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Clinton begins search for high court nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today held a "very preliminary, low-key" meeting with top aides to plan strategy in his search for a Supreme Court nominee, White House aides reported.

Clinton begins his search hoping to reverse the court's Reagan-era conservative shift and facing immediate pressure to keep his promise of a diverse judiciary that recognizes abortion rights.

"They're going to move now to set up a process," said spokesman George Stephanopoulos. "It was just a very preliminary, low-key meeting." He said Clinton met briefly with Chief of Staff Mack McLarty, Vice President Al Gore, personnel chief Bruce Lindsey and representatives of the White House counsel's office.

While warning up for his weekly radio address today, Clinton joked about appointing his colorful consultant James Carville or comic Jay Leno to the court.

Justice Byron R. White had barely announced plans to retire when speculation and political jockeying engulfed Washington on Friday. The pressure ranged from women's groups demanding Clinton select a woman to Republicans cautioning against picking a liberal judicial activist.

"I think that there are few decisions a president makes which are more weighty, more significant and have greater impact on more Americans than an appointment to the Supreme Court," the president told reporters Friday.

"And I'm going to try to pick a person that has a fine mind, good judgment, wide experience in the law and in the problems of real people and someone with a big heart."

Clinton aides said McLarty, Attorney General Janet Reno and White

House counsel Bernard Nussbaum would lead the search. Because of the advance notice provided by White, who will step down this summer, the president need not rush.

The flurry of reaction illustrated how Clinton's election had changed things in Washington. Liberals and abortion rights groups were pushing for a nominee from their ranks, not fighting a Reagan or Bush appointee, while conservatives readied themselves to oppose the eventual choice.

Senate Republicans sounded much like Senate Democrats during the Reagan-Bush years: They urged that abortion not be a litmus test.

"If the president nominates a 'litmus test liberal' all bets will be off," said Senate GOP leader Bob Dole.

Only once during the campaign did Clinton attach a name to Supreme Court discussions, calling New York Gov. Mario Cuomo "qualified beyond question."

Others mentioned as potential nominees include federal Judges Richard S. Arnold of Little Rock, Ark., a longtime Clinton friend, and Amalya Lyle Kearse of New York. She was on Clinton's early list of attorney general candidates, as was Judith Kaye, recently confirmed as New York state's top judge.

Also in the speculation are Stephen G. Breyer, chief judge of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston; Jose A. Cabranes, chief judge of the U.S. District Court in New Haven, Conn.; Stephanie Seymour, a federal judge in Oklahoma; and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine, a former federal judge.

Further possibilities: Marion Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund and a longtime friend of Hillary Rodham Clin-

ton; Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., a Clinton political ally and former state attorney general; and Laurence Tribe, a Harvard professor and well-known liberal legal scholar.

As a candidate, Clinton said ideology would take a back seat to excellence in his court picks, but also acknowledged Supreme Court nominees would have to share his support of abortion rights. He also promised to appoint more minorities to the federal bench than any past president.

Clinton once said his abortion rights test "makes me feel uncomfortable." But he said it was necessary because of the court's erosion of abortion rights during the Reagan and Bush administrations.

The Supreme Court vacancy comes as the new administration searches to fill some 100 vacancies on lower federal courts, offering Clinton the opportunity to make his mark at every level of the judiciary.

Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, said the retirement of White, an abortion opponent, "will allow the long process of restoring balance to our highest court to begin."

With the speculation came instant pressure from interest groups.

"President Clinton must appoint a woman," said Eleanor Smeal of the Fund for a Feminist Majority.

Senate Republicans urged Clinton to steer clear of jurists with a personal agenda.

"What matters is that we have judges who will neutrally and objectively interpret and apply the laws, not judges who will impose their own policy preferences," said GOP Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, a Judiciary Committee member and abortion foe.

Evangelist travels globe

By JOHN McMILLAN Staff Writer

Russians are no longer saying "nyet" to Christianity, says Pampa native and evangelical Mike Stevens.

In fact, the Russians are saying "yes" to Christianity with such frequency that Stevens alone has converted thousands of them to his faith, he said in an interview on Thursday.

"I think it's the greatest harvest in the 20th Century right now," Stevens noted, referring to the recent surge of Christianity, fostered by evangelical visitors, in both the former Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China.

Stevens is the son of Jo Ann and Doug Keller of Pampa.

Stevens, who is owner of the nondenominational organization Mike Stevens Ministries and who resides in Shreveport, La., returned to the U.S. in late February from a two-week trip to Russia. His enthusiasm for evangelism in Russia is running so high that he plans to return in July for 10 days of crusades — a trip that promises to be his fourth since 1989.

Time is of the essence in converting the Russians to Christianity, Stevens observed, "because I don't know how long the door's (going to be) open." Stevens was referring to the recent tolerance, and even support, expressed by the Russian government toward Christianity.

The Russian government has been so receptive to Stevens, in fact, that he was allowed to deliver a speech on nationwide public television in Russia concerning democracy, capitalism, and religion. In that speech, Stevens said, he explained that the traditional success of the United States has derived from its adherence to Biblical teachings.



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Evangelist and Pampa native Mike Stevens says he converted 4,000 Russians to Christianity during one recent trip to the former Soviet Union. Beside him is his wife and traveling partner, Tonya Stevens.

Stevens said he does not know what the Russian people's response to his speech was like, because he left the country shortly after delivering his address.

"I think I have the best job in the world," Stevens said regarding his career as an evangelical. "To me, it's the passion of my life and I wouldn't trade this for anything."

During his second visit to Russia, which occurred last summer, Stevens was so thrilled by the response from Russians that he joked to his wife and traveling companion, Tonya Stevens, that he could better understand what it would feel like to be Billy Graham. About 4,000 Russians were so

moved by Stevens' preaching in Kiev and in Poltava that they publicly declared their conversion to Christianity in the midst of his preaching, Stevens noted.

Stevens, who founded Mike Stevens Ministries in 1982 while a student at West Texas State University in Canyon, estimated that he has traveled to about 15 nations since 1978 on behalf of evangelism.

Recalling his days as a student at Pampa High School, the class of 1976 graduate noted that "if you'd have asked me then if I'd ever see this much of the world, I would have probably laughed because I hadn't ever been farther than Oklahoma."

FBI says Koresh talking end to standoff

WACO (AP) — A four-hour talk with cult leader David Koresh and the release of two more Branch Davidian members has bolstered federal agents' hopes that a 21-day-old armed standoff may soon end, the FBI said Saturday.

But FBI agent Richard Swensen said negotiators remained guarded.

"We think and we're hopeful that this will lead to a resolution. But we've been down that road before, so we're not totally optimistic," Swensen said. "He is addressing it ending, it ending fairly soon."

Brad Branch, 34, and Kevin Whitecliff, 31, left the cult's rural compound Friday night during the lengthy conversation with Koresh, Swensen said. They were the first in a week to leave the group.

Branch Davidian members have been holed up since a Feb. 28 shootout between cultists and agents with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The firefight left four agents dead

and 16 wounded. At least two cult members died.

Friday night, law officers whisked away Branch and Whitecliff in a four-wheel drive vehicle and took them to the McLennan County Jail, where they remained Saturday held as material witnesses pending an appearance before a federal magistrate, said ATF associate director Dan Conroy.

Jail officials said Saturday they were told by federal authorities not to release any information on the men. Calls to U.S. Magistrate Dennis Green from The Associated Press went unanswered.

Swensen said the release of Branch and Whitecliff, like other releases, was "almost choreographed" while Koresh talked by telephone with negotiators.

"There was some very frank hostage negotiations that went on," Swensen said. "I think there was a realization on their part that this is not something that we're going to walk away from."

Swensen would not release any details about Branch and Whitecliff, but said they were not high-ranking members of the group.

The FBI said conversations with Koresh on Friday were the most positive since March 2. Swensen said the positive trend continued Saturday.

"This appears to be one of the first times that he is alluding to the final end to this thing, and he's talking in terms of some large numbers, not this trickle thing of two (releases) a week, which I said before will take over a year," he said.

Koresh has said he is awaiting word from God on when to emerge. Earlier this week, he reportedly told negotiators his decision could be based on some impending astrological event.

Swensen said he did not know what that event might be, but noted the new moon occurs Tuesday, and the vernal equinox began Saturday.

Federal agents are continuing to shine bright lights on the com-

pound at night and have used loudspeakers to communicate to those inside. Negotiators agreed to forego the loudspeakers during the day Saturday because it was the group's Sabbath, Swensen said.

The compound has been without electricity since authorities turned it off March 12.

During a heavy downpour Friday, Branch Davidians were seen collecting rainwater. Swensen said he did not know whether the compound has any water. He said previously it may have been pumped from a well or hauled in from elsewhere.

Twenty-seven people, including 21 children, have left the cult's compound. Eighty-six adults and 17 children remain inside, according to figures Koresh has provided to authorities.

Authorities have maintained they do know how many cult members were killed. Two deaths have been confirmed, and two others reported by cult members, including Koresh.

Waters topic of video

"Bill Waters: The Measure of a Man" is the most recent videotape released by the Square House Museum in Panhandle.

It is the ninth in the "Native Sons and Daughters" series and the 24th historical video produced by the museum as part of its ongoing oral history program.

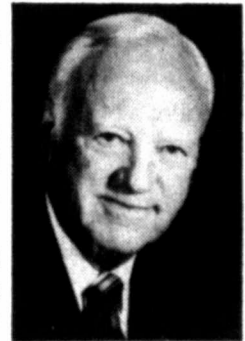
"Bill Waters" has been privately funded, with additional financial support provided by the Square House Museum and Berneta Communications of Amarillo. Berneta Communications is the technical producer of the Square House videos.

Waters is a prominent Pampa civic leader, lawyer, and currently Chairman of the M.K. Brown Foundation. In the video, he

relates his experiences as an Army combat engineer in the European Theater during World War II. Actual photographs of his unit building bridges across German rivers makes this documentary a priceless contribution to history.

This video depicting the war on the European front will be followed later in the year by a documentary on Maj. John Coleman, of Wellington. Coleman was in the Signal Corps on Bataan at the outbreak of World War II. He survived the Bataan Death March and years of imprisonment by the Japanese.

Copies of "Bill Waters" can be purchased from the Square House Museum or borrowed free of charge except for postage. Call the museum at (806) 537-3524. A video is available for viewing in the Square House Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1-5:30 p.m. Admission is free.



Bill Waters

The nose should know better

By JOHN McMILLAN Staff Writer

Stopping to smell the roses can be a poetic experience. But smelling toxic glue, paint, gasoline, freon, and correction fluid is another matter.

Breathing deeply from nature is a world apart from addiction to toxic inhalants.

"Many people don't realize that household items frequently found in the home can be used as inhalants," said Lesley Koetting, a student assistance program coordinator based at Pampa High School. "And these household items, when used as inhalants, are considered a drug and can be deadly."

To promote more public awareness about toxic inhalants, the

Pampa Independent School District plans to observe Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week Monday through Saturday.

The statewide campaign on behalf of the week is being co-sponsored by the Texas Prevention Partnership (TPP), which is funded in part by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Texas Pharmacists United in Patient Care. The campaign's slogan is "Inhalants & Poisons: They're Right Under Your Nose."

Dozens of deaths in Texas each year are attributable to the effects of inhaling toxic fumes, according to the TPP.

Inhalants are the fourth most abused substance in the state, ranking behind only alcohol, tobacco and marijuana, the TPP reported. A 1992 survey of Texas public schools found that 25.9 percent of students had tried "huffing" to get high by the time they were in seventh grade and 170,000 Texans — the majority of them children under age 6 — suffered from accidental

exposure to poison in 1992, the TPP noted.

Underscoring the pervasiveness of inhalants, the TPP estimated that 600 household and classroom products can be misused by inhaling concentrated fumes to "get high."

Koetting noted that anyone exposed to toxic inhalants should be taken to a physician, and anyone at risk for such exposure should be taken to a counselor. In cases of poisoning, Koetting recommended that people call the poison control hotline for the Panhandle, 1-800-692-1331, which is staffed by emergency room employees at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Among the symptoms of inhalant abuse are red or runny eyes or a red or runny nose; spots or sores around the mouth; unusual breath odor; dazed or dizzy appearance; nausea and loss of appetite; and anxiety, excitability or irritability.

More information about toxic inhalants can be obtained by calling Koetting or the Panhandle Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse at 874-3587.

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Virginia Slims Philip Morris	\$1.26

Source: Estimates by John C. Maxwell, Wheat First Securities. NEA Group.

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Desk & Derrick to hear Pantex Plant supervisor

The Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa is to meet Tuesday at the Pampa Country Club with Randy Nuttall, General Supervisor at Mason & Hanger-Silas Mason Co., Inc., at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, as guest speaker. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., with the dinner and program following at 7 p.m. Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles will be the topic of the program.

Nuttall has been employed

with Mason & Hanger-Silas Mason Co., Inc. for 11 years. He holds a B.B.A. with specialization in Management. Former positions include that of a Graft Supervisor.

For reservations, please contact Roxanne Jennings, 665-7128, Bradley Operating Co., before noon on Tuesday. All members are reminded they have a standing reservation and need to cancel if they cannot attend.

Sr. Corcoran attends conference

Sr. Ellen Corcoran, bereavement coordinator for Hospice of the Panhandle, was among more than 300 hospice professionals attending the second national conference on hospice bereavement care March 3-6 at Long Beach, Calif.

Sr. Corcoran received training in the following areas during the conference, sponsored by the National Hospice Organization: bereavement, grief, and loss; identifying and treating pathos; hearing the healers; the "three R's" of grief

work; suffering; and the bereaved parent.

Bereavement coordinator for Hospice of the Panhandle since 1988, Sr. Corcoran is also associated with St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo. Hospice of the Panhandle is a non-profit organization which provides home health care to the terminally ill. It maintains offices in Pampa and Borger and provides care to an area which includes Gray, Hutchinson, Carson, Donley, Hemphill, Roberts, Lipscomb and Wheeler counties.

Sudafed tampering trial shifts to defense lawyers

SEATTLE (AP) — Midway through the Sudafed tampering trial of Joseph E. Meling, prosecutors have shown he is a manipulator, blabbermouth, spendthrift, egotist and con- niver. Now it's his lawyers' turn — to convince the jury he is not a killer.

On Monday, defense lawyers begin presenting witnesses to bolster their contention that the evidence is too thin to convict Meling of product tampering in the deaths of two people and the near-fatal cyanide poisoning of his wife.

Never in 30 days of monitoring conversations with a hidden microphone or in two months of tapping his parents' telephone did Meling indicate guilt. Nor were incriminating fingerprints or traces of cyanide found.

The most damning evidence was the testimony of two handwriting experts that Meling signed for the purchase of a pound of sodium cyanide on Jan. 11, 1991.

The prosecution contends that the following month, the former insurance agent put a cyanide-filled capsule into a package of Sudafed 12-hour decongestant in an attempt to kill his wife for \$700,000 in life insurance. He is also accused of inserting cyanide in five other packages to make it appear a random killer was at work.

Jennifer Meling, 30, narrowly survived, but two others died. The case prompted a nationwide recall.

Since the trial began March 2, the jury has heard stories of strip clubs, feuding families, stormy marriages, doctored computer files, and possible baby-selling by the defendant's uncle, a former psychiatric patient who has forgotten how many times he was married.

Mrs. Meling, an eighth-grade English teacher, filed for divorce but reconciled with her husband after a

visiting a friend in Hawaii — the FBI paid the air fare for the trip.

On the stand, she repeatedly insisted that she loved her husband, believed he was innocent and had been convinced to file for divorce by her parents, their friends and FBI agents while in "an emotional coma."

By the time her tearful testimony ended, she also said she felt manipulated, used and abused by both sides.

The government's chief informant, Keith Jerome Meling, said his nephew asked him to help "get rid of his wife" after Mrs. Meling called authorities for help as the couple quarreled on Dec. 22, 1990.

Keith Meling has a criminal history of bigamy, forgery and bad checks and was diagnosed in the 1970s as a paranoid schizophrenic. He testified he couldn't remember the names of all his six wives, how many times he had been married, how often he had been in jail or whether he once offered to sell his unborn baby for \$10,000.

Defense lawyers are portraying Joseph Meling as a victim of circumstances, overzealous investigators and his own big mouth.

Not one witness to date has described him as a friend. Several of his wife's friends said they quit seeing her because they found Meling domineering and controlling.

"You know, she realizes now fully and resents the fact that she's been, you know, she's kind of addicted to manipulation," Meling said in a June 1991 taped telephone conversation.

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Sharp: Remember to render property

AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp reminds Texas business owners who must render their property with county appraisal districts by March 31.

To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 1993.

State law requires that anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on Jan. 1 must render with the local appraisal district.

"For example, businesses must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property by filing this annual report," Sharp said. "Appraisal districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner doesn't render his or her property, the chief appraiser estimates the value."

Sharp also announced that property owners who had property damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills.

"In late November, tornadoes in the Houston area caused severe property damage. Those owners may be able to get a tax break to help through the tough times," Sharp said.

While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner — including homeowners, farmers and ranchers — may file one. Also, property owners may receive 30 extra days to file the reports, but they must ask the appraisal district for the extra days, in writing, by the March 31 deadline.

"Homeowners who render are in

a better position to apply their rights as taxpayers," Sharp said. "They are ensuring that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills."

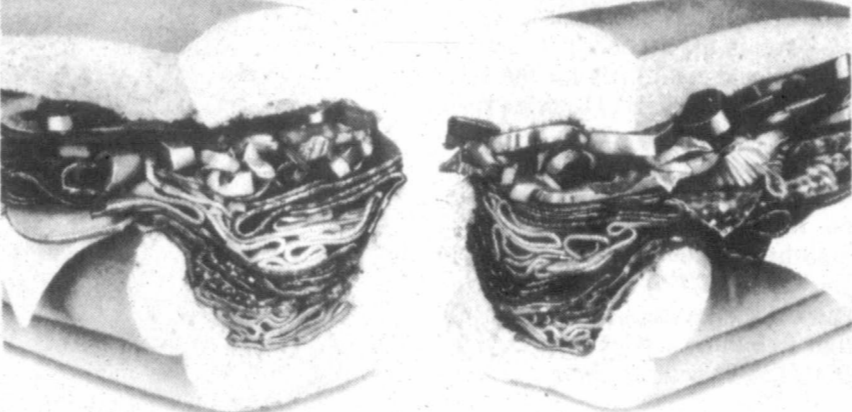
If the tax collector can't deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes plus the penalties that result from late payment, Sharp said.

Also, property owners can record their opinions of their property's value. By recording an opin-


ion, property owners have made sure that the appraisal district will send them a notice before placing a higher value on their property. This notice allows property owners the time to gather information to protest the appraisal if they believe the proposed value is too high.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office. Contact the local appraisal district office for rendition forms or call the Comptroller's property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121.

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Yeltsin declares emergency rule

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin on Saturday declared emergency rule until he can conduct a referendum next month on whether the people trust him or the hard-line Congress to govern.

The move immediately raised tensions in the long-running dispute between Yeltsin and the two Communist-dominated legislatures, the Supreme Soviet and the Congress of People's Deputies.

The Clinton administration supported the move.

Yeltsin stopped short of dissolving the Congress and declaring direct presidential rule. But he said he was "forced to assume responsibility for the fate of the country" because he said the Congress was trying to restore Communist rule.

His decree, made in a nationally televised speech, comes a week after the Congress thwarted Yeltsin's efforts to hold a referendum on how power should be divided between the executive and legislative branches.

Yeltsin said he had ordered the Defense Ministry to stay out of the dispute, but had told other ministries — including those that control internal security services — to guard government facilities and "maintain public order."

He also issued a number of measures designed to accelerate market reforms, and thus build public support for his rule. And he gave assurances that freedom of speech would be maintained and the government would continue to function.

The 62-year-old president appeared relaxed as he spoke in front of a red-white-and-blue Russian tricolor from his Kremlin office.

In Washington, President Clinton said Yeltsin "has our support" and that their summit in Canada next month would be held as scheduled. Clinton said Yeltsin deserves Western backing in order to carry out reforms.

"What matters most," he said, "is that Russia is — and must remain — a democratic country moving toward a market economy."

But in Moscow, the chairman of the Constitutional Court immediately accused Yeltsin of "trampling" the law and attempting a coup, and lawmakers scheduled a special session of the Supreme Soviet — Russia's smaller, standing legislature — on Sunday.

Vice President Alexander Rutskoi, a Yeltsin ally, told lawmakers he opposed Yeltsin's move, weakening the president's position.

In his speech, Yeltsin imposed what he called "a special order of rule" — a term that does not appear to be spelled out in the current, Soviet-era constitution.

The emergency rule, he said, is a preliminary step to rewriting the constitution and holding new elections to

replace the Congress. The Congress has blocked market reforms and tried to trim presidential powers.

The constitution does not clearly define how power is to be separated between legislative and executive branches — thus helping to create the current political crisis.

"The Congress refused to listen to the voice of the country," Yeltsin said in the speech, in which he also effectively suspended decisions the Congress made this month to trim his powers to rule by decree.

The session of Congress that ended a week ago, he said, "became a rehearsal for the restoration of power of the Communist nomenclatura," or hierarchy.

Yeltsin said an April 25 referendum would ask the Russian people whether they trusted him and Vice President Alexander Rutskoi to govern. It would also seek their approval of the draft of a new constitution and a law to elect a legislature to replace the Communist-dominated Congress.

The Congress, Russia's highest legislative body, is dominated by Communists elected before the fall of the Soviet Union and has blocked many of Yeltsin's attempts at economic reform. The tension between the Congress and Yeltsin also has raised fears of a return to dictatorship.

The 1,033-member Congress this month renewed on an agreement reached with Yeltsin last December to hold a referendum on April 11 to decide whether Russia should have a presidential or parliamentary form of government.

The chairman of the Constitutional Court, Valery Zorkin, warned that declaring emergency rule amounted to a coup.

Zorkin, who was nominated and approved by the Congress, said the court had decided that "the basic principles of the constitutional order have been trampled on and in fact an attempt at a state coup is being made."

Congress leaders decided to convene an emergency session of the standing Supreme Soviet legislature at 4 p.m. (8 a.m. EST) today to debate "measures to preserve constitutional order in the Russian Federation," said Alexander Pochinok, a member of the Supreme Soviet presidium.

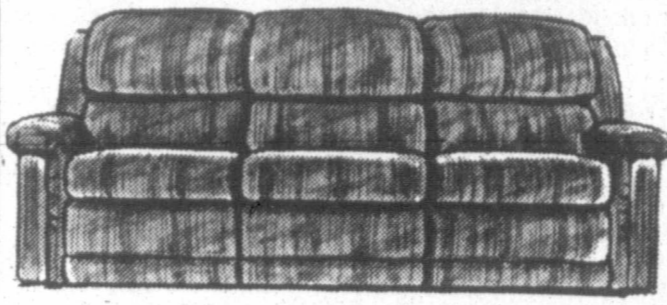
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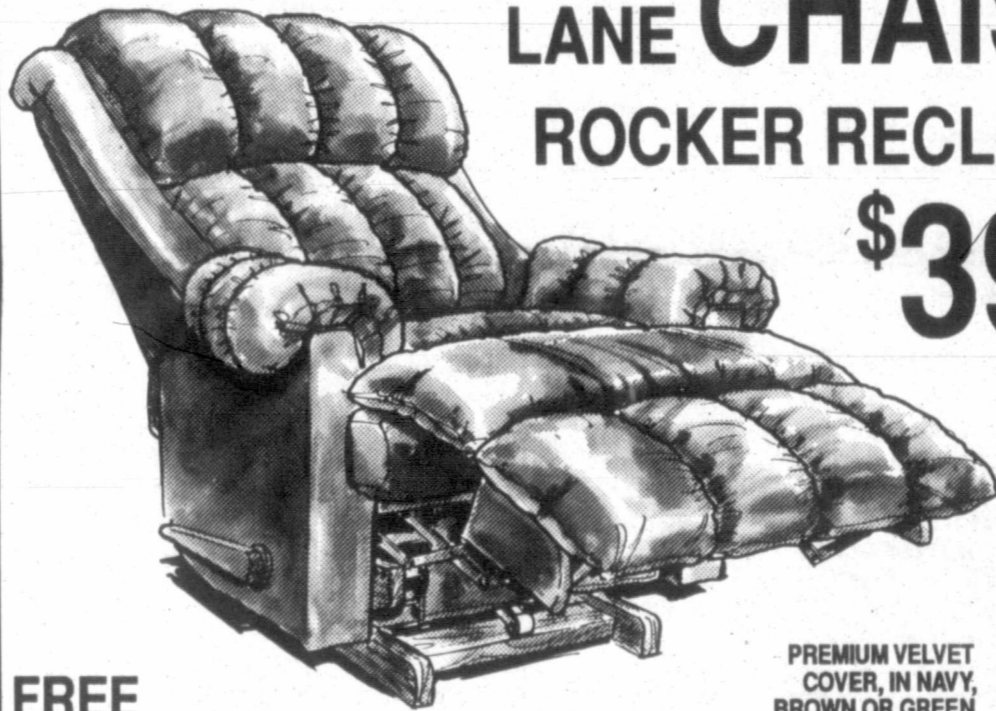


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By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

People are people.

Tall, short, black, white, fat or skinny — they are the same in their heart of hearts. And in their heart, deep down inside, they all have the same need to love and be loved, to feel useful and worthwhile.

Individuals with mental handicaps are people, too. Their needs for love and fulfillment are just as real and pressing as those of their non-handicapped peers.

Moving into the mainstream of society where they can have their needs met and continuing beyond that to becoming productive citizens has long been the goal of those who work with individuals who have mental handicaps.

Strides have been made and a few victories claimed by those who advocate mainstreaming mentally handicapped individuals. Some myths have been shattered about the mentally retarded — they are not by definition mentally ill, they are not perverted nor are they dangerous — they are individuals who learn more slowly than is average.

It is the position of the Association for Retarded Citizens, that most retarded people can become self-sufficient in society with the right opportunities and training.

Opportunities include possibilities for meaningful employment. Several mentally handicapped Pampans have found dignified, useful work in area businesses which appreciate their efforts and call them part of the team.

Sheila Hearn is employed by Pampa Sheltered Workshop as a job coach for the mentally handicapped clients of the agency. It is her job to prepare clients for employment, monitor their progress and open new doors for employment opportunities. She teaches the employed client specific job skills for the tasks assigned to them.

While Hearn acknowledges that every job placement is not a success story, she noted that most employers are happy with the mentally handicapped individuals on the job.

"We feel like it is an asset to them and provides a service to our company. I personally would prefer this approach than the (Americans with Disabilities Act)" said Ray Hupp, vice president of administration at IRI International. The industry employs Mark McMinn for cleaning duties in the fabrication and machine shops.

McMinn, 31, is supervised by Howard Bronner. He noted that McMinn has a good memory for names and is learning the tasks assigned to him.

"He needed a job and needed to work and we had a place for him," explained Bronner.

When IRI lost a mentally handicapped employee due to injury, Les Howard, employee benefits manager, contacted Ruth Durkee at Sheltered Workshop and requested a referral. McMinn was suggested for the position because he was "job ready," Hearn explained. Being job ready means meeting certain criteria such in terms of behavior, grooming and ability to learn the tasks and follow through to completion. Deciding whether an individual has the ability to learn job tasks is a judgement call, Hearn said, because the job coach can be wrong both ways.

McMinn, who works four 10-hour days, is motivated she said, because work gives him a sense of importance and respect among his peers. He explained that he likes all of his job except for one thing: "Sometimes I get tired."

"In general," said his mother Imogene McMinn, "He seems to be more independent when he's working out in the public. It gives him a feeling of belonging in the public."

He reported that he likes his co-workers and saves his money for blank tapes to record his beloved country music. Garth Brooks is top of the chart for him.

Jennifer Roden works at Pizza Hut five days a week for two hours each day. She has been on the job for over a year folding boxes for take out pizza, buttering bread, making lettuce salad and doing clean up duties.

Her supervisor, Nancy Vigil is enthusiastic about Roden in the workplace, noting that she does her job with minimal explanation.

"She does real well," Vigil said, "She's real bright."

Brian Carlton is area manager for Pizza Hut Restaurants. He became involved with Roden when she was a student in the senior developmental class at Pampa High School.

"I thought it was a fantastic idea," he said about hiring her.

Pizza Hut employs mentally handicapped individuals in other restaurants. They are often referred as job prospects by agencies which work specifically with the retarded.

In response to a query about workman's compensation insurance claims and other liability insurance questions, Carlton responded that the only extra consideration given to mentally handicapped individuals regards their use of complicated restaurant machinery. Store managers, he said during a telephone interview, try to structure tasks to suit abilities, and avoid danger to the employee.

Carlton noted that mentally handicapped workers care about their jobs, tend to be outgoing, eager and happy to come to work.

When Roden was asked what she does with her pay, her quick, decisive reply was: "Spend it!"

Monica Roden reports that her daughter benefits from her job.

"It's a good social learning experience as well the task at hand," she said. "It been a real good experience. They give her so much variety and I think that's why she's stayed interested."

Besides employment at the restaurant, the basketball playing 22-year old works at Pampa Sheltered Workshop stripping



(Staff photos by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Cordell Schneider, an employee of Culligan Water Conditioning, washes bottles for refill. Other tasks include carrying full bottles for customers and bagging ice.

copper wire to earn money.

Cordell Schneider's strength makes him an asset at Culligan Water Conditioning. He loads bottles of water for customers and bags ice for the outside freezer.

"I like it — great, sensational," he said about the job he's worked at for nine months.

Weldon Holley, owner of the service, said that Schneider is the first mentally handicapped worker hired by him. Because he needed a part timer and coincidentally a colleague told Holley that he had a good experience with hiring a mentally handicapped individual, he decided to do so.

Co-workers tease Schneider and Martha Clark bakes chocolate chip cookies for him. Another

employee, Steve Carpenter, trained Hearn in the job skills Schneider would need and she in turn trained Schneider.

For the first 160 hours of Schneider's employment, the Association of Retarded Citizens paid one-half of his wages; ARC paid one-quarter of the wages for the next 160 hours. Now he is on the regular payroll, Holley said. Workman's compensation premi-

ums did not change based on hiring a mentally handicapped individual, Holley said. ARC subsidizes employment on a case-by-case basis, Hearn explained.

Hearn said that according to the Association of Retarded Citizens, fewer workman's compensation claims are paid, less sick days are taken, there are fewer incidents of tardiness and more job loyalty among the mentally handicapped.

"This job here is what I would deem a success story," Hearn said about Schneider.

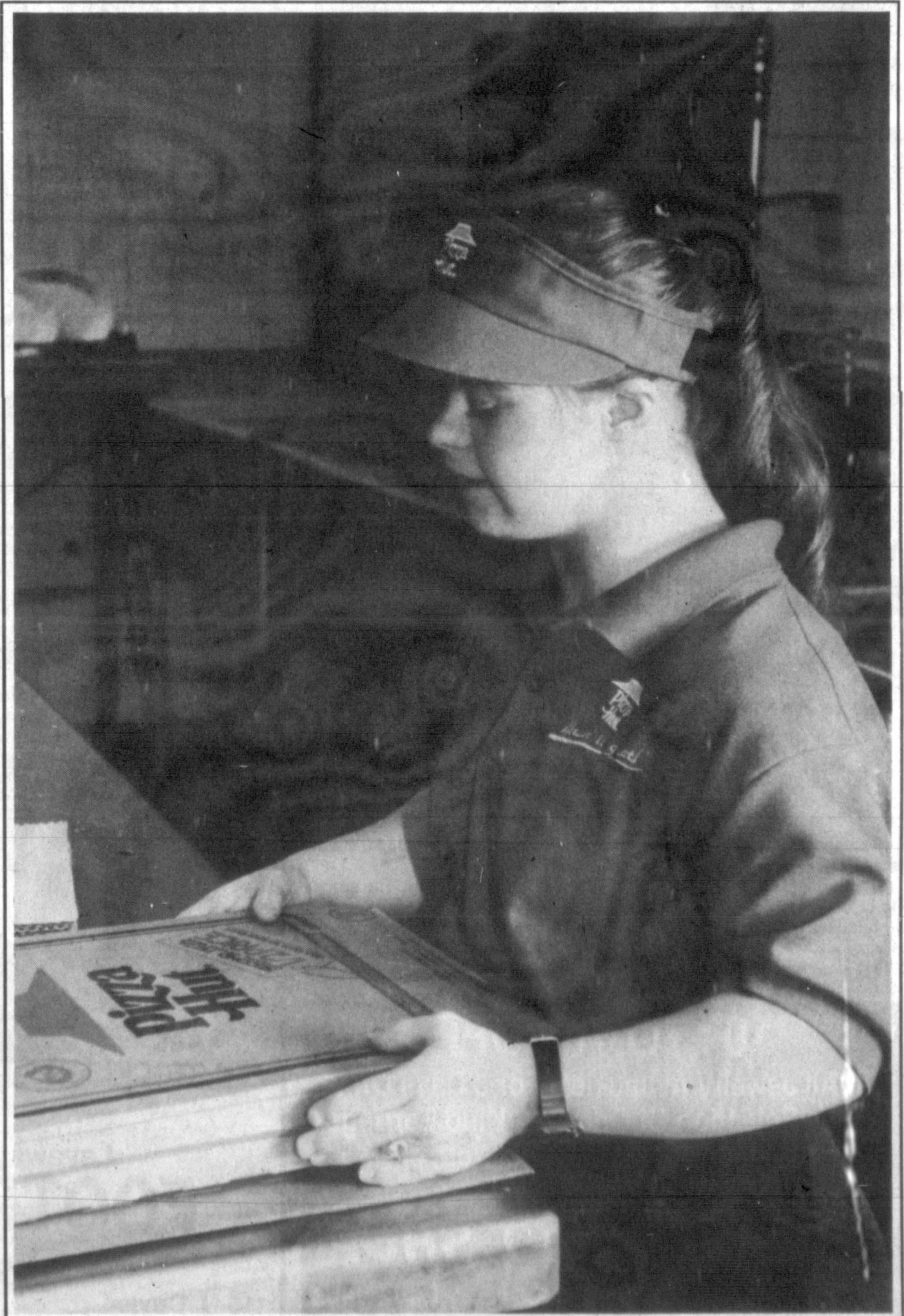
Emilie Schneider noted that steady employment builds a sense of accomplishment in her 31-year old son.

Schneider is a member of the Unified Hustlers basketball team and loves Star Trek.

"He's a real Trekkie," Mrs. Schneider said.



Sheila Hearn, at left, and Mark McMinn review his job duties at IRI International.



Jennifer Roden folds cardboard into take-out pizza boxes during her tour of duty at Pizza Hut.

LIFESTYLES



Kerri Renee Beckham and Ronnie Riggs

Beckham - Riggs

Mr. and Mrs. Justin D. Beckham announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Renee, to Ronnie Riggs. He is the son of Edna Mae Riggs and the late Walter C. Riggs.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Clarendon College. She is employed by the Pampa Branch of the Amarillo Federal Credit Union.

The groom-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Pampa High school and is employed by Four R Industrial Supply Inc.

They plan to marry on June 5 at Hi-land Christian Church.



Mrs. Rick Clifton
Annette Barnett

Barnett - Clifton

Annette Barnett, Borger, became the bride of Rick Clifton, White Deer, on March 20 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo. Rick Mathis officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Linda Barnett, Borger. The groom is the son of Bonnie Clifton, White Deer.

Donna Newton, Borger, served as matron of honor. Tia Maxwell and Candra Newton, Borger, were flower girls.

Standing as best man was Mike Rosier, Pampa. Tyler Maxwell, Borger, served as ring bearer. Roger Barnett, Borger, and Sammy Clifton, White Deer, were ushers.

Candles were lit by Tricy Shaw and Misty Shaw, Dalhart. Guests were registered by Christy Shaw, Dalhart.

Debbie Maxwell, Borger, provided music for the service.

Following the ceremony, the couple was honored with a reception in the Wedding Chapel. Guests were served by Jan Rosier, Pampa, and Brenda Barnett, Panhandle.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Wayland Baptist University and is employed at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger.

The groom is employed with Parker and Parsley Schafer Plant.

Following a honeymoon trip to Colorado, the couple plans to make their home in White Deer.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bruce Vanetti
Sirena Montoya

Montoya - Vanetti

Sirena Montoya, Pampa, and Donald Bruce Vanetti, Casper, Wyo., were married Feb. 20 in the First Baptist Church with Brother Fred Dycus of the First Baptist Church of Baxter Springs, Kan., officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Pat and Carmela Montoya, Pampa. The groom is the son of Donald and Lavina Vanetti, Parkville, Mo.

Tracey Wheeler, Udall, Kan., served as honor attendant. Julie Montoya and Patti Montoya, Pampa, and Terri Mendenhall, Buhler, Kan., were bridesmaids. Katrina Garcia, Amarillo, was flower girl.

Standing as best man was Brad Leaman, Suwanee, Ga. Groomsmen were David Stein, Bellville, Ill., Jimmy Joe Johnson, Casper, Wyo., and Darren McDaniel, Merced, Calif. Brian Wones, Greeley, Colo., served as ring bearer. Dennis Wheeler, Udall, Kan., and Patric Merritt, Arlington, served as ushers.

Guests were registered by Christine Watkins, Dalhart. Music was provided by Soña Solano, Pampa, and the Harrington String Quartet.

Following the service, the couple was honored with a reception in the Club Biarritz of Coronado Inn.

The bride earned a degree in radiation therapy from Washburn University. She is employed by the Wyoming Medical Center, Casper, Wyo.

The groom studied special procedures diagnostic radiology at Penn Valley College. He is employed by Wyoming Medical Center, Casper, Wyo.

Following a cruise to the Mexican Riviera including Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta, the couple will make their home in Casper, Wyo.



Kaylo Rena'e Morning and Clifford Harrison

Morning - Harrison

Kaylo Rena'e Morning, Pampa, and Clifford Harrison, Benbrook, plan to marry April 10 at the St. Mark CME Church, 408 Elm, Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie McKinnon, Wellington.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irby Taylor, Greenville, S.C. She attended Clarendon College in Clarendon and earned an associate degree in science. She also studied at McMurry College, Abilene. She is employed at Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a disciplinary clerk.

He is employed as a civil supervisor for Fluor Daniel Inc.



Chandra L. Boehmisch and James R. Ullom

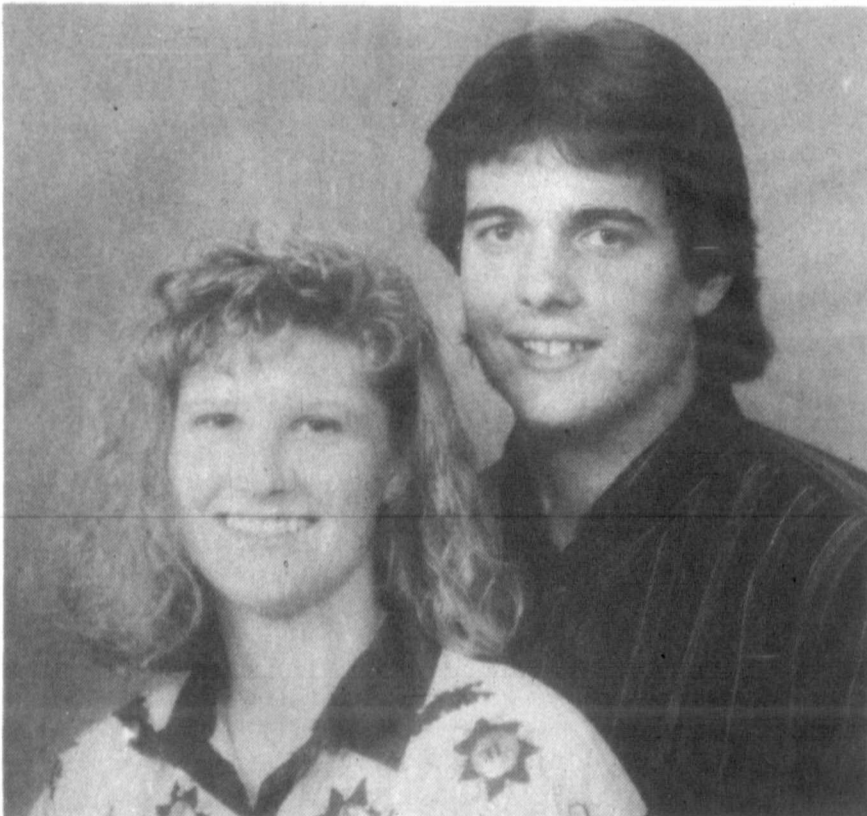
Boehmisch - Ullom

Chandra L. Boehmisch, Lubbock, will become the bride of James R. Ullom, Lubbock, on May 22 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Mary Ann Boehmisch, Pampa. The groom-to-be is the son of Robert and Margaret Ullom, Houston.

She graduated from Pampa High School in 1987. She earned an associate degree from St. Gregory's College in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of arts and science in anthropology and English in December 1992. She plans to receive a masters degree in library and information science from the University of Texas at Austin.

He attends Texas Tech University and is pursuing a major in management information systems and a minor in computer science. He was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and the 1992 Texas Tech computer programming team. He is scheduled to graduate in May 1993 and relocate to Austin where he will be employed by IBM in a work study program with the University of Texas at Austin.



Valerie Re'Nae Keahey and Arthur Ray Turner

Keahey - Turner

Valerie Re'Nae Keahey and Arthur Ray Turner, both of Pampa, plan to marry on May 15 at Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Linda Keahey. The groom-to-be is the son of Tom and Neoma Turner.

She is a freshman at Frank Phillips College and is employed by Dos Caballeros.

He is a sophomore at Frank Phillips College and is employed by Culbertson-Stowers.

BRAVO! hosts home tour, tea

BRAVO!, the support group of Amarillo Opera, will host its first annual Spring Home Tour and Membership Tea.

The home tour will be held 2-4 p.m. April 4 through Tealwood Lake homes. The walking tour will showcase the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Stanley, #18 Willow Bridge Dr., Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Schooler, #20 Edgewater, and Susan Sanford Richardson, #17 Willow Bridge Dr.

The homes will have "opera title names" and feature guides wearing Amarillo Opera costumes.

Singers from the opera company will perform during the tour and hosts

will play some of their favorite operatic recordings.

A membership tea for BRAVO! following the tour will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gordon, #5 Edgewater. The tea is open to members and prospective members of BRAVO!.

According to co-chairmen Cecelia Tenorio and Jayne Brainard, the proceeds from the tour will benefit Amarillo Opera Inc. The tour is open to the public.

For tickets or information call Lorene Lacer at 352-4739 or Brainard at 372-9643. Tickets may be purchased at the homes listed for the tour on April 4.

Announcements policy

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements, or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or they may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding, and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in the Pampa News office later than four weeks after the date of the wedding.

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7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198

History facts to know

The construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad was completed in 1883. The last spike was driven near Garrison, Mont.

More than 6,000 people died in 1900 when a hurricane, floods and a tidal wave hit the Galveston, Texas, area.

Comedian Zero Mostel died in 1977.

The Pilgrim fathers, 102 Puritans, sailed in the Mayflower Sept. 6, 1620, from Plymouth, England, to seek freedom of worship for their faith. The 74 men and 28 women were members of John Robinson's church at Leyden. They landed at Plymouth Rock in December 1620, and their settlement later formed part of Massachusetts.

BRIDAL GIFT REGISTRY

- Angie Allison-James Thompson
- Chandra Boehmisch-James Ullom
- Wendy Crist-Jeff Sumpter
- Stephanie Crocker-Karl Parks
- Marcy Doyle-Rick Sewell
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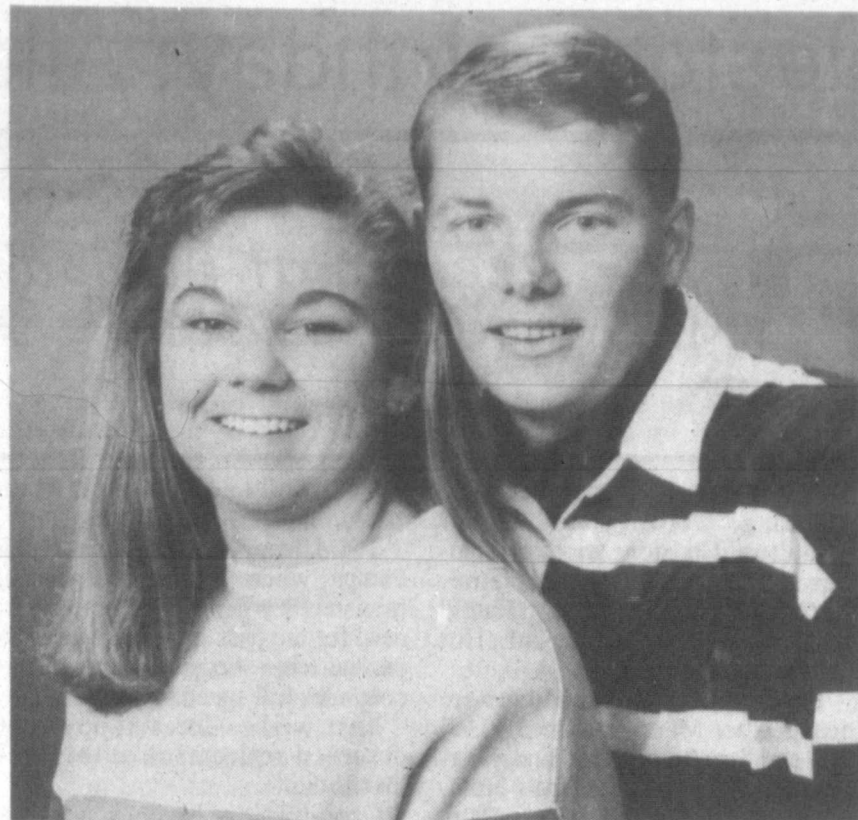
Race - Adams

James and Sherry Race of Pampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicki Katherine, to Lonnie Ray Adams, son of Monroe and Fleeta Shannon of Shamrock and the late Wayne Adams. Grandparents of the couple are S.J. Williams of Lockney and the late Nettie Williams, Katherine Race of Amarillo, Aaron and Estelle Carthel of Floydada, Cordelia Adams of Ralls and Joe and Johnny Williams of Shamrock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lockney High School and is a senior elementary education student at Wayland Baptist University.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Shamrock High School, Clarendon College and received a bachelor's degree in agriculture science education from Texas Tech University. He is the agriculture science teacher at Hedley High School.

The couple plan to marry June 5 at First Baptist Church in Lockney.



Shannon D'Lane Fields and William Bruce Thornton

Fields - Thornton

Shannon D'Lane Fields, Groom, will become the bride of William Bruce Thornton, Mountain Home, Idaho, on June 5 at the Church of Christ in Groom.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronny and Linda Fields, Groom. The groom-to-be is the son of John and Janice Koetting, Groom.

She is a 1991 graduate of Groom High School and is a student at South Plains College, Levelland.

He is a 1988 graduate of Groom High School and is serving in the United States Air Force.

4-H Futures & Features

- DATES**
- 22 — Fashion Show "How-To's", 7 p.m., Annex
 - 22 — 4-H Rifle Project
 - 23 — 4-H Rifle Project
 - 23 — Top of Texas Show Board meeting, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce
 - 26 — Mother/Child Fashion Night, 7 p.m., Annex
 - 26 — District 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
 - 27 — District 4-H Meats Judging Contest
 - 27 — Clarendon College Judging Contest
 - 28 — Ambassador 4-H Club meeting, 2 p.m., Eileen Kludt's home

4-H FASHION SHOW HOW-TO'S

All 4-H'ers with an interest in participating in the Gray County 4-H Fashion Show are encouraged to attend a workshop at 7 p.m. Monday in the Gray County Annex. Parents are encouraged to attend with 4-H'ers.

The workshop will help 4-H'ers learn to select garments for the Fashion Show, judging criteria, and

how to complete entry forms. **CLOTHING PROJECT MOTHER/CHILD FASHION NIGHT**

4-H'ers interested in fashion and their moms are invited to participate in Mother/Child Fashion night on at 7 p.m. Friday in the Gray County Annex. Activities will relate to shopping for fads and classics, wardrobe planning, catalog shopping, evaluating quality, and making a fashion jewelry accessory. For more information, call the Extension Office.

TOP OF TEXAS STOCK SHOW BOARD MEETING

Top of Texas Stock Show Board meeting will be on March 23 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Building in Pampa. Plans and changes for next year's show will be discussed. Anyone interested in becoming a board member is invited to attend.

DISTRICT 4-H JUDGING CONTESTS

4-H dairy, meats, and livestock judging teams will be competing this week at District and area contests. Good luck to all these young people.

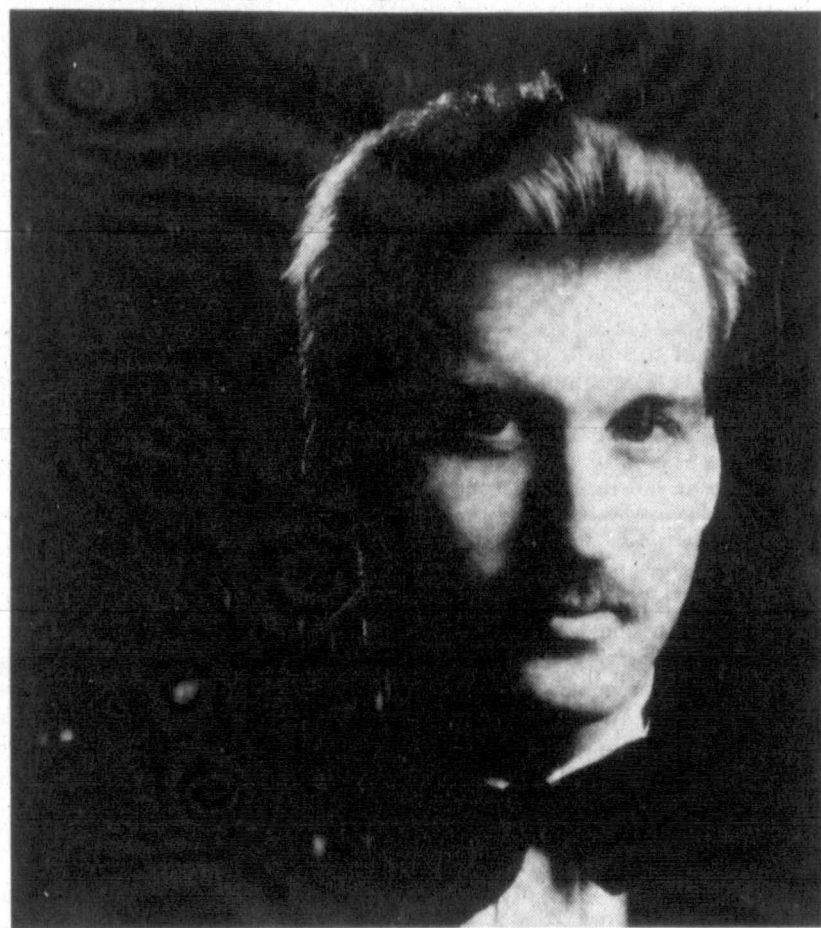
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Monday	Lunch: Hamburger Patties, potatoes, gravy, green beans, apricot cobbler, rolls, milk.
Tuesday	Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice, cereal, milk.
Shepherd's pie, green beans, cottage cheese, fruit cocktail.	Lunch: Mexican casserole, salad, beans, nacho chips, pineapple, milk, salad bar.
Wednesday	Wednesday
Seasoned chicken, peas, candied carrots, jello.	Breakfast: Cheese toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Thursday	Lunch: Steak fingers, potatoes, gravy, English peas, peach crisp, rolls, milk, salad bar.
Chopped sirloin, flavored rice, whole tomatoes, pudding.	Thursday
Friday	Breakfast: French toast, juice, milk, cereal, peanut butter.
Barbecue weiners, macaroni and cheese, cabbage applesauce.	Lunch: Soft tacos, salad, beans, pears, milk, salad bar.
Pampa Senior Citizens	Friday
Monday	Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, juice, milk, cereal.
Chicken fried steak or chicken chow mein, mashed potatoes, spinach, pinto beans, beets, slaw, toss or jello salad, chocolate pie or ugly ducking cake, cornbread or hot rolls.	Lunch: Hamburgers or barbecue, hamburger salad, tater tots, pickles, brownies, milk.
Tuesday	Saturday
Baked cod fish with lemon butter or chicken salad, cheese potatoes, fried okra, creamed peas, slaw, toss or jello salad, bread pudding or strawberry shortcake, hot rolls or cornbread.	Breakfast: Cereal, toast, peanut butter, juice, milk.
Wednesday	Lunch: Pizza, salad, orange, milk.
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, turnip greens, slaw, toss or jello salad, coconut pie or Boston cream pie, hot rolls or cornbread.	Pampa Schools
Thursday	Monday
Beef tips over rice or Swiss steak, macaroni and cheese, green beans, creamed corn, slaw, toss or jello salad, apple cobbler or pineapple pie, hot rolls or cornbread.	Hot ham and cheese sandwich, corn on the cob, spinach, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Friday	Tuesday
Fried cod fish or beef enchiladas, French fries, broccoli, fried squash, slaw, toss or jello salad, blueberry pie or brownies, cornbread, hot rolls, garlic bread.	Steak fingers, whipped potatoes and gravy, English peas, hot roll, choice of milk.
Lefors Schools	Wednesday
Monday	Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, peaches, garlic sticks, choice of milk.
Breakfast: Pancakes, peanut	Thursday
	Barbecue chicken, pinto beans, pears, hot roll, choice of milk.
	Friday
	Hot dog with chili, French fries, vegetarian beans, blueberry cobbler, choice of milk.

David Allen Wehr



David Allen Wehr, 1987 winner of the Santander International Piano Competition, will present a recital of favorite classical and modern selections at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 in M.K. Brown Auditorium. The program is sponsored by Pampa Community Concert Association. The group invites new members who have joined for the coming season, to attend by showing their ticket receipts. Wehr has toured in more than 25 countries in North and South America, Europe and the Orient. He is artist-in-residence at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Penn., and is a member of the Sartory Trio.

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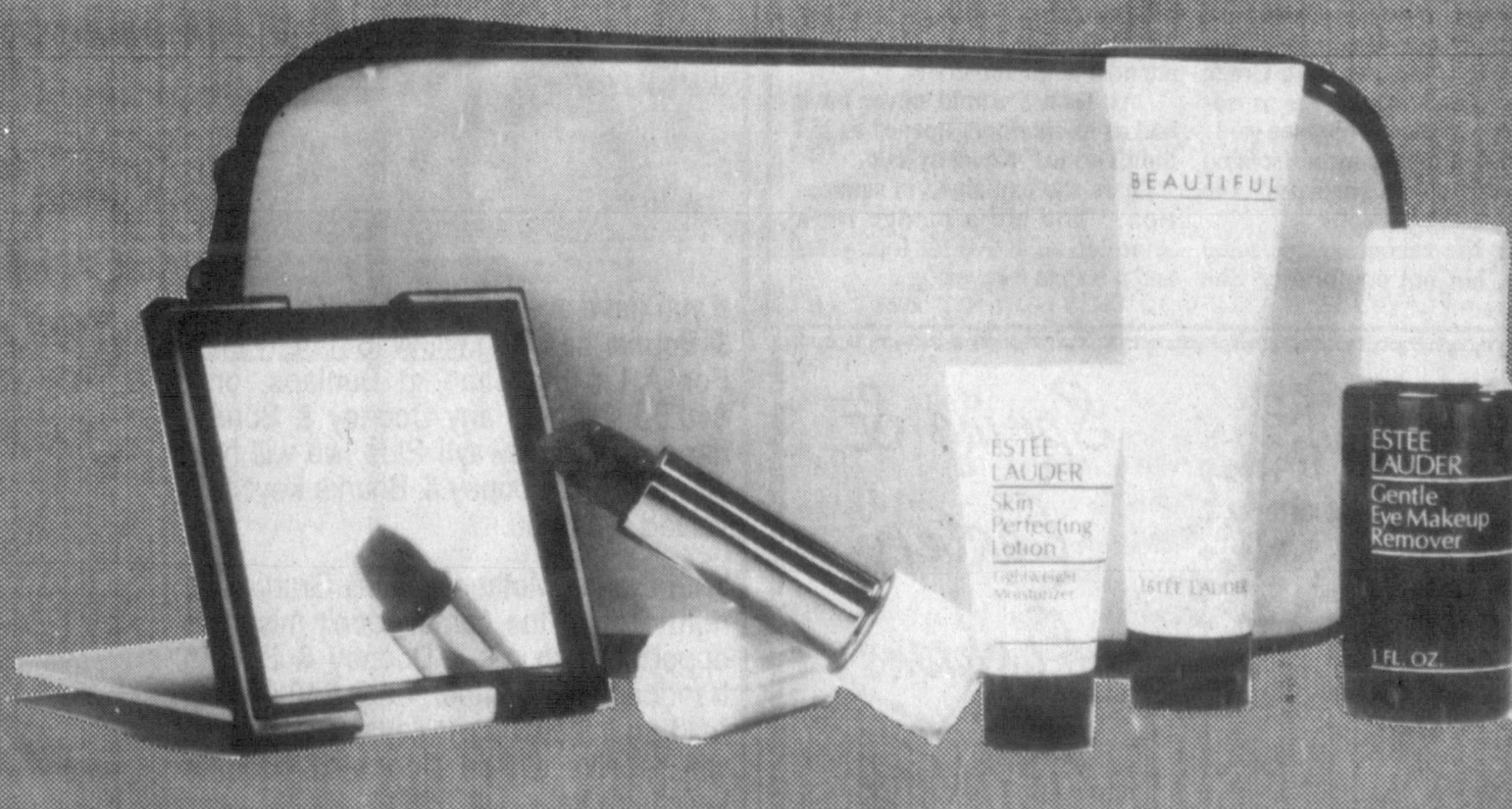
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Entertainment

Oscar: 'Art House' films vs. Hollywood-style movies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Will Hollywood turn against Hollywood at this year's Academy Awards?

Will the 4,649 Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences voters follow tradition and favor a Hollywood-style movie or choose what once was scornfully described as an "art-house film"?

If the voters conform with past history, they will select one of these three: "Unforgiven," "Scent of a Woman" or "A Few Good Men." All were made with big budgets and box-office stars and released by major studios, and all appeared in thousands of theaters.

"Howards End" and "The Crying Game" were filmed in England and Ireland under tight budgets and distributed by independent companies. They began their U.S. releases in handfuls of so-called art houses but are now in general release, thanks to critical acclaim and Academy nominations.

Here is a rundown on the five nominees. A winner will be announced at Oscar ceremonies on March 29.

"THE CRYING GAME" was filmed in Ireland at a cost of \$5 million (compared to a reported \$40 million for "A Few Good Men"). Written and directed by Neil Jordan, it has aroused more talk among

filmgoers than any of the other nominees, largely because of its moral and sexual ambiguity.

Jordan is an Irish novelist who turned to filmmaking and attracted critical praise for his third movie, "Mona Lisa," with Bob Hoskins and Michael Caine. The director was lured by Hollywood, but two big-star failures, "High Spirits" and "We're No Angels," led him to return to his roots.

"The Crying Game" centers on a half-hearted IRA terrorist (Stephen Rea) who takes part in the kidnapping of a British soldier in Ireland. Later, he tries to start a new life in England, only to be tracked down by his former co-conspirators. He also becomes involved with an exotic hairdresser (Jaye Davidson).

Jordan's script was rejected by all the Hollywood powers. He said recently: "They all said, 'You're insane. You'll never pull it off. If you do pull it off, it'll be so distasteful that nobody will go see it. Get out of here!'"

The writer-director somehow put the movie together with a cut-to-the-bone budget and virtually unknown actors, except for the single American, Forest Whitaker.

"A FEW GOOD MEN" repre-

sents the kind of high-powered movie that represents the backbone of the Hollywood product. Salaries for the cast, which includes Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson, Demi Moore, Kevin Bacon and Keifer Sutherland, probably set a new record. Nicholson took home \$5 million for a few days' work.

The story comes from Aaron Sorkin's Broadway play, which was based on an actual court-martial. Two Marines at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba are accused of killing another recruit in a hazing incident. A team of Navy lawyers defend the case and uncover systematic approval of the "Code Red" hazing procedures by higher-up officers. The truth is revealed in a courtroom climax.

Rob Reiner, the former Meathead of "All in the Family," directed "A Few Good Men." He admitted that he hadn't seen the play until after it had been acquired by his partners at Castle Rock Entertainment.

"I never consider a play or a novel for a movie unless I feel I can improve on it," Reiner said. He worked with Sorkin on the movie script, "plugging some plot holes" to add suspense. Among the additions: emphasis that the younger lawyer had to live up to the reputation of his famous father.

"That's something I can identify with," smiled the director, son of comedian-director Carl Reiner.

"HOWARDS END" is the product of a unique triumvirate: American director James Ivory, Indian producer Ismail Merchant and Polish-German screenwriter Ruth Praver Jhabvala. For 33 years they have created polished, well-acted films mostly based on the novels of Henry James, E.M. Forster and other literary writers. Usually the films attracted limited release for discriminating audiences.

"A Room With a View" in 1986 provided the breakthrough with mainstream audiences. "Howards End" is the trio's biggest success. After almost a year of a slow, patient release, the domestic gross is \$19 million. The aftermath of the nine Academy nominations will swell that number.

Based on Forster's 1910 novel, the story concerns two families: the intellectual Schlegels, with two emancipated sisters; the moneyed Wilcoxes, rigid and intolerant. One of the sisters befriends the dying Mrs. Wilcox, who bequeaths her family home out of gratitude. But complications arise.

Ivory once analyzed the success of the collaboration: "Good script, good actors, good material; that's why we've gotten wherever we've gotten."

Until now, Merchant-Ivory have remained fiercely independent, retaining ownership of their 28 films (including television). They recently agreed to make films for the Walt Disney Co. and Columbia Pictures, but they have been assured control of their projects.

"SCENT OF A WOMAN" was considered a longshot for Academy honors until the unexpected Golden



Al Pacino, left, and Chris O'Donnell in 'Scent of a Woman.'

Globe awards for best dramatic film and Al Pacino as best dramatic actor.

Pacino plays an embittered war veteran who shuns attempts to assist in his blindness. He lives in a darkened shack behind his niece's house, swilling bourbon and insulting family and visitors. When he is left alone with a "babysitter," an innocent prep-schooler (Chris O'Donnell), Pacino embarks on a luxury trip to New York, taking the boy on a series of adventures.

"Scent of a Woman" is loosely based on a 1976 Italian film that starred Vittorio Gassman. Producer-director Martin Brest bought the remake rights, made a deal with Universal Pictures, then watched the film again.

"I was in a panic," he told an interviewer. "I had this thing and I realized there was nothing there I liked, except the definition of one character. I wondered if I could make sense of it in an American cultural setting."

Screenwriter Bo Goldman, using the premise of the blind man and his young companion, fashioned a new story, creating the bravura role for Pacino.

"UNFORGIVEN" returns Clint Eastwood to his beloved turf, the wind-swept, bitter-earth West. Once more he is the reluctant gunslinger, returning to his old profession when his hog farm goes bad. He agrees to go on a bounty hunt for two cowboys who cut up a prostitute in the town of Big Whiskey. Clint's mission brings him in conflict with the brutal sheriff, Gene Hackman, with consequent violence.

This year the Academy compensated for its longtime oversight of Eastwood's achievements — he has never before been nominated. He was nominated in three categories, as producer of a best picture, director and star.

Eastwood was asked in an interview why "Unforgiven" has been such a success. He replied:

"Because of the timing, I think — even though it's a timeless subject — and the consequences of violence. It's not a beautiful thing, it's not a romantic thing, as it's portrayed a lot of times in films. I think that's an important statement to make today."

Turntable Tips

By The Associated Press

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

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1. "Informer," Snow (Eastwest) (Platinum)
2. "Freak Me," Silk (Keia)
3. "Nuthin' but a 'G' Thang," Dr. Dre (Death Row)
4. "Don't Walk Away," Jade (Giant)
5. "Ordinary World," Duran Duran (Capitol)
6. "I Have Nothing," Whitney Houston (Arista)
7. "I'm Every Woman," Whitney Houston (Arista)
8. "A Whole New World," Peabo Bryson & Regina Belle (Columbia)
9. "Mr. Wendal," Arrested Development (Chrysalis) (Gold)
10. "Bed of Roses," Bon Jovi (Jambco)

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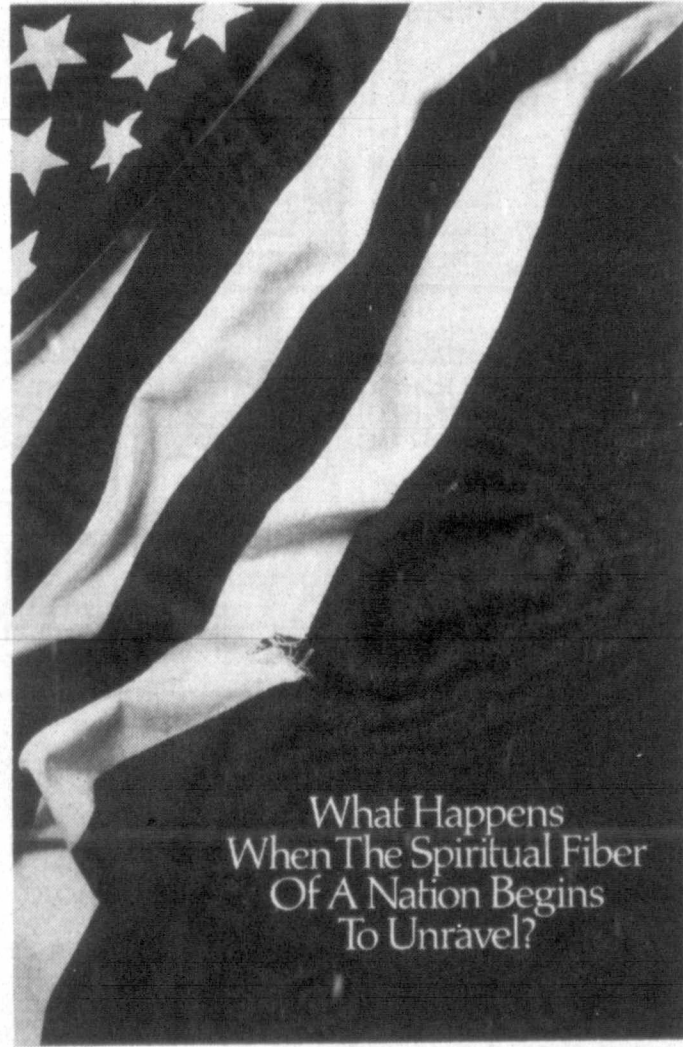
1. "Unplugged," Eric Clapton (Duck) (Platinum)
2. "Ten Summoner's Tales," Sting (A&M)
3. "The Bodyguard" Soundtrack," (Arista) (Platinum)
4. "Breathless," Kenny G (Arista) (Platinum)
5. "Pocket Full of Kryptonite," Spin Doctors (Epic Associated) (Platinum)
6. "The Chronic," Dr. Dre (Death Row)
7. "19 Naughty III," Naughty By Nature (Tommy Boy)
8. "Some Gave All," Billy Ray Cyrus (Mercury) (Platinum)
9. "3 Years 5 Months & 2 Days in the Life of..." Arrested Development (Chrysalis) (Platinum)
10. "Lose Control," Silk (Keia)

COUNTRY SINGLES

1. "When My Ship Comes In," Clint Black (RCA)
2. "It's a Little Too Late," Tanya Tucker (Liberty)
3. "Heartland," George Strait (MCA)
4. "Let That Pony Run," Pam Tillis (Arista)
5. "Learning to Live Again," Garth Brooks (Liberty Album Cut)
6. "Ol' Country," Mark Chesnut (MCA)
7. "Hard Workin' Man," Brooks & Dunn (Arista)
8. "Passionate Kisses," Mary-Chapin Carpenter (Columbia)
9. "Once Upon a Lifetime," Alabama (RCA)
10. "She's Not Cryin' Anymore," Billy Ray Cyrus (Mercury)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

1. "Simple Life," Elton John (MCA)
2. "Love Is," Vanessa Williams & Brian McKnight (Giant)
3. "Forever In Love," Kenny G. (Arista)
4. "I See Your Smile," Gloria Estefan (Epic)
5. "I Have Nothing," Whitney Houston (Arista)
6. "A Whole New World," Peabo Bryson & Regina Belle (Columbia)
7. "Angel," Jon Secada (SBK)
8. "Reach Out (I'll Be There)," Michael Bolton (Columbia)
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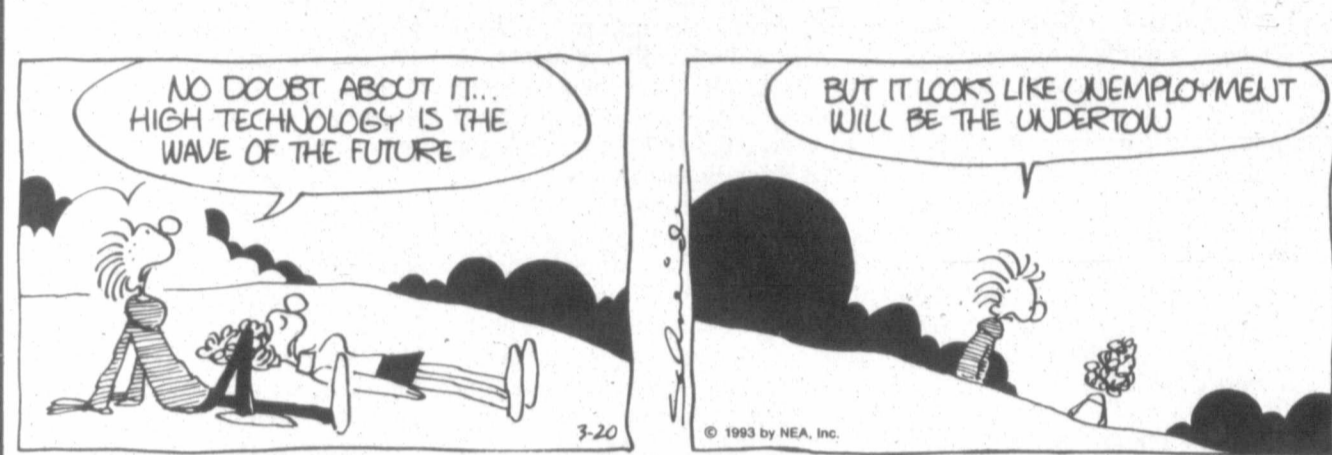
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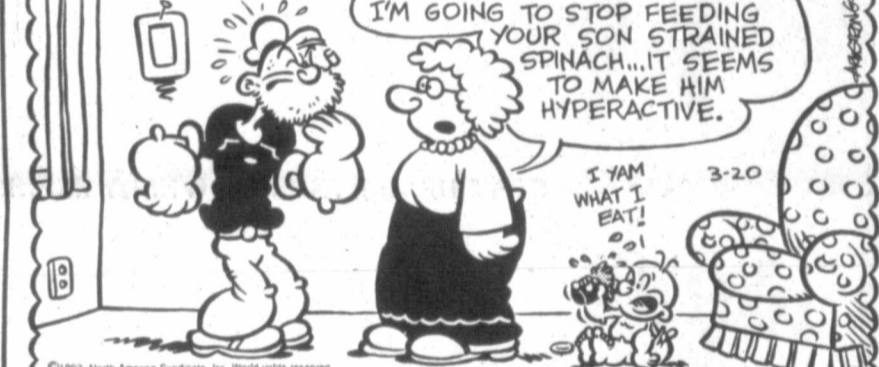


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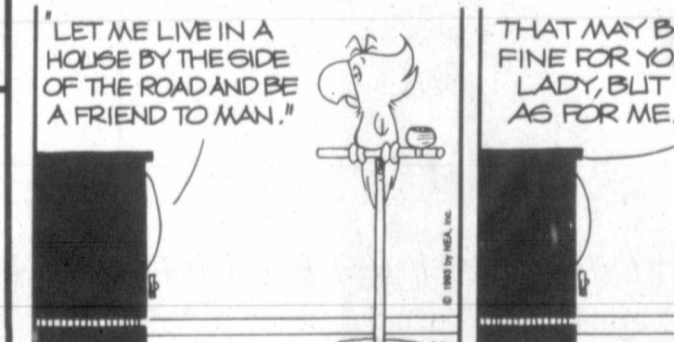
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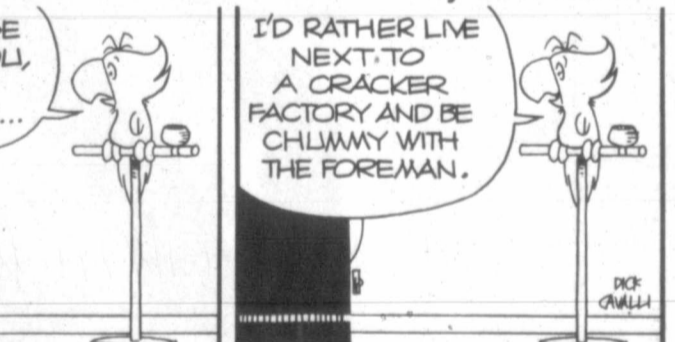
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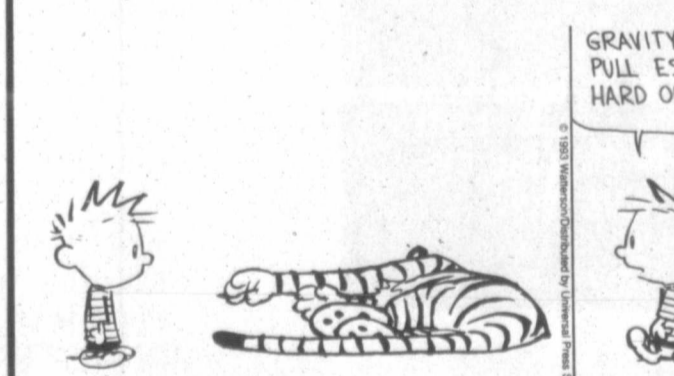
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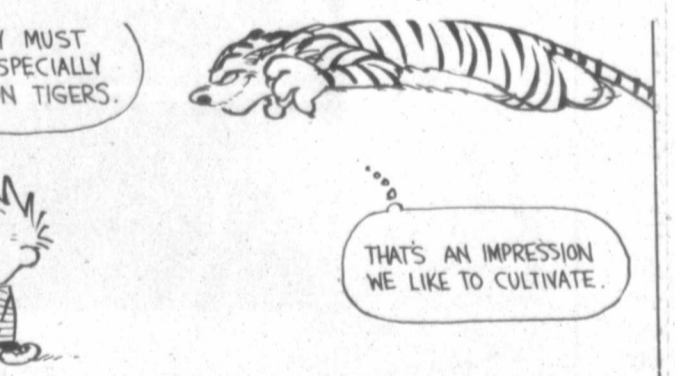
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Four young men and a failure of conscience

EDITOR'S NOTE—The headline was stark: "4 Are Convicted in Sexual Abuse of Retarded New Jersey Woman." The story behind the headline—how four clean-cut former high school athletes became convicted felons—offers a desolate tour of the human heart.

By **LESLIE DREYFOUS**
AP National Writer

GLEN RIDGE, N.J. (AP) — It was a two-minute walk from the playground to the Scherzer twins' house at 34 Lorraine St. There, down in a cramped basement before 13 young men, the 17-year-old woman began to undress.

Some of the best-looking, best-liked, most athletic guys in town were there that day. Like a lot of teen-agers, the girl was hungry to fit in. They were upperclassmen who could get a date with just about any girl in school.

She was plain and stout, with an IQ of 64 and the social acuity of an 8-year-old. This was well known. She'd grown up among the gaslights and broad lawns that line Glen Ridge, a close-knit and affluent suburb of New York.

The young woman had been out shooting hoops at Carteret Park that bright, blue early-March day. She would later recall that someone promised her a date if she'd go along to the Scherzer's house. She agreed. When one of the athletes put his arm around her, she said, it was romantic.

In testimony later, though, the scene could only be described as grim. Half the original 13 athletes, perhaps alarmed or uncomfortable, soon left.

But seven remained, pressing the woman to masturbate and perform oral sex. Finally, nude and spread-eagle on a couch, she was penetrated first with a broom handle, then with a 33-inch baseball bat, then with a stick.

In the midst of it, she heard: "Go further, further."

Four years have passed, but that afternoon was very much alive this winter as county prosecutors argued the young woman was criminally wronged; that she was no more able to consent to these sexual acts than she was able to change a dollar.

The accused never denied their involvement. No one defended the moral vacuum in which the events occurred. Still, their attorneys argued, no law was violated, no crime committed in the basement that day.

A jury of seven women and five men disagreed.

The graphic, often painful 23-week trial ended Tuesday when Christopher Archer, 20, Kevin Scherzer, 22, and his fraternal twin, Kyle, were convicted of rape. The fourth defendant, Bryant Grober, 21, was acquitted of the rape charge, but found guilty of third-degree conspiracy.

Two of the seven originally indicted had already pleaded guilty to lesser charges in exchange for their cooperation. A third, the son of a

Glen Ridge police officer who investigated the case, will be tried separately.

In many ways, it has been a protracted morality play featuring characters you knew in high school: swaggering campus stars and their proud circle of family and friends; the social outcast who longed to be one of them; a whole supporting cast of town police, school teachers, psychologists, community leaders and indignant lawyers for both sides.

The defendants sat shoulder-to-shoulder in the front row of the courtroom, wearing conservative suits and haircuts. They smiled warmly at extended family and friends, clapped each other on the back and cracked jokes during breaks.

"Look at them, the way they strut around," said Marge Clark, a Harrison, N.J. resident who attended much of the trial. "They don't seem to be worried at all, like it's all in the bag."

It is true that the young woman was not a sexual novice. She had her first encounter at the age of 12, and others followed, according to testimony. At 16, she began taking birth control pills with her vitamins at breakfast.

Defense attorneys argued successfully that the New Jersey rape-shield law that prevents the use of their sexual pasts against assault victims should be partially lifted. The young woman's history was fair game.

"What the defense has done is raise every rape myth that we thought we had educated people about and answered," said Carol Vasile, a local member of the

National Organization for Women who attended the trial daily in solidarity with a woman she called "the ultimate blameless victim."

Attorneys portrayed her instead as a full-breasted "Lolita" who eagerly, even aggressively pursued men. One said she had an "almost insatiable need to satisfy herself through sex." Another submitted that she liked seeing "the joy on a boy's face when he ejaculated."

They argued that boys "will be boys. Pranksters. Foolarounds." They suggested her family was "dysfunctional," society too permissive. It was theorized that because of her mental retardation, "she craved the embracing, she craved the euphoria because her brain functioned that way."

The young woman wasn't vulnerable to the young men, it was argued, so much as the young men — and their raging hormones — were vulnerable to her.

The court heard the woman discuss, even brag about, her sexual skill in conversations taped secretly by one defendant's former high school girlfriend — a popular student whom the mentally retarded woman admired.

"Yeah, but, but, I mean, I'm used to it. I mean seriously, I mean, I'm not ever gonna get off of, you know, sex. I mean I'm so used to it, I mean, I've been doing it since I was little," the woman said.

"I guess you know what you're doing and stuff, huh?" said Mari Carmen Ferraz, who taped the conversation at a defense investigator's request.

"Yeah," responded the woman, who reads at a second-grade level and cannot name four U.S. presidents. "I mean, it's amazing. I



(AP Photo) Three of the four defendants in the Glen Ridge sexual assault trial leave the Essex Courthouse.

mean, you know, and I don't have any diseases. I'm not pregnant. I'm so lucky."

Her parents, counselors, teachers, swim coach had all tried repeatedly to help her differentiate between love and sex. But the woman, who was first molested at the age of 12, could not seem to grasp that her body was private, that she had a right to say no.

Her parents put her on birth control at the age of 16 because they worried she was vulnerable to peer pressure, or a sexual attack. She wanted so badly to be loved, accepted, one of the gang.

"Why didn't you ask the boys to leave you alone?" prosecutor Robert Laurino asked the woman, when she took the stand in December.

"I didn't want to hurt their feelings," she replied.

She stammered her testimony, bashful and reluctant to hurt or embarrass the four defendants she still called friends.

That they were not, however, was painfully clear. The true crime, some argued, was that not one of that group of teen-age athletes had character enough to protect the woman, even if from herself.

"Maybe it was the heat of the

moment on a hot spring day. It's not clear," said Brian Fahey, 25, a friend of the Archer family. "They're guilty of a lack of moral judgement, but ... are they guilty of a crime?"

Fahey, a handsome former high school athlete, knows these guys. He was friends with guys like them growing up. "It's fairly common for a 17-year-old boy to think, 'I'm cool. I'm sexually active,'" he said. "These were smart kids, hard-working, athletic ... not by any stretch troubled kids."

Jonathan Martin, a young black man from a neighboring town, also knows these guys and has a feeling for the world they come from. He has been stopped by police more than once while passing through town.

"Glen Ridge is a closed-door town, a private town where the feeling is, 'If you're not like us, we don't want you,'" said Martin.

"There is this mentality about jocks, that they can do no wrong. It's like they're protected. No one can touch them. They obviously thought they could get away with whatever they wanted."

At the end of that afternoon four years ago, the young woman testified, "Everybody put their hands on top of each other like it was a basketball game. They said if I told anybody I'd get into trouble. They said they'd tell my mother."

She lingered a while after that out near the swings and rocking horses in Carteret Park where she waited, she said, for her date to come by.

"I thought he'd like to go out with me," she said. "But he never did."



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The woman's son is Dr. William Morris, director of research and development at National Dietary Research, an organization that seeks nutritional solutions to health problems. Dr. Morris admits that the tablets called Vancol 5000 were designed as a dietary supplement to be used with a low fat diet plan. "She just wanted to put the tablets to the test," says Dr. Morris. "Of course I was pleased with the results she achieved, but now we're working on reducing some of the fat in her diet to lower her cholesterol even further."

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Tax appraisers say proposed legislation has own loopholes

HOUSTON (AP) — Tax appraisers from across the state have lauded a state lawmaker for trying to close loopholes in Texas' agriculture exemption law, but complain that the bill has loopholes of its own.

State Rep. Mark Stiles filed legislation last week intended at reforming the tax law. However, Stiles and tax appraisers both agree it is extremely difficult to design an exemption narrow enough to prevent abuse, but broad enough so it does not hurt legitimate farmers and ranchers.

As the bill stands, tax assessors say, it would be largely ineffective in preventing wealthy corporations and individuals from cashing in on farming tax breaks and helping struggling school districts and other local taxing entities reclaim millions of dollars in lost property taxes.

"I don't see any dramatic changes

in the bill," Jack Simmons, chief appraiser of the Brazoria County Appraisal District, said. "I don't think it will have much effect at all."

Other appraisers voiced similar concerns, saying the bill likely will strengthen qualifications for special agricultural appraisals and introduces a penalty for abusers of the law that is virtually unenforceable.

Some critics say Stiles' bill would just create more paperwork for landowners and county appraisal districts.

A spokeswoman for Stiles, D-Beaumont, said the bill likely will undergo changes as it winds its way through the legislative process.

"If it's not covering some of the scenarios of the abuses out there, it's very possible it's going to get stronger," said Anya Powell, Stiles' legislative assistant. "It's very likely

it's going to get stronger if they are legitimate abuses."

Under the proposed law: —Residential and commercial developers who claim the exemption to avoid paying higher taxes still would qualify for the tax break. Once the land is developed, it is likely that only the existing five-year rollback would apply.

—Industrial landowners like Exxon and H&P, who lease their land for ranching to avoid higher taxes, would not be affected at all.

—State lawmakers like Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock; Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston; and Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, still would qualify for the tax break. They likely would not be affected by harsh penalties outlined in the legislation.

A recent *Houston Chronicle* investigation revealed that abuses of the agricultural appraisal laws by

land developers, wealthy corporations and some of the state's most powerful state officials are costing Texas schools millions of dollars in lost tax revenue.

The tax law, commonly called the agriculture exemption, taxes farm and ranch land based on what crops or products it can produce, rather than its market value. But in order to avoid paying higher taxes, many wealthy landowners simply scatter their property with cattle and claim the tax break.

Texas schools last year lost more than \$800 million as a result of the exemptions. Although no one is certain how much is due to abuse, critics say the problem is at its worst near urban areas. Last year, the exemption cost schools in and around the state's five largest cities almost \$285 million in tax revenue.

Congratulations



(Special photo) John Earp, left, FmHA county supervisor of Pampa recently was honored by the district director for his achievements in Farmer Program loan making. Presenting the Certificate of Appreciation is Robert C. Hopper, acting state director of USDA-Farmers Home Administration.

USDA proposes changes in meat inspection system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department's new approach to meat safety will start at the farm rather than the slaughterhouse and end in the dining room.

The department's Food Safety and Inspection Service on Tuesday outlined its "pathogen reduction program" in response to the deadly outbreak of food poisoning two months ago in Washington state. The outbreak, in which two children died and close to 500 people were sickened, was caused by the bacteria *E. coli* O157:H7 in hamburgers served

by Jack in the Box restaurants.

President Clinton responded to the January outbreak by requesting that 160 more meat inspectors be hired this year while acknowledging the need to overhaul a system that has been in place since 1906.

The program "incorporates actions that can be taken immediately at key points along the route from the farm to the table," H. Russell Cross, administrator of the food safety agency, told a joint hearing of two House Agriculture subcommittees. Other steps can be taken later, he said.

Cross said the program will "reduce the likelihood that harmful micro-organisms ... will enter the food supply at key points in the production, distribution and consumption chain."

The Agriculture Department gradually wants to shift its emphasis from inspections based on touch, feel and smell of carcasses to inspections aided with microbiological testing. Inspections would focus on "critical control points" where contamination is likely to occur.

For the first time, authorities will

go to the farm to gather information on bacteria such as *E. coli* O157:H7, that are carried in the intestines of farm animals, Cross said. USDA also wants legal changes that will make it easier to trace infected animals.

It also wants to create an "average microbial profile" of cows, heifers and steers along with chickens and pigs. The study would look at *E. coli*, salmonella, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Campylobacter jejuni-coli* and *staphylococcus aureus*.

In Agriculture

by Danny Nusser

PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING AND TESTING

Producers who need to obtain or update their Private Applicator License can attend a training on Wednesday. The training will begin at 8 a.m. at the Gray County Annex, east of Pampa. The meeting will cover all aspects of this test which will be issued by TDA personnel at 1 p.m. You must attend the training in order to take the test. If you have any questions or need study materials, contact me at the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

TOP DRESSING WHEAT

Wheat in this area will soon be breaking dormancy and begin to green up and grow as a result of the temperatures we have experienced the last couple of weeks. The cold front that moved through the area March 11 and 12 should have little affect on the crop other than some leaf burn.

Now is the time to consider top-dressing wheat with nitrogen if needed. It's a tough decision to make when our wheat looks the way it does right now, but with our available moisture, we have the potential for an excellent crop. For this reason, many dryland fields could potentially benefit from nitrogen topdressing. Nitrogen deficient fields will often appear yellow after several days of sunshine, you can be reasonably certain the condition is due to inadequate nitrogen.

Dryland fields should be fertilized with 30-40 pounds of nitrogen. Irrigated fields which are showing signs of nitrogen deficiency should receive at least an initial application

of 60 pounds of actual nitrogen. The nitrogen can be applied in the dry form as ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, urea, or as nitrogen solution. There is no strong advantage of one form of fertilizer over another. Urea is probably the least expensive, but it also has a high risk of loss by volatility if applied to wet soils under warm conditions. Ammonium nitrate and nitrogen solutions are slightly more available to the plants initially. Some leaf burn may occur with the nitrogen solutions, especially under sunny, warm conditions. If applied before the wheat gets too big, the leaf burn should not affect yield.

Topdressing of nitrogen needs to occur as soon as possible. The longer topdressing is delayed after jointing occurs, the less opportunity the crop has to benefit from nitrogen. After wheat reaches boot stage only protein content is affected by additional nitrogen applications.

For further information, call me at the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

Russian Wheat Aphid infesta-

tions are increasing in areas of the Panhandle. In fact, levels have reached economic threshold in quite a few fields south of Amarillo. Our wheat is very vulnerable at this stage and it doesn't take many aphids to justify spraying. Remember that the Russian Wheat Aphid looks like a greenbug but are longer, lighter green in color, minus the green stripe in the middle of his body, minus the cornicles or "tailpipe" and have shorter antennae. Russian Wheat Aphids inject a toxin into plants which injures plants and causes white or purple streaking of the leaves. It takes fewer Russian aphids than greenbugs to cause much more damage. Our late planted, stressed wheat is very vulnerable to both aphids and greenbugs.

Scientists have determined economic thresholds based on the cost of control and market value of the wheat. They estimate that for every one percent (1percent) of the tillers infested there is a 0.5 percent yield loss. Sampling a field should be done by randomly selecting 100

tillers as you walk across a field. Consider any tiller with one or more Russian Wheat Aphids as infested. Determine the percent infested tillers, and use the following table to decide if treatment is justified.

The section 18 to use Lorsban 4E on wheat to control Russian Wheat Aphid is still pending; letters from Dr. Carl Patrick, Texas Wheat producers, and Texas Department of Agriculture will hopefully speed the process. They are hoping to know something by the time this article is published. Other products labeled are Dimethoate, Disulfaton, and Methyl parathion. These products will have some control but be sure to check labels for grazing restrictions and application restrictions. Lorsban has proven to give the best results if an emergency label is approved.

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Loan program provisions set

The Secretary Of Agriculture has announced the provisions of a Farmer Owned Reserve Loan Program for barley, corn and gr. sorghum.

The purpose of the Reserve Loan program is to provide producers an opportunity to store feed grains when the commodities are in abundant supply, and to provide for adequate carryover stocks to ensure a reliable supply of these crops.

According to the Gray County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Director Matt Street, the Reserve loans are nonrecourse loans on 1992 crops of barley, corn and gr. sorghum, that extend up to 27 months but can be repaid at any time. To be eligible for the Reserve, the grain must be now or will be enrolled in

the Regular 9 month nonrecourse loan program. FOR loans will not accrue interest unless the market price for the applicable commodity is equal to or exceeds 195 percent of the current year's target price. Storage payments will be made after the end of each quarter of the loan period at a rate of \$.265 per bushel per year. Any producer interests in the Farmer Owned Reserve Loan program must state their intentions to participate, by April 30, 1993, to their local ASCS Office.

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Doctor, artist combine efforts to depict microbes

By JAMIE YEATTS
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
LUBBOCK (AP) — The giant

pollen grains and oversize mold spores looming in Dr. James Crisp's allergy clinic are nothing to sneeze at. In fact, the lively allergens found

hanging on the walls and from the ceilings of Crisp's waiting rooms are supposed to make patients feel better.

These magnified plant pollens are user friendly — they don't cause runny noses, watery eyes or itchy skin. The constructions are only clay replicas of the irritating pollens that give fits to many West Texans.

Crisp came up with the idea for his signature office decor, and Lubbock artist Jeanie Jones made the dream a reality. Through clay, the potter transformed grains the size of a small dot into concise pieces that allergy patients can see and touch.

The pottery collection includes large grain and spore replicas mounted on wood and smaller pieces linked by curly rope. The 50 or so models, some in full relief and some in half relief, have been hanging in the allergy clinic for the past eight months.

The one-of-a-kind pieces, which Jones intricately constructed from photographs of the grains and spores as seen under a microscope, are labeled by name to show the characteristics of the individual allergens to adult and child patients.

"I thought it would be a fun and interesting way to show our patients what is giving them the allergies," said Crisp, who began work on the pottery project with Jones more than two years ago. "Because I deal with chronic disease, my patients are with me for a long time. I wanted to create an atmosphere that is conducive to waiting and to not minding shots."

Crisp had been pondering the pottery idea for several years, he said, but without an artist to do the work,

he had no way of moving forward with the plan.

Jones, who has bachelor degrees in fine arts, all-level art and elementary education from Texas Tech University, is owner and teacher at the School of Art.

Though she has taken on some unusual tasks through the years, she said, the medical illustrations she designed for Crisp turned out to be "the most interesting and exciting project I've ever done."

The hard clay replicas, some of which are glazed and others of which are raw, show the detailed textures and texture mixtures, the odd shapes and other unique characteristics of the various pollens and spores.

For example, the large replica of grass depicts the fuzzy texture of the grain and the shiny globule structures sprinkled throughout the nucleus' central portion; the Western Water Hemp structure shows a thick grouping of large loop-like structures that resemble locks of curly hair, which are combined with deep, round indentions; and the ragweed replica features a large nucleus with long pointed branches extending from its center in a sunburst-like manner.

Other of the large and small figures depict plants such as cherry, cattail, maple, sunflower, corn, walnut, lambsquarter and ash.

"I did research, and Dr. Crisp gave me photographs and textbooks — I wanted to have everything that could help me," Jones said. "These had to be medically correct. Dr. Crisp knew exactly what he was talking about, and he wanted me to convey that in clay."

However, capturing the unusual characteristics of the pollens and spores in clay took some innovation on Jones' part.

To get a porous texture on the model of careless weed, she used a hairbrush. To depict the flowery-like design of pigweed, she used the tip of a Phillips screwdriver and the handle of a drill key. For other replicas, she used antique tools given to her by her grandfather, parts of her hands and fingers and even cake decorating tools.

"There are no tools for making spores. I had to improvise," Jones said, adding that while the pieces serve as informative decoration, they definitely are art.

However, she doesn't deny the scientific aspect of the pieces.

"It's explaining through art what happens when you get one of these stuck in your nose," she said jokingly. "It makes you realize why people need more than over-the-counter drugs."

The clay used to construct the pieces is from the West Texas area, and most of the replicas are of plant pollens and molds common to the region. Jones also solicited the help of a mathematician in sizing and proportioning the pieces.

For these reasons, Jones said, the project is not only a lesson in art and science but also in geography and math.

"And the best thing about the pieces is that the longer you look at them, the better they are," she said.



Jeanie Jones stands behind some of the giant pottery models of molds and pollens she made.

High unemployment doesn't prevent binge of overtime

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is an awkward juxtaposition: at the same time the nation's unemployment rate remains stubbornly high, American factory workers are putting in a binge of overtime.

Labor Department statistics for February show that factory workers, on average, worked 4.2 hours of overtime a week, the most since the government started keeping records in the 1950s. More than one-tenth of all factory work is being done on overtime.

"What we've got is a great social irrationality," said Harvard economist Juliet Schor, author of "The Overworked American: The Unexpected Decline of Leisure." She said the average American worker has added a month a year to his or her working time since 1969.

"Both groups, the overworked and the underworked, are unhappy in their situations," Schor said. "Majorities of working Americans say they would prefer more free time at the expense of their paycheck."

"If we could go back to the amount of overtime worked in 1982, we would create 3 million new jobs without increasing the federal deficit," said John Zalusky, an economist at the AFL-CIO. He said many workers are putting in extra hours against their wishes.

Zalusky's solution: require employers to pay double time for overtime. But Schor doubts that would work. When overtime pay

was made mandatory after 40 hours in 1940, she said, the result was an increase in unemployment; workers bid for the extra pay while others were let go.

The high cost of fringe benefits — 40 percent of payroll costs — is a big factor in the overtime climb, Schor said. Because fringe benefits are paid on the first 40 hours of work, it is sometimes cheaper for employers to pay overtime than hire more workers and pay their fringes.

A possible solution, she said, is to pro-rate the cost of benefits over all hours worked. Another is national health insurance.

"Typically what happens in a recession is you get major reductions in overtime, but in this recession you see a combination of overtime and layoffs," Schor said. "Fringe benefits have been an important factor in companies moving toward minimizing employment and maximizing hours."

Labor economists offer these other explanations for the overtime preference:

—Employers, still not convinced the recession is over, are reluctant to hire, train and find places for additional workers until they can't get along without them. Meantime, they use overtime.

—Employers are increasingly meeting the demand for more work with temporary or part-time workers, saving on fringe benefits. The economy created 380,000 new jobs in February — dropping the unemployment rate to 7 percent, lowest in 15 months — but 348,000 of those

jobs went to temporary or part-time workers.

—Productivity is high, so employers are getting more work out of workers. Output per hour worked rose 2.8 percent in February, its best performance in 20 years. "That mitigates against the need to add workers," said Labor Department economist Chris Singleton.

Kenneth Goldstein, an economist with the Conference Board, a business-sponsored research organization, saw the phenomenon as a temporary one. "They'll hire when they are convinced those hires are not going to be shown the door," he predicted.

Unemployment is usually slow to decline, but it has been especially persistent in this recovery. The 7.0 percent February jobless rate was the lowest since November 1991, when unemployment was on the upswing.

Analysts say the economy has created 3 million fewer jobs than would be expected in a normal recovery.

Businesses oppose the idea of making overtime pay more costly.

Jeff Joseph, vice president for domestic policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said that would be an anti-competitive solution, harmful to business and the country.

And Bryan Little, director of government relations for the U.S. Business and Industrial Council, representing 1,500 small and medium-sized companies, said his members would turn to using more technology — machines instead of workers — if overtime costs were increased.

Hold the burgers: President also eats black bean terrine

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Bill Clinton goes out to eat, the fare's not always junk food. The nation's first baby boomer president knows his way around yuppie menus, and enjoys upscale cuisine from carpaccio to black bean terrines.

Clinton and his wife, Hillary, have been tasting their way through impromptu dinners at the capital's trendiest eateries.

They know how to have a good time, and spend hours relaxing and talking over dinner. They dress casually, chat with other diners and sometimes pass shared desserts around the table.

For drinks, they might order a beer or a glass of American wine.

They recently joined Al and Tipper Gore at The Birchmere, a music club where they took in Jerry Jeff Walker and the Lost Gonzo Compadres — a Texan, country band. Clinton drank Molson Light, said owner Gary Oelze.

Oelze's wife, Linda, who served the guests, handed the president a bottle of the Canadian beer and told him, "You're supposed to put a piece of lime in there. That's the yuppie thing to do."

Clinton: "Well, bring me a lime." The dishes the Clintons choose in their nights on the town are both

daring and politically correct. Ethnic-named dishes are big, as are exotic-sounding veggies.

At RT's in Alexandria, Va., both Clintons chose the spicy pasta jambalaya, featuring two kinds of pasta, roast pork, andouille sausage, chicken and shrimp.

At a recent foray to Restaurant Nora's in the capital, Clinton started with carpaccio — Italian paper-thin raw beef — served with dried root chips, capers, parmesan, black pepper and curly cress.

His entree: seven types of exotic mushrooms and saffron risotto with roasted pepper, mesclun and parmesan.

For those who have to ask — and please, don't be ashamed — risotto is simmered Italian short-grain rice. Mesclun is a blend of baby lettuces such as arugula, lamb's lettuce, frisee and oak leaf.

Nora's, in the urban, artsy enclave of Dupont Circle, calls itself a "biodynamic" restaurant. It uses only additive-free, fresh ingredients.

The veal comes from lambs fed only mother's milk, the chicken is free range and all vegetables and fruits are organic.

Healthy, earthy food is also the norm at Red Sage, an in-crowd downtown restaurant the Clintons visited Valentine's Day.

There, they started with a chorizo (spicy sausage) and black bean terrine with fresh goat cheese and avocado salsa, followed by soups — pumpkin and black bean "painted soup" in which the orange of the pumpkin and the brown-black black bean are artistically swirled in the bowl; and Indian harvest bean and jerky soup.

It being Valentine's Day, the Clintons shared a main course, said the restaurant's general manager, Don Senich. They chose crusted lamb loin for two, baked in Pueblo Indian and Herb bread with goat cheese, black beans, Ancho wild mushroom-grilled onion sauce and wild rice.

The Clintons seemed "like real people," said Nora's co-owner Steven Damato. More real than most Washingtonians, anyway.

Clinton wore a sports shirt, casual pants and a suede jacket to the restaurant, where he and his wife ate with a group of old friends.

"Most people in Washington wear shirts and ties," Damato said. "He was very comfortable, very much at ease."

Of feeding the president, Damato said, "You feel a sense of awe, but it's not an immobilizing awe. He's cool."

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High technology treated dog's heart

LEAGUE CITY (AP) — Things looked bad for Megan Halterman. The years were adding up and her more-than-middle-aged heart was failing.

Doctors determined her heartbeat was slow and erratic because the natural pacemaker in her heart was wearing out.

A cardiac consultant in New York examined the latest electrocardiogram and delivered a serious verdict: "Without an artificial pacemaker, Megan is at risk for sudden death."

The pacemaker operation, performed by doctors in League City on Jan. 29, was a resounding success. With a new heart thumping along at a rate of 100 beats per minute, Megan is the happiest, and friskiest, 10-year-old cocker spaniel in town.

Megan's new pacemaker has batteries that will last approximately 30 years. If she stays around that long, she'll be 280-doggie-years-old and the Oilers may even have won a Super Bowl or two.

Lisa Halterman, her proud owner, said Megan has become downright rowdy since the operation, and her husband, Elwood, agrees.

"It's like the old dog that was sick is gone and now there's a 3-year-old full of vim and vigor running around," Elwood Halterman said. "She can be a real pain on the weekends because she's so lively."

But Lisa Halterman wouldn't have it any other way, even though the operation cost nearly \$3,000.

"She's almost like a little person to us," she said. "It was definitely worth the money. I've wasted more on less."

"She's our only child after all."

Megan's surgery was performed by Drs. Mark Skellenger and Steve Garner at the Safari Animal Care Center in League City.

Skellenger is a cardiovascular surgeon; Garner is Megan's veterinarian.

Skellenger inserted an electrode into Megan's jugular vein and guided it, by feel, down past the right atrium of her heart, past the tricuspid



Dr. Steve Garner examines Megan recently. (AP Photo)

valve and into the right ventricle, where it was secured in place by twisting a tiny cork screw into the muscle of the heart.

The procedure was risky. Megan's heart stopped beating at several points during the operation, and several X-rays had to be taken so Skellenger could see more precisely where the electrode was.

"Pacemakers were first tested in dogs prior to human use," Garner said. "And it has now come full-circle, benefiting dogs like Megan and, in a way, paying back the debt we owe to pets for this technology."

Paying \$3,000 for a dog operation

may sound pricey, but Elwood Halterman said the cost of family unity was bigger.

"The doctor said we could have bought five pedigree pups for that price, but to keep the peace in our family, we would have had the operation done even if it cost \$5,000."

Halterman praised Skellenger and Garner for their expertise and caring, saying they "went the extra mile" to make for a happy ending.

Elwood Halterman is an environmental engineer with DRE Southwest in Clear Lake Shores. Lisa is a food scientist at Mid-America Farms.

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- 3.** Close all packaging tightly before storing. Insist on childproof packaging whenever possible.
- 4.** Store cleaning products and medicines in a separate place, away from food. Keep all products in their original containers.
- 5.** Children learn by imitation. Avoid taking medications in front of them or drinking from the bottle.
- 6.** NEVER refer to medicine as "candy". It's easy to see how this deceptive play could lead to disaster.
- 7.** Don't overlook your garage, attic and other storage areas for potentially hazardous situations.
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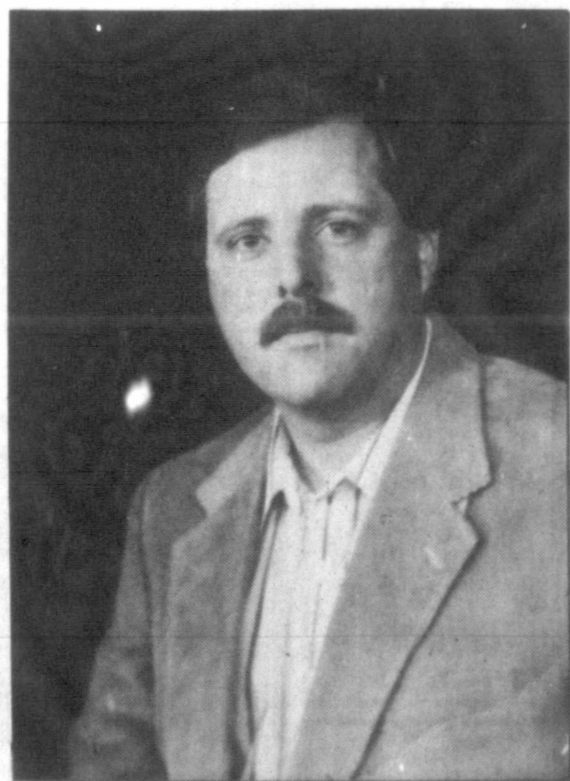
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