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## Oil industry no longer aglitter, but still shining

By JOHN McMILLAN  
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Gushers of enthusiasm toward a career in the petroleum industry in the Panhandle appear to be fewer in number than a decade ago. But local observers note that the industry still has a future, however uncertain.

"Who am I to say what the future is going to be down the road four to eight years from now?" asked Dale Greenhouse, a Pampa resident and advisory chairman of the Panhandle chapter of the American Petroleum Institute, which holds most of its meetings in Pampa.

Greenhouse laughed in response to a query about whether he would recommend a career in the oil and natural gas industry for a young person. "Why certainly," replied the API official.

Gloomy predictions for the Panhandle oil and natural gas industry are nothing new, Greenhouse observed. During the 1930s, he recalled, industry observers predicted that oil and natural gas supplies in the Panhandle would be depleted by the 1950s, and during the 1950s observers predicted that supplies in this region would be depleted by the 1980s.

"In the '80s they said the '90s," Greenhouse added.

Improved equipment and better-educated employees protect the future of the oil and natural gas industry in the Panhandle, Greenhouse said.

The API official also noted that one-third of the approximately 450 members of the organization's Panhandle chapter are younger than age 30.

"I think these guys can get in and keep this business going," Greenhouse said.

Jack Curtis, co-owner of Exxcel Production Co. in Pampa, said the trend in the Panhandle of major producers selling their oil and natural gas wells and other local properties to independent producers creates some career opportunities locally for buying into the industry.

"I think there are still opportunities, if a guy is in the right place at the right time," Curtis said, adding that the opportunities to purchase a local operation from a major producer are "drying up fast."

Statistics compiled by the Texas Railroad Commission show a dramatic decline in oil and natural gas production in the Panhandle from 1981 to 1991. There were 6,583,392,000 cubic feet of natural gas produced in the Panhandle in 1991 — about half of the amount (11,065,102,000 cubic feet) produced in 1981, according to Bob Blakeney, district director for the Texas Railroad Commission.

The number of barrels of crude oil produced in the Panhandle dropped from 3,790,074 in 1981 to 2,732,910 in 1991, Blakeney said.

The Panhandle chapter of the API invests in the future of the industry in this region by offering college scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the region who plan to pursue petroleum studies. Last school year, the API chapter awarded 17 scholarships totaling \$13,500, Greenhouse said.

The API chapter is hoping to raise at least that much money for scholarships through a fund-raising golf tournament on May 15, Greenhouse said.

Other observers of the oil and natural gas industry in the Panhandle are not as optimistic as Greenhouse.

Asked whether he would recommend a career in that industry to a young person, philanthropist and rancher Malouf Abraham of Canadian replied, "I would say no, under the present climate."

Abraham noted that three of his grandsons had planned to pursue careers in the oil and natural gas industry upon graduation from college, but by the time they graduated about five years ago, the economic conditions for that industry had deteriorated so much they decided against a career in it. The three grandsons, all of whom are in their 20s, chose instead to pursue a career in the commodity business, including agricultural commodities, Abraham said.

Abraham said he has contributed about \$400,000 toward college scholarships for students wishing to study agriculture at Panhandle colleges, but none toward scholarships for petroleum studies.

"Agriculture in the Panhandle has a great future," he noted.

Amarillo Area Foundation, which distributes philanthropic contributions designed to improve the quality of life for Panhandle residents, does not offer any scholarships that are earmarked for students who plan to pursue petroleum-related studies at a university, said Sylvia Artho, scholarships coordinator.

At Pampa High School, vocational counselor John Middlebrooks said he does not discourage students from pursuing a career in the oil and natural gas industry. Middlebrooks cited prediction a few years ago by the Texas Employment Commission that the number of jobs for petroleum engineers in Texas would rise from 5,200 in 1989 to 6,000 in the year 2000 — a 15.4 percent increase, Middlebrooks said.

Abraham noted that he partly bases his skepticism about the future of the oil and natural gas industry in the Panhandle on the Clinton administration's proposal for the imposition of British thermal unit taxes. If the proposal is approved by Congress, the Btu taxes would deter production of oil and natural gas, Abraham said. Increasing federal environmental regulations that are costly to producers also deter oil and natural gas production, Abraham noted.

Natural gas prices received by producers in the Panhandle are as low as 99 cents per 1,000 cubic feet in February 1992 — about \$7 or \$8 lower than the comparable price that producers received in the peak years of the latter 1970s, Greenhouse said. Natural gas producers in the Panhandle are currently receiving about \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet, he said.

Oil producers in the Panhandle currently are getting about \$20 per 42-gallon barrel — half the amount that producers received in the latter 1970s, according to Greenhouse.

## Last-minute preparations



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Charles Johnson, Pampa High School band director, gives last-minute instructions to band members prior to their performance in a UIL contest in Pampa Wednesday. The UIL contest is continuing today and Friday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

## Survivors deny suicides ordered

WACO (AP) — Several people who survived the inferno that devoured a religious cult's compound have told attorneys that chaos erupted and people were trapped as they tried to flee the burning complex.

Those who survived the Monday blaze also said that doomsday prophet David Koresh did not issue any order for a mass suicide.

"They couldn't get out, they were trapped," Houston attorney Dick DeGuerin said this morning. "There was chaos and pandemonium at the last."

Nine cult members made it out of the compound Monday, but the fire presumably killed Koresh and 85 followers, including 17 children.

The city-block-sized compound burned to the ground after armored vehicles bashed holes in its walls for six hours and pumped in tear gas. The FBI has said cult members set the blaze as part of a mass suicide.

Although Koresh had been pacing the halls earlier that day making sure people had their gas masks on, DeGuerin said the four survivors he talked to did not see him in the final hour.

"They think David was in his bedroom with his children," DeGuerin said. Koresh's bedroom was upstairs.

He also said that survivors have told him the adults were trying to cover some of the children's faces

with wet rags and cloths to protect them from the tear gas that was repeatedly pumped into the compound that morning.

Another attorney who is representing cult survivor Renos Avraam also said that his client claims the people inside were victims of a fast-moving fire.

"The building was actually shaking and it was very scary," Waco attorney Dick Kettler quoted his client as saying.

"It was just a matter of a few seconds until there was a tremendous amount of black smoke that reduced everything to zero visibility and created a lot of disorientation and confusion," Kettler quoted Avraam as saying.

"Those people didn't have the ability to find their way out, they couldn't see to get out," Kettler said. "It wasn't a matter of them particularly wanting to commit suicide. They just didn't have the time to attempt an escape."

Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said Wednesday at least two bodies have been found in a cinder-block bunker believed to be where Koresh and top lieutenants hid from gas and flames.

Authorities resumed their investigation today, and medical examiners were expected to begin removing bodies from the charred rubble sometime today.

## Gattis pushes for smoking regulation

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK  
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Richard Gattis is a man on a mission.

His mission is a political one by nature but Gattis seems to be approaching it in terms of a crusade.

To Gattis, it is a matter of "doing the right thing" by tightening the restrictions on where a person can smoke.

"People are changing their attitudes," Gattis said, "(and) I intend to do what is necessary to get an ordinance passed. I have no doubts that we'll have an ordinance. We have right on our side. I've always believed that right will prevail. We have science on our side (and) we have a changing social scene on our side."

Currently, people can only smoke in designated areas of city buildings. As for area businesses, many just have a large area divided into a smoking and nonsmoking section.

The city ordinance Gattis wants to be enacted by the Pampa City Commission goes further than what now exists. He wants an ordinance that meets Environmental Protec-

tion Agency regulations and the regulation for the federal government.

Furthermore, he wants area businesses included in the ordinance. It is up to the owner of the business to either allow smoking by employees and patrons or to ban it.

"What we want is a guarantee of separate smoking and non-smoking areas," Gattis said. "If you have an area being polluted by you don't remove the people not polluting, you remove the source of the pollution."

While Gattis dislikes smoking, he admits that smokers should have their own area — one that is separate from non-smokers.

"We want an ordinance that will provide (an area) separate and apart, divided by a partition. We want the smoking area to be vented so that the pollution will not flow out into the main area. In other words, what we want to do is isolate the source."

One thing he does not want to do is alienate people.

"We not trying to arrive at a good guy, bad guys situation," Gattis said. "We need all the friends we can find. A smoker to me is a good man or woman with a bad habit."



Richard Gattis

One argument Gattis and supporters plan to use in front of the City Commission is that of secondhand smoke. According to one estimate from the National Office of Smoking and Health, secondhand smoke kills an estimated 3,000 non-smoking adults from lung cancer.

Other arguments are recent decisions by courts and federal laws concerning smoking. In fed-

eral buildings, for instance, smokers are limited to smoking in areas not tied into the central air-conditioning system, according to Gattis.

In the post office in Pampa, for example, there is a designated smoking area with its own ventilation system.

Gattis said he was hopeful the City Commission will do something about what he sees as a smoking problem. In the next few weeks, Gattis said he will be talking to commissioners.

If they do not, he said other methods of getting an ordinance passed are available. Those other options include petitions and a referendum.

"I'm hoping that the City Commission will work with us to develop a fair, comprehensive ordinance. We need this to be a community effort to make this successful," Gattis said.

"We're convinced we have the votes, if necessary, to put this in a referendum type situation, but we don't want to do that. We want the commission to accept their responsibility and I guess what we're asking them to do is 'do the right thing.'"

## Hackler: Sales tax rebates upswing deceiving

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK  
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The city of Pampa continues to remain drastically ahead this month in sales tax rebates as compared to the same time last year, according to a report from State Comptroller John Sharp.

Ask Pampa City Manager Glen Hackler, though, and he will tell you that the report from Sharp's office is a misrepresentation of the facts.

This month Pampa received a check for \$146,455.10, which is a 49.23 percent increase over the same period last year, according to the Comptroller's Office.

The increase comes from an increased sales tax and not increased sales, however.

In April 1992, the city received a check for \$98,142.66. Then the city's portion of the sales tax was one cent.

Pampa residents voted to increase the sales tax by one cent. When the increases were finished, the total city sales tax totaled two cents, doubling the amount the city normally collected.

At the same time the increases came, the property tax was cut by the same amount. This was done in an effort to shift the tax base of the city.

Considering that, to stay even with last April's sales, the city had

to collect \$196,285.32 this month. Anything less would be a decrease in the percentage of money collected, although it would be a drastic increase in money compared to last year.

Merchants collect the state's 6.25 cent sales tax and the local sales tax of two cents and send it to the Comptroller's Office with their tax returns. The state retains its share and returns to cities, counties and other taxing entities, their portion of the sales tax.

This month's sales tax rebates include taxes collected on February sales and reported to the Comptroller in March by businesses filing monthly tax returns. Businesses file either monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the amount of sales tax they collect.

The city of Lefors received a check for \$673.02, an increase of 11.54 percent over last April's check for \$603.37. The city has received \$2,556.15 this year.

The city of McLean received a check for \$1,264.77, a decrease of 11.8 percent over the same month last year when the city received a check for \$1,433.97.

In Carson County, three of the four cities receiving sales tax money received less this month than the previous year.

Panhandle, the only city to get more this month than the same month last year received a check for \$5,057.38. That is a 12.91 percent increase over the check in April 1992.

The city of White Deer received the second largest sales tax check

in the county and totaled \$1,823.52. That is drastically down from last year's check of \$3,549.94.

Groom received a check for \$1,392.93, a decrease of 26.39 percent from last April's check of \$1,892.43.

The city of Skellytown brought in a check for \$631.07 which is down more than 40 percent from last year's check of \$1,064.55.

The city of Canadian in Hemphill County received a check for \$12,613.76, a 1.78 percent increase over last April's check of \$12,392.90. For the year, Canadian has received 3.11 percent less in sales taxes.

Miami, in Roberts County, received a check for \$977.36. Compared to last year's check, the check is 9.72 percent less than last April's check of \$1,082.55.

In Wheeler County, two of the three cities receiving sales tax checks reported losses. The third city, Mobeetie, received no check for April.

Shamrock, received the larger of the two check. It was \$11,167.81 and was down 15.21 percent compared to last year's check of \$13,171.67.

The city of Wheeler's check was \$3,554.38, down 32.52 percent from last year's check of \$5,267.23.

### Keeping an eye on Texas

#### Hazardous waste sites get Superfunds

29 uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites in 13 Texas counties were designated to receive cleanup funds from the federal Superfund program as of Fall, 1992. The wastes that pollute air, soil and water include:

- Chlorinated hydrocarbons:** Linger in environment and accumulate in food chain. Includes DDT, chlordane
- Cresolates:** Used to preserve wood, may cause skin ulcerations and cancer
- Heavy metals:** Includes mercury, chromium, arsenic and lead, damage living things and accumulate in food chain
- Organic chemicals/compounds:** Includes benzene and toluene
- Petrochemicals:** Produced from petroleum refining and fuel oil residues, often toxic to humans and environment
- PCBs, Polychlorinated biphenyls:** Toxic chemicals used in consumer products like adhesives, can cause liver damage and accumulate in tissues
- Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons:** Highly reactive organic compounds, can be carcinogenic
- Volatile organic compounds:** Potentially toxic chemicals used in consumer products (solvents, paints, fuels). Widespread use.

SOURCES: Environmental Protection Agency and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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# Ohio prisoners free hostages, end 10-day uprising

LUCASVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Inmates at Ohio's toughest prison filed out into the yard and freed their five remaining hostages to end an 11-day uprising that left at least eight people dead. Two prisoners were unaccounted for.

The convicts had demanded and received live TV coverage of the surrender Wednesday as insurance against retaliation. They also held the five guards hostage almost until the end of their surrender, which took six hours.

The hostages emerged to "thunderous applause" from their colleagues, said Sharron Kornegay, spokeswoman for the state Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Radio station WTVN in Columbus, citing unidentified sources, said a ninth body was found in the cellblock where the 450 inmates had been barricaded.

Corrections Director Reginald Wilkinson said he could not confirm the report but that two prisoners were unaccounted for early today.

In exchange for the surrender, state officials promised to review the inmates' complaints, including

Muslim inmates' religious objections to tuberculosis testing and opposition to racial integration of prison cells.

The inmates also received a promise of no unlawful retaliation, but Warden Arthur Tate did not rule out prosecution or discipline.

"The inmates understand that when a guard has been murdered, no one is going to promise them no prosecution or discipline," said Niki Schwartz, a lawyer who brokered the surrender, which consisted of 21 terms signed by Tate.

Prisoners had originally made other demands, including Tate's removal.

Seven inmates and one hostage were known dead in the uprising that began on Easter Sunday at the maximum-security Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, 80 miles south of Columbus. It houses some of Ohio's most dangerous criminals.

Meanwhile, in Newtown, Conn., inmates at a state prison attacked other prisoners and guards, and 90 inmates holed up in a recreation area for about seven hours Wednesday night before surrendering. Fifteen inmates and three guards were

reported hurt, one of the inmates seriously.

In Ohio, the uprising began with a fight that officials said may have been staged to lure guards to the scene. The inmates attacked the guards and used their batons to beat to death at least six fellow prisoners, officials said.

A seventh inmate was later found dead in an adjoining cellblock; the cause of death was not disclosed.

Eight guards were taken hostage; one was later strangled and two were freed unharmed last week.

The remaining hostages — Richard C. Buffington 45; Kenneth L. Daniels, 24; Larry Dotson, 45; Michael Hensley, 36; and Jeffrey Ratcliff, 26 — were released Wednesday night. They were hospitalized in stable condition.

The first of the inmates began giving up at about 4 p.m. Initially, they emerged one by one; by evening they were coming out in groups of 60 to 80. Three prisoners were carried out on stretchers; three used crutches.

Some others were handcuffed; others carried large bags with their belongings as they walked through a



Inmates carry their belongings from the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility they've occupied for 10 days in a riot at the prison in Lucasville, Ohio. (AP Photo)

courtyard lined with armed officers. The inmates were taken to a gymnasium where they were identified, searched and given a new set of

clothes. They were then placed in cells. Negotiations during the standoff had gone on mostly by telephone.

On Tuesday, three inmates and state negotiators met face-to-face for the first time, talking for two hours from opposite sides of a chain-link fence.

## Republicans hold together to defeat jobs bill

By ALAN FRAM  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Jubilant Senate Republicans say their defeat of President Clinton's jobs bill shows he will have to deal with them when he tries to move health care and the rest of his agenda through Congress.

But Democrats said today their decision to drop the package in the face of a month-long GOP filibuster leaves minority Republicans facing the wrath of voters for blocking job creation and perpetuating legislative gridlock.

Clinton suffered his first big defeat in Congress on Wednesday when Democrats, bowing to GOP pressure, dropped from the bill \$3.2 billion for road building and \$8.2 billion for job training and other programs.

After thus effectively killing a major leg of Clinton's economic recovery agenda, the Senate on a voice vote approved \$4 billion for jobless benefits, the only part of the package that never had been controversial.

House action on the trimmed-down measure was possible as early as today.

"It's not a big defeat for me," Clinton told reporters as each side tried to put the best face on the vote. "It's a big disappointment to the hundreds of thousands of Americans who would have had jobs."

Clinton also tried to contrast the battle with the support Republicans showed for former President Bush's efforts to help American allies.

"The people who have voted for this sort of spending repeatedly to help other countries and wouldn't do it to help their own folks and did it when the deficit was going up — and I'm bringing the deficit down — they may have to explain some things," he said.

Republicans said they had the support of Americans tired of spending legislation that does little but cause swelling budget deficits and relentless tax increases.

"The president lost this debate not in the Senate, but around kitchen tables in the homes of working families all over America," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said this morning.

"The bottom line is the American people did not believe that borrowing \$16 billion more and spending it is going to help the economy... The president's program just didn't meet the credibility test," Gramm said on Fox Morning News.

But Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said on CBS that Republicans "didn't want a bill, they wanted to embarrass the president, they wanted to defeat the president's program. That was their principal motivation."

"It's clear that the Republicans played politics at the expense of American jobs," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said on CNN.

However, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Tuesday that "We believe the taxpayers won this time."

And while Dole was reluctant to call the showdown a defeat for Clinton, he said the White House will have to seek GOP support on health care, campaign finance reform and other issues. The new president, flush with last month's lightning-quick congressional passage of his budget, did not try to woo any Republicans to support his jobs package.

"Sometimes, they ought to consult the Republican leader," Dole pointedly told reporters.

But Democrats took pains to remind voters that the GOP action bore a strong resemblance to the congressional standoffs that so disturbed the public last year.

"While the other side is congratulating each other on proving they are a force to be reckoned with, they have only proved that they are the guardians of gridlock," said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

The bill's demise came after Democrats failed Wednesday for the fourth time to halt the Republican filibuster that had frozen the bill in its tracks since March.

The roll call was 56-43 — four votes short of the 60 needed. Sen. Richard Shelby, D-Ala., was the only lawmaker to cross party lines, and Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., did not vote.

After that vote, as Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, consulted with Clinton and other administration officials, Democrats and Republicans fruitlessly swapped proposed compromises.

Republicans offered a \$6.5 billion package containing the jobless benefits money, plus some spending for summer jobs, road building and other projects. All the programs but the unemployment benefits would have been paid for with cuts in existing programs.

"I did not regard it as a credible proposal," Mitchell told reporters.

The final offer by the White House and Mitchell was a bill worth \$12.9 billion, including the highway money. For the first time, Democrats moved toward meeting a key GOP demand by offering to pay for some of the spending — \$5 billion of it — by cutting existing programs.

But Dole said the new White House proposal was too big. And he said Republicans wanted everything in the measure paid for with offsetting cuts — except the jobless benefits.

## Former sheriff's deputies seek \$70,744 in unpaid overtime

ABILENE (AP) — Three former sheriff's deputies are suing Callahan County for \$70,744 in unpaid overtime.

"It would be nice" if law enforcement protection could be provided on an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. basis, "but it's not possible," ex-deputy Rod Waggoner testified Wednesday.

Waggoner, 40, is a plaintiff in the federal lawsuit along with former chief deputy Wayne Knowles, 39, and former deputy John Clay Woods, 37.

They testified that law enforcement is not an 8-to-5 job, but one that requires overtime.

Former Sheriff Bill Skinner is a third-party defendant, brought into the case by the county.

A jury of four women and two men was empaneled in a trial expected to last two or three days.

The fact that Interstate 20 passes through the county creates a lot of law enforcement calls, Knowles testified. Officers are responsible for patrolling locations such as a roadside park near Elmdale and Putnam, which is the county's only wet area for alcoholic beverages.

The deputies filed the suit last July under the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act. Knowles is seeking \$9,555, Woods is asking \$4,839 and Waggoner \$4,493. They also are suing for double damages, alleging the county acted in bad faith, plus \$33,000 in attorney's fees.

Defense attorney Bill Meier says the deputies were aware of the overtime situation. He also says they were on the staff of Sheriff Skinner, who should have operated within his budget.

Other witnesses included two former Callahan County commissioners, Eugene Kitchens and Roy Lafoy, both of Clyde.

Kitchens, who was a commissioner from 1984-88, testified that Callahan County became aware of potential overtime problems under the Fair Labor Standards Act in 1985.

Lafoy was asked if he ever suggested to a deputy that he should go home at 5 p.m. and turn off his radio.

"If I said it, it was in jest," Lafoy said.

The trial resumes at 9 a.m. Thursday before U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings.

## Whataburger, AG at odds regarding smoking sections

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and Corpus Christi-based Whataburger Inc. are involved in a legal battle with possible statewide implications for restaurants and their accommodations for nonsmokers.

A Texas Restaurant Association lawyer said Wednesday that Morales is trying to force major restaurant chains to make a tough choice — break city ordinances or be sued by the state.

The Attorney General's Office counters that the real issue is warning nonsmokers that a non-smoking section isn't necessarily smoke-free. If the ventilation system in nonsmoking areas isn't separate from that of smoking areas, Morales has said, restaurants are obligated to let customers know.

Failure to do so is a violation of deceptive trade laws, according to Morales.

Whataburger disagrees, saying that the state's investigation is an attempt to make law rather than enforce it. The company's position is that no such law exists and that it is not the attorney general's province to make law, in essence, through creative enforcement.

The Texas Restaurant Association agrees.

"The attorney general is, in essence, threatening them," said Glen Garey, general counsel for the association. "They are saying, 'You are going to have to pay \$10,000 to defend yourself for complying with a city ordinance.'"

Many cities — including Corpus Christi — require restaurants to set aside nonsmoker seating. Designating those sections isn't deceptive, Garey argued — it's simply complying with a local ordinance.

But Joe Crews, chief of the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division, said that's not the issue.

"The issue is what sort of disclosures must a facility like Whataburger make to its consumers if they are going to allow customers to smoke in their restaurant," Crews said.

On Tuesday, the attorney general filed a lawsuit against Whataburger, seeking to force the company to answer 23 questions about its smoking policies. Whataburger has refused to cooperate with the investigation, the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* reported.

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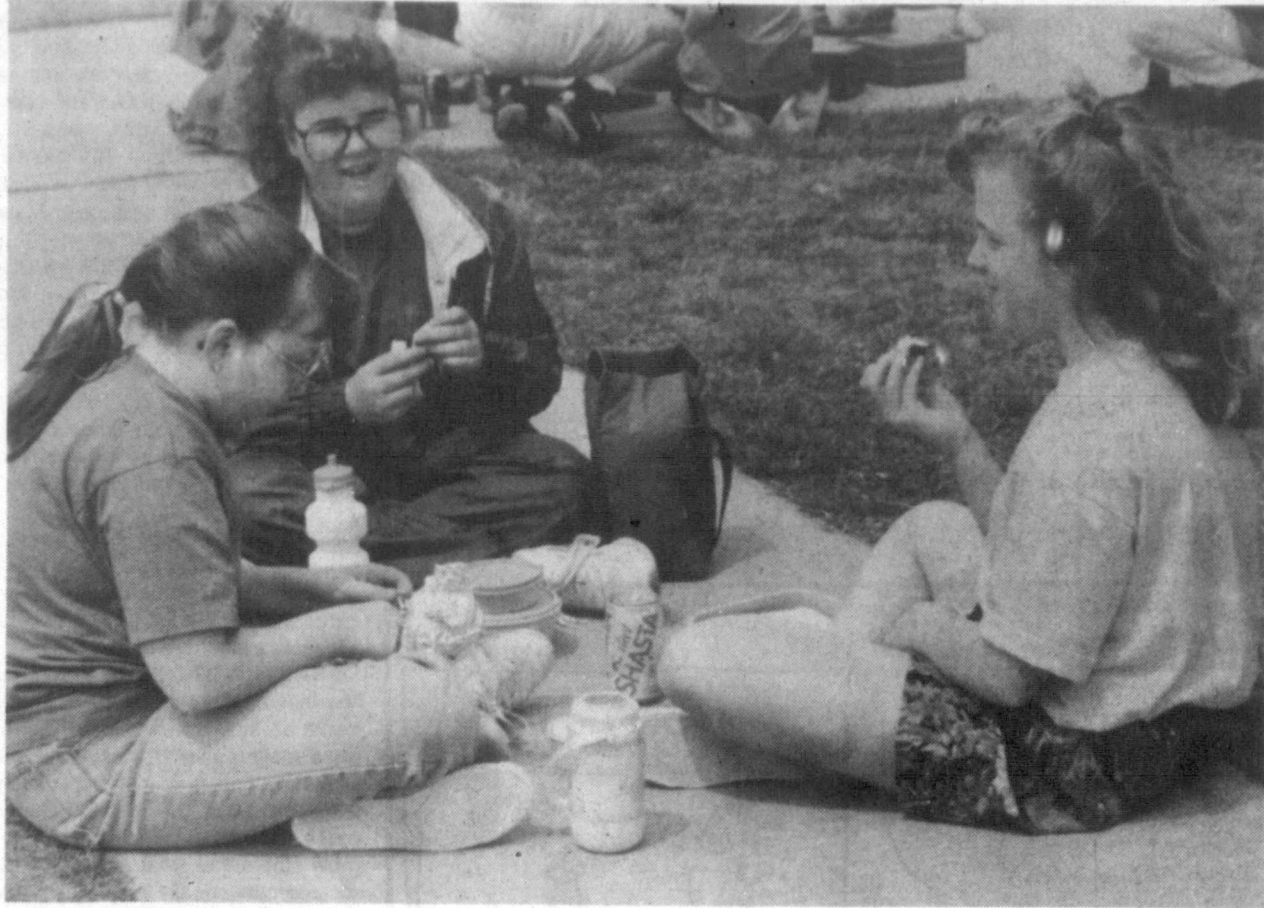
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# Lifestyles

## Eating the trash-free way



(Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Eating a trash free lunch at Travis Elementary last Friday were Angela Klein, left, Tiffany Bruce and Bree Ann Dennis. Third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students, led by campus third-graders, celebrated the national March for Parks and Open Spaces sponsored by the National Parks and Conservation Association. About 300 students marched with banners to North Crest Park to hear a proclamation read by Mayor Richard Peet. With march pledges earned by the students, a campus beautification project is planned.

## Don't have a kite? Make it yourself

A kite fly-in will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday in the park south of M.K. Brown Auditorium. Open to all ages, prizes will be awarded on the basis of originality and workmanship, but kits must fly to qualify. Balloons and ice cream cones will be available for all entering.

Making a kite requires two sticks, 2 or 3 feet long and 1/4 to 1/2 inches wide, paper, cord, glue, plastic tape, strip of cloth, ribbons and bows for the tail.

Notch sticks with knife in each end to hold string around kite.

Glue cross sticks and tie with cord. String cord around the sticks to outline the kite. Tie cord around notches or slip it into slits. Tape sticks on kite paper and draw outline around the string.

Cut paper so that it is two inches larger than outline of kite. Fold margin of paper over the string and glue. Decorate the kit by painting or pasting on pieces of colored paper or designs.

Tie a piece of cord to each of the four corners and knot the cords together. This makes a "br-

dle." Experiment to find the best place to tie the long cord to the bride. Add a tail of cloth to balance the kite and ribbons or paper bows to make it pretty. On windy days, one might need a heavier tail.

The kite fly-in is sponsored by Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art and is held in conjunction with the second annual Sculpture Walk. Pre-registration can be made by calling 665-2913. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. preceding the event.

## Hospital Auxiliary officers to be installed

Coronado Hospital Auxiliary Board of Directors will be installed April 23 at a luncheon recognizing and honoring volunteers sponsored by the hospital board of trustees.

To be installed are Margie Stephens, president; Jo Ann Beall,

vice president; Joyce Morris, second vice president; Mary Dean Dozier, corresponding secretary; Maureen Moore, recording secretary; Susanne Lane, treasurer; Sharon Clark, parliamentarian; and Wilma Mollett, historian.

Advisory board members are Sharon Clark, chairperson; Sybil Qualls and Barbara James.

Members serve April through March. The auxiliary is a member of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries.

## Fundraising tennis tournament set for May 1

Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center is sponsoring a one-day fundraising tennis tournament on May 1. Funds go to support activities of the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Registration deadline is April 30. Prizes will be provided by Pampa merchants. Events include A and B men's doubles, A and B women's doubles, A and B

men's doubles, and A and B mixed doubles.

To enter, call the center at 669-2229 or Marcia Hoover at 669-0601.

## Handicapped should be seen and heard

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from "Heartbroken," concerning the family who received a wedding invitation that did not include their adult, learning-disabled son.

You gave her some very sound advice: Such insensitive people need to see the error of their ways. In today's society, most people with handicaps are made to feel invisible. I see this invisibility as a stereotype that has been perpetuated throughout the ages.

In the Middle Ages, such people were locked away in asylums and considered to be "evil" or "possessed." Even today, naturally curious children are scolded if they look at — or ask about — a handicapped person they see in public. This gives our children the message that handicapped people must not be spoken to, or even looked at in public, thereby continuing this myth of invisibility.

Today, a large majority of handicapped people are important members of their communities. They have jobs, homes and families of their own. Society needs to be educated about all types of handicaps, because with education will come enlightenment, understanding and compassion for this diverse sector of our society.

ERIC'S SISTER IN DALLAS

DEAR SISTER: Thank you for a wonderful letter. All physically challenged and learning-disabled people should have a sibling like you.

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DEAR ABBY: Some time ago — perhaps four or five years ago —



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

you printed an article about drinking. It was rather short, but very powerful and went something like this:

"I drank because I wanted to appear sophisticated, but I became obnoxious..." And there were other reasons for drinking that were equally shallow. If you can locate it, please run it again, Abby. I have a dear friend who could benefit from its sensible message.

FAITHFUL READER,  
EVERETT, WASH.

DEAR FAITHFUL READER: I believe this is it:

"I drank for happiness and became unhappy."

"I drank for joy and became miserable."

"I drank for sociability and became argumentative."

"I drank for sophistication and became obnoxious."

"I drank for friendship and made enemies."

"I drank for sleep and woke up tired."

"I drank for strength and felt weak."

"I drank for relaxation and got the shakes."

"I drank for courage and became afraid."

"I drank for confidence and became doubtful."

"I drank to make conversation easier and slurred my speech."

"I drank to feel heavenly, and ended up feeling like hell."

LONGTIME MEMBER OF A.A.

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DEAR ABBY: Isn't this a lovely way of explaining the death of a loved one to a child? A little girl gave a wonderful explanation of the final years and death of her grandmother. She said to her mother, after the funeral:

"Mom, you always said that Grandma walked and talked a lot with God. What I think happened is that one day God and Grandma went for an extra long walk, and they walked on and talked on, until God said to Grandma, 'You are a long way from home and are so tired, you had better just come home with me and stay.' And Grandma went."

I hope my grandchildren will have this kind of comfort.

PHOENIX GRANDMA

DEAR GRANDMA: Thank you for a beautiful addition to this column.

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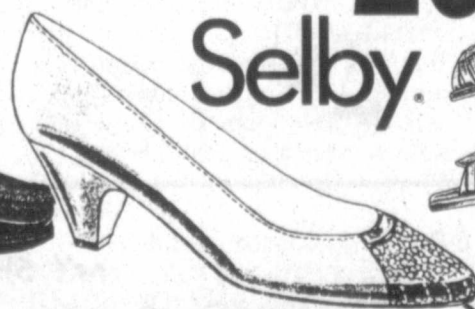
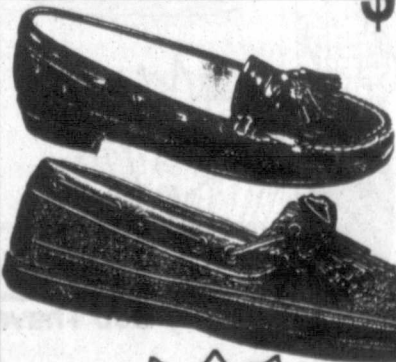
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### NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
- Sob
- Legend
- Character in Othello
- Follower (suff.)
- Part of the eye
- Warplanes
- Recent (pref.)
- Temporary shelter
- Crazy
- Frothy dessert
- Group of whales
- Collection of facts
- Spanish money unit
- Former VP — Rockefeller

**DOWN**

- Opera
- heroine
- Shower
- Breakfast items
- Amount of medicine
- Movie house
- Map abbr.
- Naval petty officer
- Reciprocal
- Actor
- Montand
- Numbers
- Detest
- King Cole
- Individual
- Household animal
- River in Germany
- Observe
- Ocean
- Whale
- Compass pt.
- Tried
- Sault — Marie
- Simpler
- Set of four
- Large bird
- Usual
- Weekend-welcoming abbr.
- Gaelic
- River in Africa
- Bronte heroine Jane
- Art deco illustrator
- Negative votes
- Actor Wallach

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

I still believe life is like the movies... Eventually, one guy rises above everyone else and wins the girl of his dreams. So what's our problem? We're in someone else's movie.

### ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

HEY, DAD! CAN I HAVE TWO DOLLARS? WHAT FOR? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHAT FOR?"

### ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

I THINK BASICALLY I'M AN OPTIMIST... NO MATTER HOW BAD THINGS ARE OR HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN THAT WAY OR HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT SEEMS TO IMPROVE THEM OR HOW INCAPABLE I AM TO EVEN TRY OR SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT TO DO IF I COULD OR EVEN CARE IF I DID... I'M SORRY... WHAT WAS THE QUESTION AGAIN?

### B.C.

By Johnny Hart

PEOPLE GET FAT... SNAKES GET FAT... HOW COME YOU NEVER SEE ANY FAT CLAMS? WELL?... HOW COME? ... YOU'RE HOLDING YOURSELF IN THERE WITH YOUR LIPS, AREN'T YOU?

### MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

ON HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE IT MIGHT SAY MARVIN MILLER... BUT AROUND HERE HE'S REFERRED TO AS THE "SUPERSOAKER."

### ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

HERE ARE THY COCONUTS Y'WANTED, OOP! THANKS, BONES! NOW I WANTCHA T'DO SOMETHING ELSE FOR ME... SURE! WHATCHA NEED? GO TELL ONE OF TH' GUYS TOTING TH' FIREWOOD T'GET A BLAZE GOING! WHY? IT WON'T COOL OFF UNTIL DARK! I DON'T FIGURE WE'LL BE USING IT T'KEEP WARM!

### SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

HOME REMODELING SUPPLIES LUMBER "This isn't the kind of window shopping I had in mind!"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

"The Leonard's grandfather turned 76, so they gave him a trombone."

### THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

GLADYS AND I HAVE LIVED TOGETHER SO LONG I FEEL I'M DEVELOPING A SIXTH SENSE! DO YOU THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE, CHIEF? PERHAPS... BUT IF I WERE YOU, I'D KEEP CONCENTRATING ON THE FIRST FIVE!

### PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

I HAVEN'T WALKED TO SCHOOL IN A LONG TIME. GRAMPA SAYS HE ALWAYS WALKED TO SCHOOL... FIVE MILES! IN ZERO WEATHER! IN DEEP SNOW! UPHILL!

### MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"You're right... we're in big trouble."

### KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

FLEA BITE: HEY, BUDDY, CAN YOU LOAN ME A TEN-SPT? HUH? HOW ABOUT A FIVER? CAN YOU SPARE A FIVER? I'LL PAY YOU BACK! HONEST! I'M GOOD FOR IT!

### WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

HI, DENNY. WHATEVER IT WAS, IT THINKS IT KNOWS ME.

### CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

IS THIS MILK SPOILED? SMELL IT AND SEE. I'M NOT GOING TO SMELL IT! YOU SMELL IT! OH, FOR GOODNESS' SAKE, HERE... IT'S FINE. I DON'T TAKE CHANCES WITH A PRODUCT THAT PRINTS THE DATE YOU MIGHT EXPIRE.

### FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

MY SHIP DIDN'T COME IN, EXACTLY... IT RAN AGROUND.

### GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

THIS RESTAURANT IS SO FANCY, WHEN YOU ORDER MILK, THEY BRING THE COW TO YOUR TABLE! SQUIRT! NO OFFENSE, MA'AM. MOO

### Astro-Graph

by bernice bade osol

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You may require some type of activity today that will enable you to express your leadership qualities. Being in the rear ranks won't be much fun. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Taurus' Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You can deal effectively with others today, provided you don't appear unduly assertive. Make your influence felt in subtle ways.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Try to associate with friends who have been lucky for you recently. The vibes are still operative, and something good could rub off on you again today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** This is not a day for you to waste your time on mundane pursuits. The aspects indicate that you could be luckier if your objective is something significant.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** There is a possibility that you might learn two valuable lessons today through personal experience. This knowledge can be used to your benefit at a later date.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Associates who find they cannot manage difficult developments on their own would be wise to turn these matters over to you. Sorting out the affairs of others is your strong suit today.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Support your interests can be achieved today if you show others that what is important to you could also be equally beneficial for them.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Although conditions may not be completely optimum, your possibilities for fulfilling your ambitious aims look good. Work with what you have at hand.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** In situations that call for a calculated risk, you could be rather lucky today, provided you take every negative aspect under careful consideration.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You might be directly affected by a shifting condition that is initiated by outside factors today. Flow with the tide, because it could work out to your benefit.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Compliments you give a deserving friend who holds you in high esteem will be most welcome today. Be lavish if praise is warranted.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** In situations where something of value is an issue today, you could have a small edge over other people. It's rather fragile, however, so don't lean on it too heavily.









# Classroom Corner

Come on out to play



The Baker School carnival is set for 6-9 p.m. Saturday in the gymnasium. A variety of games, cake walk and ring toss are planned. Leading the carnival parade are Alice Balay, at left, Judy Henderson, Melody Davis and Candy Tefertiller.



Pampa Middle School choir members display trophies won in regional competition. Front row, left, are Jarrett Parsons and Devin Lemons; middle row, left, are Nicole Meason, Wade Bruce and Sondra Wright; and back row, left, Sharon Williams and Sarah Maul.

## Middle school choirs earn trophies

Pampa Middle School choirs earned three sweepstakes awards and a first division in concert at the Region I University Interscholastic League competition concert and sight reading contest at Amarillo High School on April 6.

The Mixed Choir, Concert Girls Choir and Combined Treble Choirs and each won the sweepstakes award which designated all 1's in both events. The seventh and eighth grade Boys Choir received all 1's in concert and a 2 in sight reading.

Pampa received more sweepstakes awards than any other school participating. Suzanne Wood is the director and Jennifer Scoggin is the accompanist.

These choirs plus three sixth grade choirs will be participating in the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo on April 29 and May 1.

All PMS choirs are preparing for their Spring Pops concert in May.

## Former Pampan takes communications awards

Lynda Queen, Information Specialist for Region XVI Education Service Center in Amarillo, brought home state communications awards from the Texas School Public Relations Association Seminar in Austin recently.

Judged with publications from school districts and education agencies and organizations throughout the state, Region XVI's school-year appointment calendar and its newsletter earned Gold Star Awards, the top recognition given.

In addition, the calendar titled *Teaming for Success* took "the Best of Category" gold medal award.

The newsletter *Horizon* was one of only four internal newsletters of 41 entries to receive the Gold Star Award.

## Junior parents' meeting tonight

The annual junior parents meeting is set for 7 p.m. today at Pampa High School auditorium.

School counselors will discuss preparing students for their senior year in high school, graduation requirements, senior year expenses, post secondary school options, financial aid, the application process, admissions testing and honor with honors.

Both the calendar and newsletters, designed, written and edited by Queen, are published for educators in the 66 school districts in the 26-county area served by Region XVI.

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