

New Neighborhood Watch



(Staff photo by John McMillan)

Floyd McMinn, left, a Pampa Police Department employee who is coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch program for the city of Pampa, stands near a Neighborhood Watch sign in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive with Eugene Williams, organizer of a Neighborhood Watch crime-fighting program for south Pampa. Twenty-one residents attended an organizational meeting Friday for Neighborhood Watch at Southside Senior Citizens Center.

Author claims he found the real thing

ATLANTA (AP) — The original recipe for Coca-Cola has been called corporate America's best kept secret. Get it, the legend goes, and you can make a fortune. The company says the formula is in a bank vault, but the author of a new book claims he discovered it in company archives.

"The company will tell you that's not true, it's not the original," said writer Mark Pendergrast. "I think they love the mystique."

"You can't know for sure unless you look in that bank vault ... but this is as close as anyone's come," said the freelance journalist and former librarian whose forthcoming book is called "For God, Country and Coca-Cola."

Coke's insistence on secrecy about the 107-year-old recipe flavors intrigue surrounding the world's best-selling soft drink.

The Coca-Cola Co. did, in fact, deny Pendergrast's claim. The writer said he found the recipe on a yellowed piece of paper marked "X" during research for his book about the Atlanta-based company.

Pendergrast spoke about the book last week from his home in Stowe, Vt. A native of Atlanta, he spent four years researching and writing the book to be published May 4 by Charles Scribner's Sons.

Pendergrast was denied access to the

head of Coke's technical division, where chemists develop the many flavors of Coke, but the company otherwise was helpful while he was doing his research.

A Coca-Cola spokesman did not return telephone calls seeking comment on the book, though the company issued a statement disputing Pendergrast's claim.

Atlanta pharmacist who invented Coca-Cola in 1886. Among the documents was a page Pendergrast later determined to be the first recipe.

It included citrate caffeine, extract of vanilla, seven flavoring oils, fluid extract of coca (cocaine), citric acid, lime juice, sugar, water, caramel and alcohol.

Pendergrast said he confirmed the recipe's authenticity with a former company employee, Mladin Zarubica, who was sent overseas during World War II to mix Coke for U.S. troops and the Allies' soldiers.

Whether Coke ever contained cocaine remains in dispute and the company won't confirm or deny it. But Pendergrast said he found transcripts from a federal tax lawsuit in the early 1900s raising the issue of Coke's claim to have medicinal qualities in which then-Coke President Asa Candler testified to the drug's presence.

Pendergrast said cocaine was removed from the mixture in about 1903, when Coke bowed to social and legal pressure.

Consumers worldwide were in an uproar when the company changed its formula in 1985 and introduced New Coke. But for years many recipe changes were made, apparently undetected, Pendergrast said.

Is this the true Coca-Cola recipe?

By The Associated Press

The original 1886 recipe for Coca-Cola syrup, according to the author of a new book. Following are ingredients as they appear on cans of Coca-Cola Classic, which the company says is made with the original recipe.

Original recipe

Citrate caffeine, 1 oz.
Extract of vanilla, 1 oz.
Flavoring (see below), 2 1/2 oz.
Fluid extract of coca, 4 oz.
Citric acid, 3 oz.
Lime juice, 1 qt.
Sugar, 30 lbs.

Water, 2 1/2 gal.
Caramel, sufficient.
Mix caffeine, acid and lime juice in one quart boiling water, add vanilla and flavoring when cool. Let stand 24 hours.

Flavoring: a mixture of orange oil, lemon oil, nutmeg oil, cinnamon oil, coriander oil, neroli oil and 1 quart of alcohol.

The recipe does not say when sugar, coca, caramel or the rest of the water was to be added.

Coca-Cola Classic

Carbonated water, high fructose corn syrup and/or sucrose, caramel color, phosphoric acid, natural flavors, caffeine.

Company officials didn't know he had the recipe until he finished writing the book.

"I'd been told they were difficult to work with, paranoid. But I didn't find that to be the case," Pendergrast said of Coca-Cola management. "I found them to be gracious and open, once I convinced them I planned to write a fair, objective book."

"The list of ingredients presented as the formula for Coca-Cola in this book is not accurate and is the latest in a long line of previous, unsuccessful attempts to reveal a 107-year-old mystery," the statement said.

Pendergrast was in company archives when he came across the formula in a packet of papers once belonging to John Pemberton, the

Authorities regain control after riot at detention center

GROESBECK (AP) — About 200 inmates at a minimum security prison ended a nearly 11-hour riot early Saturday by surrendering after being bombarded with tear gas.

Some inmates at Limestone County Minimum Security Detention Center reported minor injuries related to the blasts of tear gas, said Sheriff Dennis Walker. Assistant Warden Karen Medik said one inmate was hospitalized for respiratory problems. No guards were injured.

About 200 of the center's 475 inmates began rioting about 5 p.m. Friday. DPS trooper Frank Whaley said the incident began after prisoners were told to clean up their cells. About 100 refused, and their televi-

sion privileges were revoked, he said. Inmates then took over the two wings, destroying sinks and lockers and breaking dishes, Whaley said.

"They destroyed anything they could destroy in their cells," said Sheriff Walker, who had no immediate damage estimate.

The prisoners began giving up in groups of five about 3:40 a.m. Saturday, said Walker. No shots were fired before the surrender and the inmates had no weapons or hostages and made no demands.

All of the inmates were evacuated from the building by 6:30 a.m., Ms. Medik said. They were then transported to the Michael Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

near Palestine, said Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Walker said the prisoners would remain at various other state prisons while the facility was repaired.

McDonald said the officials needed the inmates to be moved out temporarily so they could repair damage incurred during the uprising.

"We don't have any prisoners here at all," Ms. Medik said.

Groesbeck, a community of about 3,000 people, is about 37 miles east of Waco and 88 miles south of Dallas.

The privately operated facility has 500 beds, officials said. Neil Bond, who runs vocational training at the state-contracted prison, said most of the prisoners were at the facility due to overcrowding at the Harris County Jail.

Texas has had problems with private prisons before. In May 1989, inmates protesting food quality and other conditions at a privately run prison in Eden created a disturbance that required federal negotiation. Nobody was seriously injured in that fracas.

Retired aviators feel taint of Tailhook

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The waiting has been the worst part of the Navy's Tailhook sexual harassment scandal, say retired naval aviators at a weekend reunion.

Most of them are Tailhook Association members and have suffered from the scandal's taint along with active-duty counterparts. The release Friday of an investigative report about a year after the scandal first broke revived their anguish and anger.

"It's a damn shame that it hasn't been investigated more expeditiously," said retired Capt. Chick Smith of La Jolla, Calif. "It's been allowed to fester, and it's been detrimental to the Navy during that period."

Smith, who shot down 11 enemy planes in World War II, and retired Vice Adm. Pierre Charbonnet, a fighter pilot in World War II who later served in Vietnam, are members of the Early and Pioneer Naval Aviators Association.

The group met Friday and Saturday at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, where many first learned to fly.

"It's really had an absolutely horrible affect on morale," Charbonnet, from Pensacola, said of the investigative lag in the Tailhook scandal.

Most members of the early aviators group are over 60. To become members, they distinguished themselves in combat or other ways. Some are astronauts and aviation record-setters. All are proud of their careers and the Navy, but Tailhook cast a pall over that.

"When you recall all the stormy,

rainy nights, foggy days that you've launched and all that sort of thing, you get just damned mad at the few people who would absolutely cast a shadow on your whole life," said retired Capt. Don Issitt of Pensacola, a fighter pilot in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

The investigative report portrayed the 1991 Las Vegas convention of the Tailhook Association, an organization of active and retired Navy and Marine aviators, as a three-day bacchanal marred by drunkenness and scores of sexual assaults. The name Tailhook comes from a hook attached to a plane to snag a braking cable during carrier landings.

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Letters to the editor

Alanreed ISD a No. 1 district

To the editor:
 Alanreed ISD was the first Independent School District (901) in Gray County. Yes, on July 1, 1993, Alanreed ISD will be history. After two consecutive years of the County Education District (CED) system of finance, "the confiscation plan", Alanreed ISD is forced to close its doors. The CED system wiped out the Alanreed ISD system. Confronted with such dilemma, the AISD Board or Trustees called for an election to see what the registered voters, who lived in the district, would determine. The voters voted to abolish (not consolidate) the district.
 In compliance with the Texas Education Code, the Commissioners Court in each county where the district's territory is located, was called upon to determine the disposition of the territory within each county. The Commissioners Court in Gray County assigned all the territory, approximately 92 square miles, to McLean ISD. About 89 square miles of the district is located in Donley County. The Commissioners Court in Donley County, very wisely and unselfishly, assigned approximately 49 square miles to the Clarendon ISD and approximately 40 square miles to the Hedley ISD.

According to the Texas Education Code, the real property and buildings, where the school is located, in Gray County, will be assigned to the McLean ISD. The personal properties of the district will be shared, based on taxable value, by all districts receiving AISD territory. This will be accomplished by the Commissioners Court of each county agreeing on the allocation.
 Alanreed ISD will close without any indebtedness, paying all debts and outstanding warrants. The voters, living in the district, having defeated many consolidation issues and other outside forces, could not defeat the CED "Confiscation Plan," which took their tax dollars for education and used it in other school districts. The Board of Trustees of Alanreed ISD are to be commended for their work and accomplishments through the years, also the pressures they have endured to see that Alanreed ISD was a number one school district.

Billy B. Adams
 Superintendent-Alanreed ISD
Thanks for the surprise

To the editor:
 A special "thank you" and appreciation to the weekend group of Cheryl, Misty, Connie and all employees of Coronado Nursing Center for the surprise Easter party.
 First, we, the residents, were given a corsage by the Ladies of the Moose before lunch. At about 2:20, we were taken back to the dining room.
 First, we were greatly surprised with the arrival of the Easter bunny (in person) and who passed out Easter eggs to all of us. Then, this was followed by being served delicious homemade and decorated cookies, ice cream and then each resident was given a hand made Easter basket filled with goodies.
 A lot of time and hard work went into making this a big surprise and a very special day for us.
 Thank you to everyone who had a part in this "special surprise." It made our Easter Sunday a very special one, given by those who give of their time to care for and love each of us.

Mary E. Jones
 resident, Coronado Nursing Center
Way to go big sis!

To the editor:
 I wanted to write a letter of encouragement to everybody who might have a doubt about their education no matter what your situation might be.
 My sister is 26 years old and has three children. She had her first child when she was 16 years old, and had all three children by the age of 21. She quit school her junior year.
 She has been happily married for three years now, and is very close to her husband and children. She had to make a very hard decision after a job layoff. She could either work several jobs to make up for one or get an education. She chose an education to better her children's future as well as her own. So she studied and obtained a G.E.D. and even though she had been out of school 8-10 years, she had no problem. From there she decided to pursue a career in nursing. She has been attending college full-time, working two jobs, and has been on the Dean's List from day one.
 I am very proud to say my sister will be graduating on April 30, 1993, and still remains on the Dean's List. It took a lot of hard work and determination to get here, and you did it!
 Tammy, I'm so proud of you. You have given me and hopefully many others the inspiration to better themselves. Congratulations! I love you!
 Way to go big sister!

Teresa Peters
 Pampa
Check your own backyard

To the editor:
 Lately all I've heard is how terrible the kids in South Pampa or "Spook Village" as it is so fondly called by some of our "professionals" (and you know who you are) have become.
 This is to inform you that everyone living in this part of town doesn't sell drugs, shoot randomly, and chase cars (or ambulances as the case may be).
 I have lived here all my life and I know there are some good people in this neighborhood. You hear a bout all the bad that goes on and the black teenagers are blamed. Well I hate to burst your bubble. While you are sitting and discussing the latest happenings, your kids see it first hand. Yes, I hate to break it to you, but I can't tell you how many white girls and boys, but mostly girls are down here every day. If you only knew how many of these boys have driven those expensive cars you've mortgaged your house to get, well, I'm sure you get the picture.
 I'm sure you've all heard how a gang of teenagers beat up some poor white person or how there was a riot. What you don't hear is what that person did to those teenagers or how the police talk to those kids when they come down here.
 So before you start trying to judge these kids I suggest you check your own backyard. If you're afraid to come down here you should be afraid to

sleep in your own house, because your kids are as much a part of it as the kids who live here. They just high tail it when the police come so mommy and daddy won't find out.

As I've said, I've lived here all my life and I see your kids every day and I can name names! Just remember, when your kids aren't with you, you don't know where they are. Take a spin through here sometime, you may be surprised or should I say shocked at what you'll find.
 In closing I'd just like to say people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones!
 Have a nice day.
Cynthia Phillips
 Pampa

We don't want school to close

To the editor:
 I may just be a 6th grade student at a small country school to you. I want to let the public know that we know about the Robin Hood taxes. We all know if they take the money from the small schools then they will go broke and then they will have a drop in property values.
 After that they will take money from a little bigger schools. Soon there will be few schools and the schools would have more students in one classroom. The teachers wouldn't be able to teach each individual student. The school teachers and principals would be too worried about drugs and weapons to teach school.
 The students at Grandview-Hopkins ISD do not want our school to close. What kind of equality is that? Vote NO on May 1, 1993.

Dustie Quisenberry
 Groom
Robin Hood is a thief

To the editor:
 Robin Hood was a thief and we are being asked to make it legal for the state government to be thieves. Proposition 1 has already been declared unconstitutional!
 What other constitutional rights will be taken away if our government officials see how easy it is to just change the rules that get in the way of a simple way out instead of working within the boundaries that were set forth to protect the rights of all the people of Texas?

How "equal" will school funding be when our rural schools are forced to close? The "equality" will be increased transportation costs, added faculty costs for increased student population, poor test scores because of higher student-teacher ratios, travel time of 4 to 6 hours a day for children as young as 5 years old, and many other "equalities" that I'm sure a lot of the "poor" schools don't want to absorb, but if this bill passes, will be forced to do so.
 "Rich" schools are defined as those that are budget-balanced. They are able to pay their bills with funds collected from the property taxes in their district without state funding. Does this mean that if you are personally able to pay your bills without financial aid that someone can decide that it is unfair or "unequal" because they can't pay their bills on the income they earn and force you to supplement them with your personal income so all will be financially equal?
 How many of you would be able to continue to feed, clothe, and shelter your families if this were to happen to you? Another word for Proposition 1 is socialism. Please vote NO on May 1.

Mary Quisenberry
 Groom
Law did right thing in Waco

To the editor:
 It's important that everyone know that our law enforcement agencies finally did the right thing in Waco.
 Hebrews 10:29 teaches there will be degrees of punishment. So David Koresh will get the third degree. He lied, committed adultery and murder.
 Looking back, Jimmy Carter gave away the Panama Canal and we all thought it was a shame, but now we're really paying for it. It makes me wonder what our government is thinking at times like that. Even today, with the recent prison riot in Ohio, we didn't act quickly enough. We should have taken away their food and water and made them surrender immediately.
 According to statistics, 70 percent of Americans say we should have taken Saddam Hussein and he's still alive. In Los Angeles, we should have told the rioters to disperse or we would be forced to take care of them. It's a shame that these things happen, but we've got to stop them.
 Now, we finally did the right thing in Waco.

On another note, I want to commend Hamil Wilson very highly for his

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letter to the editor in last Sunday's Pampa News (4-18-93). It's a shame the way our government is treating our GIs.

We need our policemen. Sure they do wrong sometimes, like in L.A., but who doesn't do wrong? You only have to imagine where we would be without our policemen, to realize how much we need them.
 I just want to say I'm glad to be an American.

Noel Southern
 Pampa
Vote no on amendments 1,3

To the editor:
 I am writing this letter to insure that the voters of the Panhandle are fully apprised of the ramifications involved in the upcoming election. More specifically, I am referring to the three constitutional amendments that will appear on the ballot.

The first amendment is an attempt by "Austin Annie" and her crowd to get the voters to give them free reign and a blank check on future school funding. They want the voters to give them the authority to do whatever they decide without clearing it with the taxpayers first! They refuse to tell us what they have in mind, but rather want us to give them total control over our local school funding.
 One possibility has been circulated that would allow for a maximum of \$1 additional tax for every \$100 in property valuation. That would amount to only a "mere" \$6 billion in additional taxes for you and I to send to Austin. The Austin gang is trying to convince us this "won't" happen, but then, weren't they the very ones who told us the proceeds from the infamous lottery would go to education. We did get an "education" on that bit of political misinformation.

The Republican Party of Texas as well as Monte Hasie, State Board of Education member from Lubbock, are strongly urging voters to vote against Amendments 1 and 3. Mr. Hasie states "Proposition 1 would destroy local control and convert local property taxes into state property taxes." He observes that four counties in Texas have 40 percent of the property wealth and because they have a large percentage of the votes in the Legislature, it is very conceivable these four counties would be setting property taxes in our communities.

It's time we let our elected officials know that when we send them to represent us we do not give them a blank check to do with as they please. Please VOTE NO on Amendments 1 and 3. It's in the best interest of all of us.

Susan Triplehorn
 chair, Gray County Republican Party



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Pickens: 'Robin Hood' not good public policy

By BOONE PICKENS
Guest Columnist

The children of Texas deserve a quality education, and the taxpayers deserve a fair shake. Those are two of the reasons I'm opposing the school finance amendment which is on the May 1 ballot.

But there is a third reason I'm against the so-called "Robin Hood" amendment to the Texas Constitution. As a businessman, I don't think this proposal is good fiscal policy. What's more, this amendment does not address the real problem in our schools — declining standards.

The state is on the brink of creating a statewide property tax and redistributing local property taxes. Yet the Legislature is asking taxpayers to vote for the "Robin Hood" tax plan without knowing its true cost, or their share of the burden. Advocates of this measure should release a detailed financial impact statement before the May 1 election, but I'm convinced that being forced to outline the real costs of this proposal is their greatest fear.

It's foolish to start a business without a complete cost analysis. Maybe if taxpayers knew just how much this plan would cost, then there would be a revolt on May 1. The plan is expected to raise and redistribute new taxes, but on whom and by how much remains a guarded secret.

Property taxes are skyrocketing even without "Robin Hood." In 1987, the average property tax rate in Texas was almost \$.85 per \$100 valuation. By 1991, it was up to \$1.27 per \$100 valuation. Total school taxes reached \$8.6 billion in 1992 — a 13 percent increase over 1991 which was preceded by a 14.5 percent increase in 1991 over 1990.

Spending for education in Texas

has increased as well over the past few years.

• From 1987 to 1991, average spending per student in Texas went from \$3,834 to almost \$5,000.

• Since 1979, spending per student has increased 127 percent while school enrollment in Texas has risen only 33 percent.

• Total spending on education in Texas — which includes local, state and federal monies — was more than \$17 billion in 1991-92 or 203 percent higher than the 1979-80 biennium.

With spending and taxes on education rising dramatically in recent years, you would expect that Texas schoolchildren would be getting a better education. But Texas still ranks below the national average on SAT scores and, in fact, that has been the case every year over the past decade. Texas also ranks near the top in drop-outs and in adult illiteracy.

A March 1990 report by the National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA) showed that Texas public schools now employ more non-teachers than teachers and that administrative costs per student go as high as \$2,208 in some school districts.

Texas is blowing money on overhead, yet in 74 studies that examined whether better school facilities improved education, 62 found it made no difference and five actually concluded that it reduced student achievement. In addition, of the 65 studies that examined whether increasing pupil expenditures improved student performance, three-fourths found no improvement.

The educators cannot argue that Texas schools have been deprived or that taxes have not kept pace with increasing demands on the system.

More importantly, they would be hard-pressed to justify a new round of spending and taxes if the criteria were performance-based.

It is ironic that the Edgewood School District — which brought the suit that now brings the state to the brink of a statewide property tax — has more revenue per pupil (\$5,196) than Dallas ISD (\$4,524) which will likely be hit by the "Robin Hood" tax plan. Edgewood exceeds the statewide average revenue per pupil revenue by 15 percent with 74 percent of its funds coming from the state, according to the Texas Education Agency. The agency also shows state funds accounting for only 7 percent of DISD revenues in 1991-92. Districts such as the Dallas ISD will be "punished" just because they rely less on state funding and are more self-sufficient.

The essence of "Robin Hood" tax plan is the politics of envy of the highest order. It has no bearing on the quality of education. Two years ago, State Rep. Paul Moreno of El Paso, a supporter of "Robin Hood," best summed up the school finance fight. In response to a question asking what the rich districts have that the poor ones don't, Rep. Moreno replied: "Swimming pools, Astro-Turf, beautiful cafeterias, drama stages." At least he's honest.

The fight comes down to this: a play for power and more money. Period. There is no effort to ensure that new tax dollars raised would be spent on students, books or even more teachers which should be the focus of any reform effort. The advocates of the "Robin Hood" tax plan have no sound basis for changing the entire system of education finance, so they have resorted to scare tactics — such as using the threat of school closures — to try to

browbeat voters into approving the plan.

Our schools won't close any more than prisons would close in a similar circumstance. Judge Scott McCown, who helped make this mess, has said that this question doesn't require a constitutional amendment. It can be resolved by statute.

Though the Legislature has known about the June 1 deadline for over a year, it has done nothing to resolve the issue. Since Jan. 30, 1992, when the deadline was set, all the Legislature has managed to do was put a constitutional amendment on the ballot. A special session was even called to deal with this court-created monster.

The people of Texas shouldn't be bullied into pouring more money into a system that doesn't fulfill its basic function of preparing young Texans to be functionally and culturally literate in our information-based society. The taxpayers of Texas must demand accountability of the education system. We should start by:

• Slashing overhead and being more cost conscious.

• Strengthening local court and local financing.

• Instituting a "report card" for schools — the result of which would deprive schools of funds if they consistently ranked below minimum standards.

The "Robin Hood" tax plan must be stopped on May 1. There is no evidence that increased, or "equalized," funding will make our schools better. And there's no reason to believe that the educators will be successful even after soaking the taxpayers for billions more.

Editor's note: Boone Pickens is an entrepreneur and chairman and chief executive officer of Dallas-based MESA, an independent natural gas producer.

Hahn attends county treasurers' seminar

COLLEGE STATION — About 200 county treasurers, including Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn, took part in the 21st Annual County Treasurers' Seminar at Texas A&M University, April 12-15.

"In Search of Excellence Through Education" was the theme of the conference sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Institute of County Government and the County Treasurers' Association in cooperation with the Texas Association of Counties.

The seminar covered such topics as "County Employees and Credit Unions," "Indigent Health Care," "A Review of the Worker's Compensation Insurance Law," "AIDS Awareness," "Cash Management/Zero Balance Budgeting," "Records Security in the Treasurer's Office/Open Records Act," "Forfeited Funds," "Wellness," and

"Cash Management/Zero Balance Budgeting."

Keynote addresses were given by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and Allen "A.J." Seelhammer, director of marketing and education-government, the 3M Corp., New Braunfels.

County treasurers who attended all the sessions of the conference received continuing education units from the Texas A&M's Office of Continuing Education. Treasurers are required to complete 20 hours of educational effort every two years in accordance with state law.

In conjunction with the seminar, a board of directors meeting of the County Treasurers' Association of Texas was held. Hahn, treasurer of the association, reported on the financial condition and the status of dues paid. All county treasurers in the state have paid their dues.

NACE sets meeting for Tuesday

AMARILLO — The monthly meeting of National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Owen's Corning Plant.

The meeting will consist of a tour with guides Tom Gross and Paul Carr of Owen's Corning. Those attending should park in the visitors' parking lot and enter at the security sign-in.

Chamber Communique

At the Chamber board of directors meeting, Bill O'Brien, assistant administrator, and Judy Martin, director of physician services, of Coronado Hospital, spoke about their recruitment program and of the coordinated efforts the hospital has

implemented to include residents in this effort.

Other business included naming Bill Wade, Energas district manager, to vice president of Community Development, and Ernest Ramariz, SPS Pampa district manager, to fill

an unexpired term on the board of directors, due to the resignation of Richard Fatheree.

In the May issue of the "Chamber Newsletter," M. William Miller, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corp.,

will begin his series of informational articles to be featured each month.

Dr. Dawson Orr, chairman of the 1993 Country Fair will hold an organizational meeting at noon Thursday in the Nona Payne Room.

Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union holds annual session

The Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union met for their annual session on April 19 in the M.K. Brown Heritage Room with 505 members attending.

Tommy Lindsey, was elected to serve another three-year term. The

board of directors are Lindsey, Glenda Thrasher, Ray Thornton, Jerry Pope and Shirley Waller.

Following the business meeting door prizes were awarded by ticket drawings. Kelly Vinson won a 386

Computer System from Computer Sales and Technology, Keith Stewart won a 20" color television; Raynetta Earp won a \$250 ring from Rheams Jewelry. Cameron Cargill, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Kenny Cargill, won a 20-inch bicycle.

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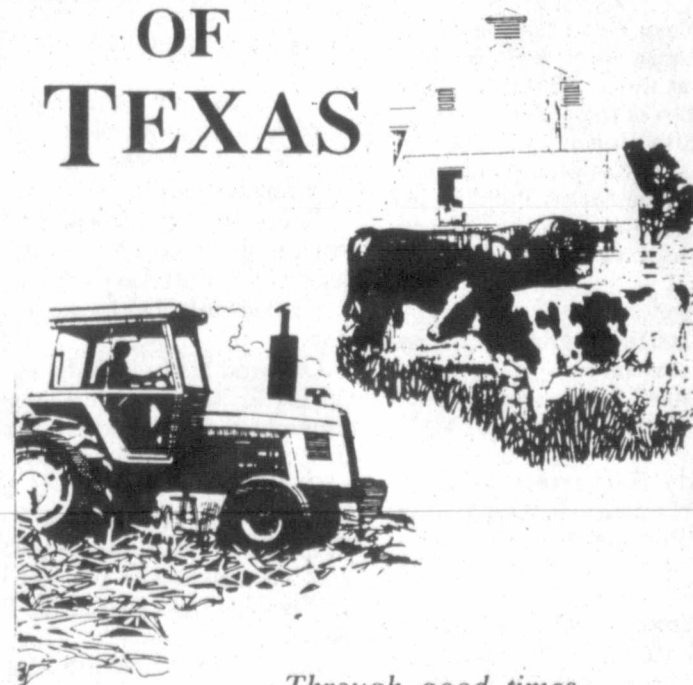
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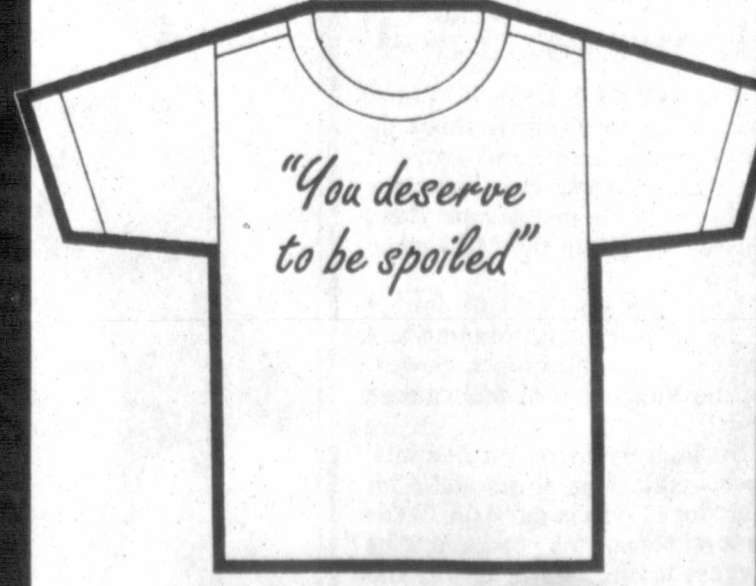
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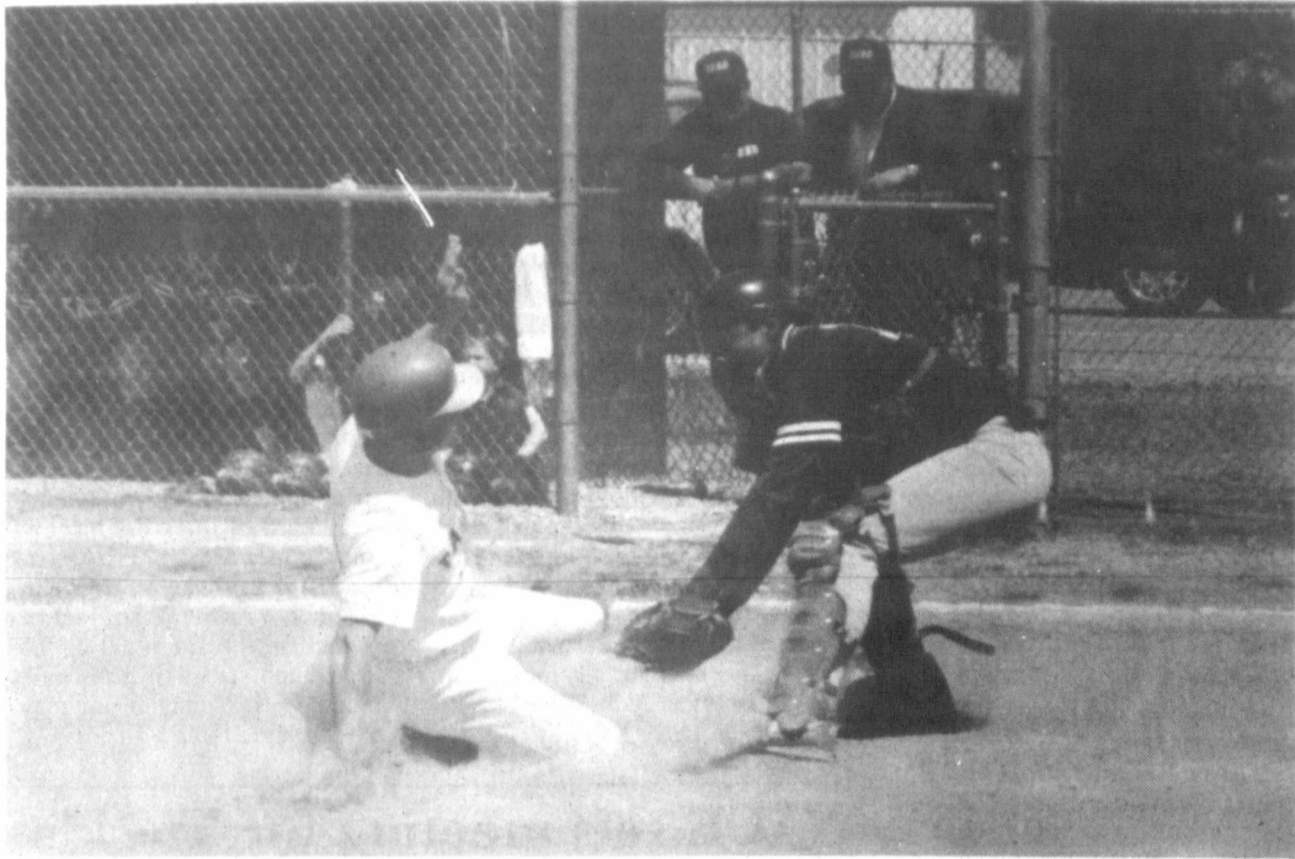


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Sports



Pampa's Tony Cavalier slides home with a run on a wild pitch in the fourth inning. (Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Harvesters outslug Hereford

Pampa outlasted Hereford, 21-11, in a District 1-4A slugfest Saturday at Harvester Field.

The Harvesters went into the game deadlocked with Hereford and Dumas for third place in the district standings at 3-3.

No lead appeared safe in Saturday's tilt, at least until the fifth inning when Pampa plated seven runs for a 20-11 lead. The Harvesters ended things with the 10-run rule in the sixth when Hank Gindorf's groundball was booted, allowing a run to score from third.

Sparked by Kyle Hansen's 3-run homer in the top of the first, the Whitefaces jumped out to a 5-0 lead.

However, the Harvesters wasted little time in jumping right back on the Herd in the bottom half of the first. Before the final out was made, Pampa had scored eight runs on a run-scoring double by Brad Smillie, a bases-loaded walk to Tyler Kendall, a two-run double by Hank Gindorf, Tony Cavalier's sacrifice and Gregg Moore's three-run homer that cleared the left field fence.

After Hereford went back on top,

10-8, the Harvesters came back with a run in the bottom of the second on Matt Finney's single and a Hereford error. When Pampa reliever Chris Poole held the Whitefaces scoreless in the top of the third, the Harvesters went back on top to stay on Kurt West's two-run double.

"It just seems like these kids have to get behind before they can get it in gear. Overall, I was pretty pleased with the way we played. Our defense has been pretty good all year and our offense had been lagging, but it looks like we've got it all together now. Those 21 runs are the most we've scored this season," said PHS head coach Rod Porter.

With a narrow 11-10 lead after three innings, the Harvesters started pulling away in the fourth when Cavalier and Gindorf scored on wild pitches. Hereford was put deep in the hole in the fifth when Pampa's first five batters reached base, resulted in three runs. With two outs, singles by Cavalier, Danny Frye and Brad Smillie each produced a run. Another run came across on a groundball error.

Poole picked up his seventh win against three losses after taking over for Matt Garvin in the first. He yielded six runs on five hits and struck out two of the three batters he faced in Hereford's half of the sixth.

Pampa, 12-10 for the season, goes against Borger in a key district matchup Tuesday at Borger, starting at 4:30 p.m. Borger was in second place with a 4-2 record going into its game with district-leading Randall on Saturday.

"We're right where we need to be going into the game with Borger. It's nice to still have a chance to make the playoffs when so many other teams are out of it," Porter added.

The Harvesters have three games remaining in the regular-season.

Pampa's junior varsity closed its season Saturday with a 6-5 win over Hereford JV. Josh Starnes hit a 10th-inning solo homer to win it for the Shockers, who finish with a 15-6 record.

Winning pitcher Todd Finney went the distance to collect his seventh win against two losses. He struck out 13 Hereford batters.

Lady Harvesters begin softball program

Four teams opened play in the Lady Harvesters' intramural fastpitch softball league Tuesday night at Hobart Street Park.

All games will be played at Hobart Street Park North Field on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6 and 8 and Saturday at 10 and noon.

The Green team got off to a fast start Tuesday night, defeating the Gray team, 9-3. The Green scored seven runs off Gray starter Danette Hoover in the first two innings. She gave up one hit, struck out four and walked seven. In relief, Amy Drinnon gave up two runs on six hits while striking out five and walking two.

Katy Fortin led the Green hitting attack with two hits while Kasey Bowers, Rhonda Been, Summer Morris, Alison Brantley, Alicia Lunceford and Leanne Dyson had one hit each.

Meredith Horton took the win for Green, giving up three runs on three walks and four hits while striking out 17.

Jessica Whitney, Amy Drinnon, Amy Trusty and Christy Hoover each collected a hit for Gray.

In game two, the White team held off a determined Gold team, winning its first game of the season, 13-12.

Gold took the lead in the bottom of the sixth, 12-10. White came back to score three runs in the top of the sev-

enth and claim the win as Gold could not score in the bottom of the seventh.

Veronica Santacruz suffered the loss for Gold while Lorie Fulton took the win for the White team.

Amanda Kludt notched her first win of the season in relief of Jamie Cenicerros when the White team came from behind to defeat the Gray, 16-11, Thursday night.

White's Jill Trollinger turned in a rare unassisted triple play at shortstop. She caught a flyball for the first out, tagged the runner who was off the bag at second and got the other baserunner attempting to reach second on the play before she could return to first base.

Julie Montoya pitching for the Gold team and Jamie Wells on the mound for the Green team battled to an 11-all tie as time expired after seven innings of play. If the tie affects first place at the end of the season, the game will be completed.

The Gold's Chereese Davis had a home run with Dawn Fox getting two hits. Christina Lozano, Mandy Morris, Erin Cobb, Patti Montoya, Jamie Humphery, Lisa Jones, Erin Jones, Hillary Ybarra and Julie Montoya each had a hit. Montoya gave up 10 hits, six walks and struck out 12.

The Green team attack was led by

Rhonda Been with a home run and two hits. Meredith Horton had two hits, including a three-run homer to tie the game in the top of seventh with two outs. Misti Plunk added two hits, followed by Kasey Bowers, Serenity King and Katy Fortin with one hit each.

Double plays were turned in by the Green's Rhonda Been, who caught a line drive at third and got the base runner, who was trapped off the bag, and Meredith Horton, who fielded a groundball at first to get the batter and threw to catcher Misti Plunk, who tagged the runner out at home plate attempting to score from third on the play.

Jamie Wells gave up 13 hits, 9 walks and struck out five in her first start of the season.

League standings are as follows: White, 2-0; Green, 1-0-1; Gold, 0-1-1; Gray, 0-2.

The Lady Harvesters won the United Girls Softball Association Championship last season, defeating, San Angelo, 5-4, in the finals.

Pampa earned a shot at being state champions after posting wins over Big Spring, 13-3; Snyder, 9-8; Sweetwater, 14-9, and Andrews, 13-3, in the tournament at Midland.

Cowboys expected to be active traders on draft day

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Since the JJ boys took over at Valley Ranch, draft day with the Dallas Cowboys has been a circus.

One year coach Jimmy Johnson traded up to draft running back Emmitt Smith. Last year the Cowboys traded down to get cornerback Kevin Smith, who was signed, sealed and delivered by owner Jerry Jones that very day. The Cowboys also got safety Darren Woodson, a projected star of the future.

This year the free-wheeling and dealing Cowboys would appear shackled since they are the Super Bowl champions and will be picking 29th, 84th, and 96th.

Ordinarily, Dallas would have the 28th pick as the last NFL team to make a selection, but compensatory

picks awarded Philadelphia and Phoenix dropped the Cowboys a notch.

But don't count out Johnson's imagination or his ability to manipulate other teams into his bidding. In his four NFL draft days, Johnson has made 16 deals, four of them last year.

"We'll always be active traders," Johnson said.

Johnson is out of his Herschel Walker trade dividend certificates, courtesy of the Minnesota Vikings.

Johnson's first round draft picks have been solid. They include Smith, quarterback Troy Aikman, defensive lineman Russell Maryland, wide receiver Alvin Harper, cornerback Kevin Smith and linebacker Robert Jones.

The Cowboys are without a second-round pick this year. It went to

San Francisco for Charles Haley, who helped improve the Dallas pass rush.

Johnson may not gamble. "I look at our pick as the first one in the second round and there are a lot of good players in the NFL who came out of the second round."

The Cowboys need to find a tight end, a quality offensive lineman, outside linebacker, a cornerback, and perhaps a quarterback. Also, punter Mike Saxon had a poor post-season and the Cowboys are looking for competition, although it will likely come from the free agent ranks.

Dallas will also be looking at wide receivers with the loss of Kelvin Martin to free agency, although second year player Jimmy Smith is expected to be given a chance to jump into the role.

Record-setter



Pampa 8th grader Tim Fields set records in both the long jump and triple jump at the Middle School District Track Meet held Saturday at Randy Matson Field. The Pampa 8th grade team scored 213 points to capture first place. Pampa set six district or school records in the 8th grade division. Borger was first in the 7th grade division with 165 points and Pampa placed third with 93 points. (Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Day claims another Derby Trial victory

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Jockey Pat Day, hoping for a second straight Kentucky Derby win, got a third Derby Trial victory Saturday on opening day at Churchill Downs.

Cherokee Run carried Day home three lengths ahead of Darien Deacon. Ground Force was another nine lengths back.

The winner is trained by Frank Alexander, who also trains Waldenda, the colt Day will ride in the 1 1/4-mile Derby next Saturday.

Day won his first Derby last year on Lil E. Tee. His previous Trial triumphs were aboard On the Line in 1987 and Alydavid in 1991.

Cherokee Run, owned by Jil Robinson, is nominated for the Triple Crown races. Alexander said the colt would not run in the Derby, but could start in the Preakness.

Darien Deacon, fourth-place Mr. Scrooge and sixth-place Bert's Bubbleator were the only other

Derby nominees in a field of nine 3-year-olds. None were expected to start in the Derby.

Cherokee Run, winning for the third time in four starts this year, carried 122 pounds over a mile on a sloppy track in 1:37 2-5 and

returned \$3.40, \$2.80 and \$2.40 to his backers in a crowd of 19,951.

Darien Deacon, 114, ridden by Craig Perret, returned \$6.20 and \$5. Ground Force, 117, with Jose Santos, was \$6 to show.

Rangers blast Brewers, 15-4


MILWAUKEE (AP) — Texas manager Kevin Kennedy shook up his lineup Saturday and dropped Jose Canseco to sixth in the order for the first time this season. Then, Canseco shook up the Milwaukee Brewers.

Canseco hit a two-run double during an 11-run sixth inning and also hit a two-run homer, powering the Rangers past Milwaukee 15-4.

The Rangers combined five hits, three walks, three errors and a hit batter for 11 runs in the sixth. Texas came within one run of matching its biggest inning, while it was the biggest burst ever against the Brewers.

"He came in after he hit the home run and said, 'I'm not hitting here forever,'" Kennedy said. "After he got the two-run double, he didn't say much."

"After the game, I said I think I found my sixth hitter and he said, 'Yeah, I think you have.' It's just something you do right now to get a guy going," Kennedy said.



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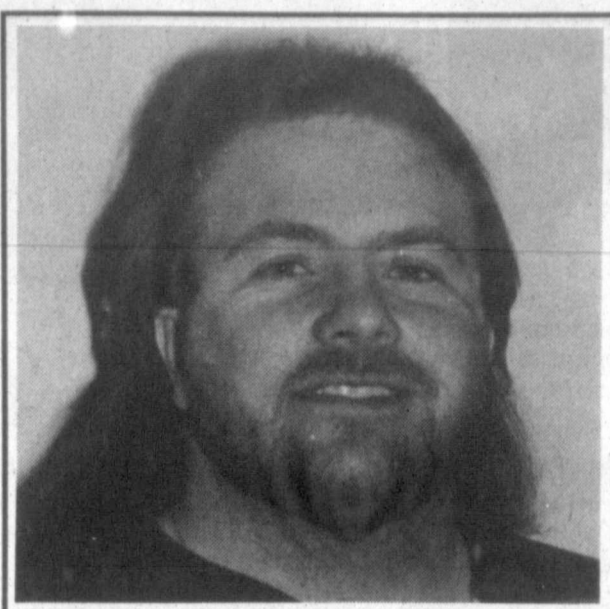
Clarendon College - Pampa Center Graduates



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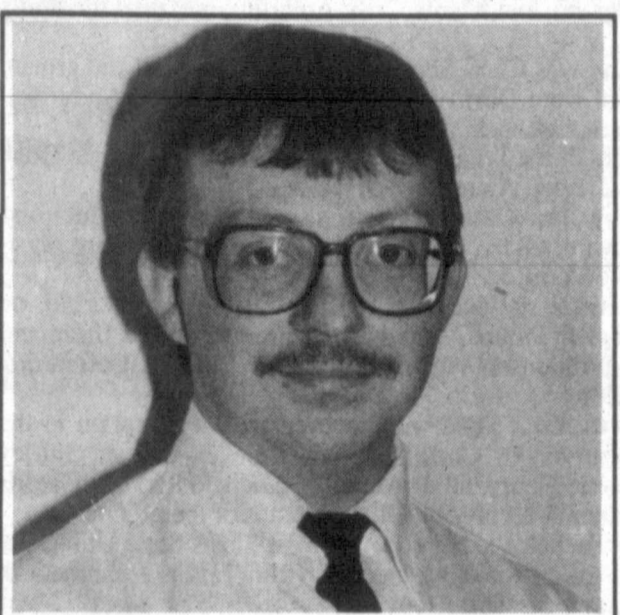
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Nora K. Williams

Meet the graduates

Fourteen area residents have concluded their studies at Clarendon College — Pampa Center. Graduation exercises were April 23 on the Clarendon campus.

KAREN A. BARNES

Barnes earned an associate in arts degree. She is enrolled in the nursing department at West Texas State University working toward her bachelor of science in nursing degree. She is the mother of two.

BARBARA V. BECK

Beck graduated with an associate in arts degree. She is employed with Cabot Corp. and plans to continue her education in business administration at West Texas State University. Beck is the mother of four.

MORGAN F. DeMARONEY JR.

DeMaroney graduated

with an associate in arts degree. He is employed with the Gift Box Christian Bookstore and plans to earn a degree in business. He is the son of Morgan and Patricia DeMaroney.

DEENA R. ELLIOTT

Elliott earned an associate in arts degree. She is employed with Pampa Hardware. She plans to continue her studies in accounting. Elliott and her husband, James Elliott, have two children.

GARRY LEE JONES II

Jones graduated with an associate in arts degree. He plans to continue his education at the University of Texas at Arlington. He is employed by Braums. Jones is the son of Cindy Mahavier, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Spence Hearn.

KERRI M. LAKE

Lake earned an associate in arts degree. She plans to earn a degree in sociology at West Texas State University. She and her husband, Bo Lake, have one son.

DANA D. STONE

Stone graduated with an associate in arts degree. She plans to continue her education in the nursing field. Stone and her husband, Michael Stone, have three children.

APRIL D. VANDIVER

Vandiver graduated with an associate in arts degree. She is employed by Dos Caballeros. She plans to attend Texas Tech and major in psychology. She is the daughter of Betty Whitson and Ronnie Vandiver.

TENA WATERS

Waters graduated with an associate in arts degree.

She is scheduled to continue her education at Amarillo College to earn a degree in radiology. Tena has two children.

BENNY A. WATSON

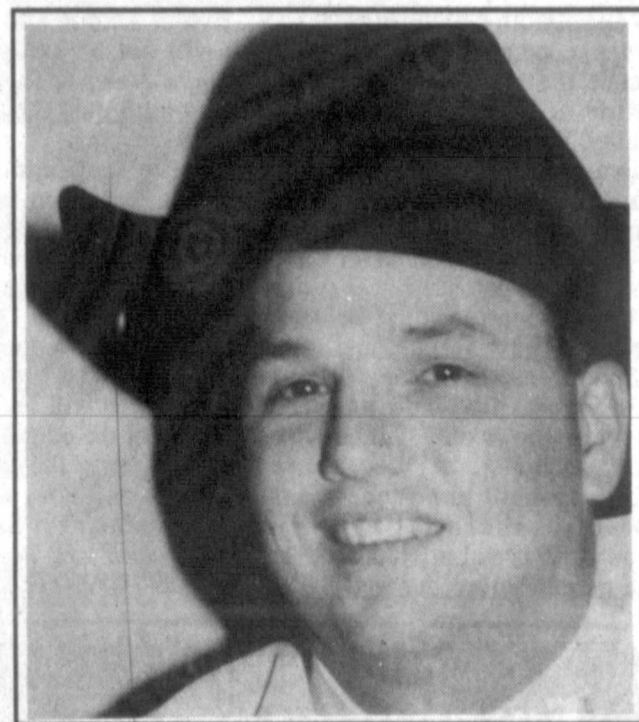
Watson graduated with an associate in science degree. He is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and plans to continue his education at Tarleton State University. He is married to Maxine Watson.

DAVID S. WAVRA

Wavra earned an associate in science degree. He is employed by Nesco Service Co. Wavra plans to continue his education at West Texas State University pursuing a bachelor of arts and applied science degree.

JENIFER JO WHEELLEY

Wheeley earned an asso-



Benny A. Watson

ciate in science degree. She is employed by Hastings. Wheeley plans to continue her education in the nursing field at Amarillo College. She is the daughter of Joe and Sara Wheeley.

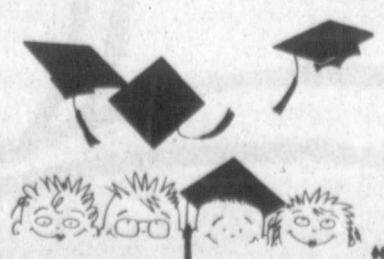
NORA E. WILLIAMS

Williams graduated with an associate in arts degree. She is employed by First Baptist Church Child Care. She plans to continue her education at West Texas

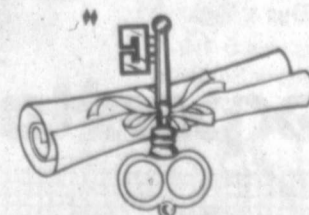
State University and Texas Tech to be a Certified Fraud Examiner. Nora and her husband, Charles Williams, have three sons.

SUSAN RICHARDSON WINBORNE

Richardson earned an associate in science degree. She is employed by Pampa Independent School District. She and her husband, Danny Winborne, have two children.



Lifestyles





Brandi Nell Poore and Cory Morris

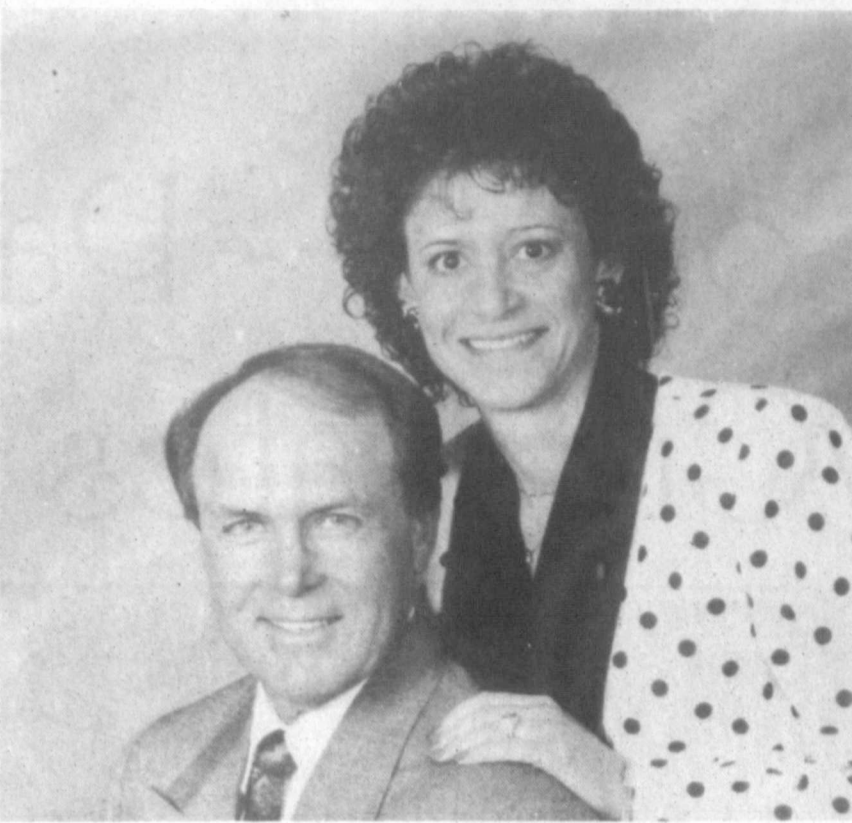
Poore - Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Willson, Pampa, and Troy Poore, Miami, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Nell Poore, Lubbock, to Cory Morris, Pampa.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Pampa High School. She is a sophomore at Texas Tech University.

The groom-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Pampa High School. He is a sophomore at South Plains College, Levelland.

They plan to marry at Briarwood Full Gospel Church, Pampa, on July 24.



Sharon Louise Cooper and William J. Blake

Cooper - Blake

Sharon Louise Cooper, Bethany, Okla., will become the bride of William J. Blake, Oklahoma City, Okla., on July 12 at Corner Stone Assemblies of God Church, Bethany, Okla. They will be honored with a reception following the service.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Archie Cooper, McLean.

The groom-to-be is the son of Lydia Blake, Oklahoma City, Okla.

She is a graduate of Dalhart High School and Southwestern College of Christian Ministries, Oklahoma City. She worked several years for Continental Federal Savings and Loan, and is employed with Mid First Bank in Oklahoma City.

He has lived in Oklahoma City for several years and is owner of Blake Construction and Roofing, Oklahoma City.



Mrs. Jeff Sumpter
Wendy Crist

Crist - Sumpter

Wendy Crist, Amarillo, became the bride of Jeff Sumpter, Amarillo, on April 17 at Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo. Uncle of the bride, Johnnie McBroom, Sacramento, Calif., officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Wade and Verna Kay Crist, Amarillo. The groom is the son of Darel and Donna Sumpter, Pampa.

Serving as matron of honor was Wendi Smith, Galveston. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Carthel, Canyon, and Kim Gibson, Frankfurt, Germany, both cousins of the bride; Lisa Amyette, Amarillo; and Stacey Perkins, Amarillo. Cassie Crist, Wildorado, and Nicole Crist, Amarillo, nieces of the bride, were flower girls.

Standing as best man was Chris Sumpter, Pampa, brother of the groom. Serving as groomsmen were David Goode, Kansas City, Mo., Andy Wilson, Dallas, Mark Spain, Lubbock, and John Hazle, Dimmitt.

Ushers were brothers of the bride Clay Crist, Wildorado, and Lyle Crist, Amarillo; and Dyan Crosier, Amarillo.

Candles were lit by Joni Carthel, Canyon, cousin of the bride; and Andrew Culp, Woodward, Okla., cousin of the groom. Guests were registered by Lynn Haden, Amarillo.

Music was provided for the occasion by Jayne Bledsoe, Amarillo, on piano; Ladonna Sumpter, Pampa, sister of the groom, on the flute; and vocal music by Alan Williamson, Amarillo, and Mary Lou Crist, Amarillo, sister-in-law of the bride.

Following the service the couple was honored with a reception in the church. Guests were served by Christy Dysart, Rebekah Crosier, Shirley Thompson and Stephanie Henry, all of Amarillo; Michele Randall, Catrina Randall and Jaymi Randall, all of Vici, Okla., cousins of the groom.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University and is employed as a child protective specialist with Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

The groom earned a master's degree in accounting from Texas Tech and is a certified public accountant with KPMG Peat Marwick.

Following a honeymoon trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., the couple plans to make their home in Amarillo.



Lyle and Allene Sharp

Sharp anniversary

A fiftieth wedding anniversary reception is set for 2-5 p.m. today at 801 East Campbell Fellowship Hall honoring Lyle and Allene Sharp.

Sharp married Allene Ray on April 24, 1943 in Panhandle with Joe Boyd officiating.

They made their home in Pampa and Anchorage, Alaska.

He served for two years beginning in 1944 in World War II. He retired from Cities Service in 1963 and since pastored in churches in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Alaska. He is in evangelistic work.

She retired from Pauline's Sportswear as owner in 1982.

They both attended school in Pampa.

They are the parents of Judy Heape, Anchorage, Alaska; and grandparents of Lorri Wootan and Lisa Heape of Anchorage, Alaska.



J.T. and Helen Lamberson

Lamberson anniversary

J.T. and Helen Lamberson, Hedley, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with a small get together in Hedley on Saturday.

It will be hosted by J.T. and Jacki Lamberson, Pampa, and Buddy and Alma Lamberson, Hedley.

Lamberson married Margaret Helen Williams on May 1, 1933 in Bowie. They were residents of Pampa for many years. They have lived in Hedley for the past 14 years.

They are the parents of J.T. and

Melodrama planned for May 7-8, 14-15

"The Drunkard," an old fashioned melodrama is scheduled to run at 7:30 May 7-8 and 14-15 at Pampa Mall Theatre. Dinner, catered by Sirloin Stockade, will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The reservation line opens today. Patrons may make dinner and show reservations by calling 665-3710.

Beta Sigma Phi sets Founder's Day Banquet

Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day banquet is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church.

Seven local chapters will celebrate the 62nd year of the largest women's social, service and cultural organizations in the world. About

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Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Keep 'em quiet or keep 'em home

DEAR ABBY: It happened again. Another church wedding ruined by a screaming, undisciplined 2-year-old (uninvited) child. (The parents could well afford to have hired a baby sitter.)

The wedding was mine. We were married in the Methodist Church. We hired three musicians, and there were two professional photographers videotaping the wedding.

My sister brought "Monica," her 2-year-old spoiled brat, to the wedding. It's not the child's fault. She has never been disciplined. If she doesn't get her own way, she screams! Monica screamed through most of the ceremony. The minister kept glaring at her — and so did everyone else. Meanwhile, her parents did nothing to quiet her.

Now we will have to crop the part of the video showing Monica lying on top of the church altar, facing the camera with her dress up, and her panties showing.

After the ceremony, Monica's parents took her to the reception and let her run loose. Thank God, they took her home early.

Some guests asked me why I didn't stop the ceremony and ask Monica's parents to take her home so others could enjoy the wedding. Well, I didn't think it was my place to do that. How could this have been avoided?

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DEAR WEDDING RUINED: When Monica started to scream during the ceremony, the minister should have stopped the service and asked the parents to please remove her from the church sanctuary. Since he failed to do so, you should have done so.

Children act up because they are bored and want attention. To have allowed a 2-year-old to ruin a wedding was unspeakably insensitive on the part of the mother.

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(Staff photos by Darlene Holmes) Annie Oakley (Traci Shelton) and Frank Butler (Hulsey Smith) finally get together in "Annie Get Your Gun."



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Some pharmacists balk at having to counsel patients

By MARIANN CAPRINO
AP Business Writer

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP) — Things are pretty quiet at Mar's Pharmacy, tucked between a health food store and Jean Marie's Patisserie in a low-rise shopping strip in this affluent village.

It's hard to tell that a cultural revolution — an often angry revolution — is taking place in the way drugs are dispensed.

But cavestrop on Peter Fallon, a pharmacist and Mar's owner, who's on the phone with a customer in need of a refill. "Is everything OK?" Fallon inquires, as the conversation spans the weather, the kids and the medicine.

Over the course of a few minutes, Fallon has complied with new rules requiring pharmacists to counsel patients about the drugs they're taking.

It's a seemingly reasonable requirement, aimed at preventing medical disasters that can occur when drugs are not taken properly. But many independent pharmacists like Fallon are furious at

what they call the high cost of compliance.

Besides having to spend more time talking with patients, many pharmacists must invest in expensive computer systems to hold patient profiles and in software to track drug interactions.

These new expenses come at a time when pharmacist revenues from drug prescriptions are shrinking because insurers are cutting reimbursements to the bone.

Under federal regulations that went into effect Jan. 1, pharmacists must counsel all Medicaid patients who receive prescription drugs. So far, at least 37 states have extended the rule to require counseling for all patients filling prescriptions, though most states have yet to write formal guidelines, making enforcement a fuzzy issue.

"We view this as a major change in the practice of pharmacy," said Mike O'Neill, a vice president at Revco D.S. Inc., a Twinsburg, Ohio, chain that employs more than 3,000 pharmacists in nine states.

The move is a broad effort to stem what has been called the nation's

"other" drug problem. More than half the prescriptions filled every year — at least 800 million — are used incorrectly, resulting in 125,000 deaths, says the National Council on Patient Information and Education, a Washington-based non-profit coalition of health care organizations.

'It is unfair and unrealistic to impose this additional burden on retail pharmacy without increasing the reimbursement formula.'

— Keith Lumpkin
vice president, Horton and Converse

The council estimates 10 percent of all hospital costs are linked to medicine that was either underused, overused or taken in combination with other drugs that produced dangerous side effects.

For druggists who had come of age by the 1960s, when some states still prohibited them from telling patients the name of the drug their doctors had prescribed, serving as counselors means completely reorienting their role.

"A large segment of the pharmacy population still operates under the belief that it can't talk about the drugs," O'Neill said. The prevailing wisdom had long been that talking about drug therapy with a patient might be perceived as stepping on a doctor's toes.

To combat any reluctance, Revco began in 1991 to hold seminars to help its pharmacists refine their counter-side manners. The company brings in a few dozen druggists, sets up video cameras and then coaches

them through role-playing exercises with patients.

Patients also are sometimes surprised that their druggists are talking to them about medication, and some resent it as an invasion of privacy. O'Neill said customers have "been trained not to expect someone to talk to you about your drugs."

In some respects, pharmacists welcome the new rules as a recognition of their knowledge and the positive contribution they can make to a patient's health. Pharmacists complete at least five years of college education and are licensed, though they often feel reduced to mere pill counters and labelers.

"We've often been called the most under-utilized health care professionals," said Dr. Mervyn Myer, a professor at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. "It could be very cost effective if pharmacists could take a more active role in assuring appropriate drug use."

The problem, though, is that it takes up "a tremendous amount of time, and we're not reimbursed for it," said Johnnie Dobbins, pharmacist and owner of Troy Pharmacy in Troy, Tenn.

The government has estimated that druggists would need one or two minutes to "counsel" a patient; pharmacists say it takes more time.

Keith Lumpkin, an executive vice

president at the 18-store California chain Horton and Converse, estimated the rule would cost about another \$3 per prescription, when factoring in pharmacists' time, computer investments and other costs.

For independent druggists, the change may mean a financial investment that is difficult to bear. The Health Care Financing Administration, the government agency that disburses Medicare and Medicaid payments, estimated it would cost independent pharmacies between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for a computer and up to \$2,000 a year for software.

"It is unfair and unrealistic to impose this additional burden on retail pharmacy without increasing the reimbursement formula," Lumpkin said.

In an effort to contain spiraling health-care costs, insurers have not only been scaling back their reimbursements for brand-name drugs but have been steering patients toward cheap generic drugs and high-volume, lower price mail-order pharmacies.

Mar's pharmacy in Garden City, Long Island, provides a good example of the impact on the small neighborhood drugstore. Two years ago Paid Prescriptions Inc., which underwrites drug coverage for many New York state employees, paid Mar's owner Fallon a drug's average wholesale price plus a dispensing fee; today, it pays 87.5 percent of the average wholesale

price and the dispensing fee, he said.

The new regulations are less of a problem for large, mail-order pharmacies and high-volume chains like Revco, which can muscle discounts from drug makers. Chains also have extensive computer networks and employee training programs in place, so there is little or no cost in complying with the new rules.

Many independent pharmacists feel less threatened by the chains that sheer economics might dictate. Less than two miles from Mar's Pharmacy is a formidable new competitor — a Walgreen's, with chain-store amenities including a freshly paved parking lot, supermarket-style aisles and 24-hour service.

Fallon said he doesn't mind the competition because "the chains are not service-oriented. They're locked into a dispensing business." He speculated that it was the impersonal service at big chain drugstores that contributed to the need to spell out counseling rules in the first place.

How the rules will be enforced remains unclear. The federal and state health officials are responsible for compliance when it comes to Medicaid prescriptions, and states are responsible for enforcing any additional rules.

"We can't measure compliance," said Thomas Fulda, a program analyst with the Health Care Finance Administration.

Grant withdrawn for study of genetic link to crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — The University of Maryland will appeal the termination of federal funding for a conference exploring whether there is a relationship between genetics and criminal behavior.

"This is an important area for discussion," university counsel Andrea Levy said. "The conference was intended to provide a well-balanced discussion of this particular topic."

The conference, entitled "Genetic Factors in Crime: Findings, Uses and Implications," had been scheduled for October 1992 but was postponed after the National Institutes of Health froze the \$78,000 grant in July of that year.

Black leaders and others had criticized the concept of the conference, fearing that it would lead to assertions that blacks are more predisposed to crime or genetically inferior to whites.

And NIH said a university brochure misrepresented the conference's objectives. The brochure stated in part, "Genetic research holds out the prospect of identifying individuals who may be predisposed to certain kinds of criminal conduct, of isolating environmental features which trigger these predispositions, and of treating some predispositions with drugs and unintrusive therapies."

The university was notified of the grant termination in a letter from John W. Diggs, NIH's director of extramural research.

In his letter to the university, Diggs wrote that the conference was designed to examine the various issues raised by research on genetic factors in crime. But he said the objectives were misrepresented in the conference brochure.

"Basically, we felt the brochure produced was inflammatory, distorting the original intent of the conference in a way that made it unacceptable," he said later. "Because of the rhetoric it

was clear to us no meaningful work could come out of the conference were it to be held in this climate."

The university has 30 days to appeal. Levy said an appeal would be filed.

Dr. Bernadine Healy, the NIH director, said NIH action was in response to community concerns about the conference.

"We as scientists and physicians believe it was an inappropriately ill-conceived, dangerously inflammatory conference in the way it was promoted," she said. "It would have been socially irresponsible for it to go forward."

But she said NIH's action terminating the grant "does not mean we won't support research in this general area."

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Agriculture

Champion of corn growing dreams of another trophy

By ED WHITE
Associated Press Writer

WATSEKA, Ill. (AP) — Modest champion that he is, Walter "Duke" Hasselbring wonders if he'll be able to defend his title this year. After all, he didn't have time to spread a winter blanket of buffalo manure on his cornfield.

Hasselbring is the king of corn, the sultan of stalk, the titan of tassel.

He has won nine trophies from the National Corn Growers Association for crop yields that have left his competitors in the dust.

Soon, farmers across the Corn Belt will plant their fields, pray for good weather and hope for the kind of success that has made Hasselbring a celebrity from furrow to furrow.

"We go to a convention and he gets surrounded by people," said his son Robin. "When you win the corn

contest as many times as he has, you have status."

Hasselbring's award-winning corn is grown with kernels from Gutwein Seeds, which has rewarded him with trips to Mexico, Europe, Hawaii and Alaska.

"When you've got a good thoroughbred winning a lot of races, you take good care of him," said Eric Gutwein, vice president of the Francesville, Ind., company. "We're the envy of the industry having him on our team."

Hasselbring, 57, grows corn on half his 1,800 acres in Iroquois County, 70 miles south of Chicago. Last year, the plot he set aside for the contest produced a whopping 290 bushels per acre, compared with an Illinois average of 149 and a national average of 131.

"You get a lot of people who say, 'Wow, that couldn't be!'" Hasselbring said. "They call you and

congratulate you. Some of them get very technical. 'How much fertilizer did you use? What kind of insecticide did you use?' That's OK."

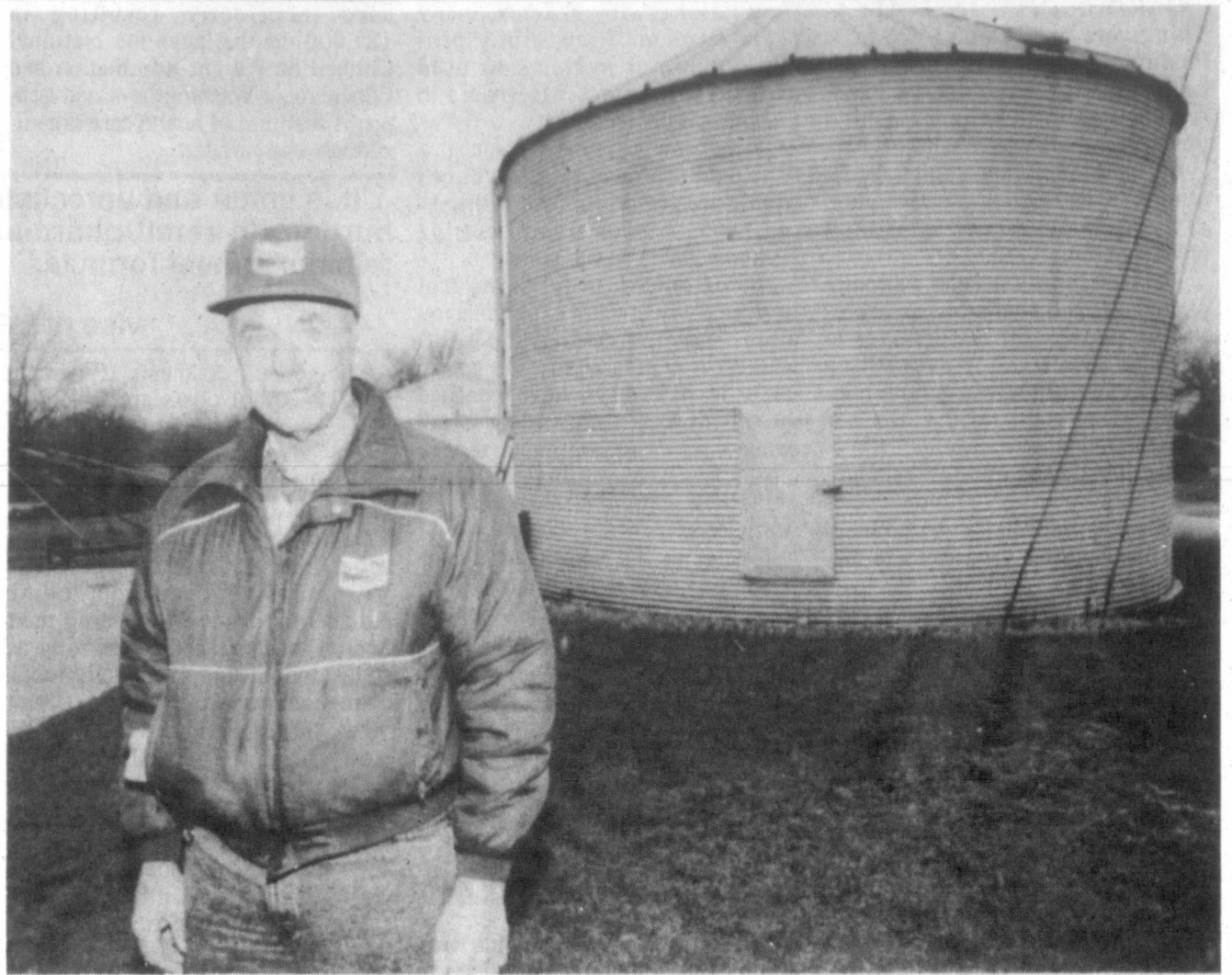
Hasselbring said he has been blessed with enough rain, rich soil, good seed and an abundance of his favorite nutrient: buffalo manure.

He started his 250-head herd five years ago to diversify his farm. The meat goes to Chicago restaurants; the chips fertilize the ground.

"There's no substitute for a little good ol' manure," he said.

A rival seed company once offered Hasselbring a new car if he could win the contest with its brand. No thanks, he said.

"I'm somewhat of a loyal guy," he said, pointing to his Gutwein cap and coat. "I don't even switch gas men. If you bring somebody to the dance, you dance with 'em."



(AP Photo)

Walter "Duke" Hasselbring, corn grower and buffalo rancher, stands in front of a silo on his Watseka, Ill., farm. Hasselbring is the undisputed king of corn, having won nine trophies from the National Corn Growers Association for crop yields that have left his competitors in the dust.

In agriculture

by Danny Nusser

The 1992-93 Ranch to Rail Program results and Field Day will be held on May 4 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West in Amarillo. The program will start at 9 a.m. with results of the 1991-92 Ranch to Rail program, an update on the current program, "Total Quality Management of Texas Cattle Marketing Healthy Calves", and "Matching Genetics and the Environment."

A catered lunch will be provided from noon to 1 p.m. followed by a

tour to inspect carcasses at IBP and cattle in the feedlot.

This is an educational program and would be excellent for all interested producers. If you are planning on attending, please call 409-845-3579 to confirm reservations by Wednesday.

1992 Texas Pork Industry Conference

On April 30 and May 1, the Texas Pork Producers and Texas Ag Extension Service will hold a program concerning "Priorities for

Winning in the Changing Swine Industry." Speakers will discuss the pork profit computer program "How Marketing in Texas, Selecting and Fitting Pigs for Show," and Ag Commissioner Rick Perry will give the keynote address.

Other subjects will include "Getting Financed," "Environmental Protection," and "Computerized Hog Records" and "How We Raise Hogs." For more information, contact the Extension Office at 669-8033.

Potato production down; oranges up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spring potato production is expected to be down 8 percent from last year because of damage to Florida fields during the March blizzard, the Agriculture Department reported.

USDA forecast that the spring potato harvest would yield 19.8 million hundredweight, which is also 4 percent off the 1991 total. Rains in North Carolina that delayed early planting also were

blamed for the expected drop in potato production.

The April 1 orange production total was forecast to be 11.3 million tons, down 1 percent from March 1. But overall, this season's orange crop is expected to be 26 percent larger than last season.

The March drop was largely the result of a decline in early and mid-season varieties in Florida, USDA said. Grapefruit production reached 2.7

million tons, a 21 percent increase from last season and 20 percent more than the 1990-91 season.

Fish farming thrives on trend toward low-fat diets

By MARGARET SCHERF
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. aquaculture industry grew more than 15 percent annually in the past decade as fish farming expanded to help feed a growing interest in low-fat diets.

The industry grew from \$200 million in 1980 to \$860 million in 1990, according to a recent issue of Agricultural Research magazine published by the Department of Agriculture.

"Why this growing interest in fish?" writes Lewis W. Smith, national program leader for animal nutrition and aquaculture at the Agricultural Research Service.

"Fish is rich in protein and low in calories, a nutritional profile that appeals to consumers watching not only their waists, but also their intake of substances such as cholesterol and food additives," he said. "Fish is also a good source of calcium, phosphorus, potassium and vitamin A."

One of the big segments of aquaculture is catfish farming, and 166,000 acres nationwide now are submerged in catfish ponds. In addition, an estimated 13,000 acres of ponds are under construction, being renovated, or currently out of production.

"In 1990, U.S. catfish growers sold more than 360 million pounds of catfish to processors — a gain of 5 percent over the previous year, but perhaps still a letdown of sorts to those who had enjoyed double-digit increases in years past," the report said.

But despite the growth in U.S. fish farming, it said, the country imported \$9 billion worth of fish products in 1990, a level of imports exceeded only by petroleum products.

"Gains in fish farming not only help alleviate that trade imbalance, but also create demand for other U.S. farm goods, such as soybeans and corn," Smith said. "Fish farming offers new crop choices for farmers, as well as providing jobs for off-farm workers."

He said per-person consumption was about 16 pounds of fish and fish products in 1990. "Experts

predict this total will jump to 20 pounds by the year 2000 and to 25 pounds by 2010," Smith added.

Trout also is a major aquaculture product, he said, and crawfish, salmon, shrimp, bait fish and even tropical fish are significant segments of the industry.

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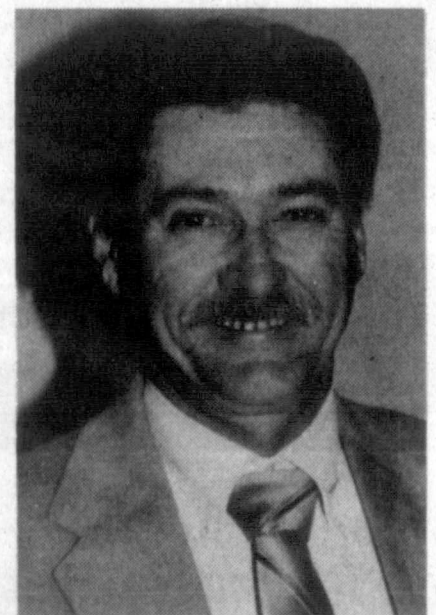
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West Texas family looking forward to 18th graduation

LORAIN (AP) — The look of pride and a little sadness in the eyes of Lydia Alvarez is no different from that of other mothers whose child is about to graduate from high school.

Mrs. Alvarez, though, has grown accustomed to that look. When her son, Fabian, graduates May 28, he will be the last of the Alvarez children to do so. There were 17 before him.

Fabian's graduation is special to his mother and to his father, Anastacio. His plans to attend Angelo State University next fall are special, too. If he didn't, he would be the only Alvarez child not to go on to college. Nine have earned college degrees, one has a master's, and more diplomas are on the way.

A retired teacher who taught some of the children, Irene Preston, recalls them fondly.

"They were all real smart and they were all real nice," she said.

No other compliments could make Anastacio, 69, and Lydia, 63, happier. They sum up what the parents tried to instill in their children. One son, Sammy of Sweetwater, recalled that early in his life, his father said, "we would have an education even if he had to go barefoot."

Today, Anastacio Alvarez' dream for his family has come true — and his feet are not bare.

No one in the family ever had to go without shoes or any other essentials although times were not easy. Their father is a farmer, and up until about 10 years ago he also worked at the cotton gin. And family members are quick to point out their mother's numerous contributions to making the large group run smoothly.

"It took a woman as dedicated as my mom was to help out," Sammy said. "He (Anastacio) couldn't have done it by himself."

Just keeping the family going from day to day was quite an accomplish-

ment. But the parents' emphasis on education and the payoff from their encouragement is the real story of the Alvarez family's achievement.

Neither Anastacio nor Lydia, both Mitchell County natives, graduated from high school. Anastacio soon realized that with an education he could have gotten a better job and more money. When he and Lydia married in 1947 and began their family a year later, Anastacio knew what he wanted for their future — education.

"That was my priority when I got married," he said.

When the firstborn child, Anastacio Jr., went to school, he set off a chain reaction of learning in the Alvarez family. Spanish was spoken at home until Anastacio Jr., now 44, entered first grade. As the other children came along and went to school, English became the primary language at home, even for the parents.

"We turned into a bilingual family," Sammy said.

Almost every year since then, the Alvarez name has appeared in the list of top graduates at Loraine High School.

Although school work apparently wasn't too difficult for any of the children, coming from such a large family sometimes posed problems. Staying out of trouble was a must.

"You always watched what you did at school because you knew someone would tell," said David, 35. "There was no place to hide."

And, of course, comparisons were inevitable. The second oldest child, Daniel, 43, and Sammy attended Howard College at the same time. One day two letters arrived at the family home from the school. One concerned Daniel and one concerned Sammy.

Daniel, the first valedictorian in the family, had been named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Sammy

had been named to the academic probation list.

Their father opened Daniel's letter first. After seeing what Sammy had "accomplished," Anastacio remarked, "the other boy I was proud of."

Being the last in the family had its advantages for Fabian. His older siblings insist he got away with things they never dreamed of, but those aren't the advantages Fabian talks about.

In school, he constantly heard, "You're so-and-so's brother."

"It was an honor for me for people to say that," Fabian said.

Back at home, everyone did his part in the daily family operation. From his stint in the Army, Dad taught the kids how to do "military corners" when making their beds — a job required by everyone each morning. And Lydia lived and taught "re cycling" long before it became a household word.

"She had a knack for putting leftovers together and coming up with a new casserole," Sammy said.

Even leftover ice cubes were recycled into water for plants.

As efficiently as the family operated, there were moments of confusion. Sammy recalled that some times when his mother was mad at him, she would shake her finger at him and say in an exasperated voice, "Sam, David, Joe, you, you — you know who I'm talking about!"

Other fond memories of home life include the strong emphasis on religion. Members of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City, the Alvarez family had a daily rosary recitation. One son, Mike, 30, wrote a letter of recollections about his family.

"As I look at my life and wonder what could have been different without Mom, what comes to mind the strongest is my faith in God," he wrote. "She influenced by words as well as by example."



Fabian Alvarez, left, posing with family members in Loraine, will carry on a family tradition when he graduates from high school on May 28. Fabian is the last of 18 children, all of whom have graduated.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF/CONSTABLE NOTICE OF SALE PERSONAL PROPERTY BY VIRTUE OF A CERTAIN ORDER OF SALE ISSUED BY THE CLERK OF THE 223RD DISTRICT, ON THE 5 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1993, IN A CERTAIN CAUSE NUMBERED 28526, WHEREIN JOHNSON HOME FURNISHING IS PLAINTIFF, AND DAVID CALDWELL JR. IS DEFENDANT, IN FAVOR OF SAID PLAINTIFF, FOR THE SUM OF \$5,466.27 DOLLARS, TOGETHER WITH ALL COSTS OF SUIT, THAT BEING THE AMOUNT OF JUDGEMENT RECOVERED BY THE SAID PLAINTIFF, I, ON THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 1993, AT 12:26 O'CLOCK P.M., HAVE LEVIED UPON, AND WILL, ON THE 4TH DAY OF MAY, 1993, AT 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M. AT GRAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF PAMPA WITHIN LEGAL HOURS, PROCEED TO SELL FOR CASH TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF DEFENDANT IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, LEVIED UPON AS THE PROPERTY OF DEFENDANT, TO WIT:

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WITNESS MY HAND THIS 22 DAY OF APRIL, 1993.

CONSTABLE/SHERIFF RANDY STUBBLEFIELD GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: JIM McDONALD DEPUTY B-3 April 25, 1993

NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Pampa Independent School District, Pampa, Texas will receive sealed bids in the Business Office, 321 West Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065 until 10:00 a.m. May 11, 1993 for: Replacement of air conditioning and heating unit for Pampa High School Library.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD APRIL 27, 1993 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OFFICE, 1440 CHARLES, PAMPA, TX. CONFERENCE MUST BE ATTENDED FOR BID TO BE CONSIDERED. IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AT THE DESIGNATED TIME OR FOR SPECIFICATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DAVID NORTON AT (806) 669-4990.

The Pampa Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities. A-97 April 23, 25, 1993

NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Pampa Independent School District, Pampa, Texas will receive sealed bids in the Business Office, 321 West Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065 until 2:00 p.m. May 11, 1993 for: Asphalt Parking Lots for Horace Mann Elementary, Baker Elementary, Pampa Middle School and district-wide repairs to existing parking lots.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD APRIL 28, 1993 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OFFICE, 1440 CHARLES, PAMPA, TX. CONFERENCE MUST BE ATTENDED FOR BID TO BE CONSIDERED. IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AT THE DESIGNATED TIME OR FOR SPECIFICATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DAVID NORTON AT (806) 669-4990.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Pampa Independent School District, Pampa, Texas will receive sealed bids in the Business Office, 321 West Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065 until 3:00 p.m. May 10, 1993 for: ATHLETIC SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT. Specifications may be secured from the Business Office at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas - 79065 or by calling (806) 669-4705.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for FULL SERVICE CONCESSION at Lake McClellan The USDA-Forest Service will be accepting bids for the operation and maintenance of the Lake McClellan Recreation Area near Pampa, Texas. Bid proposals must be submitted to Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, Federal Building, 517 Gold Avenue, SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102; AND must be post-marked no later than June 5, 1993. Copies of the prospectus may be obtained from:

Black Kettle National Grassland Route 1, Box 55-B Cheyenne, OK 73628 (405) 497-2143

OR Gerald Wright Grandview Community 18 Miles South of Pampa (806) 669-8042

Please direct all questions regarding this bid proposal to the District Ranger, Black Kettle National Grassland at (405) 497-2143. A-92 April 25, 1993

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Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry King, who made call-in television a player in the presidential campaign, will keep on talking on CNN for at least six more years.

The 59-year-old talk show host agreed to a new contract that guarantees him a sixth night of programming per week.

"Interviewing newsmakers and taking calls from viewers live, around the world, is something I look forward to each night with

CNN," King said Thursday. "No other network can offer me that. This has been a very successful association, and I am happy to see it continue."

King won a Peabody Award for CNN's "Larry King Live" election-year coverage in 1992. His show is seen in more than 200 countries.

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Newman received an award for his philanthropy and borrowed a line from one of his movies to express his gratitude.

"There's a line in 'The Color of Money' where Fast Eddie Felson says, 'Money won't be twice as sweet as money earned,'" Newman said Thursday. "And for a company like ours that has its motto, 'Fine Food Since February,' this is twice as sweet."

Columbia University honored the actor for the charitable work he does through his food company, Newman's Own.

Newman's Own, which makes popcorn, salad dressing, lemonade and other products, donates its profits to charity. The 10-year-old company has given more than \$50 million to more than 500 organizations and relief efforts.

Newman played Fast Eddie in "The Hustler" and its sequel, "The Color of Money." He won an Oscar for the latter movie.

CHICAGO (AP) — Texas Rangers slugger Jose Canseco was cleared of charges he picked a fight at a nightclub.

"I don't know why people can't be left alone without being attacked by psychos," Judge William O'Malley said Thursday in rejecting claims by Steven Basso that the baseball star hit him without provocation in December.

Canseco, who had been charged with battery, testi-

fied that Basso acted irrationally and screamed vulgarities at him and the woman accompanying Canseco.

The ballplayer said he hit Basso, breaking his nose and knocking him unconscious, after Basso struck a male friend of Canseco's.

ROME (AP) — Joe DiMaggio is on a six-day visit to Italy, where he'll visit his parents' hometown and throw out the first pitch at a ballgame.

The 78-year-old New York Yankee, better known in Italy for marrying Marilyn Monroe than for his achievements as a ballplayer, arrived on Thursday. He is in Italy on behalf of the National Italian-American Foundation, which promotes commercial, political and cultural ties.

DiMaggio threw out the first pitch Saturday at a major league game in Rome between AS Roma and Bologna.

Today, he will make his first visit to Isola delle Femmine, near Palermo. DiMaggio's parents were born and married there. They emigrated to the United States around the turn of the century.

MENDOCINO, Calif. (AP) — Gratefull Dead drummer Bill Kreutzmann came to the rescue of a surfer and got caught in a riptide.

The 46-year-old musician was kayaking on Wednesday when he noticed the 17-year-old struggling in the turbulent ocean. He paddled over to John Paid and let him grab hold.

But Paid had to swim to shore on his own as the rough waters tossed the kayak into the rocks.

Onlookers at a hotel called fire department rescuers, who lowered ropes down the 50-foot cliff to the stranded pair.

Neither man was hurt.

Roseanne leaving ABC

NEW YORK (AP) — Roseanne Arnold's verbal battle with ABC has escalated with her vow that her relationship with the network is "absolutely over."

She was quoted in Friday's *New York Times* as saying she will take her hit sitcom, "Roseanne," to another network at the first opportunity. That would be no sooner than the 1994-95 season. She also said she would cancel a deal with ABC to produce future series.

The tempestuous star has recently taken her campaign public, complaining to the press and on the "Tonight" show two weeks

ago about "disrespect" from ABC.

These outbursts have largely resulted from the network's silence regarding the future of "The Jackie Thomas Show," starring her husband, Tom Arnold.

Ms. Arnold has pressed for word on its renewal for the 1993-94 season. ABC has said little other than that the network has a contractual right to wait until late May to announce its decision.

"Jackie Thomas," which premiered in December and went on hiatus March 30, finished as the 16th-highest rated show for the season that ended last Sunday.

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Sheriff spins down-home yarns

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

PANHANDLE (AP) — Welcome to Barditch.

Everyone knows everyone else's business in this fictitious Texas Panhandle town, pop. 1,536.

There's Rooster Parmley, the town philosopher who on a moment's notice pulls out an estimated 728 photos of his young grandson.

There's Father "Roamin' Catholic" Hollis, who suffers continual scolding from the nuns about his "Hot Stuff" ball cap won in a chili cookoff.

And there's Sheriff Durwood Partain, who thwarts hen thieves and takes home the sleepwalking plumber loose on a nighttime toilet-flushing excursion.

Nostalgia and homespun humor run thick as molasses in the tales written by real-life Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand. Brand's yarns of small-town life have generated a popular following in each week's editions of the Panhandle and White Deer newspapers.

Betty Biggs, editor of the *Panhandle Herald*, says she gets complaint calls when the tales don't run for lack of space.

"I like the fact that people get something out of it," said Brand, who cites Mark Twain as a model. "How can you ask for something more in life than to make someone laugh or remember a happy time?"

Brand, 40, is more likely to be found with his portable computer than with the gun that goes with his job. He acknowledges his hobby may be an unusual diversion for a sheriff.

But he's happy in this "magical

place" he creates from his living room recliner.

"Big guys, especially cops, aren't supposed to be emotional — not anything but tough guys," Brand said. "People look at me like something other than a sheriff. It opens up conversations to me that normally would be limited to law enforcement questions."

Brand said Barditch is a composite of every small town he's ever visited. The name comes from a word Brand thought sounded very Texan.

An introduction to the tales warns the reader of the ensuing "anecdotes, gossip and stories of questionable repute."

The local pessimist wins \$1,000 in the Texas Lottery and promptly buys a funeral plot.

The incumbent state representative campaigns on the motto "If no one else wants it, I'll take it."

Hot dogs cost just 50 cents at the drive-in theater, and that Carpenter boy always throws the newspaper in the shrubs.

Everyone pitches in at the annual Barditch Follies.


"The folks in Amarillo and bigger towns in the area probably wouldn't think much of our little program, but it's not meant for them," the story goes. "City folks don't know the family feeling that you get from gathering together for an evening to watch your local butcher tap dancing for your amusement."

Brand says he plugs plenty of heroes and exaggeration into his writing. Never, he emphasizes, will he include "gratuitous sex or violence."

He hopes the stories someday will be published in book form. Until then, he said, he will continue writing.

"I don't know how to end it because it just keeps going."

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