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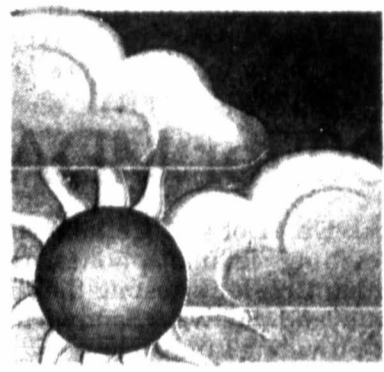
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High today in upper 60s. Low tonight in mid 30s. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — The Celebration of Lights volunteers and board committeemen will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at 2125 N. Hobart. This will be a regular workshop meeting, which is held every Monday; however, a brief business meeting will precede the work session, said committee chair Kathleen Chaney.

Chaney said the work sessions already started this year are having good results, and several new creations are in the making for the 1997 Christmas lighting exhibits.

All volunteer help is wanted on these special projects, and Chaney offers an invitation for the public's attendance at any meeting or work session.

PAMPA — A subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the first floor break room of City Hall.

The subcommittee will discuss a recent community-wide survey of Pampa residents concerning Pampa's parks and recreation areas. The meeting will be used to prepare the survey results for the city commissioners at their Feb. 25 meeting.

The public is invited to attend the subcommittee meeting. Anyone wanting more information on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board can call 669-5770.

PAMPA — Kentucky Street from Perry west to Price Road will be closed beginning Monday, Feb. 3, due to construction. The section of road will be closed for two to three months for the renovation work.

AUSTIN (AP) — People have until Feb. 18 to sign up for the Texas Tomorrow Fund, a plan that allows them to lock in future tuition and fee costs for their children or grandchildren at today's prices.

The money can be paid in a single lump sum or with monthly installments until the beneficiary graduates from high school.

The Tomorrow Fund program was authorized by the 1995 Legislature. This round's enrollment period began in November.

Rates vary based on a child's age, whether they will attend a two-year or four-year institution and whether the school is public or private.

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County, city to continue talks on jail

By SHERRY CROMARTIE Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners Friday gave tentative approval to the county and city agreeing to coordinate their local inmate jail services.

City Police Chief Charlie Morris, along with Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, presented the court a proposal between Gray County and the City of Pampa, contracting for the county sheriff's department to provide jail services for the city's arrestees and holding prisoners, including those arrested for certain misdemeanor offenses and/or felony offenses.

Under this agreement, the two entities would act under the authority granted by the Interlocal Cooperation Act of the Government Code.

County commissioners accepted the concept of the agreement for housing city prisoners in the county jail system but also approved a proposal allowing changes by either party as perceived, including altering the agreement addressing the responsibility of medical coverages of the city's prisoners while in custody of the county jail.

The settlement of responsibility for the medical coverage of the city's prisoners will have to be resolved between the city and county before the agreement is finalized.

Commissioners approved the city's sale of property located at 709 N. Frost in compliance with city policy, after hearing from Danny Winborn of the city tax department concerning the city's policy of handling sales of tax delinquent properties.

Winborn explained that by city policy, set in 1989, the City of Pampa does not offer property for sale unless the bid covers at least one-half of the due taxes, handled through a sheriff's sale.

In answering questions on the Frost Street property, he said that because of the generous bid offered on that location and considering its dilapidated condition, the city accepted a bid offer from a buyer, who also agrees to clear the property within a designated time.

He said persons questioning the city's decision had made an offer, but did not meet the one-half tax price, saying the property was not worth the price; therefore, the alternate bid was accepted.

Commissioner Jim Greene commented on the six months waiting period to hold the property before transferring ownership, which is also a policy agreed to in order to protect all the taxing entities and owners when a piece of property is

not purchased at the set bid price.

The sale of the Frost Street property was also approved by the Pampa school board at its recent meeting, according to Winborn.

There were no other questions or comments from people in attendance following this explanation.

Commissioners discussed uninsured motorists protection and sufficient coverages needed on county vehicles as proposed by Bill Bridges, local insurance agent. The court approved insurance coverage changes on the county's current vehicle insurance blanket policies, providing "uninsured motorists coverage" on all vehicles of five years or older, and full coverage on newer vehicles and large trucks used for road and utility service.

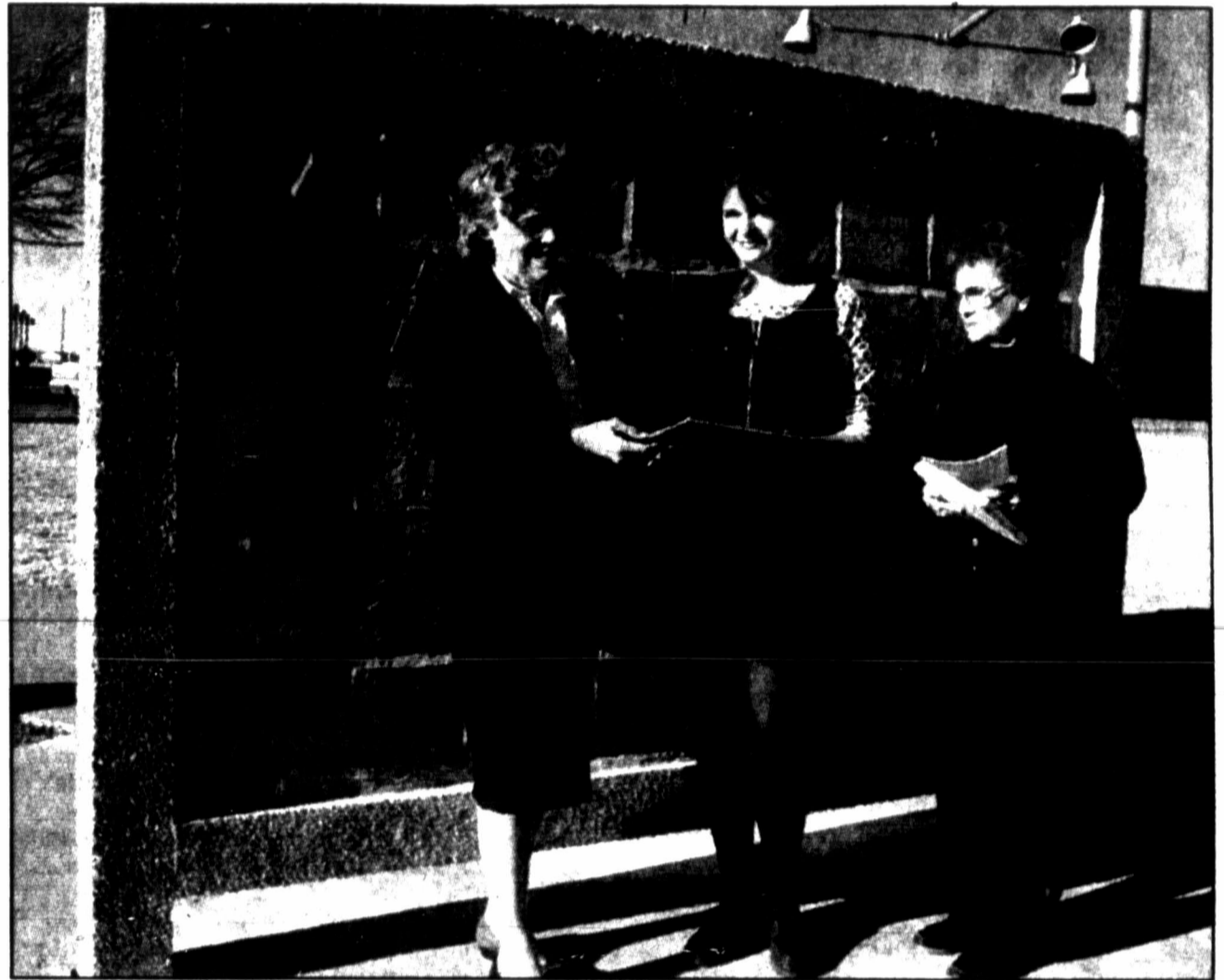
Court approval was given for Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge to purchase a laptop computer to use to provide him a more efficient method of handling his work load.

Lockridge said he will coordinate his files and warrant records similar to the same computer system used in the county sheriff's department, which will help him work cooperatively with the sheriffs and justices of peace of Gray County and other counties.

Commissioners approved a change of personnel status of the clerical help in the office of Precinct 4 Judge Mary Ann Carpenter to a "regular part-time employee," with a monthly salary of \$690.55, based on required 20 hours per week minimum, plus the employee's eligibility for retirement benefits. The clerical position previously was part-time only, at 17 1/2 hours per week and hourly wages.

Commissioners also considered and approved:

- Payment of all bills and salaries; all transfers and intra-budget transfer requests.
- Correction of Jan. 13 minutes on court action to reflect addition of Carla Carter to the county's payroll account and payable accounts at Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center.
- County Treasurer Scott Hahn to hire a new full-time assistant in his office.
- Naming Judge Richard Peet ex-officio member to the 1997 Pampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
- An Interlocal Agreement for Conducting Hearings and Proceedings for court-ordered mental health services with Potter County, relative to persons under age 65; and
- A decision to defer action to Feb. 14 on rental contract for office space at the County Annex building with the Farm Service Agency pending completion of forms.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Pampa High School art teacher Amy Brendle-Ivins, center, receives a certificate of appreciation from Darlene Birkes, left, and a copy of the recently published "Art History Wall" pamphlet from Thelma Bray, on behalf of Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art, for artists' work and original designs of local art students placed on the last panel of the M.K. Brown Auditorium's Art History Wall sculpture.

Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art nears completion of local art history wall

By SHERRY CROMARTIE Staff Writer

Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art's President Darlene Birkes made a presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Amy Brendle-Ivins, whose Pampa High School art classes designed tiles on the eighth and last panel of the art history wall located south of M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Thelma Bray, PAFOA member, presented Ivins a copy of the history-brand booklet, titled "Art History Wall," recently published by the foundation. The pamphlet gives the history and specific identification of

each of the cattle brands and individual's original designed symbols imprinted on the west two panels of the wall.

The original designed wall is sculpted in the shape of a Texas flag, and the brands are inscribed in the background of the flag that contains bas-relief designs of history done by Pampa artisans.

On the east panel are mosaics done by members of the Pampa Art Club, and on three panels, sculptured art done by school children from Pampa and area schools, coordinated by James Hinkley of White Deer, complete the walls of creative art contributions.

Other outdoor sculpture seen outside the M.K. Brown Auditorium is the music staff and notes depicting the song by Woody Guthrie, "This Land Is Your Land," created by welder Rusty Neef in 1992.

Located at the corner of Somerville and Hobart is a bronze statue of buffalo hunter-rancher Perry Lefors, (1841-1909) riding over grasslands of the Diamond F Ranch when he was foreman in the 1880s, created by artist Rich Muno and commissioned by Emmett Lefors in 1986.

"Grandfather's Vision" will be a future piece of sculpture for the grounds, sculpted by Pampa artist Gerald Sanders. The bronze, when completed, is a young pioneer cowboy listening to a frontier Indian medicine man, who envisions the oil discovered in 1925, bringing wealth and industry to the panhandle. More art pieces are planned for the grounds, as well as landscaping, including a hike and bike trail.

According to Birkes, copies of the brand booklet are free to the public and may be picked up at the M.K. Brown Auditorium office, the White Deer Land Museum and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Additional landscaping work for the wall area has been undertaken by city workers, the beginning of a project agreement between the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art and the city Parks Department.

According to a spokesperson for the art foundation, the city is providing labor and \$2,500 donations to the foundation's \$4,000 approved for the project. In addition to the benches, trees and other landscaping vegetation will be planted this spring.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

City of Pampa Parks Department workers Geno Shuck, Freddy Wilbon, Charlie Dickson and Curtis Shelton are shown placing new metal bench seating in the area near the Art History Wall in the park at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Pampa business office to be closed as result of SPS merger

The planned merger of Southwestern Public Service Co. and Public Service Co. of Colorado will result in job reductions resulting directly from the merger, as well as closing of some business offices, including Pampa's, and changes in operations for other offices.

The two companies are planning to merge as New Century Energies, with other preparations being made for competition in the electric utility industry. Officials say the changes will assure continued quality service, the companies announced in a prepared news release.

Most of the anticipated staffing reductions are in customer-accounting and cor-

porate support areas. Service personnel, such as power plant employees and linemen, will be affected only minimally, the companies said.

Thirty percent of the merged companies' combined personnel will be in the SPS service area, and 70 percent in the PSCo service area. The ratio of positions was 29 percent to 71 percent before the companies began merger discussions.

The Pampa SPS business office is among 17 of those expected to be closed, with 26 of the business offices remaining open. The Pampa office is scheduled to close by November, along with those in Hereford, Levelland and Plainview.

SPS also expects to close the Tahoka business office by May. Closings scheduled by August include Canyon, Denver City, Dumas, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Perryton, Ralls, Seminole and Slaton, all in Texas, and Artesia, Portales and Tucumcari in New Mexico.

Personnel in these offices will be given the opportunity to relocate to other SPS facilities in their communities.

The 26 other SPS business offices will be retained, with their operations refocused to continue as bases of operation for employees providing electric service and involved in community economic development, sales, engineering or other

responsibilities. These offices, however, will no longer process bill payments.

In Texas, these office changes will affect Abernathy, Canadian, Dimmitt, Floydada, Morton, Olton, Panhandle, Post, Seagraves, Spearman, Stratford and Wheeler by May; Dalhart by August; and Amarillo, Borger and Lubbock by November, according to the news release.

"We will still have employees in the communities to assure reliable electric service," said SPS Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bill D. Helton, who will become chairman and CEO of New Century Energies.

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Services

Services today
SLEPKO, Alma — 3:30 p.m., Nazarene Church, Wheeler.
Services tomorrow
BLAKEMORE, James Andrew — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Shamrock.
NASH, Morris Willard "Tiny" — 2 p.m., Bible Baptist Church, Woodward, Okla.

Obituaries

JAMES ANDREW BLAKEMORE
SHAMROCK — James Andrew Blakemore, 71, of Shamrock, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church of Shamrock with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of the Calvary Christian Church in Shamrock, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors.

Mr. Blakemore had lived in Shamrock since 1941. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 81st Field Artillery Division. After being discharged from the Army, he went into business with his late father and brother. They owned two truck stops on Route 66, Davis Bumper to Bumper and Blakemore Super Service. They later purchased Montgomery Chevrolet and operated it as Blakemore Chevrolet for more than 20 years. He married June Vearner on April 13, 1947, in Shamrock. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, a 50-year member of the Deshazo George Post of the American Legion in Shamrock and a committee member of the Adobe Walls Council of the Boy Scouts for many years. He also served as president of the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, June, of Shamrock; a son, Richard Dale Blakemore of Shamrock; a daughter, Gloria Danette of Shamrock; a grandson, Jimmy Dale Blakemore of Burnet; and a granddaughter, Pamela Michelle Blakemore of Burnet. The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

RUBY HOSEA

RUBY HOSEA, 72, of Pampa, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 1997. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Hosea was born July 27, 1924, at Bonham. She married Connie Hosea in 1943 at Pampa; he died April 3, 1987. She had lived in Pampa for more than 50 years. She retired in 1986. She was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. She enjoyed making ceramic pottery and gardening.

She also was preceded in death by both parents, Johnnie Mae Dorsey in 1972 and Kermit Dorsey.

Survivors include a daughter, Edna Brown of Tulsa; a brother, Marvin Dorsey of Dallas; three grandsons; two granddaughters; 16 great-grandchildren; eight cousins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

MORRIS WILLARD 'TINY' NASH

WOODWARD, Okla. — Morris Willard "Tiny" Nash, 68, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, at Woodward Hospital and Health Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Gary D. Cox officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery under the direction of Billings Funeral Home of Woodward.

Mr. Nash was born March 3, 1928, at Lawson, Ark., to Ellis and Allie Nash. He graduated from Lawson High School in 1946 and worked for Oklahoma Tire and Supply Company for four years. He later went to work for PGAC Well Service Company in Shreveport, La., in 1950. He married Myrtis Ione Hansen on July 2, 1952, at Norphlet, Ark. The couple moved to Pampa in 1956, where he continued to work for PGAC. He was transferred to Woodward in 1962. In 1968, Dresser-Atlas purchased PGAC; he continued to work for the company as a service manager, retiring in March 1983 after 34 years of service. He was a member of Bible Baptist Church and enjoyed playing the guitar.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Hubert Nash and Edward Cleo Nash; a halfbrother, James E. Nash, a baby sister; and four grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtis, of the home; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Myrtis Lee and Bill Hunter of Longview, Texas, Callie and Daniel Smith and Audrey and Paul Best, all of Woodward; and Wanda Nash of Fairview, a son and daughter-in-law, Leo and Beverly Nash of Wichita Falls, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Audrey and John Hampton of El Dorado, Ark.; a brother and sister-in-law, Lealus W. and Janice Nash of Longview; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; an aunt; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ambulance

Rural Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Jan. 31

9:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing center on a possible trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

10:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of North Foster on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of West Wilks on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

12:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.

1:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing center on a possible trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

SATURDAY, Feb. 1

7:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Faulkner on a medical assist. No one was transported.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Jan. 31

Gray County deputies responded to Highway 70 for a report of an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Gray County deputies responded to the Lefors ISD in Lefors for a juvenile trespass.

Arrests

Rikki D. Driggers, 35, Pampa, was arrested on theft by check warrants from Randall and Potter counties. He remains in custody.

Ramona D. Herskell, 42, was arrested on theft by check warrant from Randall County. She remains in custody.

Timothy Terrill Lofton, 25, 1145 Neel Rd., was arrested on a charge of failure to appear. He paid his fines and was released.

Ernesto Cruz, 18, 1022 Jorden, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and a minor in possession. He remains in custody.

Leith Alyce Bridges, 50, 609 N. Faulkner, was arrested for permittee intoxicated on licensed premises. She remains in custody.

SATURDAY, Feb. 1

William David Wortham Jr., 37, 1053 Varnon Dr., was arrested on a Carson County warrant. He remains in custody.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Jan. 31

A theft of a pack of cigarettes was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson. Damage to a windshield of a 1978 Ford Ranger is estimated at \$300.

A 22-year-old female reported an assault in the 300 block of North Faulkner. Only minor injuries were reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Charles. Damage to the windshield of a 1994 F-250 is estimated at \$200.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Wells. Damage to the windshield of a 1983 Chevy pickup is estimated at \$200.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Charles. Damage to the windshield of a 1984 Ford F-350 is estimated at \$500.

A theft was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis. Taken was a \$150 Keystone bicycle.

Fires

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

FRIDAY, Jan. 31

11:56 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 755 Wilks on a good intent call.

1:02 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to 615 Tignor on a grass fire.

SATURDAY, Feb. 1

1:09 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Gray F and Gray 17 on a grass fire.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Preschool story hour will be held at Lovett Memorial Library 10 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. Children ages three to five are welcome.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 2125 N. Hobart. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PANHANDLE AREA LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP

The Panhandle Area Lupus Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the Community Room, FirstBank Southwest, 201 S. Main in Perryton. Robb Redelsperger, pharmacist for Ochiltree General Hospital, will bring the program. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information or assistance, call (806) 435-7030 or (806) 435-6056.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter #65, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Masonic Lodge Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill. All members are encouraged to attend.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	669-5830

Clinton wants family leave law expanded

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton urged Congress to expand the family medical leave law to allow parents to take time off work to deal with family obligations.

Clinton's goal: Permit workers to take up to 24 hours of unpaid leave a year to attend parent-teacher conferences or take a child to dental or medical appointments.

"By expanding family leave ... we can enable millions more of our fellow Americans to meet their responsibilities both at home and at work," Clinton said in his weekly radio address Saturday.

"Our society can never be stronger than the children we raise or the families in which we

raise them," he said.

The family leave law was the first bill Clinton signed after becoming president in 1993, and he said that at its fourth anniversary it stands as a striking success.

More than 12 million Americans have taken advantage of the Family and Medical Leave Act, which covers an estimated 67 million workers and applies to companies with 50 or more employees. The law offers 12 weeks of unpaid leave within a 12-month period with job protection and continued health care coverage in certain situations.

These include caring for newborn or adopted children within 12 months of birth or adoption, coping with serious illness of family members or inability to

perform one's job because of serious health problems.

In calling for the expansion of the law Clinton is acting to keep a promise made during his re-election campaign.

It was one that was opposed by Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole, who said the federal government should stay out of the family leave issue altogether, prompting the Clinton campaign to accuse the former senator of showing resistance to new ideas.

Stating that many eligible workers still do not know of the family leave law, Clinton said the government will launch a multimedia campaign to spread the word "to make sure everyone knows how to make this law work for them."

Lock-Up raises nearly \$5,000 for MDA

The Muscular Dystrophy Association raised nearly \$5,000 last week thanks to friends, family members and co-workers willing to put up "bail money" for more than 20 Pampa business people who participated in the Pampa Lock-Up at Robert Knowles Automotive.

In both donations and pledges, the "jailbirds" brought in some \$4,996 in the third annual Lock-Up held in Pampa to benefit the Panhandle Chapter of MDA.

The one-day event, held Tuesday, Jan. 28, was hosted by Robert Knowles Automotive as one of the many events which are

planned this year to raise funds for the local MDA.

The funds will help the MDA chapter to offer programs and services to those in this area who are fighting one of the 40 neuromuscular diseases MDA covers.

Panhandle Chapter MDA officials said the funds will assist in providing such programs as clinic services, wheelchair purchase and repair, a summer camp for kids and valuable research efforts, thanks to the generosity of those "jailbirds" and their sponsors.

Chapter members also offered thanks to Knowles Automotive for providing the location for the

Lock-Up, Dobson Cellular for providing cellular phones, the Jordan Unit for arresting the jailbirds and Subway Sandwiches for providing sandwiches.

Business people finding themselves locked up for the MDA fund-raiser were Ronnie Riggs, Ted Dickman, Milton David, Leonard Hudson, Clois Robinson, Steve McClendon, Richard Wilson, Jerry Moore, Jean Martindale, Paul Nachtigall, Pat Farmer, Dr. Meganne Walsh, Roger Wells, Danny Winborn, Dr. M.W. Horne, Jack Gindorf, Oliver Schlaegel, Kathy Galloway, Tracy Skinner, Freida Helfer, Kay Harvey and Dawn Blair.

First State Bank of Miami names Lesly as president

MIAMI — David E. Locke, chairman of the board of directors of First State Bank of Miami, has announced that the board has selected Orbin R. Lesly to serve as bank president.

Lesly's appointment is effective Feb. 10, Locke said.

Lesly brings 10 years of experience as a bank examiner, which includes regulatory supervision of predominantly agricultural

banks located in West Texas as well as the Panhandle.

Lesly grew up in a small, rural town in north central Texas and is familiar with the needs and customs of a small-town environment and an agriculture economy, Locke said. He has focused his education and work experience toward banking since high school.

Lesly graduated from Har-

din-Simmons University at Abilene with a degree in finance in 1983 and has successfully completed numerous banking-related schools and seminars during his tenure with the regulatory agency.

He and his wife Carole have three children: Kalen, 10; Kiersten, 7; and Colton, 3 months. They will reside in Miami.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, partly cloudy and mild with a high in the upper 60s. Variable winds 10-20 mph. Tonight, variable cloudiness with a low in the mid 30s. Monday, mostly sunny with a high in the upper 60s. Saturday's high was 69.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Today, partly cloudy with highs from low to upper 60s. Tonight, mostly cloudy north to variable cloudiness south. Lows from around 30 to mid 30s. Monday, partly cloudy to mostly sunny with highs from mid 50s to mid 60s. South Plains: Today, partly cloudy. Highs 65-70. Tonight, fair. Lows 35-40. Monday, partly

cloudy. Highs mainly in the 60s.

North Texas — Today, partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy elsewhere. A chance of showers southeast. Highs 69 north to 76 southeast. Tonight, partly cloudy west and central. Mostly cloudy east with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 50 west to 62 east.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Today, partly cloudy with a slight chance of morning showers. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, cloudy with a chance of drizzle and fog. Lows in the 60s. Upper Coast: Today, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in the 60s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains:

Today, decreasing clouds with a chance of morning showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with areas of dense fog. Lows near 60 coast to mid 60s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Today, increasing clouds northwest, mostly fair elsewhere. Highs 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest, 60s to mid 70s lower elevations east and south. Tonight, mostly cloudy northwest third with a chance for rain and snow showers. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows teens to low 30s mountains and northwest, 30s to low 40s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Today, clear to partly cloudy. Highs from low and mid 50s northwest to mid 60s south. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s and low 40s.

City briefs

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"A CARING Touch" with Randy Beckton will broadcast February - March, Monday-Friday at 4:28 p.m. on 91.9 FM in Pampa. Adv.

BRIGHTON SHOES 30% off, Cole Haan 50% off. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, Downtown. 669-1091. Adv.

SUNDAY BUFFET Best in Town! Grand Coronado Inn Coffee Shop. Every Sunday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adv.

GREEN BAY Packers Super Bowl Champ caps, t-shirts and sweats have arrived. Adult and youth. Great looking and great prices. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

SILK RIBBON Embroidery Class, Thursday, February 6th, 7 p.m. Must pre-register. The Hobby Shop. Adv.

WILL BUY twin bed. Sell wheelchair. 665-6211. Adv.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING, Marvin Bowman, 669-3871. Ticket dismissal - (USA). Adv.

CALL 1-800-359-3131 for Weight Watchers information. Adv.

LEARN TO Handle Stress, Depression, Fears and Phobia, Worry, Guilt. Contact Hi-Plains Hypnosis Counseling Institute, 669-3418. Adv.

ACT I auditions, February 4th, Act I Theater, Pampa Mall, 7 p.m. "God's Favorite" by Neil Simon, 3 women, 5 men. Information call Berinda Turcotte, 665-9369. Adv.

NEEDED: AQUARIUM with lid only. About 50 gal. - Cheap. 669-0159. Adv.

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QUILT CLASSES, Sands Fabrics, February 11. Beginners strip piecing, Susie Edwards instructor. 669-7909, 665-4268. Adv.

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SPS merger already reducing jobs

Significant staffing reductions and high attrition already have occurred for the employment reductions expected for the planned merger of Southwestern Public Service Co. and Public Service Co. of Colorado as New Century Energies.

An anticipated further combined reduction of 399 positions will allow the combined companies to remain low-cost suppliers-of-choice in an increasingly competitive environment, said SPS Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bill D. Helton, who will become chairman and CEO of New Century Energies.

Total reductions in the SPS area will be 418 jobs. Of that amount, 169 reductions already have occurred through a merger-related hiring freeze and attrition, leaving 249 to go. A total of 1,831 SPS-area jobs will be retained, compared with 2,249 in 1995, the year the merger was announced.

Total reductions in the PSCo area will be 1,039 jobs. Of that amount, 889 reductions in positions already have occurred through a hiring freeze, attrition and previously planned reductions, leaving 150 to go. A total of 4,356 PSCo-area jobs will remain, compared with 5,395 in 1995.

The overall reduction of 1,457 positions, or 19 percent of the combined work forces, is greater than the original projection of 8 percent because of the expanded scope of expected competition. Employees of both companies were told last year that the reductions would be higher than originally estimated, according to a

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SPS

SPS officials say the schedule of closings and changes is based on SPS's expectation that customers will quickly find its new alternate payment centers more convenient after refocusing the operation of its 43 business offices.

SPS did not provide any details of the alternate payment centers, saying it will be announcing those details later this week. The news release did say the alternate payment centers would be located in businesses such as supermarkets, along with a centralized call center that can respond to customer questions for extended hours during the day.

"We have worked the past year and a half to prepare to operate as a low-cost, competitive, combined company. We chose not only to look at savings and efficiencies directly related to the merger, but also at customer convenience, new business practices and, especially, savings for our customers," he said.

Proposals to allow direct competition between electric utilities for retail customers are expected this year in Congress and in states served by PSCo and SPS.

"New Century Energies' preparations for such competition," Helton said, "emphasize involvement in the communities we serve and continuing high-quality service."

news release from the companies.

"We regret having to reduce our work forces; we greatly value all of our employees," Helton said. "But we find that we must make these changes to continue to prepare for the future."

Helton said employment plans are significantly more comprehensive than first anticipated, with literally hundreds of employees from both companies working together to design "a new company ready for a drastically changed environment of national competition in our industry."

He said the employment reduction figures reflect elimination of

overlapping positions, efficiency-related reductions under way the year the merger was announced and other reductions developed by employee teams.

Later this week or soon thereafter, the companies plan to provide individualized packets of information to each employee whose job is identified as "merger-affected." These are those positions that will be reduced in number or eliminated, or that will be subject to significant job-duty changes or geographic relocation.

Many positions in both companies, including jobs directly related to providing electric service,

will not be "merger-affected," the news release said. Numbers of affected jobs in individual departments or communities will be available after employees are notified, probably in a week or so.

Employees in merger-affected positions may apply for up to four positions in the merged companies. Employees who apply but are not selected will be eligible for involuntary separation packages of one and a half week's pay for each full year worked and other benefits, including job counseling and outplacement assistance. Some employees will be eligible for early retirement.

The companies also will offer a voluntary severance package for merger-affected employees who choose not to apply for continued employment. The voluntary severance package benefits include one week's pay for each full year worked.

If the merger continues to progress before utility regulators, the re-staffing process could begin late this week and be completed by March 31.

The merger has been approved by regulators in Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and New Mexico, and agreed to in Oklahoma.

Administrative law judges have recommended approval in Texas and at the federal level. Texas regulators are expected to act on the merger on Wednesday; federal regulators have not scheduled final action.

Completion of the merger is targeted for this spring.

WTAMU's radio station now on air at FM 91.1

CANYON — The One 91.1, West Texas A&M University's campus radio station, signed on the air Jan. 28 with a mission.

"This semester KWTS staff members will focus on achieving a higher community awareness and providing quality entertainment, while making it a great learning experience for the 85 students working in management or on-air positions," Jay Cloyd, KWTS program director and a senior mass communications major from Stratford, said.

Natalie Essary, KWTS general manager and a senior mass communications major from Amarillo, described the station as a great way for WTAMU students to find something they like to do while learning a valuable job skill that can carry them into the future.

Among the things added to the list of "To Do's," staff mem-

bers are working on the annual Ribbonfest, an AIDS benefit concert set for April 19, and preparing for a signal upgrade that will boost the station's power from 100 watts to 6,000 watts. Staff members have also committed to getting in touch with the community service organizations on campus and in the Canyon/Amarillo area.

"It is important to stay in touch with organizations that serve the community and to lend a helping hand to those entities," said Lesley Montgomery, KWTS public relations director and a senior mass communications major from Pampa.

KWTS signed on at 7 a.m. Jan. 28. The alternative-format station will broadcast from 7 a.m.-2 a.m. seven days a week. Installation of new operating equipment delayed the sign-on date one week.

Knife & Fork Club to meet Monday

Margo and Jimmy Carter, singers and entertainers, will be the featured artists for the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Pampa Country Club.

Their program is titled "An American Potpourri," according to Julia Dawkins, president.

The Carters, billed as The Lady and The Cop, have entertained all over America for audiences numbering as few as two to as many as 13,000, from Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and Tulsa, to Atlanta, Louisville, Roanoke and Charleston.

Margo is a home maintenance

engineer, while Jimmy is a former chief of police. Both love to entertain. Each has taught self-defense courses, and Jimmy has authored numerous articles as well as a weekly newspaper column.

"An American Potpourri" includes just a sampling of the 1,200 songs the Carters know. Inspiration is a big part of their program, and when they add their music and unique brand of humor to the music, there is pleasure aplenty for everyone.

Admission is for members only with tickets purchased in advance.

Forestry officials seek input on long-range improvements

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Federal forestry and grassland officials are seeking input from area residents regarding long-range improvements for the management and use of the federal land.

A community meeting was held Jan. 28 in Pampa for the purpose of reviewing and discussing existing conditions in areas of the Cibola National Forests/Black Kettle and McClellan Creek National Grasslands.

Approximately 25 people participated in the discussions conducted at the Gray County Courthouse Annex building under the direction of Ranger Reggie Blackwell.

Officials attending from the U.S.-Cibola National Forest Services and Black Kettle National Grasslands were Karen Carter, Stan Dykes, Jimmy Hibbits, Jay Fluhman and Blackwell. Others were representing Gray County, Lake McClellan Improvement and Development Inc., those concerned for tourism development and local conservationists.

Following a video presentation by range conservationist Dykes, Blackwell asked those attending

to share suggestions and ideas toward long-range improvements for the Lake McClellan Grasslands and forest land management plan.

Carter, public affairs officer from the Black Kettle offices in Albuquerque, N.M., asked for ideas relative to the importance of the lake recreation area and what it means to the local area.

According to Carter, currently some of the uses and management activities of the McClellan Creek National Grassland/Lake McClellan and the Black Kettle National Grasslands include recreation area reconstruction at the lake, lake bed modification and dredging, vegetation improvements, wildlife habitats, new fencing recently completed by inmates from the Jordan Unit, and economic or tourism development and local involvement.

Other constructive ideas presented for additional future improvements are new recreational vehicle areas to the campgrounds, more handicap accessways to make water edge entries and fishing areas safe, a water garden, improved bikers-hikers trails, horseback trails or nature trails.

Carter listed these ideas and suggestions, plus others already

included in the grasslands management programs for review. Each person in the room was provided a package of information, including a survey form to be completed and mailed to Black Kettle offices.

"The survey is to learn more ideas of what area users would like to see done for the recreational areas at Lake McClellan," Carter said.

Garth Thomas of McLean said the lake's relationship to I-40 Highway and the Old Route 66 highway is important to the development of area tourism. He also referred to its historical meaning to the area.

The lake is also a drawing card for people visiting the museums in McLean and in Pampa. He commented that tourists coming into the area from foreign countries, like Germany and France, need the scenic advantages such as Lake McClellan for their recreational opportunities and observing wildlife refuge, Thomas added.

Gray County Constable James Lewis recommended improvements of present facilities for campers.

"Some of those foreign groups or family campers, once they've used the Lake McClellan grounds, will not want to return due to the bad conditions of the rest rooms and showers, or water sources," Lewis said.

This statement was again repeated by another person, emphasizing the immediate need to get the place built up and to maintain proper care.

Gray County Commissioner Gerald Wright pointed out that grant money from the U.S. Forest Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife recently approved through the Legislature will be

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Opinion

United Nations cries out for an overhaul

U.S. taxpayers owe the United Nations \$1 billion in dues. President Clinton has come up with a plan to pay off the debt with a \$100 million payment now, and the other \$900 million by 1999, if the United Nations enacts acceptable reforms.

There's another view. "We didn't just run up the amount because we didn't send in a check or two," explained Charles Lichenstein, a former alternate U.S. representative to the United Nations for special political affairs. "The money has been held by mandate of the U.S. Congress. Most of the debt is the result of a couple different congressional initiatives to withhold money to enforce a reform process."

It's similar to taking your car in for repairs. If nothing is done, it makes sense to withhold payment until the car is fixed.

Congress is insisting on reforms of the bloated U.N. bureaucracy. Lichenstein called for "a management study by any respected international management company."

Other reforms are needed in the formulas that calculate the amount U.S. taxpayers are assessed. Following formulas first implemented in 1972, the U.S. must pay 25% of the U.N. general fund and 31.7% of peacekeeping funds. But the portion of the world economy the U.S. economy makes up has shrunk in the last 25 years, from 25% to 20%.

By comparison, that 1972 U.N. formula lets China pay just one percent of the U.N. budget - even though its economy has grown to a whopping \$2 billion, or about six percent of the world economy, according to the Beijing government's own numbers.

But there's more. "Because I've been there," Lichenstein said, "I think reform goes beyond spending the money wisely. What do you spend it on? What does the U.N. do? Are these wise expenditures? To me, that's the heart of the reform process. I can tell you, from my own experience, these questions were being raised 15 years ago, and have never been satisfactorily answered."

He thinks "a lot of so-called development programs are worthless. The money goes to certain governments and isn't seen again. We know a great deal about development, and what works doesn't involve cash grants to governments. The U.N. is using an ancient mode of development."

U.N. peacekeeping works only for "putting in buffer forces when people don't want to shoot at one another anymore." But when shooting wars are involved - such as the Somalia fiasco and the early days of the Bosnia operations (before the current cease fire) - "the U.N. isn't capable of undertaking such a mission. They fail."

What seems clear is that the United Nations hasn't earned any claim on that \$1 billion of U.S. taxpayers' money. Congress needs to keep pushing U.N. reforms - to reduce the bloated U.N. bureaucracy, to change the formula for determining how much the United States pays and to discourage counterproductive aid and peacekeeping programs.

And while it's at it, Congress should look at the United Nations itself, opening a debate about whether the world body any longer deserves any support at all from the United States.

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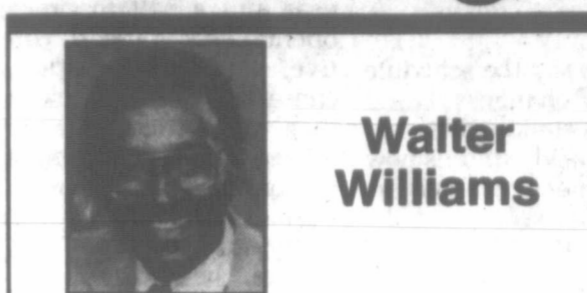
Educators are failing our children

For years, I've said that if the Ku Klux Klan wanted to sabotage black academic excellence, it couldn't find a tool more effective than the public school systems in most major cities. The evidence of that tragedy continues. The latest is contained in a Philadelphia Inquirer story (Jan. 9, 1997.)

Tai Kwan Cureton was a student at Philadelphia's predominantly black Simon Gratz High School. An honor roll student, maintaining a 3.8 (A-minus) grade point average, Cureton ranked 27th in his 305 student graduating class. He was president of both the student government and the student peer mediation service. He did all of this while working more than 30 hours a week at a fast food restaurant. Tai Kwan Cureton was a good kid, so what's the problem?

Cureton was a member, and captain, of Simon Gratz's renowned track team. The toughness of Simon Gratz's track team dates back at least to the early '50s. My high school, Benjamin Franklin, wound up on the losing side in meets with them. Cureton was widely sought after by recruiters with scholarships in hand from top ranking Division I schools such as Penn State, Pittsburgh and Boston College.

That was before he received his Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores. For a student to be eligible to participate in freshman athletics at Division I colleges, the NCAA rules require a minimum SAT score of 700 out of a possible 1,600.



Walter Williams

Since a person gets 400 points on the SAT for simply writing his name, a minimum of 700 means the athlete must earn 300 points out of a possible 1,200. Not meeting the NCAA requirement, Cureton said, "After I got my test scores back, they stopped recruiting me. This really hurt. It was as if my hard work, good grades and other school activities didn't count for anything."

That's the tragedy. Cureton attended school regularly, did his school work and behaved, but his high school grades were fraudulent. He and his parents were misled into believing that Simon Gratz's A's and B's were equivalent to those earned elsewhere. He was academically short-changed by his school, an outcome he did not deserve and could not have known until SAT time.

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice have filed a class action suit on his behalf based on the Civil

Rights Act of 1964 and claiming the NCAA requirements to be racially discriminatory. They, along with some education "experts," allege that standardized tests are written from a white middle class viewpoint and therefore are unfair to blacks. That allegation is nonsense. Blacks score higher on the verbal than the math portion. It's difficult to make a case for cultural bias in math. Moreover, Asians are probably the most culturally distinct group in our country. Yet they score higher than blacks and, for that matter, higher than many whites.

Low black SAT scores are simply messengers. Instead of advocates for blacks killing the messenger, they should focus their attention on the message: the fraudulent education blacks receive in our primary and secondary schools. They should consider suing the Philadelphia School Board for the issuance of fraudulent grades and diplomas. The education establishment will tell us there are many education variables beyond their control such as discipline, violence, broken homes and poverty. But well within their control are the grades and the diplomas they give.

Tai Kwan Cureton attends college but says he longs for racing against the top competition at Division I schools. His story should bring outrage to decent people, not against the NCAA standards but against an education system that systematically scuttles opportunities for our youths.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 1997. There are 332 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Feb. 2, 1897, fire destroyed the Pennsylvania state Capitol in Harrisburg. (A new Statehouse was dedicated on the same site nine years later.)

On this date:

In 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

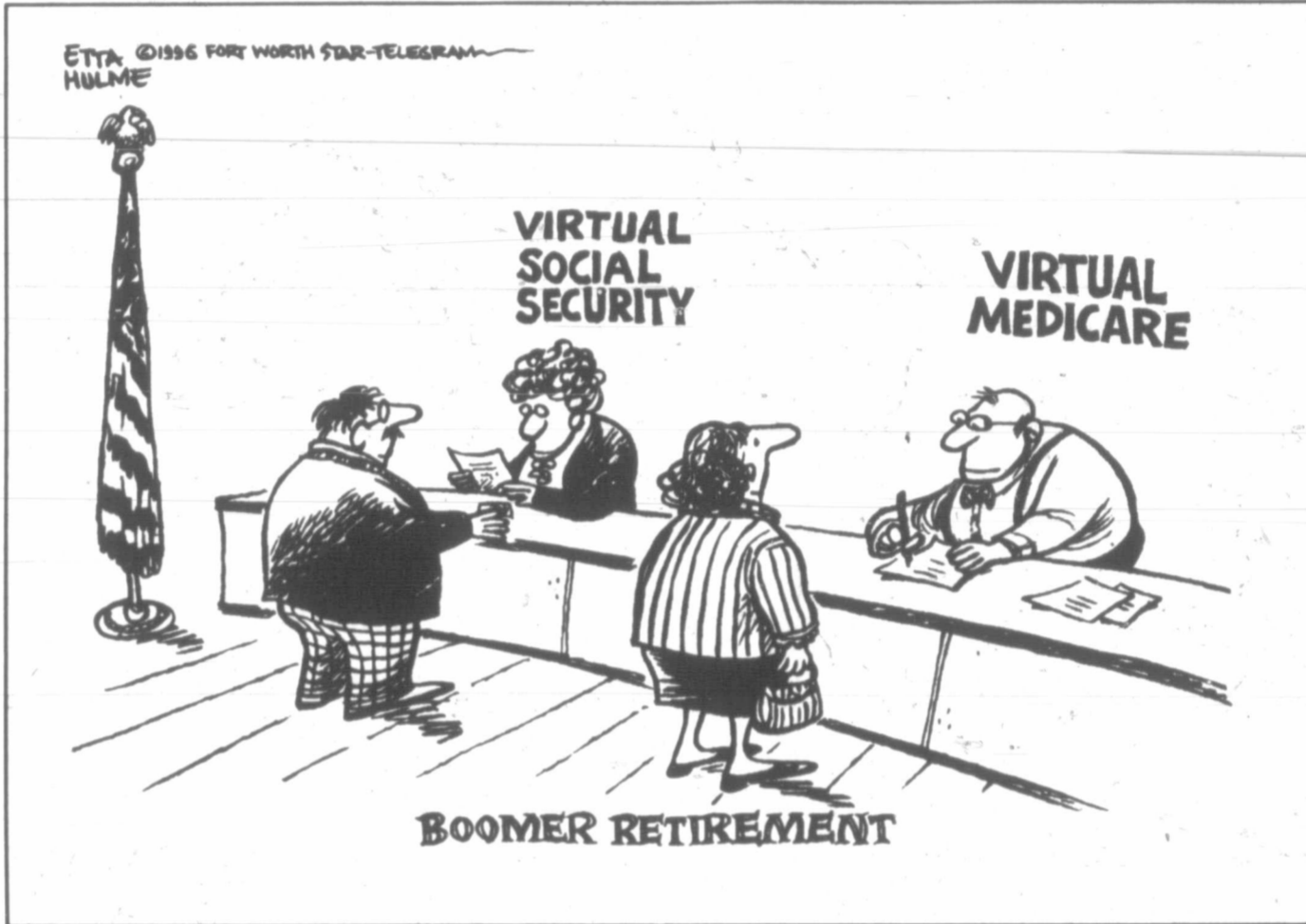
In 1653, New Amsterdam - now New York City - was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War, was signed.

In 1870, the "Cardiff Giant," supposedly the petrified remains of a human discovered in Cardiff, N.Y., was revealed to be nothing more than carved gypsum.

In 1876, the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs was formed in New York.

In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.



Pols should focus on good government

Whether Newt Gingrich is speaker of the House doesn't matter a dog's tail to us.

The focus on Gingrich is typical of what's wrong with Washington press corps journalism. It focuses on personalities and partisan games rather than on the substance of government. That's the usual journalistic choice: the simplistic over the complex.

The speaker of the House is the business of the House. It's an internal affair. What matters to us is what the House does in the way of legislation, taxes and appropriations.

Not having waded through the more than 500 complaints filed by Democrats, and having no intention of doing so, I don't know whether Gingrich broke House rules or not. I know Democrats blame him for their new minority status and are bitter as alkali dust about that.

The point is, the charges are he broke House rules. There is no proof yet that Gingrich violated the law. Whatever the House wants to do about members who break its rules is also its business and of no concern to us.

As for bringing disrespect to the House of Representatives, who's kidding whom? It's practically a house of felons. Blaming Gingrich for that is like saying some member of John Gotti's gang put the gang in a bad light when he spit on the sidewalk.

I saw one pundit proclaim that Gingrich no longer has the moral standing to be speaker of the

Charley Reese

House. There hasn't been a speaker of the House with moral standing since prior to the War Between the States. Doesn't anyone read American history anymore?

If moral standing were a qualification for public office, then we would have to hold a lot of special elections to fill vacancies from the White House to the county courthouse. Bill Clinton is a midget in the moral standing department, but I notice that didn't stop him from being re-elected.

As a colleague of mine pointed out, the Democrats are dumb to try to dump Gingrich anyway. Gingrich is a liberal camouflaged with conservative rhetoric. If the Dems had dumped him, they would probably have been stuck with Dick Arney or Tom DeLay, and those two Texans representatives mean what they say. But then nobody ever accused Democrat liberals lately of being smart - just disoriented.

Like most folks, I'm tired of politicians in both parties wasting our time and our money with their partisan bickering, nit-picking, game playing and backstabbing. If they want to rebuild the reputation of the House, then they should get to work on the business

of the American people. Not one of them was elected to serve only Republicans or only Democrats. They were elected to serve all the people.

There's the budget work to be done. Immigration laws need changing. There are a lot of bad environmental and criminal laws that need to be repealed or revised. Medicare remains in a precarious financial position. Social Security needs to be tinkered with. Foreign policy and defense matters are adrift.

In short, Congress has a pile of substantive matters on its plate, and these guys aren't even going to start real work until February.

As for political junkies, remember that the elections are over, so let's think about governing for a change. Pollsters, pundits and campaign professionals should go hibernate. Washington journalists ought to give their perpetual partisan hand-capping and Beltway gossipmongering a rest.

It would be remarkable and refreshing if people in Washington would actually read the bills, for a change, and tell us what is being proposed and what the arguments are, pro and con. After all, collectively, we have a country to run, and the personal ambitions of any one politician like Gingrich are about as relevant as Madonna's personal ambitions.

Otherwise, more and more people are going to wish Washington would disappear into a worm-hole in space.

Progressives appear to be mutating

I do not know about you, but as I listened to Our President intone the familiar inanities of his inaugural speech, I thought - rather affectionately - of Mr. Kim Jong Il, leader of North Korea. Let me explain.

Both men represent the century's final editions of their respective models of political leadership. Twentieth century dictatorship's Cult of Personality is Kim's model. Twentieth century charismatic progressive is Our President's model. Both versions of leadership have just about had it.

In the 20th century, Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson were the first charismatic progressives. Their contributions to the stereotypical progressive presidency were brains and vitality - Roosevelt's bloodthirsty assaults on fish and wildlife are conveniently deleted by the historians who created this progressive model. Next, the historians spotted Franklin Roosevelt. His bequest to the progressive stereotype was the human touch, along with gaiety, eloquence, charm and tirelessness. John F. Kennedy, so the progressive historians have told us, embodied all the above gifts to such a prodigious degree that he almost drove them and like-minded commentators insane. Moreover, he added to the stereotype youthfulness, athleticism, a full head of hair, glistening and flawless teeth, and - we can now admit - the indoor amusements of the late Giovanni Casanova.

To all of the above attributes, save Kennedy's lately admitted libido, Jimmy Carter added honesty, saintliness and a nigh unto gruesome ardor for jogging. Now we have Clinton. Ever the energetic striver, he has endeavored to personify the stereotypical president's entire basket of talents, including Carter's saintliness and Kennedy's randyness. The consequence has been almost life threatening. If you observed carefully on Inauguration Day the bags under Our President's

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

eyes, his thinning hair primed and lacquered to little effect, the tired slouch in his posture, the splotchy complexion, and the rasp in his voice, you will agree with me. The lifestyle of the stereotypical progressive president is killing. Were Clinton's constitution any less robust, by now he would be dead from exhaustion.

Finally, the stereotype of the progressive president has forced him to say and do things that are about as silly as the public can endure. His 22-minute speech was the reductio ad absurdum of Kennedy Klaptrap. He promises a government "humble enough" not to attempt to solve "all the nation's ills." Can a government be humble? How about happy or melancholy? But then this humble government is going to be "strong enough to improve the lives of all Americans." And forget not that "today we can declare: Government is not the problem and government is not the solution. We, the American people, we are the solution." Anyone who has listened to a few years of the stereotypical progressive president ranting could, upon hearing Clinton begin one of his sing-song sentences, anticipate its ending.

Yes, I listened to Our President the other day and beheld visions of his North Korean counterpart, Kim Jong Il. Kim too is the last of the century's stereotypical dictators, engaged with vast and idiotic claims. Both the right and the left have resorted to this stereotype. In the first part of the century, we had Lenin on the left and Mussolini on the right - though Mussolini began a socialist schoolteacher and died a socialist, strung up by his heels by a faithless proletariat. Then came Stalin and Hitler

and, finally, a whole raft of similarly talented and preposterous thugs. All had great claims made for them, and most, for a while at least, found a warm place in the hearts of Western eggheads.

Hitler was almost always a public relations disaster, even with the intelligentsia of the far right. Yet, for a while, Mussolini's feat of getting the trains to run on time enraptured both right-wingers and left-wingers. His real achievement, however, was making preposterous and therefore believable claims to the intellectuals; for instance, about his athletic feats, his poetic heart, his intellectual devotions. After him, the script was well known. Mao swam down the Yangtze in world record time and at an antique old age. Castro had monuments raised to him all over Cuba, and when the journalist Sally Quinn came to visit in 1977, she insisted that "sexuality is as pervasive in Cuba as the presence of Fidel Castro" - so were prisons. The Korean Kims were colossal legend grinders.

Today's Kim can supposedly fly MIG fighters with unsurpassed daring, and he advises all his country's pilots. He designs bridges and other architectural structures. He pauses in his day to advise Koreans from all walks of life. His government tells us he has written better operas "than all the operas mankind has created." A brilliant military strategist, he also pens movies and poetry adored by the masses. After designing hydroelectric dams, he reads Faulkner, Melville, Whitman and the works of Hillary Clinton - just kidding. His father, who preceded him as exalted dictator of his impoverished country, supposedly declared, "If I am a man of 1,000 gifts, a genius, Jong Il is a man of 10,000 gifts, a supergenius." Well, we are at the end of a century dominated by these two types. Both the Kims and the Clintons have achieved very little that is worthwhile, but they have made me laugh. Thanks.

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Letters to the editor

Shocked by story

To the editor:

I was so shocked to see the name of our high school principal on the front page of your newspaper, January 22, 1997, when I read the article of our school board meeting. The reporter was not accurate nor complete about all the facts. She did not report the fact that at the board meeting, 70 students were presented certificates of recognition for making the all-A Academic Honor Roll for the first semester, 25 Science Fair winners were recognized and four agriculture teams participating in district, area and state competition during the first semester received certificates of recognition. Many parents attended.

Since I am a teacher in the school system, I can tell you firsthand what goes on in our high school. With the employment of Mr. Ferrell as high school principal, we have discipline in our school. Students are reprimanded if they break the rules according to our handbook, which was adopted by the administration.

In 1995-96, our TAAS scores improved and White Deer High School received a Recognized rating by TEA. This was due to the fact that Mr. Ferrell awarded students and teachers for doing well. He has high expectations of both teachers and students. Teachers, also, are involved in the decision making process of our school. Mr. Ferrell's job is to run the high school and that's what he does.

Morale could be low at White Deer High School because of the negative things being printed about our school, but it is not because of the actions of Mr. Ferrell. Mr. Ferrell is respected by his peers, he is fair, and his door is always open to students, teachers and parents. I do not always agree with his decisions but I respect them.

The Pampa News owes Mr. Danny Ferrell an apology and I think it should appear on the front page.

Carolyn Rapstine
White Deer

A positive influence

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the article concerning Mr. Ferrell as principal of White Deer High School that appeared in *The Pampa News* on January 22.

We regret that all the good things that have been accomplished under his leadership were not brought to light. Unfortunately those who have nothing but negative things to say are the ones most often heard. It's time the rest of us take a stand.

We have had our own children under the direction of Mr. Ferrell. There have been several occasions when Mr. Ferrell has needed to take disciplinary action due to our children's misbehavior. We have always found him to be fair and consistent, making sure there was a clear understanding as to the consequences for misbehavior.

Mr. Ferrell also constantly rewards students, which encourages good behavior and academic success. Students who achieved the A honor roll for the first semester of this school year received a coupon for a free buffet meal at a local restaurant. For those on the A-B honor roll he provided them with a free pizza lunch. For the students who had perfect attendance he arranged for grab bags from a local grocer. This incentive program comes out of the profit from the candy and Coke machines, not the school budget.

While he was the principal at White Deer Elementary School he organized parents in the community to build much needed playground equipment, which turned out to be a source of pride for all involved.

It should be evident that Mr. Ferrell is a positive influence on our children and schools.

David Hodges
White Deer

Growing concerns

To the editor:

I am writing this letter because of my growing concern of the education of my grandchildren that attend White Deer Independent School District. After reading the articles in *The Pampa News* and *The White Deer News* my question was, "Why was the January 20, school board meeting reported so drastically different?" At *The White Deer News*, I learned our superintendent reports these school board meetings. In *The White Deer News* the community (taxpayers), it seems, do not have the right to this information that concerns the very future of this community. It is obvious that our superintendent picks and chooses what he wants to be known. How many issues has he decided that we do not have the right to know?

The high school principal and staff are exposed to our children and grandchildren at a very tender time in their lives. Teens are naturally unsure of who they are. They need guidance and leaders who will build their self esteem and raise their character. They do not need a principal, teacher or superintendent who does the exact opposite.

Betty Cochran
Pampa

Thanks for Pacer support

To the editor:

As a Pampa Pacer mom who has watched every basketball game since the team began four years ago, it seemed appropriate to thank the so many people who have helped make the Pacer basketball program so successful.

My first thanks go to First Assembly of God, who gave us the use of their wonderful gym where the team could have a place to work out and more importantly have a "home" gym to play our games in. You have shown us such a giving spirit in letting us inconvenience you from September to January each year and being willing to schedule all your events around us. We also want to thank Trinity Fellowship and of course Hi-Land Christian Church for the use of their facilities, too.

My other heartfelt thanks go to: The Pampa High School athletic director, basketball coaches and trainer for all their kind help and

encouragement; *The Pampa News* and the sports editor for always putting in our game results and pictures about our team; everyone who helped with transportation to our games, which again included Trinity Fellowship, and Bill Allison Auto, who helped us out so many times, even spur of the moment when our van would not start; all the people who helped with our fund raisers and gave donations including Wal-Mart, Franks and Edmondson Citgo Service Station and all the people who bought one more ticket from the kids who came to your door; the referees who called our games and the ones who never charged what they should have because they knew we never had much money to operate on.

Also deserving thanks are the family who gave money towards the kids' uniforms; the boy who gave money to buy basketballs where we could practice; Holmes Sporting Goods; Pampa Academy of Christian Education administrator and school board for even being willing to start a sports program and for all their help and encouragement; the Pacer parents, relatives and fans who drove miles and miles to watch us play and yelled for us; my Pacer cheerleaders, who were so great (and the Pampa High School cheerleaders and sponsor who helped to teach our girls and helped with our tryouts), and the Madeline Graves' 17-year-dance student who helped teach many of our half-time dances, and also the sponsors and people who helped with cheerleaders the first two years; the flag teams; the Pacer basketball players who were so great and did so well; my two #12's who made watching the games so special for me.

I'd also like to thank the other teams we played and learned a lot from; all the coaches who have helped with the program (the girl's basketball team, volleyball teams and softball team all deserve their own letters of thanks); the coach with the ponytail who came to help during our second year to play and helped to implement a state championship basketball program for a little Christian school — you never really got nor did you even seem to want all the recognition you deserved for all the help you gave us when we decided to become competitive; my friends who cared enough to pray for me and my family during the past four years through the ups and downs of all this; the people who helped to run the clock, keep the books, repair the scoreboard, help with the sound system, videotaped the games, set up chairs and took them down again, cleaned up the gym and probably a multitude of other people who have helped in one way or another.

And to my husband who in his "spare" time voluntarily took a handful of boys who had never even played the game and one basketball and built a program that anyone would've been proud of. "It only takes five players," you'd always smile and say. And who would even find time to hug me and tell me that the stress and time of doing all this would some day be over for us. You were right; it now is. You will always, however, be the best.

We never quite know for sure when something is begun just exactly where God will take it. I stand amazed.

Melody Ferguson
Pampa

Respect the Colors

To the editor:

Recently while driving through town, I noticed something that bothered me quite a bit. On a daily basis, we see the American flag being flown from flag poles all over town. But have we ever paid attention to the condition of these flags?

The American colors are being flown faded and wind torn (shredded). This does not in any way show patriotism. It does however show neglect and an uncaring attitude towards the American flag.

I proudly served in the American Armed Forces. My father is a retired vet, and my brother is currently in the Army. Every morning in the Navy we performed the ceremonial Raising of the Colors. Each and every time we left or came aboard the ship I was stationed on, we individually paid tribute to the Colors that represent our nation's freedom.

If you in any way respect those who have given their lives for those Colors, you will not in any way neglect your flag. You fly it for a reason, or at least you should.

It's pretty sad when gang members take their "colors" more seriously than some Americans do.

Please fly our Colors proudly. It represents much more than most Americans give it credit for. It represents thousands upon thousands of lives!

God Bless.
T.R. Fisher
Pampa

Concerned about racism

To the editor:

My name is Ramona Salazar, and I am concerned about racism in our society. I am writing this letter to let everybody know how we Mexicans are being discriminated against.

First, we Mexican-Americans are being discriminated against at school. First of all, teachers think that we Mexicans are troublemakers, and for the errors of others we are being discriminated upon. In school all I hear is hatred about race. For example, last semester two of my Mexican friends and I were sent to the office by a substitute for speaking Spanish in class. I believe that this is racism and injustice against Mexicans.

Second, Mexican-Americans are not just being discriminated against at school, but also at their own jobs. For instance, last year in November a friend of mine was fired from his job because he was speaking Spanish. In my opinion, I think that speaking Spanish at work should not be prohibited. Also, we are accused of taking

Anglos' jobs. For one thing, we are just working to survive. And another thing is that nobody works for pleasure, but because of obligation.

Third, many Mexican-Americans are being abused each year. The Mexican-Americans are abused and even killed for crossing the border illegally. For example, last year a group of Mexican-Americans crossed the border illegally, and they were caught. In this case there was one death and some of them were brutally abused. Among those who were abused was a Mexican woman. She confessed in front of the cameras that the Anglo immigration officer started beating them with the club until they were left unconscious. Now the immigration officer is facing charges for abuse. Once again this is racism.

I hope that people who read this letter will understand how Mexican-Americans are being discriminated against. This letter has helped me because I finally get the privilege to express my feelings to all the people who read this article.

Thank you.
Ramona Salazar
Pampa

Thanks for shelter support

To the editor:

On behalf of the Community Day Care Center we would like to thank the businesses and members of the community that donated to our Storm Shelter Fund and to the parents that supported this drive. It is apparent that children do come first.

We would especially like to thank the following: Hoechst Celanese; Pampa United Way, Myriad Resources Corp., Ola Gregory Covey, Triangle Well Service, First Christian Church, Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Skinner, W.O. Operating Co., Dale Knott, Robert and Sherry Henderson, National Bank of Commerce, Dr. Margaret A. Walsh, Geraldine C. Shultz, Upsilon Chapter — Beta Sigma Phi, Robbie and Rhonda Sikes, Marguerite Hyatt, and Russell and Trisha Hughes.

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Community Day Care Center
Pampa

A dream come true

To the Editor:

We would like to thank *The Pampa News* and the City of Pampa for such a special honor to have Friday, January 17, 1997 declared as CLIFTON MCNEELY DAY. What a thrill it was to me and my family.

The Pampa News has always given our sports program good coverage and the citizens of Pampa have always been loyal fans. It was great to be with my basketball boys and friends at the reunion this past week-end. It was a pleasure to visit in Pampa. It was "A DREAM COME TRUE." We want to THANK-YOU for your support.

Clifton McNeely and Family
Irving

Good letter, Bob

To the editor:

Bob Blakeney's letter to the editor Jan. 26, 1997 expressed my feelings exactly on being over-regulated and too many laws restricting our freedom. A good letter.

Bob, you said it better than I could have.
F. McCunn
Pampa

Letters to editor policy

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

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, style, potentially libelous statements or political endorsement statements. Submission of a letter does not guarantee its publication, nor can we guarantee a date of publication due to space and time limitations.

ALL letters must be signed for publication; no unsigned, name withheld or anonymous letters will be published. The writer must list an address and a telephone number or numbers where he or she may be contacted for verification; addresses and telephone numbers will not be printed, unless requested for a specific reason.

Poetry, candidate or political endorsements, letters to third parties and "thank you" letters will not be published except at the discretion of the editor, depending on general interest.

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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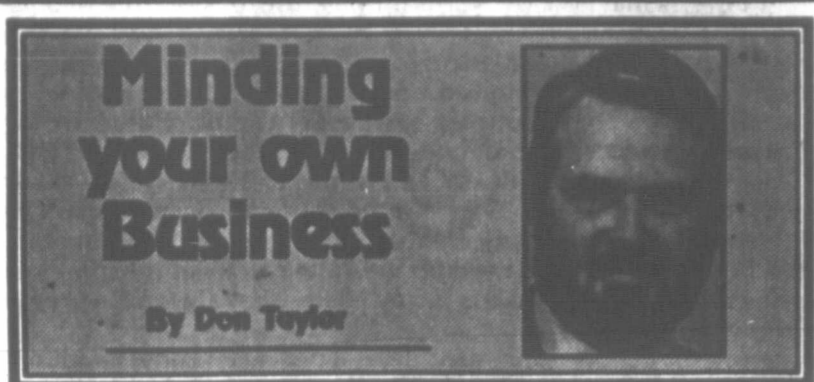
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By Don Taylor

Word-of-mouth not free

No clever advertisement carries as much psychological weight with potential customers as a simple, personal referral. A satisfied customer who tells others about your business is the best salesperson your business can have.

Every business inspires some word-of-mouth recognition. Some create rave reviews of their products and services, while others generate only bad publicity.

A few businesses may inspire neutral responses from customers, but this is a dangerous position for a business to be in. If your customers aren't so sold on your quality and value that they are telling others about it, they are good targets for your competition.

Word-of-mouth advertising doesn't just happen and it isn't free. However, you can influence it with little money and only moderate amounts of time.

Ring up referrals

Referral business can make your cash register ring and your profit margins sing. The best part is that it doesn't have to increase your advertising budget. You may wish to redirect some of your budget to provide incentives for referrals or thank you's for those received. However, you shouldn't have to spend more.

Here are some thoughts on building a good word-of-mouth referral system:

- **Your customers are talking.** The first step in generating positive word-of-mouth referrals is to realize that some discussion of your business is already happening. Your customers are telling others about your products, service and value right now.

- **Your referrals will never be better than your offering.** To inspire positive customer response, the quality and value of your offering (products and/or services) must be notable. Making a "me too" offering that is only as good as the competition will never generate rave referrals.

- **Your employees can give you a boost.** All employees talk about the business for which they work. They can make you look good to prospective customers or they can undermine your success. Use special incentives to help them understand their value in the word-of-mouth process.

- **Reward your customers for referrals.** First, you must find the source of the referral. Once you know who referred a new customer to you, you can determine a proper reward. For some customers it may be a special discount, a free meal or a cash award. Try a few to see what works.

- **Work on cross promotions.** A good word from another respected small business owner also carries marketing weight. When you cross promote with other non competing businesses you both can gain new customers. Be careful to select businesses to work with whose reputation is as good as your own.

- **Don't underestimate your personal influence.** Spread the word about your own business. Use your business cards and create a good 10-second commercial to use. Look and act like a professional everywhere you go. If you have an area of special information that might interest others, volunteer to speak to service clubs and business organizations in your trade area.

- **Don't depend exclusively on good word of mouth.** You need to continue a strong promotion program even if your referrals are good. Be consistent in your advertising. Your print advertising should echo what your customers are saying about your business. Point out and reinforce the benefits that your present satisfied customers are talking about. Tell them, tell them again and then tell them one more time.

- **Don't expect instant results.** Creating positive word-of-mouth advertising is a continuing process. It is not a quick fix. You build strong, positive referrals one satisfied customer at a time. Remember that your long-term goal is to have everyone in your trade area talking about your business in a positive way.

Credit union promotes Pampan

Amarillo Federal Credit Union President and Chief Executive Officer Lawrence K. Hall has announced the promotion of Joan Musser as the Pampa Branch manager.

Mrs. Musser has been employed with AFCU since

August 1996. She has worked in the financial field for the past 20 years.

She is married to William Musser. They have four children and four grandchildren. She is also a member of the First Baptist Church in Groom.

AOL customers still can't get any satisfaction

NEW YORK (AP) - To call or to write - that is the question for disgruntled America Online customers.

One day after AOL reached a multi-state agreement to give millions of dollars worth of credits and refunds to customers, confusion abounded over the best way to get reimbursed.

Attorneys general from states that negotiated the refund agreement with AOL have been encouraging customers to write the company, as did a customer service representative answering the phone line.

But America Online said the only way for customers to get back money was by calling a toll-free number.

Adding to confusion, some customers calling that number encountered the same problem they were trying to get compensated for - clogged phone lines.

"I got put on hold for over an hour and a half," said Jack Simpson, an customer in

Florida. "It seemed like every 30 seconds they said, 'We're sorry, the lines will be busy.'"

AOL's troubles began in December when it offered customers a flat-rate price for unlimited online time. The price plan created overwhelming online demand that clogged AOL's lines and created busy signals.

The agreement Wednesday allows those of the company's eight million customers with trouble logging on in December and January to request a refund of up to \$39.90, which is two months' online fees.

But they could not make the request on AOL's toll-free number until late last week, when the company updated a maze of recorded options to include mention of the refund.

America Online said it took time to gear up because the settlement was negotiated in less than a week and people were being hired to staff customer service lines.

"Everything happened really quickly. We did our best to get it in on time," said Wendy Goldberg, a spokeswoman for the Dulles, Va. company.

Consumer protection officials also said the confusion was understandable given the tight time table. They expressed more doubt on AOL's ability to fix the bottlenecks-anytime soon, despite the company agreeing to spend \$350 million to upgrade its network.

America Online would not estimate how many customers may qualify for refunds. Analysts estimated AOL's total cost at no more than \$20 million because refunds are calculated by the number of hours spent online.

Customers like Veronica Skelton of San Francisco probably won't get any refund because they exceeded the maximum 15 hours a month online. But she said she may not be a customer much longer because of half-hour delays sending e-mail to clients of her public relations firm.

Business highlights

Greenspan suggests change in inflation measure

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government should quickly change its inflation measure in ways that will trim Social Security and other benefits and raise taxes, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress.

Greenspan took issue with critics who have called such changes a "political fix" to give lawmakers a backdoor way to address the government's budget problems.

Greenspan said he fully agreed with the views of a December report on the Consumer Price Index by five prominent economists. The report said the CPI is overestimating inflation by 1.1 percentage points annually, an error that will cost the govern-

ment \$1 trillion over the next 12 years in too generous cost-of-living increases and lost tax revenue.

UPS envelopes marked with bigoted messages

NEW YORK (AP) - In a case that could be one of racial harassment or corporate extortion, someone is sending prominent black people United Parcel Service envelopes defaced with bigoted messages.

UPS executives say they didn't know the dozen next-day air envelopes had passed through their system in December and January until contacted this month by The Associated Press.

Among those who got the envelopes were two Chicago congressmen, New York State

Comptroller H. Carl McCall, and former Assistant U.S. Attorney for Civil Rights Deval Patrick.

UPS insisted none of its 339,000 employees was involved and suggested it may be an extortion scam.

Intel microprocessors in big demand

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Intel Corp., basking in strong

demand for its Pentium Pro microprocessors and a current dearth of competition, left out most of the high-end chips in its latest round of price cuts.

Some analysts had expected Intel, which previously reduced Pentium Pro prices last fall, to lower them again this quarter, if only a few percentage points.

Applications available at Clarendon College for business scholarship

CLARENDON - High school seniors who plan to major in accounting or business at Clarendon College are encouraged to apply for the Malouf and Iris Abraham Business Scholarship.

Scholarship applications are available by calling Clarendon College's Financial Aid Office at 1-800-687-9737. Scholarship deadline is May 1, 1997.

Completed Malouf and Iris Abraham Agriculture scholarship applications should be

mailed to: Clarendon College, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, TX 79226.

With 35 majors and five workforce education programs, Clarendon College offers a variety of scholarships - fine arts and academics to agriculture and athletics. Many general scholarships are available without a specific major stipulation.

For more information, call CC Financial Aid at 1-800-687-9737.

Chamber Communique

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is now on the Internet. Our sincere thanks to Hi-Plains NTS Communications for making this service available to the Chamber. Hi-Plains NTS will also assist in the development of the Chamber's web page.

This year's guest speaker at the Chamber banquet will be Dan Willis, cowboy poet-storyteller. Willis is to be inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in Belton, Texas, on Feb. 8. He recently had his first book - entitled *Army's Lost Gold* - published and spoke at the B.I.G. Ag Conference (Farm Show) in Waco to a crowd of 500-600 guests, sponsored by the

Texas Farm Bureau. You don't want to miss hearing Willis, plus the announcement of the "Citizen of the Year." For reservations, call the Chamber office at 669-3241.

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Monday - 12 noon, Membership meeting, Nona Payne Room
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LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & LIPSCOMB Atoka) Midgard Energy Co., #17 Ola O. Piper, 1250' from South & East line, Sec. 630,43,H&TC, PD 9400'.
MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1015 Massey, 2468' from South & 2428' from East line, Sec. 15,44,H&TC (BHL: 500' from South & West line of Sec.) PD 3547'. Horizontal Sidetrack.
OCHILTREE (FARNSWORTH-CONNER Kansas City) R.E.D. Resources, Inc., #5 Banner-Gregg, 1200' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 37,4,GH&H, PD 6500'.
OCHILTREE (SHARE Upper Des Moines) Wildhorse Oil & Gas Corp., #1 Jean Holland, 1320' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 38,4,GH&H, PD 6750'.
POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #B-120 Masterson '92', 986' from North & 2542' from West line, Sec. 92,0-18,D&P, PD 3400'. Replacement well for #B-47 Masterson.
OBERTS (HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Amoco Production Co., #1 Lips Ranch /D/ '174, 1600' from North & 1250' from West line, Sec. 174,C,G&M, PD 8700'.
Applications to Plug-Back
HANSFORD (NORTH GRUVER Marmaton) Sonat Exploration Co., #4-12 McClellan, 1710' from North & 600' from West line, Sec. 12,P,H&GN, PD 7093'.
MOORE (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Beren Corp., #61 Masterson Estate, 330' from North & 990' from West line, Sec. 62,0-18,D&P, PD 2400'.
Application to Re-Enter
HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #4-34 Pablo, 467' from South & 2206' from West line, Sec. 34,1,I&GN, PD 11500'.
Amended Intention to Drill
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & N.W. HIGGINS Morrow) Strat Land

Exploration Co., #1 Bussard, 1700' from South & 1000' from West line, Sec. 249,43,H&TC (BHL: 661' from South & 1600' from West line of Sec.) PD 10700'. Amended to show Directional Sidetrack Well.
Oil Well Completions
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #21 J.E. Wright, Sec. 13,3,I&GN, elev. 2857 kb, spud 12-23-96, drlg. compl 12-30-96, tested 1-21-97, pumped 10 bbl. of 42.2 grav. oil + bbls. water, GOR 400, TD 3050'.
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Tres Oil & Gas, Inc., #11 Jackson, Sec. 58,B-2,H&GN, elev. 3040 gr. spud 10-2-96, drlg. compl 10-17-96, tested 1-16-97, pumped 2 bbl. of 38 grav. oil + 8 bbls. water, GOR 15000, TD 3109', PBD 2998'.
HEMPHILL (GEM-HEMPHILL Lower Douglas) Midgard Energy Co., #3110 Francis Wells, Sec. 110,41,H&TC, elev. 2265 kb, spud 10-11-96, drlg. compl 10-27-96, tested 12-31-96, pumped 40 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 15 bbls. water, GOR 1350, TD 8285', PBD 8274'.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #6 Hazel, Sec. 4,X-02, H&OB, elev. 3107 kb, spud 10-14-96, drlg. compl 10-18-96, tested 1-17-97, pumped 10.4 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 42 bbls. water, GOR 20481, TD 3357', PBD 3317'.
OCHILTREE (FARNSWORTH-CONNER Des Moines) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #3 Edwards, Sec. 12,12,H&GN, elev. 2973 gr, spud 11-15-96, drlg. compl 11-26-96, tested 1-24-97, pumped 192 bbl. of 40.9 grav. oil + 88 bbls. water, GOR 1047, TD 7104', PBD 7042'.
Gas Well Completions
HANSFORD (HANSFORD Upper Morrow) Sunlight Exploration, Inc., #1 Hix Wilbanks Estate, Sec. 99,4-T,T&NO, elev. 3110 kb, spud 11-5-96, drlg. compl 11-17-96, tested 1-10-97, potential 970 MCF, TD 7618', PBD 7557'.
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Gordon Taylor Oil Co., LP, #7 C.S. Carver 'A', Sec. 5,— Wm. Heath Survey, elev. 3371 gr, spud 10-13-96, drlg. compl 10-17-96, tested 12-13-96, potential 560 MCF, TD 3596'.
MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1044 Sneed, Sec. 44,6-T,T&NO, elev. 3339 gr, spud 11-13-96, drlg. compl 12-3-96, tested 12-11-96, potential 846 MCF, MD 4599', TVD 3151'.—Horizontal Sidetrack.
MOORE (TEXAS-HUGOTON) Gordon Taylor Oil Co., LP, #A-1 Terrell, Sec. 18,Q,H&GN, elev. 3681 gr, spud 10-23-96, drlg. compl 10-28-96, tested 12-6-96, potential 560 MCF, TD 3550', PBD 3550'.
POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-214 Bivins, Sec. 103,46,H&TC, elev. 3234 gr, spud 9-10-96, drlg. compl 10-7-96, tested 1-14-97, potential 1256 MCF, MD 3850', PBD 3656'.— Directional Well.
POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-219 Bivins, Sec. 21,0-18,D&P, elev. 3485 gr, spud 10-23-96, drlg. compl 11-11-96, tested 1-13-97, potential 1578 MCF, TD 3185'.
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Parker & Parsley Development, L.P., #7084 R. A. Flowers, Sec. 84,B-1,H&GN, elev. 2859 kb, spud 7-26-96, drlg. compl 12-10-96, tested 12-10-96, potential 850 MCF, TD 10950', PBD 10804'.
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Parker & Parsley Development, L.P., #2-6 Byrum, Sec. 6,B-1,H&GN, elev. 2980 kb, spud 9-30-96, drlg. compl 12-13-96, tested 1-7-97, potential 7500 MCF, TD 11000', PBD 10954'.
ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Midgard Energy Co., #5087 McMordie, Sec. 87,C,G&M, elev. 2769 kb, spud 11-3-96, drlg. compl 11-24-96, tested 1-7-97, potential 2700 MCF, TD 10120'.
SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGOTON) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1R Biv 'B', Sec. 16,2,GH&H, elev. 3410 rkb, spud 10-5-96, drlg. compl 10-10-96, tested 1-10-97, potential 184 MCF, TD 3275', PBD 3196'.
Plugged Wells
CHILDRESS (C.A. HOBBY Canyon Reef) Lakewood Operating, Ltd., #1 Caroline, Sec. 420,H,W&NW, spud 2-21-88, plugged 12-21-96, TD 4604' (oil)— Form 1 filed in Lakewood & Fulton.
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Makar Production Co, Albar, Sec. 203,B-2,H&GN (oil) — Form 1 filed in Shar-Alan Oil Co., for the following wells:
 #3, spud 8-20-85, plugged 12-4-96, TD 3500', PBD 3180'.
 #4, spud 11-27-87, plugged 12-4-96, TD 3300'.
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #6A M. Davidson, Sec. 86,B-2,H&GN, spud 8-5-43, plugged 12-16-96, TD 3157' (oil).
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., Doss, Sec. 141,B-2,H&GN (oil) — for the following wells:
 #6, spud 8-25-73, plugged 12-9-96, TD 3225', PBD 3180'.
 #7, spud 3-14-74, plugged 12-12-96, TD 3250', PBD 3155'.
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #1 J.B. Bowers, NCT-1, Sec. 89,B-2,H&GN, spud 10-27-27, plugged 12-12-96, TD 3313' (oil)— Form 1 filed in The Texas Company.
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #16 J.P. Cunningham, Sec. 10,S,E.N. Lynch, spud 10-10-95, plugged 1-3-97, TD 3080' (oil).
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., Emma Jackson, Cons., Sec. 88,B-2,H&GN (oil) — Form 1 filed in Arco Oil & Gas, for the following wells:
 #14, spud 10-18-77, plugged 12-16-96, TD 3043'.
 #17, spud 2-22-81, plugged 12-14-96, TD 3185', PBD 3108'.
HANSFORD (HANSFORD Middle Morrow) Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., #3089 Collard, Sec. 89,45,H&TC, spud 12-20-93, plugged 12-6-96, TD 8035' (dry).
HANSFORD (SHAPLEY Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #1 F.A. Shapley, Jr., Sec. 22,P,H&GN, spud 8-7-58, plugged 12-30-96, TD 7002' (oil) — Form 1 in The Shamrock Oil & Gas Co.
LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #5 Schultz 'B', Sec. 773,43,H&TC, spud 11-3-96, plugged 11-18-96, TD 9950' (dry).
LIPSCOMB (NANCY Tonkawa) Wilbanks Exploration, Inc., #1 Dixon 'H', Sec. 1081,43,H&TC, spud 2-16-83, plugged 9-9-96, TD 6440' (gas) — Form 1 filed in TXO Production.
LIPSCOMB (NORTHTRUP Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #2589 Wallace N. Hamker, Sec. 589,43,H&TC, spud 2-5-81, plugged 12-13-96, TD 7600' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.
LIPSCOMB (STABEL Tonkawa) Midgard Energy Co., #3 Stabel '948', Sec. 948,43,H&TC, spud 10-4-88, plugged 12-20-96, TD 7700', PBD 7240' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Apache Corp.
OCHILTREE (PARNELL) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #1396 Parnell 'C', Sec. 396,43,H&TC, spud 10-31-96, plugged 11-29-96, TD 9650' (dry).
OCHILTREE (TURNER Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #2-476 Parnell, Sec. 476,43,H&TC, spud 3-2-85, plugged 12-10-96, TD 9185', PBD 7850' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Alpar Resources, Inc.
SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGOTON) Embassy Energy, L.L.C., #1 Long, Sec. 44,3-B,GH&H, spud 3-6-96, plugged 12-14-96, TD 3500' (dry).
WHEELER (WILDCAT Upper Morrow) Vega Energy Co., #130 Walker, Sec. 30,A-8,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 11-26-96, TD 15925', PBD 14750' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Dyco Petroleum Corp.
WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Alcaro Oil & Gas, Schwarting, Sec. 53,13,H&GN (oil) — Form 1 in Penawa Oil & Gas, for the following wells:
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 #2, spud unknown, plugged 12-20-96, TD 2302'.

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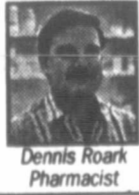
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SOCCER

CANYON — The Pampa boys soccer team kicked off the district season with a convincing 5-0 win over Randall Saturday afternoon.

All the scoring came in the second half as Brian Sprinkle, Lucas Jaramillo, Jason Vance, Julio Silva and Chris Welch scored one goal apiece. Jaramillo had two assists.

"We were scoreless the first half, but we made some adjustments and really played outstanding soccer the second half," said Pampa coach Warren Cottle. "It was a great way to start district."

Justin Molitor, Blaine Northcutt and Randall Odum were the defensive stars for the Harvesters.

Pampa hosts Caprock at 4:15 Tuesday in more district action.

"This is a big match. I feel like it's going to be between us and Caprock for the district championship," Cottle said.

Pampa lost the junior varsity match, 2-1. Kyle Weller scored Pampa's goal.

In the varsity girls' match, Randall came away with a 5-1 win over Pampa. Lucy Silva scored for Pampa.

GOLF

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — David Duval and Tiger Woods owned Pebble Beach on Saturday, just like Mark O'Meara has owned it for more than a decade.

Duval was 8-under-par after just seven holes in the third round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and shot a 28 on the front nine as he tied the course record with a 62 and took a three-stroke lead after 54 holes.

"I've never been in a situation where I played seven holes and was more under par than the holes played," Duval said with amazement after he tied the record set by Tom Kite in 1983.

BASKETBALL

QUANAH — White Deer defeated Quanah by 5 points Friday night to earn their second win in District 2-2A action, 67 to 62.

Leading scorers in the contest were Senior Torey Craig and Junior Donnie Adams, with 16 and 10 points, respectively.

The win is only White Deer's second victory in district play and 7th win overall, while Quanah's record stands at 1-7 in district and 9-18 overall.

White Deer's girls suffered a 7-point loss to Quanah's ladies Friday night in district action, 56-49.

Nicole Salzbrenner and Rhonda McClendon had 11 and 10 points, respectively, to lead White Deer in scoring.

White Deer falls to 2-6 in district and 7-16 overall while Quanah improved their district record to 2-6 and 11-16 overall.

FOOTBALL

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Jim Kelly wanted a respectable ending to his 11-year career in the NFL even if it meant leaving the Buffalo Bills without winning a Super Bowl.

Kelly, stopping several times to keep his voice from cracking, ended his career with nine teammates at his side during a news conference Friday at Rich Stadium. The Bills were the only team Kelly played for since entering the league in 1986.

"I don't want to go out the way some other quarterbacks went out," Kelly said. "I want to go out with some dignity, with respect from my peers, respect from my teammates. I wanted to retire a Buffalo Bill."

Kelly, 36, is considered the greatest quarterback in Bills history, having completed 60 percent of his passes for 35,467 yards, 237 touchdowns and 175 interceptions. He turned the franchise around and gave hope to a football town but never achieved the ultimate goal of an NFL title.

Favre, Bledsoe square off in Pro Bowl

By KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — Super Bowl quarterbacks Brett Favre and Drew Bledsoe go at it again Sunday, although each will have a lot of backup and the stakes are considerably lower than a week ago.

Favre, the two-time league MVP for Green Bay, will start for the NFC and New England's Bledsoe will open for the AFC in the Pro Bowl.

Last week at New Orleans, Favre threw for two touchdowns and ran for one in the Packers' 35-21 Super Bowl victory. Bledsoe passed for two

Patriots touchdowns, but he also threw four interceptions.

"We didn't win the Super Bowl, so I'm glad he did," said Bledsoe, a friend of Favre's. "It would be nice if we could win the Pro Bowl, since there's so much talk about the NFC being the dominant conference and winning all the Super Bowls."

The NFC has won 13 straight Super Bowls; going into Sunday's Pro Bowl, the AFC all-stars own a 7-5 edge in the past 12 games, although the NFC leads the series 15-11.

Each all-star squad has three quarterbacks to share playing time, but three big names are missing from the rosters. Dallas' Troy Aikman and San

Francisco's Steve Young were voted into the game, but withdrew because of injuries, as did Denver's John Elway.

Washington's Gus Frerotte and Carolina's Kerry Collins will replace Aikman and Young for the NFC, and Jacksonville's Mark Brunell has taken Elway's spot on the AFC squad. Vinny Testaverde is the other AFC quarterback.

Testaverde, in the league 10 years, will be making his first Pro Bowl appearance.

"I've been following the Pro Bowl veterans around, seeing what they're doing," Testaverde said. "It's great just to be here."

The opposing coaches are

from the NFL's 2-year-old teams, Dom Capers of the Carolina Panthers and Tom Coughlin of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Both came within one win of the Super Bowl just two seasons after their teams came into the league.

The Pro Bowl coaching gig will be the first for both.

"Just looking at all this talent is impressive," the NFC's Capers said. "Of course, they (the AFC) have the talent, too, so it's all relative."

Said Coughlin: "It's great to be able to rub elbows with all these great players and to spend a week over here."

The NFC will open with Detroit's Barry Sanders, who

led the NFL with 1,553 rushing yards, and Philadelphia's Ricky Watters at the running back spots. The AFC will counter with Denver's Terrell Davis, who gained 1,538 yards, and Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis.

Defensively, the NFC features Green Bay end Reggie White, and linebackers Kevin Greene, the league leader with 14 1/2 sacks, and Sam Mills, both of the Panthers.

The AFC defense includes linebackers Derrick Thomas of Kansas City, an eight-time all-star, and Junior Seau of San Diego, and linemen Cortez Kennedy of Seattle and Chester McGlockton of Oakland.

Canyon tops Pampa

By JERRY HEASLEY

CANYON — Canyon turned out the lights on Pampa in more ways than one Friday night. Leading 26-21 eight seconds into the second half, either an electrical gremlin or perhaps somebody with idle

hands and an idea threw a switch and dumped the court lights, halting play for more than ten minutes and grinding the Harvester assault to an adrenalin-headache standstill.

In the first half, Robert Hale's crew had stunned a much taller, heavier, more physical team with a deliberate, almost stalling offense coupled with a frantic, double-teaming, ball-stealing defense that had the 8-1, district leading Eagles reeling.

August Larson swished a 3-pointer from the corner to open the game. Devin Lemon was accurate on a pair of his patented soft 15-footers early, and the Harvesters looked like state champions of a year past. Canyon, led by Jaime Montes, Keith

Sparling, and Cliff Martin (6'5", 6'4", and 6'5"), bullied their way back with offensive rebounding and inside lay-ups to pull within one at the quarter, 15-14.

Desperate for a win to avoid mathematical elimination from the district playoffs, the Mean Green closed the second quarter as they began the first, with a flurry of points capped by "J-Rock" Osborne's buzzer-beating lay-up off a Canyon deflection of an August Larson hurry-up shot.

With the capacity crowd of Canyon fans dazed, Pampa stormed onto the court to open the half all hot and sweaty and set to pluck more feathers. After the Canyon "better idea" delay long enough for 12 national anthems, a

Globetrotter dribbling exhibition, and an in-flight movie, the Harvesters appeared tired and proved cold. The Eagles ran off 10 unanswered points to grab the lead, 31-26 with 2:30 left in the third quarter.

Finally, Pampa reached their operating temperature of the first half. In slightly over two minutes, they scored 13 of 19 points to lead 39-37. But, no matter, the second half black hole was too much for five Energizer Bunnies to illuminate. After Kaleb Meek hit a pair of free throws to tie the game at 41, the Eagle's took the lead and kept it.

With 5:01 left, Pampa fans screamed in disbelief at a hard-to-see charging call. Gabe Wilbon, standing, appeared to do no more than surge up vertically for a 10-foot jumper and in his flight was restricted by a standing Eagle. (Maybe the official needed more light?)

Down 48-43, Pampa refused to fold. Young, desperate for an open shot, hit a 3-pointer, Eagles flying in his face. The neon read 48-46 with 3:30 left.

The game ending blow appeared to come when Canyon stole the ball and raced all the way down court for a lay-up and three point play off the foul by August Larson - 51-46. Still, Pampa had a chance with 1:43 remaining and the score 51-47. Poor free throw shooting - four missed one-point possibilities - ended those chances. The Eagles made their shots from the line in the last 60 seconds as Pampa was forced to foul, running the final to 58-47. The game was much closer and Pampa led most of the clock.

Kaleb Meek led Pampa scoring with 14 points, followed by Larson with 10, Young with 9, Lemons with 5, Wilbon with 4, and Osborne with 4.

Lady Eagles keep flying high

PAMPA — Number one ranked Canyon defeated Pampa, 69-24, Friday night in District 1-4A girls' basketball action.

It was the final game of the season for the Lady Harvesters, who finished at 3-9 in district and 11-16 for the season.

The Lady Eagles, who have won 59 consecutive games, were led in scoring by Valerie Valdez with 14 points and Courtney Sims 13. Lindy Lombard added 12.

Canyon held a 33-13 halftime lead.

Scoring for Pampa were Kristi Carpenter with 7 points, Faustine Curry 6, Jennifer Jones and Chandra Nachtigall 3 each; Tina Dwight and McKinley Quarles 2 each, and Yvette Brown 1.

It was the last game for PHS

seniors Carpenter, Jones and Dwight. In was also the last Pampa game for head coach Mike Jones, who is leaving to become the head women's basketball coach at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

Curry was Pampa's leading rebounder with 6 while Sims led Canyon with 7. Canyon had a 29-19 rebounding edge.

Canyon is ranked No. 3 in the nation by USA Today girls' basketball poll. The Lady Eagles are the defending Class 4A state champions.

Classic bowlers



Pampa bowlers display their paychecks after cashing in at the annual Merchants Singles Classic last weekend at Harvester Lanes. Pictured, l-r, are Arnel Bryan, first place; Susan Ratzlaff, second place; Jesse Cannon, fourth place; John Herring, fifth place; Sue Henderson, sixth place, and Belinda Nolte, Classic director. Not pictured is Steve Nolte, who placed third. Mrs. Nolte extended her thanks to the merchants for their donations to the Classic. The Classic is a 10-game sweeper across 10 lanes.

Freshmen boys stretch record to 16-1

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Canyon, 49-32, in a 9th grade boys' basketball contest Saturday.

Russell Robben led Pampa scoring with 14 points, followed by Jesse Francis with 12, Casey Owens 7, Kevin Osborne 6, Steven Vanderpool 3, Matt Heasley 5 and Jeremy Silva 2.

The Pampa freshmen improved their record to 10-0 in district and 16-1 for the season. Pampa, the district champions, hosts Dumas at 6 p.m. Monday.

"These guys continue to improve every day. They've been solid all year long," said Pampa coach Troy Bell. "They're all coachable and it makes my job a whole lot easier. Coach Hale (Robert Hale, Pampa High head basketball coach) has done a great job with the program here. I try and follow his philosophy, coaching life along with basketball."

Dennis Boyd scored 23 points as Pampa won the B game, 58-51.

John Shephard followed with 12 points while Jacob Campos had 9, Tyrone Walker 7, Brent Coffee 3, Richard Lager 2 and Shawn Stowers 2.

"They played a great game, probably the best they've played all year. They made a couple of mental mistakes and

came up short at the end," said Bell. "They're getting better every day and becoming more focused with each game. I'm just real pleased with their effort."

The Pampa B team is 7-7 overall and 5-5 in district. They compete in the district tournament Thursday through Saturday in Hereford.

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Canadian rallies past Boys Ranch

CANADIAN — Canadian Wildcat guard Fabian Franco led Canadian to a commanding victory over Boys Ranch Friday night in a District 1-2A clash, 79-48.

The win increases Canadian's district record to 6-2 on the year, one game behind 7-1 Stratford, who posted a 66-42 win over Sunray Friday night to stay one step ahead of the Wildcats. Boys Ranch fell to 2-6 in district play after the loss.

Boys Ranch led 17-16 at the end of the first quarter, but

Canadian was able to bounce on top, 35-30, at halftime.

In the third quarter, Canadian held the Roughriders to only 7 points the entire quarter while the Wildcats went on a 20-point offensive run. The Wildcats strong play on both sides of the court continued for the remainder of the game as Canadian effectively shut down Boys Ranch in the fourth quarter to propel the Wildcats to the 31-point victory.

Franco paced Canadian in scoring with 11 points in the contest while Kevin Zenor, a 6-2 forward contributed 10 points for the Wildcats.

"The kids have been playing pretty good," said Canadian coach Jey Penquite. "We don't have anybody who stands out as far as scoring goes. It may be one player one night and a different player the next night."

The Wildcats play against Sunray Feb. 4 in Canadian, and will finish out regular season play against Stratford Feb. 7 in Stratford. The Wildcats have to win their remaining two games to clinch a playoff spot.

Weaver leads Rolex 24-Hours race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A Ford Riley & Scott MK III World Sports Car, driven by James Weaver of England, remained out front Saturday, one quarter of the way through the Rolex 24-Hours.

The car, co-driven by countryman Andy Wallace, John Paul Jr. and Butch Leitzinger, took the lead just before the three-hour mark during a round of routine pit stops among the leaders.

With six hours gone and darkness having fallen on Daytona International Speedway, the leaders had completed 178 laps on the 3.56-mile road course.

They held a two-lap lead over the Ferrari 333SP of car-owner Gianpiero Moretti of Italy, Didier Theys of Belgium, Derek Bell of England and Antonio Hermann of Brazil. The car completed 91 laps in the first three hours.

Two other World Sports Cars were also solidly in contention, running on the same lap with the second-place car.

Third was the defending champion Oldsmobile R&S MK III of Wayne Taylor of South Africa,

Scott Sharp, Jim Pace and Eric Van de Poele of Belgium, followed by the pole-winning Ferrari of Fermin Velez of Spain, Rob and Charles Morgan and car-owner Andy Evans.

The 78-car field, divided into four divisions, led by the exotic, open-cockpit WSC prototypes, took the green flag at 1:08 p.m. EST for America's premier twice-around-the-clock event and the season-opening race for the International Motor Sports Association.

The GTS-1 Lister Storm driven by Englishmen Geoff Lees, Tiff Needell and Anthony Reid was fifth after six hours, trailing the WSC entries by two laps and just ahead of the GTS-1 pole-winning Dodge Viper GTSR of Tommy Archer and Frenchmen Olivier Beretta and Dominique Dupuy. Nearly everyone was complain-

ing about traffic on the track that includes a narrow, twisting infield section and about three-quarters of the 2 1/2-mile, high-banked stock car oval.

"I was taking it very easy, just driving conservatively in order to save the car as much as possible," Archer explained after his first stint in the Viper. "The biggest problem out there is traffic. At one point, I had to come to a complete stop on the chicane in order to avoid an accident."

The top four cars took turns in the lead during the early going, with the Ferraris, starting from the front row, exchanging the top spot in the first hour on pit stops.

Velez, who won the pole, drove most of the first three hours before giving up the seat to Evans, who is the biggest investor in IMSA, which recently changed hands.

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Pats' boss beats Parcels in power struggle

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — At the end of a long, historic day, Bob Kraft looked up from the driver's seat of his black Lexus and asked, "How did I do?"

Not bad, not bad at all. He had control of Bill Parcels, an obsessive control freak. He could demand the top pick in this year's draft from the New York Jets. And, at last, Kraft could hire a coach who wouldn't sulk when he didn't get his way.

Just five days after his dream of winning the Super Bowl was crushed by the big-play Green Bay Packers, Kraft was a very big winner Friday against a formidable opponent.

The longtime New England Patriots season ticket-holder had owned the team for only three years. Now he had gotten the best of the determined Parcels, a two-time Super Bowl champion in 12 seasons as an NFL coach.

There was no doubt about how Kraft had done at his news conference that morning, which lasted one minute longer than the one at which Parcels announced he was stepping down as coach.

While Parcels was evasive, claiming to have no idea about his future or the fact the Jets had talked to the Patriots about obtaining his services, Kraft couldn't have been more direct.

Give us the No. 1 pick, he told the Jets, or we don't give you Parcels.

Even Parcels had to admit, "I think the company's in pretty good hands."

The crafty Kraft began laying the

groundwork for his victory more than a year ago, and Parcels was his unwitting helper.

The coach wasn't sure he wanted to continue for the fifth and final year of his contract in 1997, after the team went 6-10 in 1995. But he'd have to pay Kraft \$1.2 million to get out of that year. So he asked Kraft to remove the last year from the deal. Kraft agreed and the contract was amended Jan. 12, 1996.

In exchange, Parcels agreed that if he wanted to coach in 1997 it only could be for the Patriots, unless they gave their consent.

Then Parcels began enjoying the 1996 season. He liked the players. They listened to him. And they won. Their 11-5 record topped the AFC East, and they reached the Super Bowl for the second time in the team's 37 years.

Yet Parcels still wasn't happy. The sting of being overruled on draft day — Kraft and personnel chief Bobby Griener chose wide receiver Terry Glenn over defensive end Tony Brackens — remained.

Without control over personnel decisions, Parcels wanted out. He claimed he could gain his freedom by paying \$1.2 million and asked NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue for an interpretation. On Wednesday, Parcels learned he wasn't calling the plays anymore when Tagliabue ruled in Kraft's favor.

On Friday, the adversaries held separate news conferences.

Parcels bit his lower lip as he walked to the podium. When he

gave it up to Kraft 38 minutes later, they shook hands. Neither smiled.

"I know I'm not the easiest guy all the time but, by and large, I've been treated fairly," the ex-coach said. "With me leaving, it's going to be Bob Kraft's team now."

As he found out, it always was. Kraft said his ex-coach was "a handful" to work with. But both said their dispute was professional, not personal. And Kraft described Parcels as "just a fun guy to be around."

He also was an excellent coach and motivator who — through teaching, deadly stares and pats on the back — molded a franchise with a reputation for failure into a Super Bowl team in just four years.

"Bill Parcels brought huge credibility here," Kraft said. "He got the ball rolling and created the excitement and did more for this franchise than anyone could have done. I wish he was still here."

Professional differences made that impossible. Yet, with a productive offense, a developing defense, a lot of young talent, and a sharp owner with other successful businesses, the future is bright. "I think," Kraft said, "we're going to have a nice run the next few years."

He moved swiftly to find a new coach. Reports intensified that Pete Carroll, the defensive coordinator of the San Francisco 49ers organization that Kraft admires, would be the man.

Whoever follows Parcels will have "big shoes to fill," Kraft said.

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Jury finds Routier guilty in son's death

KERRVILLE (AP) - Home-maker Darlie Routier was found guilty Saturday of killing one of her two young sons in a grisly knife attack at their suburban home eight months ago.

Loud crying filled the courtroom as Judge Mark Tolle read the verdict and Mrs. Routier's relatives began to wail. Many family members, including her husband, Darin, wore shirts displaying pictures of the victims, 5-year-old Damon and 6-year-old Devon.

Mrs. Routier was tried first for Damon's death.

The 27-year-old woman was sobbing before the verdict was read and continued weeping afterward, her head tilting to the side and rolling backward.

"I did not kill my babies," defense attorney Richard Mosty quoted Mrs. Routier of saying after the verdict came in.

The sentencing phase of Mrs. Routier's capital murder trial begins Monday. She could get the death penalty or life in prison for Damon's death and could also be tried later in the older brother's slaying.

Mrs. Routier had been charged with capital murder for the death of a child under age six.

Another capital murder indictment involving the death of two individuals during the commission of a single offense is pending against Mrs. Routier.

The jury deliberated for six hours Friday afternoon and four hours Saturday morning. The trial began Jan. 6.

"We are relieved," prosecutor Greg Davis said. "We are happy. We are grateful to the jury because I think they took the facts and came back with the conclusion that I would have hoped for - that she is guilty."

An appeal is automatic in capital murder cases. Mosty said he already has several grounds on which to base the appeal.

"Obviously, we're disappointed, but there isn't really much we can do about it at this stage," defense attorney Doug Mulder said.

Damon and Devon Routier were stabbed to death June 6, 1996, in the family room of their home in Rowlett, a suburb 20 miles east of Dallas.

Mrs. Routier said an intruder wearing dark clothing and a baseball cap killed the boys and slashed her neck and shoulder before fleeing through a garage window. She was arrested 12 days later.

"We are grateful this phase of the case is over," Rowlett police chief Randall Posey said. "The evidence was there, the evidence was overwhelming. ... But it should be remembered that there are no winners in this case. Two little boys are dead."

Prosecutors contended Mrs. Routier was angry over money problems and the burdens of motherhood, and that she slashed herself to cover the crime.

Darin Routier supported his wife's claim of innocence. The night of the killings he said he was asleep upstairs with their infant son, Drake.

The trial was moved from North Texas because of publicity.

Mrs. Routier took the stand Wednesday and said: "I loved those children more than my life. They were the most important thing to me."

She also firmly declared she didn't commit the killings. "I did not stab those children nor did I try to stab myself," she said.

Davis said Mrs. Routier's testimony didn't help her. "I think it was very harmful because it let the jury see who she really is and let them see she'll lie when she has to save her own hide," the prosecutor said.

Mulder said he's not sure it was a mistake to let Mrs. Routier testify.



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Groundhog not so right this decade

PITTSBURGH (AP) - For a rodent billed as the "seer of seers," Punxsutawney Phil's track record isn't great.

The groundhog guru has properly prognosticated only three of the last six winters, at least for western Pennsylvania.

"I don't want to hurt anybody's feelings in the wonderful land of Punxsutawney," said Bob Larson, meteorologist for AccuWeather Inc., a commercial weather service based in State College.

Club members claim the rotund rodent is never wrong. "The weather is in the eye of the beholder," Punxsutawney Groundhog Club President Bud Dunkel said when confronted with Phil-debunking data.

According to tradition, if Phil sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If not, spring is right around the corner.

That's based on a German superstition that an animal casting its shadow Feb. 2 - the Christian holiday of Candlemas - means bad weather is to come.

But in the 110 years since German farmers began the festival in Punxsutawney, Groundhog Day has evolved into an elaborate show of hoodwinkery. Only once since 1991 has Phil failed to see his shadow, suggesting spring was imminent.

That forecast, in 1995, turned out to be a bad guess.

Average temperatures in February that year wound up falling 2.2 degrees below the 30-year norm of 26.1 degrees, according to records in Pittsburgh, 80 miles southwest of Punxsutawney.

Records showed that Phil was also wrong in 1991 and 1992. Temperatures were way above normal in February of both of those years, despite Phil's prediction of six more weeks of winter.



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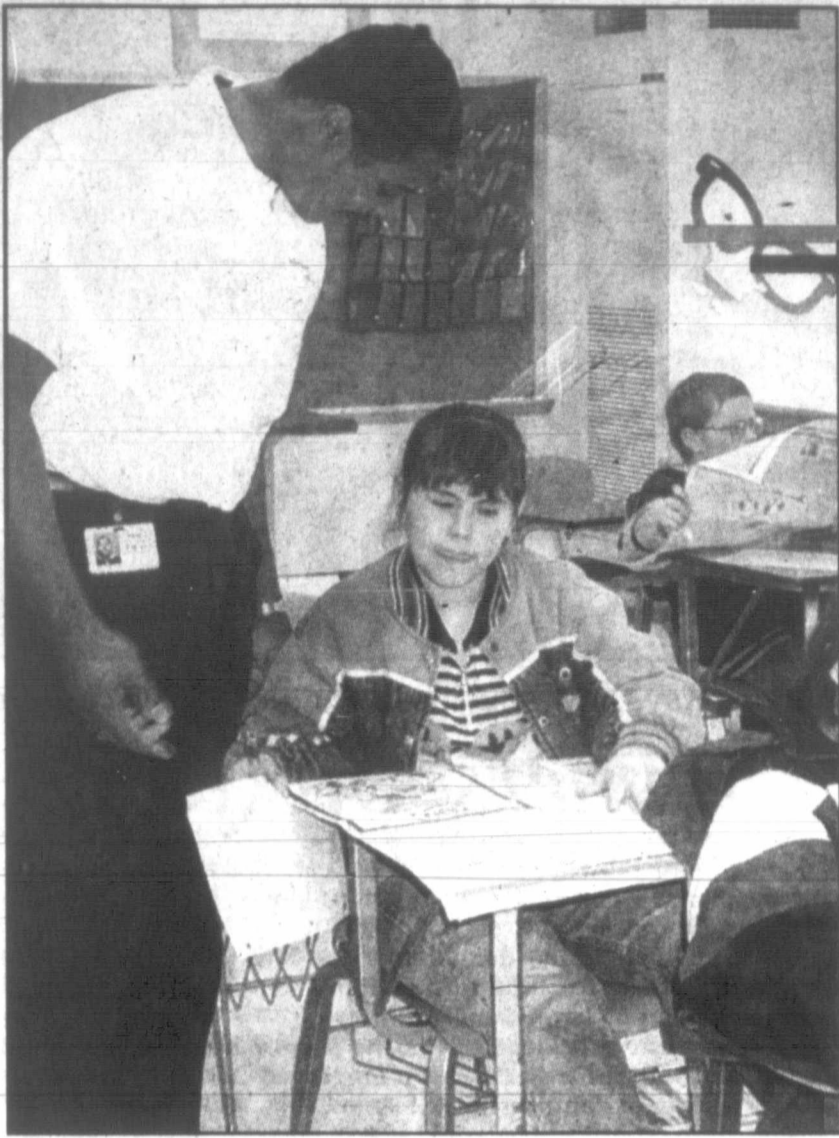
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NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION



Noah Davis of Hoechst Celanese visits with sixth-grader Jessica Leos. The students in Jeff Nicklas' math class enjoy reading the papers every week.

Newspapers are a vital part of any community. They serve to inform citizens of local, state and even national events. By reading, people become more aware and, in many cases, can improve their literacy skills.

So why not combine newspapers with another vital part of the community — the children. Nation-wide newspapers are joining in the education effort by donating papers to students of all ages.

Last year, *The Pampa News* joined in the program donating about 700 newspapers a week to various classes in the school district. This year, that number has grown to 1,250 papers a week and about 50 teachers are currently participating in the program.

The program, however, could not be done without the help of the corporate sponsors, said Pampa News Business Manager Jayne Craig, who also coordinates the program. Sponsors donate money to help absorb the cost of the papers and curriculum. Their help, she said, is part of the reason the program has almost doubled this year.

Every year, a corporate representative holds a seminar in Pampa for the teachers participating in the program. At the seminars, teachers are given curriculums for the appropriate grade levels.

For example, kindergartners peruse the paper-looking for words they can read. Once a word is found, it is cut out and pasted on a tablet for the entire class to read. The students then practice making sentences with the words.

Other elementary classes cut out pictures and then must write a story about the picture. For elementary student Ashley Owen, this is a favorite assignment.

"I like that it (the newspaper) has pictures in it," she said.

Even high school students enjoy using the newspapers in their classroom.

"They like it because it's relevant right now," said high school teacher, Kay Kibbe.

Her class read a lead story, broke into small discussion groups and then acted as legislators, giving solutions to the issues addressed in the story. The students enjoyed the opportunity to read the paper.

"I think it's important to know what's going on in the world and in the region," said high school student Jemar Williams.

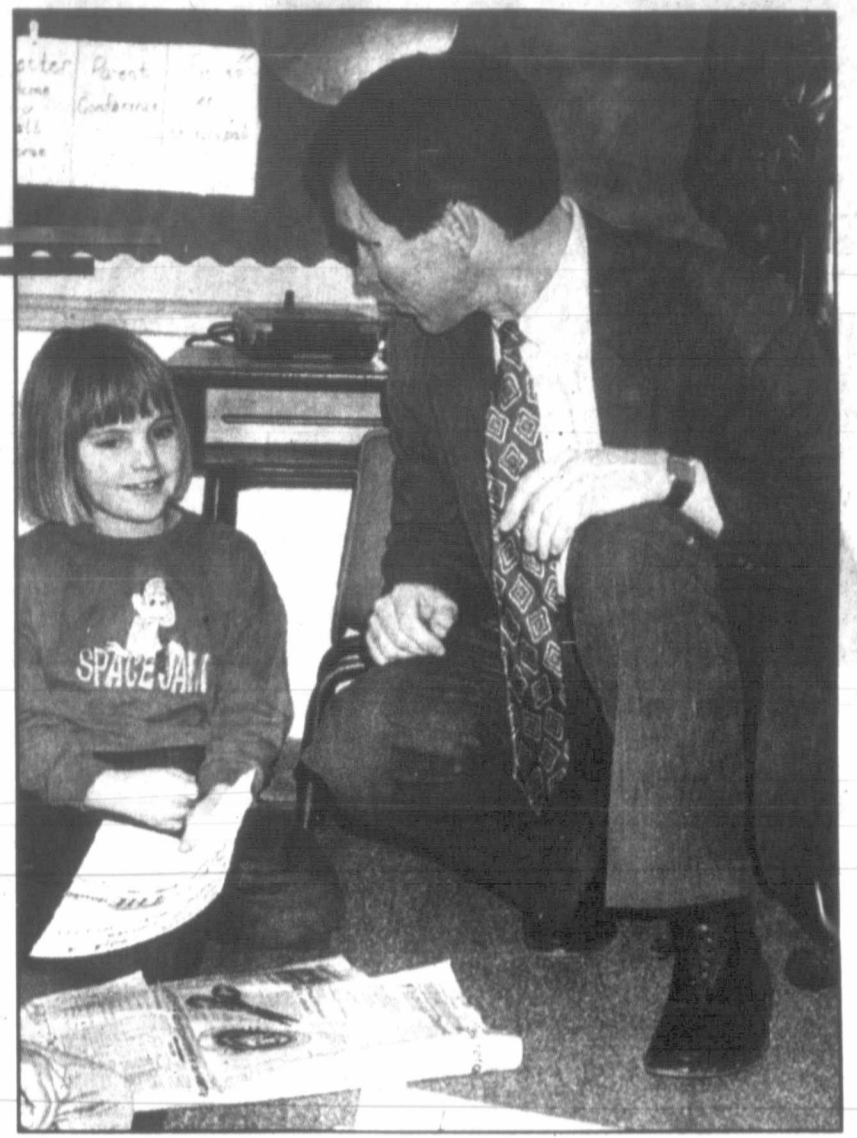
In addition to the educational benefits of increased literacy and vocabulary skills, the paper also increases the readership.

Even though it is only the second year, both teachers and students think the program is popular and successful. With the help of sponsors, *The Pampa News* is hoping to continue the program for many years to come.

Anyone interested in learning more information about the program can contact Jayne Craig at 669-2525.



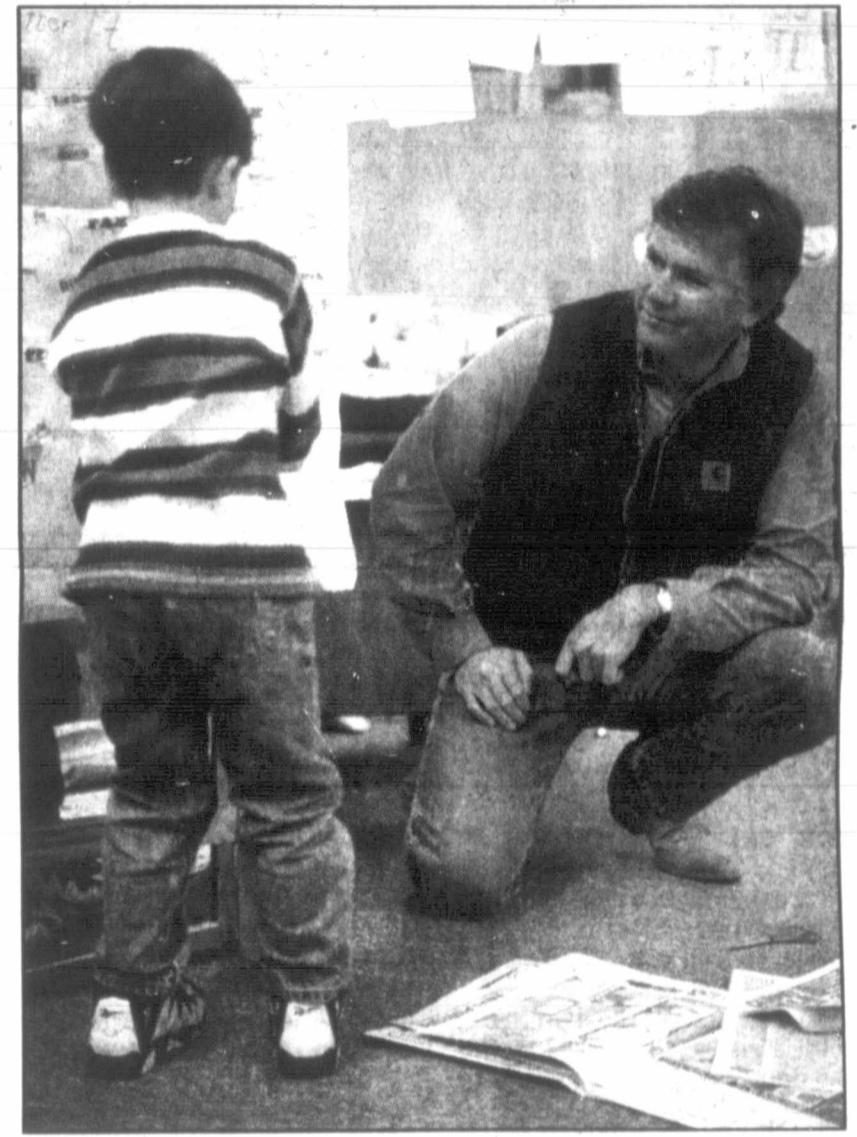
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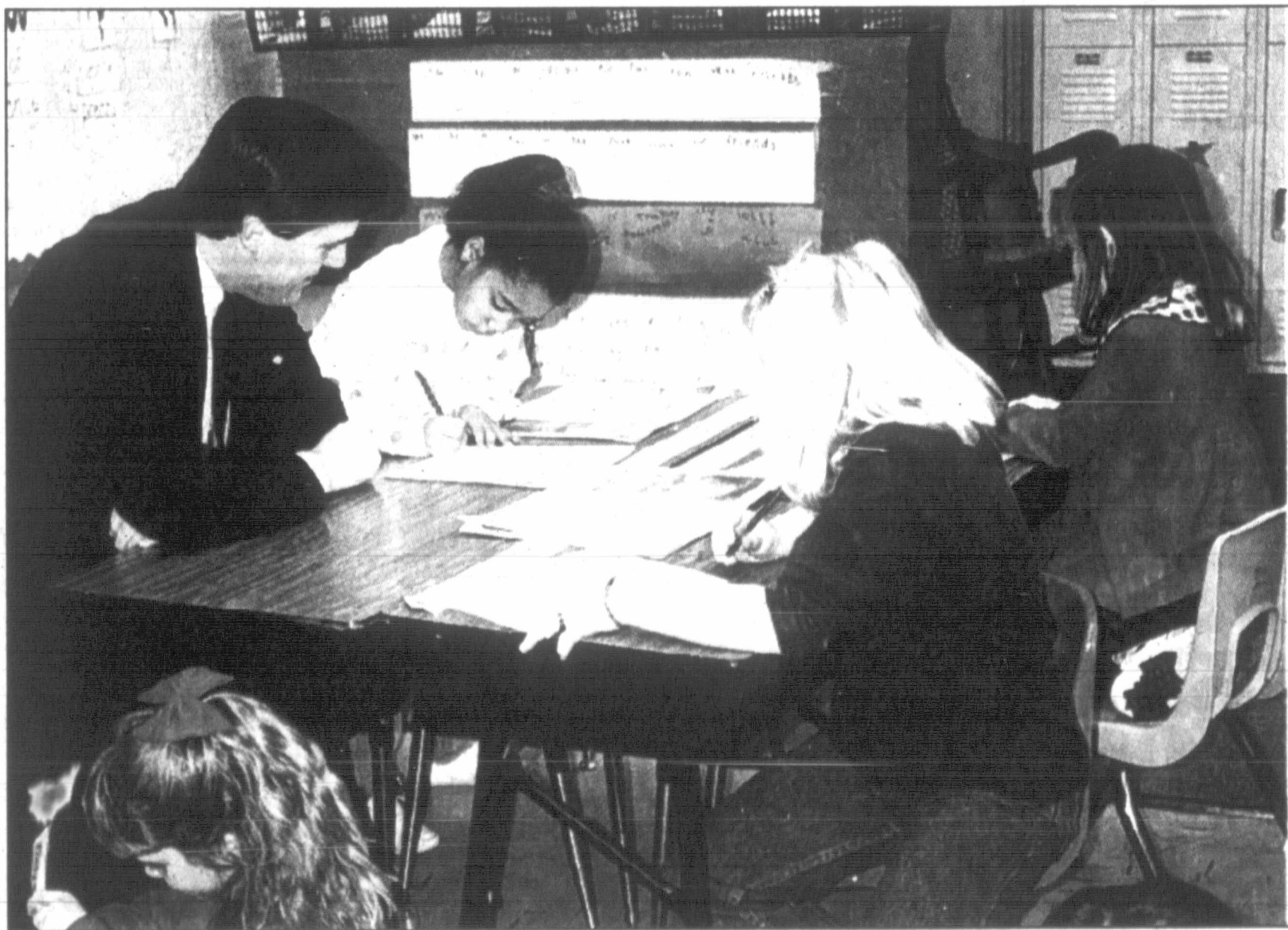
Duane Harp of FirstBank Southwest visits with Meagan Crawford, a student in Misty Townson's class at Horace Mann Elementary. FirstBank Southwest is a sponsor of newspapers in education and provides papers for Townson's class.



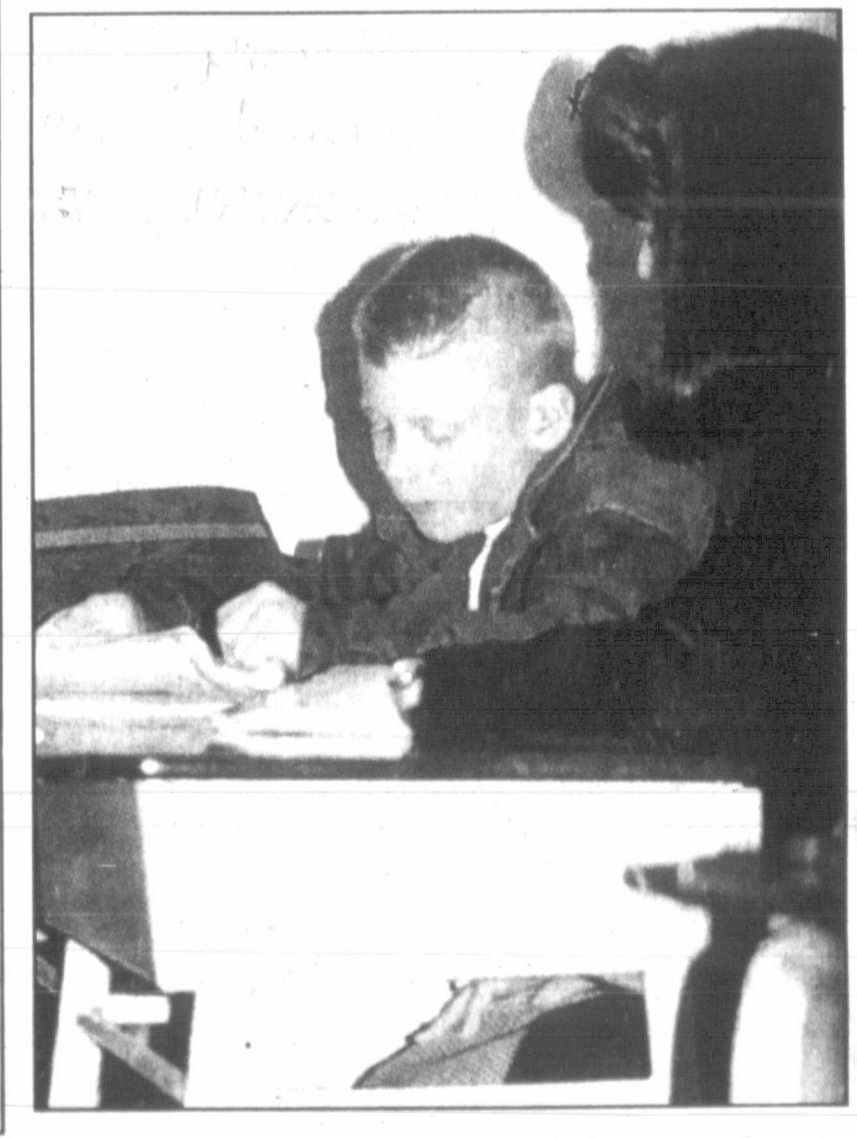
Students in Kay Kibbe's high school class discuss political issues with Steve Brown from Boatman's. The discussion centered around an article the students read in the newspaper.



John Hickman looks on as kindergartener Tyler Jones pastes a word he found in the newspapers on to a class tablet. Laurine Cash said her students at Lamar Elementary enjoy using the paper in class.



Phil Young, with the Columbia Medical Center in Pampa, helps students in Doretta Gerber's class at Horace Mann Elementary find words they can read in the newspaper. The papers are part of the newspapers in education program, sponsored by Columbia Medical Center for Gerber's class.



Gladys Vanderpool, with NBC, helps a student in Angela Hicks class read an article in the newspaper. NBC helps *The Pampa News* provide papers for the students every week.



Niki Coats and Kirk Pshigoda

Coats-Pshigoda

Niki Coats and Kirk Pshigoda, both of Wichita Falls, plan to wed March 15, 1997, in First Baptist Church at Holiday, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jack Coats of New Orleans, La., and Shirley Andrew of Irving, Texas. She is a 1994 Irving High School graduate and is currently pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in psychology at Midwestern State University at Wichita Falls.

The prospective groom is the son of Ed and Lillie Pshigoda of White Deer. He is a 1992 White Deer High School graduate and is a 1996 graduate of Midwestern State University. He is currently student teaching and hopes to receive his state certification in May.



Michelle Kuykendall and R. Keith Barr

Kuykendall-Barr

Michelle Kuykendall and R. Keith Barr, both of Orlando, Fla., plan to wed March 8, 1997, at Orlando.

The bride-elect is a native of Columbus, Ohio, and is a 1985 graduate of Columbus State University with a degree in accounting. She is currently employed as a project accountant for Faison.

The prospective groom is the son of Sandra and Lynn Thornton of Pampa. He is a 1988 Pampa High School graduate and is a 1993 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in industrial distribution. He is currently employed as a territory sales representative for Markem Corporation. The couple plan to relocate to Phoenix, Ariz., after the wedding.



Johnna Kay Brown Summers and Dean Wallace Birkes

Summers-Birkes

Johnna Kay Brown Summers and Dean Wallace Birkes, both of Pampa, plan to wed March 8, 1997, in First United Methodist Church at Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Johnnie and Barbara Brown of Plains, Texas. She is currently employed as an English teacher at Pampa High School.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Darlene and Wallace Birkes of Pampa. He is currently employed as a theatre arts and speech teacher at Pampa Middle School.



Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Jackson

Jackson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Jackson will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary Feb. 3, 1997.

E.B. Jackson married Floy "Jean" Mike on Feb. 3, 1942, at Glendale, Ariz. The couple have been Pampa residents for 51 years and are members of First Christian Church.

Mr. Jackson retired from Southwestern Bell in 1986 after 40 years of service. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving three years.

Mrs. Jackson is a homemaker.

The couple are the parents of Eugene Jackson of Amarillo and Mollie Reeves of Grand Junction, Colo. They have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dial hotline toll-free

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Physical therapists will be on duty to answer questions from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (Central Time) Feb. 13-14 on women's health concerns including incontinence, PMS, osteoporosis, prenatal exercise and postnatal care via the Women's Health Hotline. The hotline's toll-free number is 1-800-955-7448.

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Children encouraged to participate in educational 'Lunch Box Derby'

WENATCHEE, Wa. — Fast food is healthy, and it's on a roll.

Fourth and fifth graders across the nation will learn the benefits of eating a variety of fruits and vegetables in the Lunch Box Derby — a program challenging students to design, build and race model cars made completely out of fruits and vegetables.

The program, sponsored by the Washington Apple Commission, is intended to give kids a dietary tune-up by teaching them the size, shape, texture, tastes and nutritional value of fruits and vegetables.

"The derby promotes good nutrition, emphasizes teamwork and encourages children to be imaginative," said commission spokesman Jim Thomas. "The object of the exercise is to design a car which goes the farthest, not the fastest."

"It's important kids understand what makes a high-performance car body also make a high-performance kid body. The derby reminds students in a creative way that eating fruits and veggies will help their bodies go the distance."

Thomas said the Commission is looking for classrooms willing to take the challenge, and the rules are fairly simple. Students divide into groups of four and make an inventory of available parts — fruits and vegetables of every variety. Each team designs their vehicle on paper, with teacher slicing the food to make the necessary parts. The cars can be assembled using only three bamboo skewers, four toothpicks and a rubber band to hold it together.

Teams then place their cars at the top of an eight-foot ramp and let them coast. The vehicle traveling the greatest distance takes the checkered flag.

"Sometimes the cars run great," Thomas said. "Sometimes they turn into a tossed salad. That's what makes it fun to watch."

Teachers can receive a free sign-up package — including racing guidelines, stickers and an entry form — by writing to Lunch Box Derby, P.O. Box 550, Wenatchee, WA 98807, or by calling (509) 663-9600.

To enter the nationwide contest, teachers should send in the names of students on the winning team, a photo of their car and the distance the car traveled. Sixteen regional winners will be chosen based on performance and car design. The top four teams will win an all-expense paid trip to the national finals in Washington, D.C., in May, where they will face off with the top team from Europe. The deadline for entries is April 25, 1997.

The Lunch Box Derby has drawn thousands of entries from all over the United States since it was first started in 1994. Past national winners were teams from Oberlin, Kan., Weippe, Idaho, and Tampa, Fla.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates
3 - McLean 4-Clover 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Church of Christ Annex; Intermediate and Senior Consumer Decisionmaking project meeting, 7 p.m., Gray County Annex

4 - E.T. 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Gray County Annex

5 - Junior Consumer Decisionmaking project meeting, 6 p.m., Gray County Annex

6 - Intermediate and Senior Consumer Decisionmaking project meeting, 5 p.m., Gray County Annex

4-H Consumer Project
The Panhandle District Texas Association for Family and Community Education will again be awarding two scholar-

ships this year. A \$200 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior and a \$200 scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in college who has completed at least 60 hours of college credit. The scholarship application deadline is March 1. To obtain a copy of the application, call the Extension office.

4-H Clothing Workshop
The 4-H Clothing project will soon get underway. There will be opportunities for youth to learn to sew, participate in consumer buying activities or do fashion and fabric design. Youth interested in participating in the 4-H Clothing project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible!

THE WAGES OF SIN

"For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 6:23.) Both physical death and spiritual death entered the world through Adam. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; then they that are Christ's, at His coming." (I Cor. 15:22-23.) To the Romans, he wrote: "Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned." (Rom. 5:12.) Therefore we see that it was through sin that death, both physical and spiritual, entered into the world. All die, physically, because of Adam's sin. All die, spiritually, because of their own sins. In either case, death is the result of sin.

Those who die in their sins are eternally condemned (Jn. 8:21-24). While there is nothing we can do to prevent our physical death (Heb. 9:27), there is something we can do about our spiritual death. The

Ephesian brethren had been dead in their sins (Eph. 2:1.) But they had been made alive again, spiritually, by virtue of obeying the gospel and being baptized into Christ (cf. Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-4.) This is the new birth Jesus was talking about in His conversation with Nicodemus (Jn. 3:3-5.) Only in Christ is there hope for those who have died spiritually because of their sins.

The terrible nature of sin cannot be emphasized too much. It is a plague on all of mankind. But thanks be to God for His wonderful love, mercy, grace and kindness that has provided the remedy for sin. The remedy is Jesus Christ. "For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a people for His own possession, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:11-14.)

-Billy T. Jones

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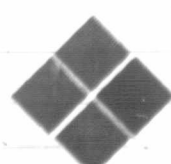
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Newsmakers

CONWAY, Ark. - Shawn Hunter, a former Pampa student and granddaughter of Travis and Phyllis Hunter and John and Lillian Chesher, all of Pampa, was recently named to Who's Who Among American Universities. Hunter currently attends the University of Central Arkansas at Conway, Ark., and is a graduate of Lakeside High School in Hot Springs, Ark. She is scheduled to graduate from UCA in May with a degree in interior design. In addition, she has been named to the university's Dean's List and is the recipient of the UCA Alumni Association Scholarship for the Harvey A. Buffalo Endowment Fund. She is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority and American Society of Interior Designers.



Shawn Hunter



Tamara Fischer

GOODWELL, Okla. - Tamara Fischer, a 1993 Pampa High School graduate and daughter of Dean and Agnes Dreher of Pampa, has recently been named to the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Fischer was selected via campus nominating committees and editors of the publication on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Fischer is a senior elementary education major at Oklahoma Panhandle State University at Goodwell and has been active in Student Ambassadors in addition to serving as Technology Student Association secretary, senior class vice president, sophomore class vice president, junior class treasurer and Supreme Court justice.

WACO - Baylor University awarded 768 academic degrees at the end of the 1996 summer session, according to the university's registrar office. Commencement exercises were held Dec. 14, 1996, in the Ferrell Special Events Center. Among students receiving degrees was LaTonya Denalle Jeffery, a bachelor of business administration graduate, from Pampa.

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech

University College of Human Sciences awarded over \$217,000 to approximately 396 recipients for the 1996-97 academic year. Awards ranged from \$200 to \$2,000 for each recipient. Julia "Kim" McDonald, daughter of Lee and Katie McDonald of Pampa, received the Fray Stallings Wells Scholarship. Programs in the college include human development; family financial planning; merchandising; fashion design; clothing; textiles and merchandising; interior design; home economics; restaurant, hotel and institutional management; food and nutrition/dietetics; environmental design and consumer economics; and home economics education.

GREAT LAKES, Ill. - Navy Seaman Recruit Matthew W. Lamberth, 1995 Pampa High School graduate and son of Terry D. and Diana L. Strickland of Pampa, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes.

During the eight week program, Lamberth completed a variety of training with an emphasis on physical fitness including classroom study and practical instruction in naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety-survival, and shipboard-aircraft safety. Lamberth and other recruits also received instruction on Navy core

values - honor, courage and commitment. Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Lamberth are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. Lamberth joins 55,000 men and women entering the Navy this year from all over the nation.

KANEHOE BAY, Hawaii - Marine Lance Corporal Richard T. Wyatt, a 1995 Lefors High School graduate of Lefors, Texas, was recently meritoriously promoted to his present rank while serving with Weapons Company 3d Bn, 3d Marines, 1st MEB, Kaneohe Bay. Wyatt joined the Marine Corps in October 1995.

WICHITA FALLS - Midwestern State University recently announced its University Honor Roll for the fall 1996 semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in twelve or more semester hours. Among students named to the University Honor Roll was Kelley Michele Ford and Denise Jovan Reynolds, both of Pampa.

LAWRENCE, Kan. - The University of Kansas has

announced a revised list of names of students receiving scholarships from private gifts during the fall 1996 semester.

During the fall 1996 semester, students on the Lawrence and Medical Center campuses were awarded more than 6,786 scholarships totaling \$3.6 million from funds administered by the KU Endowment Association. Christa Cher Jefferis, a junior liberal arts and sciences student from Pampa, received the Watkins-Berger Scholarship.

PLAINVIEW - Wayland Baptist University recently announced its Dean's List for the fall 1996 semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in a full course load. Among students named to the Dean's List were Chris L. Jaramillo of Pampa; Myranda J. Crawford of Canadian; Misty D. Homen of Groom; and Sonia M. Splawn of White Deer.

CANYON - West Texas A&M University awarded 397 degrees during its Dec. 12 commencement ceremonies.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor students and were eligible to wear gold honor cords. The three levels of recognition are Cum Laude (3.50-3.74 GPA), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89 GPA) and Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00 GPA).

Among students receiving degrees were: Jacqueline L. Burdick, Lance E. Hadley, Shirley A. Nicholson, and Merle A. Peoples, all receiving bachelor of science degrees in nursing; Michael J. Heiring, master of science degree in engineering technology; Holly Hinton, bachelor of science degree in social work; Aaron P. Lopez, bachelor of business administration degree in marketing; Philip W. McCullough, bachelor of science degree in computer science; Nancy E. Watson, bachelor of science degree in biology; and Melissa E. West, bachelor of science degree in environmental science, Cum Laude, all from Pampa.

Budgeting makes money management easier

Do you know where your money is going? The way you use your money today will determine what you have six months from now, a year from now, five years from now, and throughout your lifetime. You control your financial destiny. You are responsible for the amount of money you earn and the amount of money you spend. Good money managers manage their money rather than letting it manage them.

Living within your income requires careful planning. It requires self-discipline and the ability to say "no" to unnecessary spending. The plan for spending is called a budget. The ability to manage or budget money has to be learned, developed and practiced on a daily basis. There are three steps to successful budgeting: 1) Estimate your expenses, 2) estimate your income and 3) compare and adjust.

One of the biggest jobs in making a spending plan or budget is estimating your expenses. The best way to know what you spend is to keep a record of every penny you spend for at least one month. Check stubs, receipts or an itemized list on a note pad can help you do this.

Once you have a "picture" of your spending habits and expenses, divide those expenses into two types of expenses - fixed and flexible. Fixed expenses are those that have to be paid in specific amounts at specific times. Some examples of fixed expenses are rent or mortgage payments, utilities, insurance payments and installment debt. It is also a good idea to decide what you can set aside as savings and

Homemakers' News Donna Brauchi



consider this as a fixed expense.

If certain expenses occur only once or twice a year, such as insurance payments, you should divide them and set aside some money each month. Setting aside a certain amount per month is easier than taking out a large amount from one month's income.

You will also have some "flexible" expenses. These are expenses that change from week to week or month to month. Estimate how much you plan to spend for food, clothing, transportation, etc., by checking your spending records.

The second step in the budgeting process is figuring how much money will be coming in during the period of your plan. The planning period may be a month, a year, or any length of time you choose. When figuring your income, include only your take-home pay.

Now you are ready for step three - the balancing act. Compare your total income with your total planned

expenses for the planned budget period. If your income covers your goals and expenses and you are satisfied with the results - great! If your expenses add up to more than your income, you will need to look at all parts of the plan again and make necessary adjustments.

When making budget adjustments to balance expenses and income, first consider your flexible expenses. Determine where you can reduce expenditures or where you are over-spending. You may have to decide which things are more important and which ones can wait. If you have trimmed your flexible expenses as much as you can, check your fixed expenses. Housing changes or changes in transportation may be options to consider. If after cutting your

expenses as much as possible, your plan still requires more money than you make, you may want to consider ways of increasing your income.

That's all there is to it! You simply total income, estimate expenses, then make any necessary adjustments. If usually takes several attempts to make your budget work smoothly.

You may find that making a budget is a lot easier than following it! You haven't failed completely if you have to make a change in your plan after it is made. Just don't make a change to allow for impulse buying!

For more information on family financial management, contact your Gray county office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Menus

Feb. 3-8

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn, diced pears, choice of milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Toasts, jelly, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Pig in a blanket, macaroni and cheese, English peas, applesauce, choice of milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, flour tortilla, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak on a bun, lettuce and tomato, mixed fruit, choice of milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick with syrup, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, fresh fruit, cornbread, choice of milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, oven fries, burger salad, pickle slices, cookie, choice of milk.</p> <p>Southside Senior Citizens Center SATURDAY Tuna casserole, English peas, buttered yams, bread and cornbread. Senior Citizens Center MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken spaghetti, mashed potatoes, green beans, squash, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, German chocolate cake or blueberry creme pie, hot rolls or cornbread. TUESDAY Stuffed bell peppers or sweet and sour pork, twice baked potatoes, baked cabbage, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, angel food cake or pineapple squares, hot rolls or cornbread. WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, English peas, butter beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, rainbow cake or coconut creme pie, hot rolls or cornbread.</p>	<p>THURSDAY Chili or stew, Spanish rice, hominy, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, pineapple upside-down cake or chocolate icebox pie, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Fried cod fish or barbecue sausages, potato wedges, creamed corn, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or banana pudding, bread sticks, hot rolls, cornbread.</p> <p>Meals on Wheels MONDAY Impossible pie, okra and tomatoes, corn, plum cake. TUESDAY Barbecue beef, baked beans, potato salad, apricots. WEDNESDAY Sausage spaghetti, green beans, cauliflower, jello. THURSDAY Baked ham, spinach, yam patties, pineapple. FRIDAY Chicken patties, macaroni and cheese, pickled beets, applesauce.</p> <p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, fruit or juice, and choice of milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn, diced pears, and choice of milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Toasts, jelly, fruit or juice, and choice of milk. Lunch: Pig in a blanket, macaroni & cheese, English peas, applesauce, and choice of milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled egg, flour tortilla, fruit or juice, and choice of milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak on a bun, lettuce & tomato, mixed fruit, and choice of milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Pancake-n-sausage on a stick/syrup, fruit or juice, and choice of milk. Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, fresh fruit, cornbread, and choice of milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, and choice of milk. Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, oven fries, burger salad, pickle slices, cookie, and choice of milk.</p>
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District I FCEA to award scholarships

The District I Texas Association For Family and Community Education is awarding two college scholarships this year.

A District I Scholarship in the amount of \$200 will be awarded to a high school graduating senior who has an accumulative grade average of 86 or higher and who lives in the Texas Panhandle area. Applications will be evaluated on applicant need, references, leadership/volunteer work, narrative and potential for use of major.

A second scholarship in the amount of \$200 will be awarded to a college/university student who has completed 60 hours and has an accumulative grade point of 2.5 or higher. Applications will be evaluated on applicant need, home economics experiences, references, narrative and potential for use of the major.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from the Gray County Extension office. Application deadline is March 1, 1997.

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Theatergoer Has Reservations About Saving Latecomer's Seat

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of the practice of "reserving" a seat at a public event by placing an object such as an umbrella or a coat on the seat? My feeling is this should not entitle a person to select a choice seat, then wander off for half an hour or more and expect others to respect the "reservation." Abby, will you please state in your column that saving a seat for someone who is late is very unfair and should not be permitted?

Also, how should a situation of this kind be handled? Maybe you haven't been in a situation of this kind, but I'd like to hear from people who have. Is it fair, or isn't it? And if the person who is "holding" a seat for a latecomer encounters an angry theatergoer, who is entitled to the seat? I have witnessed some ugly scenes as a result of "seat saving" in theaters. What do you say?

SAN FRANCISCAN

DEAR SAN FRANCISCAN: If a person comes in and says, "My friend (or spouse) is parking the car and I am saving a seat for him (or her)," that's fine.

But I would have a problem with the person who lays claim to a block of six or eight seats together. However, under no circumstances would I engage in an argument about it in a public place.

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

I hate to be so superficial that I would miss out on a fulfilling relationship because Dan is not better looking. I certainly love who he is on the inside, but I know some people will look at us and wonder what I saw in him.

Would I be wrong to let his appearance hold me back? I would hate to have him give up everything for me and move out here. What if things didn't work out? He says that is a chance he is willing to take.

He makes me very happy and is always on my mind. I want to call him and tell him to come to California, but I am not sure it is the right thing to do. What do you think, Abby?

ON THE FENCE

DEAR ON THE FENCE: I know your friends are well-meaning, but I question their values.

An average-looking man who is kind and caring will become more attractive with time, just as a handsome man will become less appealing if his behavior does not match his appearance.

Let Dan know that you are very much interested in him, but moving to California must be his decision alone. And when you get to know him better, if he is everything you want in a lifelong partner, you will have made a very wise decision.

woman with three children, 11, 10 and 7. Through the Internet, I met a man who lives in Kentucky. (I live in California.) I'll call him Dan. He is a high school teacher and is by far the kindest, most considerate man I have ever known.

Dan invited me to his house for Thanksgiving, and he spent a week at my home at Christmas. He and my children got along great; in fact, they are still talking about him.

Dan treats me with respect and is a perfect gentleman. The only problem is his appearance. He is slightly overweight and somewhat out of shape. He also has an eye problem that requires him to wear extremely thick glasses. My friends tell me that I am "too pretty" to settle for him—My mom says looks are not that important, and I would have to look far to find a man who will treat me with such respect and consideration.

Dan told me he is considering moving to California at the end of the school year so we can be closer.

Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not be surprised today if everyone seems to treat you with more respect than usual. Your standing in the eyes of your peers will be at a high point.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you will require the kind of commitments that do not limit your mobility. Try to disengage yourself from tedious routines.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you hope to profit today, you might have to be more adventurous than usual in business situations. You should be bold but not foolish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Select your companions carefully today, because they will influence your general outlook. If they are perky, they will elevate your expectations as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even if others call you a Pollyanna, you should try to make a game out of your chores today. You will have more fun if you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Basically you are a warm, outgoing person, and you are capable of making a favorable impression on others. These attributes will be important today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will have an opportunity to firm up your financial situation today. The change will be slow but perceptible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If a friend comes to you for advice today, take time to help him. You will profit as well because you'll learn from teaching.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Generally speaking, conditions are promising for you today. However, your most impressive results will come from a financial deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you should be able to operate more independently, and this will enable you to accomplish important things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will fare better today if you maintain a low profile. Keep on top of things, but try to pull the strings from the background.

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Horoscope



Monday, Feb. 3, 1997

In the year ahead, it will be to your advantage to get involved in progressive groups. You could benefit from ventures which offer unique or novel wares to the public.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Dealing with pretentious people could make you feel uncomfortable today. Plan activities with old friends who are always genuine. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-



"They made February a short month 'cause they wanted to get winter over with."



"Of course, in a case like yours, the guarantee would be null and void."

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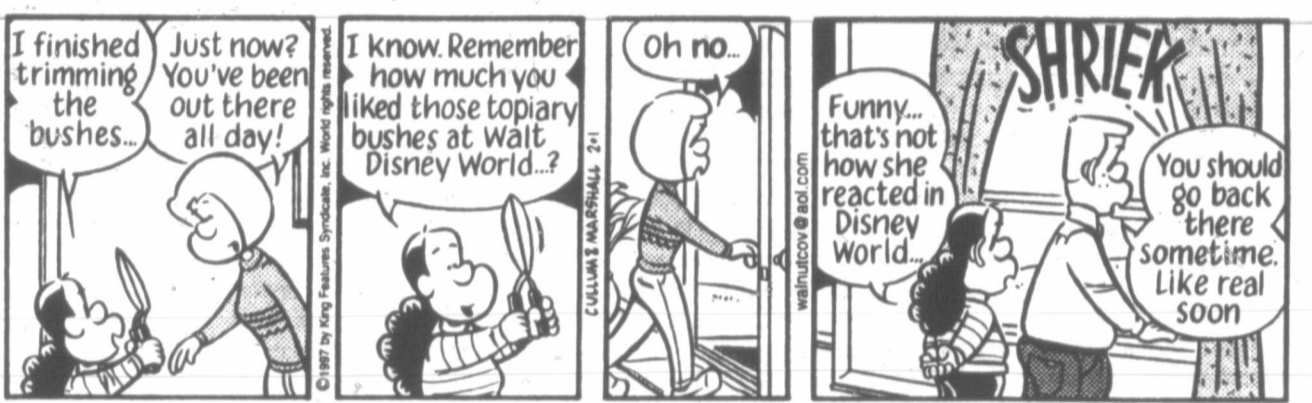
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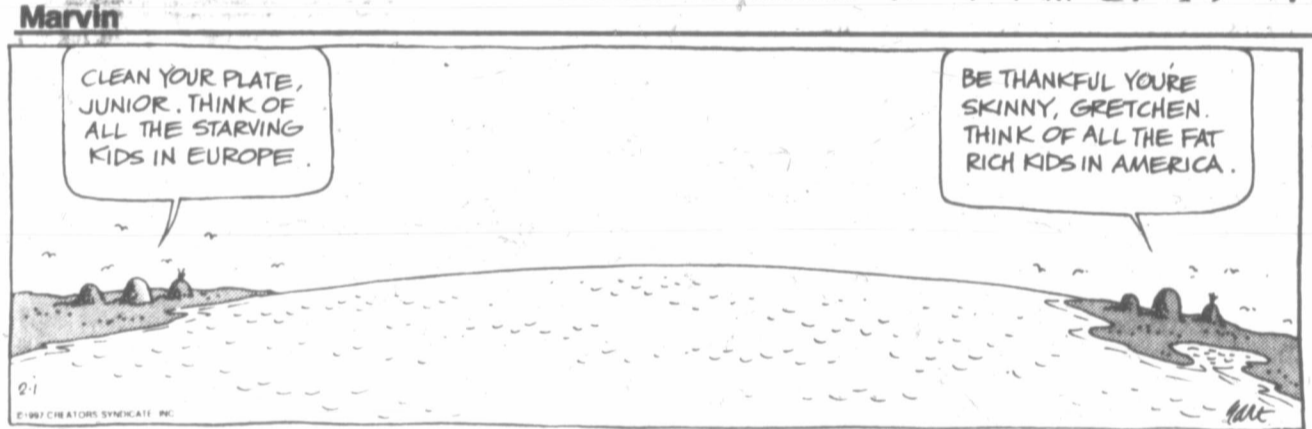
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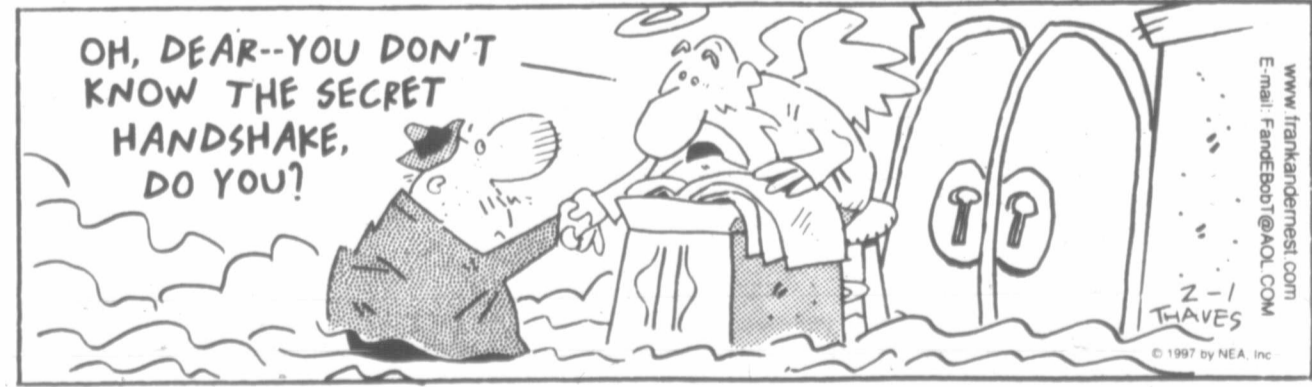
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Entertainment

Hot 'Mosquito' has sexy, languid bite

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Hollywood's latest hot-from-the-oven stud muffin is sprawled on a plush hotel sofa wrestling with nine-letter words.

Skeet Ulrich, the 26-year-old actor with high, hollow cheekbones and wispy goatee, is making only moderate headway with the *New York Times* crossword puzzle.

"I'm a huge word fan," he confesses. "I love words. Etymology is so interesting to me. I just enjoy words and how words play."

The Next Big Hunk's a crossword junkie?

Well, not today. "This one is hard," he announces ruefully, tossing the folded newspaper aside.

Ulrich himself is less easy to dismiss these days. Not since last summer's estrogen-fueled frenzy surrounding Matthew McConaughey has a relatively unweathered actor been so hyped.

His eerie resemblance to Johnny Depp doesn't hurt either.

"I hate it," says Ulrich on being crowned the new It Boy. "I don't like it because it's not who I am. That's what really eats at me. Most people who know me, know that I'm pretty much a homebody."

With six films in two years the actor is deemed so bankable he's turning scripts away.

"Blessed," he says slowly. "I'm completely blessed. For some reason, I have a built-in sensor that won't let me play bad parts."

Last spring, all three of his first major releases opened in the same week. Ulrich's roles were small, but he attracted attention.

He got to manhandle Winona Ryder in *Boys*, his first cinematic role. He was the twitchy half brother of death row-bound Sharon Stone in *Last Dance* and a doomed, spellbound boy toy to a teenaged witch in *The Craft*.

"I find myself surrounded by death in most films, which is kinda odd," he muses, chuckling. "I don't know what that is."

Now comes another trio.

He plays a psychopathic slasher in Wes Craven's tongue-in-cheek thriller *Scream* and Faye Dunaway's son in *Albino Alligator*, the directorial debut of Academy Award-winning actor Kevin Spacey.

It's alongside Bridget Fonda and Christopher Walken in director Paul Schrader's *Touch* that Ulrich assumes his first leading role.

"I don't think I could be blessed with a better part as a first starring role," he says of his character, Juvenal, a slacker ex-monk exploited for his Christlike power to heal. "You just don't get parts like this when you're younger."

For Ulrich, it was love-at-first-script.

"I think I picked it up and read the first 10 pages and, for some reason, I said 'I've got to do this.' I think it had a lot to do with the mystery behind this guy. In the first few pages I didn't know whether he was the devil or if he was Jesus."

Skeet is short for "Mosquito," Ulrich's Little League nickname. He was raised in the farm town of Concord, N.C., a place he affectionately calls "a shoe box."

Ulrich won notice as an undergraduate at New York University, when his stage performances grabbed the attention and patronage of famed playwright David Mamet.

The budding heartthrob then kicked around the Big Apple for a few years—even nailing down a stint as a carpenter—before director Stacy Cochran cast him in *Same Difference*, an ABC-TV after-school special. Cochran was so impressed she went on to put Ulrich in *Boys*.

He says acting doesn't come particularly easy to him—"it's nerve-racking." His on-camera style is understated, almost languid, and he often conveys emotions with a mere shrug or sheepish grin which makes him eminently watchable.

Ducking the predictable, new-stud-in-town route, he turned down the lead in John Woo's next action flick in favor of a minor role in James L. Brooks' *Old Friends* with Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt and Greg Kinnear.

"Leads are sometimes easier than supporting parts," he says, running a hand through his long, stringy hair. "I'll always go for the role where I'm going to learn more. Even if that means going smaller."

And funnier. Ulrich says he had a wicked epiphany about his *Old Friends* role as a gay street hustler. "I gave him a Brad Pitt infatuation," he says with a sly grin.

Jacqueline Bisset hasn't sunk to the depths

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The New Wave director considered France's Hitchcock had to become *The Master of Suspended Disbelief* when someone suggested casting Jacqueline Bisset in his new movie.

"At first, I was hesitant to approach her with what is, after all, a third lead," Claude Chabrol said.

He was assured that she wouldn't be too snooty about that. And, voila, she took the role of an affluent suburban woman in *La Ceremonie*.

Still stunningly beautiful at 52, Bisset hasn't sunk from *The Deep* to the depths—even though she has submerged a bit on the pop-culture sonar screen.

Twenty years since her wet T-shirt star-turn in that 1977 box-office hit snagged her the cover of *Newsweek* and *People* magazines in the same week, Bisset says she's getting the kinds of roles she wants—"up to a point."

So when the opportunity came along to work with Chabrol, she was intrigued. "I thought it was a good script. I didn't think my part was as exciting as the other girls' but," she says during an interview in midtown Manhattan, "I thought it was, um, worth doing."

She's been working regularly, although some of those movies have yet to be seen in the United States. One entailed a "spinsterish part—it was quite nice."

In another film she plays the mother of Catherine McCormack, Mel Gibson's wife in *Braveheart*.

"But my part is very interesting," she says. "It's a very good part. It still has sexuality; it still has a lot of depth. ... There's a whole character there. It's not a

'I don't care about some of the things I used to care about. I'm bored with certain things.'

token person. It would have been great if that character had been bigger, the role had been bigger, but it just isn't. But I was very happy to play it."

She says she never got hung up on the size of a role. "The point is what is that part. Is it a character I can get a hold of and play—that's my concern." One such part came in Truffaut's 1973 movie, *Day for Night*, in which she played an unstable actress recovering from a nervous breakdown.

Bisset genuinely sounds undaunted by having secondary and tertiary roles, such as *La Ceremonie*, which gives top billing to Isabelle Huppert and Sandrine Bonnaire while she plays the married mother of two nearly grown children.

Supporting roles, she says, have a challenge all their own. "It's not a particularly easy thing to do, because you don't have the meat to work with. You have to be kind of ... holding stuff," she says, holding up one hand to support some invisible stuff.

To hear Bisset talk now, it's as if she's offering a paraphrase of the old Borscht Belt joke: "I've been rich and I've been poor, and let me tell you, rich is better." She says she's been megafamous and she's been out of sight and out of mind, and, well, the latter isn't so bad.

"I personally love having a life as well as having my work. I like the amount of fame that I have," she says. "But if it were way, way up in the area of insanity, I would hate it. I would hate it, because

you can't live a normal life, and you can't have a natural life." Instead, she says, you have to cope with people clamoring for you, invading your privacy, making demands.

"It has mixed blessings. ... It's no question it's fun for a while. It's fun!"

And while her star now rides lower in the firmament, Bisset says she's quite content with life. "I don't care about some of the things I used to care about. I'm bored with certain things."

She does get star billing, however, in a Showtime original movie, *End of Summer*, premiering this month on the cable television network. She plays an unmarried, aristocratic woman who renews a relationship with a former lover (Peter Weller) after 20 years, only to have to deal with his dalliances with a couple of younger women.

Born in Weybridge, England, she came from a house that was always so untidy that she grew up to be the opposite.

"I used to think I could control it," she says, "even as a little girl."

She would try to read the books—and there were plenty of them since her father was a doctor and

her mother a lawyer—then try to dust them and put them in order. And then there were the pets. "It was hairy," she says.

Only slightly less of a clean-freak than she used to be, she says: "If there are two or three crumbs on the carpet, I don't have to get up immediately (and clean them). Years before, I would."

Now she'll still rearrange the furniture in the hotel suite to make her interviewer comfortable and offer the best angles for a photographer before settling down in the corner of a sofa to talk up her new film.

And over in the corner, a rare sight in a star's suite: an ironing board.

So, yes, neatness still counts, even in her personal life, she says, explaining that she likes an emotional tabula rasa.

"I tend to like to do that in a relationship, too," she says. "So that all of the possibilities are there each morning, rather than having all that stuff, garbage ... from the previous day. I like to emotionally start fresh. And I think it's really important to the relationship to try and visualize that person you're with with a fresh slate rather than mingling the things you did yesterday that annoyed you."

"It's like a gift I try to give myself and the other person. It's called a second chance," she says, laughing, and adding, "or a 110th chance."

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The Market Forecaster

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WHEAT - (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: There's an old commodity trading adage that goes something like this: "It's not the news, but how the market reacts to the news that's important." On that basis, the wheat market's in a coma.

The news, the latest winter wheat seedings estimate from the USDA, on the surface at least, was extremely bullish. The acreage at 48.2 million, was far below most predictions. This number is down 7.2 percent from a year ago, and the smallest winter wheat seedings in over 15 years. Bullish!

Unfortunately, at least thus far, the best prices for July (new crop winter wheat) Chicago futures were registered immediately after the report. At this writing, prices are back under \$3.50 - about the same as before the report. The market's reaction is so ho-hum; we are forced to go back to a neutral stance. Look for a trading range affair until we receive some new news.

Strategy: Hedgers: Still feel it's too early in the crop season, and new crop prices are at enough of a discount to the spot price, that I believe it makes sense to hold off on forward or future pricing at this time.

Traders: By the time you received our latest recommendation (to buy July Chicago futures at \$3.59 or lower), fortunately you were able to buy it much lower; probably at \$3.50 or less. Less fortunately, our risk point (a

close under \$3.47) was hit shortly after. It wasn't a big loss, but disappointing that the market could not act better the acreage report. We'll remain on the sidelines for now.

CORN - (BEAR)

Outlook: Corn supplies are adequate, due to a year of stock rebuilding. Perhaps the most bullish aspect of the recent corn market is a technical one, not a fundamental. It seems some of the major commodity funds had gotten so short (and rightfully so - they did make money on the major decline), that their profit taking resulted in a 20¢/bushel rally off the bottom.

The process of covering short positions involves buying contracts back, and buying is bullish. Until it's over, that is. There may be some more short covering and/or new speculative buying still to be done, however my sense is it is almost over. The well-trenched down-trend could begin anew soon.

Strategy: Hedgers: If you are not yet sold out of all old crop cash supplies at higher levels (as previously suggested) the current rally offers an opportunity to do so. If you wish to speculate on higher prices, you can always buy call options. They are cheap now and have limited risk. Alternatively, consider speculating on something with more upside potential than corn.

Traders: Look to go short July futures at \$2.85 or better. Risk to a close above \$2.99 for

an ultimate objective under \$2.60.

CATTLE - (BULL)

Outlook: At this point it's hard to get a good read on just how much effect the recent harsh winter weather has had on the cattle market. The worst death loss occurred in the Dakotas, with some estimates as high as 150,000 head. However, an accurate count is not possible right now.

More importantly for the live market, I've heard weights are as much as 30 pounds under a year ago. It's still early in the winter season, and this very tough winter might continue to trouble the cattle industry and subsequently tighten nearby supplies.

I also do not believe cattle numbers in the feedlots are as high as previously estimated. Perhaps the next Cattle on Feed Report (not yet available at press time) will shed some new light here.

Strategy: Feeders: We've previously recommended the purchase of February Live Cattle 64 puts for downside protection. They are cheap, under a buck, and they are a better way to go in current market conditions than selling futures or forward contracting.

Puts leave upside potential open, but place a guaranteed floor price under your market. I would now look to expand this protection using April at the money puts, which are also reasonably priced with the 67's at about a buck and a half.

Cow/calf operators: Due to relatively tight feeder supplies, and available feed, we've opted to accept the risk of the marketplace at this time. Thus far, this has been sage advice as the feeder market continues to reach new high levels. We continue to recommend no hedges at this time.

Traders: Nimble traders can look to buy February futures under 6540, risking 100 points for a 6805 objective.

In agriculture

Danny Nusser

The annual Gray County Ag Day Program will be held on Thursday, Feb. 6, beginning with registration at 8 a.m.

This year's program will be held at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. All interested persons are invited to attend this year's program which will have a sponsored meal by FMC Chemical Company.

We have applied for 5.5 CEU's for persons with a private license or certificate, non-commercial and commercial applicators. If you plan to attend this program, please RSVP by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, to the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

The emphasis of this year's program will be on soybean and sunflower production with topics

ranging from cultural practices, water requirements, varieties and groups, rotational advantages, weed control, marketing, insects, and much more. There will also be one hour of Laws and Regulations and Recordkeeping for applicators.

Speakers at this year's Ag day include: Dr. Travis Miller, Extension soybean and sunflower specialist; Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist; Leon New, Extension irrigation specialist; Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist; Dr. Clay Salisbury, Extension agronomist; and Martha Edwards, area specialist with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

For more information on the program or to RSVP, feel free to call Danny Nusser at the Gray County Extension Office.

Singles in Agriculture plan 'Waltz Across Texas'

GALVESTON - What do a 41-year-old potter and a 44-year-old chemistry teacher from Texas have in common with a 51-year-old farmer from South Dakota and a 53-year-old tractor salesman from Wisconsin? They will all meet in Galveston on Feb. 20 to "Waltz Across Texas."

"Waltz Across Texas" is the theme for the 1997 National Convention of Singles in Agriculture being hosted by the Texas Chapter of this national non-profit organization. The convention will take place in Galveston, at the Flagship Over the Water Hotel, Feb. 20 to 23.

An anticipated 300 single men and women - farmers, ranchers

and others with a connection to agriculture - from 18 states are expected to attend this convention. Texas attendees will come from all over the state including, Palestine, Houston, Bryan, Bedias, Crockett, Garden City, St. Lawrence, Big Spring, Killeen, San Angelo, San Antonio, Dallas, Blossom, Tyler, Cameron, Waco, Spring, Dickson, Wilson and Gonzales to name a few.

Highlights of the convention will be a tour of Space Center Houston in Clear Lake City, a day at the Houston Livestock Show in Houston and three consecutive nights of dancing at the historic Garten Varen Pavilion on Galveston Island. The Saturday

night dance will feature a Navasota, Texas band, Limited Time.

Singles in Agriculture is a national non-profit organization that provides social and educational activities for single adults who are farmers, ranchers, in agriculture related business or have a background in agriculture.

If you would like more information about Singles in Agriculture or about the Galveston Convention, contact Mark Reeh, president, (915) 263-7015; Donna Chumney, Central Region vice president at (817) 698-4641; or Loretta Riddle, treasurer, at (281) 538-3344.

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George Kleinman is president of Commodity Resource Corporation (CRC), a licensed brokerage firm which specializes in marketing strategies using agricultural futures and options. CRC welcomes questions - they can be reached at 1-800-233-4445.

Maryland farmers form cooperatives

BALTIMORE (AP) - Small Maryland farmers are putting aside their instinct to be fiercely independent and forming cooperatives to boost their buying and marketing power.

The Maryland Small Farm Cooperative was launched about a month ago to allow farms with annual sales of \$50,000 or less to take advantage of discounts and other savings retailers routinely offer to the giant farms.

Organizer Steve Bogash said small farmers will get a dollar-a-gallon break on the price of fertilizer when they collectively order 1,000 gallons. Propane will drop from \$1.35 a gallon to 78 cents.

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USDA offers rural residents more assistance than just ag programs

TEMPLE — "When people hear the name United States Department of Agriculture, too often they don't see the whole picture," said Steve Carriker, acting state director of Rural Development.

"USDA has numerous programs that help rural residents all across America to be themselves, live in a decent and affordable apartment, drink clean water and have a dependable sewer system or have updated community facilities — such as fire trucks, hospitals, or community centers."

According to Carriker, USDA's Rural Development, which was formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration, has programs in all of these areas. The Rural Housing Service (RHS) offers loans and grants to very-low, low and moderate income persons in towns or cities meeting certain population requirements.

There are several programs offered under RHS with varying requirements to aid qualified persons buy a home, repair their home or build and

maintain multifamily housing units. RHS also administers the Community Facilities programs for the community-type loans.

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) offers aid for several different programs relating to business programs. Population limits for RBS assistance range from very small towns to cities up to 50,000. The majority of RBS loans are guaranteed loans which are made in conjunction with a private lender; however, there are other programs which offer direct loans and even some grant funds.

A community's needs for safe and sanitary water and sewage treatment may be met by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). RUS programs offer aid to rural communities of less than 10,000 in population. Public bodies, corporations operated on a non-profit basis and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms are eligible for assistance. There is also a program for aid in emergency

situations in which a rural community has had a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to the occurrence of a natural disaster.

"As you can see, Rural Development is a very diverse mission area," said Carriker. "Our purpose is to help those people who cannot find help elsewhere. Although we do have some restrictions on our programs, we are proud to be able to help so many people in the state of Texas."

Last year alone, Rural Development programs assisted more than 3,000 people in Texas obtain safe housing, more than 75 communities acquire funding for their water or sewer systems and 14 new or expanding businesses create hundreds of jobs for rural Texans.

Rural Development is also the administrator of several Presidential Initiatives: the Empowerment Zones, Champion Communities, Water 2000 and Homeownership 2000. These initiatives are in place to empower rural areas and individ-

uals to provide for economic growth, to ensure safe and clean water for all residents by the year 2000, and to raise the percentage of homeowners to a new high by the year 2000.

Those interested in finding out if Rural Development can help them may contact Clyde H. Jenkins, Community Development manager, at the Rural Development office in Amarillo.

The Amarillo Local Office services the following counties: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Farmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler.

Jenkins can be reached at the following address or telephone number: 3002 East Third Avenue, Amarillo, Texas 79104, phone (806) 373-6156. Some Rural Development programs are administered through the area or state office; call the Amarillo Local Office for details.

Texas A&M researchers identify pathway in legumes for nitrogen

COLLEGE STATION — The pathway in legumes — such as soybeans and alfalfa — that controls the formation of nitrogen-packed nodules on roots has been identified by researchers at Texas A&M University.

The finding, reported in the January issue of *Science* magazine, could help scientists better understand how to manipulate the growth of such unique plant organs which are vital to the Earth's ecological health.

Dr. Doug Cook, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station plant pathologist, and graduate student R. Varma Penmetra found that a mutated form of the gene SKL 1 ignores commands from ethylene, a hydrocarbon that occurs naturally in plants and regulates plant growth such as the formation of nodules. Their work involved *Rhizobium meliloti*, a bacterium, and *Medicago truncatula*, a relative of alfalfa.

"We have identified a genetic pathway that can potentially be manipulated to increase nodulation in crop legumes, such as

alfalfa," Cook said. From the tiniest plant to humans, all higher organisms are dependent on reduced forms of nitrogen — such as ammonia and amino acids — to live. Most organisms use up and don't replenish nitrogen. Certain plants, called legumes, work with bacteria in the soil to convert nitrogen into usable forms.

"One of the most important sources of useful nitrogen is this symbiotic relationship," Cook said.

As leguminous plants grow and send roots deeper, the bacteria in the soil "infect" the roots. The plant responds by forming a protective nodule where free oxygen is regulated and energy is provided to the bacterium for the conversion of nitrogen.

Normally, the plant limits the number of nodules that grow within a length of the root, limited by the presence of ethylene. Plants only need so much nitrogen to survive; too much nitrogen fixation taps into the plant's energy reserve.

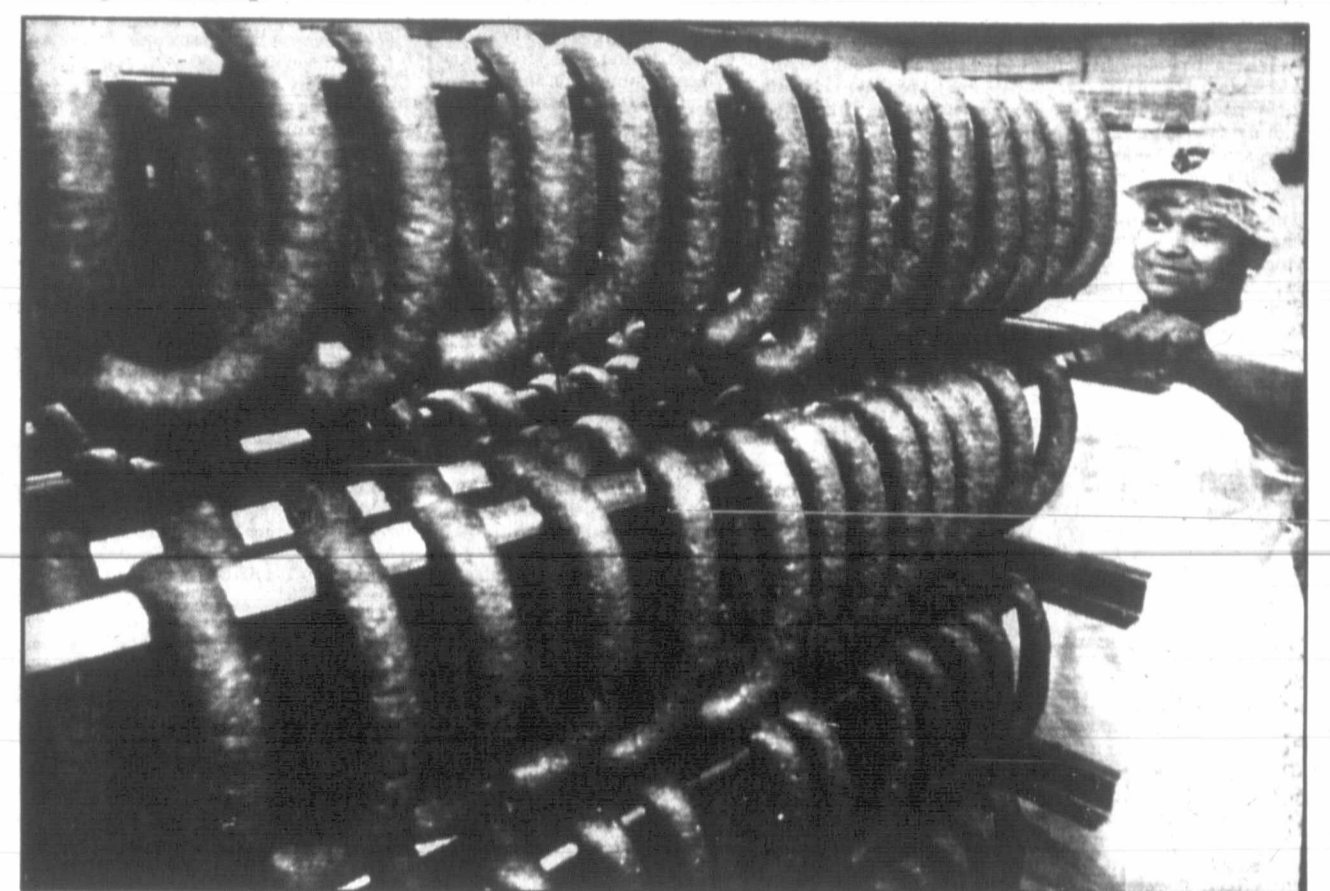
"This gene (SKL 1) tells us ethylene is used to regulate nodulation on the plant root," Cook said. "The inability to recognize ethylene leads to large increase in the number of nodules."

Cook noted that the field of biotechnology has a long held a goal of figuring out how to regulate increased nitrogen fixation. However, according to Cook, altering the process for practical purposes in field crops won't necessarily be simple.

"Ethylene affects other systems in plants such as insect and disease resistance, so genetic engineering of ethylene recognition may have undesired consequences," the researcher pointed out. "Still, it identifies a target which may help us to engineer increased nodulation, potentially improving the benefit of legumes."

Cook said the effort is important because all ecology benefits from the organic nitrogen of legumes.

"Other plants pull nitrogen out of the soil, but legumes return nitrogen to the soil," Cook said.



(AP photo/Bryan College Station Eagle)

Ike Newton of Slovacek Sausage company in Snook moves a rack of smoked deer meat sausage for storage.

Slovacek Sausage Company keeping family touch in Central Texas business

By JENNY NELSON
Bryan-College Station Eagle

SNOOK — Sausage may be just the link that this community needs to the rest of the Lone Star State.

The Slovacek Sausage Co. in this small Central Texas town ships out 800,000 lbs. of its meat products each year to restaurants and stores from Houston to Waco.

"It's not made the quick ways like mass production is now," said Tim Rabroker, 37, who co-owns the company with his 34-year-old brother, Pat. The brothers bought the 40-year-old processing company in 1995.

"We're not here to change things, we're just here to further promote the business," said the oldest Rabroker, who runs the local plant. "I was familiar with the background. I grew up in a slaughter operation."

In fact, that original family business in Westphalia, Texas, is still thriving under Pat Rabroker's watchful eye.

Tim Rabroker, a Texas A&M University graduate, said the Snook plant gave him the chance to get out on his own, although he still has an interest in the Westphalia plant.

He said the recipes used in the Snook smokehouse, which are a well-kept secret, are the same concoctions used by the Slovacek family, which began selling sausage in 1957.

"Slovacek has always been a family business, and we're continuing that," Rabroker said.

"I served as president of the Texas Meat Processors Association for two years, and in that time I saw a lot of small processors go by the wayside or

bought by others who don't carry on the old traditions."

The recipe may not change, but the number of people who get to taste the Slovacek specialties is growing.

Rabroker said the plant recently contracted with a Houston food service company, Jake's Finer Foods, to distribute the meat throughout the Houston area.

The miles the sausage travels aren't the only things the Rabroker siblings hope will change about their thriving business.

"Sausage will always be our core business, but we are looking at producing some other products, too," Tim Rabroker said.

One product expected to hit the shelves in the next three months is chicken sausage, which is a lower-fat sausage that he hopes will be a hit with consumers.

"That's the answer to the healthy people," Rabroker said. "I think so much about sausage is a common myth. Although it has a lot more fat than most doctors would like for you to have, it has protein and vitamins that you need — there's a lot of nutritious things that people overlook."

Although pork and beef sausage is the biggest seller for the company, Rabroker said the company also processes ostrich, emu and deer sausage upon request.

One restaurant manager who serves Slovacek sausage says the meat gets high marks from his customers.

"They do say it's spicier and has a better taste than the regular links they get in the store," said Jaime Preciado of Tom's BBQ in Bryan.

"People like it and ask where we get it," he said.

After three years of smoking the sausage day after day, Preciado said, "I even like it."

Slovacek's two delivery trucks make the rounds regularly to keep grocery store and restaurant shelves stocked with the company's products.

"Our biggest concern is making sure we have a fresh product out in the market," Rabroker said.

Robert Theiss, manager of Randall's Food and Drugs in College Station, says Slovacek's is the hottest selling link in the store, which sells 250 pounds in an average week.

Theiss says people probably choose Slovacek's because "it's just something they've been buying for years... maybe it's a product they can trust."

Not only do the customers seem to remain loyal, Rabroker said, many of his 14 employees are old-timers, like Frank Hernandez.

"I just like it here," said Hernandez, who has worked in the plant for 12 years. "I've been here long enough that I know how to do everything."

He said he carefully watches as the sausage links are converted from pork picnics to ground meat, which is eventually vacuumed into a casing before being smoked for about six hours.

"It's not our goal to become huge," Rabroker said. "Our goal is to put out a quality product, whether it's sausage or whatever we put out."

"I think even if you had the recipe for Slovacek's Sausage," he said, "I think you'd be hard pressed to match its quality and workmanship. I think the key to it is caring about what goes out our front door."

Abraham Ag Scholarship applications available

CLARENDON — High school seniors who plan to major in agriculture at Clarendon College are encouraged to apply for the Malouf and Iris Abraham Agriculture Scholarship.

This scholarship is available only to high school seniors graduating from a high school in Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Robert or Wheeler counties.

Scholarship applications are available by calling Clarendon College's Financial Aid Office at 1-800-687-9737. Scholarship deadline is April 1, 1997.

Completed Malouf and Iris Abraham Agriculture scholarship applications should be mailed to: The Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore #700, Amarillo, TX 79101.

Clarendon College also offers agricultural scholarships for livestock, meats and horse judging, as well as a variety of academic scholarships. Many general scholarships are available without a specific major stipulation. General scholarship deadline is May 1, 1997.

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FSA loan plan helps disadvantaged groups

The Farm Service Agency has loan funds to help members of socially disadvantaged groups, including minorities, buy land for farming or operate farms in Gray, Donley, Armstrong, Wheeler and Carson counties, Larry J. Goetze, FSA ag credit manager, said.

Under this program enacted by Congress, socially disadvantaged population groups are Hispanics, Native Americans, African Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders.

FSA tries to find members of those groups who are interested in farming and qualify for an FSA farm ownership loan. The agency

can sell or lease to those who are eligible for a farm held in the inventory or make a loan for purchase of land on the open market, Goetze said.

FSA can also provide other loan assistance, including operating loans, and advice, if needed, to help the borrower get started.

People who think they may be eligible, whether they already are in farming or would like to become farmers, are urged to contact the Farm Service Agency county office in their area.

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Scientists target destructive silverleaf whitefly

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Extensive research is being devoted to an almost invisible insect called the silverleaf whitefly that has caused crop damage across the country.

About 200 scientists are meeting in San Diego to discuss data they've acquired over the past few years about this pest. Silverleaf whiteflies damaged cotton in California's Imperial Valley and devastated the region's melons in the early 1990s, causing an estimated \$90 million damage.

The silverleaf whitefly, only a

millimeter long, "has left a multi-billion-dollar dent in U.S. agriculture," according to an article prepared for *Agricultural Research* magazine, an Agriculture Department publication. The article summarizes five years of whitefly research.

Researchers from at least 22 government agencies and private companies have played a part in finding ways to control silverleaf whiteflies and reduce the damage they do.

"Several new technologies are in growers' hands, and a lot of new possibilities have opened

up," says Robert M. Faust, national head of the research program. "Crop and related economic damage have been reduced somewhat, but big challenges remain."

Over the years, some research has concentrated on the difficult task of just figuring out what the silverleaf whitefly is and how it differs from similar sap-sucking whiteflies.

"It's all part of trying to know who and where the enemy is," Judith Brown of the University of Arizona, says in the article.

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Studies find satisfaction in use of ethanol

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Two new studies — one regarding ethanol's role in reducing air pollution, and the other on the general public's attitude toward providing tax incentives for ethanol — reveal widespread satisfaction in the renewable fuel.

The scientific report, conducted by California-based Systems Applications International, shows the use of oxygenated fuels, such as those blended with ethanol, results in notable reductions of carbon monoxide. Last year, a National Research Council study encouraged additional conclusive evidence regarding the impact of oxygenated fuels on reducing pollutants.

"This new information is important to the nation's com-

growers because of ethanol's role in winter oxygenated fuel programs," said Wallie Hardie, president of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).

Several major U.S. cities require motorists to use oxygenated fuel in the winter to curb carbon monoxide and other air pollutants.

The public opinion study, conducted by the Sustainable Energy Coalition, reveals strong public support for tax policies that encourage the production and use of domestically produced renewable fuels such as ethanol.

The survey, "America Speaks Out On Energy: A Survey of 1996 Post-Election Views," found that more than 80 percent of voters prefer redirecting current federal tax policies to encourage the use

of domestically produced renewable fuels. Specifically, the poll found that 71 percent of voters support continuing the federal 5.4 cent per gallon excise tax incentive for ethanol-blended fuels.

"These numbers indicate Americans want to kick the habit of being addicted to imported foreign oil and also want to reduce air pollution," Hardie said. "We hope lawmakers on Capitol Hill take a long, hard look at these numbers when they consider new tax policy this year."

U.S. Rep. Bill Archer (R-Texas), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has already indicated elimination of the ethanol tax incentive is one of his top priorities. A similar effort by Archer in 1995 failed.

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1 Praise
 6 Skewered dish
 11 Sedative
 13 Greasier
 14 Income from housing
 15 Take off (cargo)
 16 Lang. of the USA
 17 Doesn't exist
 19 Caspian
 20 Follower
 22 Writing table
 23 Evergreen tree
 24 Walked in water
 26 Confeder- ated soldier
 28 Illuminated
 29 Workers' assn.
 30 Zealand parrot
 31 Shade of green
 33 Sesame

plant
 35 Litigator
 37 Sliminess
 41 Author
 43 Peaky fly
 44 Make obese
 47 Brass instrument feature
 49 Team of three
 50 Long garment
 51 Because
 52 Nostrils

DOWN

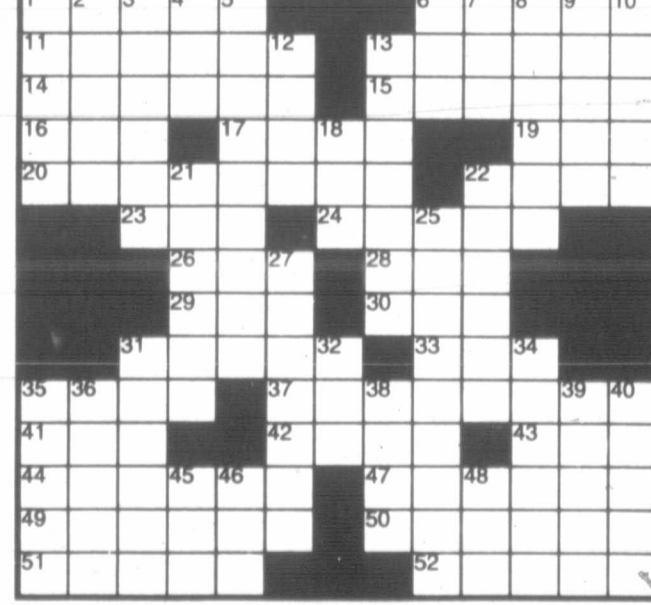
1 Scouf's country
 2 Overture
 3 Ship's boat
 4 Grain
 5 Stepping place?
 6 Kith and -
 7 House wing
 8 Opinion- ated
 9 Yellow fever

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OER RELAX SEE
MOR FEN
BLUING ANALOG
BARLEY ROBALO
CREST INSTEP

10 mosquito
 12 If not
 13 Be more vocal than
 18 Compass pt.
 21 More uncanny
 22 Hold (in custody)
 25 Food specialist
 27 Sandwich meat
 31 Actress Diane -
 32 Over there

34 Reader, at a church service
 35 Uses a sieve
 36 Arrow poison
 38 Destroys, slangily
 39 Glimmered
 40 Is in a chorus*
 45 Nervous twitch
 46 - out (stretch)
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Good students are eligible for discounts on car insurance

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO JR.
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Justin Hill doesn't think much about his auto insurance.

Even though the 16-year-old Austin High School junior has his own car and his own insurance policy, he just pays his mom what she says is due.

But Hill and some other youthful drivers in Texas are now eligible for a discount on their auto insurance. The only catch is they might have to ask for it before getting the break.

State lawmakers two years ago approved an auto insurance discount for youthful drivers who maintain a good driving record and a 'B' or 3.0 average in school.

Those discounts, which officially start Saturday, are available even after completing high school and college as long as the driver is classified youthful: men up to age 24 and unmarried women up to age 20.

But Texas insurance companies can decide for themselves whether to offer the discount to their customers. They can decide, as well, whether to tell customers about the deal.

That's because the discount is classified as optional for insurers. It joins five other optional discounts that if your insurance company doesn't offer, you might not know about.

Those discounts, alone or combined, can save Texas motorists plenty, officials from the Texas Department of Insurance say.

The good student discount, for example, is 10 percent off coverages for liability, medical payments, personal injury protection and collision. Other optional discounts rates are set by individual companies and must be filed with the insurance department.

"We're hoping people are becoming more and more aware that these things are available," said Audrey Selden, associate Texas insurance commissioner. "The companies and the department want people to pay only a reasonable rate."

The department sets mandatory discount rates and the rules that regulate all discounts. It also watches over insurance companies' rates and handles questions raised by companies and customers.

But the agency doesn't tell the companies how to offer or advertise the optional discounts.

Ms. Selden said the department believes insurance companies offer whatever approved discounts they can afford in order to attract business.

"I really do think that companies will take advantage of this," she said of the good student discount. "That is one of the highest rates."

Of the companies that cover the most Texans, State Farm Insurance says it will offer the discount starting June 1. Farmers says it's considering the discount and Allstate said it's not planning to offer the break.

State Farm, Allstate and Farmers insurance companies cover about 50 percent of all Texas motorists.

No company has filed its discount rate with the insurance department. But companies aren't required to file their rate change until they plan to offer it.

Officials for the state's three largest auto insurers said if they offer a discount, they tell their customers. But each said it's not always good business to discuss deals they don't offer.

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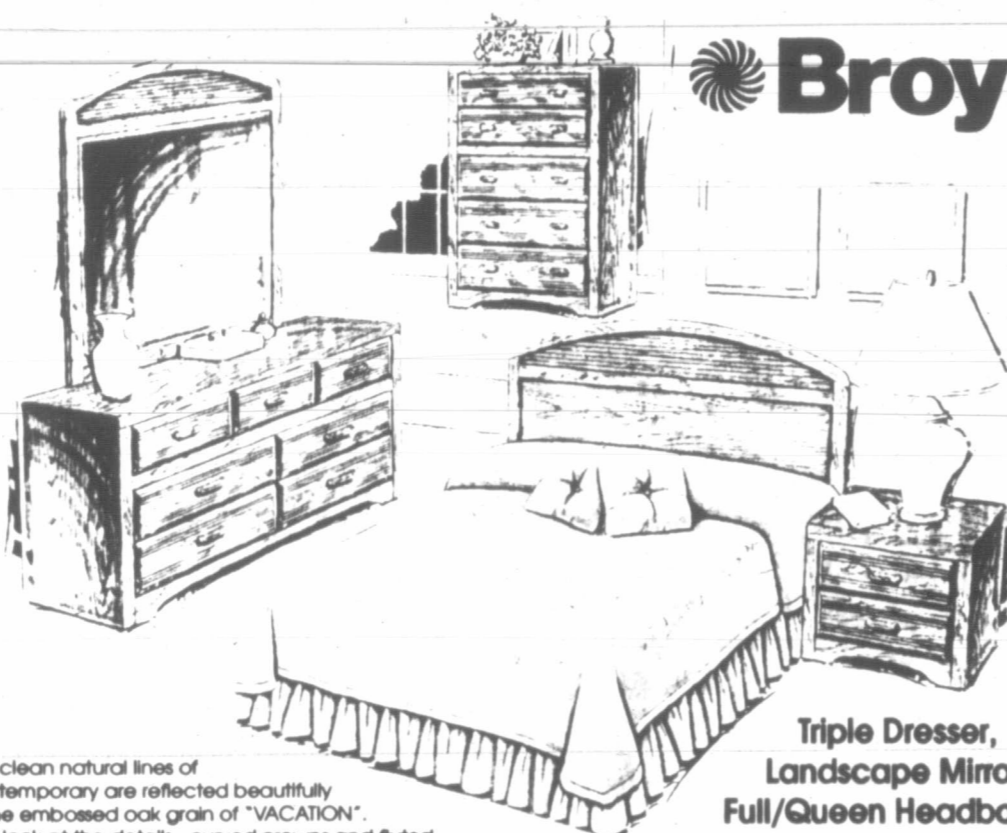
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