are pale green with a darker green stripe down the middle of the back. The legs and cornicles are also green, except for the tips which are usually black. These aphids can populate rapidly, and if conditions are optimum, can populate 20 fold in a week period.

Beneficial insects which feed on greenbugs include adult and larval lady beetles, damsel bugs, green larvaing fly larvae, syplid fly larvae, and several species of parasitic wasps.

Greenbug infestation is detected by the reddish spots on the leaves caused by toxin injected into the plant. Lower leaves are infested first and greenbugs can generally be found on the undersides of the leaves.

Economic thresholds for greenbugs in sorghum are determined by the size of the plant. If the plant is smaller than 6 inches in height, you should spray as leaves are turning yellow. From 6 inches tall to boot, the plant should be sprayed when greenbug colonies start causing red spotting on the leaves or before any

leaves are killed. From boot to heading, the plant should be sprayed at the death of one functional leaf.

In certain areas of the Panhandle, greenbugs are showing signs of resistance to insecticides. These bugs have been found north and east of us, and we are currently checking greenbugs in Gray County to determine if they are moving there. If you have control problems, please give me a call.

CORN LEAF APHID

He is similar to the greenbug in appearance but is darker green and slightly smaller. They tend to have completely black legs, cornicles and antennae.

The corn leaf aphid is less injurious to sorghum because it lacks the toxin injection. It sucks on juices and secretes honeydew. It normally is found in the whorl of the plant and may become abundant.

Chemical control is rarely justified and actually these aphids are beneficial in that they attract many beneficial bugs that feed on greenbugs.

RUSSIAN WHEAT APHID

This aphid is a major pest in small grains and uses many grasses as host plants. Although it can be found on sorghum plants, this aphid will not reproduce or develop successive generations to cause plant damage. Its harm to sorghum is little to none.

For identification purposes, the Russian aphid looks very similar to the greenbug but does not have a green stripe down his back or tail pipes. It has a more elongated body and shorter antennae than the greenbug.

If you have further questions or need help identifying these bugs, give me a call at the Gray County Extension Office.

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Pair retrace 4,000-mile expedition by jetboat, canoe, bicycle

ON THE BEAVERHEAD RIVER, Mont. (AP) — After a week of poling his canoe upstream, Tom Warren sat in the smoke of the campfire to escape the mosquitoes — and vaulted from the 19th century to the 21st century.

Warren is retracing the steps of Capt. Meriwether Lewis and Lt. William Clark. But where Lewis and Clark used compass, sextant and their own wilderness smarts, Warren uses the Garmin global positioning system. He punched up a satellite fix on Lewis' and Clark's expedition. "We're 1.4 miles from Clark's Aug. 10 campsite," Warren said.

The Space Age gizmo in one hand, he pointed with the other across the meandering river. There, through a stand of dead cottonwoods crowned with blue heron nests and beyond, his heroes walked 187 years ago.

At the behest of President Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark sought a Northwest Passage to wrest the fur trade from the English and eliminate the need for Yankee sailing ships to round dangerous Cape Horn. They trekked the Louisiana Territory, just purchased from France.

"The thing that struck me the most about the Lewis and Clark expedition is that it demonstrates the can-do American spirit," Warren said. "Here I come, I'm on my way. Quit talking about it and do it."

So the 39-year-old chiropractor from Tulsa, Okla., spent two years researching the trip and signing up corporate sponsors. He recruited his friend of 20 years, John Hilton, 46, an administrator at Mineral Area Community College in Flat River, Mo., and Hilton's son, Johnnie, 24, who drives the support truck. He has been nicknamed York, after Clark's slave.

And on June 1, they set out from St. Louis to retrace the entire westward route of Lewis and Clark, using the Missouri and other rivers that were the highways of the 19th century.

Others have tracked Lewis and Clark, though not with satellite navigation.

Many do it in cars. Some Green Berets ran an outboard raft up the Missouri in 1972, but they hiked overland rather than follow the Jef-



(AP Photo)

Tom Warren poles a canoe down Beaverhead River in southwest Montana recently with Beaverhead Mountain looming in the background.

erson and Beaverhead rivers, as Lewis and Clark did (and as Warren and Hilton are doing).

This is not to suggest that Warren and Hilton are re-creating the Lewis and Clark expedition in every particular.

Lewis and Clark ate flour, corn and pork they carried and buffalo, deer and elk they shot along the way. Warren and Hilton carry heat-and-serve packages of Nutri-System fettuccine Alfredo, beef stew and oatmeal.

A band of Shoshone Indians camped near the Continental Divide gave Lewis and Clark their first taste of Pacific salmon. Tom and Sue Harmon, owners of Hutchinson's Fly Shop in the village of Sheridan, fed Warren and Hilton brownies and pineapple upside-down cake.

Lewis and Clark danced to fiddle music in camp. Warren and Hilton popped The Doors into their truck tape deck.

Lewis and Clark bought horses from the Shoshone to cross the Rocky Mountains; Warren and Hilton are riding bicycles 350 miles.

And Warren and Hilton are roaring over all but about 500 miles of the route in a Jetcraft jetboat pow-

ered by a 270 Chevy engine, their extra gear loaded in a four-wheel-drive Chevy pickup. Lewis and Clark set out in a keelboat and two big canoes, or pirogues, that had to be sailed, rowed or towed upstream.

It took Lewis and Clark a year and a half to travel 4,000 miles, departing on May 14, 1804, and finally arriving at the mouth of the Columbia River in November 1805. Warren and Hilton are making the trip in 2 1/2 months; they expect to finish about Aug. 13.

And while the 1992 trip is expected to cost about \$250,000, Lewis, Clark and their 45 men made do with \$2,500 appropriated by Congress.

But in Montana, where the central thread of the mighty Missouri becomes just a meandering stream, the modern expedition stepped back in time into canoes, poling against the current for 100 winding river miles.

The Beaverhead runs down the eastern slope of the Continental Divide, meandering through a valley now filled with hay, mustard grass and cattle. It gets its name from Beaverhead Rock. Viewed from downstream, the landmark is the image of the beaver that drew the trappers west.

"In the jetboat, you just throw a bunch of gas in it," Warren said. "In the canoe, you throw your soul in it," added Hilton.

They were joined on the Beaverhead by Ed Hayden, a muscular 65-year-old retired bricklayer, carpenter and plasterer from Oakdale, Conn., who is national masters canoe poling champion. Hayden read about the trip and called Warren, offering to coach them.

Poling is not a leisure sport like, say, miniature golf. To get a straight push, you must reach your arms far out to the side, losing leverage. To correct course, imagine twisting a heavy carpet on the floor with your feet by gripping a door jamb. No muscle escapes the effort, and each morning finds a new one protesting.

There is no rest without losing headway. Lose control and the canoe swings crosscurrent, where it can easily dip a gunnel, fill with water or capsize. Turning corners is tougher than going straight, and the river is one corner after another.

After a week of poling, Hilton had a new appreciation for exploration in the 19th century. Sitting in camp, he quoted from Lewis: "The men were so much fortieged today that they wished much that navigation was at an end that they might go by land."

One thing that hasn't changed is the mosquitoes, which Lewis and Clark wrote of so often that they

spelled the insect 16 different ways.

"Having now secured my supper, I looked out for a suitable place to amuse myself in combating the musketos for the ballance of the evening," Lewis wrote. "I found a parcel of drift wood at the head of the little Island on which I was and immediately set it on fire and collected some willow brush to lye on. I cooked my duck which I found very good and after eating it layed down and should have had a comfortable nights lodge but for the musketoes which infested me all night."

During a lunch stop, Warren and Hilton got a visit from rancher John Malesich, who rode his motorcycle for a look at what kind of people would push their canoes against the current. He'd heard all his life that the great explorers passed by here, though he'd never studied it much.

As for retracing these famous footsteps: "I guess if you've got the time, that's OK," he said, then excused himself to tend to his irrigation.

If Lewis and Clark were to retrace their trek, they would be impressed with the progress civilization has brought to the wilderness, but not with the state of the rivers, Warren said.

The conservation group American Rivers helped organize the modern expedition; just as Lewis and Clark's explorations awoke an infant nation to the possibilities of the western wilderness, Warren and

Hilton hope their trip will show a mature nation the damage done to its rivers by nearly two centuries of progress.

"The Indians cared for the land," Warren said, pumping the green water of the Beaverhead through a filter to make it safe to drink. "We've got this mentality that we've got to conquer the land. It's our slave, not our mother."

"After they see the fences and the damage that's been done ... I think they would be pretty disappointed."

Warren said they had to run 800 miles from St. Louis to Ponca, Neb., before the Missouri turned back into a real river.

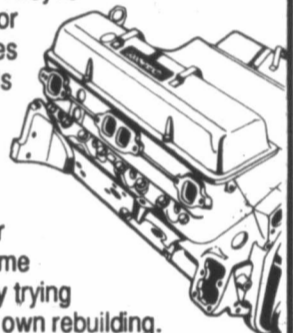
"It's a nasty channelized muddy ditch filled with barges," he said. "As soon as the barge-traffic stops and the Corps of Engineers stops fixing the river, then it becomes a real river. It's pretty and clean and clear."

"That was our grandfathers' dream, what the corps did," in managing the Missouri with dams and levees, said Hilton. "Now there is a new set of realities. We've got to stop immediately fulfilling our grandfathers' dream."

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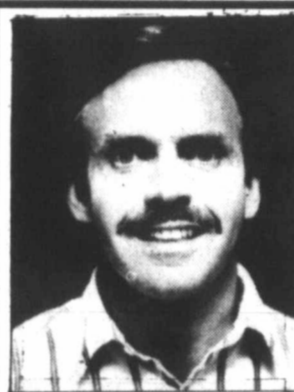
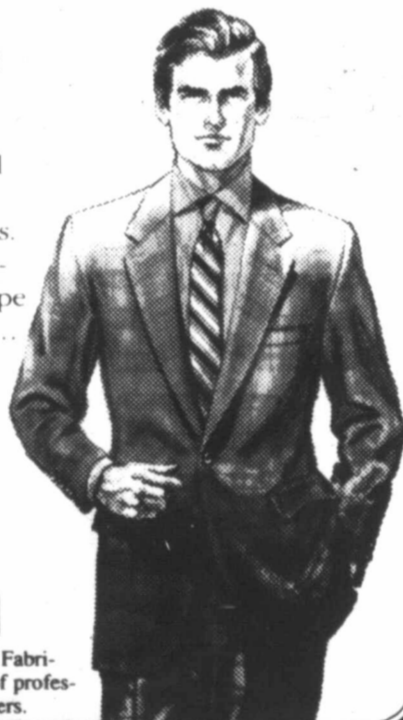
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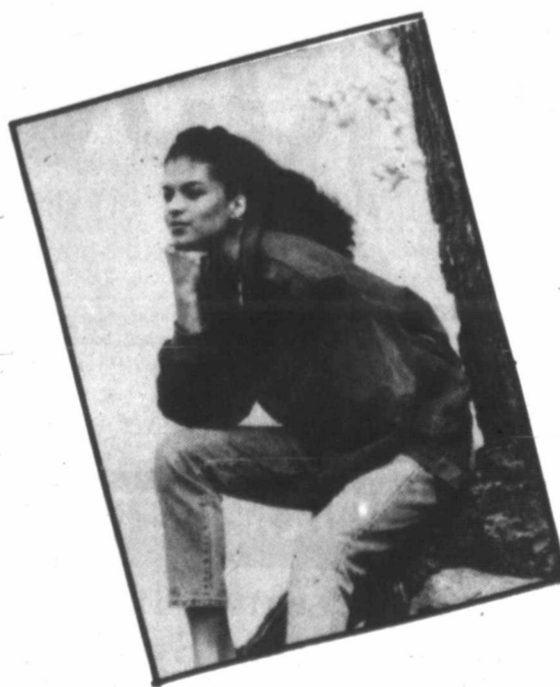
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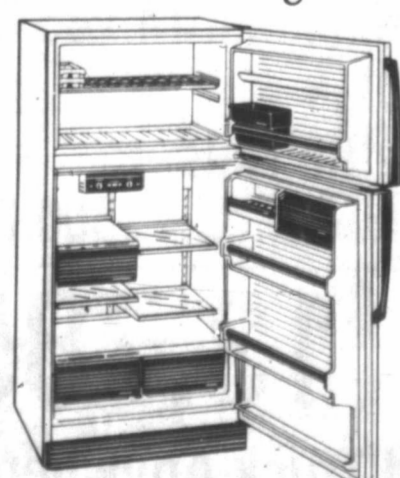
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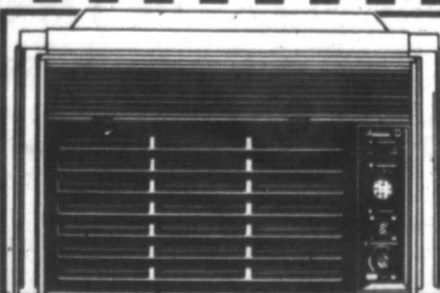
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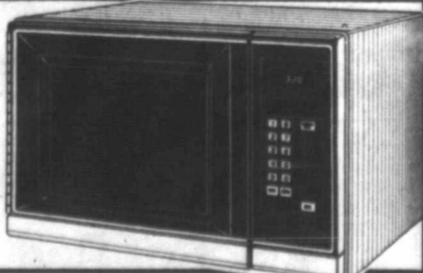


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