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President mounting campaign on health care plan

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is going back to the basics to sell Americans on his battered health reform plan, insisting there is a lot more in that 1,342-page blueprint that people like than they realize.

Republicans have hung crepe on Clinton's Health Security Act, and the Democrats patching a bill together in Congress are working from a different proposal, but the president remains confident that his vision of health insurance for all Americans will prevail.

"The defenders of the status quo are trying to confuse the issue by making it seem complicated," Clinton said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

"Next week and in the months ahead, I'm going to tell people all across America about our health reform plan and what it really means."

In an interview Friday with health reporters from The Associated Press and other news services, Clinton described himself as "ultimately kind of long-term confident" that Congress will get the job done by November.

Clinton's plan commanded broad public support after he presented it last fall and again after he made it a centerpiece of his State of the Union address. But support has slumped in recent polls as major business groups and the American Medical Association retreated from the fulcrum of Clinton's health reforms — making all employers pay for health insurance.

The president was buoyed by a recent *Wall Street Journal* survey that found many people liked the central elements of the Clinton plan, but had no idea that's what he has actually proposed.

Clinton has already embarked on a new drive to sell his health reforms. He'll hold a forum for senior citizens in Deerfield Beach, Fla., on Monday, woo small businesses Tuesday, and bring hundreds of doctors, nurses, psychologists and other care-givers to the White House on Wednesday.

It is an effort to "just talk to the American people about what's in this plan," Clinton said, flipping through eight charts that outline the problem and his solutions in simple language.

Pampa woman gets five lucky Lotto numbers

Thanks to the state of Texas' Lotto program, one Pampa resident is today almost \$1,500 richer today than she was last Sunday.

Shelly Britton, 24, a student at the Pampa Center of Clarendon College, won \$1,479 following the \$75 million Lotto drawing Wednesday evening.

"I was just there just watching it," she said about the drawing. "At first I had four numbers, and I was real excited, and I was getting on the phone calling when I got to looking at my number I wrote down and I said, 'Oh my gosh, I've won five! I've got five numbers!'"

Not surprisingly, Britton, who still seemed to be excited about winning the money Friday afternoon, said she plans to pay the Lotto again.

As for the money, she said she plans to place it in the bank and pay some bills.

Had she won part of the record \$75 million pot, she said things would have been different for her friends and family.

"I was joking with my dad, (telling) him he could quit his job if I had gotten six," she said. "Him and my boyfriend."

In fact, Britton was only one digit away from winning with all six numbers. She had chosen 33 as her sixth number; the number announced in the drawing was 23.

"Doesn't that just make you sick," she said.

Crisis deepens as inter-Korea talks collapse

By JU-YEON KIM
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Talks between archenemies North and South Korea collapsed on Saturday, imperiling the U.S.-brokered deal to resolve the North Korean nuclear dispute and prompting some of the most belligerent words of the year-long crisis.

The breakdown also brought closer the possibility of the U.N. Security Council ordering sanctions against North Korea for barring U.N. inspectors from a nuclear facility.

North and South Korean negotiators

met at the border village of Panmunjom to discuss exchanging envoys who would lead efforts to denuclearize the Korean peninsula. But after only 55 minutes, North Korean delegate Park Young Su stalked out.

"Seoul is not very far from here. Seoul will turn into a sea of fire," Park was quoted by South Korean negotiator Song Young-dae as saying.

The South Korean capital is about 30 miles from the North Korean border, on the other side of which stands a million-man army and a formidable battery of ballistic missiles and long-range artillery.

There was no immediate reaction from Washington. The United States has about 36,000 troops in South Korea and a substantial diplomatic stake in resolving the crisis.

President Clinton said Friday that his administration is considering whether to send Patriot missiles to South Korea and whether to revive the U.S.-South Korean military exercises that were suspended this year as part of the attempt to win North Korea's cooperation.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher had said that the results of Saturday's North-South Korea meeting

would determine whether a U.S.-North Korean meeting would go ahead on Monday in Geneva as scheduled.

That meeting, which North Korea had sought, was to discuss final resolution of the nuclear weapons dispute as well as improved economic and political relations.

North Korea, xenophobic and rigidly Marxist, withdrew from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty just over a year ago, raising fears that it was developing atomic weapons.

An agreement last month between Pyongyang and Washington provided

for North Korea to once again give access to international nuclear inspectors and for envoys to be exchanged.

But the International Atomic Energy Agency says North Korea barred its inspectors this month from a laboratory suspected of producing plutonium, a key material in modern fission weapons. And North Korea denies that the envoy exchange was a precondition for the Geneva meeting.

Park, the North Korean negotiator, rebuffed Seoul's demands for new nuclear inspections and an exchange of envoys.

City composting program progressing



Inspectors for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission talk with Rick Stone, Pampa's sanitation superintendent, last week during their inspection of the city's composting program. In the background, the aerator used in the composting program and manufactured in White Deer tends to the rows on composting material. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Nine months ago, the city of Pampa started a composting program with the aid of thousands of dollars in grant money from the state. Today, sanitation officials are hailing that program as an overwhelming success.

Last week, representatives from the agency that now oversees pilot programs like the one started in Pampa were in town inspecting its progress.

They were not disappointed, according to one representative of the city.

"They were very impressed and they commented that we were the leader out here in the Texas Panhandle," said Rick Stone, Pampa's sanitation superintendent.

Led by Kitty Coley, composting

manager of the Recycling and Waste Minimization Office of the Pollution Prevention and Recycling Division of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the team of inspectors examined the Pampa's composting site, its chipping site, the recycling center and the Scarab manufacturing program in White Deer.

Scarab builds the aerator used in the composting program. Standing 12-feet tall, the crab-like machine is used to mix the massive rows of composting material arranged in long rows at the landfill.

The composting program is divided into three parts, each one covering a few months each year, in the third year, the entire city is scheduled to be included, Stone said.

Specifically, the program cov-

ered 1,800 homes in the first year of operation from June 7, 1993 to Oct. 29, 1993. Approximately 75 percent of the 1,800 households participated in the program, according to Stone.

During that time period, 364,005 pounds of grass clippings and 2,727 tons of brush were collected in the program, Stone said.

In a letter to Coley, Stone said that the program, which is designed to find an alternative to putting yard waste in the landfill, has saved about 22,000 cubic yards of landfill space.

In the future, Stone said the city will be giving the composting material away to anyone requesting it for use in lawns and gardens. For the time being, however, whatever compost is created at the landfill will be used at the landfill and its progress monitored.

Stone attributes the apparent success of the program to the consolidated effort of workers in his department and other city departments as well as the city commission and civic organizations such as Clean Pampa Inc.

In the future, Stone said he believes the program will grow to eventually include the majority of Pampa's residents. In the meantime, Stone encourages people to make the best of the situation.

"We've waived the landfill gate fee, so people can bring their grass clippings down to the landfill here at the composting site and we'll take care of it, all at no charge," he said.

Pampa's municipal landfill is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, contact the landfill at 669-5840.

Border Patrol tightens patrols

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — With the approach of the spring harvest in South Texas, border agents are beefing up patrols along the Rio Grande.

U.S. Border Patrol agents from Mercedes and Port Isabel will be showing force in Brownsville in an effort to curb illegal river crossings there, said Fred Rangel, a spokesman for the Border Patrol in McAllen.

Bridge crossings will not be affected, said Joe Galvan, the international bridge system director.

Illegal crossings increase with the approach of the Rio Grande Valley's harvest season, when migrant farmers swim the river. Brownsville is the most popular crossing point for Valley farm workers, Rangel said.

"More people are likely to cross at Brownsville because it's a trade area with easier access to transportation," he said.

Rangel declined to release information concerning how many agents would come from Mercedes and Port Isabel or for how long they would be stationed in Brownsville.

The plan is part of an annual effort to curb illegal immigration and to gather figures on how many foreign citizens are crossing illegally into Brownsville.

"Anytime you increase the presence, you'll have an increased deterrent factor," Rangel said.

Agents in Brownsville usually suffer from a shortage of manpower, making it hard to gather accurate numbers on how many people are crossing.

"It's hard when you have agents that have to apprehend and process at the same time. It's hard to tell how many people are crossing," Rangel said.

January is considered the busiest time of the year for illegal border crossers. Some illegal immigrants spend Christmas south of the border with their families and return in January to work in the United States.

In January, 1993, there were 11,296 illegal border crossers apprehended in the McAllen sector which stretches from McAllen to Corpus Christi, compared to 9,925 apprehensions in February of the same year.

Border Patrol agents see an increase in illegal crossings beginning in March again as migrant farm workers make their way to spring harvests in South Texas.

Police investigate shooting incident

Pampa police today are questioning a suspect in connection with a Saturday shooting which left a Pampa man with a wound to his left leg.

Shot Saturday at 11:30 a.m. was Kerry Brown, 1033 Huff Rd., who was wounded by a shotgun blast to his left leg as he stood by his Hyundai Excel in the driveway of 1108 Prairie Dr.

He was transported by American Medical Transport to Coronado Hospital, where he was treated and left after declining further medical attention, police officials said.

The shooting is related to neighborhood efforts to eradicate drug use and abuse in the neighborhood, said Lt. Steve Chance. He would neither confirm nor deny the shooting was gang related.

— Cheryl Berzanskis

Israeli delegation to go to Tunis for talks with PLO

By KARIN LAUB
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and PLO moved closer to resuming autonomy talks Saturday, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israeli troops could be out of the occupied Gaza Strip and Jericho within a month of a return to the negotiating table.

A senior Israeli delegation, reportedly including chief autonomy negotiator Gen. Amnon Shahak, was to leave Sunday for meetings with PLO leaders in Tunis, Tunisia. The two sides are to discuss ways to improve Palestinian security in the occupied territories and the resumption of peace talks. One Israeli proposal is to deploy a Palestinian police force in Hebron, site of the Feb. 25 massacre that led to the suspension of talks.

If the meetings go well, Peres and PLO chief Yasser Arafat will meet Thursday in Paris, and negotiations could resume by March 28, Israel TV said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he called Arafat early Saturday, immediately after the U.N. Security

Council condemned the massacre. The resolution had been one of the PLO's conditions for returning to negotiations.

Rabin said he did not offer Arafat concrete proposals, but made a general pledge to "give protection to the Palestinians against terrible murders."

"The fact that we are returning to a dialogue is a good omen," Peres said on Israel radio. The talks "are closer to being on track."

The PLO suspended talks after a Jewish settler gunned down 30 worshippers in a Hebron mosque last month. The PLO has demanded that

Israel remove Jewish settlers from Hebron and deploy an international force in the occupied lands before negotiations resume.

Samir Ghosheh, a PLO executive committee member in Tunis, said the leadership would not make any decision on resuming talks until the Israeli delegation arrives.

He said the PLO expected the Israeli team to bring new proposals in an effort to revive the negotiations.

"There is no decision to resume the talks so far. We are only holding contacts to see what they are offering," Ghosheh told The Associated Press.

He said Israel already had made

some offers, but that they did not satisfy the PLO leadership. He did not divulge details of the offers.

Peres said Israel was proposing that a special Palestinian police force be deployed in Hebron. The force would be under Israeli army command, but would have greater authority than Palestinian police who served with Israeli police in the occupied territories in the past, Peres said.

"This police force will have a special character ... that will take into account the special sensitivities in Hebron," he said.

Peres added: "Every reasonable suggestion to enhance security in the territories will be accepted by us."

Peres also hinted that Israel might decide unilaterally, though not immediately, to dismantle some settlements. Such a decision would be made "based on Israeli logic and security needs," not under the pressure of negotiations with the PLO, he said.

"We are asking ourselves out loud how to organize ourselves, not in order to appease anyone, but to ensure the security of all residents," he said.

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Services tomorrow

RUTHERFORD, Wanda M. — 1 p.m., Cooper Funeral Chapel, Oklahoma City.
SCHIFFMAN, Ethel P. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

WANDA M. RUTHERFORD

OKLAHOMA CITY — Wanda M. Rutherford, 65, the sister of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Thursday, March 17, 1994. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Cooper Funeral Chapel in Oklahoma City with the Rev. Bill Matthews and Phil Thompson, of the Liberty Baptist Church in Shawnee, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in the Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh, Okla.

Mrs. Rutherford was born Nov. 9, 1928 in Shawnee, Okla., and raised in Shawnee. She was a 1947 graduate of Shawnee High School. She married Marvin W. Rutherford on March 5, 1948 in Shawnee. He preceded her in death on Aug. 23, 1983. She worked for Southwestern Bell from 1947 until she retired in 1980. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers.

Survivors include her father, Emmitt Sehorn of Shawnee; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam Crownver and her husband, Thomas, of Oklahoma City; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob Sehorn and his wife, Alice, of Shawnee; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty McGuire and her husband, John, of Pampa; a brother-in-law, J.B. Rutherford and his wife, Jane, of Shawnee; a sister-in-law, Lavada Eberle and her husband, LeRoy, of Shawnee; and numerous other relatives and friends.

ETHEL P. SCHIFFMAN

Ethel P. Schiffman, 86, died Friday, March 18, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Don Turner, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Jim Fox, pastor of the Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Schiffman was born on May 2, 1907 in Belfalls. She moved to Pampa in 1929 from Troy. She married Orval Benjamin Schiffman on March 4, 1933 in Sayre, Okla.; he preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1993. She received her bachelor's degree from Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton and taught at the Little Red School House north of Pampa, where she was the last teacher for the school. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Anna Sunday School Class.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Orval (Bob) Schiffman Jr. and his wife, Geneva, of Pampa; James A. Schiffman and his wife, Tsuneko, of Campo, Calif.; and Carl J. Schiffman and his wife, Charlotte, of Fort Worth; nine grandchildren, Bobby Schiffman, Benny Schiffman, Carla Schiffman and Matthew Schiffman, all of Pampa; Janet Green of Turkey, Susan Laverty of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; David Schiffman of Portsmouth, R.I.; and Dedra Shaver and Olin Schiffman, both of Fort Worth; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church or to a favorite charity.

The family will be at 401 N. Banks.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, March 18

2:38 p.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to a smoke scare 5 miles west and 1 1/2 miles south of Pampa at the Cabot Corporation.

4:44 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a car fire at 2857 Alcock. The fire was extinguished when firefighters arrived.

8:09 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a smoke scare 1 1/2 miles north of Pampa on Texas 70.

SATURDAY, March 19

12:30 a.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a structure fire at 744 E. Scott. The cause of the fire, which did minor damage to the house, is under investigation.

10:31 a.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 120 S. Russell.

12:21 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 1504 W. Kentucky.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 30-hour reporting period which ended at 3 p.m. today.

THURSDAY, March 17

Daniel Patrick Keil, 730 S. Reid, reported criminal trespass.

FRIDAY, March 18

City of Pampa, Box 2499, reported information received.

City of Pampa, Box 2499, reported criminal mischief which occurred at City Hall.

Randall Wayne Anderson, 744 E. Scott, reported being a sick or injured prisoner.

Information about child abandonment was reported by Robert Donnell, 820 E. Locust, which occurred at 713 E. Scott.

Elsie May Hall, 324 Henry, reported theft over \$200 and under \$750.

Graham Furniture, 1415 N. Hobart, reported theft.

Minit Mart, 1106 W. Alcock, reported forgery.

Tina Marie Stamper, 616 N. West, reported assault by contact which occurred in the 400 block of Foster.

Matthias Paul Telkamp, Rt. 2 Box 386 C, reported assault with bodily injury which occurred at Somerville and Foster.

Sherrie Kay Marshall, 312 S. Houston, reported disorderly conduct.

SATURDAY, March 19

Jill Susan Lewis, 503 N. Magnolia, reported criminal trespass.

Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported theft over \$20 and under \$200.

Sherry Lee Young, 1128 Prairie Dr., reported criminal mischief.

Arrests

FRIDAY, March 18

Randall Wayne Anderson, 18, 744 E. Scott, was arrested at 116 1/2 W. Foster on a charge of criminal mischief over \$750. He was transferred to Gray County jail.

Casey Lee Hinds, 18, 116 1/2 W. Foster, was arrested at his residence on a charge of criminal mischief over \$750. He was taken to Gray County jail.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 669-7403 or write SIA, P.O. Box 119, Pampa, 79066-0119.

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse plans to meet at 7 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 883-2097 or write SIA, P.O. Box 903, White Deer, 79097.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club plan to meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Republican Headquarters in the Hughes Building. The guest speakers will be Mary Ann Carpenter and Jake Hess, candidates for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4, in the April 12 runoff election. Visitors welcome.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

DPS - Arrests

FRIDAY, March 18

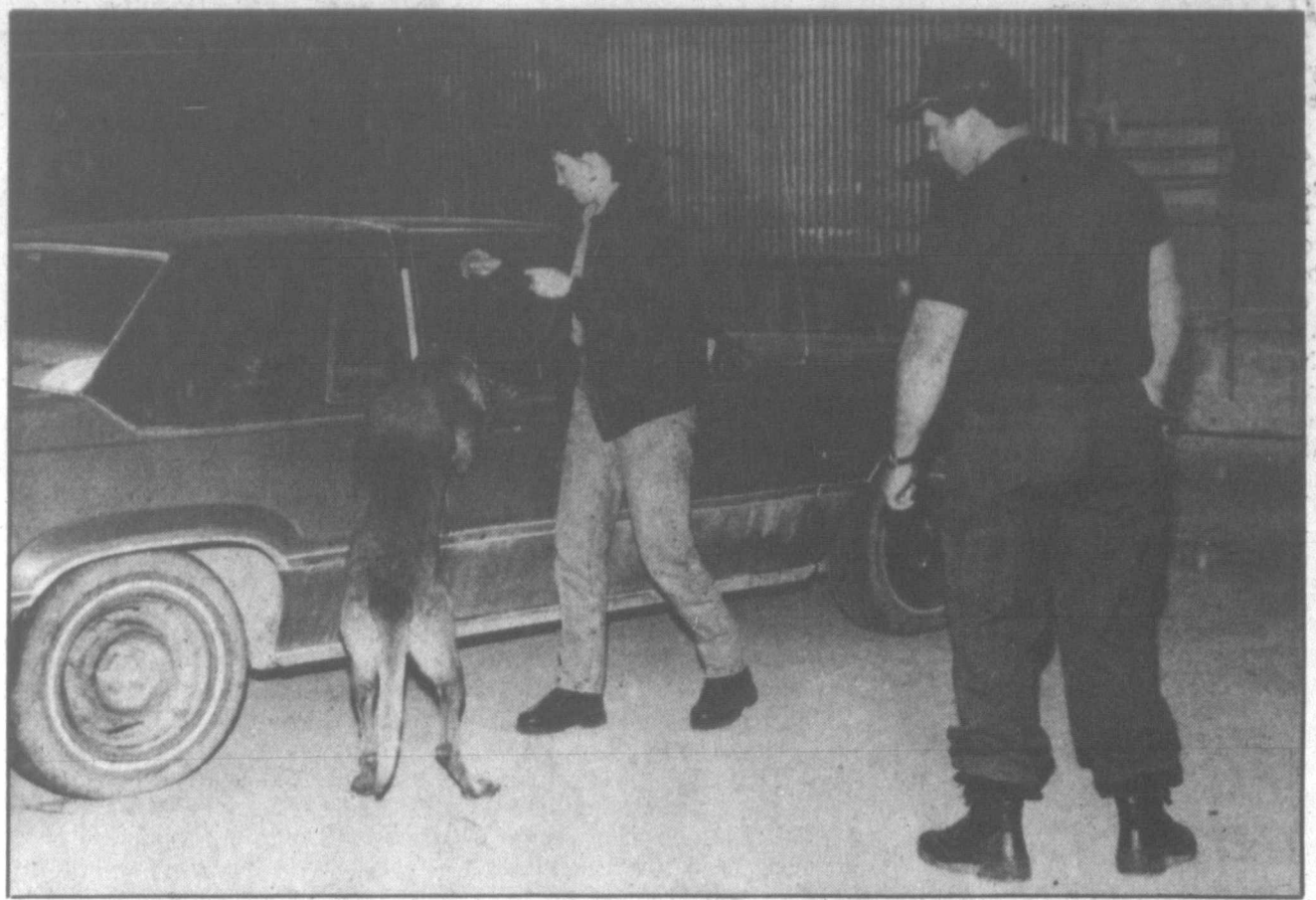
Christopher Lance Mirabella, 19, 1117 Perry, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

American Medical Transport Paramedic Service had a total of 33 calls for the period of Friday, March 11 through Thursday, March 17. Of those calls, 25 were emergency responses and eight were of a non-emergency nature.

Hospital

Friday's hospital report from Coronado Hospital was not made available to The Pampa News by press time Saturday.



Andrea Clump with the U.S. Border Patrol runs her dog Basco, a Belgium Malinois, through its training exercise while Leroy Azlin, right, watches. Azlin is the training director of the K-9 training program with the Shreveport, La., Police Department. (Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Law enforcement agency representatives gather for narcotics dog training program held in Pampa

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Gray County Sheriff's Office went to the dogs this week — narcotics dogs, that is.

Ten law enforcement agencies were represented this week at two consecutive schools sponsored by the sheriff's office designed to train officers and their canine companions in patrol work and narcotics detection.

Dogs and their human trainers must be recertified each year to maintain their standing as expert witnesses.

They were led by Tony LeBlanc and Leroy Azlin of the Shreveport, La., Police Department who travel throughout the United States and Europe train-

ing patrol and narcotics dog teams.

Azlin is director of canine training for the department and a national trainer for the U.S. Police Canine Association. LeBlanc is a trainer for the Shreveport department.

The teams spent two days on patrolling techniques and three days on narcotics training, with Saturday spent on certification trials.

Attending the schools were officers from Gray County Sheriff's Office, Amarillo Police Department, Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Office, Office of the District Attorney of Guymon, Okla., U.S. Border Patrol, Roberts County Sheriff's Office, Randall County Sheriff's Office, Dallam County Sheriff's Office, City of Vernon Police Department and Oldham County Sheriff's Office.

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City briefs

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

CRAFTERS BOOTHS and Antique space available for More Precious Heirlooms. Call 669-7851. Adv.

BABY HEDGEHOG, Pets Unique, 407 W. Foster. Adv.

SPRING CLEARANCE Sale: 25 to 50% off most items, Pets Unique, 407 W. Foster. Adv.

TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 614 Davis, 665-8074, 274-2142.

PLAY DAY Taylor Arena, 2 p.m. (weather permitting). 665-3343. Adv.

FIRST LOAD of shade trees and pecan trees are in at Watson's Feed and Garden. Adv.

LET HAIR Expressions help you with your Prom needs. We have tanning and a full time Nail Tech, J.J. Wheeley. Call 669-7131 for appointments. Adv.

FOUND: GIRLS' red plaid dress. 669-6347 after 6. Adv.

FOR SALE: Over 100 yards good used carpet. 665-4279. Adv.

WANTED TO Buy: t-fence post also some wooden post and barbed wire. 665-2223, night 665-2255. Adv.

BASKETS OF Love and Party Too-Chocolate Easter Suckers and other Easter Basket goodies. Combs-Worley Building. Adv.

REGISTER FOR Coronado Center Bucks at our Merchants. 8 Chances to Win! Adv.

WE WOULD Like to Thank the people of Pampa and surrounding towns for their Patronage and support while we were in business at the J&J Flea Market. Jess and Joan Graham. You can still get your Watkins at 2325 Mary Ellen or Abby's Beauty Salon. Adv.

COUNTRY WESTERN Basic Swing Dance Lessons Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. 324 N. Naida. \$40 couple. 665-1083. Adv.

JUST ARRIVED trees and shrubs and perennials, herbs, pansies, primrose, snapdragons, dianthus and all your other garden needs. Pete's Garden Center, 665-9425, 516 S. Russell. Adv.

PLEASE DONATE to Meals on Wheels Garage Sale. Mondays 1-5, Pampa Mall north end. 669-1007. Adv.

WHEN YOUR Pampa News Carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards and hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Department.

MARY KAY Cosmetics, Deb Stapleton consultant. Facials, supplies, deliveries, 665-2095. Adv.

MARY KAY Cosmetics, Makeovers, delivery. Mary Huffman, White Deer, 1-800-768-4827. Adv.

LAWNMOWER CHAINSAW Repair-All Makes. Pick up, delivery. Radcliff Lawnmower Chainsaw Sales & Service, 519 S. Cuyler, 669-3395. Adv.

CABINET REMODELING. Baths-marble, tops, reface. Gray's Decorating, 669-2971. Adv.

TICKET DISMISSAL, Insurance Discount, 669-3871. Bowman Defensive Driving (USA). Adv.

JACKSON AND Perkins roses, spring flower bulbs and cool weather bedding plants are in at Watson's Feed and Garden. 665-4189. Adv.

ALASKA CRUISE, August 29. Escorted. Travel Express, 665-0093. Adv.

PARTIES, SHOWERS, Receptions etc. The Loft at Abby's for rent. 665-3509. Adv.

ONLY 6 days left. Many items at cost or below. Granny's Hobbies & Gifts. Adv.

UNTOUCHABLE'S SALON: With this ad receive 15% discount. 316 S. Cuyler, 669-0703. Adv.

NAILS BY Shannon: Special \$25 for full set, sculpture or gel. 665-0075, 665-6720. Located at Body by Jeanna, 120 W. Foster.

SEND The old fossil balloon and candy birthday bouquet to the old relic in your life. Order from Celebrations, 665-3100. Next to Watson's Feed and Garden. Adv.

RED WORMS for sale. 530 Naida, 669-9689. Adv.

1992 DODGE Caravan extended, like new. 669-7639. Adv.

BRANSON BUS Group. Escorted. April 21-24. \$389 per person/double. Travel Express, 665-0093. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, mostly cloudy in the morning, becoming partly cloudy by the afternoon, a high in the upper 60s and west to northwest winds from 15 to 20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the upper 30s. Monday, mostly sunny and seasonable with a high in the lower 60s.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Today, decreasing clouds. Highs upper 50s and 60s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Monday, sunny. Highs 60-65. Monday night, fair. Lows 35-45. South Plains: Today, mostly cloudy. Highs 75-80. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows low to mid 40s. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs mid to upper 60s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s.

North Texas — Today, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms north. Highs 80 to 85. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms central and a chance east. Lows 52 northwest to 63 southeast. Monday, a slight chance of thunderstorms early east, otherwise decreasing cloudiness. Highs 70 to 79. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in

mid 50s to low 60s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Today, mostly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon showers. Highs in the 80s. Tonight and Monday, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms becoming partly cloudy Monday afternoon. Lows in the 50s Hill Country to near 60 south central. Highs in the 70s Hill Country to near 80 south central. Coastal Bend: Today, chance of fog in the early morning, otherwise partly cloudy and warm. Highs from low 90s inland to near 80 coast. Tonight, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Lows from the 60s inland to near 70 coast. Monday, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the 80s inland to 70s coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Today, chance of fog in the early morning, otherwise partly cloudy and warm. Highs from low 90s inland west to near 80 coast. Tonight, mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the 60s inland to near 70 coast. Monday, mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s inland to near 80 coast.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Today, mostly cloudy with scattered showers and higher mountain snow showers. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and north to 70s southern border. Tonight, showers ending from the west. Cooler with lows teens and 20s mountains, with 30s and 40s elsewhere. Monday, partly cloudy west and decreasing cloudiness east. Highs mid 40s and 50s mountains with 60s and 70s lower elevations. Monday night, fair to partly cloudy. Lows teens and 20s mountains with 30s and 40s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Today, mostly cloudy and windy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly south central and southeast Oklahoma. Turning cooler northwest. Highs near 70 northwest Oklahoma to low and mid 80s along the Red River Valley. Tonight, cooler with a chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly south central and southeast Oklahoma. Lows mid 30s northwest Oklahoma to low 50s southeast Oklahoma. Monday, partly cloudy, except mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms southeast Oklahoma early. Highs mostly in the 60s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows upper 30s to low 40s.

PHS drama students to present one-act play Monday

Students from Pampa High School will perform the play *Close Ties* beginning at 7 p.m. Monday at the high school auditorium.

The play is about an 84-year-old woman named Josephine Frye who is growing senile and loses track of familiar surroundings and family members.

As the play unfolds before the audience, Josephine's family must decide what to do about the crisis

facing the family's matriarch. Sophie Sangster will be directing the one-act play.

The cast includes seniors Sheila Luster as Josephine, Brooke Taylor as Bess, Chris Stover as Watson, Shannon Grant as Evelyn, Tara Nave as Anna and Greg McDaniel as Ira Bienstock.

Other cast members include Sammy McCullar as Thayer and Stacy Neal as Connie.

Students assisting in the wings as crew members include Scott Gill on sound, Jeremy Unruh on lights, Tim Griffith on set construction and Kelly Amrhein as stage manager.

The following day, the cast and crew will be competing in the district competition at Amarillo College.

Tuesday night's performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Amarillo College Theater.

TOT Kiwanians sponsoring Ricky Lynn Gregg concert

The Top O' Texas Kiwanis Club is bringing Liberty recording artist Ricky Lynn Gregg back to the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center for another concert.

Gregg will be performing the country western concert in Pampa on Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Gregg's first single, "If I Had a Cheatin' Heart," was released just over a year ago. Since performing in

Pampa last June, he has made three more music videos which can be seen in play on TNN and CMT cable television networks, including "Can You Feel It" and "Three Nickels and a Dime."

Gregg's concert will be the 12th annual benefit fund-raiser sponsored by the Top O' Texas Kiwanis Club of Pampa to help raise money needed for their community service projects.

Club representatives said the upcoming concert is another of their efforts to bring quality entertainment to Pampa that is suitable for the entire family.

An advance ticket sales campaign is now in progress through telephone solicitation, offering tickets at a specially reduced rate. Tickets will also be available the night of the concert, but at a higher price.

Indianapolis 500 model go-cart to be raffled off by group

Pampa's newly formed Pampa Citizens' Activities Foundation recently announced it is selling chances to win a go-cart version of an Indianapolis 500 car at a raffle to be held on June 4.

The foundation is a non-profit association of Pampa and Gray

County citizens hoping to promote indoor and outdoor festivals, activities and other events to bring tourists to the Pampa area.

The go-cart was donated by Vernon and Jo Bell of V Bell Oil of Pampa, according to one of the group's organizers.

For more information on the raffle or on upcoming events, contact organizers Floye Christensen, Rick Paulson and Paul Searl.

The next meeting of the foundation will be at the Coronado Inn at 7 p.m. on March 29.

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Juvenile Probation Office staffers ready to find solutions to youth problems

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Albert Nichols, Kim Davis and Sharon Greene are all fired up.

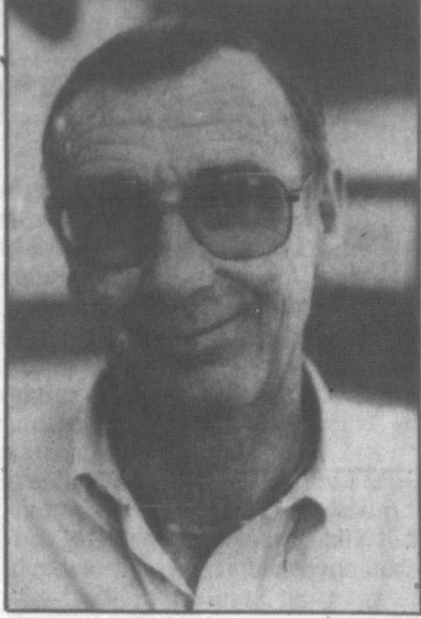
The three staffers of the Juvenile Probation Office are on fire for what they see are great possibilities in Gray County for serving youthful offenders.

Nichols, who came on board in the fall of 1993, heads the office as chief officer. Davis serves as juvenile probation officer and Greene is assistant juvenile probation officer.

Of the group, Greene is the old-timer with five years experience in juvenile affairs. Davis joined the office in February from adult probation, and Nichols is retired from Pampa Independent School District as girls' head basketball coach.

The trio is excited about their plans for juvenile services in the county.

Nichols dreams of a local juvenile detention center. Youthful offenders now go to Moore County Juvenile Detention Center or Youth Center of the High Plains in Randall County for detention. A local center, Nichols said, not only would save the county detention and transportation fees, but the facility could serve the eastern Panhandle.



Albert Nichols



Sharon Greene



Kim Davis

Youth in long-term detention facilities cost the county \$1500 a month in fees. There is a plan afoot to charge part of that fee back to non-indigent families whose children get in trouble.

"The point is that we need to put this back on the family for this young man or young woman," Nichols said.

Only two teens per year are accepted from Gray County by Texas Youth Commission. The trio

agree that more Gray County youth need long-term detention which a local center could provide.

"There's something out there without costing us an arm and a leg," Nichols said.

He expects that with the next governor—whichever that might be—more youth detention centers will be built.

Prevention is Davis's middle name. She attended a training session in which she learned about a

curriculum called "Choices" which aims to teach young people to choose a crime- and drug-free lifestyle.

It is her goal to take the message of choice to elementary youth in all school districts in the Gray County.

"We can't keep these kids from doing drugs. We can just give them material to let them see what is going on," Davis said.

Davis hopes to garner enough

donations to fund a puppet show presentation to teach children about the consequences of crime and drug abuse prior to their involvement with them.

For older youth, Davis is interested in a presentation called the *The John Evans Story*, filmed by Evans two days before he died by execution for murdering a shop owner.

Juvenile crime in Pampa is rampant, they say.

"People do not realize the extent of juvenile crime in Pampa," said Greene.

Besides presenting youth programs, Davis would like to bring more training to those who work with young people so that they will know the signs which mean that a once top-notch student is now "huffing" inhalants or is engaging in criminal acts.

"You know something is wrong if a kid's a straight A student and six months later they can't tie their shoes," Davis said.

While gangs have not come to Pampa full blown, Nichols said, kids still want to duke it out for territory and a few have affiliated with Amarillo or local gangs.

"When I see a small percent, I try to stop the majority from learning about it. That's where this office comes in," Nichols said.

An early morning boot camp might be successful for middle school age students, Nichols said. Having that child on hand for the early morning strenuous exercise sessions would the responsibility of the parent, he said. If the child did not cooperate, detention would be the next step, he said.

"This would put it back in where the teachers were in control again and there wouldn't be the hassles and fights," Nichols said.

An in-office study hall has been created for students whose grades fall below 70 in a single subject. Davis and Nichols, both certified teachers, are on hand to answer questions about homework.

Foster homes for juvenile delinquents are in the works also. For those who wish to be foster parents to juveniles, \$25 per day compensation is available when a child is in an approved home.

"Whatever we're trying to do is geared to trying to get that kid back in the home," Nichols said.

And as in all dreams, there is the reality—money. To fund the department's goals, Nichols plans to aggressively pursue grant funding to cover staffers salaries, detention and transportation fees.

"I know this can't happen overnight," said Davis.

Jury acquits woman of mayhem, assault in castration of husband

By LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A jury believed Aurelia Macias was a battered wife who acted in self defense when she cut off her husband's testicles with a pair of scissors.

They acquitted her of mayhem and assault with a deadly weapon.

The panel also deadlocked Friday on a lesser charge of battery.

The jurors, who deliberated for three days before reaching a verdict, rebuked prosecutor Larry Longo for using what they called sexist and possibly racist language in his arguments.

They cited Longo's claim that Mrs. Macias could have escaped the tyranny of her marriage by working as a cleaning lady, and his comment to a female witness that "You're a woman. You know about jealousy."

Longo called the jurors' charges unfounded.

Mrs. Macias, 36, admitted she cut off her husband's testicles on Sept. 20, 1992, but said he was about to rape her and she feared for her life.

She also testified that she was beaten and abused throughout her 17-year marriage to Jaime Macias, 39.

In his closing arguments,

Longo said Mrs. Macias castrated her husband because of jealousy over his affairs.

Prosecutors said the defense decided to use the battered wife defense after seeing its effectiveness in the case of Lorena Bobbit, the Virginia woman who cut off her husband's penis and was found innocent by reason of insanity.

The Maciases reconciled and requested that the case not go to trial. Public Defender Nan Whitfield, who represented Mrs. Macias, said because of the reconciliation, the case "should never have been tried."

After Friday's verdict, Mrs. Macias rushed from the courtroom without comment.

"She said she wanted to get home to her kids," Whitfield. "And she had laundry to do." The couple has three children.

Several jurors described their deliberations as heated and said that at least one man refused concluding the talks without convicting her of something.

"There were male chauvinist comments," said Rudy Lafargo. "(Some of the men) felt she had no right to cut off her husband's testicles."

Superior Court Judge Robert O'Neil scheduled an April 18 hearing on whether Mrs. Macias will be retried on the battery charge.

Jury recommends sentences for youths in slaying of boys

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — A jury recommended the death penalty Saturday for one teenager convicted of murdering three 8-year-old boys, and recommended life without parole for the other youth convicted in the slayings.

Damien Echols, 19, and Charles Jason Baldwin, 16, each were convicted Friday of three counts of capital murder.

The victims, second-graders Steve Branch, Chris Byers and Michael Moore, disappeared May 5 while riding bicycles through their West Memphis, Tenn., neighborhood. Their nude, hogtied, battered bodies were pulled from a drainage ditch the next day.

The same jury that convicted Echols and Baldwin recommended the death penalty for Echols and life in prison without parole for Baldwin.

The jury heard about 2 1/2 hours of testimony from defense witnesses for Echols before deliberations began on the sentencing phase. No one testified for Baldwin. Prosecutors sought the death penalty for both youths.

Echols' father, Joe Hutchison, said he blamed himself for his son's problems. "I've had regrets for eight years," he said. "I didn't do what I should have done."

The prosecution pointed out that in interviews with another psychologist, Echols referred to himself as another Ted Bundy or Charles Manson and said, "people will remember me."

Paul Ford, an attorney for Baldwin, reminded jurors that Baldwin has no prior criminal history. "You've already decided that Jason Baldwin will die in prison," he said. "The

question is how he will die there. I ask for mercy."

Echols and Baldwin were arrested June 3 after a friend, Jessie Lloyd Misskelley Jr., made incriminating statements to police. Misskelley, 18, was convicted in a separate trial of one count of first-degree murder and two counts of second-degree murder. He is serving a prison sentence of life plus 40 years.

Misskelley said he watched Echols and Baldwin beat the boys, rape two of them and castrate one. At one point, Misskelley said, he chased down Michael and prevented him from escaping.

Prosecutors presented evidence suggesting Echols was a devil worshiper and Baldwin his loyal follower.

Teens and criminologists doubt three-strikes law would work

By CAROLYN SKORNECK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The notion that a severe sentence like life in prison will scare people away from committing crimes is being touted by anti-crime crusaders and gaining currency in Congress.

But teenagers who have seen friends kill each other and criminologists who study the issue doubt the message will reach career lawbreakers or youngsters convinced of their indestructibility.

The Clinton administration is among those claiming that "three strikes and you're in prison for life" would not only punish offenders and keep them away from society but dissuade them from breaking the law.

The administration's proposal is intended to deter violent crime, "particularly by people who have shown a propensity to commit it in the past," Jo Ann Harris, acting deputy attorney general, recently told Congress.

"Mandatory life imprisonment sends a clearer and more effective message to would-be violent criminals than a sentence for a minimum number of years or until the offender is deemed no longer dangerous," Harris said.

Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee's crime panel, said when dealing with people who have committed two violent felonies, "Our society really doesn't know how to deter them from doing the third."

"The thought that they might have to spend the rest of their lives in prison might do it for some."

But will it really, especially given

the recent surge in violent crime, including homicide, by teenagers?

Rushon Harrison, 17, of New York, told Congress recently about his drug-dealing 13-year-old cousin, who went home with him one night rather than out with friends, and by chance avoided being with a friend when he was killed.

"The gun was put into his mouth and the trigger was pulled," Harrison recounted. Yet the cousin still deals drugs.

Can a government threat to try 13-year-olds as adults, forcing them to spend 10 years in prison for drug dealing, or even life in prison for three felony convictions, intimidate a boy who faces death every day?

Rushon said he doubts it, given his cousin's outlook.

"His friend got killed, but it had, like, no effect on him, 'cause as long as it's not them, they don't worry about it," the high school student said in an interview. "They don't think about the time that they do. They just think about the crime first, and then think about getting away."

Janea Wells, a 15-year-old junior high school student in Washington who saw a friend get shot 17 times, agreed that tough sentences and even sudden, brutal deaths have lost the ability to affect young people's behavior.

"I think that other kids don't even pay it no attention," she said after testifying before Congress. "All they look at is it's like they have respect when they got a gun and when they sell drugs and when they have money and stuff."

Albert Reiss, a sociology professor at Yale University, said he did not

expect a three-strikes law to stop young people from committing crimes.

"You're not going to convince these young people about someone years older than they are who have already been convicted of serious crimes twice," Reiss said. "By the time you're putting someone away for three strikes ... it's late in the day."

"Teenagers don't think about consequences," agreed Jack Levin, a Northeastern University professor of sociology and criminology. "Most kids think they're immortal, think they're smarter than the police, think they can get away with it. They'll do it anyway because they don't think it applies to them."

This is nothing new in the current younger generation, he said.

"Teenagers have always felt like that — supermen, invincible, invulnerable," Levin said. "Penalties don't make much difference."

But it goes beyond that, said Reiss. The idea that a stiff punishment will deter people from committing crimes is based on the belief that people will act rationally.

"The assumption that these peo-

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital seeking riders, sponsors for trail ride

The 3rd Annual Saddle Up for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital trail ride will be held April 30 and riders and sponsors are needed to help in the fight against childhood cancer and other diseases.

Every rider who turns in at least \$30 will receive a St. Jude T-shirt while riders earning \$75 will receive the T-shirt and St. Jude sports bag. Any rider turning in \$125 or more will receive the T-shirt, sports bag and a sweatshirt.

Many of the prizes going to riders have been provided by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Other prizes, such as the ones

going to the rider who collects the most sponsorship money, have been donated by area businesses.

In order to participate, a minimum of \$15 is required to ride. Registration begins at 8 a.m. the day of the event, with the trail ride beginning at 9 a.m.

Lunch will be provided to participants and catered by the Cattle Call restaurant of Amarillo.

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"HOW THEN CAN I DO THIS GREAT WICKEDNESS?"

"And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master knoweth not what is with me in the house, and he hath put all that he hath into my hand: he is not greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Gen. 39:7-9) One of the most admirable characters of all Bible history has to be Joseph, next to the youngest son of Jacob. Because of jealousy, Joseph was sold by his older brothers to some Ishmaelites who later sold him to Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard in Egypt (Gen. 37:18-28; 39:1).

In all the record of Joseph we find no bitterness toward his brothers for their evil deed. He was always a man of great conviction and moral courage. He exemplified great concern in later years for his family and the people of Egypt. After suffering imprisonment and slavery, Joseph rose to prominence in Egypt and became governor over all the land. Because of a special gift from God of being able to foresee events, he saved his family and the Egyptians from the seven years of famine. Truly, he was a great man in many ways.

But his resistance to temptation, regarding Potiphar's wife, stands out as a lasting tribute to the moral integrity of Joseph. Even as a young man he realized that adultery and fornication were indeed "great wickedness" and sins against God.

There aren't many in our day who have such moral convictions as did Joseph. Adultery and fornication are still two of the most prominent sins committed. Today many co-habit, having sexual relations without the sanction of God's law of marriage. Seemingly, they see nothing wrong with such things. Yet, the scriptures still list such things as sin. Note: "Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

-Billy T. Jones

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Opinion

USPS is forcing its own demise

It's bad enough that the U.S. Postal Service wants to jack up prices 3 cents for a first-class letter to 32 cents.

It's also looking at imposing a new rule that would hurt non-profit postal customers: Does your church or synagogue newsletter, mailed at the third-class rate, contain advertising? Then the USPS might yank its third-class permit, forcing the mailing to be sent at the second-class or first-class rates.

Recent legislation mandates that each class of mail pay for itself. (In the past, higher first-class rates subsidized the rates of lower classes.) That makes sense.

But the USPS divides costs into two sections: 1. attributable costs, the actual costs of mailing something: transportation, post office construction, clerical salaries, and so on; and 2. institutional costs, the costs of maintaining the top-heavy government bureaucracy.

The USPS is considering banning all business advertising in third-class mailings from non-profit groups, supposedly to pay for increasing institutional costs.

Private companies, of course, are constantly adjusting prices and expenses to maintain profitability. More often, as we have seen in recent years, private firms have reduced "institutional" expenses before raising prices. But private companies make these sorts of decisions based on a bottom line and a competition for customers with other firms.

The Postal Service remains a government-protected monopoly still dominated by public-employee unions and political decision-making. When it says it must recoup more of its institutional expenses, one is entitled to wonder whether that is more a political than a true business decision.

Interpreting current postal law, meanwhile, Sen. Dennis DeConcini, chairman of the Treasury-postal appropriations subcommittee, said the "legislation does not restrict periodical publications, such as church newsletters, from carrying paid advertisements from other businesses."

But USPS officials apparently believe the law still gives them room to change pricing to recoup institutional expenses.

Perhaps we ought to encourage USPS to forge ahead with this arbitrary ruling against non-profit publications.

Combined with ever-increasing costs and less-than-sterling service in all areas (not to mention competition from electronic-message deliverers such as fax machines and computer networks), such actions can only hasten the day of the ultimate solution: the complete privatization of mail service in the United States.

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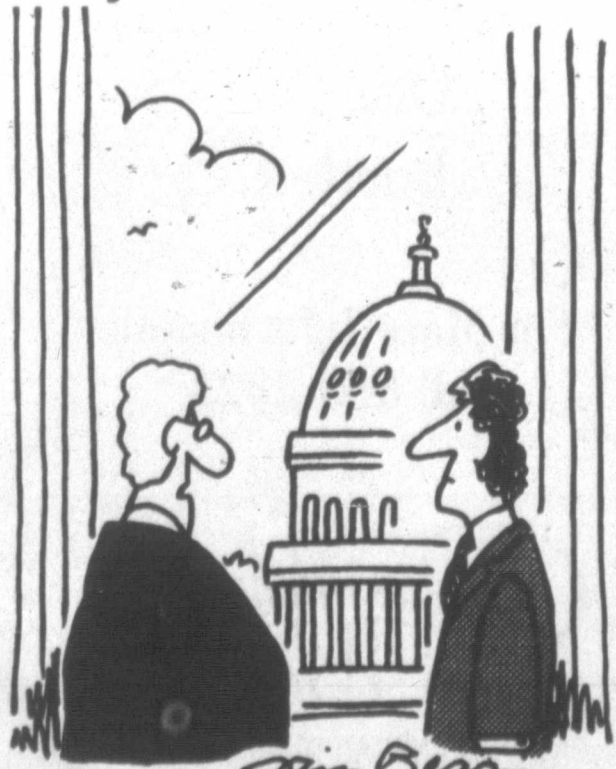
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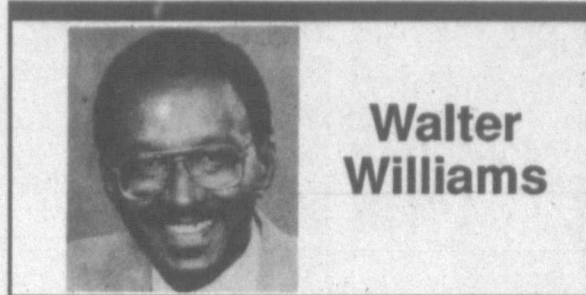


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"It's going to be tough leaving here — having to obey laws we passed for the REST of the country."

We'd rather do it ourselves

The Libertarian Party has adopted the health-care reform plan developed by Drs. John Goodman and Gerald Musgrave of the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis. The way things work today, money spent by an employer on a worker's health insurance is not counted as taxable income to the worker. There's no tax break if the worker purchases it privately. If the worker privately purchased a health-insurance policy charging an annual premium of \$4,000, he'd have to earn between \$7,000 to \$8,000 in "before-tax" income to pay for it — putting it out of the reach of many people. Getting health insurance through the employer gives you a tax break, but the downside is that you lose your insurance when you lose your job.

Under the Goodman/Musgrave Medical Savings Account (MSA), instead of your employer purchasing high-cost, low-deductible, extensive-benefits insurance, he'd provide each employee with an annual medical allowance of, say, \$2,000 that the employee would deposit into a medical savings account. Like today's individual retirement accounts, there'd be no taxes on MSA deposits. Money could be withdrawn from MSAs to pay medical expenses with no tax penalty. Unspent MSA funds would accumulate and belong to the worker but would be taxed and penalized if withdrawn for non-medical expenditures. When the worker reached age 65, there would be no penalties for withdrawing money for non-health-care expenditures.



Walter Williams

You could use MSA withdrawals to pay for doctor visits, diagnostic services and drugs. Two thousand dollars would more than cover the average person's yearly medical expenses. Studies have shown that less than 12.5 percent of all insured persons have annual claims greater than \$2,000. Employers could still provide catastrophic health insurance to cover claims greater than \$2,000. Catastrophic health insurance, unlike "first dollar" insurance, is relatively inexpensive because catastrophic illness is not a frequent event in most of our lives.

The Medical Savings Account idea has several attractive features. It provides patients incentive to ask questions about treatment procedures and shop around for prices and services. Savings on prices means more money left over in their MSA. With insurer- or government-paid programs, patients don't benefit from being cost-conscious. After all, it's no skin off their nose.

Living a healthy lifestyle would be more rewarding; it would mean a fatter MSA at retirement. MSAs would foster traditional patient-doctor relationships, instead of today's patient-insurer-doctor relationship or Bill and Hillary's proposed patient-insurer-government-doctor relationship.

You might ask yourself which of the three types of relationships serve you better. After you answer that question, ask yourself which relationship will serve the nation's politicians and bureaucrats better. If you said MSAs serve you better and Bill and Hillary's plan is better for politicians and bureaucrats, you'll understand why there is political resistance to MSAs. There's nothing in it for politicians — they have no control. You have the control.

Reforming health care requires that we look at other factors driving costs. Qualified mid-level non-physician medical practitioners can perform many medical services. Midwives have been delivering babies for centuries, but 37 states ban the practice. Chiropractors are not permitted to order blood tests or CAT scans. Pharmacists and nurses are banned from prescribing the most basic medications. Why? Politicians have allowed doctors to use state licensure laws and regulatory laws to limit competition and thus charge us higher prices.

Here's what we should say to Congress, Bill and Hillary: Leave us alone; we'll do it ourselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 20, the 79th day of 1994. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 3:28 p.m. EST.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 20, 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, was first published.

On this date:

In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte entered Paris, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

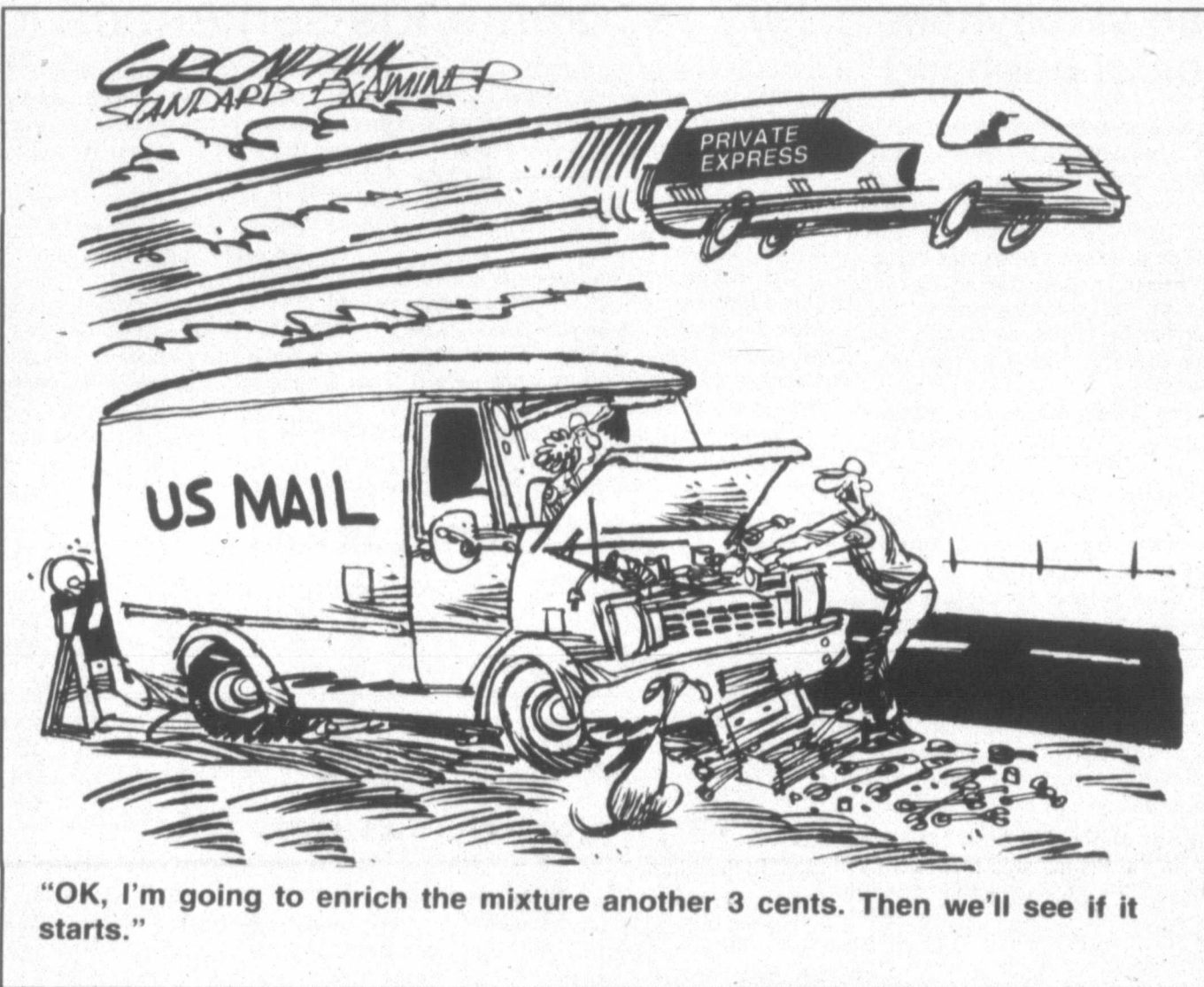
In 1896, U.S. Marines landed in Nicaragua to protect U.S. citizens in the wake of a revolution.

In 1899, Martha M. Place of Brooklyn, N.Y., became the first woman to be put to death by electrocution as she was executed at Sing Sing for the murder of her stepdaughter.

In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.

In 1976, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup.

In 1985, Libby Riddles of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race, covering the distance from Anchorage to Nome in nearly 18 days.



"OK, I'm going to enrich the mixture another 3 cents. Then we'll see if it starts."

Horses just drive him buggy

"Some fool tried to get me to go horseback riding the other day. I was visiting friends who own a lot of land, and they've got dogs and cats and cows and even a few chickens.

I'm not certain how many horses they have, but there appeared to be enough to refilm a couple of episodes of *F Troop*.

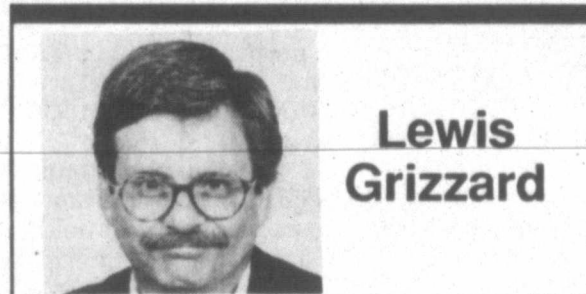
I not only said "no" to the invitation to climb upon a horse, but I added a familiar expletive in front of it so there would be no misunderstanding as to the strength of my resolve.

"Then stay here and pet the dogs," I was told, and everybody went out to ride.

My dislike for horseback riding goes way back. My uncle was a farmer who grew corn. When I was a small boy he offered me gainful employment as a corn puller one chilly Saturday afternoon.

Since I needed a few coins for a trip to town to see a movie, I took my uncle up on his proposal.

I don't know how many out there have ever had the opportunity to pull ears of corn from their stalks, but if you haven't, decline any and all offers to do so. Ears of corn do not come off their stalks without a fight.



Lewis Grizzard

I twisted and pulled ears of corn for eight hours. When we were done, I expected payment for my efforts.

"You did a good job today," my uncle said. "You can ride my horse any time you want to."

I tried to call the Child Labor Abuse Office and turn in my uncle, but my mother wouldn't let me.

"Why don't you ride the horse?" she suggested.

What the heck. As I stood while my uncle saddled his horse, the horse stepped on my toe.

I threatened a lawsuit and vowed never again to get near a horse I didn't have money on.

I kept my vow for 30 years. Then I was vacation-

ing out West and my companion said, "Let's go horseback riding."

My horse was named "Leatherneck." Hers was "Colonel."

"These horses must have been in a war with names like that," my companion said.

"The Spanish-American, from the looks of them," I said.

I followed her and Colonel, who turned out to have a serious gas problem.

"Can't you keep up?" she asked, as I pulled Leatherneck back several lengths.

"Either you turn that horse around and make him go backward, or I'm sticking back here," I said.

"My olfactory system can't take any more."

One other thing: Nobody told me you ought to wear socks when you ride a horse or the stirrups will cut through your ankles and cause you much pain.

My ankles are still bearing scars of the last time I rode a horse, which was the last time I'll ever ride a horse.

God gave us Henry Ford and cab fare for some reason, and I know what it was.

Spying? You must remember this

Here in Casablanca-on-the-Potomac, the demigods are again acting like demagogues. In the bicameral chambers of Rick's Cafe-Congress American, the captains of the loyal opposition are even lip-synching Claude Rains.

"I'm shocked — shocked! — to find that spying is going on," they are saying, ostensibly to each other but really to C-Span's omnipresent audience.

These Republicans and a few renegade Democrats are shocked — shocked! — that Moscow bought off for \$1.5 million a well-placed CIA official with the CIA-ish name of Aldrich H. Ames. Never mind that these politicians do cartwheels in their cloakrooms when America buys one of Russia's spies.

Washington's shocked — shocked! — demagogues are demanding that we halt all aid to Russia. Never mind that this aid isn't intended to reward Russia but to insure ourselves. It is to promote Russia's creep toward democratic capitalism and prevent a return of the old communist hardliners. That's why President Clinton rightly says the aid should continue.

But there's still more. In bursts of identically worded political exploitation that seems to have been scripted by the same Grand Old Partisan strategist, many Republicans are rushing to the microphones to say that this infuriating spy scandal is an example of "naive" policies of our new Democratic president.

"Naive." It's the GOP's word of the week — you heard it on TV from Sens. Bob Dole of Kansas and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky; and from Dick Cheney.

They cite as examples of Clinton's "naive":



Martin Schram

(A) When Boris Yeltsin recently gave a tough-sounding speech, Clinton didn't go ballistic.

(B) When Yeltsin protested that admitting the Eastern European republics into NATO would give Russia's hardliners the ammo they need to topple him, Clinton found a time-buying compromise.

When Yeltsin sent a few hundred Russian troops into Bosnia without consulting the West, Clinton put the best public face on it. Soon the Russian troops were putting on United Nations blue berets and easing the Serbs into an uneasy truce — in time to avoid NATO air-strike retaliation that no one wanted.

Those policies weren't "naive." For truly "naive" presidential policies, these Republicans can recall the GOP's recent glory days:

(A) When Ronald Reagan tried to bribe Iran by sending it weapons in the hopes that the terrorist regime would free U.S. hostages.

(B) When George Bush (and his defense secretary, Cheney) tried to bribe Saddam Hussein with U.S. aid credits, despite the Bush administration's own report

of Iraqi human rights atrocities. Saddam said thank you, pocketed the aid credits, and invaded Kuwait.

For a fine example of congressional naivete, senators who complain that the CIA was blind to Ames' new lavish lifestyle — expensive house and car, bought with cash — can consult their mirrors. In 1990, the Senate Intelligence Committee, fretting about invading the privacy of U.S. spies, killed a measure to allow CIA inspections of agents' credit reports.

Or, if these politics want a prime example of covert naivete, they only need look at the Central Intelligence Agency itself, which several times satisfied its suspicions about the loyalty of Aldrich Ames by giving him lie detector tests. Which he passed.

This all occurred after Reagan's CIA Director William Casey confided to William Safire, his old pal turned super-pundit, that he had no fear about taking a polygraph test about who masterminded the stealing of Jimmy Carter's debate briefing book. As Safire recalled in his column in *The New York Times*, Casey "winked and said that with some Valium and a sphincter-muscle trick he learned in the O.S.S., he could flatten the spikes before they appear on any machine."

Long after we have forgotten whether the spy in our midst was Aldrich Ames or Ames Aldrich, we will remain forever indebted to our friend Safire for sharing with us this tale of Casey's ability to lie-by-the-seat-of-his-pants.

Play it again, Uncle Sam.

Letters to the editor

Thanks from a veteran

To the editor:
I have never written a letter to the editor before, but felt compelled to write in response to Jequita Risley's letter to the editor Sunday, March 13, 1994. Thank you, dear lady, for praying for and thinking of the veterans. Thank you for your compassion and caring.

I am a veteran of the Korean conflict — 1950-1953 (the forgotten war). I served in combat in North Korea, a member of the 45th Infantry Division. No one knows the inner deep feelings of a combat veteran except the veteran himself. The memories of utter destruction, death of comrades, physical discomfort, fears, nightmares ... one never really gets over it, he only learns to live with it and endure by God's grace.

Without the prayers of Godly people like you, and of mothers everywhere, there wouldn't have been near as many survivors as there were. "GOD IS ALWAYS THERE" — always was, and always will be. I have never met an atheist or an agnostic in the foxhole. Many have departed from the Lord, but the Lord has never departed from us. For he hath said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE." Hebrews 13:5.

Jequita Risley, I do not know you, but I salute you! You are a true American blessed by God above! Thank you again for making my day!
Perry L. Choate
Pampa

Where was the welcome?

To the editor:
I would like to give Larry Lee's letter on Sunday, March 6, in *The Pampa News* an answer.

My husband and I understood the problems of the Vietnam veterans because Victor Meaker was only 22 when he stepped on a mine and lost one ankle and foot. He was a scout and was going to be shipped home, but volunteered for one last mission when he saw a bunch of green troops come in. He received shrapnel in the groin area and would never be able to have children.

When he came home, he had horror stories of how assaults were mismanaged, orders given that were death orders. He wrote our Pampa congressman at that time, and several weeks later was told by his C.O. that if he wanted to come home, DON'T write any more letters.

He came home, and when we visited him in the big hospital in Colorado, his wounds did not appear as bad as so many others who had no arms or legs. Young boys which the public never saw. Vic later committed suicide.

When there was my son-in-law, who was a captain and had to order his men to retake the same hill several times a day, watching his men die each time. He had a nervous breakdown several months after coming home.

These men were NEVER given a hero's welcome, nor the understanding of the horrible butchery they were a part of day in and day out.

Now, President Clinton wants to put our troops under U.N. command where they would have to fight ANY war the U.N. decides upon. Korea was bad, but Vietnam was worse. Our current government is also settling many of the former Vietnam soldiers, now civilians, in the U.S. with their families and giving them housing and money when some of our own vets have neither!! I think it is a disgrace.

Disgusted for our vets,
Shirley Meaker
Pampa

Attend informative events

To the editor:
On March 11 and 12, a very informative event was held here in Pampa. It was promoted as ENVIRO-Fair and was sponsored by the City of Pampa, the Extension Service and Clean Pampa. I attended several of the sessions, and they were for the most part very informative and well done. There was something for almost everyone from the home gardeners to the composters to the native flower lovers and even a class that enabled farmers to get some CEU's towards their private applicators license.

Even though this was a very worthwhile project and provided a world of beneficial information, the turnout was minimal at best. I am using this opportunity to encourage everyone in the Pampa area to watch for these types of events and participate in them. The information that is distributed is beneficial for all of us, and at the same time, some of the new ideas and inventions that are presented are very, very interesting.

Also, there was a very good program presented by the City of Pampa per-

tainning to the composting project that is in full-swing at our local landfill. For those who think all your city tax dollars are being wasted, you should have attended this seminar. I feel quite confident you would have had your opinion changed. The city sanitation department is turning grass clippings, tree limbs and eventually sewage sludge into rich, fertile compost to be returned to the soil as fertilizer and humus. In doing this, they are returning various items to their natural state and saving the landfill for non-biodegradable items.

I hope everyone will make the effort to attend the next one of these very informative events. You will come away as impressed as this writer did and satisfied that the information gained will benefit everyone.

John L. Tripplehorn
Pampa

City needs citizens' support

To the editor:
I read with interest the letter in last week's Sunday paper concerning the arson investigation in the 800 block of Duncan. While I do not know the details of the crime, I was a little disheartened that it took the gentleman two years to provide critical information to the fire department. The police and fire departments in Pampa do not work in a vacuum. They need the help and support of the citizens of Pampa to solve any crime committed. We hope that any individual who has specific information concerning the committing of a crime would be anxious to assist the respective authorities by providing that information in an accurate and prompt manner.

The Gray County Republican Party appreciates the job that the city employees of Pampa do to help make this community safe and a more enjoyable place to live. We realize that their jobs are not easy and we would like to publicly express our support and appreciation for all of their hard work. Thank you.

Tom Mechler
Gray County Republican Chairman

She refuses to be corrected

To the editor:
I refuse to be corrected on this abortion pill issue. The same German-based company, "Hoechst," that owns the pharmaceutical company in France, is the same German-based company that owns Hoechst Celanese here. They are one and the same. They are also the company that is presently making every effort to have it legalized in the United States.

I am not the uninformed ignoramus that Mr. Moore would like to paint me to be. As a matter of fact, I have knowledge and perception that he does not currently have of chronic illness and disease (although the way people are dropping like flies in this town, who knows who might be next).

Also, my favorite subject is not Hoechst Celanese, it is the Bible.

According to the Bible, God always punishes unrepentant sin, sooner or later, one way or another, at His discretion. God sees all things, knows all things, and never makes a mistake in judgment. We may all be standing face to face with him sooner than we realize, when everything is revealed and the only thing that can save us from hell fire is the blood of Jesus. Hoechst Celanese officials would do well to come clean now before the rapture of the church and the tribulation.

In fact, Good predicted the poisoning of the waters in Revelation 8:11. Later it says one third of the fish in the ocean die, then eventually everything in the ocean. Already plagues, that doctors cannot treat, are beginning to cover the earth. We are seeing earthquakes like never before. With computers it is now possible to mark the entire world population with the Mark of the Beast: 666. There is the "falling away" as predicted, as people turn away from Christ, especially the young people. Europe is uniting, formerly calling themselves the EC (European Community), lately calling themselves the EU (European Union) — significant because many believe them to be the last beast, "more terrifying than the others," in which the Anti-Christ will emerge.

We would all do well to cleanse our hearts and consult our Bibles, daily.
Karen Son
Pampa

Propaganda against gays

To the editor:
Today there is a lot of propaganda against gay people being disseminated by fundamentalist religious and conservative groups. They circulate videotapes that show extreme examples of homosexuals' behavior. They say that gays are a threat to the nation's social and political order.

and use scare tactics to bring in donations.

It would be just as easy to review the history of heterosexual conduct — the Roman orgies, gang rapes in Massachusetts, prostitution, Tailhook, the Hillside Strangler murders, etc. — and use those examples to discredit all heterosexuals. If I stacked the deck and showed only the outrageous and offensive moments, I would be doing exactly what the critics of gays are doing. (I'm sure I could compile some pretty weird video pictures of heterosexual behavior from the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.)

There are millions of gay people in the United States. Most do not engage in flamboyant San Francisco-style displays of their identities. Rather, they tend to avoid calling attention to themselves because of the penalties society imposes on them because of their difference.

It is not "perversion" when a gay person acts according to his or her nature. The perversion occurs when people force homosexuals to be heterosexual. The truth is that gays have been and continue to be oppressed into the unnatural lifestyle of pretending to be straight.

William Stosine
Iowa City, Iowa

Letters to the editor policy

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern.

Letters should be 300 words or less. Letters submitted for publication should be neat and legible, typed if possible, or at least handwritten in a clear manner. Letters may be edited for length, clarity, spelling, grammar, taste and potentially libelous statements. Submission of a letter does not guarantee its publication, nor can we guarantee a date of publication due to space and time limitations.

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Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to The Pampa News, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

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Kaboom! Allentown blows up sinking office tower building

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Thousands cheered the controlled explosion that erased the seven-story Corporate Plaza from the downtown skyline in about 20 seconds.

The building started collapsing slowly when a 40-foot-long sinkhole cut through the city center last month.

The honor of pushing the button that set off the blast went to Steve Puczyn, a store worker who won a city-sponsored raffle.


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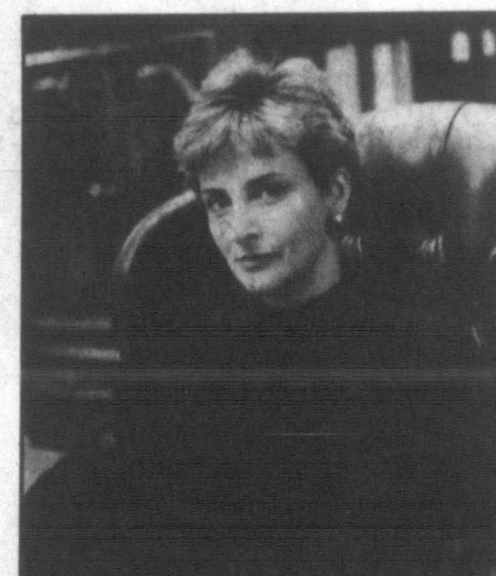
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Four Air Force Academy cadets back in class

LUFKIN (AP) — A military counsel for three Air Force Academy seniors says the men do not deserve to have been placed on probation.

While on probation, cadets can't drive their own cars, leave campus without permission, or participate in off-campus extracurricular activities without permission.

A new, one-time review of the senior class recommended expelling five cadets for lacking "military aptitude."

Following an outcry led by East Texas Congressman Charlie Wilson, the Academy relented and announced late last week that four would get their diplomas after all.

One cadet is being expelled for "military and academic deficiencies unrelated to the quality review," the academy said in a statement. It did not give details. The cadet can appeal.

Three of the reinstated cadets will

be allowed to graduate with their class June 1. The fourth will be allowed to graduate once he completes his classes and probation, said academy spokesman Staff Sgt. Stefan Alford.

All four were back in class Friday, the *Lufkin Daily News* reported.

According to the Air Force legal counsel for three of the four men, Capt. John P. Taitt, his three clients were not on probation prior to the records review.

Taitt wrote the superintendent of the Academy Board that Lufkin resident Darrell Meyer and Marshall Anderson of Knoxville, Tenn., had not served a probation for any failing prior to the records review.

The third cadet, Shane Chubbs, served athletic probations and one period of aptitude probation during his freshman year, Taitt wrote.

Academy spokeswoman Capt. April Jackson said three men were

placed on probation after the records review because their records revealed a deficiency in "military aptitude."

She said there was insufficient evidence to proceed with disenrollment, but the 10-member review board did notice inconsistencies on the part of the cadets and decided to impose probation.

Wilson, D-Texas, said the new review three months before graduation was unfair and initiated without the cadets' knowledge.

On Monday, Wilson asked Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall to intervene and sought a hearing before the House Armed Services Committee. However, the academy review committee met Wednesday and reinstated the four.

U.S. Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colorado, said Friday he will ask a governing civilian board of the academy to examine the threat of expulsion.

TBCJ approves six counties for new prisons

DALLAS (AP) — Six counties selected by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice to become the home for 6,000 inmates have until May to submit contracts regarding their facilities.

The board approved Friday a subcommittee's recommendation to split the sites between Dallas, Travis, Williamson, Willacy, Jack and Harris counties, with McLennan County as an alternate.

McLennan County officials have said they're upset with the decision. Uvalde County missed a chance for the jail because residents there were divided over whether they wanted the facility.

The chosen counties have until the board's May 12-13 meeting to turn in contracts citing specifics such as who will build, operate and provide security at the jails. The project is expected to cost about \$117 million.

Board member Gilberto Hinojosa, who chaired the subcommittee that approved a staff recommendation on Thursday, said different sites could be selected if the original six do not submit proper contracts.

"If for some reason they don't comply with our requirements, we'll not enter into a contract with them," Hinojosa said.

Under the proposal, Dallas County would receive 1,333 beds; Travis, Williamson, Willacy and Jack counties would get 1,000 each; and the remaining 667 would go to Harris County.

The Harris and Jack county facilities were extremely favorable because they're the closest to being built,

Hinojosa said. All should be open in 1995.

Other key factors include proximity to major metropolitan areas, the viability of the sites, the quality of the probation department and community support, Hinojosa said.

The board also voted to have MTC build and operate a 2,000-bed state jail in the East Texas city of Henderson. However, state officials would have to approve spending a certain amount per day per inmate to house the occupants.

The inmates would be fourth-degree felons, a new category of less-violent offenders.

According to Criminal Justice Department spokesman David Nunnelee, the jail is part of a 15,000 bed emergency expansion plan.

U.N. votes to condemn mosque massacre

By ANDREW KATELL
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Palestinians may have what they need to return to the bargaining table with Israel.

The Security Council on Friday unanimously condemned the Hebron mosque massacre, fulfilling a major PLO condition for resuming peace talks. The United States had tried to withhold its support of the resolution until negotiations were under way again.

U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright said after the vote that Israel and the PLO plan a high-level meeting within days.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Saturday that senior Israeli negotiators would leave today for Tunis, Tunisia, to try to restart peace talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But the PLO's U.N. representative, Nasser Al-Kidwa, told the council Palestinians still want more protection from settlers in the occupied territories.

The vote brought back to the table three Arab nations that also broke off talks with Israel to protest the Feb. 25 massacre. Syria, Jordan and Lebanon agreed to resume negotiations with the Jewish state in April, Albright told the council.

In Washington, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the three Arab governments' decisions would provide "a strong impetus" for the PLO to do the same and conclude arrangements with Israel for Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

The massacre was the most serious threat yet to the self-rule accord signed Sept. 13 in Washington. Thirty worshippers were killed when settler Baruch Goldstein fired into the mosque in the West Bank city of Hebron.

The Israelis at PLO headquarters in Tunis will propose that a special Palestinian police force be deployed in Hebron, Peres told Israel radio.

He indicated the force will be under Israeli army command, but will have greater authority than Pales-

tinian policemen who served alongside Israeli police in the occupied lands in the past.

"This police force will have a special character ... that will take into account the special sensitivities in Hebron," Peres said.

Friday's vote came three weeks after the massacre because of wrangling over the language and U.S. reluctance to go along with the resolution before the PLO resumes talks.

Israeli foreign ministry spokesman Uri Pelti said today that Israel hoped the council resolution would appease Palestinian anger over the massacre. But he said Israel rejected the resolution's reference to Jerusalem as part of the Israeli-occupied territories.

The 15 Security Council members used a procedure for the first time since 1985 to allow separate votes on each paragraph of the resolution so Albright could abstain from the section calling Jerusalem occupied territory.

The United States and Israel say they want the issue of the city settled in peace talks. Jordan controlled East Jerusalem when Israel took it during the Six Day War in 1967 and then annexed it.

The United States also abstained on a paragraph referring to land occupied by Israel as "occupied Palestinian territory." Albright said that could mean sovereignty, an issue to be decided in negotiations.

Despite their differences, all 15 council members approved a clause calling for protection of Palestinians but not specifying an armed force.

The United States and Israel, not a Security Council member, are willing to accept an unarmed civilian force, but only in parts of the occupied territories to come under Palestinian autonomy.

The PLO wants much more, such as an armed international force to protect Palestinians and removal of Jewish settlements from Palestinian population centers.

In Tunis on Friday, PLO spokesman Yasser Abed Rabbo called on the cosponsors of Middle East peace talks, the United States and Russia, to immediately start implementing the protection clause.

Handgun play kills boy

FORT WORTH (AP) — An 11-year-old boy died after being shot in the face by a teenager who was apparently playing with a handgun, police said.

The victim, Anousone Vongsoua, died Friday evening at Cook-Fort Worth Children's Medical Center.

Police were holding a 15-year-old. Officers described the shooting as a teenager being negligent with a gun, but stressed that they were still investigating the incident.

Two other youths at the home were being held in connection with the robbery of a pawn shop near the house.



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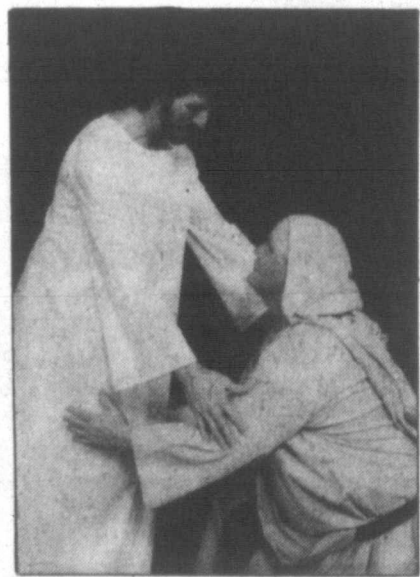
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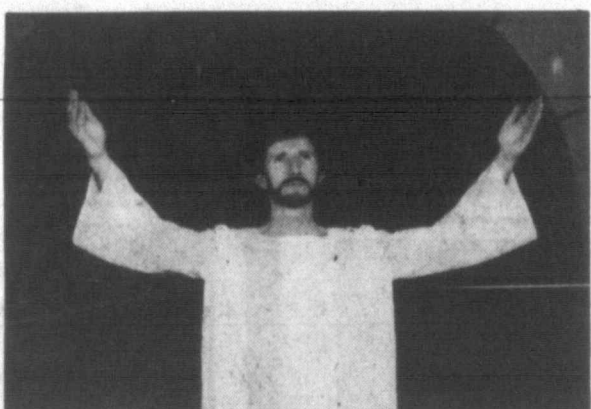
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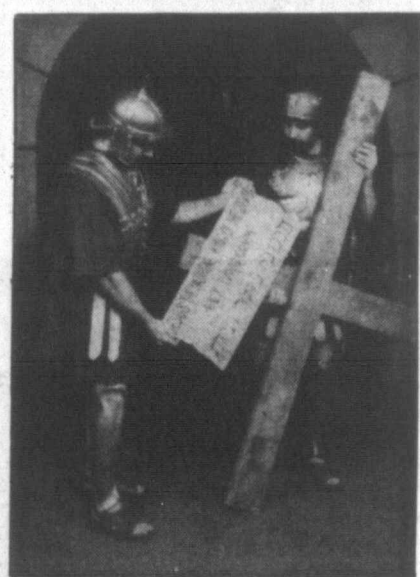
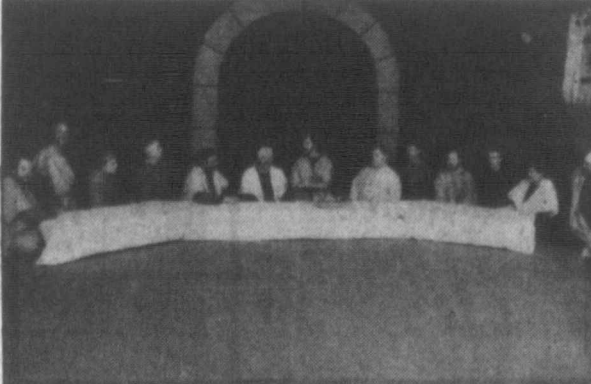
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Priest's embezzlement trial ends with deadlocked jury

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — A jury deadlocked Friday in the trial of a Catholic priest charged with skimming more than \$60,000 from collection plates, and the judge declared a mistrial.

The Rev. David Dean Pirollo faced two counts of grand theft — one for allegedly stealing from St. Peter Claver Church in Simi Valley, and one for alleged embezzlement at an earlier posting, at Sacred Heart Church in neighboring Saticoy.

He remained free on \$100,000 bail, some of it posted by his former parishioners.

Prosecutors said some of the money was spent on drugs and male prostitution. The defense contended Pirollo was framed by another priest.

The jurors deliberated for nine days.

They deadlocked 9-3 in favor of acquittal on a count that Pirollo stole the money he was accused of taking from the church in Simi Valley, which is 35 miles north of Los Angeles in neighboring Ventura County.

The jury voted to acquit Pirollo, 37, of the count that he stole money from the Saticoy church.

Pirollo's trial, which began in January, lasted two months.

Superior Court Judge Allan Steele set an April 8 hearing date for Pirollo.

It was not immediately known if the district attorney's office would seek to try him again. Deputy District Attorney Mary Peace did not immediately answer a message for comment that was left late Friday.

In closing arguments last week,

Peace recapped testimony that described Pirollo's alleged involvement in embezzlement, drugs and gay prostitution.

She reminded jurors of the testimony of a St. Peter Claver employee, who said she saw Pirollo with his hand in a collection bag, putting money into a grocery bag.

She also recounted how parishioners said they were shocked when they discovered almost \$50,000 in small bills in the priest's room.

Pirollo was arrested in May 1992 when police searched his church-owned car and found it filled with collection envelopes, cocaine and \$10,000 in cash.

After parishioners found more money in Pirollo's room, the priest fled to Mexico. He was captured eight weeks later, entering the United States with two illegal aliens in the trunk of his car.

In his closing round for the defense, lawyer Richard Beada repeated claims that Pirollo was framed by the pastor at one of the churches, the Rev. James McKeon.

The Los Angeles Archdiocese issued a statement Friday affirming its faith in McKeon.

"The Archdiocese regrets that the jury was unable to reach a verdict regarding count one involving St. Peter Claver Church," said the statement issued by archdiocese spokesman Gregory Coiro. "This prolongs a painful episode."

Coiro added, "The Archdiocese categorically rejects allegations the defense made against the character, good name and reputation of Father James McKeon."

Out of the mouths of youths: Adult questions for the president

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifty youngsters gathered around President Clinton in the East Room on Saturday to quiz him about some very grown-up problems: crime, war, and racism among them. They got some very grown-up answers.

"I asked my mom, do you think I'm going to live to grow up?" said the 7-year-old younger sister of Polly Klass, who was murdered.

"Why are you fighting a war in another country when you have a war right here?" asked another youngster.

"With all of the racial problems going on ... do you have any plans for solving that problem?"

There were silly questions, too, about Socks the cat, a Bill Clinton video game, and the president's famous trips to McDonalds.

But the young Americans who appeared on ABC's 90-minute children's town hall showed a sobering understanding of the nation's problems.

Some of the most compelling words came from Annie Nichol of Calistoga, Calif., whose sister, Polly Klass, was abducted from a bedroom slumber party and murdered.

On video tape, Annie gave the president — and the nation — a tour of her

home and all the precautions she takes, including bells dangling from her bedroom doorknob and ropes strung across the room to stop intruders.

In person, a stuffed animal at her side, Annie told the president: "My sister didn't live to grow up. I just don't feel safe any more and I want America to be safe for children."

Clinton responded: "You're a brave girl to come here and let us see your story. ... I think about your sister and children like her all the time."

He said he was pushing for crime legislation that would deny parole to three-time violent offenders and put more police on the streets.

"We do live in a country that's too dangerous and we have to make it less dangerous," he said. "I think about it every day. I have a little girl too."

The audience included one junior celebrity — 13-year-old Zlata Filipovic, whose diary of life in shell-torn Sarajevo has become a best-seller around the world.

"Is the end of that stupidity closer?" she asked the president.

Clinton spoke of Friday's Muslim-Croat agreement to form a new Bosnian federation and said he was hopeful the third party in the fighting, the Serbs, would join as well.

"I think we're closer and we're working very hard on it," Clinton

said. "Now the question is, will the Serbs agree to sign on so that everyone can live with a fair piece of land."

The youngsters, from elementary school through the late teens, brought a host of painful personal experiences into the East Room.

One spoke of a wealthy father who refuses to pay child support, another of the chemical plant that pollutes the land around his home, a third of the crime and gunfire that plagues her school, another of her trouble getting health care since she's on Medicaid.

Yet the serious tone of the meeting

was punctuated by moments of levity generated by the children's curiosity about life in the White House:

— Does Socks have a bulletproof case? "He can stand behind something that's bulletproof but most of the time he's just out in the open."

— What's your favorite meal at McDonald's? "We love to have Egg McMuffins on Sunday mornings."

— Did you know you and Al Gore are on a basketball video game? "No ... I have to confess the vice president's a better basketball player than I am."

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PISD school board to meet Tuesday

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in the board's conference room at Carver Center, located 321 W. Albert.

Items scheduled to be discussed include:

- financial matters dealing with the cash receipts and expenditures for February, the monthly budget report, an investment report and the tax collection report;
- the approval of textbooks for the 1994-1995 school year;
- the consideration of a waiver for science textbooks at Pampa's Middle School;
- a bid concerning athletics;

- the sale of a delinquent tax property;

• the consideration and approval of changes in the local graduation requirements;

• the consideration of a state waiver to grant physical education credit of after-school athletics;

• the consideration of a state waiver to report grades on a nine-week period;

- the superintendent's report;
- and the consideration of district and campus administrators contracts, teacher contracts, contracts of other professionals and teacher resignations.

City Commission to review audit report

Pampa's City Commission will meet in regular session beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in the City Commission Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall.

Items scheduled to be discussed include:

- the second reading of an ordinance that designates a portion of Randy Matson Avenue as a one-way street;
- the 1992-1993 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report;
- a bid for delinquent tax property located at 931 E. Denver;
- a resolution consenting to the proposed purchase of underground

water rights in Roberts County by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority;

- and the list of disbursements for February.

Prior to the regular meeting, the commission will meet at 4 p.m. in a work session in the third floor conference room of City Hall. Items scheduled to be discussed include:

- the audit report,
- and miscellaneous information about items on the regular work session agenda.

Both the work session and the regular session of the city commission are open to the public.

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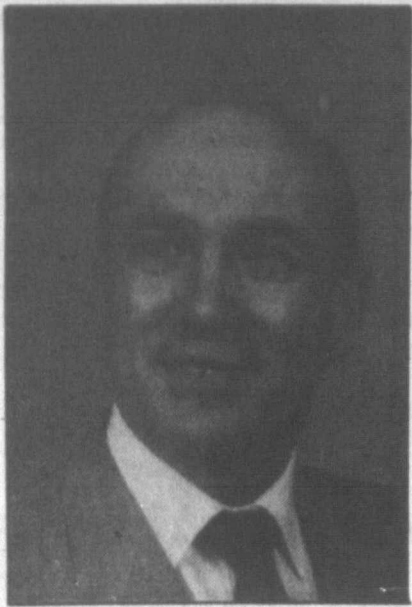
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Business



Dan Michael

Desk and Derrick to hear speech on petroleum geology at monthly meeting

The Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa monthly meeting will be held at the Pampa County Club on Tuesday. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., with the dinner and program following at 7 p.m.

The speaker for the March meeting will be Dan G. Michael, independent consulting geologist.

Michael has been in private practice for the past 13 years and is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in petroleum geology. He is a registered professional geologist with certification by the American Institute of Professional Geologists and an active member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Parameters of his work include wellsite geologist, prospect evaluation, structure/isopach maps, electric log cross sections, appraisals of oil and gas properties, regulatory filings and expert witness.

Prior to his work as an independent geologist, Michael was employed by Core Laboratories, Inc. as laboratory manager of Commercial Core Analysis Laboratory and as a geologist for the railroad commission of Texas.

His talk is titled "The Work of a Geologist from Prospect to T.D.," which will consist of the details involved in the development of a prospective well site and the drilling of a well from the perspective of a petroleum geologist.

For reservations, contact Scena Snider, 669-0742, Empire Operating Co., before noon on Monday.

Business briefs

CHICAGO (AP) — Kemper Corp.'s board rejected a \$2.2 billion takeover attempt by a General Electric subsidiary, raising the prospect of a protracted battle for the big money management company.

The 13-member board met last week at Kemper's Long Grove, Ill., headquarters to consider the \$55-a-share hostile offer from GE Capital, GE's financial arm.

NEW YORK (AP) — Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. and Harris Trust & Savings Bank said they would raise their prime lending rates to 6 percent, a move that brings both banks in line with the rest of the industry.

The prime rate has been at 6 percent since July 2, 1992. But Harris and Morgan broke ranks with other large banks last fall, cutting their rates in a bid to bring in new business and turn up the heat on competitors.

No other major banks moved Thursday to raise their prime lending rates, an important benchmark for many types of fixed and adjustable rate loans.

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Shortbranch Saloon



Janice Romack, bakery manager at Food King, welcomes her son, Andy Layfield, to the "Shortbranch Saloon" at the Pampa store. The bakery has been decorated in the western saloon motif as part of the Spring Round-Up Store Contest for Affiliated Foods member stores, with employees also wearing western style dress for the contest period, which runs through April 2. Customers have a chance to win the first prize of a 1994 Chevrolet Sportside sport pickup and a second prize of a seven-day trip for two in Vienna, Austria. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Chamber Communique

Welcome new members, Tom Mechler, Manna Services, sponsored by Mildred Laycock; and Glyndene Shelton, sponsored by Mary McDaniel.

The Pampa Chamber now has Pampa logo "stick-on's" for those attending an out-of-town convention or business meeting representing Pampa. Metal logo pins are also available for \$2.50 each.

The Chamber now has a notary public and offers this service free to the public.

The Pampa Community Building is available for that special meeting, luncheon or evening function. Call the Chamber office, 669-3241, for information on reservations.

Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages generously donated four door prizes that were given away this past week

during the Chamber luncheon. Terry Townsend, president of the Texas Hospital Association, presented an excellent program and the following chamber members pharmacies were recognized as this month's "Spotlight on Business": Albertson's Pharmacy; Dean's Pharmacy; Heard-Jones Health Mart; Keyes Pharmacy; Medicine Shoppe; Northcrest Pharmacy; and Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

Meetings: Tuesday — Chamber Tourism Committee — 2 p.m.

"Pampa Bucks" and "Pampa Gift Certificates" can be purchased at the Chamber, for that special award of extra gift. These Gift Bucks and Certificates are to encourage shopping at participating Chamber member businesses.

Wal-Mart agrees to correct price comparison ads

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has agreed to correct misleading price comparisons in its Michigan stores, settling the latest in a string of similar complaints against the nation's No. 1 retailer.

Attorney General Frank Kelley filed a settlement of the case today in county court. He had threatened to sue Arkansas-based Wal-Mart following complaints last year by national competitors K mart Corp. and Target Stores, along with Meijer Inc., a Michigan retailer.

Wal-Mart agreed to change the price comparisons and to update price comparisons weekly, Kelley said.

Wal-Mart didn't admit any guilt and won't pay any fines. A spokesman for the Bentonville, Ark.-based company didn't immediately return a telephone call seeking comment Friday.

Kelley said Wal-Mart ads weren't comparing identical products.

For example, Wal-Mart said its price on coffee was \$1.45 less than its competitors' prices but didn't note that its can had 5 1/2 ounces less than other stores'.

Another ad said Wal-Mart sold a hand-held vacuum for \$15 less. The ad didn't tell customers that Wal-Mart's model didn't come with attachments.

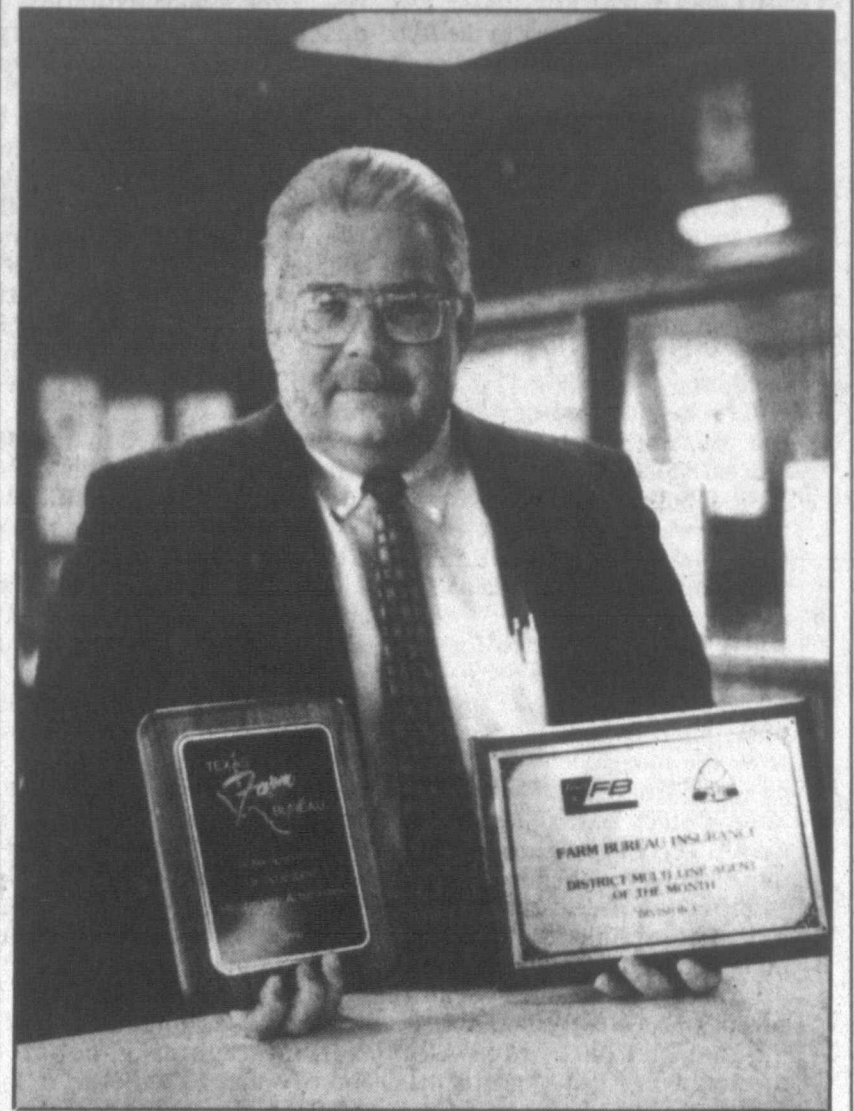
The advertisements were all in-store notices.

"They were misleading customers because they weren't giving accurate comparisons," said Chris DeWitt, a spokesman for Kelley. "To say we save you money when they're talking about two different weights of the product is misleading."

Wal-Mart lost a court battle last year to three Arkansas pharmacies. The pharmacy owners claimed the giant retailer engaged in so-called predatory pricing, lowering prices temporarily to run them out of business. Wal-Mart is appealing that decision.

Last March, Wal-Mart and Target fought publicly over Wal-Mart's in-store price comparisons with other retailers.

Farm Bureau agent honored



Don Whitney of the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau was recently awarded the District I Multi-Line Agent of the Month award for February. The award is based on professionalism and sales. By winning, Whitney is singled out for his performance in the 26-county area of the Texas Panhandle. He was also awarded the Membership Award for February for having the most members for the entire District I of the Texas Panhandle. Whitney thanked his customers in the Gray-Roberts area for their trust and confidence. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

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Intentions to Drill
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & NORTH HANSFORD Douglas) Questa Energy Corp., #2-18 Greene (652 ac) 1250' from South & East line, Sec. 18,2,WCR, 6 mi northerly from Spearman, PD 5250' (Box 19297, Amarillo, TX 79114)

OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & PSHIGODA Douglas) Couroil, Inc., #2-575 Courson Ranch (640 ac) 467' from South & 1895' from West line, Sec. 575,43,H&TC, 12 mi S-SE from Perryton, PD 6000' (Box 809, Perryton, TX 79070)

Applications to Plug-Back
OCHILTREE (WILDCAT) Taylor Energy Corp., #1 Guipel (643 ac) 1320' from North & East line, Sec. 1001,43,H&TC, 4 1/2 mi SW from Booker, PD 9509' (Box 7587, Amarillo, TX 79114)

SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGO-TON) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Craig 'H' (653 ac) 1320' from North & 1650' from East line, Sec. 101,1-C,GH&H, 5 mi south from Texhoma, PD 3170' (Box 358, Borger, TX 79008)

Amended Intention to Drill
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Maxus Exploration Co., #4 R.C. Bradford 'A' (645.5 ac) 1917' from South & 2100' from East line, Sec. 686,43,H&TC, 3 1/2 mi NW from Lipscomb, PD 7800' (Box 400, Amarillo, TX 79188) Amended to change well location

Oil Well Completion
LIPSCOMB (MAMMOTH CREEK Tonkawa) Strat Land Exploration Co., #5 Schultz, Sec. 872,43,H&TC, elev. 2532 gr, spud 11-11-93, drlg. compl 11-29-93, tested 2-26-94, pumped 52 bbl. of 40.2 grav. oil + 163 bbls. water, GOR 3269, perforated 6633-6637, TD 6850', PBTD 6730' —

Gas Well Completions
HARTLEY (WEST PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #7R Balfour, Sec. 9,2,G&M, elev. 3658 kb, spud 1-5-94, drlg. compl 1-15-94, tested 2-25-94, potential 725 MCF, rock pressure 35.4 pay 3060-3282, TD 4500', PBTD 3359' —

LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Cleveland) Maxus Exploration Co., #4 Victor Born, et al, Sec. 807,43,H&TC, elev. 2594 kb, spud 1-3-94, drlg. compl 1-20-94, tested 2-28-94, potential 1725 MCF, rock pressure 1249, pay 1725 MCF, rock pressure 1249, pay 7658-7730, TD 7900' —

LIPSCOMB (FOLLETT Morrow) Princess Three Corp., #1 Mason, Sec. 91,10,HT&B, elev. 2488 kb, spud 8-15-93, drlg. compl 9-4-93, tested 3-2-94, potential 407 MCF, rock pressure 2418, pay 8870-8894, TD 9250', PBTD 9250' —

OCHILTREE (ELLIS RANCH Lower Morrow) Couroil, Inc., #1-489 Herndon 'D', Sec. 489,43,H&TC, elev. 2869 rkb, spud 1-4-94, drlg. compl 2-6-94, tested 3-2-94, potential 2650 MCF, rock pressure 1515, pay 9462-9495, TD 10705', PBTD 9602' —

WHEELER (ALLISON-BRITT 12350') Enron Oil & Gas Co., #4 Britt 3, Sec. 3,1,B&B, elev. 2423 gr, spud 10-1-93, drlg. compl 12-5-93, tested 2-14-94, potential 7100 MCF, rock pressure 3345, pay 12243-13134, TD 16218', PBTD 15510' —

Plugged Wells
CARSON (PANHANDLE) Gas Well Operators, Inc., #4 Rosa, Sec. 89,7,1&GN, spud 9-16-83, plugged 2-8-94, TD 3320' (oil) — Form 1 filed in PanStar Oil & Gas

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Texaco E&P, Inc., #2W J.L. Noel, Sec. 187,3,1&GN, spud 9-21-29, plugged 11-9-93, TD 3290' (disposal) — Form 1 filed in The Texas Co.

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Gas Well Operators, Inc., #1 Fields, Sec. 89,9,1&GN, spud unknown, plugged 2-11-94, PD 2905' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Northern Natural Gas

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #70 Combs, Sec. 38,3,1&GN, spud unknown, plugged 2-17-94, TD 2965' (oil) —

HANSFORD (HITCHLAND 4640') Phillips Petroleum Co., #258 Hitch 'S', Sec. 58,P,H&GN, spud 8-3-59, plugged 9-17-94, TD 4851' (gas) —

HANSFORD (HANSFORD Middle Morrow) Exxon Corp., #2 Hansford Gas Unit #4, Sec. 133,45,H&TC, spud 11-27-93, plugged 12-13-93, TD 7300' (dry)

LIPSCOMB (TRENFIELD Cleveland) Mewbourne Oil Co., #3 Squire, Sec. 3,JW,John Wortham Survey, spud 7-30-84, plugged 1-26-94, TD 8060' (oil) —

LIPSCOMB (WILEY Tonkawa) Tuthill & Barbee, #1 Riley Harris, Sec. 97,10,HT&B, spud 7-18-75, plugged 1-17-94, TD 9060' (oil) —

OCHILTREE (NORTH FARNWORTH Marmaton) Mitchell Ehrlich, #1 Short 'A', Sec. 80,11,Ahrenbeck, spud unknown, plugged 12-28-93, TD 6650' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Phillips Petroleum Co.

SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGO-TON) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Pugh, Sec. 129,1-C,GH&H, spud 7-12-48, plugged 8-6-93, TD 3025' (gas) —

First National Bank of Wheeler named FmHA Certified Lender

First National Bank of Wheeler has been accepted as a Certified Lender in a new Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) plan to streamline its guaranteed loans for farmers, George Ellis, FmHA Texas State Director, said.

Under the program, FmHA guarantees farm operating and ownership loans made by commercial lenders against a certain percentage of loss.

"The Certified Lender Program was created to reduce paperwork and expedite the actual processing of loan applications," Ellis said. "For lenders that meet our requirements, we pledge to give them a reply in 14 days when they send us an application."

"This helps the lenders and the farmers, and keeps our work flow moving faster. It cuts the normal processing time by more than one half."

To become a Certified Lender, banks must have a certain level of experience in making farm loans, have designated staff for those loans, and agree to certain

training practices. "We welcome First National Bank in Wheeler as a Certified Lender because this helps us serve the farm community more efficiently and effectively," Ellis said. "We look forward to working with them and their borrowers."

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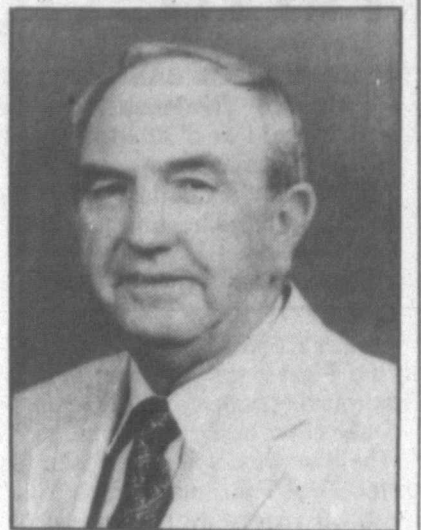
Natural Gas Pipeline Co. honors Pond for 25 years of employment

Doyle E. Pond of Wheeler completes 25 years of employment service with Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America this month.

Pond, who joined Natural in March 1969, is a maintenance specialist at the company's compressor station near Laketon.

Natural Gas Pipeline Company has been an employer in the Texas Panhandle since 1931.

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Apple to start Austin area center

AUSTIN (AP) — Apple Computer Inc. plans to start construction late this summer on a 129-acre customer service center just north of Austin.

The Austin City Council has approved a development agreement for the site, which is in Williamson County outside the Austin city limits but within the city's jurisdiction for land development.

Bob Hexco, real estate manager for Apple, said tentative plans call for completion in late 1995. The facility will employ 1,700 people by 2001, company officials said.

Apple announced plans more than two years ago to locate its customer service center in the Austin area. It moved into temporary quarters in northeast Austin in December 1992.

The development agreement specifies that the city will not annex the new site for at least five years, which means the city cannot levy property taxes. Apple will pay 50 percent of its taxes in 1999.

Williamson County granted the company a \$1 million reimbursement for improvements to the property.

That decision came in December after county commissioners initially voted down a tax abatement because Apple provides benefits to domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees.

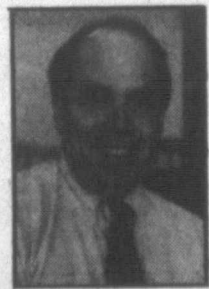
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Sports

Notebook

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
PAMPA — The Pampa High basketball banquet will be held at 6:30 Monday night in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets are six dollars for adults and two dollars for athletes. The banquet will be catered by Danny's Market.

The public is invited to attend.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — No team goes to the Final Four six times in eight years by taking first-round opponents lightly in the NCAA tournament.

Duke never has, and it didn't on Friday. The Blue Devils launched their bid for a seventh trip to the Final Four under coach Mike Krzyzewski with an 82-70 victory over 15th-seeded Texas Southern in the Southeast regional.

The Blue Devils (24-5), making their 11th consecutive appearance in the tournament, won their opening game for the 10th straight season and improved to 12-1 in first-rounders since 1955.

Chris Collins made four 3-pointers and scored 17 points as the Blue Devils built a 45-33 halftime lead and were never seriously threatened by the over-matched champions of the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament.

The Blue Devils led by 22 points before Texas Southern (19-11) trimmed the advantage to 74-64 with a late surge.

Collins finished with 20 points, while Antonio Lang had 18 and All-American Grant Hill, content with directing the Duke offense rather than trying to score, contributed 11.

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Top-seeded Purdue, not just Glenn Robinson, advanced to the Southeast Regional semifinals with an 83-73 victory over Alabama on Saturday.

Robinson, the nation's leading scorer and the only unanimous selection to the All-America team, scored 33 points, but he had only six in the last 15 minutes and just two over the final four minutes as he and his teammates finally put away the pesky Crimson Tide.

It is Purdue's second regional semifinal appearance in coach Gene Keady's 14 years and 10 NCAA tournament berths. The last two ended in the first round including last year's loss to Rhode Island.

The third-ranked Boilermakers (28-4) will play the winner of Saturday's Kansas-Wake Forest game Thursday night in Knoxville, Tenn.

BASKETBALL CAMP

FORT WORTH — Texas Christian University has a basketball camp planned for both boys and girls this summer at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on the TCU campus in Fort Worth.

The girls' camp will consist of two sessions — June 19-23 and June 26-30.

The boys' camp will consist of three sessions — July 10-14, July 17-21 and July 24-28.

For more information, contact the TCU basketball office at 817-921-7968.

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AMARILLO — The West Texas A & M University Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi (AKP), a professional business fraternity, is sponsoring the fourth annual AKP golf tournament April 10.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to AKP and The Bridge, an Amarillo organization that provides therapy for abused children.

"We chose The Bridge because we wanted to help abused children in the Amarillo area," said ReDonn Elkins, a junior marketing major from Skellytown and master of rituals for AKP.

"We hope to raise \$1,000 for the home and for AKP," said Steven Vannerveldi, an alumni of AKP, a 1993 graduate of WTAMU's T. Boone Pickens College of Business and coordinator of the tournament.

Entry fees for the tournament are \$30 per person or \$120 for a four-person team.

The tournament will be held at Ross Rogers Golf Course in Amarillo.

For more information or an entry form, contact Elkins at 806-656-3722.

Harvesters slip by Canyon, 14-13

CANYON — Pampa beat Canyon 14-13 Saturday afternoon to take third place in the Canyon-Randall Tournament. The Harvesters clobbered Tascosa 10-2 Friday to make it to the semifinal round where they fell to Randall 8-7 Saturday morning.

With the score tied and two out in the seventh, Joel Ferland knocked a near-home run double off the fence to drive in a walked Todd Finney for the winning run, which gave Pampa the third-place tournament finish. Danny Frye pitched all seven innings of the final game, improving his record to 3-1 on one day's rest, after Rene Armendarez pitched in the a.m. matchup against Randall.

"Anytime you go four games in a three-day span it's always tough on pitching," Pampa coach Dennis Doughty said.

Finney went 9-for-14 and scored nine Pampa runs in the tourney's four games. He notched three RBI doubles against Randall and scored four times against Canyon while holding Tascosa to just two runs. Gregg Moore's leadoff bat was also hot in the tournament, as he racked up five extra-base hits including two triples.

In the morning semifinal game, the Harvesters overcame a third-

inning 5-1 Randall lead to tie it at six in the top of the fourth. Pampa loaded the bases in both the third and fourth innings. The game ended mid-at-bat after it went over the two-hour, 20-minute mark.

Moore sparked the drive in the third, taking the inning's first pitch into center field for a single. Tony Cavalier reached first on a fielder's choice before coming home on a Finney double. Jeff McCormick walked and scored on an infield error and a Justin Smith single.

The fourth inning saw Moore lead off again, taking another first pitch to center field. Another Finney double drove Moore in before a Ferland single brought Finney home.

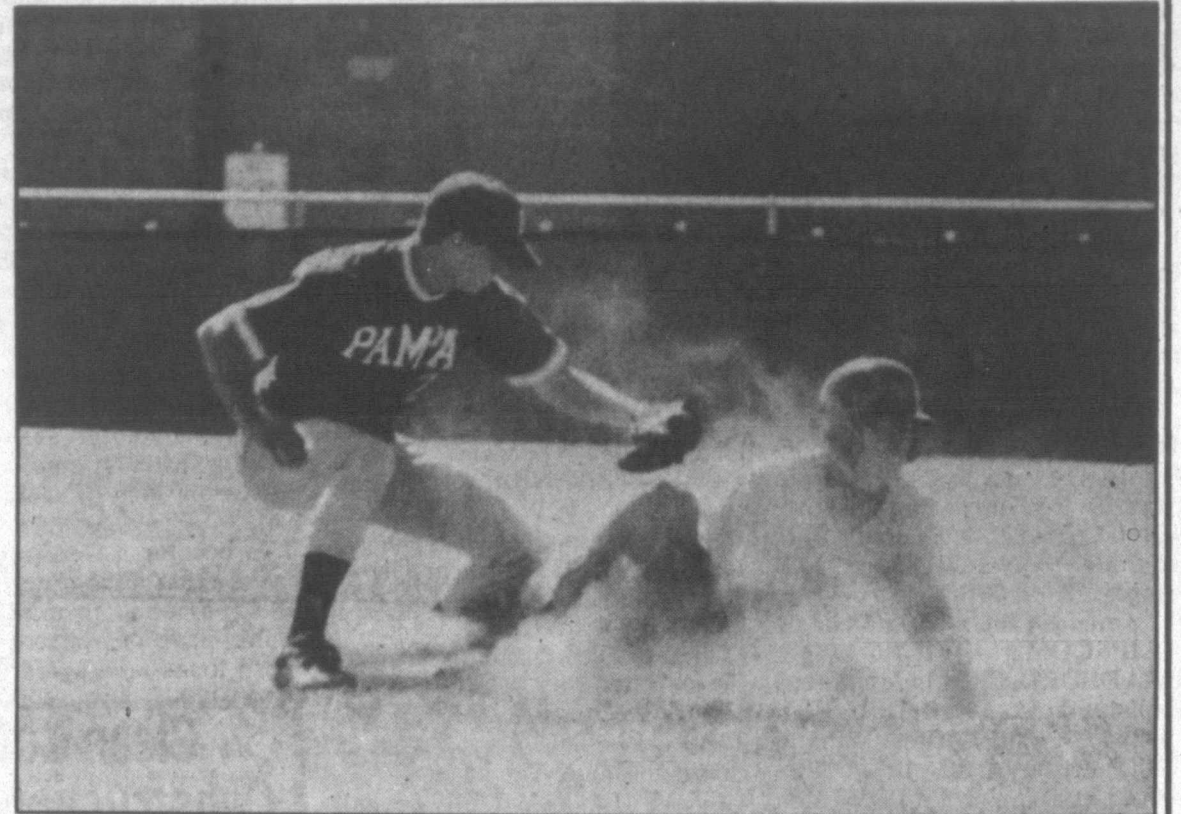
Pampa piled up four early runs in the first inning against Tascosa, a team which blanked Pampa 14-0 last week. For the second game in a row, Pampa held its opponent scoreless until the fifth inning.

Moore tripled to start the basepaths smoking, and came home on a Cavalier single. Two passed balls later, Cavalier scored on a McCormick ground-out. Designated hitter Smith chalked up two RBIs on a double after Finney walked and Frye singled.

Pampa racked up five more in the third, two driven in on a Matt Garvin two-bagger. The Harvesters managed one more run

in the sixth when Finney shot one past the Tascosa shortstop to reach base. Advancing on a stolen base and a passed ball,

Finney came home on a Smith single chipped through the gap. The game ended after the sixth due to the eight-run rule.



Pampa shortstop Joel Ferland applies the tag to a Tascosa baserunner obscured by dust during the Harvesters' 10-2 victory over the Rebels Friday. Pampa went on to finish third in the eight-team Canyon-Randall Tournament. (Pampa News photo by Susan Adeletti)

Pollard sparks Kansas past Wake Forest

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Freshman center Scot Pollard completed two three-point plays during an 11-0 run in the second half that sparked No. 13 Kansas to a 69-58 victory over Wake Forest in the Southeast Regional on Saturday.

Fourth-seeded Kansas (27-7), which reached the Final Four a year ago, will face top-seeded Purdue in the regional semifinals Thursday night in Knoxville, Tenn.

Wake Forest (21-12) rallied from a 43-39 deficit to go ahead 49-48 on Randolph Childress' lane jumper with 9:08 remaining in the game.

Pollard, who finished with 13 points, started Kansas' decisive run with a jump hook and free throw after getting fouled by Tim Duncan for a 51-49 advantage.

After Wake Forest's Charlie Harrison tossed up an air ball on a 3-point attempt, Kansas' Steve Woodberry drove in for a layup for a four-point lead with 8:10 to go.

Childress then misfired on a 3, and Pollard came back with a three-point play after hitting a short jumper to increase the Kansas lead to 56-49 with 7:02 left.

Freshman guard Jacque Vaughn capped Kansas' run with a 3-point from the left wing for a 59-49 margin with 6:21 to go. He finished with 12 points, all coming in the second half.

Fifth-seeded Wake Forest went 7:06 without a field goal after Childress' go-ahead basket, ending the drought on Rusty LaRue's 3 with 1:02 to go. By that time Kansas held a commanding 67-56 lead on the

Atlantic Coast Conference squad.

Wake Forest made only 22 of 62 shots for 35 percent, including five of 18 from 3-point range. Duncan led the Demon Deacons with 16 points and Childress added 12.

Woodberry scored 18 points to lead Kansas. The Big Eight Conference team made 24 of 60 shots for 40 percent in winning for the sixth time in their last seven games.

Kansas scored the first six points of the game, but Wake Forest countered with seven straight. There were eight lead changes before Wake Forest went on a 6-3 run in the final 3:12 to take a 30-26 halftime.

Georgetown 84, Illinois 77
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — George Butler nearly took the game over by himself, scoring 14 of Georgetown's last 23 points as the Hoyas defeated Illinois 84-77 Friday night in the Midwest Regional.

The Hoyas (19-11) went on a 17-4 run over the last 6:50. Butler put them in position by scoring 10 straight at one point, and his long jumper with 2:28 remaining gave Georgetown the lead for good, 78-77.

Connecticut 75, GWU 63
UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — The Connecticut Huskies didn't let 7-foot-1 Yinka Dare beat them, and George Washington didn't have anyone else who could do the job.

Connecticut advanced to the final 16 of the NCAA tournament with a 75-63 victory over the Colonials on Saturday in the East Regional. The Huskies held the Colonials to 29 percent shooting for the game, but while

the massive Dare scored 19 points on 9-for-15 shooting, his teammates missed 46 of 58 attempts.

"Dare was even bigger than we thought," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "We did a pretty good job on him. Although he scored a lot of points, we held him at bay. We changed to a box-and-1 defense in the second half and he didn't get the ball much."

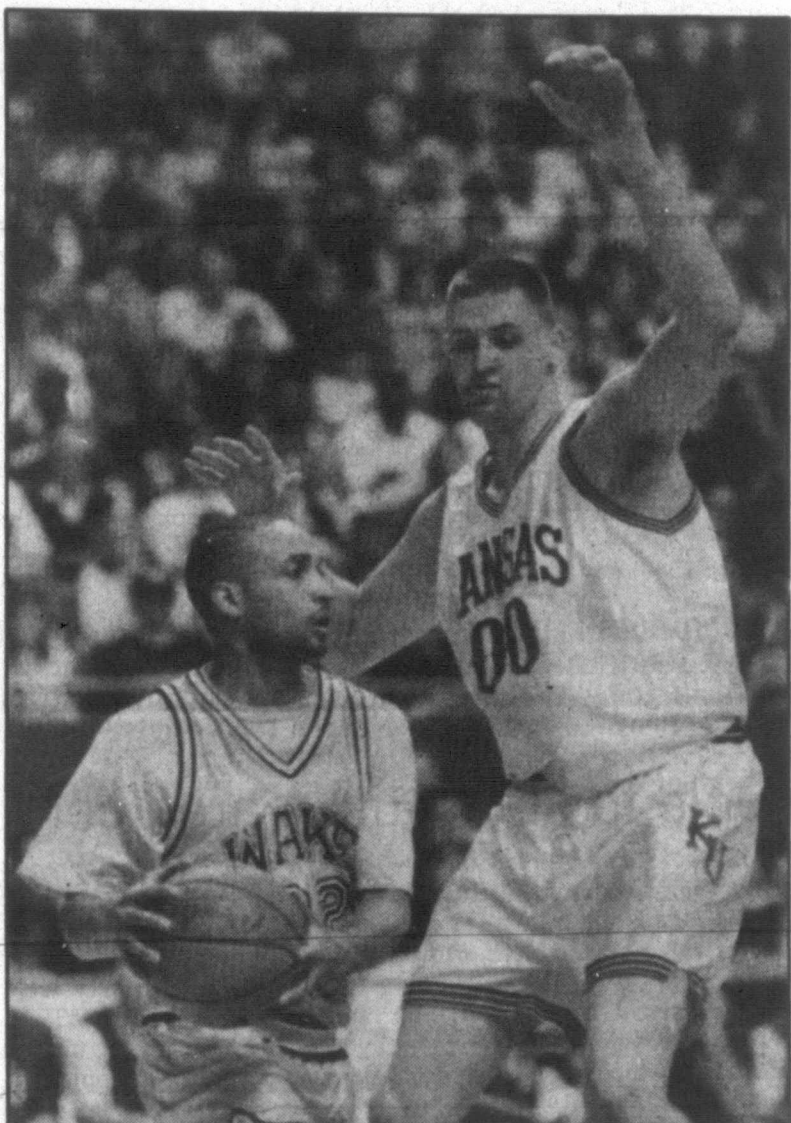
All-America Donyell Marshall led the Huskies with 18 points, the second time in two tournament games he's been under 20 after he scored 20 or more in 29 of 31 games going into the NCAAAs. Marshall missed six of his last seven field-goal attempts, but helped the Huskies' cause, especially in the second half, by making eight of nine free throws.

Maryland 95, UMass 87
WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Joe Smith scored 22 points as Maryland's trapping defense triggered a second-half run that carried the Terrapins to a 95-87 win over UMass Saturday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Maryland trailed by five points at the half, but went to a full-court press in the second half to force UMass into errors and out of its offense. The Terrapins seemed to have the UMass guards constantly in trouble at halfcourt.

UMass, 28-7 and the second seed in the Midwest Regional, became the highest seed to lose in the tournament thus far.

The Terrapins (18-11) advanced to the regional in Dallas Friday to play the winner of the Michigan-Texas game to be played here later Saturday.



Kansas' Greg Ostertag towers over Wake Forest's Randolph Childress in the first half. (AP photo)

Smith caught fire in the second half in a hard-fought battle with Marcus Camby of UMass, the two freshmen big men who should dominate East Coast basketball for some time to come. Camby scored 32 points,

many of them off of rebounds. Maryland went on an 18-3 run midway through the second half that produced an 82-68 lead with just over seven minutes to play on a three-point play by Mario Lucas.

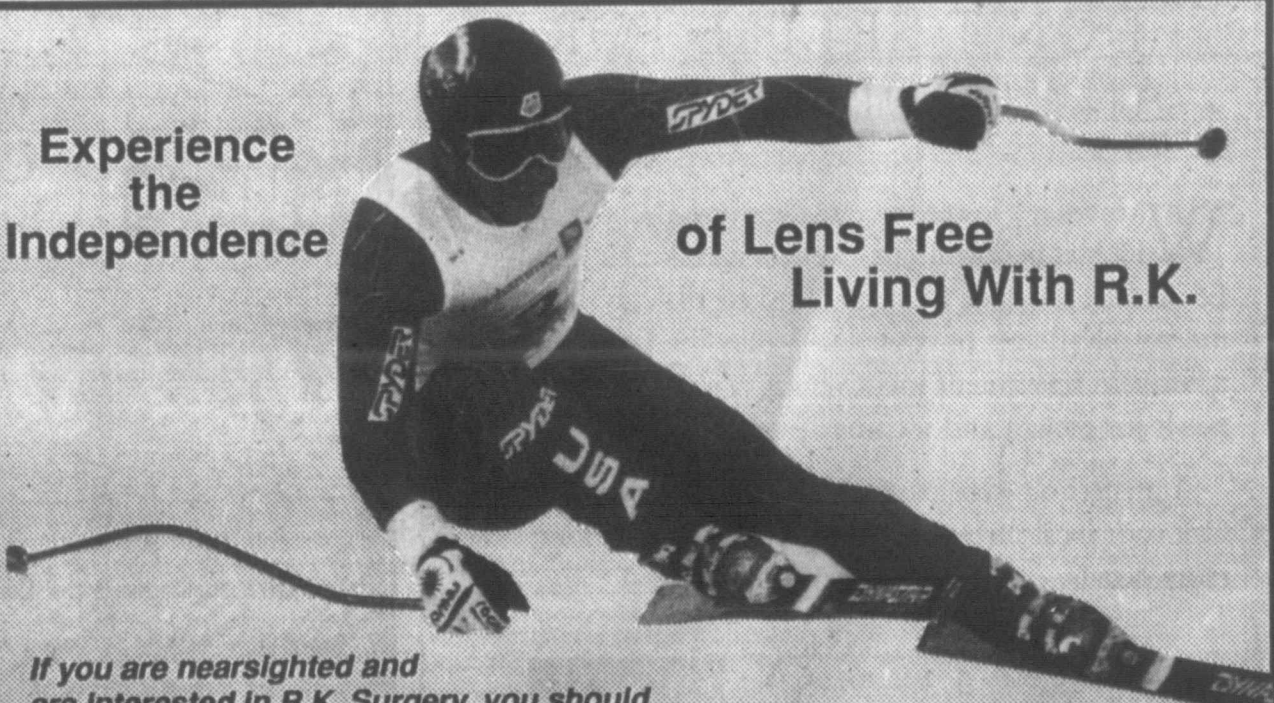
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28	San Antonio - fireworks	27	Mobile
29	at San Antonio	28	Mobile
30	at San Antonio	29	Mobile
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1	at Corpus Christi	1	at San Antonio
2	at Corpus Christi	2	at San Antonio
3	at Rio Grande Valley	3	San Antonio
4	at Rio Grande Valley	4	San Antonio - fireworks
5	at Rio Grande Valley	6	Rio Grande Valley
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8	San Antonio	8	Corpus Christi
10	Rio Grande Valley - Blues Brothers	9	Corpus Christi
11	Rio Grande Valley	10	Corpus Christi
12	Rio Grande Valley	12	at Alexandria
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Pampa meets El Paso team in area soccer round

Pampa's lineup appears set for the Area round of the high school boys soccer playoffs this week against El Paso Del Valle.

Head coach Daniel Barker lists the probable starters as Luke Long at right forward, Savador Del Fierro at middle forward, Greg McDaniel at left forward, Jason Soukup at right halfback, Tim McCavit at middle halfback, Lanny Schale at left halfback, Sean Cook at right fullback, David Kludt at middle fullback, Gabriel Jaramillo at left fullback, Jeff Beyer at rover and Abel Del Fierro at goalie.

The playoff match will kick off at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Wylie Field in Midland.

Del Valle is the district champions in the El Paso area. Pampa finished third in the District 4 race with a 10-4 record. For the season the Harvesters are 12-5.

This is Pampa's second year to have its soccer program in the University Interscholastic League. Last year, Pampa finished second to Amarillo High in the district standings and won the district tournament played at the end of the season. They lost to Canutillo, 3-2, in the area round of the playoffs.



Right half back Jason Soukup tries for a goal during a practice session at Harvesters Stadium. Pampa meets El Paso Del Valle at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Midland in the Area round of the state playoffs (Pampa News photo)

Pampa athlete places at Dallas swim meet

Dakota Tefertiller, Pampa's only qualifier in this year's Texas Age Group Swimming Championship, swam his fastest 100-yard breaststroke at the Dallas Loos Pool last weekend.

Tefertiller was timed at 1:09.01 and placed 20th in the 13-14 boys age group. Dakota started swimming just a year ago, but because of his dedication and hard work was able to catapult himself among the best breaststrokers in West Texas.

Dakota swims age group for the Amarillo Swim Team and high school competition for Pampa.



Dakota Tefertiller

Mabee Aquatic Center in Midland.

Pampa results are as follows: Samantha Hurst (12-12 girls) — 100 free, 12th, 1:12.59; 100 breast, 13th, 1:40.75; 50 back, 17th, 40.23.

Jakob Bullard (15-18 boys) — 100 free, 32nd, 1:03.94; 100 breast, 8th, 1:12.24.

Jeremy Nunn (15-18 boys) — 200 free, 11th, 1:58.97; 500 free, 2nd, 5:09.31; 100 fly, 11th, 59.79; 100 breast, 3rd, 1:07.57; 200 breast, 4th, 2:25.40.

Bobby Venal (15-18 boys) — 100 free, 15th, 53.72; 200 free, 14th, 2:01.00; 100 back, 7th, 1:02.54; 100 fly, 15th, 1:01.92; 100 breast, 11th, 1:14.02; 200 breast, 9th, 2:41.37.

The top four teams in the competition were The City of Midland Swim Team, West Texas Aquatic Club, Lubbock Swim Club and El Paso Aqua Posse.

The Pampa Branch of Amarillo Swim Team is coached by Cody Huckaby. Those interested in competitive age group swimming are urged to see coach Huckaby at the Pampa Youth and Community Center Monday to Friday from 4:30 to 6:30.

Indiana snaps Ohio University's 13-game winning streak

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — It's pretty hard to dunk, rebound and shoot with a serious knee injury.

That's what Indiana forward Alan Henderson had to try during the 1993 NCAA tournament. This year, he's making up for lost time.

Henderson had 34 points and 13 rebounds Friday night as Indiana finally won an East Regional game for coach Bobby Knight, ending Ohio University's 13-game winning streak with a 84-72 victory.

Henderson was simply too much for Ohio, the Mid-American Conference champion. The 6-foot-9 junior made 14 of 21 shots, added seven free throws and had two assists.

"Last year I think we had the best basketball team in the country. It hurt me a lot that

with the injury, I couldn't be used for anything but being a sub," he said. "It's frustrating sitting on the bench, wanting to play but not being able to."

"That's part of what motivated me to get ready for this year."

Henderson had 19 points before halftime and twice helped the Hoosiers hold off Ohio's bid to get back in the game in the second half. First, he reeled off five consecutive points after the Bobcats closed to



Bobby Knight

52-46 with 14:34 left.

Then, after Ohio cut the margin to four points, Henderson made a 15-footer during a 6-0 run that gave Indiana a 10-point cushion with eight minutes remaining.

Ohio (25-8) never got closer than seven points after that.

"I was really, really impressed with Henderson tonight," Ohio coach Larry Hunter said. "We really had a difficult time keeping him away from the basket and containing him."

Knight and the Hoosiers had lost three straight first-round games in the East — in 1986, '88 and '90. Those are the only first-round NCAA tournament losses in Knight's 23-year career at Indiana.

The Hoosiers (20-8) will play John

Chaney and Temple in the second round today. It will be the first matchup between the two outspoken coaches.

Last season, Indiana made it to the regional finals before losing to Kansas. Maybe Henderson would have made a difference — then again, maybe not.

"We won some really good games without him last year," Knight said. "Maybe we get beat by Kansas whether he have Henderson or not."

Chad Estis led the Bobcats with 23 points, matching his career high, and Gary Trent had 18 points and 12 rebounds. It was Estis' final college game.

"I'm sure some day I'll be able to look at the tape and enjoy it, but right now it's real emotional to have my career end right

here," he said.

Damon Bailey had 14 points, six rebounds and four assists for Indiana despite being bothered by a pulled abdominal muscle.

Ohio made eight 3-pointers in the first half, but Henderson sparked a late surge that gave the Hoosiers a 43-39 halftime lead.

Down 15-11, the Bobcats scored 11 consecutive points in a run that included three straight shots from beyond the arc. It was 29-24 before Henderson made a jumper and a reverse layup to keep Indiana close.

Then, with Ohio leading 34-33, Henderson scored the Hoosiers' next eight points while Indiana limited the Bobcats to just two baskets in the final four minutes of the half.

Newton could remain a Cowboy after all

IRVING (AP) — Maybe Nate Newton will remain a Dallas Cowboy after all.

The Philadelphia Eagles apparently aren't going to offer the Pro Bowl offensive lineman the lucrative contract he wanted to leave Dallas. The Eagles instead are concentrating on re-signing linebacker Seth Joyner.

Philadelphia already lost defensive end Clyde Simmons to the Phoenix Cardinals, adding some urgency to locking up Joyner.

"You think something is about to happen, then they lose Clyde and the whole thing falls apart,"

said Newton, who reportedly would've been offered a deal worth \$6 million over four years.

Eagles executive John Wooten has said the team wants Newton to say he's willing to sign with Philadelphia before they offer him a contract. Dallas owner Jerry Jones has waited for players to bring him offers to match.

"What we don't want to get into is a run-and-gun battle with Dallas," he said.

Dallas already has lost offensive lineman John Gesek to the Washington Redskins and defensive lineman Jimmie Jones to the

Los Angeles Rams.

But with the Eagles and San Francisco 49ers dropping from the Newton bidding, the Cowboys may have a better shot at keeping one of their most popular players.

"Our approach won't always be proven right, necessarily," Jerry Jones said. "But we didn't believe everything we read (about Newton's negotiations with other teams) and we always did believe Nate and the Cowboys should get together."

Cowboys officials said they'll negotiate a deal that would pay

Newton more than \$1 million a year for three years, pretty much what they'll also offer guard Kevin Gogan and Mark Stepnoski.

Fullback Daryl Johnston has said he's willing to re-sign for about \$1.4 million, a price the Washington Redskins and Pittsburgh Steelers say they're willing to pay.

One free agent Dallas figures to lose is linebacker Ken Norton, who's being pursued by San Francisco. The 49ers say they'll tell Norton this weekend how interested they are in him.

OPTIMIST CLUB ADOPTS COACHES TRAINING PROGRAM

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club annually sponsors youth football, basketball, baseball and softball programs for over 1400 participants within the boundaries of the Pampa Independent School District. These programs require the direct involvement of over 470 coaches and volunteers. As new coaches are brought into the programs, the Optimist Club has found that as many as one-third have had no previous youth sports coaching experience and in many instances they have been "recruited" to take a team because a coach could not be found prior to sign-ups. On January 10th of this year, the Board of Directors approved the adoption of and participation in a program for assuring the training of all managers and coaches. The National Youth Sports Coaches Association is a non-profit organization with over 100,000 members and has affiliate chapters in all 50 states. This organization provides guidelines and materials for on-site certification of coaches in the areas of psychology, first-aid, conditioning, practice tips and organization, and teaching techniques. Certified coaches also receive numerous benefits including a newsletter providing up-dated teaching and legal issues in youth sports as well as liability coverage totaling \$500,000 which is required by all endorsing organizations.

WHY DID POYC ADOPT THIS PROGRAM? After several years of investigation and deliberation, POYC Board determined that the one area which needed a vast amount of improvement was the selection and training of coaches for participation in all programs. The POYC and NYSICA believes that youth sports is meant to be fun for kids. The NYSICA offers the only training program that is endorsed by Optimist International, Babe Ruth International and Little League Baseball which has the goal of reducing the risk of psychological and emotional abuse directed at children by untrained coaches and overzealous parents. Implementing this program will allow the organization, coaches and parents to work together to keep "having fun" as a major focus in kids sports.

SOUNDS GOOD, WHERE DO WE BEGIN? Let's have some basic information first. Upon adoption of the program the POYC Board established some guidelines for the NYSICA program and membership in the Optimist Club. The POYC Board adopted the following guidelines for participating coaches: 1) A manager shall maintain membership in the Pampa Optimist Club and shall be certified by the NYSICA at no additional cost. 2) Assistant coaches who are members must be certified by the NYSICA, again at no additional cost. 3) Assistant coaches who are not members of the Pampa Optimist Club shall be certified by the NYSICA and charged a \$30 annual fee to cover registration to the National NYSICA program. Each team must have at least one certified member as the manager. If multiple assistant coaches are on the official roster, at least one must also be certified. The first year certification course is comprised of two three-hour sessions. Years two and three involve 1 three-hour session each. The courses are all instructed through video tapes in order to provide continuity and consistency in the cases where multiple instructors are used.

WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN? If you are planning to manage or coach a baseball or softball team this summer, it is important for you to contact Greg Davis, the NYSICA Coordinator as soon as you read this. Training Sessions have been scheduled through the end of March. Only those coaches and managers on record as completing the NYSICA certification and committing to taking a team will be allowed to reserve a team slot within a league. The number of teams and player sign-ups allowed will be determined by the number of certified managers which have committed to the program. For example: If in a given league only three member managers are certified and all three commit to taking their own team, the sign ups will be limited to the number of teams that are confirmed. The POYC program will no long recruit coaches at the last minute in order to field a team due to the number of sign-ups. The number of kids allowed to sign up will be limited to the number allowed on each team multiplied by the number of teams committed for. No late sign-ups or waiting lists will be allowed. Each player must be paid in full at the time of sign-up or their registration will not be allowed.

WON'T THIS LIMIT THE PROGRAM AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION? Only if coaches and parents decide they do not want to participate. This is the ONLY way it will limit the number of kids that will be allowed to participate this or any other year. It should be the objective of all parents and the POYC to provide our kids with a program that is designed to provide kids with the atmosphere of learning, fair-play and lots of fun. Kids don't have fun watching coaches, umpires and parents yelling and arguing or going to a game after practicing all week long only to find out their coach is telling them how to play while the game is going on because they were not taught something at practice - even something as simple as how to throw a ball. Parental participation is the key. If parents are willing to get involved, then none of our youth will be turned away.

I'M READY! WHEN ARE THE NEXT TRAINING SESSIONS? First year training sessions for certification are scheduled in two separate 3-hour classes. The first class is a basic certification program while the second class teaches sport-specific drills and coaching techniques. Classes for coaching in the upcoming baseball and softball season must be taken in order (i.e. class #1 taken first) and completed on or before April 2nd. Currently, basic certification classes are scheduled for March 15th and 22nd. Sport specific classes are scheduled for March 17th and 24th. Questions on dates and times for certification classes should be directed to Greg Davis, NYSICA Coordinator at 665-5125.

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Lady Raiders beat Creighton

LUBBOCK (AP) — Connie Robinson fueled Texas Tech's comeback with 15 second-half points as the defending national champions beat Creighton 75-65 Saturday afternoon.

The No. 9 Lady Raiders (28-4) advance to the Midwest Regional semifinals Thursday in Austin against the winner of Sunday's Alabama-Iowa game.

Creighton (24-7) stayed as close as 46-44 with 14:06 remaining. But Tech pulled away to 68-57 and then sealed the game with 7-of-10 free throws in the final 1:30 of the second-round NCAA tournament game.

Robinson finished with a game-

high 17 points despite being benched early in foul trouble. Michi Atkins, Tech's other inside powerhouse, also sat out much of the game with a sprained right ankle.

But second-seeded Tech got help off the bench from Janice Farris and Nikki Heath, who scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Creighton, the 10th seed, took a 31-28 lead near the halftime buzzer on a pair of free throws by Jenny Olson, who finished with 12 points.

But Farris hit two free throws with 4.7 remaining to put the Lady Raiders up 34-33 at the half. The Lady Jays never led again.

Becky Flynn's 16 points led Creighton.

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Factional feuding hampers disarmament in Liberia

By NYENATI ALLISON
Associated Press Writer

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — An African army of peacekeepers assigned to disarm Liberia still hasn't shown up in Richard Zelee's heavily armed corner of the country.

So after members of his own army began killing one another, the 35-year-old guerrilla decided to throw down his guns.

"There are heavy casualties on both sides," he said Friday, one day after fleeing to Monrovia to escape a new round of fighting in western Liberia.

Zelee is a member of the United Liberation Movement (ULIMO), one of the three main factions in Liberia's civil war. But he is also a member of the Krahn people.

For the past two weeks, the guerrilla army's Krahn and Mandigo factions have been fighting each other. The nine-nation African army that began disarming the country on March 7 has been unable to set foot in the dangerous battlefield.

It is one of several little ethnic wars within a war that poses the most formidable obstacle to ending four years of fighting in Liberia, a West African nation of 2.6 million people founded by repatriated American slaves in 1847.

Even though the three main factions have agreed to peace among themselves, splinter groups continue to nibble away at the prospects of peace.

Officials in the African force and a United Nations observer contingent confirmed Friday that after two weeks of trying, they still have not been able to enter ULIMO's stronghold in western Liberia, which surrounds Tubmanburg and is bounded by the Po River.

They reported heavy fighting in Kongo, 100 miles west of Monrovia, between Mandigo forces loyal to ULIMO leader Alhaji Kromah and the Krahn elements of one of Kromah's breakaway commanders, Roosevelt Johnson.

Trying to rally his splintering troops, Kromah urged his forces to "close ranks and forget the ugly past of recent weeks."

Zelee contended that Mandigo death squads were arbitrarily executing Krahn members and dumping their bodies in the swamps around Tubmanburg, the ULIMO headquarters 35 miles west of Monrovia.

Zelee said he saw Mandigo guerrillas "shooting point blank" at Krahns.

He added: "The swamp in Tubmanburg is where Mandigo death squads dump bodies of Krahn people."

While other guerrillas are gathering in designated disarmament sites and giving up their guns, peace remains elusive in many parts of Liberia.

The war began Dec. 24, 1989, when Charles Taylor raised a rebel army to topple President Samuel Doe, a Krahn known for brutally discriminating against other ethnic groups.

The rebellion broke into factional fighting marked by massacres of refugees and other atrocities. War and malnutrition have killed an estimated 150,000 people.

A shaky peace was put in place on July 25, when ULIMO, Taylor's army and the remnants of the national army agreed to disarm.

A five-member collective presidency comprising the three main factions took office on March 7, the same day the peacekeepers under U.N. supervision fanned out into the bush to begin the delicate process of taking away guns.

The council is to rule until free elections on Sept. 7, but it has been plagued by infighting over Cabinet posts.

The Krahn-Mandigo dispute exploded into violence when the Krahn representative on the council refused to support a Mandigo as head of the council, even though both men were backed by ULIMO.

Although the national army had been the most willing to comply with the disarmament, it said this week it was stopping the process because the other factions were turning in their weapons too slowly.

Meanwhile, a radical offshoot of the national army, called the Liberian Peace Council, has been attacking Taylor's territory in eastern Liberia, triggering mass movements of nearly 30,000 refugees into the southern port city of Buchanan, relief officials say.

Anger can bring heart attacks

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — People with heart disease more than double their risk of a heart attack when they get angry, and the danger lasts for two hours, researchers reported.

Other studies have shown that anger increases the heart rate, boosts high blood pressure and encourages the clogging of arteries. But this is the first controlled study to find that anger can be an immediate trigger of a heart attack, said Dr. Murray Mittleman, the principal author.

"Despite the public's impression that outbursts of anger can trigger heart attacks, there hasn't been any scientific evidence to support this," said Mittleman, an internist and epidemiologist at Harvard Medical School. "Most physicians thought it was coincidence."

The study was based on 1,122 men and 501 women who had survived heart attacks. It found that their risks were about the same — 2.3 times higher during the two hours after they got angry. However, the overall risk from anger was small.

The study was presented at the American Heart Association's annual epidemiology meeting.

"This is a new and exciting field of study," said Dr. Russell V. Luepker, chairman of the association's Council on Epidemiology and Prevention.

He praised Mittleman and his colleagues, including Dr. James E. Muller, for devising new ways to identify heart attack triggers.

Mittleman said people who try to remain calm during emotional con-

licts might be able to reduce their risk of a heart attack.

Mittleman, Muller and their colleagues previously have shown that the stress of waking in the morning is a trigger that could explain why heart attacks are more common at that time of day.

They have also shown that strenuous exercise and sexual activity can raise the immediate risk of a heart attack.

Researchers have long understood that high cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, smoking and other activities raise the risk of a heart attack. But they have not made much progress in finding out what actually triggers the heart attack in people with those other risk factors.

Continuing research will look at whether alcohol, coffee, heavy meals or cocaine use can also trigger heart attacks, Mittleman said.

The researchers also noted that people who take aspirin, which is known to lower the risk of a heart attack, are partly protected from the effects of an angry outburst.

Aspirin affects the ability of blood platelets to form clots and clog arteries. So the findings concerning aspirin suggest that anger might be having some effect on platelets or the biochemical systems that regulate them, Mittleman said.

The study was based on interviews with patients within a few days after they had had heart attacks. The researchers compared each patient's behavior two hours before the heart attack to the behavior the day before.

Dallas to be nominated for NAFTA labor commission

By JERI CLAUSING
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Months of intense lobbying paid off for Congressman John Bryant and Dallas officials, who announced Friday they have been selected over several other major cities as the site for a coveted NAFTA labor office.

"This is an historic decision for Dallas and for North Texas," Bryant, D-Dallas, said at a news conference.

"As the only city in the United States to host a NAFTA secretariat, Dallas will be central to the implementation of the NAFTA and central to our ongoing trade relationship with Canada and Mexico, and ultimately, other nations of our hemisphere and throughout the world."

The secretariat will monitor labor issues stemming from the North American Free Trade Agreement. President Clinton is expected to formally nominate Dallas as the site Monday when high-level trade officials from the United States, Mexico and Canada meet to work out further details of NAFTA's implementation, Bryant spokesman Carlton Carl said.

The three countries must agree on the secretariat's location, but Carl said he didn't expect any hurdles.

Dallas won the nomination over Houston, San Antonio, Denver and

several other cities vying for the labor office. Bryant has worked with Dallas and administration officials for the last five months seeking to advance the city's bid, Carl said.

Greater Houston Partnership President Jim Kollaer told the *Houston Chronicle* that "obviously, we would like to have seen it in Houston, (but) as long as it's in Texas, it's a plus for the Texas market."

Dallas said its offer included provisions that would save the three governments \$15 million over 10 years. The biggest item is free office space in downtown Dallas.

Other incentives include pro bono legal services, translation services, remodeling and relocation assistance.

Bryant, D-Dallas, made the announcement at a Dallas news conference with Assistant U.S.

Trade Representative Chip Roh; Labor Deputy Undersecretary Jack Otero; and Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce officials.

The labor secretariat is one of three to be created under the provisions of the sweeping trade agreement linking the economies of the three countries. The pact went into effect Jan. 1 and is being phased in over a 15-year period.

The other secretariats are an environmental secretariat, to be located in Canada, and an overall secretariat in Mexico that will be responsible for coordinating implementation of the trade accord.

The labor and environmental secretariats, envisioned as independent entities, will report to labor and environmental commissions designed to oversee enforcement of NAFTA's provisions.

The United States, Mexico and Canada agreed to side deals to

NAFTA that would provide greater environmental and labor protections in a bid to stem opposition within Congress to the overall agreement.

The labor secretariat, to be headed by an executive director, will study issues such as labor law and its enforcement; labor market conditions; and training and adjustment programs in the three nations. The secretariat will report to a labor council comprised of the three countries' Cabinet level labor official.

The secretariat will employ a staff of 15. "Initially it is a relatively small office, but because of the business it will draw to Dallas ... it will bring a tremendous amount of trade and jobs to Dallas and to Texas," Carl said.

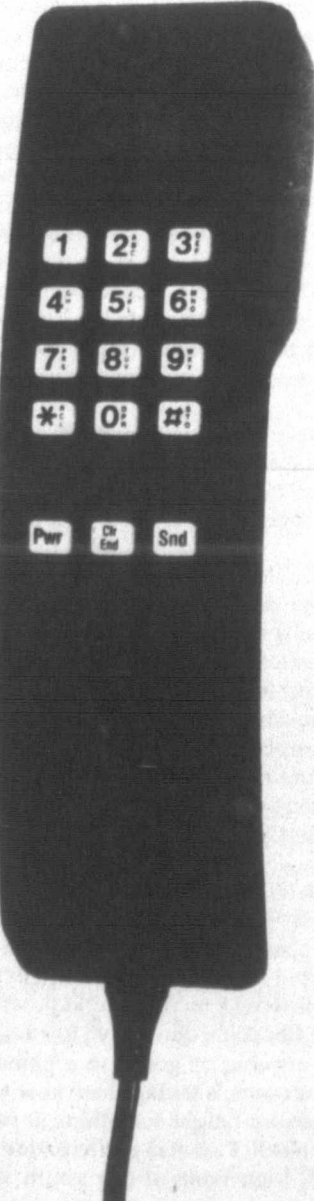
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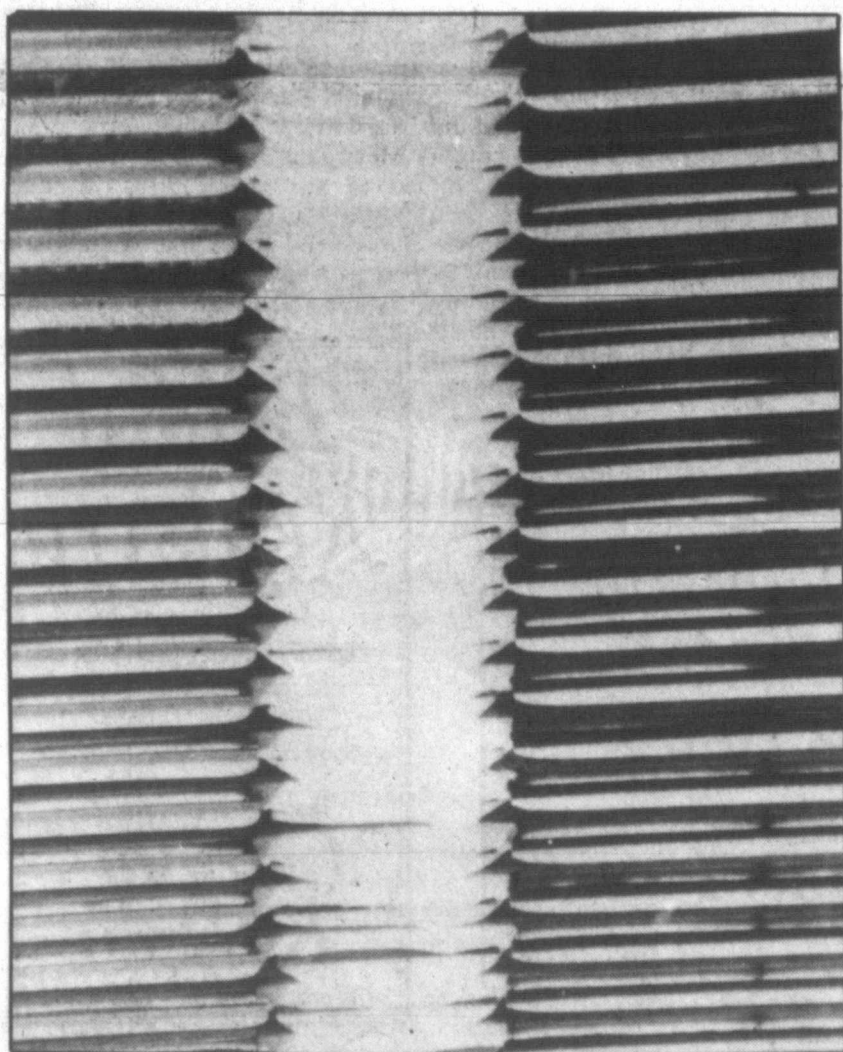


Patterns of winter, hopes of spring

Photos by Darlene Holmes Words by Susan Adeletti

Face it. Snow is neat.

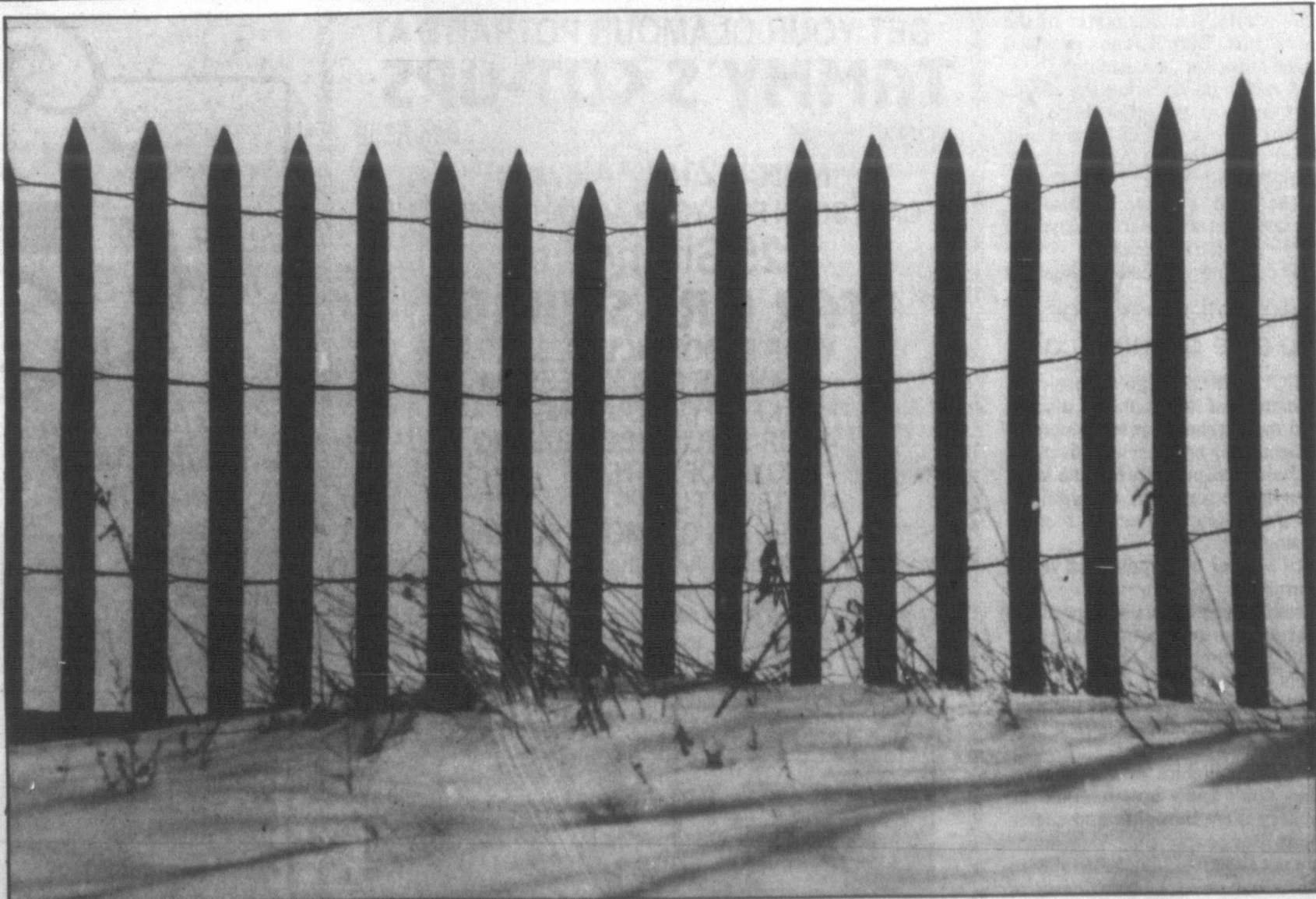
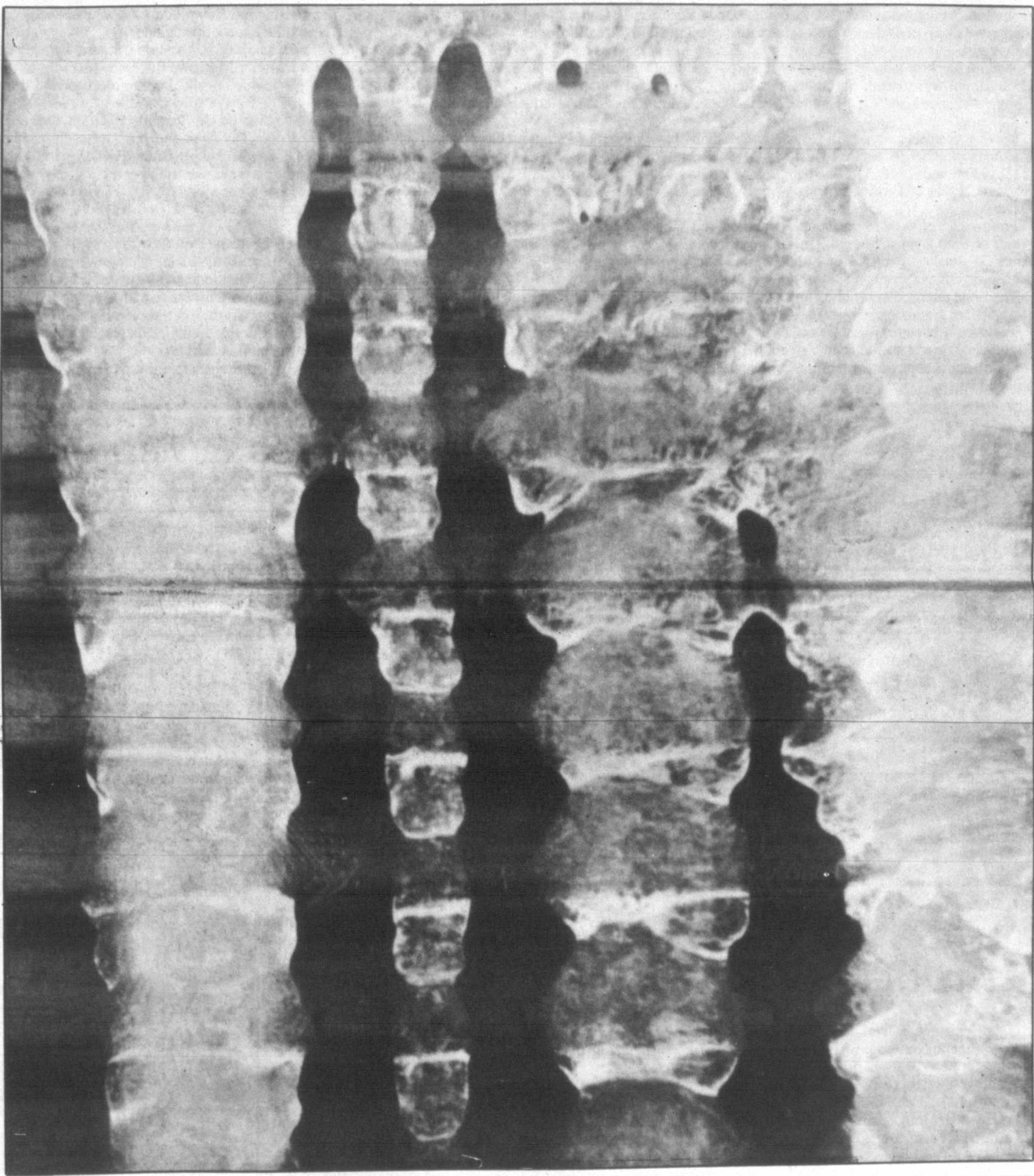
It isn't water, and it isn't ice. Yet it's not slush, either. It's that in-between form of precipitation that mankind can only try to duplicate by turning up the refrigerator to the max and opening it up to find freezer-burn all over the ice cream. But that isn't nearly as much fun as real snow. Human recreation is increased tenfold when it snows, unless being outside isn't your thing, in which case you then have a great excuse for downing countless cups of hot chocolate. Someone once said, though, "a snowball fight does a life make." But forget about skiing, sledding, skating and making snow angels and snowmen in the front yard. The simple act of looking at snow is entertainment in and of itself.



Snow. For many of us, the word evokes thoughts of shivering. Shoveling. And shlepping around in messy coldness, bundled to the ear in wool with heavy ice underfoot. And while the ground may be screaming for moisture, it's easy to conclude, after a back-cracking spill on the driveway or an hour of de-icing the car, that rain may be a more convenient medium by which to get it. But in defense of snow, rain doesn't linger on the ground to serve as a constant statement of the season: It's cold outside. As a bitter snowfall cancels school, shuts down businesses and closes roads, nature demands us to sit down and witness the proclamation of winter. The silent white fall of snow can seize the night, drifting earthward while we're deeply unconscious, so that we wake to see a land barely recognizable as our own.

The layer of fluff will, through the influence of sunlight and traffic, transform into dark slush, which in turn becomes mere water. But before that happens, a careful look around will reveal a landscape buffed with newness.

Although the late-winter onslaught of snow threatens to intrude upon the warm-weather activities we hold dear, such as baseball games and fishing trips, it supplies us opportunities to go sledding and fling snowballs at each other. And after all, it is snow, the frigid white environs that plague us every winter, that make us think toward the turn of the vernal equinox this week. It leaves its familiar imprint, though temporarily, on the world outside our door and alters the way we see that world. Snow, in spite of its nuisance form, lends a pattern to the seasons and blankets our lives with texture.





Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bain Didway
Tammy Marie Greene

Greene - Didway

Tammy Marie Greene and Christopher Bain Didway were married March 5 at the First Baptist Church of Pampa with Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor of the church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Hunky Greene, Pampa, and the late Ann Marie Greene. The groom is the son of Curtis and Glenda Didway, Pampa.

Matron of honor was Tammy Sexton Pulse, Arlington. Martha Nuttall of Arlington, Melissa Sanders of Mesquite, Nancy Forester of Houston and Stephanie Gray of Dallas were bridesmaids. Keeley Reid, Amarillo, was flower girl.

Standing as best man was father of the groom, Curtis Didway of Pampa. Groomsmen were Heath Summers and Jimmy Massick of Pampa, Jason Garren of Canyon and Brad Hinkle of Fort Worth. Cody Reeves of Amarillo was ringbearer.

Serving as ushers were Will Greene and Rankin Harvey, both of Pampa. Candles were lit by Mark Pulse and Mark Nuttall, both of Arlington.

Providing vocal music for the occasion were Cory Coon of Amarillo and Suzanne Rains of Pampa. Guests were registered by Karen Quintero of Dallas.

Following the service the couple was honored with a reception in the parlor of First Baptist Church. Guests were served by Charity Andrews of Amarillo, Janée Thompson of Lubbock, and Shelley Collum and Jennifer Johnson, both of Pampa.

The bride attended court reporting school in Dallas. She is a 1989 Pampa High School graduate and operates Ch�z Tanz Salon.

The groom attended West Texas A&M University. He is a 1989 Pampa High School graduate and is employed by Builder's Plumbing.

Following a honeymoon trip to San Diego, Calif, they are making their home in Pampa.



Mrs. Derrell DeLoach
Andrea Adcock

Adcock - DeLoach

Andrea Adcock and Derrell DeLoach, both of Fort Worth were married March 12 at the Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth. The ceremony was performed by brother of the groom, Steve DeLoach of Fayetteville, Ark.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Ruby Adcock, Pampa. The groom is the son of William and Nancy DeLoach, Springdale, Ark.

Serving as matron of honor was sister of the bride, Laura Boone, The Woodlands. Bridesmaids were Marna Morrow, Houston, Melanie Offutt, Abilene, and Laura Cannon, Arlington. Addie Boone, niece of the bride, The Woodlands, was flower girl.

Standing as best man was father of the groom, William DeLoach. Groomsmen and ushers were Roger DeLoach and Jeff DeLoach, brothers of the groom, Independence, Mo., and Paul Cain, Fort Worth. Aaron Adcock, Heath, Ohio, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Providing music for the occasion were Margaret Taylor and Leah Taylor, Durant, Okla., Jocelyn Taylor, Houston, Beth Collins, Fort Worth, and Ryan Christian, Fort Worth.

Reception guests were served by Kara DeLoach, Searcy, Ark.; Missy DeLoach, Independence, Ark.; Priscilla Oglevie, Melody Alexander and Andrea White, Fort Worth; and Emily Bearden and Tiffanie Heller, Abilene.

The bride attended Abilene Christian University and is employed at Sid Richardson Research Center in Fort Worth. The groom attended Northeast Louisiana University and Tarrant County Junior College. He is employed as a nurse at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

Following a honeymoon trip to San Francisco, the couple will make their home in Fort Worth.



Kory Dawn Rose and David Lane Dunn

Rose - Dunn

Kory Dawn Rose and David Lane Dunn plan to marry April 9 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Myron and Audiene Bilgri, White Deer, and Jack and Betty Rose, Pampa.

The groom-to-be is the son of Dee Bryan, Amarillo, and Connie Bryan, Dumas.

She is a 1993 graduate of White Deer-High School and is employed by Beall's Department Store.

He is a 1990 graduate of Dumas High School and is employed by Gaines Insulation in Amarillo.

Rauscher guest artist of Amarillo Symphony

AMARILLO — Pianist James Rauscher is the featured guest artist for the March concert of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, set for March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center. Adrian Gnam, who is currently the Music Director and Conductor of the Macon Symphony Orchestra, will be the guest conductor for the performance.

Included in the evening's offerings are Beethoven's Coriolan Overture, Saint-Saens Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4.

A versatile musician who has conducted opera, ballet, choral, symphonic, pops and young peoples concert, Gnam is a former principal oboist of the Cleveland Orchestra under George Szell and the American Symphony under Leopold Stokowski. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Gnam worked with the National Endowment for the Arts for eight years, both as an assistant director and as a director. He has also been music director of the Midland Symphony Orchestra, and the music director of the Eugene Symphony Orchestra. Gnam has guest conducted orchestras throughout the United States, and in Rumania, Venezuela,

Italy, Mexico, and Yugoslavia.

Jim Rauscher made his professional debut with the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra in 1985. As the chairman of the music department at Amarillo College, Dr. Rauscher is now in his eleventh year as professor of private piano, piano classes and piano ensembles.

A native of Medford, Wisconsin, Rauscher received his Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1979. He obtained a master of music in piano performance and literature degree in 1981 from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. He received a doctor of philosophy in fine arts degree at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Rauscher has appeared as soloist with the Randel Chamber Orchestra, West Texas State University Band and the Texas Tech University Symphonic Band. From 1982 to 1987, he was accompanist for soprano, Mary Jane Johnson, performing in over 60 community concerts throughout the United States.

Tickets for the March 26 concert are available by calling the Amarillo Symphony office at 376-8782.



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Walter Brook
Olga Cenicerros Talbert

Talbert - Brook

Olga Cenicerros Talbert and Frederick Walter Brook, both of Pampa, married on Feb. 14 in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover of the church officiating.

Maria Miranda, Pampa, was matron of honor, and Charles E. Powell, Pampa, stood as best man.

Guests were registered by Charlene Mejia, granddaughter of the bride. Mrs. Darrell Rains provided organ music for the ceremony.

A reception honoring the couple was held in the church parlor. Guests were served by Irma Mejia, Theresa Moore and Alma Chavez, all of Pampa.

The bride, a native of Coahuila, Mexico, was a former employee of Furr's Cafeteria systems.

The groom graduated schools in Dementia, psychosis flip side of same coin

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The dementia of Alzheimer's disease and the psychosis in schizophrenic patients may be a result of divergent pathological processes in the same area of the forebrain, according to an Ohio State University biopsychologist.

In a paper to be published in the journal *Psychopharmacology*, the researcher presents a hypothesis that the two disorders, which have different symptoms, have one element in common: a mix-up in the section in the brain that controls how much attention a person pays to stimuli.

"Schizophrenics are too attentive; they don't know how to filter out unnecessary thoughts and sensations. But people with Alzheimer's are not attentive enough," said Martin Salter, associate professor of psychology.

New York City, was an engineer for Cabot Corp. engineering division and is now retired.

Following a honeymoon to San Antonio, Piedras Negras, Mexico, and Sanibel Island, Fla., the couple will make their home in Pampa.

4-H Futures & Features

DATES

- 21 — Rifle Project meeting, 7 p.m.
- Meats Judging meeting, 7:30 p.m., 1114 Christine
- 22 — Consumer Decision Making meeting, 5 p.m., Annex
- Prime Swine Club meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
- Rifle Project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 — Consumer Decision Making meeting, 5 p.m., Annex
- Dog Project meeting, 7 p.m., Bull Barn
- To of Texas Stock Show meeting, 7 p.m., Vo-Ag Building

MEATS JUDGING TO BEGIN
Meats judging practice will be held at Richard Williams' house at 1114 Christine in Pampa. They will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. Anyone interested in judging meats is welcome to attend. The district meats contest will be held on April 9 at West Texas A&M University.

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The Prime Swine 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Gray County Annex. We will discuss method demonstrations and public speaking. Be sure to attend.

TO OF TEXAS STOCK SHOW BOARD MEETING

The Top of Texas Stock Show Association will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Vo-Ag Building. We will discuss next year's show and any changes that need to be made. Anyone interested in the show is welcome to attend.

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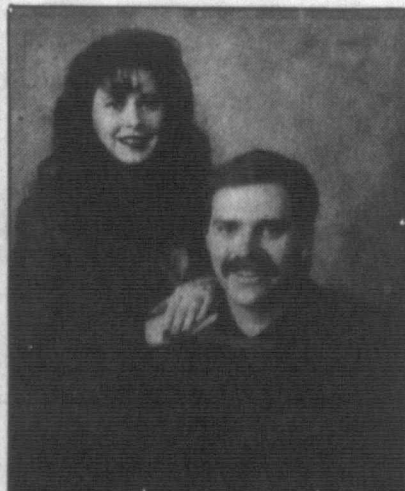
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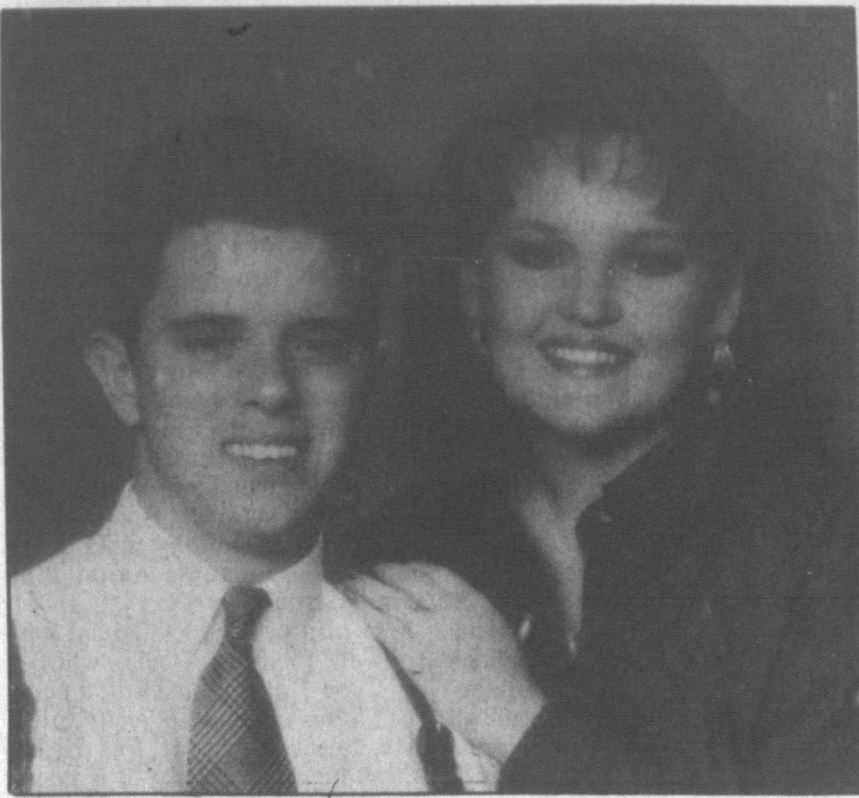
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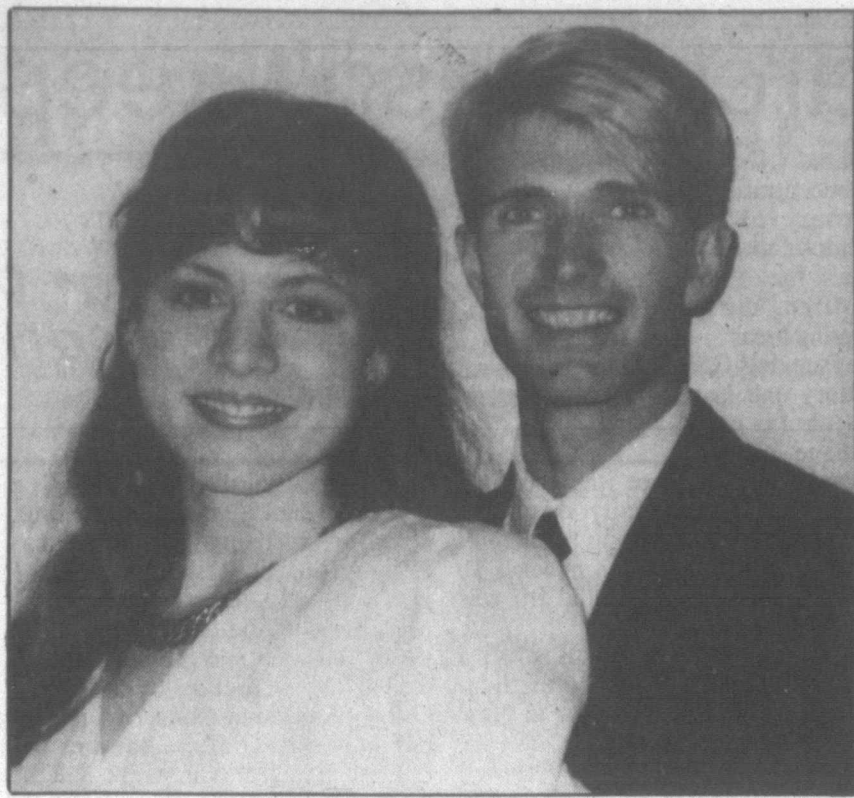
Tammy Stephens
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Rusty Vincent



Stephanie Nicole Stout and Mark Stephen Bridges

Stout - Bridges

Stephanie Nicole Stout, Norman, Okla., and Mark Stephen Bridges, Waco, plan to marry May 28 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Bob and Carolyn Stout, Pampa. The groom-to-be is the son of Bill and Karen Bridges, Pampa. She attends the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla. and expects to graduate in December with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is a member of Chi Omega national sorority. He attends Baylor University in Waco and expects to graduate May 14 with a bachelor of business administration degree with a major in insurance. He is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon national fraternity.



Erin Kate Eschle and James Kyle Wolf

Eschle - Wolf

Erin Kate Eschle, Irving, and James Kyle Wolf, Grapevine, plan to marry June 4 at White's Chapel United Methodist Church in Southlake. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Phillip Eschle, Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn D. Harrell, Groom. The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Clayton Wolf, Arlington. She is a graduate of Groom High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of Delta Gamma Sorority at UT and is employed by MCI in Dallas. He is a graduate of Sam Houston High School in Arlington. He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Baylor University. He is employed by Evolutionary Technologies Inc. as a systems engineer. He was president of the Computer Science Honor Society at Baylor.



Vicki Annette Ballew and John Brent Winegeart

Ballew - Winegeart

Vicki Annette Ballew, Lubbock, and John Brent Winegeart, Pampa, plan to marry June 6 aboard the Royal Caribbean's Nordic Express. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ballew, Levelland. The groom-to-be is the son of Earl Winegeart, Lefors, and Mary Lou Winegeart, Pampa. She earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Texas Tech University. From 1987 to the present she has been a member of the Venture Club of Lubbock, where she serves as recording secretary. She is employed as properties division manager for Cone Enterprises Inc. He attended West Texas State University and is employed by the construction services department for Southwestern Public Service.

Menus March 21-25

<p>Pampa Meals on Wheels Monday Chicken nuggets, potato salad, pork and beans, marshmallow treats.</p> <p>Tuesday Cabbage rolls, green beans, squash, pears.</p> <p>Wednesday Baked ham, hominy casserole, yam patties, jello.</p> <p>Thursday Beef patties, sliced potatoes, tomatoes, pudding.</p> <p>Friday Fish, macaroni and tomatoes, Brussel sprouts, peaches.</p> <p>Pampa Senior Citizens Monday Chicken fried steak or chicken a la king; mashed potatoes, spinach, beets pinto beans; slaw, tossed or jello salad; peach cobbler or chocolate pie, cornbread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Tuesday Chicken salad or stuff pepper, country potatoes, fried okra, slaw, tossed or jello salad, coconut cake or cherry delight, cornbread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Wednesday Roast beef brisket with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, lima beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, chocolate cake or lemon cheesecake, cornbread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Thursday Oven fried chicken or Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, corn, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, strawberry cake or bread pudding, cornbread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Friday Fried cod fish or beef tips over rice, French fries, buttered broccoli, fried squash, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or coconut pie, garlic bread, cornbread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Pampa Schools Monday Breakfast: Toast, peanut butter, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Burrito supreme, corn,</p>	<p>Spanish rice, pears, choice of milk.</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup and butter, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, peaches, hot roll, choice of roll.</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast: Scrambled egg, biscuit, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, sliced pickles, baked beans, mixed fruit, choice of milk.</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast: Cinnamon raisin biscuit, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Tuna and noodles, English peas, orange quarters, hot roll, choice of milk.</p> <p>Friday Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Corn dog, French fries, tossed salad, apple cobbler, choice of milk.</p> <p>Lefors Schools Monday Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter. Lunch: Enchiladas, salad, Spanish rice, pineapple rings, nacho chips, milk.</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter. Lunch: Beef pot pie, salad, rolls, peaches, cottage cheese, milk.</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast: Oats, rice, cereal, toast, juice, milk, peanut butter. Lunch: Pizza, salad, orange, milk, pears, milk.</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast: Ham and eggs, toast, cereal, peanut butter, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fried, beef pattie, potatoes, gravy, blackeyed peas, rolls, bananas pudding, milk.</p> <p>Friday Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cereal, peanut butter, juice, milk. Lunch: Barbecue rib sandwich, salad, oven fries, tapioca pudding.</p>
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Virginity and purity not equivalent when wearing white

DEAR ABBY: When I was 17, I lost my virginity to a guy I met at church. He told me he loved me and wanted to marry me. He knew all the right things to say to get me into bed. The night we slept together, my parents were out of town. He broke up with me immediately after that. He said he thought I was lying about being a virgin, and when he found out I was telling the truth, he realized I was too good for him and he couldn't face me anymore. (What a line!) Well, when I did decide to marry (another guy), I had a long talk with my mom about the wedding plans. I told her I wasn't a virgin anymore, and doubted that God would deem it acceptable for me to wear a white dress. Mom asked me if I had prayed about my sin, and asked for God's forgiveness. I told her I had - at least a dozen times. Then she said: "The white dress doesn't stand for virginity - it stands for purity. If God forgives us for our

sins, then we are made pure again." Abby, if you think this might help a few readers, you may print it. PURE AGAIN IN OKLAHOMA DEAR PURE AGAIN: Thank you for a wonderful letter. With a mother as sensible and understanding as yours, you have no need to write to Dear Abby. P.S. On this topic, in my book, "Dear Abby on Planning Your Wedding," I quote Barbara Tober, editor-in-chief of *Bride's Magazine*: "Abby, I applaud the encouragement you have given women who see their weddings as a celebration of their faith in the future - not an apology for the past, even if they have lived with their fiances.

"During the Middle Ages, red was (and still is) the favored color worn by Hindu, Islamic and Chinese brides. The white wedding gown is a fairly recent tradition. Victorian brides from privileged backgrounds wore white to indicate that they were rich enough to wear a dress for one day only - but still the majority at that time wore their best finery. "We who now live well into our 80s (as opposed to our 50s in 1900) must also develop a more tolerant view of the needs of people who, like half of all U.S. citizens, will probably divorce and remarry in their lifetime. Their sincere efforts to begin again should be supported by the com-

munity they seek to join. In unity there is harmony - and color should not bar the way." DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old woman from Denver who received a corneal transplant last month. My future is brighter, and my life is happier beyond belief with my new vision. How can I say "thank you" to someone who changed my life so tremendously? The dream that I never thought I was lucky enough to have has come true! I was told that the donor was a very young child. I am deeply touched that the family of that dying child - in the midst of their grief and pain - thought of how their loss could benefit a stranger. I owe my future to those generous people. Since I have no way of thanking them, I can only hope that they will read Dear Abby so I can say, "Thank you, and God bless you." FOREVER GRATEFUL

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March — National Nutrition Month, is a great time to set a goal to include enough fiber in the diet. Although most health authorities agree that fiber is important in the diet, it is not yet known exactly how much and what types of fiber are needed each day. Some health organizations have suggested healthy adults increase dietary fiber 20-30 grams per day, roughly twice what most Americans eat now. They also suggest an upper limit of 35 grams per day to avoid any adverse effect such as bloating, gas, or cramping.

There are basically two types of fiber. Soluble fiber is the part of dietary fiber that dissolves easily in water. Insoluble fiber does not dissolve in water and passes through the body without being digested.

Research has suggested that soluble fiber may play a role in helping to lower blood cholesterol as part of a lowfat diet. One the other hand, insoluble fiber helps promote regularity. Research indicates that insoluble fiber also may help lower the risk of colon and rectal cancer.

Fiber should come from a variety of food sources including vegetables, fruits, and whole grain products. Keep in mind that texture and appearance are not good guides to the fiber content of food. Many people think that meat, because of its fibrous look, is a source of dietary fiber. Actually, meat and dairy products contain no dietary fiber at all. Some ways to obtain at least 20 grams of dietary fiber are by eating the following amounts of foods: 3 servings a day of vegetables such as broccoli spears, corns, baked potato, and kidney beans; plus 2 servings a day of fruit such as pear, apple, banana, figs, and orange; plus 3 servings a day of whole-grain products such as whole-wheat bread, hot oatmeal, or other whole-grain cereal.

The suggested levels of fiber are not meant for children, the elderly, or people on special diets, due to limited research with these groups. Because high fiber foods are usually bulky and low in calories, small children, for example, may find it difficult to eat enough to get the calories they need to grow. However, everyone, including small children, should include fruits, vegetables, and grain products in their daily diet.

If you are not used to eating foods that are high in fiber, increase fiber gradually. Since fiber draws water into the large intestine, be sure to drink plenty of liquids — 8 or more cups a day — including water, juice, milk, and other beverages, soups, and other similar foods, to avoid cramping.

Here are some tips for increasing fiber in your diet:

- (1) Add 1/2 cup of cut-up fresh fruit to plain yogurt.
- (2) Instead of drinking fruit juice, eat the whole fruit, such as an apple with the skin, an orange, or dried prunes. Remember that when you juice fruit, you lose nearly all the valuable fiber that it has to offer.
- (3) Instead of spreading butter or margarine on toast, use mashed bananas and a sprinkling of raisins for a delicious open faced-breakfast sandwich.
- (4) Substitute whole-grain bagels, pita bread, and English muffins for those made with refined grains.
- (5) Try spaghetti or lasagna made with whole-grain pasta. Include vegetables in the lasagna for added fiber.
- (6) Include barley, dry beans, split peas, or vegetables in stews and soups.
- (7) Add dry beans — garbanzo, kidney, or other favorites — to salads and casseroles.
- (8) Use potatoes with skins when making mashed potatoes and potato salad.
- (9) Make snacks count by munching higher fiber foods, such as dried fruits. Almonds or peanuts are an option. Popcorn is a good choice, too.



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It's coffee time in a big comfortable chair while we check to see what Pampans did during the last week or so.

The March wind did blow, but failed to stop Pampans from scurrying around.

Bad news! Mary Wilson was nearly swept off her feet while getting out of her car on the Ballard Street side of the Post Office. Good news! Not one hair was blown out of place.

Jewett Scarbrough seemed to be winning the battle when he swept the sidewalk in front of his business over the objection of the wind.

Only a neat guy like Jim Brown would be bothered enough to sweep the leaves out of the street in front of his house on Sunday afternoon while the wind blew the leaves around in a circle. Jim is neat in everything he does and is always impeccably dressed.

Mildred Laycock has a knack for mixing an unusual palette of colors that always go well together and make for smart dressing. Her pretty brown eyes are always twinkling.

Local TV viewers glued their eyes to the screen a few nights ago when Glen Hackler, popular former city manager of Pampa spoke as assistant city manager of Midland about wildlife preservation.

Carrie Caswell and her dad Jimmy shared a chuckle or two and

some intense concentration in front of an indoor mailbox at the Post Office during spring break.

Pam and Greg Story and boys Nicholas and Shane look forward to family times wherever they are. The annual family ski trip to Angel Fire during spring break multiplies the limit of fun at least 10 fold. Even the trip to and fro was fun.

Dr. Meganne Walsh took off a few days from her busy medical practice to visit her sister in New Orleans.

John and Louise Ward returned only days ago from spending the winter months in Arizona and California. They but not their neighbors slept through the earthquake 125 miles away without feeling a single tremor.

Ray and Retha Jordan had special guests last weekend, their granddaughter Ashley Hicks and her mom Theresa of Amarillo. Ashley, a beautiful young teenager provides a bright spot wherever she goes.

Heather Wheeley, a student at Texas A&M, spent spring break with her family Joe and Sarah, JJ and Joanna, and is sporting the



Peeking at Pampa By Katie

spiffiest new hairdo.

Seleta Chance was named acting chair for organizing the Pampa Gray County Citizens Activities Association last week. Seleta is manager of M.K. Brown Auditorium, coordinator of Emergency Management and Red Cross, secretary of the Gray County Extension Council, a member of Gold Coats, Chamber of Commerce, Clean Pampa Inc., advisory board of Clarendon College-Pampa Center, vice president of the 26-county Panhandle Tourism and Marketing Council, Pampa representative of the Panhandle Regional Planning Council, and took time out for a grant writing workshop sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission in late 1993 in Levelland and one of Pampa's biggest boosters. Maybe her day has 30 hours in it, huh? Her sunny disposition lasts through the entire day. Her family obligations include her husband Steve, son Bryan and toddler daughter Brook.

Things get pretty lively on Thursday evening at the Schneider House Apartments when a group of fiddlers and more gather to play and sing. The growing lobby. Jim Stroup can show what wheelchair dancing is when Marguerite Martin gets in the driver's seat. Jim at 91 is considered a true gentleman with the cutest twinkle in his eye. When Barbara Noel made her back home debut at the elevator door after having been in a nursing home to recuperate from a broken bone, Jim was the first to greet her and welcome her home. The groups welcomed her with a big round of applause.

Jean Rankin agreed to make a quilt to raffle to assure a craft fair in November with a bake sale, too, at an organizational meeting last week. Marguerite Martin and Tommie Edwards will tend to the bake sale. Other participants will be Coe Hunter, Nellie Thomas, Martha Roden, Lena Mae Mitchell, Linda Grant, Grace Alexander and Bobbie Brumfield, director.

Lena Mae Mitchell, who is Mary Etta Bruce's mom, is one of the newest residents. At 92 her crochet work is absolutely beautiful. Another new resident is Mary Ida Puckett, formerly of Phoenix, but more recently of Pampa. Mary Ida has an interesting family, her mother Myrtle Yeager, 94, and her daughter Paula, who until the recent death of her father the Rev. Millard Puckett shared a woodworking shop with him and has worked as a carpenter. Mary Ida's mother, Myrtle, has been a shrewd business woman - owner of a grocery store in Canadian until

Recovery wishes to Terri Witt as she recovers at home from surgery. J.C. and Mary Jackson and Jay and Bette Jackson have returned to Lefors after a month's vacation at Zapata, where they fished in Falcon Lake.

Leola Moxon accompanied daughter Pat Seely to Denver for a doctor's appointment for Pat and for visitation with granddaughter, Lisa Blandford and family.

Evelyn Henry has returned from a trip to Jones, Okla., where she visited her children.

Ell Hesse's guests are daughter and son-in-law Jo Ann and Morris Chambliss of Ardmore and granddaughter and husband Melissa and Miles Walston of Lubbock.

Guests of Carolyn and Kenny Barnett are Oklahoma relatives, including Kenny's son, Bobby.

Mrs. Cecil Barnett accompanied Juanita and "Pee Wee" Romines to Waco for the wedding of Toby Barnett, grandson of Mrs. Barnett.

See you next week, Katie.

Seven habits ensure long, healthy lives

By DR. MICHAEL FREEDMAN

NEW YORK (AP) — For nearly 30 years, Dr. Harry Breslow has been studying people who lead particularly long, healthy lives.

The 78-year-old physician and professor emeritus at the University of California at Los Angeles not only has some answers on good health, but evidently follows his own medicine:

No excessive drinking, no smoking, staying lean, sleeping seven to eight hours a night, exercising regularly, no eating between meals and eating breakfast daily.

According to a report in a recent issue of the Tufts University Diet and Nutrition Letter, Dr. Breslow

started his research in 1965 with nearly 7,000 residents of Alameda County, Calif.

By 1972, he found that those who followed all seven healthful habits enjoyed about the same physical well-being as people 30 years younger who adhered to few or none of the habits.

By 1983, he found, those who had been adhering to the good habits were only half as likely to have died as the others.

In addition, the healthy lifestyle followers were only half as likely to have suffered disabilities that made them unable to work for six months or longer, or to carry out day-to-day activities such as eating, dressing, climbing stairs and getting outdoors.

Healthy living habits, he found, appear not only to promote longevity but also to increase the chance of having the physical ability to enjoy life to its fullest in later years.

This is particularly relevant today, with more and more Americans living into their 70s and 80s.

Recommended for those over 65: —Have your hearing and vision checked regularly because if these are impaired, you lose important cues that help maintain balance.

—Check the drugs you take with your physician because some of them, singly or in combination, may affect balance and coordination.

—Exercise regularly to improve your strength, muscle tone and coordination.

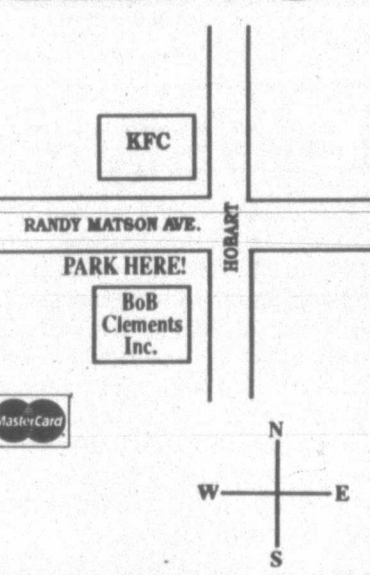
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Entertainment

Director, Whoopi set to roll at Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gil Cates, producing his fifth Academy Awards ceremony, has what he considers the perfect host in Whoopi Goldberg. And he has lined up star presenters and performers.

But he harbors a fantasy of something extra to guarantee that the 66th Oscar show Monday keeps its audience engrossed, including the 1 billion television viewers worldwide.

"My dream for an acceptance award podium would be one that is on a treadmill," says Cates, sounding partly tongue-in-cheek, partly wistful.

"It would start stage left and take about 45 seconds and the winner would know, 'My God, I gotta finish.' And if he doesn't, he's just gently moved off stage."

Cates has yet to get the idea past an Oscar ceremony art director, so he plans to rely on the musical method of playing off a winner who exceeds 60 seconds.

Grammy Award viewers saw how awkward that can be, however, when Frank Sinatra was cut short during a heartfelt but rambling acceptance speech for his Legend Award.

The move generated a wave of criticism. But when it comes to the Oscars, Cates believes savvy performers should understand the time

limitations imposed on the show (airing 9 p.m. EST Monday on ABC).

"People know they're going to be cut off after a minute and they elect to expose themselves to that special humiliation — there's not much I can do about it," he said.

Besides, with Goldberg's help, Cates has a lot to fit in the roughly three-hour ceremony from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in downtown Los Angeles. He's sure she's up to the job.

"It's always our desire to have somebody who can work a room, a

comic who can really stand up and do that," Cates said. "Plus, that person should be a movie star as well. It's a very small, select list."

Goldberg is the first woman and the first black to act as sole host for the ceremony.

She'll preside over 23 awards to be presented by such marquee-topping names as Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman, Geena Davis, Alec Baldwin, Tom Hanks, Sharon Stone, Jeremy Irons and Anthony Hopkins.

Top nominated films include "Schindler's List," "The Piano," "The Fugitive," "In the Name of the Father" and "The Remains of the Day."

There are special tributes, including an honorary Oscar for actress Deborah Kerr and the Jean Hersholt Award for humanitarian work, being presented this year to actor Paul Newman.

Song and dance is also part of the evening, including performances of nominated movie music.

Four of the five songs will be sung by the artists who introduced them in the movies: "Again" from the film "Poetic Justice," by Janet Jackson; "Streets of Philadelphia" from "Philadelphia" by Bruce Springsteen; "The Day I Fall in Love" from "Beethoven's 2nd" by Dolly Parton and James Ingram, and the "Philadelphia" title song by Neil Young.

Spielberg's year at last?

EDITOR'S NOTE — Bob Thomas, who has been covering the film industry for decades for *The Associated Press*, each year offers his predictions of the Oscar winners. This year, he says, the job was easy.

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Academy Award audience at the Music Center on Monday night is more likely to respond to the winners with cheers of approval rather than gasps of surprise.

Rarely has an Oscar race appeared more predictable. Of course the unpredictable sometimes happens. But the general consensus holds that Steven Spielberg is long overdue for a statuette.

Here's how the major awards appear to this longtime observer:
Best picture: "Schindler's List."
Possible: "In the Name of the Father."

Best actor: Tom Hanks, "Philadelphia."
Possible: Daniel Day-Lewis, "In the Name of the Father."
Best actress: Holly Hunter, "The Piano."
Possible: Angela Bassett, "What's Love Got to Do with It."

Best supporting actor: Tommy Lee Jones, "The Fugitive."
Possible: Ralph Fiennes, "Schindler's List."
Best supporting actress: Winona Ryder, "The Age of Innocence."
Possible: Rosie Perez, "Fearless."

Best director: Steven Spielberg, "Schindler's List."
Possible: Jane Campion, "The Piano."



Steven Spielberg

Turntable Tips

By The Associated Press
Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of *Billboard* magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

TOP SINGLES

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- "The Sign," Ace of Base (Arista) (Gold)
 - "Bump N' Grind," R. Kelly (Jive)
 - "Without You-Never Forget You," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
 - "The Power of Love," Celine Dion (Music) (Gold)
 - "Whatta Man," Salt-N-Pepa featuring En Vogue (Next Plateau-London) (Gold)
 - "So Much In Love," All-4-One (Blitz)
 - "Now and Forever," Richard Marx (Capitol)
 - "Gin and Juice," Snoop Doggy Dogg (Death Row)
 - "Cantaloope," US3 (Blue Note)
 - "Breathe Again," Toni Braxton (Laface) (Gold)

TOP ALBUMS

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- "Superunknown," Soundgarden (A&M)
 - "The Downward Spiral," Nine Inch Nails (Nothing-TV-Interscope)
 - "The Sign," Ace of Base (Arista) (Platinum)
 - "12 Play," R. Kelly (Jive) (Platinum)
 - "Toni Braxton," Toni Braxton (Laface) (Platinum)
 - "Music Box," Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)
 - "August & Everything After," Counting Crows (Geffen) (Platinum)
 - "The Colour of My Love," Celine Dion (Music) (Gold)
 - "Doggy Style," Snoop Doggy Dogg (Death Row-Interscope) (Platinum)
 - "The Cross of Changes," Enigma (Charisma)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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- "No Doubt About It," Neal McCoy (Atlantic)
 - "He Thinks He'll Keep Her," Mary Chapin-Carpenter (Columbia)
 - "Standing Outside the Fire," Garth Brooks (Liberty)
 - "My Love," Little Texas (Warner Bros.)
 - "Tryin' to Get Over You," Vince Gill (MCA)
 - "I've Got It Made," John

- Anderson (BNA)
- "Who Says You Can't Have It All," Alan Jackson (Arista)
 - "That's My Story," Collin Raye (Epic)
 - "Indian Outlaw," Tim McGraw (Curb)
 - "I'm Holding My Own," Lee Roy Parrell (Arista)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

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- "Now and Forever," Richard Marx (Capitol)
 - "The Power of Love," Celine Dion (Music)
 - "Everyday," Phil Collins (Atlantic)
 - "Breathe Again," Toni Braxton (Laface)
 - "Without You," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
 - "Said I Loved You But I Lied," Michael Bolton (Columbia)
 - "Please Forgive Me," Bryan Adams (A&M)
 - "Having a Party," Rod Stewart (Warner Bros.)
 - "Because the Night," 10,000

- Maniacs (Elektra)
- "Hero," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
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- "Bump N' Grind," R. Kelly (Jive)
 - "U Send Me Swingin'," Mint Condition (Perspective)
 - "Groove Thang," Zhane (Motown)
 - "Whatta Man," Salt-N-Pepa (Next Plateau) (Gold)
 - "Feenin'," Jodeci (Uptown)
 - "I'm Ready," Tevin Campbell (Qwest)
 - "I'm in the Mood," Ce Ce Peniston (Perspective)
 - "Never Forget You-Without You," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
 - "Lay Your Head On My Pillow," Tony! Toni! Tone! (Wing)
 - "Because of Love," Janet Jackson (Virgin)

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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- "God," Tori Amos (Atlantic)
 - "MMM MMM MMM MMM," Crash Test Dummies (Arista)
 - "Return to Innocence," Enigma (Virgin)
 - "The More You Ignore Me, the Closer...," Morrissey (Sire)
 - "No Excuses," Alice In Chains (Columbia)
 - "Loser," Beck (Bongload)
 - "13 Steps Lead Down," Elvis Costello (Warner Bros.)
 - "Leaving Las Vegas," Sheryl Crow (A&M)
 - "Disarm," Smashing Pumpkins (Virgin)
 - "Mr. Jones," Counting Crows (DGC)

Bloopers on the Enterprise: Author keeps track of flubs

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Some might say Phil Farrand, author of "The Nitpicker's Guide for Next Generation Trekkers," has way too much time on his hands.

How else do you explain watching six years' worth of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" episodes over and over, eight or nine hours a day for months, looking for bloopers, flubs and technical mistakes?

"I have had people write me and ask, 'Why did you do this?'" Farrand said with a hearty laugh.

The answer, says this admitted "incredibly die-hard and slightly lunatic" fan of the "Next Generation" TV series, is that many devoted fans of "Star Trek" and its successor are nitpickers at heart, too.

Since Farrand's 433-page book hit the stores last December, he's received as many as 100 letters a week from fans who share his penchant for spotting mistakes.

"Some of them write to say, 'Thank you. I've done this, too, and people always look at me weird. It's wonderful to know there's other people who do this,'" Farrand said.

The errors may fly over the heads of casual viewers, but Farrand and his breed apply a Vulcanlike logic to viewing. Their sensors take note when:

—A computer tells First Officer Will Riker the holodeck is the next door on his right and he instead enters from the left.

—The reflection of a crystal pyramid on a desk reveals a man off camera with curly hair and glasses, chewing gum.

—An image on a computer screen, when frozen, turns out to be a parrot dressed in a Federation uniform.

—Despite her death in an earlier episode, security officer Tasha Yar is visible in the background waving goodbye to her fans as Jean-Luc Picard, captain of the USS Enterprise, and Dr. Beverly Crusher leave a cargo bay.

Nitpicking "gives you an active role to play while you're watching the show," Farrand said. "You can watch it and go, 'Aaahhhh! You messed up again!'"

Farrand, 35, became enchanted with Capt. Kirk, Spock, Dr. McCoy and the rest of the "Star Trek" crew growing up in the Philippines, where his parents were Assemblies of God missionaries.

He fondly remembers the first nit he ever picked with the "Next Generation" series. It came in an episode titled "The Offspring" in the show's third season.

Young Wesley Crusher is visiting the android Data in a laboratory when the voice of Dr. Crusher, his mother, cuts in, reminding him he's supposed to be getting a haircut.

Wesley mutters a smart-aleck remark, apparently after his mother had signed off. But he didn't touch his chest badge or a panel somewhere to end the conversation. Why, Farrand wondered, didn't Dr. Crusher hear the remark?

The incident touched off spirited discussion among Farrand and his Trekker friends about just how communicators worked.



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Texas energy companies taking on projects in former Soviet Union

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The flat plain of Western Siberia where Petro-Hunt Corp. is embarking on an oilfield project is frozen solid about seven months of the year. And that's when it's easily accessible; the rest of the time, it's a swamp.

"The area is very much like Canada in that the drainage is north to the Arctic, and the mouth of the river is the last thing to thaw" in the spring, says Petro-Hunt adviser Herbert Hunt.

That sends water backing up across the region. "The rest of the year it's very much like south Louisiana. And the mosquitoes are big," Hunt said.

Geography is just one of the many challenges facing petroleum companies seeking to tap the treasure of oil and gas under the former Soviet Union.

"It's one of the great, if not the greatest, future sources for oil and gas in the world," said Robert Strauss, former ambassador to Moscow and U.S. trade representative.

"Regardless of the fact that they are in such shambles right now economically — and it's a cliché to say — the resources are absolutely untapped," said Dr. Frida Alperovich, president of the Texas-Kazakhstan Alliance.

In a \$20 billion joint venture in one of the former Soviet republics, Chevron Corp. and Kazakhstan's national oil company are working to expand oil production near the Caspian Sea.

Several Texas companies also have seen positive developments in initiatives in the former Soviet Union within the past year.

They include Exxon Corp., which has projects at Sakhalin Island offshore Russia's far east coast and west of the Ural Mountains; and two other Texas projects in Russia that received support from the Overseas Private Investment Corp. during President Clinton's trip to Russia in January.

OPIC entered a protocol offering Snyder Oil Corp. up to \$138 million in financing and political risk insurance. And Petro-Hunt Corp. and Dresser Industries Inc. have

reached an agreement in principle for a \$50 million loan from the U.S. government corporation.

Snyder plans to restart existing wells, then drill just more than 400 wells over 10 years, in the Volga-Urals Basin of the Perm region 800 miles east of Moscow. The Fort Worth company expects to see some production by this summer.

Snyder does low-risk drilling in the United States, particularly the Rockies, spokeswoman Diana Ten Eyck said. The Russian project is "more of a potential for a home run kind of thing than we would see in our reserves here," she said.

"The potential impact is that it could represent a significant portion of our production and our companywide reserves, if things go according to schedule. ... It could be a significant part of what we do," Ms. Ten Eyck said.

"Of course, what we're up against is some political uncertainty, which is clearly the largest risk we're taking," she said.

In Petro-Hunt's project, which also involves two Russian government enterprises, the company plans to put in a 27 1/2-mile, 12-inch pipeline this winter and hopes to begin production May 1, 1995, Herbert Hunt said. So far, Petro-Hunt has drilled one well.

The company has invested more than \$10 million in the project, slated to include some 1,180 wells and two pipelines. Cost of the initiative is estimated at \$1.4 billion over 13 years.

"It's our major effort at this point overseas," Hunt said.

But there are problems with doing business in the former Soviet republics.

"The oil being there is not the question; it's the question of being able to work within the Russian system. They are a country that's evolving, never having really had a tax system before or private enterprise as we know it," Hunt said.

"They are creating all this kind of as they go," he said.

Strauss said the lack of a legal structure is making it difficult to invest in Russia. The government must pass laws dealing with taxes and bankruptcy, real property

and intellectual property, he said.

"Western companies need that before they'll get more heavily involved than they are now," Strauss said.

Strauss, who was in Russia in December and plans to return in a few weeks, said despite pressure, prospects don't look good now for establishing the legal structure.

"There's nothing encouraging right now for anything in the immediate future, and I would add that there's no groundswell of public opinion that wants it," he said.

"They have sort of a mindset and an approach that the West is coming in to steal their assets and take them home," he said.

The current lure of launching petroleum ventures in places such as South America and Vietnam makes some of the problems seem less worthwhile, others in the industry said.

"The risk they run, frankly, is that Western capital finally will turn its back and go elsewhere," Strauss said.

Other Texas companies are talking now with former Soviet republics. Dallas-based Oryx Energy Corp., which is trying to negotiate a concession in Kazakhstan.

"Really, the attraction is very simple. The area over there seems to be highly productive in terms of potential discoveries. It's extremely underdeveloped, so that makes it very immature. And at that stage of the life cycle you're liable to find very large reserve deposits. It's quite the opposite of the U.S., where 95 percent of the world's wells have been drilled," Oryx spokesman John O'Keefe said.

"That's the attraction. Of course, there's a million problems," he said.

Houston-based Marathon Oil Co. is part of a consortium hoping to develop a long-delayed, \$10 billion project off Sakhalin Island. The project also involves Royal Dutch-Shell Group and two Japanese firms.

The company is still in negotiations, although an agreement was hoped by the end of 1993, Marathon spokesman Bill Ryder said.

"It has been a long and arduous process, but we are still optimistic," Ryder said.

Said Hunt: "I enjoy the people, I like the people very much. They are very much like us in a one-on-one situ-

ation. But they don't understand our system, and frankly, we don't understand theirs."

"Really, where we try and go is where there's a need — they want us and we have something to offer, and Russia sure fills that bill. And I'd say that's true in all kinds of lines, whether it be the oil and gas business, merchandising, manufacturing, whatever."

"The bottom line is, if they're going to join the market economy, they've got a total rebuilding to do," he said.

Projects

DALLAS (AP) — Some of the projects Texas energy companies are pursuing in the former Soviet Union:

- Petro-Hunt and Dresser Industries Inc., both of Dallas, in January entered into a protocol, agreeing in principle for a \$50 million federal loan to start developing two large oil fields in eastern Russia. Petro-Hunt is teamed with two Russian government enterprises in the \$1.4 billion, 13-year project, organized in early 1992.

- Houston-based Enron Corp. and R.A.O. Gazprom, Russia's major natural gas company, have a framework agreement to develop new markets for Russian gas in Europe.

- Exxon Corp. has established an operating affiliate, Exxon Ventures (CIS) Inc., in Moscow and an office in Kazakhstan. Exxon has projects offshore Russia's Sakhalin Island on the east coast and in Russia's Timan-Pechora Basin west of the Ural Mountains.

- Snyder Oil Corp. of Fort Worth said in January it had reached an accord to receive up to \$138 million from the U.S. government's Overseas Private Investment Corp. Snyder will work with a Russian state-owned company on the joint venture in the Volga-Urals Basin of the Perm region 800 miles east of Moscow.

Some projects still in negotiations:

- Houston's Marathon Oil Co. is negotiating in hopes of reaching an agreement on a \$10 billion joint venture off Sakhalin Island in far eastern Russia.

- Dallas-based Oryx Energy Corp. is negotiating to obtain a concession to the Arman Field in Kazakhstan. Oryx will get \$100 million from OPIC if the deal goes through. Oryx also has established an office in Kazakhstan.

Study downgrades benefits of braces for knee injuries

By IRA DREYFUSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brace yourselves, users of knee braces, some researchers believe the devices don't live up to expectations.

Athletes commonly use braces after surgery to repair the knee's anterior cruciate ligament, connective tissue that helps to hold the knee in place.

They hope that a brace will protect their knees against the strain of movement and the impact of, say, a hard tackle. They also hope that wearing the web of cloth and metal will give their knees support while their knee heals.

But braces don't perform as well as athletes might think, said Dr. Edward M. Wojtys, an associate professor of orthopedics at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

In fact, braces could make things worse, Wojtys said.

In a recent preliminary study, braces were associated with a slight slowing of reaction time in the leg muscles. Wojtys and his colleagues prepared the paper for presentation at the annual meeting of the American

Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in New Orleans.

The study looked at five patients with an anterior cruciate ligament tear in one knee. The patients were seated in a device that let the researchers measure reaction times by using electrodes.

The researchers found that wearing the brace was associated with a decrease in reaction time.

"Our study shows the lag time can be as much as 40 milliseconds," Wojtys said. And although this sounds like a very short period, "it's enough to destroy a ligament," he said.

"Forty to 45 milliseconds is all it takes from impact, when the knee is hit, to where the ligament is completely torn," Wojtys said.

Because so few people were tested, researchers can't conclude that brace wearers in general will suffer reduced reaction time. But if the finding is correct, wearing a device

designed to protect against injury instead may make wearers more susceptible to injury, Wojtys said.

The study fits a pattern that indicates braces can be a weak reed for athletes who depend on them for strong joints, Wojtys said. Previous studies have found that bracing does not improve muscle performance, he said. Rehabilitation, however, does make muscles stronger, he said.

The developer of one early knee brace, Dr. James A. Nicholas of Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, thinks Wojtys is making too much of the response lag time.

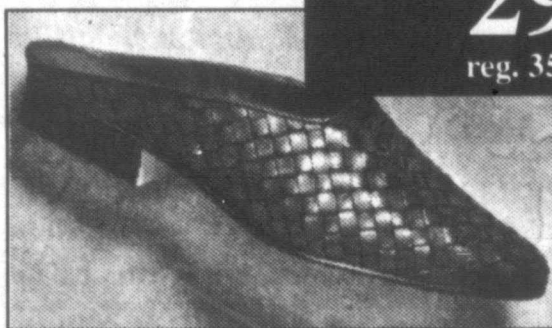
A brace does cut into response time, but offsets this by providing needed protection to an injured knee, said Nicholas, director of orthopedic surgery and head of the medical staff of the New York Jets.

"Anything you wear, whether you wear clothes or a brace, will slow your reaction time," said Nicholas, who claims credit for the first brace worn by Jets quarterback Joe Namath, whose knee problems were legendary. The alternative to the brace is letting the injured knee buckle when a player is hit, Nicholas said.

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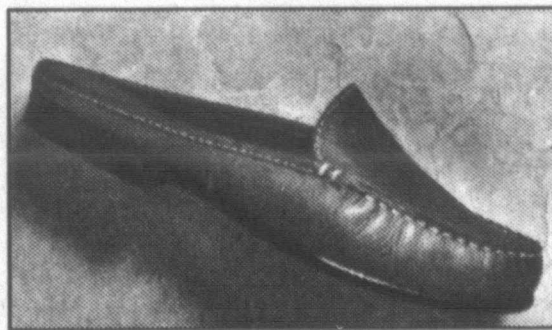
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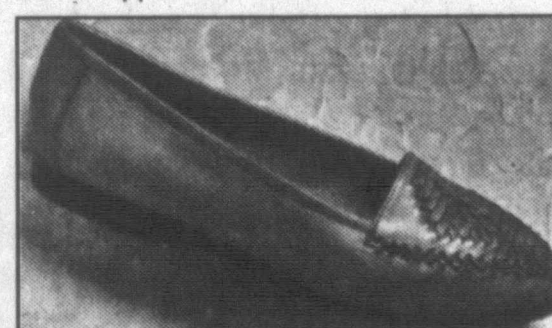
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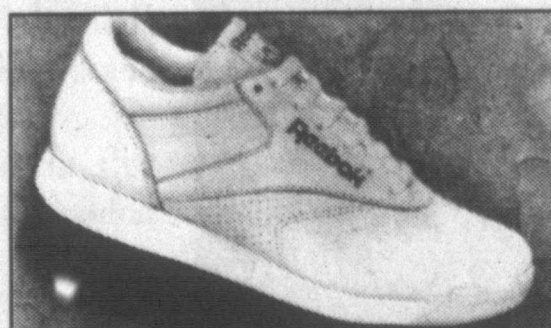
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Food For Thought by Danny Bainum

Remember that Marco Polo brought spaghetti to Italy from China. So it's no surprise that stir-fried Chinese vegetables, seasoned with ginger and soy sauce, taste so good with vermicelli or other pasta.

Golden Delicious apples are the first choice for most cooking, because they keep their shape. Saute thin wedges with a little sugar and place them on mixed greens, along with crumbled Roquefort cheese and chopped toasted walnuts. A simple vinaigrette is just right for this salad.

Break a few chocolate after-dinner mints over the cocoa mix in your mug before you add the hot water. Mmmmm!

No-surprise statistic: Americans eat about 100 Tbs. of peanut butter per person per year. Creamy varieties are most popular, followed by chunky. Some folks go for the natural or old-fashioned nut butters.

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Agriculture

Administration sells farm-state officials on GATT

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new worldwide trade agreement will take several years to start paying off for grain and livestock producers in the United States, the Agriculture Department says.

But after that, the gains will rise rapidly, the department said in an analysis of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The new GATT agreement, reached last December, is supposed to open overseas markets to U.S. farm goods and force all countries to reduce their export subsidies. The Clinton administration hopes to have the treaty ratified and in place by Jan. 1, 1995.

Subsidy reductions will first depress world grain markets, and the European Union will sell large surpluses of wheat, hurting U.S. markets. But after that, exports will begin expanding rapidly, the analysis said.

Higher grain costs initially will slow livestock production, but those products will rebound too, the analysis said.

By 2005, farm exports could be as much as \$8.7 billion higher than they would have been without the agreement, the department said.

Grains and animal products will account for almost three-quarters of the increase, the report said.

"It means increased income for producers and increased job opportunities for all Americans," said Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

The analysis said exports could add 190,000 jobs in the food industry and cut government farm payments by \$2.6 billion in 2005.

The analysis was released while Espy and Trade Representative Mickey Kantor outlined the terms of the agreement to the House Agriculture Committee.

"We were able to create a level playing field in order that U.S. agriculture could benefit all over the world," Kantor said.

However, dairy state lawmakers raised doubts about the benefits of the agreement to milk producers, noting that Europe will be able to continue large subsidies.

Lawmakers also questioned the administration's progress in resolving a dispute with Canada over its subsidized wheat exports and barriers to U.S. dairy, poultry and eggs.

The agreement requires countries to replace import barriers such as licenses with tariffs, which would be reduced over six years.

TGFA schedules annual convention

Texas Grain and Feed Association is holding its 96th Annual Convention & EXPO '94 April 6-8, 1994, in Corpus Christi.

This year's convention will feature speakers that play an important role in Texas' grain and feed industry. Speakers will include Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry and keynote speaker Phil Steffen.

There will also be "Breakout Sessions" with industry experts. This will give the convention attendees a chance to ask questions and find solutions to the problems in their business.

EXPO '94 will have more than 100 exhibitor booths featuring many new products and services offered by the country's most prominent agricultural suppliers.

For more information on the convention or membership in Texas Grain and Feed Association, contact the association office at 817-336-7875.

WT ag seminar series continues

CANYON — A joint agriculture seminar program which began in the fall will continue this semester.

The seminars are sponsored by West Texas A&M University's Division of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture — Agriculture Research Service (USDA-ARS) at Bushland, the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station (TAES) and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service (TAEX).

The next seminar will be at 3 p.m. Friday, March 25, in the auditorium of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West in Amarillo. Dr. Noland Clark, director of the USDA-ARS at Bushland, will speak on "Wind Energy for Pumping Water for Livestock."

The seminars are free and open to the public. Refreshments are served prior to each seminar at 2:45 p.m. Additional seminars are scheduled for April 22 and May 6.

For more information, contact the WTAMU Division of Agriculture at 806/656-2550.

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT — (BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: Wheat's been hit with a double whammy lately. Not only have the exports been poor, the government seems to have recently lost its will (or incentive) to aggressively help stimulate the business. Perhaps it's concerned with what looks like a tight supply situation on paper and will step up to the plate when the new crop program begins.

Meanwhile, tight supplies without good demand have not been enough in themselves to get this market moving. Additionally, the new crop has been hammered by the recent mix of rain and snow in the Southern Plains which has helped to alleviate the dry conditions. Without an export improvement this market will be hard-pressed to rebound dramatically, yet it also appears to me the market has little room left to drop.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* While we've already sold much of our old crop, we just haven't been able to get that one last old crop rally to sell the balance. We need to get that job done, and if you still own some old crop, I'd consider moving the balance now and simultaneously buying at the money May wheat calls. They'll cost you about a dime (not much more than storage costs) and will allow us to recoup a bit if the market does move higher into the spring.

Traders: While other people have been whipped around in this market, we've been in a relatively tame "butterfly" spread. We recommended buying one unit of May Minneapolis (spring) wheat, simultaneously selling two units of May Kansas City

(winter wheat) and buying one unit of July Kansas wheat.

The parameters were to do this with Mpls. trading no more than 5¢ over the May K.C., and the May K.C. trading at least 10¢ over the July. You should have been able to execute this trade at my price minimum — probably better. My reasoning is based on the poor export market for K.C. plus my outlook for the Mpls. to gain versus the K.C. due to the current shortage of high protein spring wheat. Look for a profit objective of at least 20¢/bushel (\$1000 net) on each "butterfly." Risk 10¢/bu. (\$500 per spread plus commissions).

CORN — (BULL)

OUTLOOK: Last week we discussed the negatives for this market. The news services talk about the poor export pace and this has certainly been the catalyst for the recent price correction. Yet, just as important, but not talked about as much, are the large commodity funds.

Due to a positive price outlook following the January crop report, the funds accumulated a massive position in corn — upwards of 400 million bushels by one estimate. Bear markets feed on themselves and the recent sell-off was brought about in part and exacerbated by this fund liquidation. The huge volume last week leads me to believe the fund selling is just about sold out but time will tell.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* Corn has dropped over 35¢ from the January highs to the recent lows. If you followed our advice from the start, you used an options strategy which has proven far superior and more prof-

itable to storage. We sold corn at harvest and bought call options.

When the market ran up to \$3, we cashed in the options and "rolled" them up. This locked in the appreciation to that point. Then when the market fell dramatically your risk was limited to the modest cost of the higher strike options. Corn in storage has been a wasting asset and still is. Option strategies make sense when used correctly.

Traders: We were stopped out of May corn last week at approximately the \$2.87 level. The recent reversal looks like a bottom to me and I would now consider a re-purchase of May at \$2.83 or better. Risk 10¢ for an objective of \$3.00.

CATTLE — (BEAR)

OUTLOOK: Not much has changed since last week. While the trend towards lower feedlot placement bodes for a more positive longer term outlook, the near term always comes first. In the near term, it feels like there's plenty of cattle available and the better weather has helped gains in the past few weeks.

We'll continue to look for a break of two to three dollars from the recent highs before the next uptrend begins.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* Cattle feeders who followed our advice own "at the money" April and June puts to protect your downside. They cost from \$1 to \$2/cwt. — cheap bear market insurance. Futures hedgers have also been advised to sell April above \$77, but "selective hedgers" should look to cover if the market breaks into the 73-74 area.

Cow/calf operators: Corn prices have fallen over 30¢/bu. since January, yet feeder cattle prices have hardly budged. This is not good market action and points to lower feeder prices in the short run. Look to use feeder cattle puts (82 Aprils and Mays) to protect against lower prices.

Traders: Based on a previous recommendation you are short Aprils at minimum \$76.25 to possibly over 77. Our objective is \$73-\$74 in the coming few weeks. The risk is a close over \$77.42.

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More meat than ever expected on market this year, experts say

By MARGARET SCHERF
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department expects U.S. meat production, except for pork, to reach records highs this year with less profit for producers.

"Plentiful meat supplies should keep pressure on wholesale and retail prices during 1994," the department's Economic Research Service said in the March issue of its Agricultural Outlook magazine. "Combined with forecasts of higher feed costs through most of 1994, this should put net returns to producers below last year's."

First-quarter 1994 beef production is expected to be well above the weather-reduced levels of a year earlier. Inventories at feed lots are likely to remain above a year earlier at least through early spring.

Feed cattle prices during the January-March quarter are expected to average \$6 to \$10 per hundredweight (100 pounds) below last year and show only "modest seasonal price strength" toward the second quarter, the report said.

Choice retail beef prices in December were \$2.88 per pound, little changed from a year earlier. Price declines are expected this spring as supplies remain plentiful.

A modest herd reduction by pig producers was forecast to continue.

"The number of hogs kept for breeding declined from a year earlier, while the number of all hogs and pigs has declined since June as producers responded to lower profit margins," the report said.

Prices are expected to average slightly higher in 1994 than last year, it said, but higher feed costs during the year will reduce producers' net returns.

Hog prices rose to around \$50 per hundredweight in February as adverse weather slowed slaughter.

"Prices will weaken when slaughter recovers, but are expected to rise seasonally in the spring and summer," the report said. "Seasonal price weakness will likely occur again this fall, taking prices back to the mid-40s per hundredweight."

Retail pork prices in 1994 are expected to average 1 to 3 percent higher than a year ago as pork supplies decline, the research service said.

Imports of pork are expected to rise 3 percent in 1994, with increases expected from Canada and the European Union.

"Exports will remain weak, possibly 3 percent below last year," the report said. "Continued weakness in the Japanese economy and large supplies of Danish pork will likely reduce U.S. sales to Japan, the largest importer of U.S. pork."

Meanwhile, broiler producers are continuing to expand output in 1994 in response to growing domestic demand and record exports.

The report said higher feed costs are increasing production expenses, and net returns are expected to be lower. Increases in average slaughter weights also are expected to continue.

"As retail prices decline and new poultry entrees in restaurants are favorably received, domestic consumption should rise," the report said. "The record exports are due to continued production increases, some reduction in international trade barriers and continued competitive U.S. prices for chicken legs."

Per capita U.S. broiler consumption is expected to increase by about three pounds to 71 pounds per year.

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Trying to put shackles on imported weeds

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gardeners searching their catalogs for a hardy, tall wildflower might want to try the giant hogweed, with its large, maplelike leaves and broad umbrella-like clusters of small, white flowers.

No matter that the federal government bans import of the Caucasian native as a "noxious weed" worse than poison ivy. The hogweed is already here and because of the way the Agriculture Department views federal law, it won't stop hogweed shipments from one state to another.

That kind of loophole could close. Aware of billions of dollars in damage that weeds can cause, the department and Congress are working on ways to keep more plants out of this country and restrict the movement of weeds already here.

The changes are long overdue, said Howard M. Singletary Jr., director of the plant industry division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Compared with such undesirable pests as Mediterranean fruit flies and gypsy moths, imported weeds have gotten short shrift.

"They receive less attention because they do not creep, crawl or fly and in many cases take longer to establish and begin to proliferate," he said.

But the Weed Science Society of America estimates annual crop losses and herbicide costs from nonnative weeds at \$3.6 billion to

\$5.4 billion a year, Singletary noted in recent testimony before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. That does not include the impact on natural areas, human health, and government spending.

Prompted by a report from the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, the committee is looking at the threat from thousands of foreign pests, from microbial pesticides to zebra mussels.

Weeds are an important but neglected component, the report said.

"Weed control programs throughout federal agencies are generally small and underfunded," OTA researcher Phyllis Windle told the committee.

According to OTA, the government has made little use of Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, a 20-year-old law.

The Agriculture Department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service took eight years to put 93 species on the list, although 750 additional species would qualify, the report said.

APHIS has tried to quarantine only one noxious plant, witchweed, that has plagued the Carolinas since the 1950s. Because of its possible threat to corn, the nation's most important crop, the department has worked with North and South Carolina to wipe out the pest.

Without a quarantine effort under way, APHIS won't try to halt the interstate movement of plants. Yet quarantines are expen-

sive, difficult and sometimes unpopular undertakings.

Those loopholes mean no federal rules will keep a thorny new pest known as the tropical soda apple from moving out of Florida, where it is taking over large areas of pastureland. The plant could be spread by the dung from cows that are able to eat the plants at certain times. A quarantine could hinder the movement of cattle outside the state.

The OTA report urged the weed act to restrict native U.S. plants that could be pests if taken outside where they normally grow. Also, pests that afflict non-farmland would be included.

"It doesn't make much sense to be able to work on a weed only in agricultural production areas when you go up to the boundary of a parkland and can't do it just across the park," said B. Glen Lee, deputy administrator for plant protection and quarantine at APHIS.

Lee said the agency agrees with the OTA report, is drafting regulations and has completed a draft bill that would embrace many of the recommendations. But the agency is still trying to determine how much it will cost in people and dollars to expand its authority.

In the meantime, gardeners can still buy purple loosestrife for its long spires of closely set small flowers. Tolerant of wet areas and suitable for wild settings, the weed has already spread to 37 states. It cost Minnesota \$500,000 to control between 1987 and 1991. But it hasn't made the federal weed list yet.

Nation's pecan growers balk at shelling out funding for promotional programs

By FRITZ THOMPSON
Albuquerque Journal

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Last September, 5,000 of the nation's pecan growers voted on whether to continue a promotional program that seemed pretty simple.

Months later, the ballots remain uncounted and pecan growers are at each other's throats as the federal government works to untangle an astonishing 2,000 challenges alleging election irregularities.

Among the accusations: claims that deceased people cast ballots, that people with a single pecan tree in the back yard voted, and that growers who sold only for cash voted no because it would create a paper trail to their taxable profits.

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., marketing experts are saying this is the most confrontational checkoff referendum on record.

After shepherding 14 similar programs into being, they say they've never run into this much trouble before.

The pecan growers voted whether to sign over a percentage of profits — a penny per pound for shelled pecans and a halfpenny for in-shell pecans — for advertising and research.

Collecting the money would be the responsibility of the buyers; they are charged with deducting the proper percentage from the sale price. They must do the calculations, fill out the forms and send the money to the Pecan Marketing Board, which decides how to spend it.

The checkoff would fund a carbon copy of other producer-financed advertisement ideas that have given a high profile to everything from beef ("It's what's for dinner.") to cotton to eggs to watermelons.

But one opponent of the checkoff calls the assessment a tax. He says the referendum will be rejected, passing by a narrow margin only in New Mexico and Arizona, while in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia "it's going to lose big time."

"The challenges are a lowdown, rotten, dirty trick," says Texas producer Newell Atkinson, whose name appears on a Coalition Against Pecan Taxation flier opposing the checkoff. "And all those challenges came from people who could see they were going to lose when the votes are finally counted."

Proponents say they filed almost all their challenges because they question tactics used by growers who want to see the referendum fail.

"I can't tell you what motivated these challenges to the vote," says Ken Clayton, a marketing authority for the USDA in Washington. "And I would be a bit cautious about drawing any broad conclusions as to whether the industry supports the checkoff or not."

Clayton wouldn't speculate on how much longer it will take to clear the challenges and count the ballots.

"I'll tell you why there were so many challenges," says one New Mexico pecan grower who asked not to be identified. "It's because we think there were a lot of ineligible people voting — people who were persuaded by some farmers that the assessment is a tax and that the checkoff is not a good thing."

"There are farmers who have been selling their crops for cash and not reporting it on their income tax. If the checkoff goes into effect, there'll be a record and they'll get caught."

This "underground economy in the pecan business" exists to varying degrees nationwide, says Karin Davidson, a Las Cruces pecan farmer and president of the four-state Western Pecan Growers Association.

There are challenges against votes by people who appeared on the registration lists but who are dead and against non-commercial "back yard pecan growers" with one or two pecan trees who were persuaded to vote

against the referendum, Davidson says.

Further protests over eligibility were lodged against husbands and wives who each cast a ballot for a single pecan operation.

New Mexico is the nation's third-leading producer of pecans, behind Georgia and Texas. Last year, New Mexico grew 36 million pounds of pecans worth \$23.4 million.

Davidson says the checkoff was meant to make pecans more competitive with walnuts and almonds, which have their own assessments.

"There was no opposition whatsoever in the beginning," says Las Cruces pecan grower Paulina Salopek. "All of a sudden out of the clear blue here came this opposition. We didn't want that. We didn't want to tear this industry apart."

Her dismay is all the more acute because she chairs the congressionally authorized Pecan Marketing Board, which would administer the checkoff fund.

Preliminary collection of assessments has been in effect since 1991. The law provided for the 1993 referendum in which growers, grower-shellers and importers would vote to continue, terminate or suspend the program.

Atkinson insists the assessment is a tax: "If something is taken from you non-voluntarily, where you pay a \$5,000 fine and spend five years in federal prison if you don't pay — if that is not a tax, I don't know what the devil it is."

Davidson disputes Atkinson's characterization.

"The assessment is not a tax and it's not a government program," she says. "The opponents are playing to the emotions of growers when they say it is a tax. The opposition is putting this kind of a spin on it, and unfortunately, bad news spreads faster than good news."

The federal rules and regulations on the pecan marketing program bureaucratically define a grower as "any person engaged in the production and sale of pecans in the United States who owns, or who shares in the ownership and risk of loss of, such pecans."

Davidson says that's too general.

"What is a pecan grower? I don't know. I don't know why they didn't do a better job of defining one," she says.

Atkinson seized on the rule to mean anyone who had one tree and sold one single pecan became eligible to vote.

"Technically, that is probably correct," Clayton says. "Trying to decide who is eligible to vote is the reason it's taking us so long to count the ballots."

Davidson believes no one with fewer than two acres of pecan trees should be classified as a pecan farmer.

Atkinson says there are towns in Mississippi, Georgia and Texas with so many pecan trees "that virtually everybody had a right to vote."

"When they (opponents) found out that certain areas had voted against the referendum, they sent paid, hired hands in there with a form letter and challenged the whole county," he says.

Kae Josefy of Idabel, Okla., who heads the Coalition Against Pecan Taxation, calls challenges "massive and malicious."

"In my county alone, 110 people were registered to vote and 98 were challenged," Josefy says.

Among the coalition's myriad objections to the program, Josefy lists the ultimate control by the USDA and the plan for marketing research "instead of production research."

Meanwhile, Clayton keeps trying to put out brush fires. "It's not uncommon to have challenges," he admits, "but it's also fair to say not in the proportions we've had in this referendum."

Proposed crop insurance plan draws criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mandatory crop insurance being proposed by the administration would give many farmers less than what they received for 1993 floods and drought but more than for earlier calamities, the Agriculture Department says.

"The level of protection is consistent with the disaster programs passed in recent years," Kenneth Ackerman, manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corp., told the House agricultural appropriations subcommittee last week.

Calling the numbers "soft," Ackerman nonetheless said that the catastrophic crop insurance being proposed would have meant \$400 million to \$600 million in lower payments to farmers for last year's floods and drought.

Ackerman also cautioned that the numbers do not account for the additional government-subsidized coverage that growers would purchase from private companies.

Crop catastrophes in 1993 cost the government \$2.4 billion in disaster payments and \$1.6 billion in crop insurance indemnities, the department says.

Much of that difference is because many growers received crop insurance and disaster payments, covering a greater share of losses.

Ackerman noted after his testimony that 1993 was unusual because Congress gave growers all the money they were entitled to under the disaster formula.

In previous disasters, growers received only 50 cents on the dollar because of spending constraints.

The catastrophic coverage formula gives "definitely more than 50 percent and generally closer to the 100 percent," he said.

A departmental comparison shows the disaster formula giving growers \$87.76 for an acre of corn, with the crop insurance proposal giving \$86.40.

For soybeans, the repayment is \$100 an acre under disaster assistance, compared with \$80 under catastrophic.

But Ackerman said that under the insurance plan, growers would be assured of coverage with a predictable formula. Moreover, he said, an individual grower with losses could get assistance without waiting

for an entire area to be declared a disaster.

The administration bill aims at making crop insurance the primary source of disaster assistance, by requiring all participants in farm programs to have a basic level of catastrophic coverage.

In exchange for a \$50 paperwork fee, growers would receive coverage for losses above 50 percent of the crop, at 60 percent of the crop's price.

The administration hopes that by pushing people in the direction of crop insurance, they will buy more coverage, and not count on disaster legislation from Congress. The bill would make it more difficult for Congress to make the disaster appropriations.

Ackerman noted in his testimony that private crop insurance companies took an \$82 million underwriting loss because of last year's disasters.

The program has been criticized in the past for letting private companies reap profits from the same policies that caused the government to lose money.

Controls tightened on import of emus, ostriches

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an effort to prevent smuggling of a group of birds that includes ostriches and emus, the Agriculture Department is requiring that record-keeping and identification requirements be met in their country of origin.

Import requirements for rattes are strict because the birds can carry diseases that could devastate the poultry and livestock industries if introduced into the United States.

"These requirements provide us with sufficient information to ensure that imported rattes are not smuggled or otherwise unqualified for importation to the United States because they may have been exposed to communicable diseases," said Donald Luchsinger, acting deputy for veterinary services in USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Rattes are flightless birds such as ostriches and emus. An estimated 52,500 rattes and their eggs are expected to be imported

into the United States this year. The total value of rattes released from USDA quarantine is estimated at \$34.5 million.

Luchsinger said the high risk of smuggled birds having communicable diseases, along with the continued demand for imported rattes, prompted the emergency action by the inspection service.

Before an import permit can be issued for rattes from another country, a health inspection service veterinarian must inspect the foreign farm to ensure that the flocks are pen-raised and contain a sufficient number of breeding pairs to produce the number of rattes or eggs intended for export.

Luchsinger said sometimes smuggled rattes have been "laundered" in with pen-raised birds on qualified farms, making it difficult to monitor the number of birds and eggs coming from each flock.

The new rule requires that all pen-raised rattes from approved farms have microchip implants

that identify them by number before shipment to the United States.

This microchip identification information will be used by veterinary officials of the exporting country and health inspection service veterinarians to cross-reference the identities of the birds by flock in an effort to prevent smuggling.

Also, all hatching eggs must be marked with the data of production in indelible ink. Managers of foreign rattle farms must also keep daily registers of the number of ostriches and eggs added to or removed from the flock by the identification number of their microchips.

"To ensure that information provided to APHIS about rattle imports is accurate, foreign governments must assist their rattle producers by centralizing and verifying production records and ensuring that all identification and record-keeping provisions are consistently met," Luchsinger said.

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Japanese-American in Marines after winning case against discrimination

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bruce Yamashita got a new Marine-style haircut and donned a fresh uniform Friday to join the Marine Corps, the military service he said had ostracized him five years ago because of racial discrimination.

Yamashita, 38, a Washington attorney of Japanese ancestry, was commissioned a captain in the Marine Corps Reserves in ceremonies held in the House Armed Services Committee room before lawmakers, civil rights representatives, Pentagon officials and supporters from his native Hawaii.

"It is with great pride that I wear this uniform today," Yamashita said after the ceremony. "It means much more to me now than ever I could have imagined five years ago."

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Frederick F.Y. Pang hailed the Pentagon decision to admit wrongdoing against Yamashita and commission him as a captain. "It's a vindication of not only soon-to-be Captain Yamashita, but a vindication of the process of democracy."

Yamashita was drummed out of officer candidate school at Quantico, Va., in April 1989, only two days before graduation, on grounds of "leadership failure."

He appealed, saying he was the victim of persistent racial harassment and physical abuse during the training program, including instructors who said "we don't want your kind around here. Go back to your country."

"It was an attack on the very heart of America," said Yamashita, whose grandparents emigrated to Hawaii 100 years ago.

The Pentagon initially denied Yamashita's discrimination claims, saying "Mr. Yamashita is looking for reasons outside of himself to fault." But after a second investigation in 1991, the Marine Corps issued a formal apology while still not offering a commission.

Yamashita rejected that conclusion, as he did a 1993 proposal to commission him as a second lieutenant. He said that did not take into account the four years that had passed since his dismissal.

Last December, Pang agreed that Yamashita should be given his captain's bars, writing that "I have determined that the racially insensitive treatment to which you were subjected by individuals at OCS contributed to an environment which may have compromised your ability to succeed."

"Bruce Yamashita understands that good Marines don't run away from a fight," Rep. Norman Mineta, D-Calif., said at the ceremonies.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The City of Pampa, Texas, will receive sealed bids for the following until 11:00 A.M., April 5, 1994, at which time they are opened and read publicly in the City Finance Conference Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Pampa, Texas:

SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING M. K. BROWN SWIMMING POOL
Specifications may be obtained from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, Phone 806/669-5700. Sales Tax Exemption Certificates shall be furnished upon request.

Bids may be delivered to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, Pampa, Texas or mailed to P. O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING SWIMMING POOL BID ENCLOSED, BID NO. 94.06" and show date and time of bid opening. Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any informalities and technicalities. The City Commission will consider bids for award at the April 12, 1994 Commission Meeting.

Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary
March 20, 27, 1994

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals addressed to the City of Pampa, Texas, will be received at the Office of the City Secretary, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499, until 11:00 A.M., April 7, 1994, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for "SEAL COATING STREETS, 1994" on approximately 316,058 sq. yards of principally residential streets. Alternate bids will be considered to double seal certain streets as designated on the plans. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "SEAL COATING STREETS BID ENCLOSED, BID NO. 94.05" and show day and time of bid opening. The City Commission will award the seal coating project during the April 26, 1994 Commission Meeting.

Bidders shall submit their bids on the form attached to the Specifications and must submit therewith a Cashier's or Certified check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a bid bond payable without recourse to the order of the City of Pampa, in an amount not less than 5% of the bid submitted on the project as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds on the form provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him.

The successful Bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds on the forms attached to the Specifications in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company approved by the Owner holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive informalities and technicalities. In cases of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done. The contractor shall comply with all State and Federal regulations regarding wages and conditions of employment, including, but not limited, to those rules and regulations set forth or referred to in the Specifications.

Bids will be opened in City Commission Chamber (Third Floor City Hall), Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and Plans are on file with the City Purchasing Agents' office (Third Floor, Susan Crane 669-5700, City Hall), 200 West Foster, Pampa, Texas 79065. No charge for plans and specifications to qualified bidders.

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PHYLIS JEFFERS
City Secretary
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The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for Maintenance, Custodial and Grounds Operations Management Services for the School District until 2 p.m., April 18, 1994. Proposals are to be addressed to Pampa ISD, Business Office, Attention: Anita Patterson, Purchasing Director, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. Specifications may be obtained from the same address or by calling (806) 669-4705.

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SAT format may be new, but test butterflies are just the same

By CAROLE FELDMAN
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Kate Hill shows up to take the new SAT exam Saturday, she'll bring her calculator along with her No. 2 pencils. So will classmate Scott Harrison and thousands of college-bound high school juniors and seniors around the country.

The use of calculators is just one of the changes the new SAT, which will be different from the test given for the last 20 years.

Seventy-five percent of the nation's colleges and universities use the SAT test in its admissions decisions. The College Board, which sponsors the test, said the new version better measures a student's ability to think critically and more accurately reflects what is being taught in the classroom.

Even the formal name has been changed — from Scholastic Aptitude Test to Scholastic Assessment Tests.

"High school and college teachers from around the country suggested that the new SAT should continue to emphasize thinking more than memorizing; that is, emphasize the ability to use information, knowledge and skills, more than testing whether you have information, knowledge and skills. The changes in the SAT reflect this advice," the College Board said in its book *Introducing the New SAT*.

Some 200,000 high school students are expected to take the test Saturday.

Among them is Hill, a 17-year junior at Manasquan High School in New Jersey. She got a taste of the new exam when she took the pretest — the PSAT — last October.

"The fact that you could use a calculator on the math section, I think that helped me a lot," Hill said.

"With my skills I was just better at it."

In 10 of the 60 math questions, students will have to figure the answer, rather than pick one of five presented as a multiple choice. They'll have to write in the answer, then express it in a grid, column by column.

Harrison, also a junior at Manasquan, is more concerned about the verbal section of the test. "Reading comprehension is my weakness," he said. "I hear they're expanding it."

In fact, half of the new SAT's verbal section will test reading comprehension, said Lisa Bartl, associate director of the New SAT Project for the College Board. The length of the reading passages has been increased, and the College Board has moved to make them more lively to engage the reader.

The new test assesses a student's vocabulary through the reading passages, rather than through a separate section on antonyms, or opposites, which has been dropped.

"We're asking students to think more critically, to take a more active posture rather than rote memorization of words," Bartl said.

Many students said they're feeling pre-test jitters, but not because of the SAT's new format.

"I'm a little bit nervous because I know how much it's taken into consideration when applying for college," said Marita Erbeck, a 16-year-old junior at Manasquan. "If I get too worked up about it, I'll do worse."

To help students prepare, Manasquan Principal Jeffrey Osborne is using videos and computer software prepared by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and providing test-taking skills and sample questions in math and English

classes. "We also run a special semester length course in the fall of each year for math preparation and verbal preparation," he said.

The College Board discourages outside coaching classes offered by private companies. "Short cuts to beat the test don't work," Bartl said.

"If a student takes the time to really get familiar with the test format and has done extensive reading and development of reading abilities, there's no reason to be more nervous about this test than any other test," she said.

But Kaplan Educational Centers cited a study by Price Waterhouse that said participation in Kaplan's test preparation classes increased a student's score by an average 115 points. A perfect score on the SAT is 1600.

"There is a tremendous anxiety about the SAT, now more than ever," said Kate Foster, Kaplan's SAT director. "They've heard that the tests are changing and they want to know why."

Kaplan has enrolled about 150,000 students annually, but Foster said that has increased significantly with

the introduction of the new SAT. For the new PSAT alone, she said, enrollment was up 300 percent.

The National Center for Fair and Open Testing, which is critical of standardized testing, says the winners in the new SAT will be coaching companies like Kaplan and Princeton Review. Students, it said, are the losers because of the "failure to address the test's fundamental

flaws such as its gender and class biases."

Citing what it says is the test-maker's own research, the organization says, "It is expected that girls will still receive lower test scores than boys even though females earn better grades in both high school and college when matched for identical course work. Students whose first language is not English will also still

be at a disadvantage on tricky word problems."

The College Board says there is nothing new in the charges of bias. "The test is absolutely fair and it always has been," Bartl said.

She said the results reflect the "unequal education experience between men and women. Women tend to take fewer of the tough math and science courses."

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