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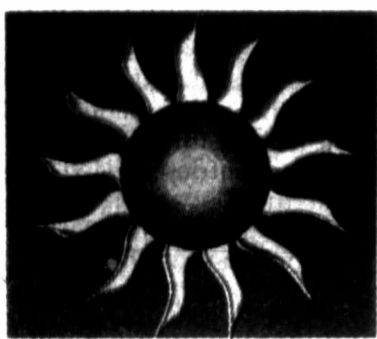
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High today in mid 50s.
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details.

PAMPA — Pampa High School Principal John Kendall was moved out of the intensive care unit at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo to a regular room Saturday as he continues to recover from his open heart surgery.

Pampa School District representative Ramona Hite reported Kendall, who underwent open heart surgery Thursday, "is doing great."

Though Kendall is recovering well, he still needs to rest. Hospital officials recommend that visitors be kept to a minimum until he recovers further.

LEFORS — In a special meeting Friday, Lefors City council members reviewed the engineering proposal packets they received in the previous meeting on Feb. 10.

Councilmen scored the list of engineering firms, selecting the top four to be considered for interviewing, which include representatives from Glover Engineering and Associates of Dumas, Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. of Amarillo, Enviro-Ag Engineering, Inc. of Dumas and McK-Engineering of Lubbock.

"At the city council meeting set for Monday, Feb. 24, councilmen will make a final selection of the engineer firm that will perform the work for the water system," said Virginia Maples, Lefors city secretary.

There was no other action taken in Friday's meeting.

PAMPA — An open meeting of the Pampa Area Cancer Support Group is scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, in the cafeteria of Columbia Medical Center, to learn more about the emotion and illness of cancer victims and how it affects families and friends.

For more information, call Kathy Gist at 665-4742 or Emily Washington at 669-7619.

PAMPA — The Gray County Appraisal District Appraisal Review Board will meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the appraisal district conference room at 815 N. Sumner.

Action items on the agenda include:

- Election of officers.
- Reading and approving minutes of the Oct. 29, 1996 meeting.
- Hearing on Section 25.25(d) Protest.
- Consideration of changes to the appraisal roll.
- Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley's report.

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County approves jail services plan for city inmates

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners voted four to one in Friday's session to accept the Jail Services Agreement between the county and the City of Pampa "as presented," setting the effective date March 1, 1997.

The agreement can be dissolved by either party, on a 90 days written notice, if it is determined that the county's housing the class 'C' misdemeanor inmates is not working out, according to the document.

Commissioner Jim Greene is concerned that the period of 90-day notice is too long. He also expressed concerns about liabilities to the county if a city inmate should fall ill or become injured while held in the county jail.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said the agreement stipulates that the city government, when notified that a city inmate is in need of medical attention, will be responsible for transporting the person to emergency care through the use of police officers, or will authorize release of that person to the spouse or family member to take responsibility for getting the medical care.

Sheriff Don Copeland said he does not feel there will be any serious problems to deal with in respect to city inmates. He said an estimate of 1.4 inmates for the city, per day, are held for 24 hours or less, and then they are released. The city prisoners will be housed in the downstairs cell-rooms and will not be allowed in the areas where county jail inmates are kept.

According to Pampa City Manager Bob Eskridge, the city has not had to cover expenses for serious illness or injury to any prisoner in recent months, and in the three years he has been at the city manager's post, he could not recall any major problems.

"If either side foresees disadvantages, objections must be presented to both the city and the county for consideration of withdrawal ...," Peet said.

Commissioners heard and approved Sheriff Copeland's request for a prisoner work release arrangement.

He explained the Work Release Program gives a county prisoner temporary daily release during the week for job work hours, in order to prevent the person from losing permanent employment. He asked the court to approve the program only for those who qualify. Legally, the prisoner would be responsible to reimburse the county for meals, if he is working, and the sheriff's office would determine that fee, if any, Peet said.

Tax Collector/Assessor Sammie Morris approached the commissioners concerning changing the salary of one of the clerical employees in the tax office from hourly wages to a monthly salary. She also requested the court's approval to hire a new employee in her office to replace one who is moving away.

The commissioners voted four to one to grant approval to change the current employee's salary to \$690.55 per month, with retirement benefits, based on her status as a full-time, 20 hours per week tax clerk, effective Feb. 15.

A prior motion to the court made by Commissioner Joe Wheeley received no response with respect to his suggestions to reverse a previous decision on a similar request and to not consider salaries in any manner until the next budget time in December.

Commissioner James Hefley commented that he believes the court had been misinformed about part-time workers and should not act on any other matters concerning employee salaries until all others are considered. He also said efforts should be made to clarify exactly the numbers of county employees who are classified the same as the ones discussed.

Approval to hire a replacement employee in Morris' office was given unanimously.

Commissioners voted to accept Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center's bid for depository bank. In comparisons of one other depository bank bid, it was concluded Boatmen's offers higher percentage earnings on collateral investment accounts, benefiting the county.

Peet advised the court that a third bid envelope was received into his office, but was delivered after the 10 a.m. bid-option time.

In other matters, commissioners considered and approved:

- Payment of the monthly electrical services provided by Southwestern Public Service Co. to the Department of Public Safety Weight-Scales Station;
- The five-year rental agreement for Farm Service Agency's office space in the Gray County Annex as proposed, with the option to renegotiate contract terms by the renewal date in March 2002;
- The Interlocal Agreement among nearby counties for conducting hearings and proceedings for court-ordered mental health care and therapy treatment of patients over 65 years of age at Golden Phoenix of Columbia Medical Center; and
- Payment of bills and transfers as presented by the county auditor and county treasurer.

Youth center work



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Volunteer workers from area churches and organizations Saturday tear out more partitions and work on finishing walls under the direction of Kerry Thorp, chairman of the board of Pampa Community Youth Services, at the McCullough Street building. Volunteer members of the Promise Keepers are giving their time and expertise to help remodel the building to provide local youths an activity center to use this summer and serve as a future day care center. In January, the non-profit organization was granted \$19,000 from the Amarillo Area Foundation to add to cash funds raised through local efforts in order to buy materials and tools to complete the carpentry work and interior finishing. With the gift of the building and land, plus an additional commitment of \$19,000 matching funds expected later this spring, the dream project is now a reality.

President uses his executive power to call halt to American pilots' strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five minutes before the clock struck midnight, negotiators for American Airlines executives and their pilots each called the White House with the same message: They were at an impasse and more talk wouldn't settle anything.

With mere seconds before a strike was declared to ground the largest domestic airline, President Clinton's chief liaison to the faltering talks, Bruce Lindsey, walked along the Rose Garden colonnade to find the president playing solitaire in his private office.

"If you're going to act, the time to do it is now," Lindsey said. Clinton looked up from his solitaire game, grasped the executive order declaring a Presidential Emergency Board and silently signed it. The pilots' strike ended minutes after it began.

All week long, as mediators desperately sought a solution to the airline's stalled contract negotiations, the presidential order seemed inevitable. The question was not if, but when. Would it be before talks failed, after a weeklong strike, before dawn on Saturday?

As negotiations wore on and both sides wore down, everyone looked to the president.

Lawmakers asked him to assure there would be no strike, travelers watched and planned nervously, and the company begged him to intervene.

Only the pilots wanted him to stay out.

"The fix is in," pilot negotiators told one another, shaking their heads.

With the president's every move, negotiators, holed up in rooms on opposite ends of a hotel hallway, tried to read his mind and position themselves.

More than two years of contract wrangling and ego clashes were reaching a climax. The airline's managers and its pilots both claimed to be the reason American was still flying.

By signing the emergency board order, Clinton proved them both wrong. It was the president who kept American Airlines in the air.

Still, his intervention has solved nothing. Instead, it has placed the impasse in the lap of a three-member board, which has 30 days to take a look at the problems and come up with a proposal.

If management and the pilots like the solution, things are settled.

If they don't, another 30-day cooling-off period, another strike threat.

"Reach down into your gut because we may have to do this again in 60 days," Allied Pilots Association president Jim Sovich told the 9,300 pilots at American.

At the White House in the wee hours of Saturday, Lindsey acknowledged as much. "This is not a great time of celebration because we failed here. But hopefully the public didn't suffer and they will reach a deal in the next 60 days."

Two main issues emerged as federal mediation began, and there were two at the end: wage compensation and who would fly small regional routes in planes with 40-70 seats.

The union wants its members to fly the regionals and offered lower pay scales for those flights if the company accepted other demands.

American's parent company, AMR Corp., said it wants its American Eagle subsidiary, with lower-paid turboprop pilots from another union, to fly the jets.

Even if the emergency board is able to resolve who should fly the small jets that the company doesn't even own, or how much American pilots should be paid, it won't be able to dissolve the rancor.

Clinton orders parent-friendly rules for child safety seats

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is ordering new government standards to make goof-proof child safety seats "the rule of the road" and reduce the number of children killed and injured in car wrecks.

Under new Transportation Department regulations announced in the president's weekly radio address Saturday morning, every child safety seat on the market would be standardized by 1999, ensuring that any seat would easily fit any vehicle.

No more variations in the way they attach to confuse and frustrate parents, the president said. "We're moving closer to the day when safe well-attached car seats will be the rule of the road."

Under the regulations, every child safety seat would have two standard buckles at its base, and every new car would be equipped with standard latches in the back seat specially designed to fasten to these buckles.

A universal attachment system for kids' car seats was recommended in

Air bag safety

Air bags, which deploy at up to 200 mph, have saved more than 1,600 lives, but they also have been blamed for the deaths of 86 children and 20 adults in lower speed accidents.

Chrysler recommends that children 12 and under sit in the back seat, with a seat belt on.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

1995 by a panel of experts commissioned by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The transportation agency says some 80 percent of child car seats are not properly installed, contributing to the deaths of some 350 preschool children in 1995 traffic accidents. Properly used restraints are thought to reduce the risk of death or serious injury for toddlers by more than half.

Phil Haseltine of the American Coalition of Traffic Safety, who headed the NHTSA panel, estimated that standardizing child seats would add between \$11 and \$20 to the cost of a safety seat. Most child seats now cost between \$40 and \$125, he said.

"Kids will be safer and parents will be certain they're doing everything right," said Joe Colella, executive director of The Dana Foundation, who has been lobbying for a universal model since his 3-year-old niece, Dana, was killed in a 1993 crash.

She was in a car seat that should have

'We're moving closer to the day when safe well-attached car seats will be the rule of the road.'

— President Clinton

saved her life, if not for being improperly installed, he said.

Colella offered a tip to parents waiting out the new equipment: If a car seat can be pulled forward or side-to-side by more than an inch, it's not strapped in right.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry, a father of three young children, put the problem in plain English: "You never know how to get the little thingy in through the back and get it stuck into the little deal. ... You never know if it's plugged in or not."

"It's a mess, so we're going to fix it," he told reporters Friday.

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Services tomorrow

JONES, Lela Bertha — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.
STOVER, Lela Marie — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

LELA MARIE STOVER

Lela Marie Stover, 72, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 14, 1997. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Tim Kettering, associate pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Stover was born Dec. 16, 1924, at Sherman. She married R.E. Stover on Jan. 25, 1950, at McKinney. She had been a Pampa resident since 1961, moving from Borger, and was formerly of Sherman. She worked as a nurse at Worley Hospital, Highland General Hospital and local nursing homes for 20 years, retiring in 1980. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, R.E. of the home; two daughters and a son-in-law, Joyce Winn of Moriarty, N.M., and Jo Ann and Jim McClellan of Cheyenne, Okla.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth Ray Stover of Pampa and Jack and Coelene Stover of White Deer; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Klempeter, 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.

PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS

The Pampa Retired Teachers Association will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Lovett Memorial Library for a regular meeting. The program will be presented by AFS exchange students Trondur Vatnhamar of Faroe Island, Denmark, and Anni Kerstan of Germany. For more information, call Nancy Coffee at 669-2144.

TOP O' TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will meet at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Furr's Cafeteria. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Hall. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call Sammie Morris at 669-2998.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES

The Pampa Area Singles will have a pot luck supper and dance, featuring Indian Summer, on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center, 1000 N. Sumner. Meal starts at 7 p.m., and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Bring a covered dish, if possible. No smoking or alcohol use permitted. For more information, call 669-7370 or 665-2829.

Clarification

A story in Wednesday's edition reported that the Letors City Council had agreed to sponsor officer Jody Smith in a Special Olympics bicycle ride fund raiser. The sponsorship was conditional upon a call to the attorney general's office on whether the city should spend tax money on such an activity. Mayor Velda Chadwick reported Friday that the AG's office had strongly advised against using tax money in such a way and had recommended that the city not do so.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 37-hour period ending at noon Saturday.

FRIDAY, Feb. 14

Gray County deputies responded to South Barnes on a criminal mischief report.
 Gray County deputies responded to Gray County Roads 9 1/2 and H 1/2 on a report of cruelty to animals.

Arrests

James Daniel Ketchum, 38, Shamrock was arrested on a charge of violation of probation on aggravated sexual assault. He remains in custody.

Patricia Ann Snuggs, 34, 1108 Sirroco, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. She remains in custody.

Waylon Howard, 28, 717 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of theft by check and issuance of worthless checks from Hockley County. He remains in custody.

Carl Wayne Dunn, 42, 1108 Neel Rd., was arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance. He remains in custody.

Martin Flores, 21, Dumas, was arrested on a charge of hindering a secured creditor. He paid the fine and was released.

Clint Miller, 34, 1013 E. Darby, was arrested on a charge of selling alcoholic beverages to non-members. He paid a fine and was released.

Brett Serratt, 26, Kansas, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. He paid his fine and was released.

Terence Wayland Tillmon, 24, 1136 Prairie Dr., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. He remains in custody.

Michael Scott Rabel, 26, 1113 S. Banks, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. He paid his fine and was released.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 37-hour period ending at noon on Saturday.

FRIDAY, Feb. 14

Theft of a \$35 check was reported in the 500 block of East Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Approximately \$600 damage was done to the windows and paint of a 1986 Chevy.

Theft of a \$35 check was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner.

Theft of a purse and its contents, valued at \$300, was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Rham. Approximately \$252 damage was done to two picture windows.

A burglary was reported in the 1400 block of east Browning. Approximately \$50 damage was done to a sheet rock wall and a \$50 hand drill was taken.

Ambulance

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

FRIDAY, Feb. 14

10:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

1:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to a local nursing facility.

5:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 60 and Cuyler on a motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported.

10:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Sumner on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

SATURDAY, Feb. 15

2:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of East Foster on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

2:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 37-hour period ending at noon on Saturday.

FRIDAY, Feb. 14

8:54 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 518 N. Ward on a smoke scare.

10:46 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 101 W. Foster on a carbon monoxide alarm.

4:45 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 1504 W. Kentucky in a false alarm.

5:56 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Cuyler and Brown.

SATURDAY, Feb. 15

8:13 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to 904 Scott for a medical assist.

Police blame North Korea in shooting of defector

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A North Korean defector related to the leader of the communist country was shot and critically wounded Saturday in an attack that South Korean police blamed on North Korea.

The attack raised tensions even higher between North and South Korea, at odds over this week's defection of a top-ranking North Korean politician. North Korea alleged the politician had been kidnapped, and had threatened unspecified retaliation.

South Korean already had placed its police and military on higher alert after the defection, and called an emergency meeting of government ministers Sunday in response to the shooting.

Lee Han-young, 36, was shot in the chest and head Saturday night outside the apartment where he had been staying in Bundang, a suburb south of Seoul, Bundang police chief Kim Chung-nam said.

"It is believed to be the work of North Korean agents," Kim said.

Neighbor Park Jong-eun told police he looked out of his apartment when he heard a scream, and saw two men holding a gun to Lee's head at the entrance to the apartment. The men ran away after the shooting, he said.

Lee uttered only two words after the shooting: "Spv. spy," said witness Nam Sang-won. Lee is the friend of Nam's husband, and had been staying in their

apartment since November.

Yonhap news agency said police found two shells from a Belgian-made Browning pistol — a standard weapon for North Korean agents.

Lee was unconscious when he arrived at Cha Hospital, and has remained so, doctors said.

"One bullet was removed from his chest, but another bullet is still in his head and his condition has not improved," Dr. Choi Hoon-kyu said.

Lee, a nephew of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's first wife, Sung Hae-rim, defected to South Korea in 1982. His mother, Sung Hae-rang, defected to the West in 1996. Lee's real name is Lee Il Nam.

International phone agreement should produce \$1 trillion in benefits globally

WASHINGTON (AP) — An agreement Saturday to open the \$600 billion global telephone market to increased competition should produce more than \$1 trillion in benefits to consumers from Bombay to Buffalo by providing lower rates and better service.

The deal, completed among 68 countries in Geneva, offers huge opportunities to American communication giants such as AT&T by dismantling barriers that have kept U.S. companies out of nations where phone service is provided by government-owned monopolies.

The Clinton administration struggled for four years to complete the agreement. It represents the biggest success story so far in the U.S. effort to lower trade barriers in services such as banking and telecommunications, where American companies are recognized as world leaders and where they stand to reap the biggest rewards in the 21st century.

U.S. telecommunications companies expressed eagerness to compete for business in a world where half the population has never made a phone call.

At the White House, President Clinton hailed results of the Geneva negotiations as a landmark

agreement that will "bring clear benefits to American workers, businesses and consumers alike — new jobs, new markets and lower prices — and will spread the benefits of a technology revolution to citizens around the world."

The administration predicted the new trade deal will mean 1 million new jobs for American telecommunications workers over the next decade and billions of dollars in savings for American telephone customers.

Compared to the rest of the world, the U.S. phone market already has been significantly deregulated with the breakup of AT&T in the 1980s. By lowering remaining barriers to foreign ownership of telephone companies, the agreement is expected to spur even greater competition to the benefit of U.S. consumers.

In addition, the administration estimated the breakup of overseas monopolies would lower the cost of international long-distance calls to American customers by 80 percent over the next several years, from an average of \$1 per minute currently to 20 cents.

"A 60-year tradition of telecommunication monopolies and closed markets has been

replaced by market opening, deregulation and competition," said Charlene Barshefsky, acting U.S. Trade Representative. She hailed the accord as "one of the most important trade agreements of the 21st century."

Appearing with Barshefsky were top executives of the major U.S. telecommunications companies. They praised the administration for refusing to accept an inadequate deal last April, a move that almost ended the whole effort and was roundly criticized by U.S. allies.

Barshefsky said Saturday's deal was a vast improvement over the offers made last April. She said Clinton told her that other countries needed to know that the United States was not willing to open its market without getting something in return.

Under the agreement, U.S. companies, who had been allowed to compete for about 17 percent of the business in the top 20 telephone markets around the globe, will be able to compete for 95 percent of the \$600 billion in global phone revenue, she said.

Telephone customers outside the United States stand to reap the biggest benefits in lower costs and improved service.

Panhandle Chapter schedules 'Kids Talk MS'

The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is offering its fifth "Kids Talk MS" program on Saturday, March 1, at the Central Baptist Church, 515 E. Francis.

Special age appropriate workshops will be available for kids, teens and parents.

The faculty includes Dr. Catherine Phillips, dean of research at the VA Medical Center in Amarillo and formerly research advocate at the Panhandle Chapter NMSS; Ellen Lawrence, LMSW, director of social services at Texas Tech Clinic; and Fredricka Gens, director of chapter services for

the Panhandle Chapter.

The program will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include a pizza lunch donated by Pizza Hut of Pampa.

For more information and registration, call Anna Lee at (806) 665-2218 or Fredricka Gens at (806) 372-4429 or 1-800 FIGHT MS.

Magic of Sebastian show set at middle school

The Magic of Sebastian will be at the Pampa Middle School auditorium on March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Magician Sebastian will conduct an adventure into the impossible with such features as "The Chinaman's Dream," "The Garden of

Flowers," "Salute to the Red, White and Blue," the famous "Houdini Trunk Mystery" and cutting a lady in half with a laser.

The show lasts a full 90 minutes and features music, beautiful costumes and scenery. For the skeptics, a committee

from the audience will be invited onstage to assist in the performance of the "Houdini Trunk Mystery."

Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Proceeds benefit Panhandle Transit Services. For more information, call 665-0081.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, mostly sunny with a high in the upper 50s and southwesterly winds 5-15 mph.

Tonight, clear with a low in the low 30s. Monday, mostly sunny and breezy with a high near 70.

Saturday morning's low was 29; Saturday's high was 61.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Today, sunny with highs in mid to upper 50s. Tonight, generally clear with lows in mid 20s to low 30s. Monday, mostly sunny and breezy with highs in mid 60s to

near 70. South Plains: Today, sunny. Highs 60-65. Tonight, fair. Lows 30-35. Monday, partly cloudy and windy. Highs 65-72.

North Texas — Today, sunny. Highs 56 north to 63 south.

Tonight, fair. Lows 32 to 35.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Today, sunny. Highs near 60 north to low and mid 60s south. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 30 Hill Country to upper 30s and near 40 south central. Upper Coast: Today, sunny. Highs in low 60s inland to upper 50s coast. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 30s inland to upper 40s coast.

Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, sunny. Highs in mid 60s coast to near 70 inland. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows near 50 coast to near 40 inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Today, mostly sunny. Highs 40s to low 50s mountains and northwest with 50s to mid 60s east and south. Tonight, fair with some high clouds. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest with 30s east and south.

Oklahoma — Today, mostly sunny. Highs mid 50s to low 60s. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 30s.

City briefs

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NOMINATION FORMS

PHS Harvester Hall of Fame available at all schools, Lovett, and Chamber. Due February 28. Adv.

OFFICE FURNITURE and equipment for sale at 109 W. Kingsmill, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m. 665-6857 weekends and after 5. Adv.

INCOME TAX Preparation - Wm. L. Arthur, 1103 E. Harvester, 669-3928. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, Borger - 274-2142 or 800-600-2670. Adv.

NOW PAY your SPS and AT&T Bills at Franks now at both locations. 1420 N. Hobart, 300 E. Brown. Adv.

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LENEN PREACHING Mission" St. Matthews Episcopal Church, with Rev. James V. Thomson, Tulsa, Ok. February 23rd - 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and the 24th - 12 noon and 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. Adv.

LAWN CARE. Call Family Lawn Care, 665-3257. Adv.

NEED CHURCH

Secretary - entry level position. Experienced in Microsoft Word, Windows 95 and reception work. Non-smoking, mature person need only apply. Come by First Christian Church office, 1633 N. Nelson, 8-5 to pick up application. Will need resume and 3 current recommendations. Adv.

HOAGIES DELI - Coronado Shopping Center. Try our hot ham and swiss sandwich. Smoked ham, melted swiss cheese, lettuce and tomatoes on a hoagie roll. Free delivery. Adv.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale and Collections. Mondays 2-5 p.m. South end of Pampa Mall. 669-1007. Adv.

50% OFF Storewide Sale. Gemstone Gallery, 904 S. Nelson, Amarillo Hwy. Adv.

CHICKEN EXPRESS - Lunch Special. Everyday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. All You Can Eat "Tenders" \$4.95. Adv.

FOR SALE - 27 inch RCA color stereo tv, Curtis Mathes VCR, Cardio Glide exerciser. 835-2863. Adv.

PET GROOMING. 20% discount first 10 appointments this week. Creature Comforts, 669-PETS. Adv.

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

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

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

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Diplomatic immunity waived for Georgian involved in fatal crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare move, the Republic of Georgia lifted immunity for the second ranking diplomat in its Washington Embassy, clearing the way for his arrest in a fatal car crash, the State Department said Saturday.

George Makharadze could be charged with crimes reportedly as serious as involuntary manslaughter in the death of 16-year-old Joviane Waltrick.

"This is an unusual case," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said. "There are very few instances in diplomatic history where a government has lifted diplomatic immunity in a case like this, where the charges are so serious."

"We're very gratified. ... We think this is the best step forward, and we're very appreciative to the government of Georgia," Burns said.

At the crash site Saturday, Viviane Wagner, the girl's mother said, "Immunity is not impunity. ...

Was it necessary for my daughter to have left for people to understand?"

Wagner, a Brazilian immigrant, has campaigned since the accident to force a decision in the immunity case.

She has held nightly vigils at the flower-strewn site of the collision on downtown Dupont Circle and has passed out leaflets urging people to bring flowers or to write to authorities and demand justice for her daughter.

Wagner called Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze "a man of courage" for waiving Makharadze's diplomatic immunity, and the United States "a country of justice."

"In my country, Brazil, may they understand from these countries what justice means," she said.

The next step in the legal process facing Makharadze is for the Justice Department to file formal charges, Burns said. The State Department

will transmit Georgia's official notification to the Justice Department on Tuesday, he said.

The case has drawn immense public interest in the Washington area since the Jan. 3 crash in the city center.

Makharadze's car slammed into the back of another car, and the impact sent the second car into the air and onto a third vehicle in which the Waltrick girl was a passenger.

She died at a local hospital. Police said Makharadze, 35, had been drinking and appeared to have been speeding.

The Clinton administration officially asked the Georgian government to waive Makharadze's diplomatic immunity after the prosecutor said he could not bring charges without the waiver. U.S. Attorney Eric Holder's letter to the State Department also specified charges Makharadze would face, but the charges were not publicized.

A television station and newspapers reported, however, that the letter said the government would seek a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the teen-ager's death.

The reports also cited unidentified sources as saying the prepared charges contain four counts of aggravated assault against four people injured in the crash.

In announcing the waiver of immunity, Burns expressed the State Department's appreciation to "for this courageous action."

He said the department had had a "strong indication" from the Georgian government that immunity would be lifted, "but it wasn't a sure thing."

Burns made the announcement before boarding an airplane taking Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to Rome on the first stop of an around-the-world trip.

'Art for Heart' auction



(Photo by Leo Shuler)

Indian Summer dance band, pictured above, will be playing for the American Heart Association's Tri-County Area's third annual "Art for Heart" auction on Friday, Feb. 21, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center, from 6-9 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 6 p.m., with Indian Summer playing during the silent auction. The live auction will begin at 7 p.m. Many local and area artists have donated watercolors, pastels, oil paintings, wood carvings and sculptures, with area merchants donating items for the silent auction. Tickets are \$10. Tickets may be purchased by calling Dee Barker or Chrys Smith at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency at 665-0356 or they may be purchased at the door.

Officials scramble to deal with paroled sex offenders

FORT WORTH (AP) — Local officials who spent much of the past year on a crusade to shut down halfway houses have painted themselves into a corner.

With Tarrant County's last halfway house for paroled sex offenders County about to shut down, where will they put 92 recent parolees?

"We as local officials have a responsibility to help solve this," said Fort Worth Councilman Bill Meadows. "Sure, we could say it's not our problem, it's the state's. But we need to take responsibility. We got what we asked for, and we got it sooner than we expected."

The halfway house is set to close down in two weeks. State law requires prison officials to send parolees back to their home counties.

Any sex offender seeking parole must file a "home plan" telling officials that family members have agreed to house him or

that he has been accepted into a halfway house.

A sex offender convicted before 1996 who has accumulated "good time" that equals their sentenced time must be released. Many of those offenders also live in halfway houses.

State Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, plans to have a conference call with state, county and Fort Worth officials next week to discuss the crisis.

Moncrief said last week that several short-term options have been discussed.

One option was for Sheriff David Williams to lease unused county jail space to the state to house the parolees, but Williams rejected the idea, saying his department lack jail space and staffing to house parolees.

Other ideas included having the state administer a halfway house without a private contractor or appealing to Correctional Services to keep the remaining

house open past March 1.

"I don't want a Scotch tape and baling wire solution," Moncrief said. "This requires a real solution. We need to look at the big picture of sex offenders statewide. Just like we didn't want them all dumped on us, we can't expect another county to take ours when the (remaining house) closes. That's just rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic."

Eighteen months ago, city council members, state lawmakers and county officials learned that 75 percent of the state's paroled sex offenders were being sent to Fort Worth halfway houses.

State prison officials later promised in writing that only sex offenders who lived in the county when they were prosecuted would be sent back to Tarrant County.

That dealt a financial blow to the company that contracted with the state to provide housing and

counseling to parolees. Correctional Services Corp. of Sarasota, Fla. decided to close its halfway house on March 1.

The company's contract with the state was to operate a house for 200 ex-inmates, said Correctional Services vice-president Russel Rau. To break even, the company would have to fill at least 120 beds at \$29.95 per bed per day.

When the number of parolees in the house dropped below 90, the company could no longer operate the facility.

"Simply put, we just can't keep losing that much money," Rau said.

A Salvation Army halfway house also closed in August. State parole officials have asked Salvation Army officials to consider reopening the facility.

Maj. Leslie Wheeler said, however, that the nonprofit organization doesn't want to go back into the halfway house business.

Discovery, Hubble telescope sidestep space junk

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery sidestepped into a safer, higher orbit with the Hubble Telescope on Saturday to avoid a piece of space junk the size of a book.

The fragment of an exploded rocket would have come dangerously close to Discovery, its seven astronauts and the telescope anchored in the cargo bay had the crew not steered out of the way.

NASA, meanwhile, was considering an emergency facelift for the middle-aged telescope, which has been in space for seven years.

Astronauts making the mission's second spacewalk discovered a surprising number of cracks and tears in Hubble's thin, outer insulation, as well as holes punched into the solar panels by micrometeorites.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration formed an investigative team to assess the damage, most of which seems to have occurred since the 1993

repair mission. The astronauts may be asked to patch the foil insulation during their fourth and final spacewalk Sunday night.

Spacewalk No. 3, on Saturday night, was already crowded with Hubble chores: the installation of a new computer switchboard, digital recorder and a flywheel assembly that helps aim the telescope.

Hubble got a bigger boost than planned Saturday.

A few hours after Discovery's pilots steered the shuttle and the moored Hubble into a 2-mile-higher orbit to extend the lifetime of the telescope, they were ordered to go up an additional half-mile.

An 8-inch-square fragment of an exploded Pegasus rocket was due to pass within a half-mile of the shuttle and telescope, officials said, and Mission Control did not want to take any chances.

The Pegasus was launched in 1994 with a military research

satellite, which ended up in the wrong orbit. The rocket fragment was one of 8,014 orbiting objects being tracked by the U.S. Space Command on Saturday, most of it junk.

The last time a shuttle had to dodge orbital debris was in January 1996, when Endeavour swerved to avoid a derelict military satellite.

Fortunately, boosting Hubble Saturday was part of NASA's plan all along.

Like any orbiting object, the telescope gradually loses altitude because of gravity's constant tug and friction from the outer atmosphere. The astronauts planned to raise Hubble an additional 2 1/2 miles over the next two nights, into a 375-mile-high orbit.

With the completion of Friday night's 7 1/2-hour spacewalk, Discovery's astronauts had finished installing Hubble's most critical replacement parts, meeting NASA's criteria for mini-

num mission success.

Joe Tanner and Gregory Harbaugh replaced a worn guidance sensor and failed data recorder on Hubble, and added an electronics package for the guidance sensor. They also spent a considerable amount of time surveying the 40-foot-long, power-generating solar panels.

They found too many holes in the panels to count.

"They're all over the place," Tanner said. One hole looked as though it was made by a small-caliber bullet, he noted.

Payload manager Kenneth Ledbetter said the holes were too small to worry about, and that the solar panels still were producing sufficient power.

NASA was more concerned about Hubble's ripped, peeling insulation.

The fear is that flakes of the silver Teflon could drift near the telescope's aperture and contaminate its sensitive optics.

Man gets 265 years for robberies

BEAUMONT (AP) — A 19-year-old man has been sentenced to 265 years in federal prison for a string of robberies, one of which resulted in murder.

Masontae Hickman on Friday received the longest sentence imposed in the Eastern District of Texas in recent memory. He was being punished for eight robberies in 1994.

Federal prisoners must serve 85 percent of their sentence before being eligible for release.

Capital murder charges against Hickman and two co-defendants for the death of Xiao Mei Wu were dismissed last year.

Wu, 47, was shot to death on May 2, 1994, during an attempted robbery of a Chinese restaurant. Her brother, David Wu, was shot and injured during the crime.

"I feel some kind of relief. I do have some justice," David Wu said.

Wu said he would like to see Hickman convicted of capital murder, but feels safer knowing that Hickman will never

be released from jail.

"I think everybody should be relieved," Wu said.

In November, jurors found Hickman and four other men guilty on various counts related to the robberies in Jefferson, Hardin, and Jasper counties. Hickman was convicted of robbing or attempting to rob six restaurants and an auto parts store. He was also convicted of gun counts related to the robberies.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield sentenced Hickman to five years for the first gun count and 20 years on the rest of the counts with the sentences running consecutively.

The judge also ordered Hickman to pay \$45,979 in restitution, including \$39,000 to David Wu.

"These actions can only be described as brutal, and for the defendant to continue to commit robberies only 15 days after the death of a victim shows he had little or no remorse," Heartfield said.

WT's Branding Iron Theatre to present 'South Pacific'

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Branding Iron Theatre opens the spring semester with *South Pacific*, a musical depicting the dramatic times of World War II.

South Pacific debuts at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Branding Iron Theatre. Scheduled performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, through Saturday, Feb. 22, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23.

According to Stage Director Royal Brantley, *South Pacific* is one of the most balanced musicals in history.

"There are very few musicals that contain such a unique combination of a story, song, hilarity and heartbreak," Brantley said. "What is unique, as always, about a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is the fact that almost every song advances the story, its characters and its themes."

WT alumnus Steve Hilton returns to the Branding Iron Theatre for the musical production.

"Mr. Hilton's talents have been an inspiration to students and faculty alike," Brantley said. "We are proud to feature him as our Hall of Fame guest artist."

Jennifer Barker of Pampa, a senior theater major, will serve as stage manager.

Other members of the production staff include Joe Ella Cansler, music director and instructor of music; James D. Kemmerling, scenic designer and professor of speech and theater; John Landon, technical director and assistant professor of theater; and Terry Beckett, scenic artist and part-time instructor of theater.

Tickets are \$10 at the door or can be purchased in advance at the Department of Art, Communication and Theater, Room

151 in the Fine Arts Building on the WTAMU campus. Seniors 65 and older will receive a \$2 discount. Students, faculty and staff members may pick up free tickets with a valid WTAMU ID in Room 151 of the Fine Arts Building.

For more information or to reserve tickets, contact the

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Opinion

Truth in testimony provision welcome

To most people it was a simple procedural reform of little consequence, and in truth it will take quite a while to see whether it really will make a difference. But the "truth in testimony" provision adopted as part of the rules of the House of Representatives on its first day in session was welcome nonetheless.

Under the new rule, when a witness before a congressional committee presents written testimony, it is to be accompanied by a statement that specifies the amount and sources of the federal grants and contracts the witness or the group he represents receives. Receiving federal grants would not disqualify organizations from lobbying or even limit their ability to lobby (a reform pushed without success last session.) But at least members of the committees would have a better idea of where the interests of witnesses lie.

Given the atmosphere economist James L. Payne described in his recent book on Congress, *The Culture of Spending*, it should come as little surprise that during the "revolutionary," penny-pinching 104th Congress, controlled by those bomb-throwing Gingrichites, four out of every five witnesses before congressional committees called for more spending or government activity. That kind of ratio hardly reassures taxpayers who pay the bills that their interests are represented in the deliberations.

It turns out that beyond those with an obvious vested interest in bigger government - 35% of witnesses worked for government agencies and another 22% spoke for groups that everyone knows get government money - many other witnesses - 43% - had ties to government money that couldn't be pinned down under current disclosure rules. Of this latter group, about half spoke for more government and half spoke for less. Some of those pro-spending witnesses were government contractors or recipients of grants, but nobody knows exactly how many.

Some 40,000 groups receive about \$39 billion in federal grants each year. Some are charitable or community organizations with no political axe to grind, but many grant recipients - the American Association of Retired Persons at \$86 million, the Child Welfare League at \$250,000, most of the participants in last year's "Stand for Children" march - are active in lobbying and politics.

When such groups stand before Congress, their take from the Treasury should be clear.

The "truth in testimony" rule, proposed and pushed by Republican Rep. John Doolittle of Sacramento, won't keep tax-subsidized lobbyists from making their views known, but it will let members of Congress know which lobbyists are on the dole. That could reduce the effectiveness of their constant demands for more from the taxpayers. Or it might not.

Whatever the impact, this little bit of sunshine on the murky doings in the imperial city is welcome.

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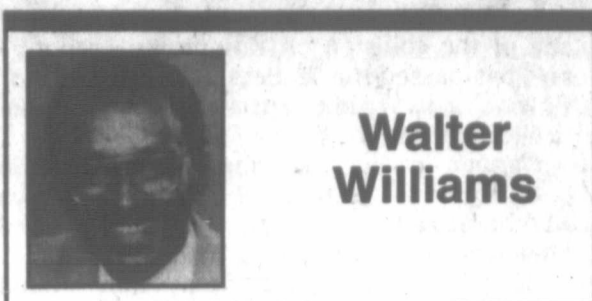
Why are we a rich nation? It's tempting to suggest our wealth is a result of bountiful natural resources.

However, if bountiful resources were the source of wealth, South America and Africa would be rich instead of being mired in poverty. Hong Kong, Japan and England, natural resources-poor nations, would be poor instead of rich.

Development experts and foreign-aid hustlers would have us believe that past colonialism accounts for Third World poverty. That explanation ignores the fact that United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong have a colonial history and are rich while Nepal, Tibet, Liberia and Ethiopia were never colonies and are among the world's poorest nations.

Mankind's history is mostly one of grinding poverty. Poverty is no mystery. People are poor because they can't produce things highly valued by their fellow man. The real mystery is how did a tiny portion of mankind's population, for only a tiny part of history, manage to escape poverty. We don't have all the answers, but there are some useful clues.

When we see wealthy nations, what else do we see? One tendency is greater personal liberty that includes greater protection and respect for both the person and his property. The people are free to engage in peaceable voluntary exchange to a much greater extent than their poorer counterparts. There is a rule of law, and government plays a more limited role in the economy. As a result,



Walter Williams

these tendencies not only make for higher moral standards, they produce an important side benefit - greater wealth.

Pick up Freedom House's or Amnesty International's survey of world human rights protections. Then turn to country rankings of per capita income in the World Almanac. Arrange countries according to human rights protections, per capita income and whether their system tends more toward free markets or extensive government control. A remarkable correlation emerges. Hong Kong, Switzerland, the United States, Canada, and Germany, having greater economic liberty, are at the top. Romania, Somalia, Hungary, Syria, Brazil, Zaire and many others with highly restricted liberty are at the bottom.

The good news is that following the collapse of the Soviet Empire, many more people have a

greater measure of liberty. Nonetheless, at least 25% of the human race continues to live under brutal authoritarian regimes and unthinkable poverty. That's the standard human condition. Little is older than the notion that some people know what's best and they've been ordained to forcibly impose that "wisdom" on others. It's a notion accounting for most human misery.

It's also a notion in vogue with America's liberal elite. They differ only in degree but not in kind from global tyrants who show little reluctance to forcibly impose their will on others.

If you think I'm wrong, consider what would happen to anyone who declared that he is an emancipated adult and fully capable of tending to his own retirement needs. Further, he disavowed any Social Security benefit or any other government handout in his retirement years. Plus, he resolutely refused to make "contributions" into Social Security. Depending on his level of resoluteness, he could suffer fines, property confiscation, imprisonment or death at the hands of our government.

There's no complete answer to why some nations are rich and others are poor. But you can bet the rent money that a large part of the answer has to do with personal liberty and private property rights. Even if liberty and private property rights had nothing to do with wealth accumulation, we want it anyway because it's morally superior to authoritarianism.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 1997. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 16, 1862, during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

On this date:
In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

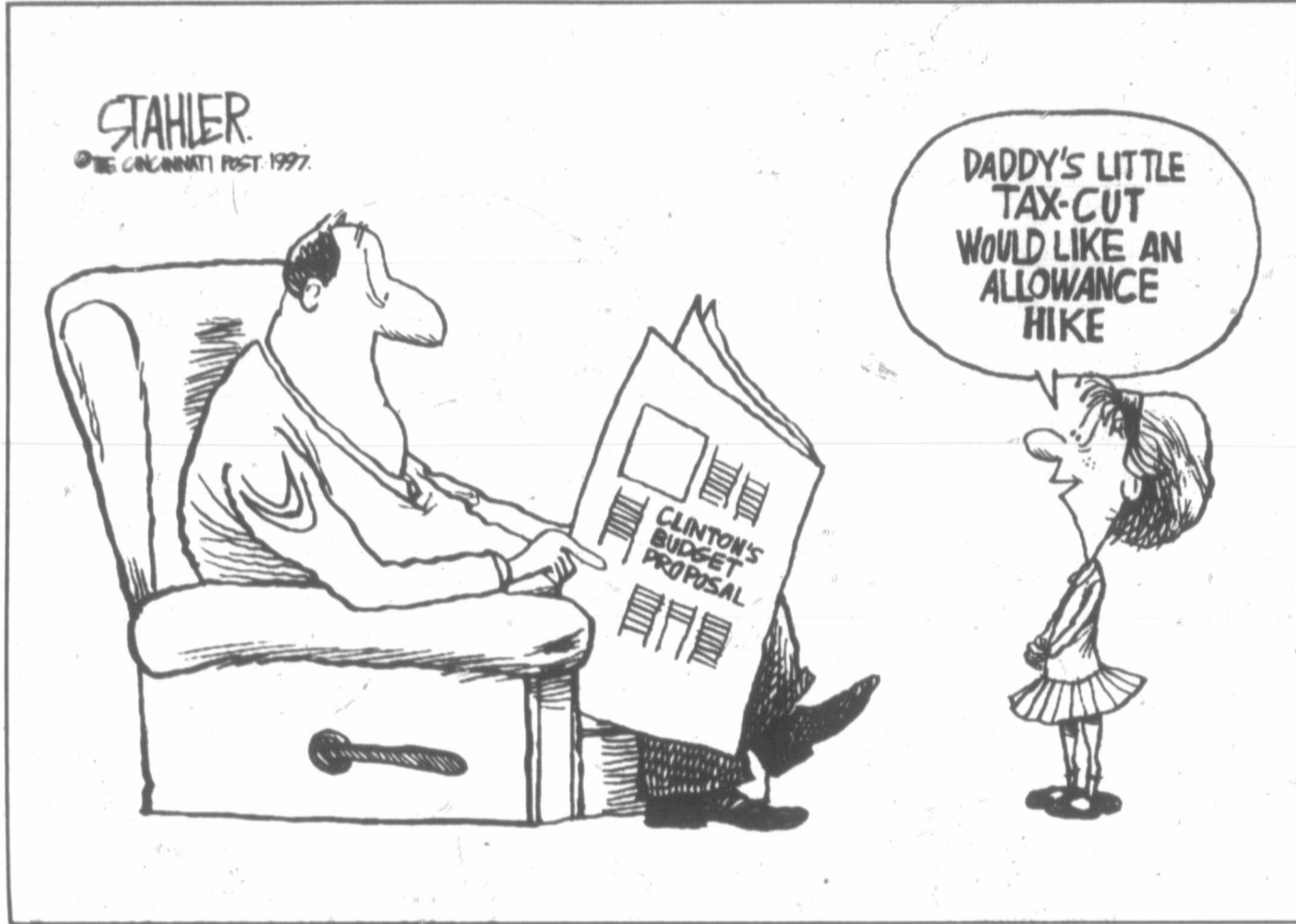
In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence.

In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt.

In 1937, Dr. Wallace H. Carothers, a research chemist for DuPont who invented nylon, received a patent for the synthetic fiber.

In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.



Is the media elite running amok?

Charley Reese

There's been some talk lately about restoring civility to public discourse. That's shooting a hog for a squirrel. The problem isn't bad manners. The problem is the Hot Air Triangle.

The Hot Air Triangle consists of special interest groups, political demagogues and a press that slavishly caters to both. That's how public discourse gets distorted.

Special interest groups and politicians have learned that if they hope to catch the attention of the sensationalist press, which is about all the press that's left in America, then everything they say has to be couched in melodramatic, if not apocalyptic terms.

A reasoned discourse, even a scientific report, will likely be ignored, but if you occupy a building or say the world is about to drown or we're on the verge of a race war or old people will be thrown into the streets to starve, then, provided there are no better murders or sex scandals breaking that day, a few journalists will wander over in your direction. If you want TV guys, you have to have "a graphic."

What you say doesn't have to be true. All the journalist wants is someone with a title he can use for attribution. It does help, of course, if what you say appeals to the journalist's existing biases, otherwise he won't show. Or if he does, he will shed the role of willing dupe and assume the role of special prosecutor.

This is not a new phenomenon. There is a moss-covered saying that journalists are either at your feet or at your throat. Even Thomas Jefferson became so disillusioned with the American press, which he had once championed before he got to know it, that he wrote that people who never read a newspaper were better off than those who did. It is better, Jefferson explained, to be ignorant than to be misinformed.

That's true. If you don't know, you at least know you don't know. The trouble comes when people don't know but think they do know. It creates the curious phenomenon of militant ignorance.

There are, of course, still some good newspapers and great journalists. I would not wish to treat journalism the way it treats most people, which is to paint with a broad brush.

The trend lines - to use a popular cliché - seem, however, to point toward more entertainment and propaganda and away from traditional information. It used to be said often, when journalists made speeches, that the loss of a free press is one of the first results of a loss of freedom. That's true, of course. But it's also true that when a free press

abandons its journalistic duty to do more than titillate and entertain, it is a warning sign that a free society is about to become unfree.

The great experiment in American self-government is not higher math. It's pretty simple. It is based on the premise that common, ordinary people can govern themselves if they are free to get information and to debate the issues.

People in a free society, like a head of state, need intelligence, which is just another word for information. If that information is denied them or polluted, if honest debate is curbed or prevented, then they cannot make good decisions, and self-government will collapse into oligarchy or dictatorship.

In the scheme of things, a free press is the people's intelligence agency. It should be the independent eyes and ears of the ordinary citizens, and it should provide them with unbiased, accurate reports of what is going on in their community, government and country. I don't know of a more noble occupation, but unfortunately, it is too often practiced in an ignoble manner.

It is ignoble when it consists only of the details of random crimes, random disasters, sex scandals, the ranting of fools who happen to be celebrities and the exaggerated claims and lies of demagogues and fanatics. It is an unforgivable sin against liberty when a free press consists of deliberate propaganda and censorship.

What is wrong with Washington GOP?

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

The other night, while the Boy President was practicing his smirks before the mirror preface to delivering his State of the Union balderdash, Paul Weyrich, the legendary conservative activist, was conducting an interview on his television show at NET, a conservative channel network that he runs. Weyrich works at the very heart of the conservative movement, and yet he seemed genuinely puzzled by the current toothlessness of the congressional Republicans. He asked his interviewee, "What is wrong with the Republicans on the hill?"

The day after Weyrich's anguished question (and after the Boy President's juvenile sermons), a partial answer was provided. House Speaker Newt Gingrich expressed great distress over the ineffectiveness of one of his rising Republican allies, Rep. J.C. Watts. Apparently, Gingrich has been attempting to effect a Grand Alliance between himself and - get this - the Rev. Jesse Jackson of Jesse Jackson Inc., the hot air conglomerate. Jackson has been marketing himself for years as an expert on racial relations, good government and black improvement. In all these roles, he has failed. He is another fading race charlatan, marginally more important than the Rev. Andrew Young. Gingrich is apparently unaware of this.

Does Gingrich believe that the has been Jackson is going to deliver Republicans the black vote? About all Jackson has ever been able to deliver is a few camera crews. Jackson announces some contrived press conference and the camera crews duly arrive. Perhaps Jackson's sidekicks have gathered up a small mob of indignant blacks. The press conference seems more dramatic. But when

Jackson has shut down his sonnetries and headed back to his plush digs, the indigent blacks are shuffled back to their bleak purities and another media event is over. Washington takes these media events as reality. Gingrich still sees Jackson posturing on the tube, so he concludes that the aging fraud is a national figure.

Well, maybe he is a national figure, but many national figures are frauds. J.C. Watts is not. He delivered the Republicans' response to the president's State of the Union address and again showed himself to be manifestly genuine. With eloquence and dignity, he delivered a sensible alternative to the president's bathos. He stressed the importance of character and personal responsibility. He called for a revival of community action. Condemning most of the serious wrongs of our society, he warned against viewing government solutions as their antidote. And he spoke intelligently of race. Watts, who is black, noted that he could still remember Jim Crow discrimination but asked, "Why does it seem that the more laws we pass, the less love we have?"

Now, Watts is under pressure from Gingrich and other Republicans. The day of his renumber to the State of the Union address, Watts was quoted (in a very impressive profile of him in *The Washington Post*) as being contemptuous of "race-hustling poverty pumps" like Jesse Jackson and Marion Barry. "They talk a lot about slavery," Watts went on, "but they're perfectly happy to

have just moved us to another plantation. What scares them the most is that black people might break out of that racial group thing and start thinking for themselves."

Gingrich had invited one of the aforementioned "race-hustling poverty pumps" - Jackson, that is - to attend the State of the Union address and sit with the Gingrich family. Jackson claims that before accepting the invitation, he called Gingrich for a clarification. Assuring Jackson that Watts' views were not Gingrich's or the Republican Party's, Gingrich reportedly told Jackson that he had reprimanded Watts, calling his remarks "unbecoming." Of course, they were not unbecoming. Moreover, they were accurate. If Weyrich and his conservative troops want to know what is wrong with the Republicans, it is that their supposedly young leadership under Gingrich is already old and tired. Watts sees through the fatality of the Democrats' false promises. Life for poor people is more wretched and hopeless today than it was 40 years ago, when race-hustling and poverty-pumping were just a gleam in the young Jesse Jackson's eye.

Now, Jackson is a television personality, so Gingrich thinks he commands the black vote. He has never won an election in his life. He is a bogus politician and a bogus humanitarian. Watts is the real thing. His remarks were true because the Republicans prevail on him to lie about ever uttering these remarks. How very Washingtonian of them. Let us hope that Watts remains true to himself and to his views of the world. That is what a real political leader would do. The Republicans need real leaders to oppose the smog of deceit that passes for manners in Official Washington.

Letters to the editor

School finances

To the editor:
From Washington, D.C., through Austin, Texas, our politicians, once again (remember Goals 2000?) have decided to save our elementary and secondary educational system, also adding our junior colleges. The savior once again is more money!! Who would have thought our politicians were capable of coming up with this solution? Look at the U.S. Department of Education; politicians in Washington are no smarter than those in Texas.

From the Texas Education Agency in Austin through the District level 55 percent plus of the total budgeted money is spent, primarily on state and district administrative expenses, before reaching the classroom level. This is from published budgets for 1987/1988 and 1994/1995. Using these two school terms, the number of students increased by 13.9 percent; the budget, including federal, state and district monies, increased by 60.9 percent, with the money at the classroom level increasing by 42 percent.

We need to reorganize and downsize the Texas Education Agency staffs and district staffs by 7.5 percent each year for the next four years, giving us an overall reduction of 30 percent. The state board of education should be included in this reorganization. Do we really need both of these state bureaucratic organizations to operate our school system? Many businesses have reorganized and downsized their administrative staffs to stay competitive in the market place and succeeded; so can our schools. The money saved through the reorganizing and downsizing should be directed to the districts for usage in the classrooms. During the reorganization and downsizing, a percentage figure should be set to regulate the amount of budgeted money to be spent yearly on administrative services at all levels.

Locally our school district held a bond election to secure money to remodel and update the buildings on four elementary campuses, with the closing of two more, basically for lack of enough pupils to sustain all six of them. Local citizens voted to pass the bond. The general consensus on personnel from the two campuses being closed, if positions were available at other campuses through retirements, attrition or terminations, these positions would be offered to those qualified for them.

I have some questions for our elected school officials: news articles state that the two principals from the closed campuses are to move to administrative positions. Were these two administrative positions already in existence? What happened to the two individuals filling these two positions? Or — were they created to fill some necessary requirement? What exactly is the scope of responsibility for these two positions? Does it take more administrative personnel to serve four campuses than six?

Another article stated that the administrative offices were to be moved to one of the campuses that is being closed. Some more questions for our elected school officials: Was this discussed before holding the bond election? Do not recall reading about it. How much of the bond money will this require? If bond money is not to be used, where is it to come from? Is this move really necessary? Why? What is to become of the current administrative building?

James Braxton
Pampa

God and marriage

To the editor:
After reading the Feb. 5th article in *The Pampa News* about one of our hometown politicians standing up for what he thought about marriage, I am very proud to know a man of Rep. Warren Chisum's stature, especially when he is not afraid to have his voice heard. We need more people like him in our political system, whether Republican or Democrat.

If you have a Holy Bible, you can open it and read how and what God feels and says about marriage.

For example, in Gen. 1:26, God made man in His image. Then after seeing man, and the man was alone, He saw that he needed a mate. So He made a woman; not a man for his (Adam's) mate. If God had thought he needed a man for a mate, God would have made him one. But God did not see it that way. That's why He made woman. This is my interpretation at least.

Another example. Read in Gen. 19 where, when the Lord heard what was going on in Sodom and

Gomorrah, He destroyed them. He told Lot to get his family and leave, do not look back, but Lot's wife did and she turned into a pillar of salt.

After God made man and woman, he said, "Go, multiply." He didn't say that to men or women. He said it to man and woman.

Another example, in Leviticus 20:13, when the Lord spoke to Moses, He said, "Moses, if any man has sex with another man, he will be put to death." Anyone who has a Bible can read Leviticus 20 and see what God says about sex.

These are my personal beliefs. These homosexuals are trying to cram their way of living down on us, and when they get married to one another, they expect to have the same rights we have. In a normal and Godly marriage, you don't get the disease they get. I believe what God is trying to tell these people is, Get a life. Yes, put God in your life and you and everyone will see and have a much brighter, happier life.

No one can change you; you have to do that yourself. All you have to do is ask the Lord to forgive and you can change.

Your brother in Christ,
Bob Andersen
Pampa

Urgent tax problems

To the editor:
Without convincing study, Governor Bush assumed property tax relief had top priority. His Staff Work Group and Citizens Committee could consider no other, nor an income tax. But his Committee reported at the hearings an "income tax was the most mentioned alternative" to his options.

Now the House and Senate have appointed broad-based committees to evaluate the governor's plan and alternatives — lowering property taxes the accepted objective.

Wait a minute! Nowhere have key questions even been considered: What are Texas' most urgent tax problems and how best to deal with them.

Bush's plan fails to deal with any of Texas' three critical tax problems: 1) Texas overtaxes middle and low income families. Bush's plan makes that worse. 2) Corporate businesses pay the franchise tax while other businesses do not. Bush's plan taxes unincorporated businesses but fewer firms. 3) Schools need money to increase quantity, quality and fairness. Bush's complex eight-point plan gives schools nothing — zilch — zero!

The governor won't tell taxpayers that lack of an income tax now causes property taxes to be 8 percent higher and sales taxes 12 percent higher than national averages.

Why should the income tax not even be considered? Adding a tax on family incomes over \$70,000 would lower property and sales taxes, be fair to families at all income levels and businesses, and adequately support schools.

Shouldn't legislators work on the most urgent tax and school problems?

Charles C. Holt
Professor of Management Emeritus
Graduate School of Business
University of Texas, Austin

Shop Pampa first?

To the editor:
Shop Pampa First?
In driving around town after the May 1995 hail storm and June 1995 tornado I noticed a lot of local businesses and business owners using out-of-town roofers. Even now they are still using out-of-town roofers.

We are always told to shop Pampa first and keep Pampa's money local. Well, is roofing not considered to be shopping? We have some very reputable roofers here in Pampa and ones that try and purchase the materials and supplies they need from the local businesses and business owners. What would you rather have, a fly by night out-of-town roofer who you might not ever see again or a local roofer who you know you can count on and trust if something was to go wrong?

Some of our local businesses that are using out-of-town roofers are the first ones to say "Shop Pampa First." Well, is it not hypocritical that they want you to shop with them first but they are the first to shop out-of-town?

A Concerned Citizen,
Theresa Jaramillo
Pampa

'Fax a Poem' winner



(Special photo)
Shirley Hoskins, left, LVN with Dr. Laxman Bhatia's office, receives a gift certificate to Dyer's Bar-B-Que from Lisa Carroll, center, business office manager for Columbia Homecare, and Brenda Guess, director of community education for Columbia Homecare. Mrs. Hoskins won the gift certificate in the Valentine's Day "Fax a Poem" contest.

Free bike travel off to good start

AUSTIN (AP) — A 3-week-old bicycle-sharing program has been such a hit in this environmentally conscious city that it has been able to avoid the stolen-bike problem that set back similar programs across the country.

Last month, a nonprofit group kicked off its free bicycle campaign by putting 24 yellow bikes on city streets to give free transportation for anyone willing to pedal. The fleet has since been upped to 31.

The bikes can be used by anyone to ride anywhere with one condition: they must be left in the open, unlocked, so someone else can use them.

"It's better than we thought," said John Thoms, a volunteer for the Yellow Bike Project.

Community bike programs are popular in European cities and can be found in across the United States in cities such as Portland, Ore.; Madison, Wis.; Charleston, S.C.; Missoula, Mont.; St. Paul, Minn.; and Orlando, Fla.

While many communities have taken to the idea, people taking the bicycles has been a problem.

In Boulder, the city spent \$20,000 to make 120 donated, green bikes available to the public. A few months later, only about 40 were still on the streets.

In Charleston, S.C., a week after the program began more than half were no longer able to be used.

Dimmitt couple die in car-train collision

SUDAN (AP) — A Castro County couple was killed Friday when a freight train slammed at 55 mph into their car at a railroad crossing in this small South Plains town.

James Ervin Welch, 64, and Rita Joy Welch, 63, both of Dimmitt, were killed at the crossing on FM 1843 at U.S. 84 in southeastern Sudan shortly after noon Friday, police said.

No one aboard the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train was injured.

The impact slammed the 1992 Chrysler Fifth Avenue 81 feet into a telephone pole, Lamb County Justice of the Peace Carolyn Harmon said.

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Counselor moves practice to Pampa

Barbara Mamoulides, a Licensed Professional Counselor with 17 years experience, has moved her practice to Pampa. Mamoulides holds a master's degree in counseling from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin and a bachelor's degree in music therapy from West Texas A&M University. She has been in practice since 1980 in the Midland/Odessa and West Texas area.

"She specializes in women's issues and adolescent adjustment issues. Adult female clients receive help with depression, interpersonal relationships, divorce, loss and grief, childhood abuse, self esteem, parenting, role changes and adjustments, work problems, stress, coping skills, eating disorders and goal setting.

For teens ages 13-18, she helps clients deal with depression, eating disorders, peer relationships, school problems, family issues including divorce, death and step-family members, self-esteem, future planning, school and career goals and coping skills.

An accomplished speaker and a member of the National Speaker's Association and Toastmaster's International, Mamoulides has conducted hundreds of workshops, seminars and special classes for businesses, community organizations, and churches in Texas, New Mexico, Kentucky, Washington and California.

She conducts motivational seminars as well as presentations on women's issues, stress management, coping with change, communication and



Barbara Mamoulides

spiritual and personal growth. "People want to know how to do a better job coping with life's challenges and changes. Most of us are doing the best we can. By learning more about ourselves and learning new coping and communication skills, we will be able to handle our challenges more effectively and feel better about ourselves at the same time. Things keep changing in our world all around us, and sometimes we need a little help learning to deal with the changes. Counseling and therapy can often provide that help," said Mamoulides.

To schedule an appointment for counseling or to schedule a presentation or workshop for your church group or business, call 665-2525. Counseling appointments are available Monday through Friday.

University hosts business seminar

CANYON - "NAFTA and the Western Hemispheric Trade" is the title of an international business seminar to be given from noon to 1:15 p.m. Feb. 20, in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, Hazel Kelley Wilson Room on the West Texas A&M University campus.

Dr. Kerry Cooper, Cullen Trust Professor of Business Administration and executive director of international business programs at Texas A&M University-College Station, and Dr. Lorraine Eden, associate professor of management and associate director of TAMU's Center for International Business Studies, will be guest speakers at the seminar.

Cooper and Eden will discuss growing business and market opportunities in North America and evaluate post-NAFTA issues.

Cooper is a past president of the Association for International Business Education and Research and the Southwest Region of the Academy of International Business. Cooper is also the author or co-author of eight books and numerous articles in finance, economics and

other business journals. Eden is the author of *Taxing Multinationals: Transfer Pricing and Corporate Income Taxation in North America*. She also published in journals including *Millennium*, *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* and *The International Executive*.

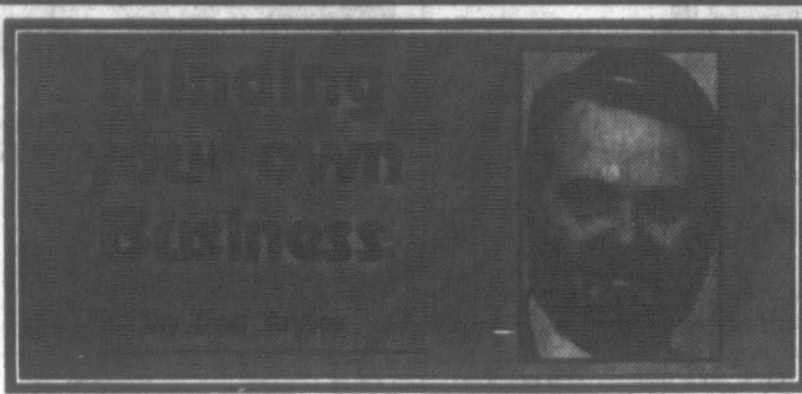
Dr. Syed Tariq Anwar, professor of marketing and international business at WTAMU, said he thinks the seminar will be useful in many ways.

"The major purpose is to inform the community about what's happening in NAFTA regions and in the overseas markets," Anwar said.

The seminar is sponsored by the T. Boone Pickens College of Business at WTAMU. Other support is provided by Southwestern Public Service Co.

Organizations assisting with the seminar are Panhandle International Business Forum, Students In Free Enterprise and Phi Beta Delta Honor Society at WTAMU.

The seminar is free and open to the public.



Build negotiating skills

Whether we recognize it or not, all of us are participants in life's negotiating process. And, at least to some degree, our success depends on how good we become at bargaining for what we want.

According to my Webster's dictionary, negotiate means "to bargain or discuss with a view to reaching an agreement." The results of any negotiations are most desirable and successful when both sides get what they want. We call this "win-win" negotiation.

Your goal in negotiating should be to find win-win positions whenever possible. However, in the real world it doesn't always work out that way. Sometimes only one side gets what they want. We call this a "win-lose" deal. Rarely, neither party gets what they desire. That of course is a "lose-lose" situation.

Unfortunately, becoming a great negotiator isn't as easy as reading this column or even a good book on the subject. You develop negotiation skills in the same way you build other skills. First, you must understand the rules and have a working knowledge of the process. Second, you must practice to improve. I hope the following tips and suggestions will help you get started.

Negotiation Tips

- **Understand that virtually everything is negotiable.** The first step in becoming a better negotiator is to look for opportunities to improve your business position by negotiating. Then start practicing. You can ask, offer, counter offer and suggest alternatives.

- **The next step is to do your homework.** In negotiating, knowledge is power. When you know a lot about the deal, and understand the other side's position thoroughly, you are more likely to get exactly what you want.

- **Next, remember to aim high.** It's not likely you'll ever be given more than you ask for. So start high and come back down if you have to. You also need to know where to stop. Establish a final position where you go no lower, or make no more concessions. This is the place where you walk away.

- **Be prepared to walk away.** When you know your final position and are willing to walk away with no deal, you're in a strong position. Sometimes you lose the deal, but in the long term you're a winner. Frequently, the other side will give some ground when they see you're serious about walking away or saying no to a bad deal.

- **Keep your cards close to your vest.** Never let the other side know how important a deal is to you. If you're buying a house and you let the owner know "this is the perfect house," be prepared to pay full price or expect very little downward negotiation.

- **Smile and say no until your tongue bleeds.** This is a great line from Harvey MacKay's book *Swim With the Sharks*. There are two important points. First, smile and be courteous when you negotiate. Developing an adversarial attitude will weaken your position. Second, learn to say no and mean it. If a position or request is unacceptable to you say no, and keep on saying it. Be polite, but firm.

- **Show the value of what you're proposing to the other side.** If your offer is a win-win offer, point out the benefits and advantages in the negotiation process. The other folks may already be aware of the benefits, but you can't be sure. So show them how they benefit.

In summary, the best negotiators find out what the other side wants or needs and then finds a way to help them achieve it, while at the same time furthering their best interests and accomplishing their own goals. You can often get exactly what you want by helping others get what they want.

Exxon to appeal \$5.3 billion settlement

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Exxon Corp. questions the standards used to assess \$5.3 billion in damages for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill and plans to appeal the judgment.

Exxon is asking the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review how U.S. District Court Judge H. Russel Holland determined the \$5 billion in punitive damages and some of the \$287 million in compensatory damages.

Exxon also said Thursday it objects to instructions Holland gave the jury during the 1994 trial and to the \$6.75 billion letter of credit the judge is requiring Exxon to post.

Thousands of Alaska fishermen and natives are in line to collect the compensatory damage awards.

The Exxon Valdez spilled about 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound in March 1989 when the tanker went aground on Bligh Reef.

Exxon has said since it lost the civil trial that it would appeal the matter, so Thursday's announcement came as no surprise.

In a prepared statement, Exxon Chairman Lee R. Raymond called the judgment excessive and unwarranted and says it should be set aside or substantially reduced.

But Brian O'Neill, one of the lead attorneys representing fishermen and other plaintiffs, contended the appeal was part of a longterm Exxon strategy to delay paying the award.

"They sprang frivolous motion after frivolous motion after the jury came in to delay (payment), and they'll do the same thing in the appeals court," O'Neill said.

Interest on the award is accumulating at a 5.9 percent annual rate and already has topped \$38 million.

O'Neill said he expects the appeals process to last at least 18 months.

Chamber Communique

Tickets to the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting are available for \$15 per person at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 20 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Texas Rose Steakhouse will begin serving at 7 p.m. For reservations, call the Chamber office at 669-3241.

The guest speaker will be Dan Willis, cowboy poet and storyteller. Willis speaks with experience and humor. The "Citizen of the Year" will also be announced.

The Chamber has received a shipment of 100 Pampa Community Afghans. The Afghans are \$45 dollars apiece and come in either hunter green or navy blue. The articles may be purchased at the Chamber office, 200 N. Ballard.

The Board of Directors meeting for Thursday, Feb. 20, has been cancelled.

• **Meetings:**
Monday - Gold Coats, 12 noon, Texas Rose Steakhouse
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WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each question answered correctly)



1) People in the Balkan country of (CHOOSE ONE: Albania, Serbia) rioted recently after pyramid schemes they had invested in collapsed.

2) James Earl Ray, convicted killer of ... has asked for a new trial, saying he is not guilty.

3) The South American country of (CHOOSE ONE: Brazil, Ecuador) has a new president after Abdala Bucaram was forced to resign because of "corruption and mental incompetency."

4) A comet called ... named for its two discoverers, will be visible in the skies over the U.S. until March.

5) Former football star ... was found liable in a civil suit for the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

MATCHWORDS

(2 points for each correct match)

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| 2-gumbo | b-banter |
| 3-gibe | c-spite |
| 4-gregarious | d-babble |
| 5-grudge | e-friendly |

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) At the recent NAACP Image Awards in Pasadena, ... was named best actor for his role in "Courage Under Fire" and was chosen Entertainer of the Year.

2) In the movie ..., actor Geoffrey Rush plays the role of troubled Australian pianist David Helfgott.

3) In the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden, 38-year-old ... was named most outstanding performer with her mile win in 4 minutes, 26 seconds, the fastest woman's indoor time in two years.

4) Former heavyweight champ ... recently became a private in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. a-Buster Douglas b-Mike Tyson c-Riddick Bowe

5) Scoring an NBA All-Star Game record 24 points in the second half, Charlotte's ... was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

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HARTLEY (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-220 Bivins '12, 990' from South & 330' from West line, Sec. 12, 2, G&M, PD 3500'. Replacement well for #A-65 Bivins

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HARTLEY (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-225 Bivins '12, 330' from North & East line, Sec. 12, 2, G&M, PD 3500'.

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MOORE (PANHANDLE) J.W. Resources, Inc., #5 Judy R., 2216' from North & 1867' from East line, Sec. 34, 9, H&TC, PD 3800'.

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #M-7 Masterson, 330' from South & 890' from West line, Sec. 22, 10, EL&RR, PD 3200'. Replacement well for #M-5 Masterson

OLDHAM (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-224 Bivins '21', 660' from South & 330' from West line, Sec. 21, 2, G&M, PD 3500'. Replacement well

ROBERTS (HANSFORD) Lower Morrow Amoco Production Co., #53 Lips Ranch B Unit 17, 1250' from North & West line, Sec. 16, 9, C&G&M, PD 8750'.

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ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.W.)

MENDOTA Granite Wash) Midgard Energy Co., #7 Flowers Trust 'A', 467' from South & 1850' from West line, Sec. 82, B-1, H&GN, PD 10850'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ST. CLAIR) Granite Wash) Midgard Energy Co., #3129 McJordie, 513' from South & 1719' from East line, Sec. 12, 9, C&G&M, PD 9950'.

SHERMAN (WILDCAT & TEXHOMA) Keyes) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #2-106 Cornelson, 467' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 10, 6, 1, C, GH&H, PD 7000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH) Granite Wash) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #4-1 Daberry, 1320' from South & 1470' from East line, Sec. 1, —, BBB&C, PD 13000'.

Application to Plug-Back
HANSFORD (NORTH HANSFORD) Hepler) E R Operating Co., #1 Henderson Gas Unit, 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 82, 45, H&TC, PD 7495'.

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN) Douglas) Upland Resources, Inc., #1-160 U.S.A. Conatser, 1900' from South & 3100' from West line, Sec. 16, 0, 41, H&TC, PD 7500'.

Applications to Re-Enter
MOORE (PANHANDLE) Cambridge Production, Inc., #1 R.B. Masterson, 330' from South & West line, Sec. 13, B-12, D&P, PD 3300'.

Oil Well Completions
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., #10-A Gething, Sec. 14, A-9, H&GN, elev. 2728 gl, spud 12-8-96, drlg. compl 12-11-96, tested 1-27-97, pumped 15 bbl. of 42.5 grav. oil + 22 bbls. water, GOR 2000, TD 2750' —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., #4 Morse 'A', Sec. 2, 26, H&GN, elev. 2541 gl, spud 12-3-96, drlg. compl 1-20-97, tested 1-27-97, pumped 14 bbl. of 43.5 grav. oil + 5 bbls. water, GOR 4286, TD 2481' —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #11 J.H. Palmer, Sec. 31, B-2, H&GN, elev. 2972 rkb, spud 11-12-96, drlg. compl 11-18-96, tested 1-16-97, pumped 28 bbl. of 44.4 grav. oil + 1 bbl. water, GOR 107, TD 3172' —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #17 J.B. Barrett, Sec. 13, 0, 3, I&GN, elev. 3266 kb, spud 9-11-96, drlg. compl 9-18-96, test-

ed 2-3-97, pumped 1.6 bbl. of 43.5 grav. oil + 1 bbl. water, GOR 4375, TD 3450' —

HANSFORD (WILDCAT) J.M. Huber Corp., #2 Steele Collard 'A', Sec. 16, 2, WCRR, elev. 3046 gr, spud 10-13-96, drlg. compl 11-11-96, tested 1-9-97, pumped 39 bbl. of 42 grav. oil + 15 bbls. water, GOR 872, TD 9800', PBTD 8390' —

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Alpar Resources, Inc., #1D South Lips '170', Sec. 17, 0, C&G&M, elev. 2872 gr, spud 7-26-96, drlg. compl 8-22-96, tested 1-17-97, flowed 362 bbl. of 41.2 grav. oil + 3 bbls. water thru 18/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure —, tbg. pressure 455#, GOR 967, TD 8750', PBTD 7340' — Form 1 filed in Amoco Production as #1 Lips Ranch 'D' 170

Gas Well Completions
GRAY (WILDCAT) Jones Energy, Ltd., #4 Ruth '23', Sec. 23, 3, I&GN, elev. 3047 kb, spud 11-13-96, drlg. compl 12-23-96, tested 1-2-97, potential 22609 MCF, TD 8315', PBTD 8192' —

HEMPHILL (GEM-HEMPHILL) Douglas) Parker & Parsley Development, L.P., #114 Isaacs, Sec. 11, 4, 1, H&TC, elev. 2350 kb, spud 11-12-96, drlg. compl 1-24-97, tested 1-24-97, potential 15200 MCF, TD 8300', PBTD 7535' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL) Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2024 Yarnold, Sec. 24, 1, I&GN, elev. 2580 kb, spud 12-6-96, drlg. compl 12-21-96, tested 1-27-97, potential 4800 MCF, TD 8100', PBTD 8092' —

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1036A Brown, Sec. 36, 6, T, T&NO, elev. 3425 gr, spud 12-9-96, drlg. compl 1-3-97, tested 1-7-97, potential 959 MCF, TVD 3200; MD 4972' — Horizontal Sidetrack

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #2031 Kilgore, Sec. 31, P, M, C, EL&RR, elev. 3630 gr, spud 11-23-96, drlg. compl 12-8-96, tested 12-20-96, potential 619 MCF, TVD 3450', MD

4715' — Horizontal Sidetrack

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Midgard Energy Co., #2 Brelsford, Sec. 43, 9, 44, H&TC, elev. 3482 kb, spud 10-29-96, drlg. compl 11-12-96, tested 1-3-97, potential 158 MCF, TD 3435' —

OCHILTREE (ELLIS RANCH) Cleveland) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Pshigoda '37', Sec. 37, 13, T&NO, elev. 2909 kb, spud 10-29-96, drlg. compl 11-9-96, tested 1-27-97, potential 80 MCF, TD 6915', PBTD 6849' —

Plugged Wells
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) G.H. Ranch, Inc., #A1 Bell, Sec.

134, 3, I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 12-13-96, TD 2664' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Cities Service Gas Producing Co.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Paraffin Oil Operators Corp., #1 Whittenburg Estate, Sec. 56, 46, H&TC, spud 6-25-35, plugged 1-28-97, TD 2818' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Plains Petroleum Corp.—Midstates Co.

ROBERTS (ALPAR-POOL) Tonkawa) Alpar Resources, Inc., #1 Chambers '120', Sec. 12, 0, C&G&M, spud 10-31-96, plugged 11-27-96, TD 7050' (dry)

134, 3, I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 12-13-96, TD 2664' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Cities Service Gas Producing Co.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Paraffin Oil Operators Corp., #1 Whittenburg Estate, Sec. 56, 46, H&TC, spud 6-25-35, plugged 1-28-97, TD 2818' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Plains Petroleum Corp.—Midstates Co.

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Four Rural/Metro employees gain higher level certification

Rural/Metro Ambulance of Pampa has announced that four employees of the Pampa operation have successfully become certified by the State of Texas in a high level of training. Betty Lyman, LaDonna Ramming and Merlie Moore have been certified as emergency medical technician-intermediates, while Corey Powell has been certified as emergency medical technician-paramedic. These upgrades in training gives all of Pampa's five full-time Rural/Metro employees paramedics certification, with three part-time paramedics, five part-time intermediates and three basics.

The Texas Department of Health certifies four levels of training — emergency care attendants, EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate and EMT-paramedic. The last two certifications are considered advanced life support. Rural/Metro officials said the new level of certification by employees is a great achievement by the employees and helps better the standard of care given to the citizens of Pampa and Gray County. The officials also said the company would give continued support to Lyman, Ramming and Moore on their continuation this spring in their training to be certified as paramedics.

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Notebook

FOOTBALL

WHITE DEER — White Deer quarterback Torey Craig has signed a letter of intent to play football at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The 6-4, 210-pound Craig is the first quarterback signed by new WT head coach Stan McGarvey. He threw for more than 1,600 yards last season and tossed 10 touchdown passes for the Bucks, who were 6-4.

Strong safety Damion Grant of Arlington Sam Houston also signed recently with the Buffs.

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PAMPA — Pampa Soccer Association will hold spring sign-ups one day only. Sign-ups will be at Pampa Mall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

New players must be at least four-years-old by Jan. 1. Please bring a copy of their birth certificate and the registration fee is \$30. The spring season will begin March 15 and end April 26, barring any weather complications.

Players who sign up in the spring will first be added to any existing teams that have vacancies, and then new teams will be formed if there are sufficient players.

If you played on a team in the fall, you do NOT need to sign up. You still are on that team and should contact your coach if you have not already been contacted.

If you have any questions, please call 669-1273 and leave your name and phone number.

FISHING

OKLAHOMA CITY — Ten Fishing regulation changes were approved by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission at its February meeting. All of the changes will go into effect Jan. 1, 1998.

The Wildlife Conservation Commission, which is the Wildlife Department' governing body, voted to adopt the following fishing regulation changes:

- Imposing uniform Oklahoma/Texas regulations at Lake Texoma, including changes affecting white bass (no size limit, 25 daily creel limit); crappie (10-inch minimum size limit, 37 daily creel limit); blue and/or channel catfish (12-inch minimum size limit, 15 daily creel limit); and flathead catfish (20-inch minimum, five daily creel limit).

- Imposing a 16- to 22-inch trophy slot size limit on black bass at McGee Creek Lake. No fish between 16 and 22 inches may be kept and only one fish 22 inches or longer is allowed.

- Imposing a 10-inch minimum size limit, 15-fish daily creel limit on crappie at Lake Hudson.

- Combining white bass with existing striped bass hybrid fish regulations at Skiatook Lake.

Spring is here! Pitchers and catchers arrive

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Forget the snow and slush. It's time to break out the bats and balls.

Baseball players started reporting Friday at training camps across Florida and Arizona, the start of 7 1/2 weeks of spring training that lead up to season openers on April 1.

"Spring training is a refresher course," New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine said at Port St. Lucie, Fla. "It's when you set the foundation."

Valentine, who replaced Dallas Green last August, wants his players to have clean chins and unadorned ear lobes. Beards and earrings are out.

So is the two-mile morning

run Green instituted.

"We will sweat the hardest at the end of the day," Valentine said Friday. "The conditioning program is the last thing we do. I want the fatigue to set in after they leave. I want them to leave tired and inspired."

At Peoria, Ariz., Seattle Mariners pitcher Randy Johnson said he will go slowly in spring training after surgery Sept. 12 to repair a bulging disk in his back.

Hoping to throw off the top of the mound in a couple weeks, the 1995 AL Cy Young Award winner sounded cautiously optimistic about returning to his pre-surgery form.

"The biggest concern I have is, will I be able to be the same Randy Johnson who was able to dominate a game periodically?

That is something I still don't know but am more optimistic about than I was a month ago," he said. "I am not as fearful, and the desire in my heart probably is greater now. I'm sure a lot of people are skeptical, but I'm very confident that in time I will be back to my form."

The 33-year-old left-hander plans to start throwing from halfway up the mound Tuesday.

"I have been throwing for 15 to 20 minutes from between 90 and 120 feet three days a week, and my arm is fine," Johnson said. "I possibly could throw off the top, but I haven't been on a mound for six months, and it might flare up my back again. That would be a setback."

At Fort Myers, Fla., the Boston Red Sox picked up right where

they left off, criticizing the team's management.

"If we're a club that's rebuilding, then say that. If we're a club that's on our way, then say that. But don't lie," Mo Vaughn said Thursday after arriving early. "They (fans) don't want to be lied to and neither do the players. We'll see what happens."

Vaughn questioned whether the Red Sox are equipped to contend for the AL East title.

"We might get some (help) later, but right now, we're a team that's got some inexperience. No doubt about it," he said. "We lost some veterans that can play. Right now, we're a team with inexperience, and that's what we've got to go with."

During the offseason, the Red Sox lost pitcher Roger Clemens

to Toronto, designated hitter Jose Canseco to Oakland and outfielder Mike Greenwell to the Japanese leagues. They also fired manager Kevin Kennedy, who was popular with the players.

"It's definitely going to be a tremendous loss," Vaughn said of the departed players. "Anybody who says it's not crazy. But I can't bring them back. If I could, I would."

The World Series champion New York Yankees arrived at Tampa, Fla., wondering if they can repeat. New York has four starting pitchers coming off injuries and must re-work its bullpen following the departure of World Series MVP John Wetteland, who signed with Texas.

Groom downs Miami in 1A bi-district round

WHEELER — With four players scoring 10 points or better, Groom handed Miami a 63-45 loss in a girls' Class 1A bi-district game Friday night.

Junior guard Jessica Friemel led the Tigerettes with 15 points while Mary Hutsell added 13, Jessica Stapp 11 and Angie Conrad 10. Conrad led Groom in rebounds with 8.

The first half was close most of the way with Groom pulling ahead to a eight-point lead (30-22) at intermission. The Warriorettes cut the lead to five points early in the third quarter, but Hutsell and Angie Conrad hit back-to-back three-pointers to give the Tigerettes an 11-point bulge. Miami was never able to get closer than eight points the rest of the way.

"Things didn't start off the way we wanted it to, but the girls picked it up in second half," said Groom head coach Randy Yelverton. "I was just real pleased with the way our

girls played." Lindsay Gill, who hit 4 of 5 free throw attempts, had 15 points to lead Miami scoring.

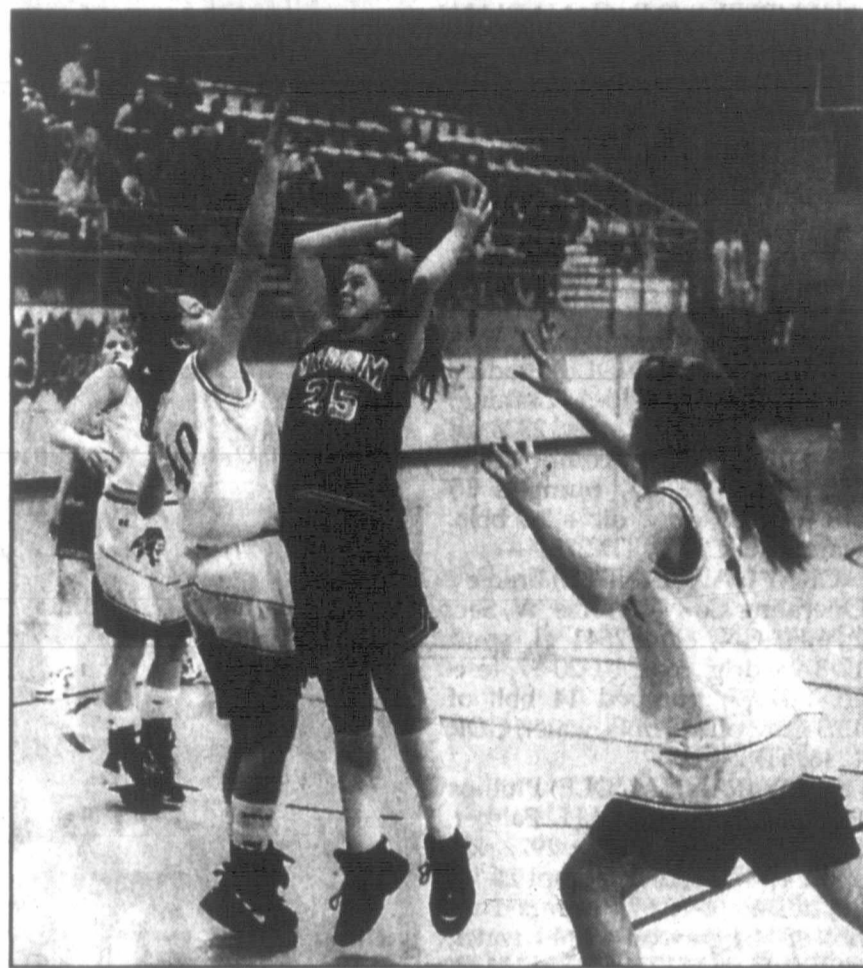
Groom, 13-10, moves into area play to take on No. 1 ranked Sudan at 7 Monday night at Randall High School Activity Center.

Miami closes out at 11-14.

Groom 63, Miami 45

Groom — Jessica Friemel 15, Mary Hutsell 13, Jessica Stapp 11; Angie Conrad 10; Sara Britten 4, Melissa Anthony 4, Kay Conrad 2, Stephanie Ollinger 2, Tami Ashford 1, Jacey Richardson 1; three-point goals: A. Conrad 2, Stapp 1, Hutsell 1.

Miami — Lindsey Gill 15, Danita Kauk 12, Erin Locke 10, Debra Williams 4, Misty Manley 2, Daphne Heiskell 2; Three-point goals: 0.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Groom's Angie Conrad shoots over Miami's Lindsay Gill.

Pampa defeats Canyon to push record to 3-1

PAMPA — Randall Odom ignited a second-half rally as Pampa rolled to a 4-1 win over Canyon in a District 5 soccer match Saturday at Harvester Stadium.

"Randall came back after getting a yellow card in the first half and really sparked our offense. We had some other players that looked real good, but he was our spark today," said Pampa head coach Warren Cottle.

Odom scored two goals and had one assist as the Harvesters improved to 3-1 in district play. Lucas Jaramillo also scored two goals.

Pampa got outstanding play from Blaine Northcutt, Brian Sprinkle and Julio Silva, Cottle said.

Pampa hosts Randall at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday.

SOCCER

ners as the best prep soccer players in the nation. There are 48 state winners and one from the District of Columbia (Montana and South Dakota have no formal prep soccer programs). That group is then narrowed to eight regional winners and, finally, one national winner. The selections are made by the Gatorade National Advisory Board comprised of 10 national and regional sports writers. The winners were selected from more than 250,000 high school players nationwide.

The 1996 Gatorade Circle of Champions National Soccer Player of the Year is Nick Garcia, a senior midfielder from Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas, Texas.

Garcia helped lead the Friars to the state 4A title last spring while racking up some impressive statistics: 13 goals and 7 assists in 16 games. This year, the team looks to make a bid at another Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools title. Garcia's success also extends to the classroom where he holds a 3.2 GPA and totalled 1,000 on the SAT. He is headed to Indiana University in the fall.

CHICAGO — The Gatorade Circle of Champions National High School Soccer Players of the Year were announced today by the Gatorade Company and Scholastic Coach magazine. The national award, which is based on a player's overall athletic and academic performance throughout their high school career, distinguishes the win-

Whip out those checkbooks

Whip out those checkbooks. The NFL's free agent season is under way.

Need a cornerback? There are plenty to pick from led by Pittsburgh's Rod Woodson, a member of the league's 75-year team.

Looking for a linebacker? Derrick Thomas has been a good one in Kansas City for a long time.

How about a running back? Terry Allen rushed for 1,353 yards and 21 touchdowns at Washington last season.

Those three were among 319 unrestricted free agents, available to the highest bidder starting Friday. Well, they are sort of available.

The problem is fitting the ones teams want under a salary cap that increases by just \$701,000 to almost \$415 million for 1997.

What's involved is some creative massaging of the cap, sometimes cutting high-priced players to free up money, and then re-signing them to lower priced contracts later.

The full free agent class totals 505 players but the main attrac-

tion are the unrestricted free agents, available to the highest bidder.

That group is headlined by 11 members of the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers including MVP Desmond Howard, and 13 Pro Bowl players.

Kick returner Howard expects a hefty hike from last season's \$300,000 and might be too expensive for Green Bay's taste, since the Packers must also concentrate on retaining regulars like nose tackle Gilbert Brown, linebacker Wayne Simmons, defensive end Sean Jones and Pro Bowl center Frank Winters, who are all on the unrestricted list, along with kicker Chris Jacke.

Many teams are expected to deal with their own free agents first before shopping for fresh faces.

The New York Giants, for one, reached a contract agreement Friday with starting defensive tackle Keith Hamilton and free agent punter Scott Player. Hamilton, a fixture in the starting lineup since 1993, was an unrestricted free agent.

Harvesters scrimmage Sanford-Fritch

FRITCH — Pampa scrimmaged Sanford-Fritch on Saturday in preparation for the season baseball opener against Palo Duro, and head coach Dennis Doughty was pleased with the way his team looked.

"We played well, both offensively and defensively, and had good pitching," Doughty said.

Each team sent six batters to the plate in an inning and the bases were cleared after three outs during the scrimmage. Pampa scored 21 runs and Sanford-Fritch 2.

Jerren Miller, a senior had a big day at the plate for the Harvesters, going 4 for 4 with three home runs. Others with hits were Ryan Schumacher, 3 for 4, 1 home run; Francis Juan, one home run; Brandon Hill, one home run; August Larson, 2 for 3 with two stolen bases; Jeremy Knutson, 1 for 1 with a stolen base and a sacrifice.

Schumacher, Duane King, Aaron Whitney, Jarred Prock and Miller all took a turn on the mound and combined to strike out 5 and allow 2 runs, 1 unearned, in facing 36 batters.

Pampa opens with Palo Duro at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Harvester Field.

Reid takes lead in Hawaiian Open

HONOLULU (AP) — Mike Reid overcame a slow start for a 6-under-par 66 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Paul Stankowski after three rounds of the Hawaiian Open.

After 54 holes, Reid, a 20-year veteran on the PGA Tour who last won in 1988, was at 16-under 200. Stankowski charged into second with a 64 on an up-and-down day.

Reid was down by as much as three strokes early in the round after bogeying the third and fourth holes. But that was it for over-par scores for the day.

He birdied three par-5s and two par-3s as well as the par-4 14th.

His two-putt birdie on the 551-yard 18th put him in sole possession of the lead.

Until then, it had been Stankowski's show.

He capped his round at the 7,012-yard Waialae Country Club with an eagle on the final hole for a 54-hole score of 201.

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Penn 55, Brown 47
Princeton 81, Yale 51

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Montana St. 97, Weber St. 85
Pepperdine 75, Santa Clara 69
St. Mary's, Cal. 69, Loyola Marymount 65

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At A Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	38	13	.760	—
New York	36	14	.720	2
Orlando	24	23	.511	12 1/2
Washington	23	26	.469	14 1/2
New Jersey	14	35	.286	23 1/2
Philadelphia	12	36	.250	25
Boston	11	38	.224	26 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	44	6	.880	—
Detroit	36	13	.735	7 1/2
Atlanta	32	16	.667	11
Charlotte	30	21	.588	14 1/2
Cleveland	27	22	.551	16 1/2
Indiana	23	25	.479	20
Milwaukee	23	26	.469	20 1/2
Toronto	17	32	.347	26 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	35	14	.714	—
Houston	33	17	.660	2 1/2
Minnesota	24	26	.480	11 1/2
Dallas	16	30	.348	17 1/2
Denver	18	34	.320	19 1/2
San Antonio	16	36	.250	22 1/2
Vancouver	11	43	.204	28 1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	37	13	.740	—
Seattle	34	15	.694	2 1/2
Portland	26	24	.520	11
Sacramento	22	29	.431	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	20	27	.426	15 1/2
Golden State	19	29	.396	17
Phoenix	19	32	.373	18 1/2

Friday's Games

Milwaukee at Washington, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Mussina on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Voided the contract of C Scott Hemond.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with C Javier Lopez and RHP Scott Brow on one-year contracts.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with 2B Bret Boone on a four-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Ramon Garcia and RHP Doug Mlicki on one-year contracts.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Welch on a one-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with LHP Donovan Osborne on a three-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT—Traded G Sasha Danilovic, F Kurt Thomas, and F Martin Muirpopp to the Dallas Mavericks for F Jamal Mashburn.
PHOENIX SUNS—Activated G Jason Kidd from the injured list. Waived G Rumeal Robinson.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DENVER BRONCOS—Acquired OT Tony Jones from the Baltimore Ravens for a 1997 second-round draft pick.
HOUSTON OILERS—Agreed to terms with T Brad Hopkins on a multi-year contract.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed QB Steve Tanshill. Assigned Tanshill, DE Jose White and WR Kendrick Bullard to the World League.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released LB Rufus Porter and QB Tommy Hodson.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Waived P Mike Moran and S Jesse Campbell. Agreed to terms with DT Keith Hamilton and P Scott Player.
NEW YORK JETS—Announced the retirement of LB Kyle Clifton. Named John Lott strength and conditioning coach.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Released DT Jerry Ball, P Jeff Gossett, S Lorenzo Lynch and FB Derrick Finner.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Terminated the contract of C Courtney Hall. Named Tyrone Dixon wide receivers coach and Bill MacDermott tight ends coach.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed OLB Chad Brown.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Fined the San Jose Sharks \$7,500 and the Vancouver Canucks \$2,500 as a result of multiplayer altercations in a Jan. 27 game. Fined Hartford Whalers F Kelly Chase \$1,000 for public remarks criticizing an official following a 3-2 overtime loss in Montreal on Feb. 8.
CALGARY FLAMES—Assigned LW Jeff Cowan to Saint John of the AHL.
EDMONTON OILERS—Recalled D Sean Brown from Hamilton of the AHL. Assigned D Nick Stajduhar to Hamilton.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Loaned G Mike Dunham and LW Jay Pandolfo to Albany of the AHL.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned LW Eric Boulton to Charlotte of the ECHL.

San Jose Sharks

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Washington Capitals

Assigned RW Richard Zednik to Portland of the AHL.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	31	16	8	70	177	138
Florida	28	15	13	69	181	128
New Jersey	28	17	9	65	146	130
N.Y. Rangers	28	23	7	83	198	182
Washington	23	27	8	52	149	156
N.Y. Islanders	18	28	10	46	154	167
Tampa Bay	19	29	6	44	146	173

Northeast Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Buffalo	29	19	9	67	159	141
Pittsburgh	30	20	5	65	208	173
Montreal	21	27	11	53	185	210
Hartford	21	27	7	49	157	181
Ottawa	18	25	12	48	153	165
Boston	20	29	7	47	160	196

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Dallas	33	21	4	70	176	146
Detroit	26	19	10	62	173	133
St. Louis	27	25	6	60	176	178
Phoenix	25	28	4	54	158	175
Chicago	22	27	8	52	150	151
Toronto	21	34	2	44	164	201

Pacific Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Colorado	34	14	8	76	190	131
Edmonton	28	24	5	61	180	162
Vancouver	25	26	2	52	176	199
Calgary	23	28	6	52	152	165
Anaheim	22	28	6	50	159	172
San Jose	20	30	6	46	146	185
Los Angeles	19	31	7	45	152	195

Friday's Games

Washington 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT
Dallas 4, Detroit 3, OT
Saturday's Games
Ottawa at Hartford, 1:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 3 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Hartford at Ottawa, 1:30 p.m.
Detroit at Florida, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Monday's Games
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 1:30 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.

HORSE RACING

SALLISAW, Okla. (AP) — Saturday's results from Blue Ribbon Downs. Track: Good.

FIRST — TB CLM 6FUR 3YO& UP OK-PREF (C-2500) PURSE \$1,550
4 Gray Clown (B Johnson) 6.20 3.20 2.40

SECOND — CH MDN 250YDS 3/4/5YO PURSE \$1,000
7 Ja Special Mike (L Sommers) 3.60 2.40 2.40
1 Po Campo Cash (R Smith) 3.20 2.80
4 Cash On The Levee (GR Caser) 3.00
Scratched: Bedouine Beauty
EXACTA: (7-1) Paid \$11.80
TRIFECTA: (7-1-4) Paid \$27.00
DAILY DOUBLE: (4/7) Paid \$14.80
TIME: 1:12.4

THIRD — TB ALW 4 1/2FUR 3YO& UP PURSE \$1,300
5 Braves Gold (M Harvell) 3.60 2.40 2.10
4 Mr Grady Earl (F Gannaway) 2.80 2.20
1 Illusionary Hair (R Smith) 2.80
EXACTA: (5-4) Paid \$7.00
QUINELLA: (4-5) Paid \$5.80
TIME: 0:51.4

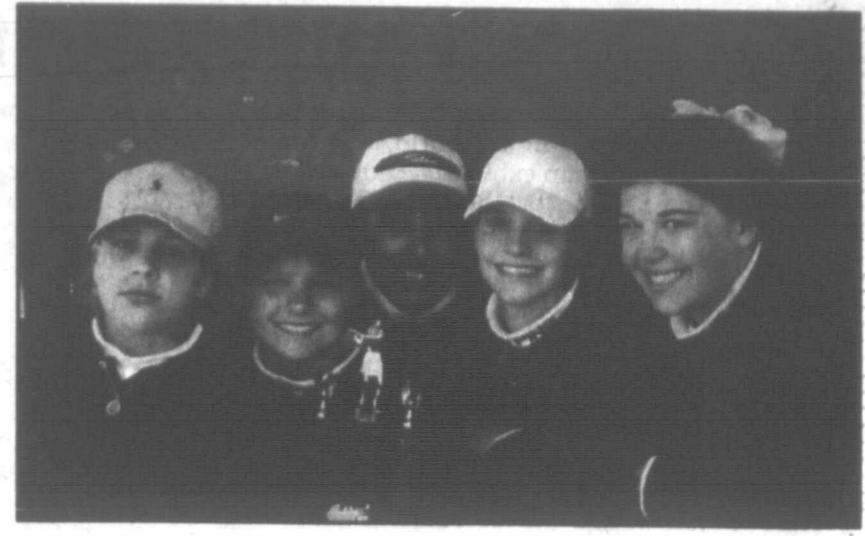
FOURTH — TB MDN 6FUR 3/4/5YO-F/M PURSE \$1,000
EXACTA: (2-3) Paid \$54.80
QUINELLA: (2-3) Paid \$41.40
TIME: 1:14

FIFTH — TB MOCKINGBIRD HCP 6FUR 3YO& UP PURSE \$6,550
NO SHOW WAGERING
4 Phone From Boat (C Eason) 5.80 4.00
1 Freely Band (B Landeros) 4.20
3 Northern Trapper (T Brown)
EXACTA: (4-1) Paid \$37.20
QUINELLA: (1-4) Paid \$23.80
TIME: 1:11.2

SIXTH — CH CLM 300YDS 3YO& UP OK-PREF (C-4000-3500) PURSE \$1,700
7 Dark Apparition (K Goad) 5.60 5.00 3.40
1 Scotts Centipede (P Carter) 10.40 5.00 5.00
2 Cash On The Duck (J Vaughan) 4.80
EXACTA: (7-1) Paid \$47.00
QUINELLA: (1-7) Paid \$32.00
LATE D.D.: (4/7) Paid \$24.60
PICK-3 RESULTS: (2-4-7); PAID \$48.00
TIME: 1:59.8
SOONER SIX RESULTS: (4-7-5-2-4-7); -1- HAD 66 PAVING \$307.50

SEVENTH — TB SIMULCAST BARBARA FRITCHE HCP 7FUR 3YO& UP-F/M PURSE \$200,000
11 Miss Golden Circle (R Migliore) 5.40 3.00 2.40
8 Lotta Talc (D Nelson) 6.80 3.80
14 Whaleneck (F Douglas) 4.80
Scratched: Secret Prospect
EXACTA: (11-8) Paid \$55.20
QUINELLA: (8-11) Paid \$29.20
TIME: 1:23

EIGHTH — TB SIMULCAST GULFSTREAM BREEDERS' CUP HCP 1 3/8MI (TURF) 3YO& UP PURSE \$150,000
6 Lassigny (JD Bailey) 19.00 11.40 7.00
1 Flag Down (J Santos) 7.60 4.60
4 Awad (P Day) 2.60
Scratched: Silvanje; Devil's Cup; Wicapi
EXACTA: (6-1) Paid \$116.80
QUINELLA: (1-6) Paid \$65.80
TIME: 2:11.1
HANDLE: NA
ATTENDANCE: 676



The Pampa High girls' golf team finished second at the Big Spring Tournament. Team members are (from left) Alison Piersall, Christina Gage, Patti Montoya, Shelby Allison and Lori Walling.

Lady Harvesters look good at Big Spring Tournament

PAMPA — Cold weather, mingled with snow, has resulted in poor practice conditions for the Pampa High girls' golf team. However, it didn't seem to affect the Lady Harvesters at the Big Spring Tournament when they finished second behind Fort Stockton.

"I'm real proud of the girls," said Pampa head coach Frank McCullough. "I'm pleased with the progress they're making, considering they haven't had any good weather to work out in."

Pampa had a two-round total of 728 (373-355) at Big Spring. Fort Stockton shot a 695 (354-341). Big Spring was third with a 736 (371-365).

Pampa's Shelby Allison finished in a tie for third in the medalist standings at with a 173 (86-87). She tied Monahans' Jessica Tuxhorn. Susanne Sowers of Lubbock Coronado and team-

mate Stephanie MacAdams were co-medalists with a 162.

Other Pampa scores were Christina Gage 181 (95-86), Alison Piersall 187 (93-94), Lori Walling 187 (99-88) and Patti Montoya 199 (100-99).

The Lady Harvesters compete in the Midland Tournament Feb. 28-March 1.

In the boys' division, Pampa finished 7th at Big Spring with a 648. The Harvesters shot 323 the first round and 325 the second round.

Mike Smith led the Harvesters with a 156 (78-78), followed by Brian Brauchi 161 (83-78), Jordan Fruge' 163 (79-84), Grady Lockname 171 (86-85) and T.J. Davis 172 (83-89).

The Harvesters competed in the Midland Tournament this weekend and then enter the Andrews Tournament on Feb. 28-March 1.

Texas' Goode breaks ankle

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas freshman guard Anthony Goode likely is out for the rest of the season after breaking a bone in his right ankle.

Goode, the team's only true point guard, fell awkwardly after driving for a layup during practice Friday. He was taken to the UT Student Health Center, where X-rays revealed the fracture.

"It obviously hurts our depth at the point because there are certain situations where he has been and can be effective for us," Longhorns coach Tom Penders said.

Texas' point guard duties will

be shared now by starter DeJuan "Chico" Vazquez and senior Al Coleman. Junior Brandy Perryman also can be used at the point.

Vazquez and starting power forward Gabe Muoneke missed Friday's practice with a stomach virus.

Goode missed five games early in the season with a sprained left knee, but has been used more lately. He played a season-high 16 minutes against Kansas State last month and 14 minutes against Texas Tech earlier this month.

In 13 appearances, Goode averaged 1.4 points and 1.1 assists.

George welcomed by Raiders

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jeff George, cast aside by his hometown Indianapolis Colts and most recently by the Atlanta Falcons, was welcomed Saturday by the Oakland Raiders, who signed the free-agent quarterback to a five-year, \$27.5 million contract.

"I just want to say how proud, how excited, how thrilled I am to say I'm an Oakland Raider," George said at a news conference at the Oakland Coliseum. "This is a long time coming. It's something I've wanted for quite some time."

West Texas women rally past A&M University-Kingsville

KINGSVILLE, TX - Natasha Taylor hit four clutch free-throws in the final 40 seconds to rally West Texas A&M University to a 59-56 victory over Texas A&M University-Kingsville Thursday at Kingsville. The lady Buffs, ranked third in the NCAA Division II poll, improved to 22-1 overall and moved into a tie for the Lone Star Conference lead with Abilene Christian University with a 14-1 league mark. TAMUK dropped to 9-6 in the league and 13-10 overall.

Taylor, who played the past two games with a stomach virus, scored a game-high 26 points, including 14 in the second half, to go with 12 rebounds. However, the WTAMU needed to rally from a 41-32 deficit with 12 minutes remaining in the game. Candace Nickelson, who tallied 14 points all in the second half, started the Lady Buff run with six straight points. TAMUK

kept its composure and upped its lead to 51-46 with 5:11 to go.

However, the Lady Buffs started the final rally. WTAMU, who now are 23-0 against TAMUK in the all-time series, scored seven unanswered points started with three by Nickelson to give the Lady Buffs a 53-51 lead. The Lady Javelinas took a 54-53 lead with 2:25 remaining on Kristin Ciborowski's lay-up. Taylor answered with two free throws with 2:08 on the clock to provide WTAMU a one-point cushion, 55-54.

Ciborowski nailed a layup with 1:52 to play to give the Lady Javelinas a 56-54 advantage, but would not score again in the game. Taylor connected on four straight free throws down the stretch to provide the final score.

"Tonight was a real tough defensive struggle," WTAMU Head Coach Bob Schneider said. "It was a tremendous comeback.

We started to get some key rebounds and some rebounds. Down the stretch we were able to get some key free throws and better shots. I felt like down the stretch we had some good leadership."

WTAMU, down to eight players, played without starting point guard Becky Barnes, who is expected to miss two to three weeks due to arthroscopic surgery to repair damage to her maniscus. Sarah Barnes replaced her in the lineup and played all 40 minutes with five points, four assists, three steals, and zero turnovers.

"Sarah did a great job running the offense for all 40 minutes. She was under control and understood what we needed to do tonight."

Nickelson, who was shutout the first half, canned 14 points on the night and grabbed six of her nine rebounds in the final 20

minutes.

"Candace was sick today. I did not know if she was even going to play. She finally gutted it up in the second half and played well."

WTAMU shot 36 percent from the field for the game after being held to 26 percent in the first half. The Lady Javelinas outrebounced the Lady Buffs 39-36, but mustered just a 34.5 percent shooting percentage from the field.

Ciborowski finished with a team-high 19 points, while Shanna Daniel of Amarillo hit four three-pointers for all 12 of her points.

TAMUK led 23-17 in the first half before the Lady Buffs went on a 9-5 run to end the half to enter halftime down 28-26. Taylor and Dana Cunningham, who had 13 points in the game, combined for 20 of WTAMU's 26 first half points.

Lady Raiders turn back Baylor

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — It didn't take long for No. 16 Texas Tech to give Baylor coach Sonja Hogg that sinking feeling.

But despite a disastrous first half for Baylor, Texas Tech had to work for their 79-60 victory in a Big 12 Conference matchup at home on Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Raiders put Baylor in the hole from the opening tip, reeling off a 16-2 scoring spree before the Lady Bears could bring the situation under control.

"We dug ourselves into a

hole in the first half and we can't do that against a good team and win," Hogg said.

But despite trailing 43-26 at halftime, Baylor launched a rally that had the Lady Bears snapping at the heels of Texas Tech (16-6, 8-4 Big 12) for much of the second half.

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XIT Ranch exhibit set for Capitol, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

CANYON - The fabulous XIT Ranch of Texas, the largest fenced ranch in the world, will come alive again in two museum exhibits scheduled for 1997.

"XIT: The Ranch That Built the Texas Capitol" will open Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Capitol Complex Visitors Center in Austin and will remain on display there until July 12. The Visitors Center is located in the restored 1856-57 General Land Office on the grounds of the Texas Capitol.

After closing at the Capitol Complex, the exhibit will travel to the Panhandle-Plains Museum at Canyon, where it will be on view from Aug. 8 until Jan. 5, 1998.

The creation of the XIT Ranch resulted from a bargain made in 1882 by the State of Texas with a Chicago firm that agreed to build the present Texas Capitol in exchange for three million acres of land in the Texas Panhandle. This unique arrangement

resulted because Texas had little cash but much public land in the 1880s and needed a new, larger capitol.

The Chicago company, better known as the Capitol Syndicate, initially consisted of Abner Taylor, Amos C. Babcock, Charles B. Farwell and John V. Farwell.

In 1885 the Syndicate established a ranch on the land, which was located along the Texas-New Mexico boundary in a strip about 200 miles long and 25 to 30 miles wide. The Farwells later purchased Babcock's and Taylor's interests in the ranch and continued to operate it until 1912.

To raise money to operate the ranch and complete the Texas Capitol, John V. Farwell went to England and established the Capitol Freehold Land & Investment Company Ltd. in 1885. The joint stock company sold bonds to borrow money for the Texas projects.

Beginning in 1901, the XIT lands were sold to ranchmen and farmers for money to redeem the bonds. The debt finally was paid off in 1909 and the British company liquidated in 1915.

The Farwells operated one of the largest wholesale dry goods firms in Chicago and operated the XIT Ranch in strict accordance with business methods of the period. The XIT became one of the first ranches to adopt scientific practices and raised various agricultural crops annually in addition to raising cattle.

The XIT Papers, more than 200 linear feet of documents relating to the operation of the ranch, are preserved in the archives of the Panhandle-Plains Museum. The papers were donated to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society by the Farwell family in 1928. Items from this collection comprise a major portion of the exhibit.

The exhibit will feature XIT documents concerning the construction of the Texas Capitol, the operation of the ranch and the sale of ranch lands from 1901 to 1963.

Photographs, sculpture and artifacts relating to the ranch and the building of the Texas Capitol also will be on display.

Among the artifacts will be chaps, spurs and other cowboy items typical of the period 1885 to 1912; surveying instruments of the type used to survey the Capitol lands that became the XIT Ranch; and a scale model of the Buffalo Springs Division Headquarters of the XIT Ranch in Dallam County north of Dalhart made by Garrett Hall of Amarillo.

A short video production will spotlight the activities of the Farwell brothers and the history of the XIT.

WTAMU to host paper conference for middle schools

CANYON - More than 80 area middle school students will participate in a Middle School Paper Conference from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, in the West Texas A&M University Classroom Center and Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

"We wanted to offer something specifically for middle school students," said Ami Turner, a graduate student in English from Bushland and conference organizer. "There are a lot of opportunities for high school students but not as many for middle schoolers. We are hoping to influence these students to enjoy writing at a young age."

Students will present material in fiction prose, nonfiction prose and poetry. Students at the conference will read their short stories, essays or poems before contest judges.

The judges will score the papers individually appropriate to each grade level. The papers with the highest scores will be deemed the winners.

Dr. Russell C. Long, WTAMU president, will present awards at a ceremony at 2 p.m. in the Classroom Center, Room 401.

WTAMU's Sigma Tau Delta, an honor society for English majors, is sponsoring the day-long conference.

For more information about the conference, contact Ami Turner at (806) 656-2484 or the Department of English and Modern Languages at (806) 656-2455.

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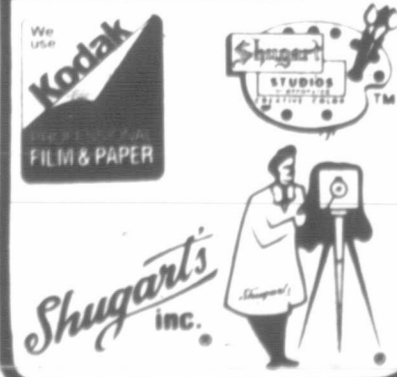
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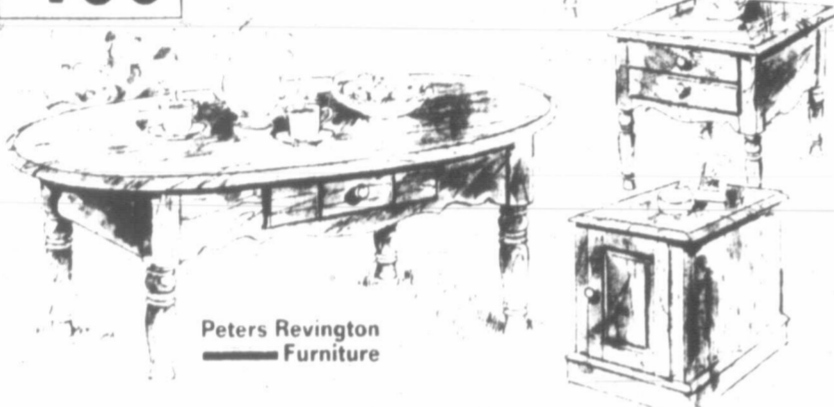


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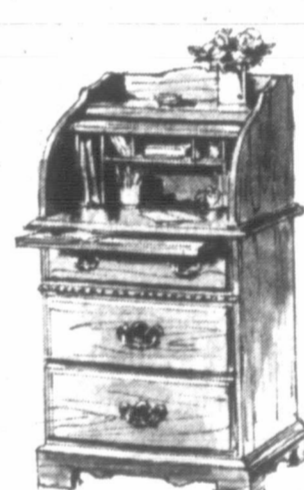
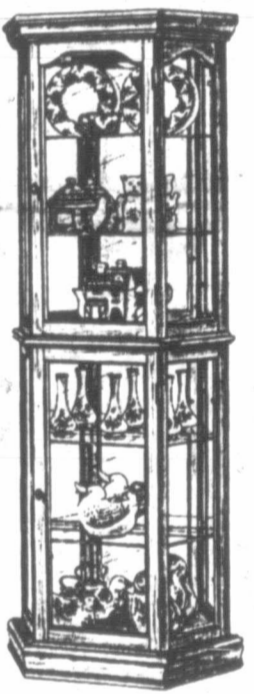


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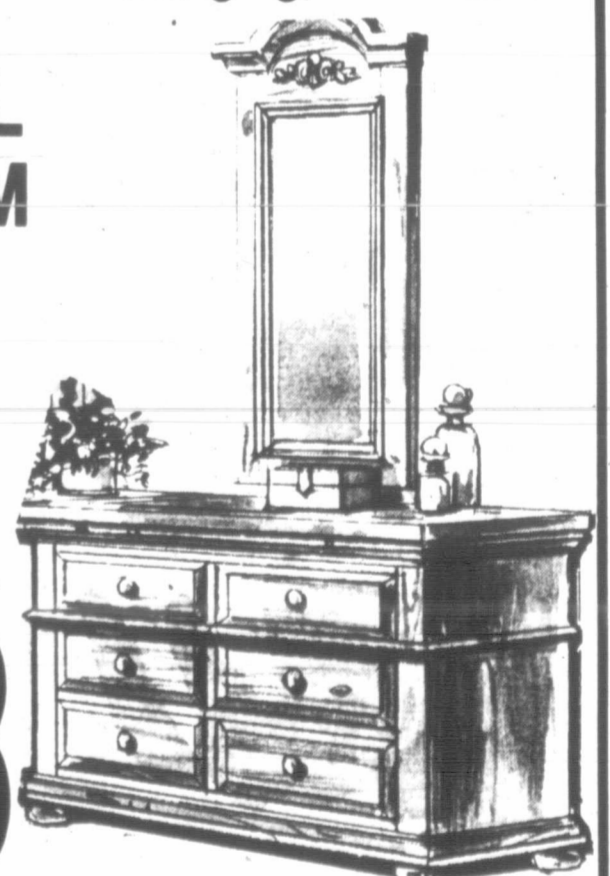


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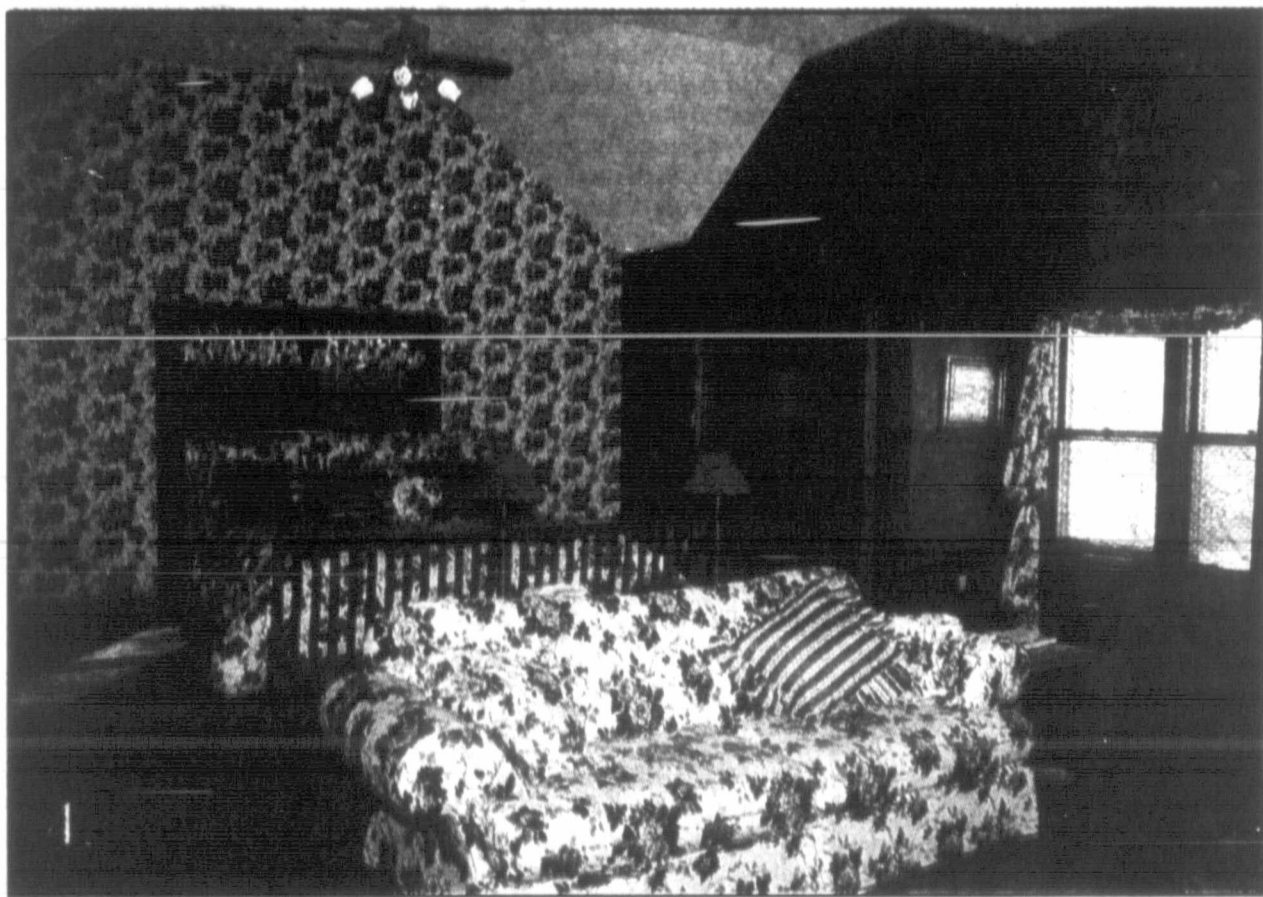
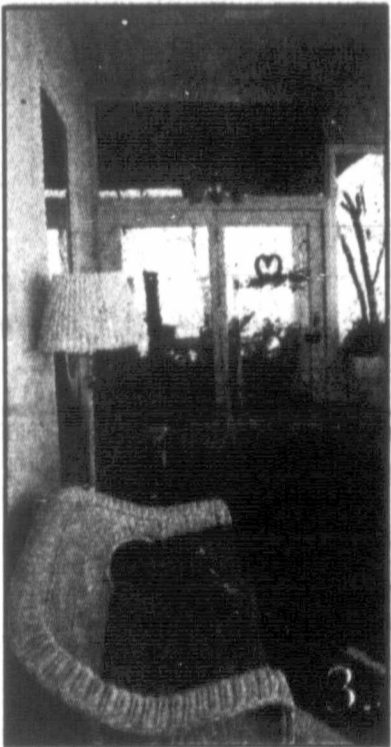
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DECORATING

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1. The Hudson home located northwest of the city
2. Front foyer of the home
3. A glassed in porch looks on to the side yard
4. The master bedroom
5. Dining area with conversation nook

Right side photos show Patti Hudson demonstrating steps for hanging wallpaper.



By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

Fix up. Spruce up. Cover up. Paper it. Paint it, or remodel it entirely. Anything goes when it comes to home decorating, using lots of color and prints!

The home decorator's urge to clean up and spruce up usually hits early in the spring, requiring the ability to make good decisions — whether to tear up and rebuild, or just paint over it. Older homes usually bring out new challenges for their owners.

Patti Hudson and her husband, Stan, recently moved into the perfect older home previously owned by Stan's aunt and uncle, Leonard and Wanda Hudson. She started an ongoing redecorating program that is keeping her busy on a daily basis.

The original old rockwall house on Gray County Road No. 2 was built in 1931. When the Leonard Hudsons took the home, about 50 years later, they had extensive remodeling work done, adding several rooms and different floor levels.

In 1981 Mrs. Wanda Hudson took on the responsibility of making some major decisions in remodeling the two-story house requiring moving walls, and adding more walls, and building a master bedroom and bath at the mid-level section of the new structure. Other changes resulted in making an entertainment den in the underground garage, a utility room where there was a back porch and modernizing kitchen cabinets and work space.

The different levels of the house emphasize the high ceilings and natural lighting from the many windows of the home, which also shows the artistic woodwork of baseboards, moldings and staircases.

According to Patti, the remodeled home contains 5,600 square feet of living space, which was elegantly redecorated in the '80s tailored style using colors of beige and off-whites and soft pastels.

"Following the death of her husband, Aunt Wanda relocated to a smaller home, and the home was occupied by another family for awhile. Then the Stan Hudson family took possession, and we are so proud of it," Patti said.

With her husband's blessings, she has splashed new, bold colors into the home, using paint, wallpaper and fabrics in floral designs, plaids, stripes, or solids. She uses matching patterns in furniture upholstery, drapes, shades, and wallpaper to compliment every room.

"I've restyled the theme of the house in almost every room, except about three. My next projects are the kids' bedrooms, and since one is leaving for college this spring, I may start on that room next," she said, pointing to one of her sons' rooms.

She believes in using what is already available in remaking, recovering, and restyling. In every corner of the Hudson home there are accent pieces and unique collector's items, reflecting on family memories, such as antique tables, a chair or a chest, a cherished antique doll in a toy baby bed, or a stuffed toy bear and tossed decorator pillows. On a corner table, old family photos are displayed on great-grandma's hand crocheted cloth.

Some floors are of stained oak planks in part of the downstairs,

and others are carpeted with beige plush carpet, using colorful accent rugs. In the master bedroom and bath, carpets and walls blend with dark hunter green, mauve and wines seen in the floral wallpaper design. Floral fabrics of like design are on the bed, couches and windows.

According to a local paint and wallpaper retailer, "Wallpaper, fabric wall coverings and matching upholstery fabrics of brilliant and multi colors dominate all decorating decisions these days."

A few companies known for their fine fabrics and paper patterns include Dan River, Waverly and Carey Lind Designs, and there are many others. Latex and enamel paint comes in most of the color accents to match or blend with fabrics and paper selections, but most often, can be color-mixed to compliment the decorator's choices in furniture, walls and floors.

"Anything goes!" said Christy Hoganson of Pampa, who has been providing wall-papering services and acting as a decorator consultant for about 20 years.

"We see people using lots more wallpaper than they've used before, in at least the last five years ... people are liking wallpaper now because it adds so much color and spirit to a room, and they're trying to get away from white rooms," she said.

She advises anyone deciding to spruce up or remodel to not be afraid to use colors that make them feel good. In most of her projects she said she uses more dark colors in homes and offices.

"Their home should reflect a personality ... their personality ... in colors, designs, furniture and whatever they enjoy seeing around them," she said.

In her own home, she painted her kitchen cabinets hunter green and used hunter green background in the wall paper and for accent decorations.

"Use exciting colors in your home because it is fun," Hoganson said, adding: "The only white paint in my house is on the ceilings."

Warm and inviting colors are dark wines, greens and navy or royal blues. And new colors to coordinate with these are lavenders and deep purple, found in borders or alternate wall covering. She suggests using animal themes as another idea, which are showing up in the newer decorator books.

Each room should be a world of its own. It can be decorated in a garden of floral designs, in athletic idealism, a hunter's paradise, Looney Tunes characters, western and southwest, or Victorian elegance, says Hoganson.

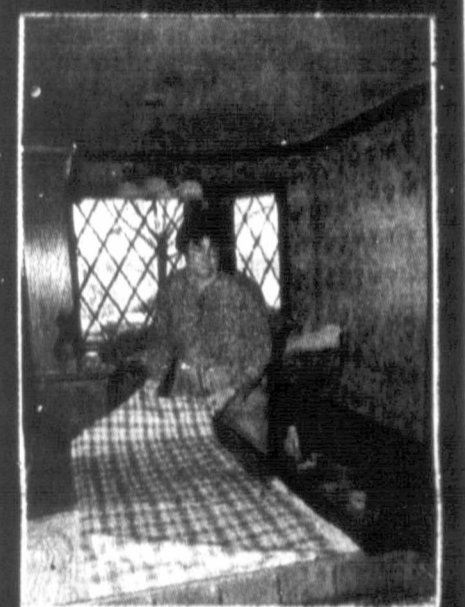
Wallpapering is fascinating, too, for the self-made interior decorator Hudson, who sometimes commissions her talents to others.

"I have always like hanging wallpaper, and I guess that is my speciality," she said, setting out her paste, spread brushes and lay-out boards ready for hanging new paper in the home of Beth and Randy Watson.

"We knew who we would call to do our wall papering when we moved into our house in January — but getting it picked out was another thing," said Mrs. Watson.

"The problem was me ... it took hours of time for me to look through all the wall paper books and find exactly the patterns and colors I wanted, ... there are so many ways to turn a room into something special," Beth Watson said.

Easy as 1 2 3...



Photos by Darlene Holmes



Laura Beth Hamilton and Christopher Conrad Seals

Hamilton-Seals

Laura Beth Hamilton and Christopher Conrad Seals, both of Austin, were wed Jan. 4, 1997, in Wilshire Presbyterian Church at Austin with Dr. Tom Westbrook, of University Heights Baptist Church in Stillwater, Okla., officiating.

The matron of honor was Julie Prudhome of De Quincy, La. The bridesmaids were Mylissa Seals of Sulphur Springs, Shelley Vinson of Dallas, MaryAnn Tifford of San Antonio and Meg Green and Kimberly Bartlett, both of Austin.

Standing in as best man was Jeremy Story of Austin. The groomsmen were Patrick Lafferty of San Antonio, Nathan Seals and Scott Seals, both of Sulphur Springs, and Sean Beavers and Brian Wallace, both of Austin.

The ushers were Jason Rios, Lewis Flanagan and Aaron Franco, all of Austin, and Jeff Tiemeyer of Sulphur Springs.

Registering guests was Jenny Carter of Austin.

Music was provided by vocalists Dale Prudhome and Julie Prudhome, both of De Quincy, and oboist Damian Hill, pianist Juliette Gray, organist John Chaffin and classical guitarist Sean Beavers, all of Austin.

A reception was held following the service in the church. Serving the guests were Shandra Beavers and Melanie Brahy, both of Austin, Vikki Hamilton of Beaumont and Jerriann Farris of Fort Worth.

The bride is the daughter of Eugene and Colleen Hamilton of Pampa. She is a Pampa High School graduate and has attended Rutgers University, Moscow Linguistic University and is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently employed with State Representative Warren Chisum.

The groom is the son of Cleveland and Carrol Seals of Sulphur Springs. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and is currently employed at Belco Equities.

The couple planned honeymoon trips to Paris, France, and Colorado Springs, Colo., and intend to make their home in Austin.



Elizabeth Leigh Chambers and Scott William Davis

Chambers-Davis

Elizabeth Leigh Chambers and Scott William Davis, both of Amarillo, were married by candlelight ceremony Feb. 15, 1997, in St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo with Jim Smith, of St. Stephen United Methodist Church of Amarillo, officiating.

The matron of honor was Amy Henderson of Amarillo. Serving as bridesmaid was Janet Shewski, sister of the groom, of Plano. The flower girl was Joanna Gilkeson, cousin of the bride, of Saint Paul, Minn.

Standing in as best man was Dwayne Sablatura, cousin of the groom, of Sugarland. The groomsmen were Bill Barnhart of Billings, Mont. The ring bearer was Eric Shewski, nephew of the groom, of Plano.

The ushers were Brad Chambers, brother of the bride, of Lubbock and Rob Ripple, cousin of the groom, of Wharton.

Filling in as candlelighter was Ryan Chambers, brother of the bride, of Pampa.

Registering guests was Christina Vernon, cousin of the bride, of Winnetka, Ill.

Music was provided by "The Vienna Conspiracy" string quartet, vocalist Angela Morrow and organist Raynell McDonough, all of Amarillo.

A reception was held following the service in the Wellington Room. Serving the guests were Peggy Dorwick Gilkeson of Saint Paul and Margaret Vernon of Winnetka, both aunts of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Chambers of Pampa. She is a 1988 Pampa High School graduate and is a 1992 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is currently employed at Amarillo College since 1993.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Davis of Plano. He is a 1988 graduate of Lamar High School in Houston and is a 1992 graduate of Texas A&M University at College Station. He is currently employed with Southwestern Public Service Company since 1993.

The couple planned a honeymoon cruise to the western Caribbean Islands and intend to make their home in Amarillo.



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moody

Moody anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moody of Orange, Texas, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 22, 1997.

Howard Moody and Sheila Newman were married Jan. 22, 1972, in Calvary Baptist Church at Pampa. They are both employed at Fluor Daniel Engineering.

The couple are the parents of Chas Moody of Houston and Scott Moody of Orange.



Alicia Parry and the Rev. Chuck Ingram

Parry-Ingram

Alicia Parry and the Rev. Chuck Ingram, both of Pampa, plan to wed March 8, 1997, in Briarwood Full Gospel Church at Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Walt and Barbara Parry of Pampa. She is currently attending Clarendon College.

The prospective groom is the son of Chester Ingram of Pampa and Neva Koehn of Liberal, Kan. He owns Ingram Plumbing in Pampa.

VA mails letters to better inform women

WACO — More than 400,000 women veterans will receive letters from the Department of Veterans Affairs about VA programs specifically designed to meet their needs, including sexual trauma counseling.

Legislation signed in 1992 authorized VA to provide counseling to eligible women veterans to overcome psychological trauma resulting from sexual assault, battery or harassment while on active duty. Since that time, VA has treated more than 15,000 women veterans in its Vet Centers and medical centers.

Gynecological services are available at all VA health-care facilities, the majority of which have special women's clinics. Eight Women Veterans

Comprehensive Health Centers have been established to develop new programs for meeting women veterans' health needs. Each VA medical center and regional benefits office has a women veterans' coordinator to provide information on benefits and services.

Women veterans seeking information may call VA's national toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000. VA counselors or women veterans' coordinators are available to provide information on VA and non-VA community programs, as well as assistance in filing claims.

In addition, information is available through VA's Web site on the Internet. The address is www.va.gov.

It pays to be knowledgeable of copyright law

Home business owners should be aware of the law concerning copyrights to know their rights of ownership and to prevent an unknowing violation of someone else's rights. Copyright, a protection provided by U.S. laws, grants rights of ownership to authors of original works including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic and certain other intellectual works. From the time the work is created in fixed form, it automatically becomes the property of the author who created it. A copyright generally prevents reproduction of a copyrighted work for the life of the author, plus 50 years.

Copyright owners can sue anyone who infringes on their rights in order to stop illegal reproduction, impound infringing articles, collect lost profits, court costs and attorneys fees and, in extreme cases, invoke criminal penalties.

Copyright registration is optional and generally not a

Homemakers' News Donna Brauchi



requirement for protection. However, registration provides several advantages to copyright owners. It establishes a public record of the copyright claim, and registration is necessary before an infringement suit may be filed in court. Registration may be made at any time within the life of the copyright.

One type of copyright that occurs frequently today is pattern piracy. Pattern piracy is a violation of copyright law and occurs when business owners sell products they have made but not designed. Taking designs from how-to magazines,

books or items seen at craft fairs can result in pattern piracy because designers who sell only "first rights" to a magazine still retain the exclusive right to sell finished products or kits made from that design. When crafters "go commercial" and use someone else's design, they commit pattern piracy.

If using someone else's design, crafts people should obtain permission in writing from the original creator. A designer can be reached with a letter addressed to him/her in care of the publisher who issued the book or

magazine containing the design.

Copyright law violations, such as pattern piracy, occur whenever the copying of something in any way affects the profits or labors of the original author or creator and results in profit to the user of the pattern. Additionally, changing one thing or using a different color or material from the original work does not alter the fact that it is a copy. A work does not have to be identical to the original to be a copy; it only has to repeat a substantial part. It is always best to obtain the permission of the creator of a product.

For general copyright information or questions relating to copyright registration, contact the Copyright Office Public Information number at 202-707-3000.

For additional information related to home based business, contact your Gray County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Amarillo, Canyon quilting organizations sponsors lectures, workshops

AMARILLO — Piecemakers Quilt Club of Amarillo and Golden Spread Quilting Guild of Canyon will be sponsoring a lecture by guest speaker JoAnn Belling of Des Moines, Iowa, beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 in the auditorium of the Texas A&M Extension Building in Amarillo.

Golden Spread Quilting Guild will also be sponsoring "The Road to St. Louis" workshop on Feb. 22 in the Church of Christ Bible Chair in Canyon. Piecemakers Quilt Club will be sponsoring "Stars Galore" and "Log Cabin Clamshell" Feb. 28 and March 1 at the Amarillo Federated Womens Club.

Belling is a renowned quilter who first started quilting in 1965 with heavy polyester fab-

ric and no instruction. She began taking classes in 1977 and now teaches in Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Georgia and Texas.

Her influence is felt from coast to coast, and she has been the recipient of numerous awards including having a quilt accepted by the American

Quilting Society at Paducah, Ky.

Her use of color and composition are dramatic and well represented in her photographic art which is later applied to quilts, borders and quilt-back art.

Belling will be displaying a wide array of quilts and will discuss her own unique tech-

niques. Cost will be \$5 at the door. No reservations are necessary.

For reservations and supply lists for: "The Road to St. Louis" contact June Long at (806) 359-8727; "Stars Galore" and "Log Cabin Clamshell" call Leslie Robinson at (806) 355-7889.

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Please join Alicia Parry and Chuck Ingram (Owner of Ingram Plumbing) March 8th, 2:00 pm at Briarwood Church as they exchange their wedding vows. All friends & customers are invited to attend.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen." (Eph. 3:20-21.) The church, spoken of here by Paul, is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, the one He promised to build (Matt. 16:18), and which had its beginning on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ from the dead (Acts 2.) Its reason for existence upon this earth is to glorify God through Jesus Christ.

The local church is compared to the human body (1 Cor. 12:12-31.) The local church has many members but overall it is one functional unit. The organization of this local body is elders, deacons and saints (Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-14; Titus 1:5-9.) This is the only God-given organization for God's people. It follows, then, that anything and everything God intended for the local church to do is to be done by this local organization.

In the early days of the church, we see local churches supporting the preaching of the gospel (Phil. 1:5; 4:15-16), edifying themselves (Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 14:26), caring for their own needy brethren (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-35; 6:1-6) and gathering together to worship God (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:25.) The only need there is for a meeting-house is in order to fulfill the command to assemble. Elaborate cathedrals, far exceeding the requirements for assembling to worship God, are not needed in order to glorify God. What is needed is godly people striving together for the faith of the gospel (Phil. 1:27.)

When brethren build elaborate buildings with kitchens, fellowship halls, recreational facilities, gymnasiums, youth and family centers, etc., they do so only to satisfy their own desires and such things can, in no wise, be construed as necessary in order to glorify God. Only in special cases where, because of some catastrophe, did brethren in the early days of the church concern themselves with the physical and material things of this life. The physical and social needs are to be met by individual Christians in their own homes (1 Cor. 11:22:34.)

-Billy T. Jones

Address all comments or questions to:
Westside Church of Christ
1612 W. Kentucky
Pampa, Texas 79065

Menus

Feb. 17-22

Pampa Schools MONDAY Holiday

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, carrots, diced peaches, hot roll, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Oatmeal muffin square, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Chicken fajitas, tossed salad, diced pears, choice of milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cheese toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Fillet of fish, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, fresh fruit, cornbread, choice of milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, oven fries, burger salad, pickle slices, chocolate cake, choice of milk.

Lefors Schools MONDAY Holiday

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Beef stew, salad, crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Ham, eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Burritos, chile, cheese, salad, beans, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hamburger or roast beef sandwich, cheese, salad, pickles, tator tots, fruit, milk.

Southside Senior Citizens Center

SATURDAY
Stew and cornbread, fruit.

MONDAY
Meals on Wheels
Polish sausage, cheese, grits, spinach, cake.

TUESDAY
Beef stroganoff, broccoli, carrots, pears.

WEDNESDAY
Chicken and rice casserole, mixed vegetables, whole tomatoes, cake.

THURSDAY
Ham, okra and tomatoes, northern beans, pudding.

FRIDAY
Spaghetti and meatsauce, green beans, bread sticks, fruit cocktail.

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, German chocolate cake or pineapple squares, cornbread or hot rolls.

TUESDAY
Taco salad or chicken and noodles, onion potatoes, green beans, hominy, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, carrot cake or cherry cream pie, cornbread or hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, English peas, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, bread pudding or Boston cream pie, cornbread or hot rolls.

THURSDAY
Meatloaf or oven fried chicken breasts, mashed potatoes, fried okra, corn, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, tropical fruit cake or coconut cream pie, cornbread or hot rolls.

FRIDAY
Fried cod fish or lasagna, potato wedges, succotash, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or tapioca, cornbread, hot rolls, or garlic sticks.

Fine Arts Association to present special guest

To celebrate "Texas Independence Day" (March 2), Pampa Fine Arts Association presents Andy Wilkinson and friends in an evening of original Texas songs and poetry at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.

Co-sponsored by the White Deer Land Museum of Pampa, the concert is called "Tribute to the Texas Plains."

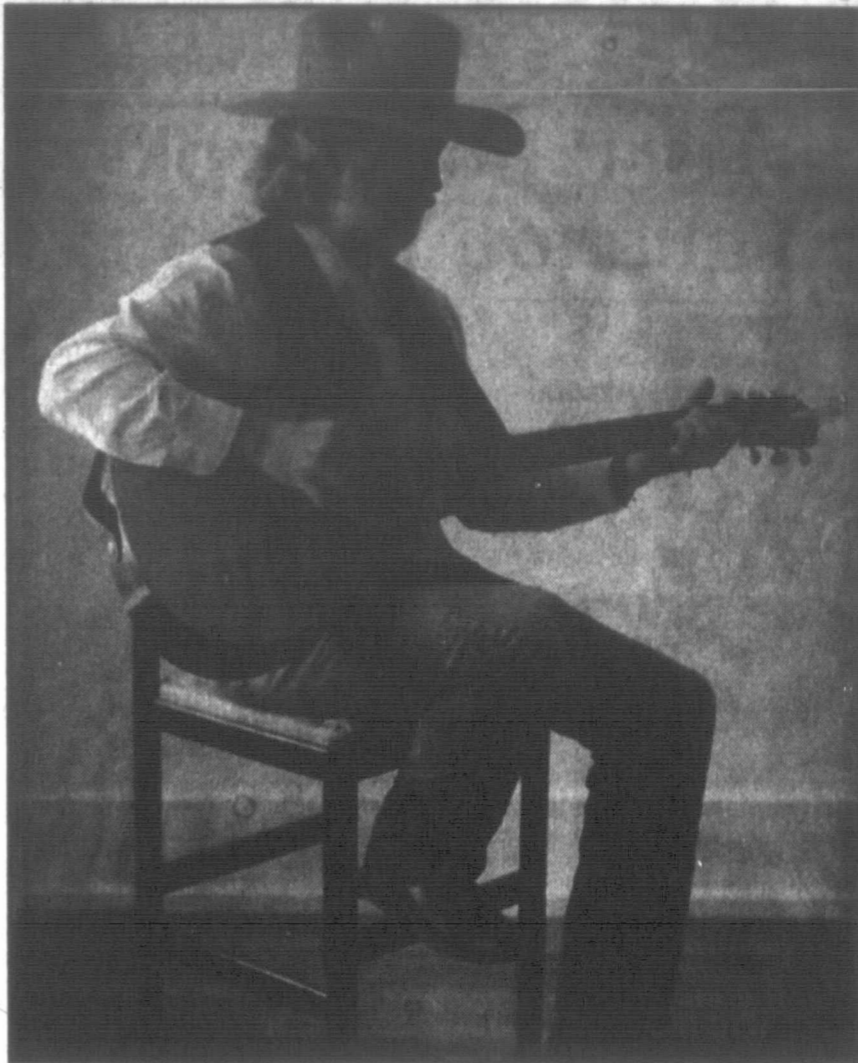
Wilkinson, the featured performer, is well known for his creative artistry in telling the history and culture of the Texas Panhandle.

He has written numerous songs and poems about life in this region, and is the playwright for the one-man play, *Charlie Goodnight's Last Night*, which premiered in 1995 at the Cowboy Hall of Fame, with Barry Corbin as Charlie Goodnight. The play was presented in Lubbock in April 1996, and last October was co-sponsored in Amarillo by the American Quarter Horse Association and the Amarillo Community Theater.

Wilkinson is on the "Touring Artist Roster" of the Texas Commission on the Arts, and the halls from Lubbock.

Joining Wilkinson on the March 1 program will be several members of the Maines family, including Lloyd, Kenny and LaTronda, as well as Joe Carr and Alan Murde.

A special attraction will be an exhibit of the panoramic photos of Trish Neush. She specializes in wide vistas of the Texas plains, including grain elevators and open ranch lands, and had received numerous awards for her work. She will be the official photographer of the evening's events as well.



Andy Wilkinson

Following the concert, complimentary ranch cobbler will be offered complete with chuckwagon. This will give the artists the opportunity to meet the folks, and for those who attended the concert the chance to enjoy a bit

of the "chuck wagon tradition." The cobbler and chuck wagon display will be provided by John and Carolyn Stokes with the Stokes Barn of Cross "S" Ranch, between Pampa and Miami. Since the Fall 1995, they have hosted the "All-Star Jubilee," a

variety show of area entertainers.

Tickets for the evening program are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for students twelve years old and under. They are on sale now at the Pampa Fine Arts office (665-0343) in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Building, 200 N. Ballard, and at the White Deer Land Museum (669-8041) at 116 S. Cuyler.

After Monday, Feb. 24 tickets will be available at all the banks in Pampa, as well as the Taylor Mart in Lefors, the Bank of Commerce in McLean, the State National Bank in Groom, the First Bank & Trust in White Deer, City Hall in White Deer and SunBank in Panhandle.

In addition to his concert appearance on Saturday, March 1, Wilkinson is being sponsored by Pampa Fine Arts Association in assemblies at several area schools. These include St. Matthew's Episcopal and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa on Thursday, Feb. 27; Lefors schools and McLean Elementary on Friday, Feb. 28; and Groom, White Deer and the Panhandle schools on Monday, March 3.

He will also be giving "sneak previews" of the Saturday concert at the following banks on Thursday, Feb. 27: 11 a.m. - First American, Perryton Parkway, Pampa; 12 noon - FirstBank Southwest, Pampa; 1 p.m. - Boatmen's Bank, Pampa; 2 p.m. - National Bank of Commerce, Pampa; 3 p.m. - First American, downtown, Pampa.

On Friday, Feb. 28, he will be featured at 8 a.m. on KGRO-KOMX Radio in Pampa, and will do another "preview" at the Bank of Commerce in McLean at 12:30 p.m.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates
17 - 4-H Senior and Intermediate Consumer Project meeting, 7 p.m., Annex

18 - 4-H Junior Consumer Project meeting, 6:30 p.m., Annex

19 - Special Interest 4-H Group, 7:30 p.m., Annex

20 - 4-H Senior and Intermediate Consumer Project meeting, 5 p.m., Annex; Clover Kids, 6:30 p.m., Annex

21 - Deadline to sign up for 4-H Fiber and Fabric Fun Fair

22 - 4-H Fiber and Fabric Fun Fair, 1-4 p.m., Annex

4-H Fiber and Fabric Fun Fair
4-H members of all ages are invited in a Fun Fair focusing on

fiber and fabric, on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Gray County Annex. There will be a small charge per person for supplies.

Small group, hands-on activities will include: "Name That Fabric!" What's in a Weave; Close-Up and Personal; The Natural Look; Tag - Your It!; Tied & Dyed; Friendly Fabric and Fiber Feud.

Sign up by: Friday noon, Feb. 21!

4-H Clothing Project

The 4-H Clothing project for youth in Pampa and Lefors begins this week. 4-H members with at least one year of 4-H sewing experience will meet on Monday

afternoon from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Gray County Annex beginning Feb. 17. 4-H members with no 4-H sewing experience will meet on Friday afternoons from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Gray County annex beginning Feb. 21.

For specific information about project plans and supplies, contact the Extension office.

Essay Contest

The Future Fisherman Foundation will award a rod and reel to any student whose article is published in the "Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs" newsletter or other Future Fisherman Foundation publication. The Future Fisherman Foundation is looking for articles written by stu-

dents about any of the following subjects: "Why I'm Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs," "What the 'Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs' program has meant to me," "Family Fishing Outings," "Why Fishing has been Important to My Life" and "Special Relationships Developed Through Fishing."

The Future Fisherman Foundation assumes that articles submitted have the author's and parental/guardian permission to be published. To be eligible, include your name, grade in school, and address and submit to: Essay Contest, Future Fisherman Foundation, 1033 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, Va. 22314.

Lifestyles policies

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

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

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

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wed-

ding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more, and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

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

Extension Service offers quilt classes

The Wheeler County Extension Service will be sponsoring "Double Wedding Ring" quilt top classes. The classes are to meet for six weeks. Two sessions are being offered. Participants can attend either on Tuesday evenings, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, and 15, or Wednesday mornings March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 and 16.

The Double Wedding Ring quilt top is considered an intermediate level project. Participants will use laser cut templates and rotary cutting techniques to construct the quilt top.

Class size is limited to ten students, so participants need to pre-register by 5 p.m. Feb. 24 by calling Joan Gray, County Extension Agent at (806) 826-5243. The class fee is \$35 and will be due Feb. 24.

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Wife's Wounded Love Took Time And Patience To Heal

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to the woman whose husband had recently confessed to an affair. She signed herself, "I Love Him With All My Heart." She said she didn't know of any marriages that had survived an affair — and I want to assure her that there are many that have.

My husband and I had been married only four months when he got re-involved with a woman he had an affair with during his first marriage. When my husband broke it off, she got so upset she told her husband, and it was mayhem after that!

I told my husband that the affair had not changed my love for him, but it had deeply wounded me and affected my trust in him. I was willing to stay and work it out only if he was willing to go to counseling with me and work to earn my trust. He was more than willing, and we found a wonderful counselor who helped us achieve our goal — to heal and strengthen our relationship.

"I Love Him" expressed concern that her husband would grow tired of her pain. She's correct in that she does need someone else to confide in. Her pain is a very heavy load for her husband to carry alone, and the pitfall in confiding in friends is that they are usually not as objective as a counselor would be.

If I may offer a bit of advice, as part of a couple who has successfully navigated this trauma: Find a

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

good counselor with whom you both feel comfortable, be honest with the counselor and each other, and be patient with yourself and your husband.

Also, if you have children, don't take for granted that you can shield them from your pain and stress. Make sure that they, too, have a counselor they can talk to.

STRONGER BECAUSE OF IT IN ATLANTA
DEAR STRONGER: That's excellent advice from someone who's walked a mile in her moccasins. Your maturity and perseverance in your marriage are to be admired. And so is your generosity in speaking out about such a personal matter.

DEAR ABBY: I am so happy that I asked you to help me find my deceased wife's relatives so that I could give them her family album. Because of your column, I was able to locate a man named Hemenover who was raised together with my wife by Mrs. A. Hemenover of 1300

San Pablo Ave. in Oakland. So I have dispatched the album to him. He is 80 years old. I hope he can identify some of the people in the pictures. I also came up with two great-grandchildren, and some valuable information about my wife's background, too. (She had told me almost nothing about her family.)

Abby, the C.I.A. should put you under contract!

The response of your readers was swift, gracious and sincere. From coast to coast, they sent information and offered their help and encouragement.

I have talked to several of the Hemenovers. Abby, you have fired up a great new interest in their family background — an amazing feat, and all in less than one month!

An observation: When my daughter suggested I contact you, she said, "Some people read sports, editorials, finance and funnies, but everybody reads Dear Abby." She was correct. So thank you very much for being there and bringing my search to a successful conclusion.

GAYEL CHEW, MEDFORD, ORE.

DEAR MR. CHEW: I have often said that my readers are the most generous and caring people in the world — and your letter illustrates that I wasn't exaggerating. I'm pleased that your problem was so quickly and happily resolved. Thank you for a dandy day-brightener.

1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against taking light comments too seriously today. Laugh along with your friends if you're the butt of a harmless joke.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) You and other family members could have short fuses today. You can't control their behavior, but you can control yours. Stay cool.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When something annoys you, you usually express it. Today, however, you might only grumble and growl under your breath, causing others to wonder what's wrong.
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, if you're feeling assertive or pushy, push for everyone's collective benefit rather than just your own.
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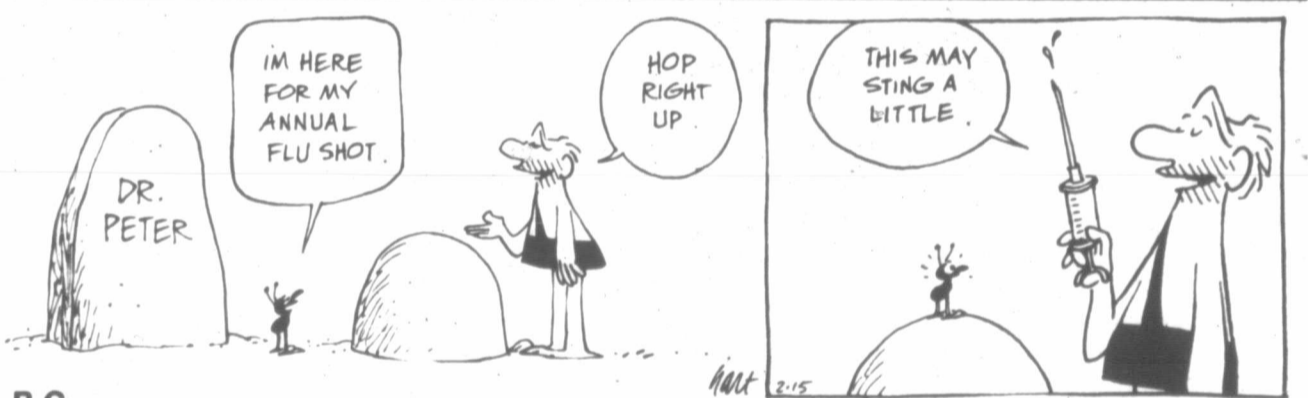
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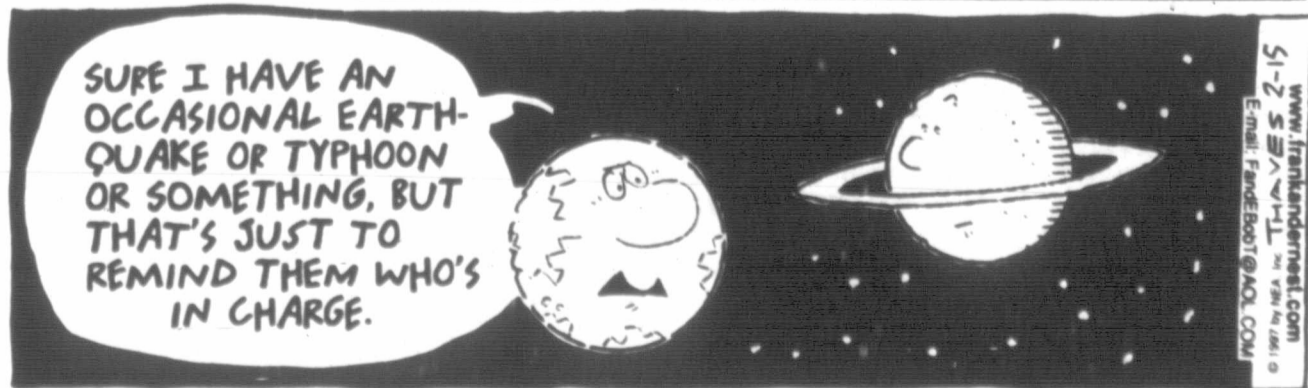
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Horoscope



Monday, Feb. 17, 1997

You have a strong chance of success this year, providing you do not spread yourself too thin. Focus on areas of your greatest potential and use them as springboards.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Use your common sense and take precautions when working today. Do not do something on your own that requires a competent, extra pair of hands. Major changes are in store for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box



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Entertainment

Pampa Community Concert Association announces 1997-1998 season

Exciting concerts to please many musical tastes are scheduled for the 1997-'98 season of Pampa Community Concert Association. There will be wind chamber music, New Orleans jazz, songs from six decades of Broadway music and a celebration of world dance.

Artists are the Aspen Wind quintet, Broadway singers Joanne O'Brien and Lessack, the New Orleans Side Street Strutters jazz band and the Russian Seasons dance company.

The Pampa Community Concert Association will open its membership campaign today. Attendance to the concerts is by membership in the association, and by reciprocal agreement membership in Borger, Plainview and Hereford associations.

The Aspen Wind quintet, who won the Naumberg Award, has brought wind chamber music to the excellence of fine string quartets. Critics have praised their sophisticated and sen-

sitive interpretations. They have appeared in finest halls including the Concertgebouw, the St. Petersburg Philharmonic and Carnegie Hall.

Members of the quintet are Barli Nugent, flute; Robert Ingliss, oboe; Todd Levy, clarinet; Chris Komer, horn; and Susan Heineman, bassoon.

To present "An Enchanted Evening: the Music of Broadway," Joanne O'Brien and Lee Lessack sing favorite songs from six decades of Broadway scores from standards of Rodgers and Hammerstein to new classics by Lloyd Webber.

Miss O'Brien has starred in productions of *Oklahoma*, *The Boy Friend*, *Carnival* and *South Pacific*, and has had leading roles in the operas *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Così Fan Tutte*. As soloist she sang with Chamber Opera, Philadelphia and the Villa Lobos Society.

Lessack's credits include leading roles in *Grease*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Oklahoma* and *The King and I*. He has



Side Street Strutters will bring Pampa Community Concert goers a jazzy treat from roots of New Orleans jazz to swing to big band.

given concerts in Cinegrill, Los Angeles; Eighty-Eights, New York; On the Park, Chicago; and the Plush Room, San Francisco.

Side Street Strutters bring the roots of jazz in New Orleans, the swing styles of Louis Armstrong and "Fats" Waller, and the big band sounds of Irving Berlin, Billie Holiday and Duke Ellington.

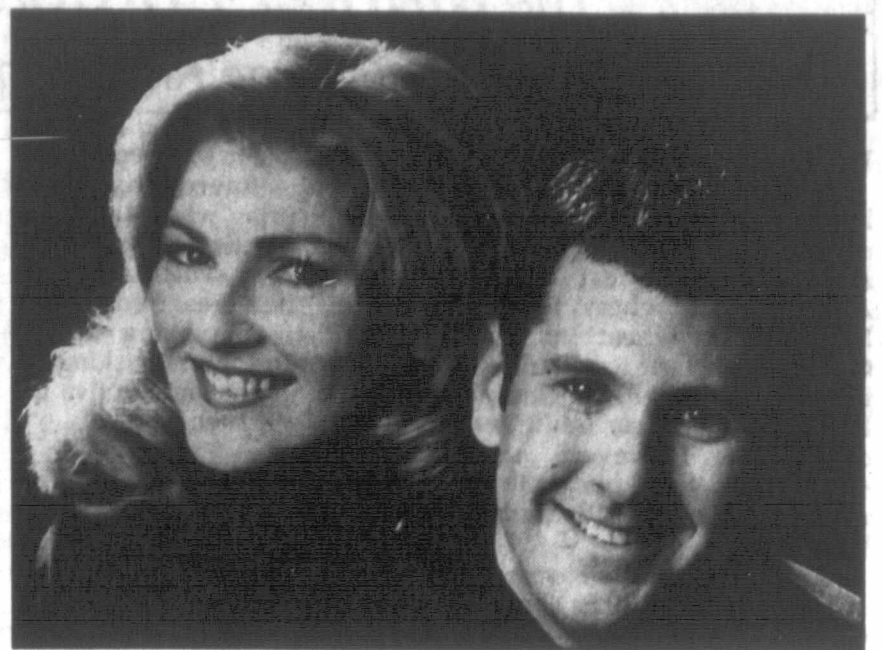
In June 1991, the Strutters won the International Jazz Competition in Breda, Holland. They have appeared in festivals in Europe, Canada and the United States.

Members are Joey Sellers, trombone; Robert Verdi, saxophone; Greg Varlotta,

trumpet; John Noreyko, tuba; Paul Johnson, drums; and Vince Verdi, clarinet.

In "A Celebration of World Dance" the Russian Seasons Dance Company presents folk dances of many nations, including the athletic hopek of Russia, the energetic gypsy dance, the flamenco of Spain and the tango of Argentina. Artistic director is Nikolai Androsov.

The dance company returns to the United States after they received rave reviews in the '94-'95 Community Concert season. Russians Seasons has been named the State Dance Company by the Russian government.



Joanne O'Brien and Lee Lessack will present 'An Enchanted Evening' of hit songs from six decades of Broadway musicals.



Russian Seasons Dance Company will present 'A Celebration of World Dance' to entertain the Pampa audience with folk dances of many nations from Russia to Argentina.



The Aspen Wind Quintet, winners of the Naumberg Award, will present a concert of chamber music for the Pampa Community Concert '97-'98 season.

Top Five

By The Associated Press

FILMS

1. *Star Wars*, Fox
2. *Dante's Peak* Universal
3. *The Beautician and the Beast*, Paramount
4. *Jerry Maguire*, Sony
5. *Scream*, Miramax (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

TV

1. *ER*, NBC
2. *Seinfeld*, NBC
3. *Friends*, NBC
4. *Naked Truth*, NBC
5. *Single Guy*, NBC (From Nielsen Media Research)

ALBUMS

1. *'Gridlock'd'* Soundtrack, (Death Row)
2. *Tragic Kingdom*, No Doubt (Trauma) (Platinum)
3. *'Evita'* Soundtrack, (Warner Bros.)
4. *Falling Into You*, Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
5. *Secrets*, Toni Braxton (LaFace) (Platinum) (From *Billboard* magazine)

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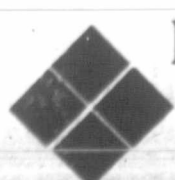
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Agriculture

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

Wheat - (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: It appears the USA has a lot of competition right now in the world wheat market. Argentina has wheat to sell. Australia has wheat to sell. Europe has wheat to sell. Canada has wheat to sell. Egypt is, as always, a big buyer, as are India, China and our traditional customers. However, their appetite this year appears to be more readily met by others, than by us.

As a result, exports have been dismal. Yet, these things ebb and flow. Prices are at about the same low level they were in the spring of 1995. At that time, world supplies appeared more than adequate, yet prices never went much lower. Crop problems happened, and it was just one year later that prices surged to record highs-above seven dollars.

I guess what I'm trying to say here is that while the news appears bearish, it's probably already discounted in price. It's not the time to get aggressive as a seller.

Strategy: Hedgers: Due to the discount new crop holds to old crop (not as large as it was, but still significant), the reduced planted acreage and potential spring wheat planting delays, I still do not recommend any new crop hedges at this time.

Traders: Last week you should

have been able to buy September Minneapolis futures (this is a new crop spring wheat) at \$3.50 or lower. Potential planting delays and crop switching could make this one a great trade eventually. Plan on making this a longer term trade, and risking at least 30 cents for an objective to be determined later.

Corn - (Bear)

Outlook: Exports of corn have been very good recently, but the market has failed to react. This is a bearish sign, and is most likely because the market realizes there is still a lot of corn in on-farm storage which will be available at some point.

Last week, we reported the Chinese have recently resumed corn exports again. This is another bearish sign since China has the potential to be either a major corn importer or the largest exporter in Asia.

Recall, we first turned bullish a year and a half ago because of China. When they turned from an exporter into an importer we viewed this as a very bullish development. It was one of the factors that started corn on its journey to the five dollar level. Now we have the reverse development and it's just as bearish as the reverse was bullish a year ago.

Strategy: Hedgers: If you took our previous advice, you are sold

out of all old crop supplies at higher levels. New crop hedgers should consider a modest short position, up to but not greater than 20 percent, in the new crop December or March.

Traders: Look to go short July futures at \$2.90 or better. Risk to a \$2.99 for an ultimate objective under \$2.60.

Cattle - (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: Despite two bullish cattle reports, Cattle on Feed and Cattle Inventory, the market has basically trended lower. The problem is the market appears to still be in a liquidation phase. The daily slaughter rate is running 130,000 head or more, just too much for right now. However, the more cattle moved now, the less for the future.

The Inventory Report did indicate a herd size well over 2 million head under a year ago. This, just when demand appears to be on the upswing. This will lead to higher prices eventually, perhaps much higher. We'll need to be patient for now, but keep this in the back of your minds.

Strategy: Feeders: For downside protection, cattle feeders have been advised to purchase April 67 puts for about a buck and a half. These provide an absolute worst case floor price of 6550, which should lock in a modest profit for most feeders. Any future upside potential remains open and unlimited when using put options.

Cow/calf operators: Feeder cattle look to have peaked for this move. Hedge protection is suggested for the nearby months. If your feeder cattle will not be ready for sale until late summer or fall, I would accept the risk of the marketplace here based on projected tight supplies later this year (and into next).

Traders: We continue to suggest sidelines at present.

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Researchers studying use of soybean hulls for treating water through filtration systems

ST. LOUIS - Agricultural by-products like soybean hulls have often been an underutilized waste material by milling and crushing plants.

Through a national soybean checkoff-funded project, researchers are using soybean hulls in treating wastewater and drinking water during filtration. They have developed a process to transform soybean hulls to non-carbonized metal absorbers and to convert hulls to activated metals carbons.

The project, which is one of 54 Domestic Marketing projects funded by the United Soybean Board (USB), is being overseen by researchers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"We discovered metal absorption could be achieved by treating soybean hulls with oxidants, such as sodium hypochlorite (household bleach)," says Wayne Marshall, a project researcher from the USDA Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans, La.

Soybean hulls that come from oil mills are unmodified, or non-carbonized. Because of the unique composition of soybean hulls, they are very effective at

absorbing metals. Their affinity for metals also make hulls effective at softening water and removing magnesium and calcium.

Using non-carbonized hulls also is a cost-efficient method to water treatment. The use of the hulls is inexpensive in comparison to current treatment processes.

Currently, ion-exchange resins are most commonly used to absorb metals and filter water. Resins are expensive, says Marshall, and by using the hulls, treatment facilities can reduce costs by not spending as much on resins and investing in soybean hulls.

"This is another example of adding value to the hull and the soybean," explains Marshall.

Non-carbonized hulls can only be used two or three times, but their use in the filtration process does not end with metal absorption. After their useful life as metal absorbers has expired, soybean hulls can be carbonized by mixing hulls with a suitable binder and compressing them into briquettes. These high-density, carbonized briquettes are superior to non-carbonized hulls

for absorption of organic compounds, and are similar to non-carbonized hulls in metals uptake.

"The briquettes are more costly than non-carbonized hulls, but they can be used more often than non-carbonized hulls," says Marshall. "The non-carbonized hulls are not as durable in batch applications."

Marshall says some companies, particularly seed crushers, have expressed interest in this soybean hull technology, especially activated carbons. However, transferring this technology to companies like seed crushers would not come cheap.

According to Marshall, it would cost \$5-6 million to construct and equip a new facility to manufacture activated carbons, but it would only cost \$800,000 for a non-carbonized manufacturing facility.

"We expect to be able to conduct product demonstrations within a year and a half to two years for interested companies. We want to transfer the technology to the companies and let them make the profit from it," explains Marshall.

Oklahoma university to host seminar on livestock waste management needs

STILLWATER, Okla. - Issues surrounding effective swine waste management have come to the Panhandle region, and some of the leading livestock environmental scientists in the United States also are coming to the Panhandle to address those issues.

Oklahoma State University's Annual Waste Management Conference is set for March 5 on the Oklahoma Panhandle State University campus at Goodwell.

Topics on the program include odor control, water quality, cropland applications, wastewater facilities and governmental regulations. Speakers will focus on the expanding swine industry in the five states in the region.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Hughes Strong Hall Auditorium. There is no cost for attending the conference.

The agenda opens at 9:30 a.m. with Ron Plain, University of Missouri economist, outlining nationwide trends in pork production. He will be followed by Mark Becker, hydrologist with Oklahoma office of the U.S. Geological Survey, discussing the

overall hydrologic setting of the Panhandle region and how it differs from other major pork producing areas.

Mike Veenhuizen, nationally known consulting engineer with Livestock Engineering Solutions in Indiana, will address practical controls of livestock odor. The speakers will form a question-and-answer panel following their remarks.

Conference participants then can choose to attend two of three one-hour concurrent information sessions. Each of the sessions will be conducted once before a sponsored lunch, then again immediately following lunch.

Concurrent session leaders and their topics are: - Mike Talkington, a veterinarian with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, outlining regulations, their purposes and their enforcement.

- Doug Hamilton, OSU Extension waste management specialist, discussing wastewater treatment facilities: their design and management.

- Hailin Zhang, OSU Extension soil specialist, offering

details about recycling waste nutrients through land application and cropping systems.

A look at some results of in-depth research programs will be provided by Mike Williams, director of the Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center at North Carolina State University.

Wrap-up speakers will be Sam Curl, dean and director of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, who will explain OSU's ongoing research and education programs in livestock waste management, and D.C. Coston, associate director of the Oklahoma Agriculture Experiment Station, who will give a summary of the issues pertaining to waste management and will note the discussions during the conference that will be used to help address those issues.

The session will end around 3 p.m.

Joining OSU in offering the conference are Oklahoma Panhandle State University and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture.

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Teleconference to cover information technology in rural schools, communities

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, Secretary of Education Richard Riley and Reed Hundt, chair of the Federal Communications Commission, will be joined by a panel of local community experts for the first national interactive teleconference on information technology and how it can effectively be introduced in rural schools and communities.

With an introduction by President Clinton and hosted by former Congressman Steve Gunderson (Wis.), the 90-minute live teleconference will originate in Washington, D.C., on March 25, and be available to downlink sites throughout the nation.

The teleconference is being produced by the volunteer-based Organization Concerned About Rural Education (OCRE), a ten-year old coalition of 25 national groups working to improve education in rural America, and the U.S. Distance Learning Association. The program is made available by the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) Adult Learning Satellite Service.

A panel of rural school and community leaders will share their successes in showing how they were able to design and implement technology strategies for their communities. Dale Lestina, president of OCRE, said they will explain how they sought funding, won community support, over-

came obstacles and established and sustained their programs.

The panel will include Kaye Braaten, County Services representative for the National Association of Counties. Ms. Braaten, a former county commissioner from Wahpeton, N.D., served as president of the National Association of Counties.

Joining her on the panel will be Harriet Pearce, superintendent of Cooper County School District C-4 in Pilot Grove, Mo.; Ann Way, counselor at Towanda Area High School in Towanda, Pa., representing the Northern Tier Rural Distance Learning Consortium of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey; and Max Newton, general manager of Peoples Telephone cooperative in Quitman, Texas.

Julia Johnson, commissioner of the Florida Public Service Commission, will join the federal officials on the second panel. They will focus on government programs which can help local communities take advantage of today's technology.

Rural schools and communities have been the last to take advantage of the information highway, yet they have the greatest need, Lestina said.

"We would urge the participation of community officials, school and library board members and staff personnel, and leaders of other community services which depend upon communications such as fire, police, emergency response teams, and

health-care facilities," he said.

To obtain information on establishing a downlink site, call PBS at 1-800-257-2578, or e-mail at www.cosn.org/ocre.html.

Lestina said they expect sites will be established at community colleges, state and local government facilities, business and community economic-development offices, libraries and local broadcasting outlets.

"This is going to be 90 minutes of hands-on help for rural schools and their communities. It will provide direction for developing the entire communications infrastructure of communities, which in many areas are centered around the schools," continued Lestina, who is director of Federal and State Relations for the National Education Association, continued.

"This will not just be a review of the problems of access, to which they are very familiar, but will build upon innovative solutions which other communities in similar circumstances have developed. Examples range from small communities in Alaska to the Ute reservation in New Mexico. We will give them the practical knowledge and direction to become full-fledged participants on the information highway," he said.

Kari Arfstrom, legislative specialist with the American Association of School Administrators

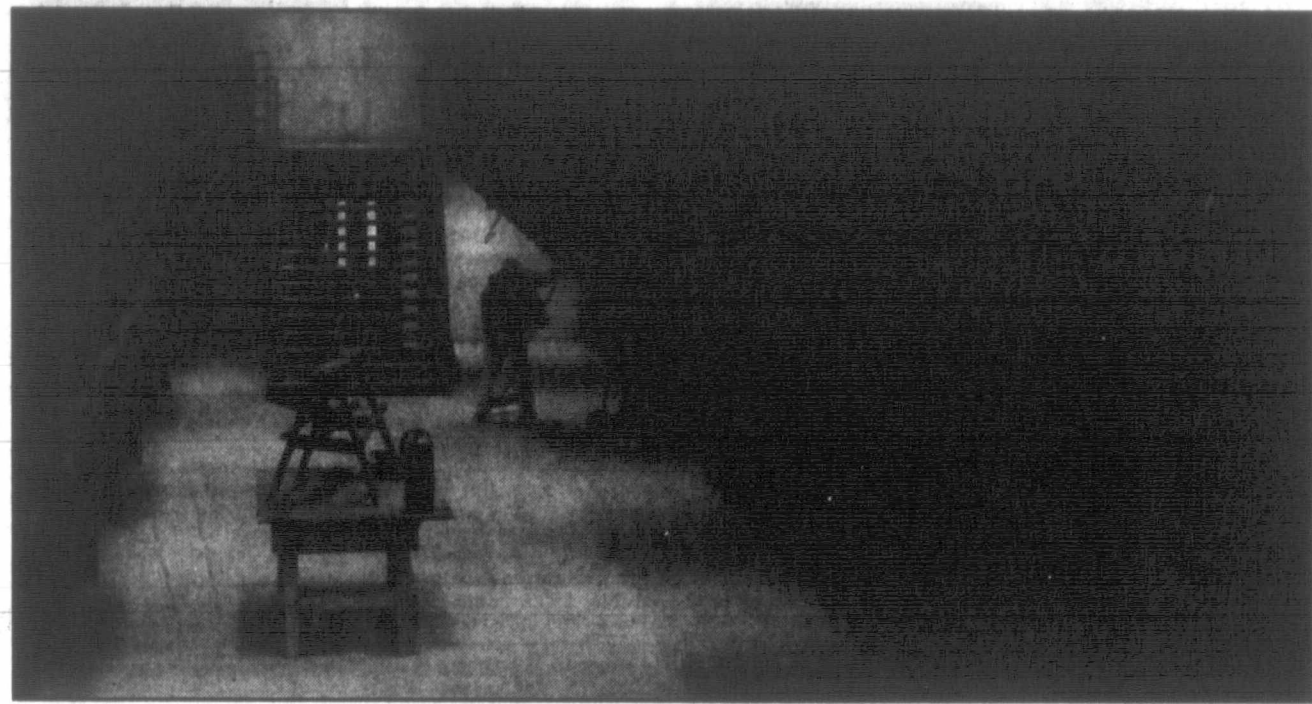
and general chair of the teleconference, said, "We believe the time is ripe to bring serious attention to the interplay between modern communications technology and education, especially for isolated public schools with inadequate funding."

"Our hope is that this conference will stimulate an explosion of technological development in rural America. The problem is not just finding the resources to fund such an infrastructure but gaining the know-how to put it to their best advantage," she continued.

A nominal fee, discounted if arrangements are made by Feb. 25, will be charged to cover production, transmitting costs and discussion materials for each site.

OCRE represents over 100 million educators, farmers, rural businesses, health-care providers, librarians, cooperatives and the telecommunications services industry.

Businesses and associations underwriting the teleconference include the American Association of School Administrators, Ameritech, Bell South, Communicating for Agriculture, Consortium for School Networking, Council for Educational Development and Research, NYNEX, National School Boards Association, National Science Foundation, Pacific Telesis Group, the U.S. Distance Learning Association and U.S. West.



(AP photo by Pat Sullivan)

A prison inmate works along a row of cells in Texas' newest and still incomplete prison at Huntsville. The metal and concrete building will house the baddest of the bad in a close-custody environment.

Completion near for state prison to hold 'the baddest of the bad'

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The nondescript metal and concrete building in the shadow of a gleaming new white water tower belies the fact this will be a destination you truly must earn.

In the vocabulary of the free world's largest prison system, the sprawling structure nearing completion about a dozen miles northeast of Huntsville is Texas' first "super seg" — a prison designed for the baddest of the bad.

Or, as warden Fred Figueroa calls them: "Serious, aggressive institutional violators."

The new prison, across the road from the existing Estelle Unit, is slated to house 660 convicts, all of them in a close-custody environment known as "administrative segregation."

What that means is these historically troublesome criminals will be confined together but essentially kept apart. Encounters between them will be rare, if at all.

It's the first time in Texas an entire prison is designed for such restriction.

"I see it as a new challenge," says Figueroa, a 15 1/2-year veteran of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "Contact with other inmates will be very minimal. What we're trying to do is keep the more aggressive inmates confined and separated from the general population."

"These are the ones who just don't want to conform to rules and regulations."

By any stretch of the imagination, this will be no prison country club when two years of construction is finished, probably in April.

Even in recreation areas outdoors, a privilege earned by the best of the baddest, inmates will be kept separate. Rather than large areas frequented by more than one prisoner, Figueroa said he recommended the "yard" actually be a series of 44 small enclosures on each end of the unit to hold inmates one at a time.

"I'm expecting the worst," he said of his future clientele. "I wanted single rec areas."

Inmates will use them on a rotating basis to shoot a basketball, work out on a chinning bar, jog around in a small circle or just get some sun.

The 6-by-9-foot cells have no outside windows. The only glimpse into what passes for the outside world will be through two thin vertical rectangular windows — about 3 inches wide and 3 feet long — in the blue steel door.

The view across the walkway: an identical blue steel door.

The door has a gated slot for meals to be slipped in on a tray. The cell has a steel bunk, a polished square on the stainless steel wall that serves as a small mirror and a fluorescent light built into the wall.

There is also a shower built

into the wall. A combined sink and commode, made of steel and anchored to concrete, completes the cell furnishings. Water to the shower is controlled by officers.

There's no television and no air conditioning. A vent will provide some fresh air. Radio is an earned privilege.

The prison has 10 double-tiered wings, each with 60 to 64 cells per wing. Each wing is controlled by officers inside a glass enclosed pod. From there, cell doors can be opened and closed electronically.

"We're trying to keep everything in the wing so they don't have to come out for anything," Figueroa said. "It's pretty much self-contained."

The prison was to have been the prototype for eight other "super seg" prisons at a total cost of \$200 million.

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice recently put those plans on hold, choosing instead to convert areas in 14 existing prisons for more incorrigible convicts.

At the same time, however, Gov. George W. Bush noted that prisoners are becoming more violent. He recommended construction of three of the high-security prisons in his state budget for the upcoming two years.

"With longer sentences and fewer paroles, the inmate population is getting hardened," Figueroa says. "And with the mentality of inmates we're dealing with, there is a need for this."

Prison recycling program saves money for state

HUNTSVILLE — Conservation programs in the state prison system last year were worth \$4.5 million of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in direct savings, cost avoidance and income from selling recyclable waste, the agency says in its annual report to Gov. George Bush.

TDCJ's benefits ranged from selling a million pounds of used kitchen grease for \$11,000 to saving \$1.9 million in landfill disposal costs by recycling everything from garbage to file folders.

"Conservation is a high priority with TDCJ. Linking environment, economics and efficiency serves both the agency and the people of Texas," TDCJ executive director Wayne Scott said.

In addition to the recycling programs, the agency's aggressive utility conservation programs saved \$1.8 million, Scott

said, and focused new emphasis on water conservation during last year's drought.

TDCJ cut landfill costs by feeding 33 million pounds of food wastes to its own hogs and selling another 22 million pounds of food wastes to other hog farmers. Hog feed grain purchases were reduced by 50 percent at the prison units where food wastes are fed to hogs.

The prison hog farms also cut utility costs and helped save water by recycling more than 183 million gallons of reclaimed water from hog farm lagoons.

Prison textile mills and garment factories are major contributors to the success of the recycling efforts, according to Charles Morgan, TDCJ recycling coordinator.

Morgan said a new scrap cloth recycling machine put into service less than a year ago has

already saved \$147,000 in virgin cotton purchases by the garment factories by making reusable fibers of worn out guard uniforms and inmate clothing which was previously sold for only pennies-a-pound or dumped into landfills.

Other prison industries this year sold five million pounds of aluminum and metal scraps for \$362,000, Morgan said.

The agency also saw a 50 percent increase in recycled steel cans, selling 3.8 million pounds for \$95,000, and increases in paper and cardboard recycling worth \$100,000-plus from units, offices, printing plants and the cardboard box factory.

The prisons also recapped 6,400 tires; composted 5,200 cubic yards of sawdust, limbs and brush; and sold 47,000 gallons of used motor oil for \$5,800 and 33,000 wooden pallets for \$46,000, Morgan said.

Ag commissioner says Texas' farmers will do their part to help conserve water

AUSTIN — As the state's lawmakers begin to examine retooling water policy, Texas' farmers will continue to do their part to conserve existing water supplies. Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said during Texas Drought and Wildfire Awareness Month.

"Anyone who grew up on or lives on a farm or ranch is not a newcomer to the idea of conservation and making the most out of what you have," Perry said. "Agriculture's conservation efforts may be as simple as throwing a tub of used dishwater onto a flower bed or as complex as converting to a more efficient irrigation system."

In fact, with continued adoption of more efficient irrigation technology, irrigated water use in Texas is projected to drop by about 20 percent over a period from 1990 to 2050, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has two programs that address water conservation efforts.

The Texas-Israel Exchange Research and Development Program focuses on long-term solutions to water-shortage problems by funding research into arid and semi-arid agricultural production.

The program is a joint effort between TDA and Israel's Ministry of Agriculture, with Texas and Israel each contributing \$250,000 annually to fund research projects that are conducted simultaneously by teams in Texas and in Israel.

Current projects funded under this program include:

- Research on how adding synthetic polymers to soil may improve water retention in desert-type soils that tend to form a seal or hard, concrete-like barrier that causes water runoff and erosion.

- Research comparing surface, subsurface drip and furrow irrigation in reducing water used by watermelons and cantaloupes, two major crops in the Winter Garden region of southwest Texas that relies on the

Edwards Aquifer.

- Research examining how to reduce pollutants in secondary effluent, which is a steadily increasing source of irrigation water in the United States' and in Israel's semi-arid and arid climates.

- Research examining how to reduce water loss in subsurface trickle irrigation systems by placing a V-shaped plastic trough immediately beneath an irrigation line to maximize water use. This technology also is expected to lower water consumption and reduce the potential for groundwater contamination.

TDA also has a loan program — the Linked Deposit Program — that allows farmers to borrow money to convert to more efficient irrigation systems, such as a Low Energy Precision Application or LEPA system. LEPA systems can cut water use in half.

Farmers may borrow up to \$250,000 from the program to convert their irrigation systems.

Inexpensive trap may fend off whiteflies

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Farmers may get help fending off silverleaf whiteflies from a new, inexpensive trap invented by U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists to catch plastic drinking cup suspended over a bright yellow base, said one of the inventors, plant psychologist Chang-Chi Chu with USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

ARS is seeking a patent on the new trap, Chu said. The silverleaf whitefly, also known as strain B of the sweet-potato whitefly, is a pest of more than 300 plants worldwide. Crops in Arizona, California, Texas and Florida have been especially hard hit by the tiny, sap-sucking insect since its discovery in this country in 1986.

From 1991 to 1994, for example, the whiteflies have been blamed for close to \$1 billion in farm and related economic losses in southern California's Imperial Valley, Chu said.

Growers may use traps to monitor the whitefly's population buildup in crop fields. The number trapped lets a grower determine the most effective and economical timing for control practices such as releasing predatory insects or spraying insecticide, Chu said.

Unlike currently used yellow sticky traps, the new one attracts only adult whiteflies and no other insects. Chu said this allows faster estimates of their population densities. The new traps are not messy and are easier to handle, re-usable and cheaper and take less time and labor to count and maintain, he added.

The new traps could have a use indoors — in greenhouses.

"It's possible that hanging a number of the traps in a greenhouse might eliminate the need for insecticides where wasp parasites are released to control whitefly larvae," Chu said.

ARS scientists tested the new traps at sites in California and Arizona.

"The new trap takes advantage of three behavioral traits of whiteflies — they find yellow irresistible, they crawl toward shade when they land on leaves and they fly toward light when leaving," Chu said.

"With mass production, costs should be low," said Thomas J. Henneberry, another of the trap's co-inventors. "I envision a plastics manufacturer could get the traps on the market for about a dollar apiece."

Henneberry is director of ARS' Western Cotton Research Laboratory in Phoenix, Ariz.

Corn group head pleased with new CRP rules

ST. LOUIS — The leader of the nation's corn growers is pleased with the new rules governing the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

"The size and scope of this CRP should enable us to improve water quality, curb soil erosion and benefit wildlife," said Wallie Hardie, president of the 30,000-member National Corn Growers Association (NCGA). "I think Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman did a great job of balancing the emerging issue of water quality with traditional CRP objectives."

The corn group worked closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the proposed CRP rule, which was made final Wednesday.

The NCGA argued for a more

targeted CRP despite changes that will expand the type of land now eligible to be enrolled in the land idling program.

"If this program is properly administered, the new CRP can provide what the marketplace demands and what the environment needs as well," said Hardie, who farms in North Dakota. "As a voluntary program, the rental rate, our need for certain soil and water stewardship practices, and our production needs will all have to be placed in the hopper when we consider whether to participate in the new CRP."

The corn leader noted one of the most significant differences between the new CRP and the old version is permission for continuous enrollment of land idled specifically to improve water

quality. Farmers who want to adopt such practices as grasses waterways and grassed buffer strips can enroll these areas in the CRP regardless of general enrollment dates.

"We think this provision is important because it gives us the flexibility to enroll land for these purposes at any time," Hardie said.

The corn leader also believes farmers can expect to be fairly compensated if they choose to enroll these and other environmentally sensitive areas.

U.S. Farmers are expected to grow corn on nearly 80 million acres of land this year. The \$9.3 billion bushel corn crop last year outpaced all other crops in overall value, worth nearly \$30 billion.

TIFB taking applications for school Internet grants

AUSTIN — The Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board (TIFB) has announced the availability of approximately \$25 million through a competitive grant process to provide Internet to Texas public schools, grades K-12, in school districts with a 1996-97 enrollment of 1000 students or less.

The TIFB recently approved 96 grants totaling \$25 million for Internet connectivity to secondary schools to use the Internet as a teaching and learning tool.

The TIFB, which was created by the 74th Texas Legislature in 1995, is governed by a nine member board and is charged to disburse up to \$150 million per year to schools, hospitals and libraries to assist them in purchasing computer, video and distance learning equipment, inter and intra-campus

wiring, program development and teacher training.

Future requests for proposals will target other purposes and entities, including public schools, higher education, hospitals and libraries.

"We are excited about our new initiative," said Arnold Varamontes, TIFB executive director. "It's a good second step to our overall goal of reaching all Texas school districts."

Interested applicants must submit a letter of intent by March 21, 1997. Applications are due April 25, 1997. To request a copy of the TIFB grant application, please contact the TIFB at (512) 469-3070 or 1-800-440-0080. An electronic version of the application forms will be posted on the TIFB's Internet homepage: <http://www.state.tx.us/TIF>.

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1 Public Notice

LEFORS I.S.D. NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)
To the Registered Voters of Lefors I.S.D., Lefors, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Lefors I.S.D., Lefors, Texas):
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 3, 1997, for voting in a general election to elect two trustees of the Lefors I.S.D.
(Notifique, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrieran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 1997 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir dos trustees de la Lefors I.S.D.)
LOCATION (S) OF POLLING PLACES
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Applications for ballot by mail to:
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Mrs. Pat Seely
P.O. Box 390
Lefors, Texas 79054
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 1997.
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Issued this 11th day of February, 1997.
(Emitada este dia 11 de February, 1997.)
Keith B. Robertson
Presiding Officer
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A-27 Feb. 16, 1997

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: February 24, 1997
The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pampa will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, February 24, 1997 at the Pampa City Hall, located at 201 W. Foster Street, Pampa, Texas, on the 3rd Floor, City Commission Chambers. This will be a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments concerning the following request:
A) Gail Sanders, Developer. Request for approval of the Preliminary Re-Plat of Blocks 24 & 25 of East Fraser Addition No. 3 for a proposed subdivision to be called "The Summit".
The Public is encouraged to attend this hearing. Public comments on the proposed development are welcome and will be heard.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL

WELL PERMIT
Suoco Oil Corporation, P.O. Box 2334, Pampa, Tx. 79066-2334 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.
The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Dolomite formation, Combs-Worley A (00202) lease Well Number 3. The proposed disposal well is located 6 Miles SE of Pampa in the Panhandle Gray County Field, in Gray County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3067 ft. to 3170 ft.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).
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Ranchers hope 1996 was rock bottom for cattle prices

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

CLAUDE (AP) — Brooks Gunter recognizes the hollow feeling in his gut from a year ago.

The sensation was a harbinger of a soft market and hard times. Things are different today, except for that uneasy sensation.

"I told a guy the other day that I'm just about as scared now as I was a year ago," the Panhandle farmer and rancher said. "A year ago it looked so bad, and this year I'm worried because it looks so good."

"It's like they're calling out lottery numbers and I've got the first five, and I'm scared about that sixth one."

Unless 1997 takes an unexpected downturn, 1996 will go down as the hardest kick in the rump roast the cattle industry has taken in a long time. Low prices, expensive feed and searing drought-marred life on the range for most of last year.

Whether the recent turnaround indicates a long-term market rebound remains to be seen.

"We're watching and waiting, but the attitude is so much better now," said Lee Pritchard of the Crowley-based Texas

Factors hurting cattle raisers

By The Associated Press

The three factors that hurt cattle raisers for most of 1996 — low cattle prices, high feed costs and drought — seem to have turned around going into 1997:

CATTLE: The National Cattlemen's Beef Association estimates that total numbers stood at 101.3 million head on Jan. 1 after peaking at 103.8 million head a year earlier. Prices at Texas feedlots that stood in the \$55 per hundredweight range last May are hovering in the mid \$60's, a break-even level for many ranchers.

FEED: A small 1995 corn crop and terrible grain production in drought-ravaged Texas sent prices to more than \$5 per bushel at times. Better crops last year meant more supply, sending costs back down to a manageable \$4 level. Meanwhile, hay costs spike to more than \$100 per ton, compared to an average price of \$69 per ton the previous three years.

DROUGHT: Nary a drop of rain fell on much of West Texas' rangeland and wheat fields between October 1995 and April 1996. In its most recent survey of the region, the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service reported that 87 percent of Texas wheatfields are rated fair to excellent, as are 67 percent of the state's rangeland. Precipitation in West Texas is running about 75 percent of normal, better than it's been for the past three winters.

Limousin Association. "People that have been in it before have seen highs and lows come and go."

"A lot of people didn't make it out of this one and depleted and sold their herds. Now, there are some signals that we are gaining."

The price per hundredweight

coming out of the feedyards has meandered around \$65 in recent weeks, far better than the below-\$60 prices of last year.

Jim Gill, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association's market director, doesn't see any quick fixes for the cattle market, which tends to run in 10-year cycles. Any improvement from last

year is a start, though.

"We've got to get about halfway through this year, and things will start improving then," Gill said. "Right now, it's kind of touch-and-go with cattle coming out of the feedyards. We're looking at break-even prices, or maybe some are making just a little."

Profit wasn't even a consideration for many ranchers last year. While prices wallowed in \$50's per hundredweight, dried up pastures couldn't support the stock.

Producers with grass-stripped rangeland had to turn to the feedyards, where the drought took a different toll. Thanks to terrible regional grain production, feed prices shot up even as cattle futures bottomed out.

Even amidst the summertime angst, there was room for gamblers.

"People were buying feeder cattle right in the middle of that. I couldn't believe it," Gill said of the time around late summer, just before rain and price relief came to the industry. "Those cattle that ate some of that (high-priced grain) made more money than anyone else."

Cattle raisers spent the lean part of '96 selling off their stocks, further weakening a

'It's like they're calling out lottery numbers and I've got the first five, and I'm scared about that sixth one.'

— Brooks Gunter, Claude rancher

market already glutted by too many head and too little demand. As the gluts diminish this year, the market is expected to improve.

The market collapse also opened many eyes in the industry, Hale Center feeder Pat Shepard said.

"We used more roughage and pasture (last year), anything to minimize grain. That will help us in future years," said Shepard, who added that sometimes it takes a little adversity to force cattlemen to find a better way.

The market cycle doesn't adhere to precise 10-year intervals, but they appear darn close. Cattle prices dipped in the mid-80's before rising again this decade. Then came another crash, almost like clockwork.

"When things are good, that's when everybody's getting into the market," said Pritchard of the Limousin Association, which

represents the state's third-most prominent pure breed.

The price swings are just a part of the business, and virtually anyone involved will say the same thing: The only way to make money in the cattle trade is to stick with it through thick and thin.

"If you're a cow-calf producer out there, you've got your land and resources, and it's hard just to liquidate (before prices drop) because that's your livelihood," Pritchard said. "We all have short memories. We think that when it gets good again, there won't be another poor day."

Rain has been the X-factor in Texas agriculture for the past three or four years, but it's cooperated so far in 1997. Decent precipitation this winter, plus good carryover moisture from last fall, have left pastures green, hay bales plentiful and rural Texas optimistic.

If the ground remains moist enough to support grass and crops, and if the cattle market holds steady, producers who survived the crash of '96 can rejoice. Or consider rejoicing, at least.

"We can kind of smile now," Shepard said. "We sure can."

Texas wheat fields show more promise for 1997 season

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

WHEELER (AP) — Spying the vast farmland around Wheeler County, there isn't a hint at the bounty beneath the snow-covered terrain this time of year.

Come spring, many are hopeful that the barren landscape will yield an amber bounty for the first time in four seasons.

"We've had the best wheat we've had in several years this fall and winter,"

said Dean Tipps, a 46-year veteran of farming the eastern Texas Panhandle. "We've had the moisture and everything. It's done great."

There's not much to see now. Wheat stalks ceased growing once the soil got cold enough, and ranging cattle gobbled up much of the stubble that sprouted late last year.

When the crop begins greening up this month in preparation for harvest time in May, farmers are optimistic that three years of subpar production will end with a flourish.

"Our wheat conditions are a lot better than they were a year ago," said Rodney Mosier of the Texas Wheat Producers Association. "We've seen a light dusting of snow, though the crops still are in need of a good rain. Recently, we're just starting to see wheat being stressed (by dry weather)."

Where normal production in years past has been more than 100 million Texas bushels, growers have barely pushed 75 million recently. Just enough snow and rain has kept falling this year

to keep everyone hopeful, yet tentative.

Texas usually ranks about fifth nationally in wheat production, most of it coming in the Panhandle and the Rolling Plains of central West Texas. Dallam County, in the northwestern corner of the Panhandle, is the traditional leader.

This time last year, farmers knew that drought had pretty much done them in. Now, they're ready to reap a profit for the first time in years.

"Right now, about everything is holding its own," Mosier said.

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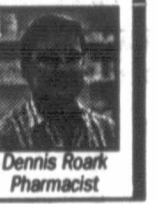
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