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Panhandle area faces fire danger

CANADIAN - Wildfires driven by dry winds and low humidities have consumed more than 20,000 acres of parched grasslands across the Texas Panhandle since March 17.

Fire danger is extreme, according to Incident Commander Ron Davis, of the Texas Forest Service Wildfire Task Force sent in to assist the local volunteer fire departments.

"We are very near an extreme fire danger situation that, if weather conditions don't improve, will continue to deteriorate and will experience more fires until we get adequate rainfall," Davis said.

In addition to the 24-person task force, which brought with them four fire engines and an all-terrain fire fighting vehicle, the agency dispatched a Fire Prevention Team made up of three information officers and one fire prevention specialist from Lufkin, College Station and Lubbock, according to information given by Lou Sloat, one of the information officers.

Panhandle Fire Activity from March 17-20

County	Date	Fires	Acres	Structures
Hemphill	March 17	1	9,500	10
Wheeler	March 17	1	7,000	0
Lipscomb	March 17	1	640	2
Ochiltree	March 18	1	2,000	0
Potter	March 15-18	6	200	0
Lipscomb	March 19	1	unknown	0
Hutchinson	March 14-18	2	800	0
Moore	March 11-17	4	unknown	0

"The overall goal of the team is to reduce the number of wildfires and lessen the risks to lives, improved property and natural resources in the Panhandle, Sloat said.

Sloat and Davis were part of the TFS team responding to a request for assistance to fight a 9,500-acre fire raging in Hemphill County last week. Hemphill County Judge Bob Gober appealed to the forest service agency for help.

Smoke from three separate fires filled the skies in and around Hemphill County by Thursday, after three days of fighting the blaze that threatened nearly a dozen homes and jumped a four-lane divided highway (U.S. Hwy. 83), according to Gober.

During the past several days, about 20 fires have scorched more than 20,000 acres of land and grasses across the Panhandle. Fires are feeding off

an abundance of dense, dry grasslands still dormant from winter, and to make matters worse, much of the area has not seen rain for more than a month, Sloat said.

"Although a cold front is expected to bring a slight chance of rain, if predictions hold true, the likelihood of high winds and continued low humidity is still evident," Sloat said.

Therefore, the National Weather Service on Thursday and Friday issued a "Fire Weather Watch" for the Panhandle areas of all of Texas and Oklahoma.

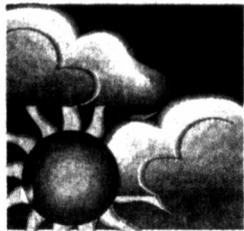
The Forest Service, local and area volunteer fire departments and the National Weather Service are requesting that persons refrain from any outside burning until further notice, Sloat advised.

According to Gober, the Hemphill County Commissioners Court, in their scheduled meeting Monday, March 24, will hold discussions concerning implementing a ban on all out-

side burning in the county for the present time.

Sloat said individuals could help in prevention of fires in open areas by observing the following:

- Park vehicles away from dormant grass or dry vegetation. Avoid contact between hot catalytic converters and dry vegetation.
 - Carefully dispose of cigarettes. Make sure smoking materials are extinguished prior to disposal.
 - Contact your local fire department before any prescribed burning.
 - Be cautious when welding outdoors, particularly on fences surrounded by dry vegetation. All it takes is a spark to start a wildfire.
 - Burn trash in barrels covered by screens. Clear a 12-foot wide area down to bare mineral soils around the barrels.
- For more information, contact Sloat at the office for Panhandle Fire Prevention Teams at (409) 635-7693 or (409) 635-2953.



High today near 80. Low tonight near 50. See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA - The summer hours of operation for the city landfill will begin on April 1. The landfill will be open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., including the noon hour.

Even though the landfill is open till 6 p.m., it will stop accepting waste at 5:30 to allow the workers time to cover the day's trash as mandated by state regulation.

These hours will be in effect through Sept. 30.

In observance of Good Friday, there will be no trash pickup and the landfill will be closed on Friday, March 28.

Normal operations will resume on Saturday, March 29.

The recycling center, located behind Hobart Street Park, will be unaffected by the holiday hours.

PAMPA - Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a burglary that occurred in the 100 block of North Ballard sometime between Feb. 2 and Feb. 16.

An unknown person or persons entered the building and removed more than \$7,000 worth of tools and other property.

Crime Stoppers wants your information. We pay cash. No caller ID. You do remain anonymous. Call today 669-2222.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The sun is hot and the seats are hard outside Shrine Auditorium. And the Academy Awards aren't until Monday.

It made no difference to hundreds of people who raced Saturday for choice spots on bleachers overlooking the red carpet that will lead celebrities inside come Oscar night.

"I want to be able to see them THIS close. That's why I came," said Phyllis Ortega, 46, of Riverside after she bagged a seat in the coveted first row of bleachers.

There are 1,000 seats available in the bleachers and that's how many people Academy officials allowed in. They were permitted to take their seats a day earlier this year and come and go as they please until 1 p.m. Monday. In years past, bleacher enthusiasts weren't allowed in until Sunday.

Some people pitched tents nearby on Thursday and lined up outside the entrance to the bleachers just after dawn Saturday.

"I've been first in line 14 times out of the last 18 years," said Frank Marquez, 40, of Commerce, claiming the title again this year after six days in a tent.

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New officer assigned in Proctor case

Pampa Police Chief Charles Morris said another police officer has been assigned to the continuing investigation into the Christmas Eve shooting death of Richard Lamont Proctor.

The officer, who will begin his duties in the investigation Monday, has not previously been involved in the case and hopefully will "bring a fresh view, without any preconceptions," to the investigation, Morris said.

The officer will re-examine all the collected statements and evidence "to see if we've missed something," the chief said, and follow up on any leads.

The new investigating officer for the case is authorized to cover all avenues and to contact other agencies as needed for any assistance, he said.

Chief Morris said the investigation has been ongoing since the 18-year-old Pampa High School student was found shot

to death late Christmas Eve.

Proctor was shot once with a larger caliber handgun, officers said, as he got into a blue-gray Cadillac that Tuesday night. Authorities said they believe Proctor was sitting in the passenger side of the front seat and was pulling the door closed when a shot fired from behind the car shattered the rear window of the 1984 Cadillac and hit Proctor in the back of the head.

Officers at that time indicated there were two 16-year-old boys with Proctor, who lived at 1109 Huff Rd., at the time of the shooting and that a high speed chase may have followed involving the Cadillac and a red pickup.

Authorities said they found Proctor slumped over inside the car in the 100 block of West Albert when they arrived in response to a 911 call shortly before midnight Christmas Eve. The car was askew in the west bound lane of Albert when officers arrived.

Investigators believe the actual shooting occurred several blocks from where the car was located when officers arrived.

Authorities centered their search on a red, extended cab pickup made by General Motors that may have been involved in the shooting.

Since that time, authorities have investigated a number of tips phoned into the police office, interviewed witnesses and other subjects on the case and collected evidence, but as yet no suspect has been arrested.

"We consider the case to be unsolved and are eager to see someone brought to account for this tragic and untimely death," Chief Morris said.

The continuing investigation has been a joint effort of the Pampa police with the 31st District Attorney's Office, Texas Rangers, the Gray County Sheriff's Office and others, the chief said.

His Last Days



Jesus, played by Richard Leger, is condemned by the crowd and sentenced to die on the cross in St. Vincent de Paul Church's total youth ministry portrayal of *His Last Days* in silhouette. The performance will be presented today, Palm Sunday, at 7 p.m. at St. Vincent's Church, 810 W. 23rd.

Lunar eclipse could include glimpse of Mars, comet

By The Associated Press

When the moon slips into Earth's shadow tonight, it will be only one performer in a unique celestial dance.

The lunar eclipse nearly coincides with the opposition of Mars, a time when the planet is directly opposite Earth from the sun. So as the eclipse progresses, the red planet will shine brightly above the sliver

of moon that remains visible.

And if that isn't enough, the moon's darkening will also bring up the lights of Comet Hale-Bopp as it hovers on the northwestern horizon.

To see this spectacle, simply step outside and look at the sky. Dark, isolated locales will provide a more impressive view, but the show won't be too shabby in light-polluted city skies either.

The complete spectacle also requires a nearly unobstructed view of the northwestern horizon, where some of the action will take place.

Things get started about 9 p.m. CST, when the moon enters the darkest part of Earth's shadow. Comet Hale-Bopp will slide down the northwestern sky as the eclipse goes on, winking below the horizon at 10 p.m. local time.

Calvary's Gift



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Phillip Bullard portrays fictional character Nicolas, who tells the story of Christ's last week on Earth in the Calvary Baptist Church production of *Calvary's Gift*. The show, which includes the Lord's Supper, miracles and Christ's arrest, crucifixion and resurrection, will be performed at 7 p.m. today at the church, 900 E. 23rd. Admission is free.

Greenspan urges lenders to exercise 'mild caution'

PHOENIX (AP) - Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan warned bankers on Saturday to review their lending practices and urged them to be cautious, giving another clue the Fed may be about to raise interest rates.

"Some modest underwriting laxity has a tendency to emerge during good times," Greenspan said in a speech to the Independent Bankers Association of America.

The Fed's Open Market Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday and, most analysts believe, will try to prevent inflation by increasing the benchmark rate banks charge each other for overnight loans by a quarter of a percentage point to 5.5 percent.

That probably would prompt banks to raise the prime rate charged their best business customers, now at 8.25 percent, raising borrowing costs for millions of businesses and consumers who pay rates tied to the prime.

Greenspan's previous warnings against "irrational exuberance" and "excessive optimism" in financial markets have been seen as an effort to prepare markets for the likelihood of higher interest rates. His remarks to bankers Saturday bolstered that interpretation.

The central bank chairman said he is cautioning bankers now because "mistakes in lending, after all are not generally made during recessions but when the economic outlook appears benevolent."

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Services tomorrow

WHITE, Addie Belle - 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, White Settlement.
WOLF, Rex R - 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

GLADYS RUTH HENRICKS
PORT HURON, Mich. - Gladys Ruth Hendricks, 86, mother of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at Port Huron Hospital. Services were held at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Goulden Memorial Chapel of Grace Episcopal Church with the Rev. Gary Hamp, of the church, officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery under the direction of Arthur Smith Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Hendricks was born May 19, 1910, at Bradshaw, Texas. She married Fred Hendricks on Jan. 3, 1930; he died in 1962. Her husband worked for Cabot Corporation and she retired from Ardens Dress Shop.
 Survivors include two daughters, Jean (Harold) Comer of Pampa and Charlotte (Frank) Bacon of Port Huron; a sister, Lois Paulsen of Slydell, La.; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

HELEN HELTON LOCKHART
CANADIAN - Helen Helton Lockhart, 83, died Thursday, March 20, 1997, following a lengthy illness. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Brad Walker officiating. Mrs. Lockhart's ashes will be placed in the Helton family plot. Arrangements are under the direction of Stickle-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Lockhart was born March 31, 1913, at Canadian. She attended West Texas State Teachers College, receiving a bachelor of science degree in education in 1937. She married Vincent Lockhart on June 5, 1938, at Canadian. She had lived in Saigon, Vietnam, from 1969-71 and in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and Bombay, India. She had resided in a number of American cities as well, including Washington, D.C., New York, N.Y., El Paso and Honolulu, Hawaii.

She was a homemaker and an avid quilter, organizing a crafts club in Vietnam and designing Christmas tree ornaments which were sold at a bazaar by the president's wife, Madame Thieu. After traveling to various parts of the world with her spouse, she returned to Canadian on Sept. 30, 1993, and took up residence in the Edward Abraham Memorial Home. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Canadian.

Survivors include her husband, Vincent, of Baptist Memorial in San Angelo; a son, William Welford Lockhart of Alamogordo, N.M.; a sister, Jo Riley of Canadian; a brother, Stephen Helton of California; a granddaughter, Melanie Croson of Virginia; and numerous nieces and nephews.
 The family requests memorials be to the Edward Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, TX 79014.

ADDIE BELLE WHITE
WHITE SETTLEMENT - Addie Belle White, 71, died Saturday, March 21, 1997, at Fort Worth. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Park under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home of Fort Worth.

Mrs. White had been a Fort Worth resident since 1950, residing in White Settlement most of her life. She worked for Bobby Malone Insurance Company in Fort Worth before operating Addie White Insurance Company in White Settlement. She was retired as an insurance agent and was a member of First Baptist Church of White Settlement.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Leroy R. White, of White Settlement; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherron Lee Pierce of Whitt; her mother, Minnie M. Phillips of White Settlement; a brother, George H. Phillips of Sherman; and two grandchildren, John Leslie Pierce and Donna Lee Bush, both of White Settlement; and four great-grandchildren.

REX R. WOLF
 Rex R. Wolf, 74, of Pampa, died Friday, March 21, 1997, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Pampa with Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wolf was born Oct. 14, 1922, at Bunker Hill, Kan. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1966. He married Vonna Critchlow on Nov. 8, 1947, in Russell, Kan. He worked for Getty Oil Co. as an area clerk for 44 years, retiring in 1986. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Air Corps, serving during World War II. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, where he was a member of the Winsome Sunday School Class and served on the Board of Trustees and the Administrative Board.

Survivors include his wife, Vonna, of the home; three daughters, Susan Munday of Oklahoma City, Okla., Marge Lemons of Austin and Barbara Bailey of Nashville, Tenn.; two sisters, Fern McDowell of Salina, Kan., and Lois Jean Starbuck of Great Bend, Kan.; and eight grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Clarification

In relation to a story about candidates for the upcoming city elections in Thursday's edition, according to state law, unopposed candidates in a municipal election can be reappointed into the positions without holding an election. The governing body of the election must approve a resolution reappointing all the candidates. In addition, there must be no write-in candidates who have declared their intention to run in the election by filing deadline.

Ambulance

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

FRIDAY, March 21
 7:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to 1300 block of North Starkweather on a lifting assistance.

9:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Mary Ellen on a medical and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

10:50 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

10:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Crane on a medical call.

2:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th Street on an injury. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

4:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a medical call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

7:21 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident and transported two patients to Columbia Medical Center.

7:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

10:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a respiratory distress call and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

SATURDAY, March 22
 3:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of North Nelson on a lifting assistance call.

Sheriff's Office

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

FRIDAY, March 21

Arrests
 Billy Ray Lee, 55, White Deer, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. He remains in custody.

Randall Kevin Eldridge, 33, Lefors, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief. He was released on bond.

Jerry Lee Hicks, 31, 1109 Varnon Dr., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. He remains in custody.

Joshue R. Vargas, 17, 853 S. Sumner, was arrested on three warrants. He remains in custody.

Patty Ann Trevino, 30, 933 S. Nelson, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. She remains in custody.

Ivan Dell Brandt, 32, 912 E. Brunow, was arrested on three capias warrants. He remains in custody.

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 Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

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

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

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

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
 The Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. Visitors are welcome.

TOP O' TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
 The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will meet from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at Furr's Cafeteria. Susan Triplehorn will be the guest speaker. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call Sammie Morris at 669-8018.

Police report

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

SATURDAY, March 22
 Theft of an unknown amount of groceries was reported at Frank's Grocery at 300 E. Brown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Francis. Approximately \$100 damage was done to window and locks.

Theft of a Honda dirt bike and a 15-speed bicycle was reported in the 300 block of North Wells.

Theft of a \$460 window cooler unit was reported in the 100 block of South Wilcox.

Pilot settlement delayed at least a week

WASHINGTON (AP) - Negotiators for American Airlines and two unions representing its pilots said Saturday they believe they have worked out key details on a proposed contract but will have to examine the fine print on paper to be sure.

In any case, the board of the Allied Pilots Association adjourned late Saturday and will meet again April 3-4, at a site to be determined, to go over final contract language.

The last sticking point in negotiations involving two separate pilots unions and the airline was over which pilots - those in the Allied Pilots Association or those in the Air Line Pilots Association - will fly new jets operated by American Eagle, American's commuter arm.

"My understanding is all that language is finalized," Capt. Wally Pitts, a spokesman for the APA, said Saturday evening.

However, neither Pitts nor others involved in the talks would provide details of the pending settlement. Pitts cautioned that nothing is final until the tentative deal is committed to actual contract language and reads the way individual negotiators visualized it.

He said it might be Monday before lawyers for all sides agree on exact language and present it to the two unions and the company.

Pitts said union rules require a seven-day delay between the time final contract language is drafted and when the union board can formally act on it.

"At that point, we'll be having extensive debate on these issues and it's difficult to say how long that debate will go on," Pitts said earlier in explaining the ratification process.

Eventually APA's 9,300 rank-and-file members will have to vote on the deal.

Sources familiar with the talks, who requested anonymity, said late Friday that the tentative settlement provides raises totaling 9 percent through 2001 and stock options. By the final year of the new contract, the company would end a second-tier wage scale adopted in the early 1980s.

Regional routes are a growth area for airlines, and American Airlines plans to replace the turboprops now used on commuter flights with 70- to 100-seat jets.

APA wants its pilots, who earn an average \$120,000 a year, to fly those jets, while AMR Corp., the airline's parent company, would rather see its 1,900 American Eagle pilots represented by ALPA in the cockpit. The American Eagle pilots earn an average \$35,000 annually.

The APA pilots struck on Feb. 15 after their contract expired, but President Clinton intervened only four minutes into the walk-out under terms of a federal law that ordered the pilots back to work while an emergency board worked on a proposed settlement.

Clinton renews veto threat for comp time bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - Aiming to trump Republicans in paycheck politics, President Clinton re-fired his threat to veto a GOP bill letting workers choose between overtime pay and time off.

The GOP's "comp time" bill, narrowly passed by the House last week, could lead to coercion and rob workers of due pay, Clinton contended.

"There are no effective safeguards to stop an employer from telling an employee who needs a paycheck more than family time that he or she has no choice," Clinton said Saturday in his weekly radio address, his sole order of business for the day.

The president, who returned late Friday from the U.S.-Russian summit in Finland and is still recovering from knee surgery, planned nothing but private time at the White House during the weekend.

Clinton and congressional Republicans agree in concept that workers should be able to choose compensatory time off instead of pay for overtime work.

But the president, who asked for what he called a "flexitime law" during his re-election campaign, supports a Democratic alternative bill addressing labor unions' fears of coercion by management. He also wants an expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act to give workers three unpaid days off a year for family obligations.

"Let's pass comp time legislation, but let's do it right," the president said.

The issue - framed as a way to give working parents more time with their children - has been a top priority of Congress' Republican majority as it looks for ways to build its party's appeal among working women. Those women, almost a third of the electorate, handed 57 percent of their votes to Democratic House candidates last year.

Clinton sought Saturday to undercut Republicans on the "pro-family" front, arguing that the GOP plan "could actually leave working families worse off than today."

He warned Speaker Newt Gingrich of his veto intent in a letter last week and reiterated Saturday: "I will have to veto any legislation that fails to guarantee real choice for employees (and) real protection against employer abuse."

The president vetoed a similar bill when it crossed his desk last year.

Fires

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

FRIDAY, March 21
 10:54 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to 1044 Crane on a medical assist.

7:15 p.m. - Three units and six personnel responded to the 500 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident.

SATURDAY, March 22
 8:05 a.m. - One unit and six personnel responded to the Household Hazardous Waste Day at Hobart Street Park.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Today, sunny and warm with a high near 80 and southwesterly winds 15-25 mph. Tonight, fair with a low near 50. Monday, sunny with a high near 80 with a chance for evening thunder-showers. Saturday's high was 67.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Today, considerable high cloudiness and becoming windy and warmer. Highs in low to mid 70s. Tonight, considerable high cloudiness and breezy. Lows 40 to 50. Monday, mostly cloudy and windy. A slight chance of evening and nighttime showers or thunderstorms. Highs 70 to 75. South Plains: Today, partly cloudy and windy. Highs upper 70s to mid 80s. Tonight, partly

cloudy. Lows from upper 40s to low 50s. Monday, partly to mostly cloudy. A slight chance of afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms, mainly over the low rolling plains. Highs in the 70s.

North Texas - Today, increasing clouds west, partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs 75 to 80. Tonight, mostly cloudy west and central, partly cloudy east. Lows in the 50s.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers. Lows near 60. Upper Coast: Today, mostly cloudy early, then partly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Lows near 60 inland, mid 60s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio

Grande Plains: Today, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Partly cloudy to cloudy-late. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers. Lows in mid 60s coast, near 60 inland.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Today, increasing cloudiness west with mostly fair skies east. Breezy most section. Warmer east. Highs in upper 50s to mid 70s mountains and north with 70s to low 80s south. Tonight, partly cloudy west with a few late night showers northwest. Increasing cloudiness east. Lows mid 20s to 30s mountains, with mid 30s to near 50 elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Today, partly cloudy. Highs mostly 70s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows from mid 40s to low 50s.

City briefs

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LAKE HOUSE 14x80 trailer with deck at Sandspur Lake. Owner will carry part of note. 665-6214. Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of Spring and Easter flags and windsocks are in at Celebrations, 1617 N. Hobart, 665-3100 Adv.

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ORDER YOUR Easter Cakes from BBS/TCBY. 665-4026. Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of bedding plants, hanging baskets, windchimes and planters at Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 E. Adv.

MOVING ON UP. Judy Howard and Tammy Russell formerly employed at Tammy's Cut-Ups can now be reached at Song's Salon, 665-4343. Adv.

SCHNEIDER HOUSE Apartments - 120 S. Russell and Pam Apartments - 1200 N. Wells, 669-2594, 1-2 bedroom apartments for senior citizens. Adv.

PROMISE KEEPERS for information on how you can attend "Stand in the Gap" in Washington, D.C., October 4, 1997, call Kevin at 669-1438. Adv.

MONDAYS ONLY 2-5 p.m. Meals on Wheels Garage Sale Collection and Silent Auction. Pampa Mall - south end, 669-1007. Adv.

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

READ ME! \$2 off 8 lbs, \$4 off 20 lbs. IAMS cat food. This week only. Circle C, 203 W. Brown, 665-1142. Adv.

FIRST BAPTIST Church Ladies' Christian based Aerobics Classes offered: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:30 a.m. and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:15 p.m. Call 665-2031 or 669-1155 for information. Adv.

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

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

THE VFW 1657 Socials will be discontinued until further notice. Adv.

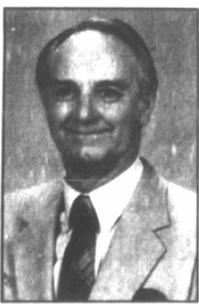
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Justice official blasts some FBI lab work on Oklahoma bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A draft Justice Department report concludes that an FBI lab supervisor made unscientific conclusions biased in favor of the prosecution in the Oklahoma City bombing case, an individual familiar with the report said Saturday.

But this supervisor was dropped in January from the government's list of planned expert witnesses for the trial which begins later this month. Instead, prosecutors plan to call another lab expert who has not been subject to such criticisms and has been praised even by the lab's critics.

While defendant Timothy McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, has attacked the lab's work and threatened to make it a major issue in the trial, prosecutors have expressed confidence that they can make their case without relying on any questionable lab findings.

In a draft report completed in January, the Justice Department inspector general was critical of the work of David Williams, a supervisor in the lab's

explosives unit, who was in overall charge of evidence-gathering at the bombed Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Shortly after receiving a copy of the draft report, the FBI transferred Williams and two other lab supervisors to other work. Discipline for them will depend on the inspector general's final report, which the government told a federal court will not be completed until at least the week of April 7 or possibly the week of April 15.

The draft report said several of Williams' findings were scientifically insupportable and reflected a bias in favor of the prosecutors' theory of the case, according to a source familiar with this section of the report, who demanded anonymity.

Justice Department officials have sent other parts of the inspector general's report to prosecutors in 50 federal and state cases around the nation because the findings might tend to clear defendants and thus may have to be turned over to their lawyers.

Forensic evidence — about the explosion, the Ryder rental truck that apparently carried the bomb, and other matters — is an important element of the case against McVeigh and Terry Nichols, accused in the April 1995 bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500. McVeigh's trial begins March 31 in Denver; Nichols will be tried later.

Prosecutors said in January that instead of Williams they would call as an expert explosives witness Steve Burmeister, an FBI lab analyst against whom no such allegations have been made. Burmeister also worked on the evidence in the case.

An investigation of the crime lab practices began in 1996 following complaints from FBI chemist and whistle-blower Frederic Whitehurst.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the inspector general's draft singled out Williams for extensive criticism but also was critical of James T. "Tom" Thurman, chief of the lab's explosives unit, and Roger Martz, chief of the chemistry unit. Thurman

and Martz were the other two lab managers transferred to other work by the FBI in January.

The Associated Press has learned that allegations of unscientific conclusions by Williams and sloppy work by Martz were made to the inspector general by several federal agents involved in the Oklahoma City investigation. Whitehurst alleged the conclusions were biased in favor of prosecutors.

The draft report said Williams' conclusions on the bomb's weight and triggering device were not necessarily based on evidence from the scene, but from additional evidence found at the defendants' property, such as receipts, thus swaying his analysis toward the prosecution, the Times said.

Among Williams' scientifically insupportable conclusions was the kind of fuse he said was used in the blast, according to the Times account of the report. Williams concluded that a 3-foot burning fuse was used after viewing a videotape taken two minutes and 15 seconds before the blast of the Ryder truck supposedly used in the explosion.

Clinton, Yeltsin disagree on membership of NATO

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Saturday acknowledged his failure in winning President Clinton's promise that no former Soviet republic will ever be allowed to join NATO.

"Not everything went smoothly during the talks yesterday," Yeltsin said at a news conference. "We could not come to an agreement on several questions, such as the former Soviet nations not joining NATO."

However, he said the partnership between the United States and Russia must endure and be strengthened "for the sake of our people, the safety of Europe and the entire world."

Russia has managed to win other concessions from Clinton, notably the promise that NATO's nuclear weapons and conventional forces will not move eastward when the alliance accommodates former Soviet satellites in Central and Eastern Europe.

But Russia will have to tolerate the fact of expansion, which it bitterly opposes. Moscow also is concerned that NATO might eventually take in some former Soviet republics, notably the Baltics — which are constantly voicing their eagerness to join.

Yeltsin promised Saturday to guarantee the security of the

Baltic republics to "remove the concerns of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania about Russia repeating what has happened several decades ago" when they were annexed by the Soviet Union.

While they got nearly nowhere on NATO, Clinton and Yeltsin agreed to slash their nuclear arsenals at a summit both sides declared a success.

"What happened yesterday was a breakthrough," Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov said in Helsinki on Saturday, noting that many thorny questions were resolved.

The presidents agreed to secure passage of the START II nuclear-missile treaty in the Russian parliament, a longtime goal of the U.S. administration, and pledged that they will go even further.

Asked whether the lower house of parliament finally would pass it, Yeltsin tersely answered, "I believe that the State Duma will make a decision based on my advice."

But he will have to do it over the opposition of the Communist Party, the largest bloc in the Duma. Communist chief Genady Zyuganov claimed that Yeltsin was "guilty of completely betraying the national interests of the country."

Russian critics say the treaty is a bad deal that was accepted out of weakness. It sets a warhead limit of 3,500 on each side, down from pre-treaty levels of about 8,000, strips Russia of its most powerful weapon, the SS-18 missile, and forces it to build new missiles it cannot afford.



(Pampa News photo by Diana F. Dandridge)

White Deer senior Becky Kaler receives the scholarship certificate from Wal-Mart manager Ron Lucero. The \$1,000 scholarship will help Kaler get through Texas Christian University, where she will major in elementary education and psychology.

White Deer senior receives scholarship from Wal-Mart

Rebecca Kaler, a senior at White Deer High School, is being helped on her way through college with the help of Wal-Mart and Sam Walton's Community Leader Award Program.

Kaler, who plans on attending Texas Christian University and majoring in elementary education and psychology, has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Wal-Mart Stores scholarship program.

"I've always wanted to be a teacher and help people, so this is the best way I can think of, to do just that," said Kaler.

Kaler will spend her summer working at a day care center in Fort Worth and getting some practical experience before starting her freshman year at TCU.

This is only one of the more than 2,000 scholarships being awarded to deserving college bound students across the nation.

The scholarship was awarded based on the student's academic performance and involvement in school and community activities. The applications were reviewed by a team of qualified judges, consisting of local business and community leaders who are not affiliated with the program.

Ron Lucero, the local store manager, said, "A college education is so critical to success and opportunity in life. We like to reward students who choose to excel and move forward with their educational goals."

"Wal-Mart supports community members' educational pursuits through scholarships and contributions to school," said David Glass, president and CEO. "If there is a constant to our community involvement, it is that we encourage education and higher learning."

91 years old and still working

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With 66 years on the job with only one absence, 91-year-old Arthur Winston's imprint on his workplace is unique. To recognize that, his bosses named the place after him.

Winston was honored Friday by about 150 co-workers and friends at a dedication ceremony renaming a Metropolitan Transit Authority bus yard in his honor.

The man who was born in Oklahoma before it was officially recognized as a state said he's not

likely to retire any time soon.

"If you ain't got other hobbies, like golfing or playing tennis or something else, you go home and sit in the chair and you freeze up," Winston said. "So I know that, and I'm not ready for that yet."

It's the first time any MTA division yard has been named after an employee, MTA spokesman Jim Smart said, adding that Winston's only missed day of work was an excused absence.

"That was the day his wife died," Smart said.

Columbia Medical Center to hold diabetes screening

On Tuesday, March 25, Columbia Medical Center of Pampa and Columbia Homecare Pampa join hundreds of Columbia hospitals across the country to help support the American Diabetes Association's largest diabetes screening and education campaign conducted to date.

American Diabetes Alert is a one-day, nationwide screening and education campaign, designed to identify the nearly eight million undiagnosed diabetics.

With the help of more than 300 Columbia hospitals, the ADA expects to screen and identify thousands more people than last year.

The screenings are important because more than one half of the 16 million diabetics are undiagnosed. Diabetics either do not produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone necessary for proper blood sugar levels.

Diabetes, the fourth-leading cause of death by disease in the United States, if untreated can lead to blindness, kidney disease, amputation, heart disease, stroke and death.

Diabetes, when diagnosed early, can be controlled by diet, exercise and medication.

Symptoms of diabetes, often appearing gradually, include excessive thirst, blurred vision,

frequent urination, unusual tiredness, unexplained weight loss, frequent skin, gum and bladder infections, and numbness in the hands and feet.

People who are over the age of 45, overweight, sedentary, with a family history of diabetes or who gave birth to a baby that weighed more than nine pounds are at risk for developing diabetes.

African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are included in the highest at risk group.

The screenings, information and referrals are free and participants should follow a normal routine prior to the tests.

Screening in Pampa will be Tuesday, March 25, at Columbia Medical Center, Medical Office Building North, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; the Pampa Senior Citizens, 500 W. Francis, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; FirstBank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Alco, Coronado Center, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Thursday, March 27, the screenings will be at the Schneider House Apartments, 120 S. Russell, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Pam Apartments, 1200 N. Wells, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Southside Senior Citizens, 438 W. Crawford, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on local screenings, call 1-800-COLUMBIA.

City upset at church feeding meters

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Feeling expired meters isn't the type of evangelism that city parking supervisor Ray Scott wants to see from churchgoers.

For the past year, some members of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship church were feeding quarters into downtown parking meters that had expired.

They would leave a small card under the windshield that reads: "Your meter looked hungry — so we fed it! We hope this small gift

brings some light into your day (and saves you a ticket!)"

It was part of a program the Rev. Arty Hart describes as "servant evangelism."

"The perception in our culture is that the church always has its hand out," Hart said. "We like people to see our hands outstretched demonstrating God's love."

Scott said he was unaware of the program, and said the members should stop because they are violating city ordinances.

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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

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Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

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Lying in the name of art ...

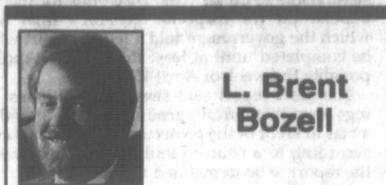
Broadcast television producers like Steven Bochco will tell you that because they have to compete with no-holds-barred cable fare, their shows have to include ever increasing quantities of rough language, sex and even nudity. True enough, the raunchier the program, the more appealing it will be to society's lowbrows. Any sense of guilt for the harmful impact this has on an impressionable audience is lost. How else to explain Married ... With Children being on the air for ten years?

Also lost on some of Hollywood's mavens is the responsibility to tell the truth.

This explains why Dick Wolf, executive producer of Fox's police drama New York Undercover, aired two absurd conspiracy-oriented episodes, based on lies and slanders, during the February sweeps period. The wild accusations of Christic Institute and October Surprise zealots have long since been disproven, the radical-left agendas of their proponents exposed. Now Wolf, in the best Oliver Stone tradition, is regurgitating some of them all over again.

The Jan. 30 episode opens with a shot of laboratory workers, all of them black, sifting white powder - crack cocaine - and filling vials with it. (One worker, visibly pregnant, is shown smoking the stuff in a bathroom stall.) Police raid the drug lab. They arrest a small-timer, who leads them to Freddie James, who according to a police lieutenant "controls half the crack in Harlem." After being arrested himself, James divulges the name of his supplier: The CIA.

One detective is skeptical of James' story, but another finds it plausible: "My fathers own squad lied about the way he died. So, if you're asking me if I have a problem trusting the government, the answer is yes." Later, James is found dead in his cell. It appears to be a suicide, but it transpires that



L. Brent Bozell

he was murdered. The CIA has exacted its revenge.

Suddenly, the federal government takes the case away from the NYPD - after all, what's a good show without a government cover-up? A white cop is furious with his black partner for his seeming indifference toward this turn of events, to which the partner sarcastically replies, "Oh, yeah, the CIA is bringing crack into Harlem and I'm ecstatic about that. My son can hardly walk down the street without being approached by some dealer or tripping over a crackhead." The white cop counters that it "doesn't mean our own damn government should be letting someone bring the crap in." And there you have it. The possibility that the allegations of CIA drug complicity are bogus is no longer worthy of discussion. CIA drug dealing is now fact.

But since truth is not a requirement, why stop there? We also learn that James was in possession of Israeli-made assault weapons - courtesy of the CIA, we presume - and that he employed Renaldo, a Nicaraguan "security consultant," to train his bodyguards. When a detective calls Renaldo's nation "Iran-ContraLand," Renaldo responds, "We're more than just some footnote to your country's scandals."

New York Undercover was back with an equally ugly installment on Feb. 20. The opening scene juxtaposes audio of a Martin Luther King speech with footage of some very official-looking men in a motel room. One loads a rifle. Another lights a cigarette. His lighter is marked "Department of Justice." The last sound in the scene is a gunshot.

Cut to the present, where two detectives discover "proof" that the FBI plotted to kill King. One says, "I knew (J. Edgar) Hoover wasn't a fan of his, but ..." A former black activist claims that a man once contacted him, offering documentation of such a conspiracy; the documentation never appeared and the man was found dead under mysterious circumstances. A "Washington insider" tells detectives that the feds rubbed out King because he "had the power to bring black and white together. A lot of us were threatened by that." Etc., etc., etc.

Why is Wolf producing this poison, and why is Fox broadcasting it? The answer is both sociological and economic. Blacks are far more prone to believe these two conspiracy theories than are whites. Fox airs New York Undercover, which has a multiracial cast, opposite Seinfeld, which appeals mostly to whites. It's called counterprogramming, and it's working: New York Undercover, despite being in the bottom third of the Nielsen's overall, is the second-most-watched series in black households.

It makes perfect sense to air this nonsense once you abandon the pesky standards of truth, intellectual integrity and corporate responsibility. The Big Lie lives in Hollywood, where there's another name for it - art. I'm inclined to believe that when the wise man said, "The problem with capitalism is capitalists," he had persons like Wolf in mind.

Opinion

'Everybody does it' excuse not worthy

"Solicitor in chief" was the nickname the Democratic National Committee gave Vice President Al Gore, who helped raise \$40 million in "soft money" cash for the Democratic Party to parcel out to candidates.

Gore has admitted that some of the fundraising was done from his government office. "On a few occasions, I made some telephone calls from my office the White House using a DNC credit card."

"My (legal) counsel advises me there is no controlling legal authority or case that says there was any violation of law whatsoever in the manner in which I asked people to contribute to our reelection campaign," he said. "I am proud of what I did."

Citizens should find two points of outrage here: Federal law prohibits campaign activities of any kind in or from government buildings and, the nation's top leaders increasingly appear to have behaved in a manner that sharply distinguishes this case from one that could be explained away by over-zealous underlings or a one time misstep.

The White House was aware of fundraising rules, as outlined in a 1995 Democratic campaign memo by Abner Mikva, then-White House Counsel and a former federal judge. If Judge Mikva had known about the phone solicitations from government property, he "sure as hell would have been upset about it and we would have put a stop to it. Any Philadelphia lawyer knows you don't raise money in a government building," he stated recently.

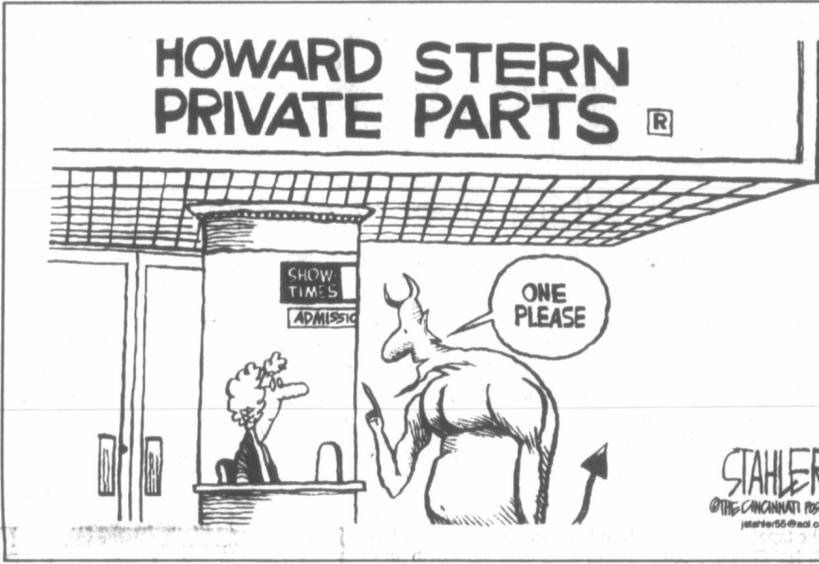
The Clinton administration is adopting an "everybody does it" defense. It is true that past administrations and both Democrats and Republicans in Congress have strained the letter of the law in the quest for one more seat, one more win.

But, "They really turned the White House into a fund-raising assembly line," notes Paul Hendie, communications director of the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics. "Also, the personal involvement of the president and vice president seems to be greater than in previous administrations."

"It's similar to what's happening on Capitol Hill. Both parties in Congress ... have retreats where big donors have direct access to the lawmakers to talk about legislation that affects their interests. That may explain why there may be some reluctance in Congress to have a thorough investigation."

But a thorough investigation by Congress is just what is needed. And Attorney General Janet Reno should see that the evidence is growing, surely enough to appoint a special investigator.

Citizens in all parties have a right to know in whose interest their government telephones, buildings and other facilities were used. And they have a right to see a fuller picture of the ethics of an administration that seems to know the price of everything and, increasingly, the value of nothing.



The Consumer Price Index hoax

Charley Reese

The Wall Street sharks who tell Bill Clinton, an Arkansas salesman, how high to jump in financial and tax matters are trying to rape the American people under the guise of "adjusting" the Consumer Price Index.

First, they had a panel of hotshot economists claim that the index is faulty and overstates inflation by as much as one percent. Then they get dumb journalists to keep repeating the lie that adjusting the index would result in \$1 trillion in "savings."

The lie is in the use of the word "savings." To save is to refrain from spending money you already have. The \$1 trillion they are talking about would come from additional future taxes levied on working men and women and from reductions in future payments that Congress would otherwise be obligated to make to people receiving Social Security and/or other federal pensions.

Taxes would be raised by bumping people up into higher income brackets. After a hard fight in the Reagan administration, the tax rates were indexed for inflation. The sharks want to narrow the measure of inflation, thus making it easier for people to get bumped into higher tax brackets.

The cost-of-living adjustments for pensions and social security would simply be reduced because they are based on the index. That's where that trillion bucks will come from straight out of the pockets of working and retired Americans. That is not a savings; "rip-off" would be a better word.

In short, fiddling with the Consumer Price Index is just a con job to raise taxes and cut Social Security while blaming it on the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Clinton administration instigated the scheme, and the point man appears to be Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

Greenspan wants a bunch of political appointees - he calls them experts - to reduce arbitrarily the Bureau of Labor Statistics' index figures. Of course, he claims that would be a correction, but that is a load of horse apples, which you will see clearly once I explain the index.

These characters are claiming that the index overstates inflation because it fails to take into account that people who can no longer afford to buy beef will switch to chicken. That's the tip-off that it's a con job. Following that logic, then the American people could reduce inflation to zero simply by eating grass and drinking puddle water.

The Consumer Price Index is not a measure of people's buying habits. It is a measurement and comparison of the prices of goods and services. The price of beef is the price of beef whether I buy it or not. The index is a measure of the price of

beef today compared to the price of beef at an earlier time.

Here's the official definition by the BLS: "The Consumer Price Index is the ratio of the cost of a particular series of consumer items now to the cost of the same series of items at some set time in the past (the base or reference period)."

The index is based on a sample of actual prices of goods and services grouped under seven major categories: food and beverages, shelter and fuels, apparel and upkeep, transportation, medical services, entertainment and "other goods and services." There are a total of 382 separate items that are priced for the index (including chicken, by the way.)

These prices are obtained from 21,000 retail establishments and 60,000 housing units. In fact, the BLS is almost continually adjusting the index to reflect reality. It publishes two national indexes and a number of regional indexes.

Greenspan claims the probability is 100% that the Consumer Price Index is off by 1 percent to 1.1 percent. I say the probability is zero that the index is off and that the probability that Greenspan is wrong is 100 percent. I say that based on the record of past performance: The Bureau of Labor Statistics has a high degree of credibility, and Greenspan has a low degree of credibility. He's made so many wrong predictions he ought to trade his college degree for a crystal ball and a headband.

Defending a scandal prone leader

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

How does that old line go again - "He may be a son of a bitch, but he's our son of a bitch"? Is it such logic that explains why so many Democrats stand quietly by their scandal prone president? But one would not call him a son of a bitch. Rather, one might say, "He may be a liar, but he's our liar." Or "He may be a libertine, but he's our libertine." Or "He may be a cheat, but he's our cheat." Or "He may be a coward, but he's our coward." Or "He may be an arrested adolescent, but he's our adolescent." Or ...

But enough. The president of the United States embodies as many moral failings as your average petty crook. If he had not become a successful politician, he might now be living in a minimum security prison - say, the one that his friend Webb Hubbell just emerged from or the one his friends Jim Guy Tucker and James McDougal are headed for.

It is not as though the deceptions over campaign finance and the lies about Chinese spies and gun merchants in the White House are something new. Clinton and his lovely wife, Hillary Milhous Clinton, have been embroiled in lies and deceptions from their first hours on the national scene. Remember the draft? He never was drafted. Oh, OK, he might have been, but he never got an induction letter. Oh, OK, he got two, but he got into an ROTC program. Well, actually, he didn't. He volunteered for the draft. Oh, those troublesome statements by ancient friends from Arkansas and by the aged ROTC instructor? Well, the campaign has to move on.

It did move on. Sooth, Clinton was backing and filing over whether he smoked marijuana. He did not. He did on one occasion, but he did not inhale.

(A few days ago, during his impudent interview on drug use with the prissy Peter Jennings, Clinton revised these lies again, admitting to marijuana use "a couple of times.") Four years later, there were the charges that he used cocaine in the 1980s. Outrageous! Beneath comment! But there are witnesses, and why not just release your medical records? We have! Well, we released information. Well, it is time to move on.

And Hillary Milhous' record of lies and deceptions is almost as stupefying. In the campaign, the foul ex-Gov. Jerry Brown linked her law practice to work she did for her husband's government. Beyond conflict of interest charges, Brown linked her to the looting of the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan. Indignation! "If somebody jumps on my wife, I'm going to jump them back," candidate Clinton whined. And Hillary Milhous pouted, "For goodness sake, you can't be a lawyer if you don't represent banks." Then there was the Miracle of the Cattle Futures. And the White House press conference wherein she lied about that, \$100,000 pay off and about the removal of documents from the deceased Vince Fosters office. And forget not Travelgate and Databasegate and FBI Filegate.

Now, here we are in 1997. The president never knew about fundraising in the White House. Well, there are documents that reveal he did and that, in fact, he recommended it. Well, he did not consid-

er the meetings in the White House on golf courses and on Air Force One to be fundraisers. And what about the \$400,000 payoff of the disgraced Webb Hubbell back in 1994 after he left the Justice department and before he pled guilty? The president knew nothing about the money going to friend Hubbell, though it came from such friends as the Riadys of the Lippo group. Oh, OK, now we find out that he did know about such money, but the White House declares, "The president never asked or suggested that anyone hire Webb Hubbell." And what about the FBI's reports to Clinton's NSC that Communist China was pouring money into the 1996 campaign to influence the election? Naturally, the president knew nothing - and, by the way, he now refers to China as a "former" communist country. But it is a totalitarian state that still calls itself a people's republic. Well, let us move on.

Neither of the Clintons has much contact with reality. That explains their ceaseless conflicts with the truth. They and the cronies they brought from Arkansas have created in Washington a culture of lies and lying beyond anything their prevaricating predecessors in Washington politics ever attempted. Think back: Has there ever been anything quite like the Clintons in Washington? Compute the number of scandals now swirling around the administration. It is conceivable that the Clintons now spend about as much time planning their defenses as they do governing the country. And there is more trouble ahead. This president is going to face impeachment proceedings. Ironically, his wife, back in 1974, had a hand in drawing up the grounds for these very same proceedings.

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Letters to the editor

Still waiting for justice

To the editor:

I'm Thelma Faggett, a grandmother, a grieving grandmother that has lost my grandson, Richard Proctor, which all of you should know by now who he is or was, whom I have had since birth until his death at 18 years old.

There was an article in a newspaper that stated that Richard might have been killed due to drugs. The statement was by Assistant District Attorney Tracey Jennings, whom I have never met. No drugs were found on him or in the car at the time of his death, and Richard didn't have a car, the car belonged to another person.

I am very unhappy with this so-called justice system here in Pampa. In a city of millions, someone was caught in the case of Bill Cosby's son, while we wait for one Pampa soul to come forward and admit that my grandson's killer will meet the same deserved justice. Grandmothers everywhere in the city, I wish you never have to share my feelings, because this is a living Hell!

Thank You, Friend says the sign; Bill Cosby's never lived in Los Angeles. I've lived most of my life here and I'm still waiting for my (Thelma Ann Faggett) sign. I have no \$100,000. What I have is as much love for Richard as any person that has been hurt.

I have been made to feel that my child is nothing. If you owe me anything, you owe me the motherly feeling that my son is as important as your child or children.

It was my grandson this time. It might be yours next time. The night my grandson was killed, I was told that it was a white male, early 20s, who was driving a red Dodge 4x4 or red Chevy 4x4, and name starts with a J and ends with an H.

Thelma Faggett
Pampa

Some facts on helmet bill

To the editor:

The Texas Senate has tentatively passed a bill to allow motorcyclists to ride without a helmet if the rider has a personal insurance policy of at least \$10,000. Also, if the rider has an accident with head injuries,

the rider will not be eligible for State Rehabilitation services that are available to anyone else in the state.

This is just another example of the people making the rules being completely ignorant of the facts. We are told that 63 percent of bike riders don't have personal medical insurance. They didn't bother to tell us that 67 percent of automobile drivers have no medical insurance. Is omission of facts just a "little white lie"?

The biggest problems with the rules to start with is that the helmet manufacturers and the Department of Transportation have put out a lot of misinformation and lies about the importance of helmets. The DOT allows their credentials to be posted on helmets that the manufacturers make and test without DOT participation. It is a lobbyist's dream. We are not told that helmets cause numerous neck and spinal injuries, that they block side vision, that they eliminate noise needed for safe riding, that they are heavy and extremely hot.

All riders should contact their senator to have the provisions removed and contact their representatives in the house to resist this farce when the House votes, which will be soon.

Thanks for listening.
Dave McKnight
Pampa

Curb repairs appreciated

To the editor:

We just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to the City of Pampa for the drainage repairs being done in the 100 block of West Kingsmill.

They said they were going to do it because the water is damaging the curb. But it was also damaging several small businesses. When our customers found a lake in front of us, they took their business somewhere else and sometimes out of town.

So we are glad the curbs will be repaired because that will benefit the businesses, and that benefits our entire community. And besides, the fishing was never very good anyway.

And a special thanks to Ken Miller and the work crew from the Jordan Unit who were out there every day relaying our precious

bricks. We never realized how tedious it could be until we watched them, but they did it and did a great job. These men were always polite and courteous and we appreciate the work they did.

Susan Roberson, Cindy Graves
and the crew at The Gift Box
Pampa

Patent system in danger

To the editor:

We are living in momentous times. Our patent system, which has served us well for over 200 years, is under fire in Congress, and we, the inventors of America, are trying to generate support to retain the system as it is.

The bill now under consideration refers to "Harmonization." Harmonizing with what, is the important question. It is being pushed by over 300 multi-national corporations and Japan.

If the bill passes as written, 18-months out, one's drawings and description will be exposed to the world, and the patent will not have yet been granted.

This is most destructive and unfair. The inventors and entrepreneurs have made this country what it is, and the new bill will destroy this. It is for this purpose our meetings are seeking to meet this challenge.

We wish to thank you for continuing to inform your readers of our meetings.

Wayne Fruett
Amarillo Inventors Association
Media Director

Thanks for the great care

To the editor:

On Feb. 3 I had major surgeries at Columbia Medical Hospital. I received 110 percent care and treatment from everyone involved from Dr. Mohan and his staff, all the nurses and the CNA's.

I want to say thank you to each of you for your loving care. May God bless each one of you as he has me.

Helen Ann Cook
Pampa

Safety officials outraged by cuts in National Hurricane Center staff

MIAMI (AP) — Outraged by a 25 percent staff cut at the National Hurricane Center, state officials are predicting dire consequences for the public and another busy year after record, back-to-back storm seasons.

"It's criminal," said Billy Wagner, emergency management director for the Florida Keys. "I can't believe that they can't understand ... the chance of losing many lives in a rapidly-developing system."

The cutbacks at the nation's leading tropical weather forecast

agency are needed to meet a \$27.5 million budget reduction mandated by Congress, National Weather Service Director Joe Friday said in Washington, D.C.

"This is a difficult time," Friday said, insisting the service will still support "the essential ingredients of the warning system in this country."

Twelve of 50 jobs will be lost through retirements and layoffs, requiring less-frequent updates of developing tropical weather systems, although managers said they will bring in workers on

overtime when hurricanes threaten the United States.

"That's sort of like saying we'll have one person at the fire station," said Bob Sheets, a former director of the center, "and if a fire breaks out, we'll see if we can get enough people in."

The center's experts track storms from their swirling ocean births via satellite, interpret complex computer simulations, and consult with state officials on coastal evacuations in advance of hurricane landfalls.

Elsewhere, the agency is trim-

ming staff at a severe storm center in Oklahoma, closing a regional headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, and eliminating many Washington staff, totaling about 200 jobs nationwide.

State officials say they won't take the cuts sitting down. "We never give up in Florida, and we intend to press our perspective," said April Herrle, a spokeswoman for Gov. Lawton Chiles.

Chiles may travel to Washington this week in an effort to reverse the decision, possibly meeting with Commerce

Secretary William Daley.

Managers at the center are planning for the storm season that begins June 1. But the fear is that the 1997 season will mark another year of increased storm activity.

"In 1995, we had 21 consecutive days of double-manning," said Frank LePore, a spokesman for the center. "It's a more real and likely danger, a period in which you ran your people into the ground."

"That's when you have to call in the cavalry," he said.

Video triggers flood of calls to governor

HOUSTON (AP) — A videotape in which conservative State Board of Education members discuss their fears of a federal takeover of education has triggered a flurry of calls to the governor's office, according to a published report.

The Houston Chronicle reported Saturday that Gov. George W. Bush's office received more than 1,600 phone calls over five days from Texans who saw the tape, which the newspaper obtained on Friday.

The 45-minute videotape was recorded Feb. 26 at the Eagle Mountain International Church, a nondenominational congregation near Fort Worth, the Chronicle reported.

Board members Donna Ballard and Richard Neill are shown discussing their worries that the Texas Education Agency, with the approval of some state leaders, is allowing public education to be radicalized.

The tape was produced six days before a March 4 board meeting at which Ms. Ballard, Neill and the board's four other conservatives complained that social engineering, "outcome-based" education and national

education standards were creeping into state education policy.

A message from John Stepanovich, deputy director of the American Center for Law and Justice, which was founded by televangelist Pat Robertson, is included on the tape.

It ends with Jeff Fisher, executive director of the Texas Christian Coalition, imploring viewers to call the governor's office. Viewers apparently have acted on the plea.

The governor's ombudsman received 1,637 calls on the issue by March 4. It was one of the heaviest responses Bush's office has received on any topic, said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan.

In two weeks, Bush's office logged 2,983 phone calls on curriculum, Goals 2000 and school-to-work proposals — topics addressed by Ballard and Neill in the videotape. All but four of the calls opposed the issues, accord-

ing to a summary of the calls provided by the governor's office.

"We believe most of those (calls) were generated by the videotape and concerns about education," Sullivan said.

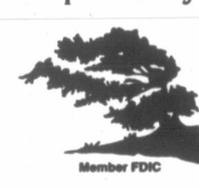
While it's unclear who produced or paid for the tape, it has strong ties to Fort Worth-area television evangelist Kenneth Copeland.

Ballard said she was invited to speak to the church meeting by Sandy Onks, a personal assistant to Marty Copeland at Kenneth Copeland Ministries. Ms. Onks said she does not know who produced the tape and does not know if her employer paid for it.

Sullivan said the governor's staff assured callers that Bush is dedicated to local control of education issues.

"We agree with the callers who said that education should be decided on a local level," Sullivan said.

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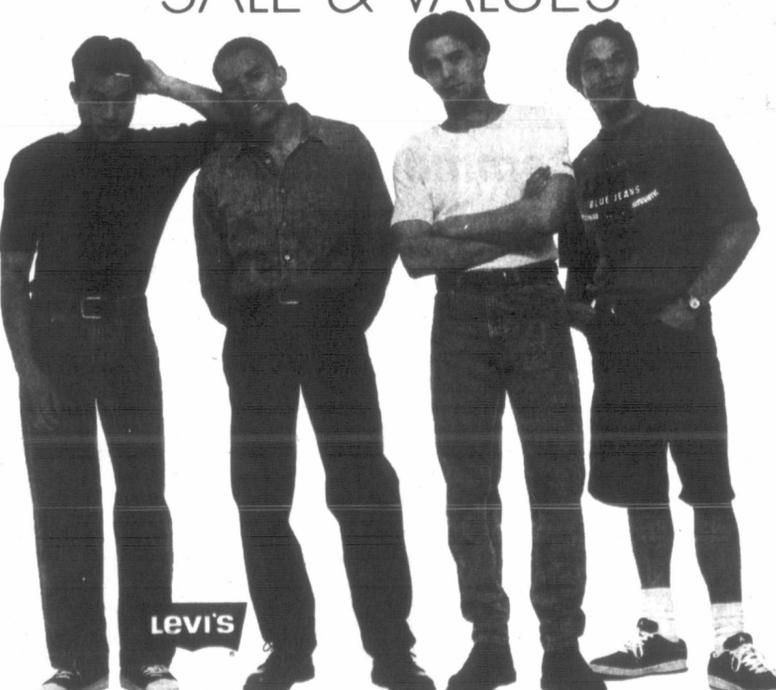
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BUSINESS

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Small business problems

Recently, a friend of mine who owns his own business was telling me about some of the problems he was having. He said his business reminded him of the old Everly Brothers' tune titled *Problems*. The lyrics are: "Problems, problems, problems all day long. Will my problems work out right or wrong? Worries, worries pile upon my head. Woe is me, I should have stayed in bed."

Most of us have had a few days like that. It certainly isn't getting any easier to be in business today. Competition is increasing, technology is exploding and good employees are getting harder to find and keep. Throw in a few other obstacles such as finicky customers, government paperwork and skyrocketing costs and you're going to have some stressful days and nights.

My discussion of business problems with my friend was still fresh in my mind when I received a publication from The National Federation of Independent Business. The study is titled, "Small Business Problems and Priorities." I read it with a great deal of interest. The purpose of the study was to allow small business owners to assess the relative importance of potential problems.

The survey said

Based on the responses of more than 3,400 NFIB members and small-business owners the ten most severe challenges for small businesses today are: 1) The cost of health insurance, 2) Federal taxes on business income, 3) Worker's compensation costs, 4) Unreasonable government regulations, 5) FICA (Social Security taxes), 6) property taxes/rent costs, 7) Federal paperwork, 8) State taxes on business income, 9) Frequent changes in federal tax laws and 10) Cash flow.

You will notice that competition, employees and technology issues didn't make the top ten. Competition from large businesses came in at 23rd, keeping skilled employees ranked 29th, training came in at 33rd, and technology issues surfaced in position number 39.

It is obvious from the survey results that small business owners are more concerned about the effect of government on their business than competition and other elements. You will notice that eight of the top ten problems are directly associated with government intervention and regulation.

Small business owners see federal, state or local governments as barriers to survival. Taxes, regulations and paperwork are cutting a heavy chunk out of profitability.

A growing burden

During the November election process, both political parties espoused a lot of rhetoric about the growing deficit. Congress creates the deficit when it spends more than it takes in. The deficit, although the beneficiary of a lot of attention, is only a symptom. The real problem is spending.

Government spending is outstripping the ability of the private sector to pay the bill. In 1991, federal budget outlays weighed in at a hefty \$1.32 trillion. In 1997, federal spending is expected to top \$1.7 trillion. This increase in spending of \$380 billion equals \$1,460 in new taxes collected from every citizen of the U.S. For working Americans, who ultimately get the bill, our free-spending Congress has increased our personal tax burden by \$3,000-\$5,000 annually.

Growth in spending creates other problems as well. As regulatory agencies grow, the burden of regulations, paperwork, reporting and compiling costs also grow. Bureaucrats have to produce something, and most of what they produce is an added burden for the private sector.

One thing is certain: The problem of government encroachment won't go away by itself. It is time to get a grip on spending. Most business problems will improve with lower government spending. Write your legislators today. Let them know we want to spend less, not pay more.

Bankers endorse open meetings

AUSTIN - The Independent Bankers Association of Texas is supporting recommendations by the Texas Sunset Commission that governing of credit unions be brought into the sunshine required by the Open Meetings Act.

Among the recommendations drafted by the Sunset Commission is a requirement that the Texas Credit Union Commission be required to publish notice of proposed expansion activities in the Texas Register. Legislation to enact the Sunset recommendations will be considered in the current legislature with bills filed by Rep. Barry Telford in the House (HB1612) and by Sen. J.E. (Buster) Brown (SB358).

"This is a start toward openness in government required of all other state agencies, and specifically all other financial institutions," IBAT President Chris Williston said. "Presently, the Texas Credit Union Commission does not notify the public on any issues involving new charters or expanding field of membership applications. It's like a close-knit fraternity in that only other credit unions of such activities. We simply want to be invited to the party."

In recommending that the Credit Union Commission be required to publish notice in the state-owned Texas Register, the Sunset Commission reported that "... the department has established procedures that prevent the public from knowing about or commenting on decisions regarding new or expanding credit unions."

"Credit Unions have been trying to act like banks despite the many financial and regulatory perks they now get from government," Williston said. "We could recommend that they be required not just to publish notices in the Texas Register but in newspapers of general circulation on matters affecting such important activities as mergers, expansions and new charters just as other Texas financial institutions do now."

IBAT first complained about the double standard credit unions enjoy in a letter on April 27, 1994, to Attorney General Dan Morales concerning a meeting of the state credit union commission held during a convention of the credit unions which the agency is supposed to regulate. IBAT's representative was not able to attend the

meeting because admittance to the event was thwarted for persons not registered for the convention.

"The Independent Bankers Association of Texas would like assurances that this sort of flaunting of the Open Meetings Act and refusal to consider input from the general community as opposed to only the credit union community be stopped," the complaint said. "One of the major competitive forces with our membership are the credit unions who are taking advantage of their rulemaking process to obtain secret preferences in a very anti-competitive fashion, while offering all of the services of commercial banks and yet avoiding taxation on both state and federal levels."

In addition, IBAT is supporting the recommendations of the Texas Sunset Commission which would require the Credit Union Commission to sunset again in 2001, when it might be considered to be merged with the Texas Finance Commission, the official body which regulates all other financial institutions including banks, savings and loans and finance companies.

Senators honored by Chamber as champions of free enterprise

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce presented Sen. Kay Hutchison and Phil Gramm of Texas with its Spirit of Enterprise Award Tuesday, representing their unwavering support for policies important to American business and economic growth.

"The Chamber is honoring Senators Hutchison and Gramm for supporting policies that are helping to create more jobs and strengthening the U.S. economy," said Richard L. Leshner, U.S. Chamber president. "Recipients of this award demonstrated a lasting commitment to the spirit of free enterprise and the continued success of American business."

Leshner added, "With Senators Hutchison and Gramm's effective leadership, Congress will continue to tackle issues important to the prosperity for all Americans."

The Chamber's award criteria

is based on 13 key U.S. Senate votes in the second session of the 104th Congress, and as recorded in the Chamber's annual analysis, *How They Voted*. The votes selected for inclusion in *How They Voted* were recorded floor votes, based upon policy guidelines established by the Chamber's Board of Directors, and on issues where the Chamber had communicated its position to members of the Senate prior to a key vote.

Key votes in the U.S. Senate included the Balanced Budget Act, Welfare Reform, Product Liability Reform, Regulatory Flexibility, TEAM Act, Line Item Veto and the Farm Bill.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing an underlying membership of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector and region.

Surveyors announce naming of new assistant to head exec

OKLAHOMA CITY - Paula Brice has been promoted to executive assistant to the president for Topographic Land Surveyors of Oklahoma, president Susan Blueher has announced.

Topographic Land Surveyors of Oklahoma is one of three subsidiary companies providing surveying, mapping, geographic information systems and global positioning systems for the Midwest region.

As executive assistant to the president, Brice will be responsible for coordinating activities related to surveying, drafting and global positioning system projects. Previously a customer relations representative for Topographic, Brice joined the company in 1995.

Headquartered in Oklahoma City, Topographic also operates



Paula Brice

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Chamber Communique

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce welcomes "Celebration of Lights" as its newest member. President Kathleen Chaney and President-Elect Susan Winborne will be representing the organization at all Chamber activities.

Due to ongoing construction on Ballard parking is now avail-

able on Kingsmill into the Chamber office from both the Kingsmill and Ballard Street entrances.

The Chamber will be closed for Good Friday, March 28.

Meetings:

Tuesday - 2 p.m., Tourism Committee meeting, Nona Payne Room

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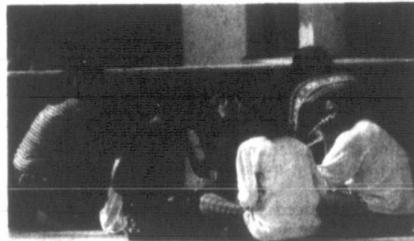
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WORLDSCOPE

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1) A group of Israeli girls weep together shortly after a soldier from (CHOOSE ONE: Syria, Jordan) shot and killed seven of their schoolmates and wounded others on an island near Israel.

2) Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin says the nation might need a new \$1 coin to replace the one that bears the image of (CHOOSE ONE: Susan B. Anthony, Dwight Eisenhower).

3) The African nation of ... seems to be on the brink of a takeover by rebel forces opposed to President Mobutu Sese Seko.

4) The European nation of (CHOOSE ONE: Greece, Italy) is facing big problems in housing Albanians who are fleeing their country via the Adriatic Sea.

5) Because of his injury, President Clinton has delayed for one day his scheduled meeting with Russian President ... in Helsinki, Finland.

MATCHWORDS

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PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) Bryant Gumbel, formerly of NBC, has joined (CHOOSE ONE: ABC, CBS) News.

2) Former Beatle ... was recently knighted by Queen Elizabeth in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace in London.

3) David Westin has replaced Roone Arledge as president of ... News. a-NBC b-ABC c-CBS

4) U.S. downhill skier (CHOOSE ONE: Hilary Lindh, Picabo Street) recently announced her retirement from the sport.

5) North Carolina Tar Heels men's basketball coach ... has broken the record for all-time career wins, previously held by Adolph Rupp.

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Drilling intentions

Intentions to Drill
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #17 J.B. Bowers, 1348' from North & 1093' from West line, Sec. 63, B-2, H&GN, PD 3250', Rule 37
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & PANHANDLE) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #211 Worley Unit, 1320' from North & 1980' from East line, Sec. 84, I&GN, PD 3300'.
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Bristol Resources Corp., #3 Hansford GU '25', 1400' from South & 1250' from West line, Sec. 122, A-T, T&NO, PD 8100'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BRISCOE Morrow) Barrett Resources Corp., #2 S.G. Smith, 2300' from South & East line, Sec. 38, M-1, H&GN, PD 14800'.
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) J. M. Huber Corp., #197 South Herring, 371' from South & 650' from East line, Sec. 3, J, TWNG, PD 2400'.
HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & LILY ANN Ellenburger) Strat Land Exploration Co., #2 Harbour, 1850' from North & 900' from East line, Sec. 53, 5-T, T&NO, PD 8000'.
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LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & S.W. LIPSCOMB Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #1 Harry L. King, et al, 1000' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 505, 43, H&TC, PD 8400'.
MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) Phillips Petroleum Co., #7R Zell, 2962' from South & 2504' from West line, Sec. 69, 3, G&M, PD 2225'.
MOORE (TEXAS-HUGOTON) Midgard Energy Co., #37 Flores, 2640' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 94, 3-T, T&NO, PD 3400'.
OCHILTREE (WILDCAT) Ricks Exploration, Inc., #1A D.S. Eudy, 1950' from South & 820' from East line, Sec. 56, 4, GH&H, PD 5600'.
POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-206 Bivins, 5028' from South & 1011' from East line (SHL) Sec. 97, 46, H&TC, PD 6000'.
POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-3 McBride, 5066' from South & 1106' from East line (SHL) Sec. 97, 46, H&TC, PD 6600'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & BRAINARD Atoka) Alpar Resources, Inc., #4A Brainard '177', 933' from North & East line, Sec. 177, C, G&M, PD 7800'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & WEST MCGARRAUGH Upper Morrow) Amoco Production Co., #1 McGarraugh 'AC', 1200' from North & 2000' from East line, Ashley Cooper Survey, PD 9300'.
Application to Re-Enter
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & GEM-DANDY Douglas) Canyon Exploration Co., #1A Cook, 1980' from North & East line, Sec. 44, 41, H&TC, PD 10665'.
Application to Plug-Back
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Moore Co. Line) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #507 Flowers 'D', 1980' from North & 2150' from West line, Sec. 7, BS&F, PD 10647'.
Oil Well Completions
CARSON (PANHANDLE) Alliance Resources Corp., #4-A Two Bar Ranch, Sec. 94, 4, I&GN, elev. 3205 kb, spud 12-28-96, drlg. compl 1-3-97, tested 2-28-97, pumped 30.2 bbl. of 40.7 grav. oil + 32 bbls. water, GOR .695, TD 3254' — Form 1 filed as #94A-4 Two Bar Ranch
HUTCHINSON (HUTCH Penn 5650') P.L.O., #4 Effie Mae Meadows, Sec. 31, M-21, TCRR, elev. 3098 kb, spud 2-6-97, drlg. compl 2-17-97, tested 3-5-97, pumped 150 bbl. of

42 grav. oil + 20 bbls. water, GOR —, TD 6500', PBTD 6480'
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HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Cherokee) Southwestern Energy Production Co., #1 Shell Fee '19', Sec. 19, 42, H&TC, elev. 2487.5 kb, spud 8-18-96, drlg. compl 9-26-96, tested 2-24-97, potential 79 MCF, TD 11820', PBTD 11360' —
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MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1033A Sneed, Sec. 33, 6-T, T&NO, elev. 3362 rkb, spud 1-7-97, drlg. compl 1-23-97, tested 1-31-97, potential 2088 MCF, TVD 3150', MD 5213' — Horizontal Sidetrack.
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MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-10 Thompson, Sec. 26, 26, EL&RR, elev. 3543 gr, spud 11-26-96, drlg. compl 12-28-96, tested 3-4-97, potential 1220 MCF, TD 3243' —
POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-48 Masterson, Sec. 84, 2, G&M, elev. 3490 gr, spud 1-23-97, drlg. compl 2-4-97, tested 3-3-97, potential 5082 MCF, TD 3068' —
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Desk & Derrick to meet Tuesday

The Pampa Desk and Derrick Club will meet Tuesday at the Pampa Country Club for its regular monthly meeting.

Guest speaker will be Ted Reed of BJ Services (formerly Nowsco), who will give an overview and history of the company.

Reed has worked for BJ for 18 years, starting as an equipment operator in East Texas. Various jobs he has performed include service supervisor, district engineer, operations supervisor and district manager.

He has worked in Central Texas, West Virginia, Ohio, South Texas and the Mid Continent region.

Reed has a degree in psychology from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. A veteran, one of his hobbies is throwing boomerangs. He has three daughters and two grandsons.

Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., with the dinner and meeting starting at 7 p.m.

For reservations, call Elaine McDowell at 665-8298.

Oil and gas rig count up by 20

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of oil and gas rigs operating nationwide jumped by 20 this week to 905, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

There were 725 rigs operating in the United States during the same week last year.

Of the rigs running this week, 525 were exploring for natural gas and 379 for oil. One rig was listed as miscellaneous.

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The tally peaked at 4,500 in December of 1981 during the oil boom. It dropped to a record low of 596 in the summer of 1993, exceeding the previous low of 663 in 1986.

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BASEBALL

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Hal Morris was 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Saturday.

Cincinnati led 5-2 in the seventh inning as Morris hit a one-out triple over Thomas Howard's head in center field and scored on a double by Willie Greene.

Luis Gonzalez led off the bottom of the seventh with a walk and scored on Sean Berry's double to right as the Astros shaved a run off the lead.

Reds first baseman Eduardo Perez homered over the left field wall off Billy Wagner to end scoring in the ninth.

Gonzalez, 3-for-3 with two runs scored, and Berry (2-for-3, two RBI) were the only Astros with a hit.

RODEO

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Induction ceremonies for the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame will be Aug. 9 in Colorado Springs.

The honorees include seven-time world champion team ropers Jake Barnes and Clay O'Brien Cooper; three-time world champion bull rider Richard "Tuff" Hedeman; contract personnel Bobby and Gene Clark; stock contractor D.A. "Swanny" Kerby; and notables Bill Hervey, former president of Wrangler Jeans and Shirts; and Eldon Evans, a longtime financial advisor to the PRCA.

Inductees are nominated either by public forum or by an "automatic consideration" pool, which includes anyone who has won at least three world championships or has qualified for the National Finals Rodeo or the National Finals Steer Roping a minimum of 10 times.

The ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy in Colorado Springs, Colo., announced the 1997 inductees into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame on Feb. 27.

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for spring softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Church and Mixed Open.

Entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$12 per person with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's, Women's, Men's Church and 12 persons for Mixed.

Entry deadline is March 26 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on April 2, 1997 at the Recreation Office.

Play begins on April 7 for Men's Open and April 8 for Men's Church, Women's Open and Mixed Open.

Roster forms, fact sheets and bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Spring Softball Leagues, call Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

BASKETBALL

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Ron Mercer, who spent his sophomore season at Kentucky prepping for the NBA by working on defense and rebounding, showed he hasn't forgotten how to shoot.

Mercer scored 21 points, including two straight baskets to repel a second-half Utah rally and lead the defending national champions back to the Final Four with a 72-59 win Saturday in the West Regional final.

Mercer, an All-America forward, hit 10-of-17 shots. Anthony Epps had 15 points and Wayne Turner added 12 for Kentucky (34-4), which will be making its 12th Final Four appearance.

Utah's own All-American, Keith Van Horn, scored 15 points but was just 5-of-12 from the field.

Harvesters shocked by Randall in 1-4A opener

By **MATT HUTCHISON**
Sports Writer

PAMPA — Pampa High's baseball team headed into their District 1-4A opener against Randall looking for a strong start to the district season against a weaker Raider squad. The dominant Harvesters had a pre-district record of 8-4 and still remains a district favorite. Randall, who lost to Caprock 22-18 Tuesday, came into the game sporting a losing record of 5-14.

But in baseball, no matter how strong one team may appear and how weak another may seem, any team can win on any given day, as the Raiders proved by besting the Harvesters 16-5 through 5 innings of play.

Randall was sparked by a strong first inning that produced 3 runs, all by homers. The first long ball of the day was hit by Dallas McMahon off Pampa pitcher Ryan Schumacher, followed shortly after by a two-run shot by Brian Evans before Pampa was able to put an end to the inning.

The Harvesters went into the

bottom of the first down only 3-0, and used their strong offense to pull within one before the inning was through. A lead-off walk by Jeremy Knutson, followed by a single by Jerren Miller got Pampa off to a quick start. Jamisen Hancock followed Miller's single with a walk before Duane King was able to score both Knutson and Miller off a line-drive double.

The Raiders only run in the second inning was a well-hit Homer by designated hitter Deion Soria. But in the third inning Randall got hot again, hitting seven times to produce four runs before the Harvesters were able to bag the inning.

The Harvesters went cold on offense, scoring only one run in the third inning off of a well-placed double by Pampa's Seth Haynes that drove in Schumacher, who reached base on balls.

Randall had increased the lead 9-3 over Pampa before exploding in the fifth inning, creating 7 runs off good hitting and sloppy play by the Harvester defense before the Harvesters were able to stop

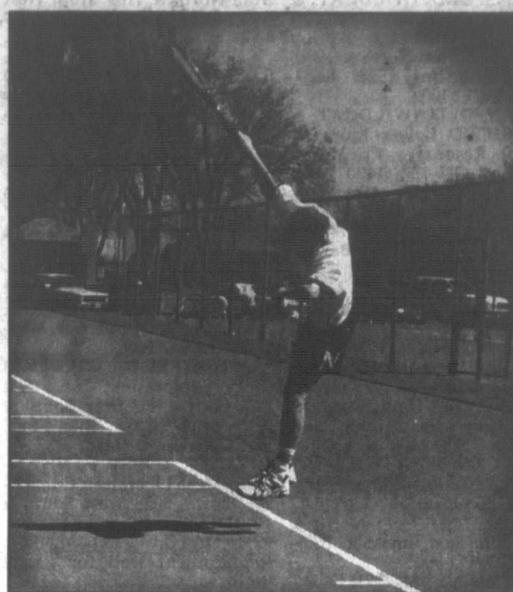
the onslaught and try to redeem themselves on the offensive side of the plate.

Pampa had to score 4 runs just to keep the game, and Pampa's hopes of winning alive, and the Harvesters came to the plate with a strong attitude. Pampa milked Randall's pitcher Jason Lester for a couple of walks and used a few well-placed hits to drive in two runs and keep Pampa's hopes alive. With two outs and the bases loaded, Jamisen Hancock went to the plate looking to hit. His chances were cut short, however, when when outfielder Richard Thomas made a good play on a foul ball to end Pampa's chances of coming back.

The loss goes to Schumacher, who had a record of 4-0 before going into the Randall game. The win is credited to the Raider's Jason Lester. Randall's record moves to 1-1 in district and 6-14 overall. Pampa will move into the district standings at 0-1 with an overall record of 8-5.

The Harvesters square off against Dumas Tuesday afternoon in Dumas. The next home game is April 1 against Hereford.

Forehand smash



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Brandon Coffee sends a forehand smash toward his opponent during the Pampa Tennis Tournament Friday. Seven teams were entered in the two-day tournament.

Pampa High golf teams pull off sweep at Hereford tourney

HEREFORD — Pampa boys and girls golf teams gathered some momentum for the District 1-4A opener by sweeping the Hereford Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Mike Smith had a two-round total of 149 to grab medalist honors for the Harvesters, who shot 624 to win the tournament by four strokes over Hereford A.

Smith's teammate Bryan Brauchi was second medalist with a two-round 153. The Lady Harvesters shot 696 to win by a whopping 77 strokes over Hereford A in the girls' division.

Alison Piersall was third medalist with a two-round 166.

Heather Basford of Vega was medalist in the girls division

with a 158. Both Pampa boys and girls open the first of four rounds of district play Thursday at Palo Duro Creek.

Hereford Invitational

Girls
Team totals: 1. Pampa 355-341-636; 2. Hereford A 365-348-713; 3. Vega 378-368-730; 4. Randall 367-364-731; 5. Borger 373-371-744; 6. Denver City 397-383-780; 7. Dumas 424-397-821; 8. Caprock 464-465-929; 9. Trinity Fellowship 598-489-1,087; 10. Hereford B 401-nc.

Boys
Team totals: 1. Pampa 312-312-624; 2. Hereford A 328-300-628; 3. Borger 325-321-646; 4. Memphis 332-315-647; 5.

Canyon 322-329-651; 6. Randall 322-334-656; 7. Caprock 329-332-661; 8. Morton 343-346-689; 9. Hereford B 353-337-690; 10. Dumas 362-357-719; 11. Trinity Fellowship 424-nc.

Pampa individual results

Girls
Allison Piersall 84-82-166; Melissa Gindorf 86-84-170; Christina Gage 93-84-177; Lori Walling 92-91-183; Molly Seabourn 99-100-199. Single: Stacey Sehorn 110-103-213.

Boys
Mike Smith 77-72-149; Bryan Brauchi 75-78-153; Barry Brauchi 80-82-162; Grady Locknane 80-80-160; Nathan Banner 84-83-167.

Lady Harvesters win another track crown

HEREFORD — The Pampa Lady Harvesters edged out Palo Duro to win the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce track meet Saturday.

Pampa scored 102 points while Palo Duro finished second with 97. The meet's outcome came down to the mile relay and Pampa won with a personal best time of 4:12.

"The girls ran real well. They had to overcome some adversity to win it," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez. "Lacresae Ford had a sprained knee and our 800-meter relay team got disqualified. But the girls pulled together and showed some real class by coming back to win."

In the junior varsity division, the Pampa girls came in second.

"It turned out to be a good meet for us. Overall, the girls did well,"

Lopez added.

Palo Duro was Pampa's strongest challenger in the Bulldog Relays two weeks ago at Plainview. Pampa won that meet with 150 points while Palo Duro had 114.

It was the fourth meet title for the unbeaten Lady Harvesters, who have scored over 100 points in every meet. The PHS girls have scored over 200 points twice in the winning the Tiger Relays in Frenship and the Top O' Texas Invitational in Pampa.

The Lady Harvesters compete in the Borger meet Thursday with the prelims starting at 2:30 and the finals at 5:30.

"We're going to have some injuries to overcome as we get ready for the Borger meet," Lopez said.

Gophers turn back UCLA

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A return to form is sending the Minnesota Gophers somewhere they have never been — the Final Four.

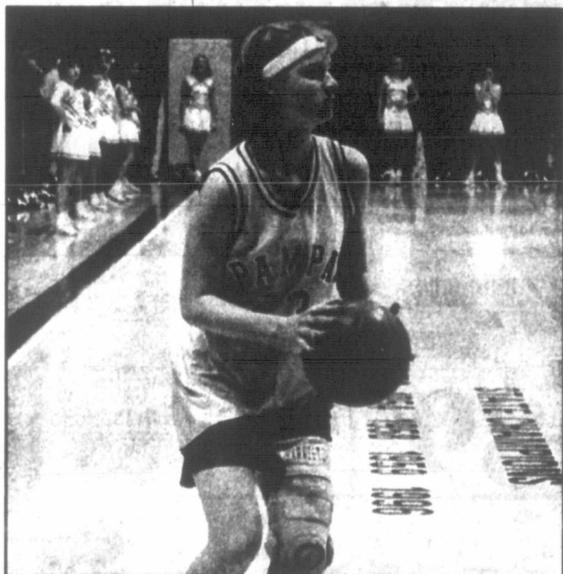
The Gophers, who were carried to victory by two players in their previous game, used their depth, balance and size to defeat UCLA 80-72 Saturday and win the Midwest Regional title.

"This is the way we play basketball," coach Clem Haskins said. "What happened the other night against a fine Clemson ballclub is very rare. ... 'We're a balanced ballclub.'"

The Gophers (31-3) had five players score in double figures, although no one scored more than 18.

They had nine players with double-figure minutes, and no one had to play all the way.

Contrast that with UCLA, which needed to have two players go 40 minutes due to a lack of depth.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa senior Jennifer Jones (above) is a member of the TABC All-Region One Team.

Pampa's Jennifer Jones is named to Class 4A's All-Region One Team

PAMPA — Pampa senior Jennifer Jones has been named to the Girls All-Region One Class 4A second team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Jones, the daughter of PHS head coach Mike Jones, scored 1,296 points in her four years as a starter.

Jones averaged 15.3 points per game her senior year to lead the Lady Harvesters in scoring. She also led the team in rebounds, 7 per game; steals, 6, and assists, 81.

Jones will play for the East squad in the Golden Spread All-Star Game April 3-5 in Amarillo. She was also chosen to play in the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star

Game July 11 in Austin. She will play on the North squad.

Jones missed making the All-Region One first team by one vote. First-team picks were Katrisa O'Neal, sr., Plainview; Missy Frazier, sr., Levelland; Courtney Sims, sr., Canyon; Valeree Valdez, sr., Canyon; Bandi Bayer, jr., Levelland; Julie Lampley, jr., Hereford; Candi White, jr., Canyon; Brandi Bates, sr., Plainview and Ashanti Nix, jr., Levelland.

Other second-team picks were Courtney Gilmore, jr., Randall; Natalee Wilson, sr., Frenship; Tracy McBryde, jr., Springtown; Jia Perkins, fr., Granbury; Jennifer Hardy, sr., Frenship; Reina Jester, soph., Saginaw; Boswell; Mindy Norman, jr., Randall and Andrea Burrows, jr., Randall.

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Regional Semifinals		13	56 188 38	Detroit at Chicago, 3 p.m.			
At The Carrier Dome		Central Division		Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.			
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At The Carrier Dome		Indiana	31	36 463 27	Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.		
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		Vancouver	12	58 171 39 1/2			
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		x-L.A. Lakers	45	22 672 1 1/2			
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		L.A. Clippers	29	36 446 16 1/2			
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		Golden State at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.					
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		Detroit	42	16	83	226 169	
		Phoenix	34	34	5	73	210 222
		St. Louis	31	32	9	71	213 219
		Chicago	28	32	12	68	188 184
		Toronto	26	40	6	58	210 250
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		W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
		x-Colorado	45	18	9	99	248 176
		Edmonton	33	32	7	73	224 216
		Anaheim	30	31	11	71	212 207
		Calgary	31	35	8	70	198 208
		Vancouver	29	39	4	62	221 246
		Los Angeles	25	38	9	59	180 239
		San Jose	24	40	7	55	181 236
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		Ottawa 5, Boston 4					
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		Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, (n)					
		Washington at Montreal, (n)					

Uresti leads pack at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A stiff breeze toned down the scoring, but bunched up the field Saturday at the Bay Hill Invitational, leaving Omar Uresti in front by one stroke after a 3-under-par 69.

Uresti, who played a practice round with Arnold Palmer to start the week, birdied the last two holes to get to 11-under 205 through three rounds at Bay Hill Club, which played a little faster as the greens began to dry.

It doesn't figure to be a safe lead, not with 18 players within five shots of Uresti.

Right behind is Mark O'Meara, who already has won twice this year and leads the money list. He shot a 68, and is joined at 10-under 206 by Honda Classic winner Stuart Appleby and Tim Herron, who won the Honda a year ago.

Phil Mickelson and Loren Roberts, a two-time winner at Bay Hill, were another stroke back. Davis Love III was in the group at 208, Colin Montgomerie and Payne Stewart were among those at 209, and Tiger Woods was at 6-under 210.

All of them will be chasing Uresti, a 28-year-old Texan who had to hole a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole of the Disney Classic in October just to keep his playing card.

Uresti held his own most of the day while playing in the final group on the weekend for the first time on the PGA Tour.

He twice responded to a bogey with a birdie to stay in the hunt, then made birdies on three of the last four holes, including one on No. 18 that gave him the outright lead.

O'Meara is having his best tournament on the Florida swing, and it could have been better. After making bogey on the first hole, he posted seven birdies and took the lead alone at 11-under with a two-putt birdie from 22 feet on the par-5 16th.

But his 7-iron from 174 yards found the water guarding the green, and he had to hole an 8-footer to save bogey.

"I knew the course was going to play tougher," O'Meara said. "It was a little bit more like Bay Hill. I just tried to manage myself."

And he did just fine until the 18th, where the pin was cut more toward the center of the green, bringing the water into play.

"I hit a poor shot, the wind kind of rode it to the right ... splash," O'Meara said. "It wasn't the greatest ending, but it's not the first time I've been in the water on 18."

It wasn't anything like the way Herron finished off his 66, the best round of the day.

Herron hit a 4-iron to within 15 feet and "wiggled it in" for an eagle at No. 16 to get to 9-under. Then he caught the leaders with a 6-iron from 172 yards that checked up an inch behind the hole on No. 18 for birdie.

Pampa JV team wins at Fort Elliott Invite

BRISCOE — Donnie Barr hit a pair of home runs as Fort Elliott routed Hartley, 21-4, in Pool B of the Fort Elliott Invitational Thursday.

Chris Mick added a double to the Cougars' 12-hit attack.

In a later contest, the Cougars lost to Shamrock, 19-8, in a Pool B game. Mick's double was the only extra base hit for the Cougars.

Fort Elliott's record is now 3-3 for the season.

In Pool A, Pampa junior varsity downed Samnorwood, 19-5, as Brandon Hill hit three home runs for the Pampa JVs. Greg Lindsey also had a home run.

The game was called in the fifth inning due to the 10-run rule. Pampa had 10 hits while Samnorwood had five.

Courtney Lowrance was the winning pitcher.

Pampa junior varsity later defeated Hedley, 10-0, as Hill added another homer for Pampa.

The game was called after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

Winning pitcher was Justin Roark.

Pampa had six hits compared to one for Hedley.

In other tournament games, Samnorwood defeated Hedley, 10-0, and Shamrock won over Hartley, 18-3.

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Stars blank Whalers

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have won a few wide-open shootouts lately, beating Pittsburgh and Phoenix in their previous two games by a combined score of 13-4, with an average of 34 shots-on-goal.

But the Stars concentrated on defense Friday night to smother the Hartford Whalers 2-0.

"We've won a few games lately playing loosey-goosey, but tonight we shut them down," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "That's a good sign, when you can win with different styles. I don't think they had a quality chance in the final two periods."

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Selena film draws fans across state

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - Fans of Selena are turning out in droves to see the long-awaited film about the slain Tejano singing star, and many say the movie brought back the pain caused by her murder two years ago.

The film opened around the state Friday, and theaters reported sell-out crowds.

Cindy Acosta and her 11-year-old daughter, Lana, dabbed their eyes with tissues after watching the movie in Corpus Christi, Selena's hometown.

"Everybody was in tears - sobbing," Ms. Acosta said. "The movie was really sad. Jennifer Lopez looked so much like Selena. It was just like watching her."

In El Paso, fans were equally eager.

"I couldn't wait," Elvia Viramontes said as she emerged from an evening showing at Sunland Park Mall. "I brought enough Kleenex for all of us and sure enough, we needed them. It is very sad that she was taken away from us, but look how at many people love her."

The film chronicles the life of Selena Quintanilla Perez, a singing sensation who was only 23 when she was gunned down by her fan club president in 1995.

In Austin, Luis Garcia was among dozens of early filmgoers who handed over \$104 to purchase 16 tickets.

"I've really been anticipating this movie," said Garcia, who was buying tickets for himself and 15 friends. "It has a female Mexican American title character. I want to see how they handle that on the screen and how they talk about Texas."

In the latest example of a growing trend for Hollywood, *Selena* opened in 50 multiplex theaters - including two in the Dallas area - where the movie was shown in both English and with Spanish subtitles.

Barry Reardon, president of distribution for Warner Bros., said the dual versions broaden the movie's audience.

"I don't know if the subtitled version will do as well as the regular version, but we figured there are a lot of Spanish-speaking people who would prefer to see it that way," he said.

Dagoberto and Angela Hernandez of Pleasant Grove certainly liked the option of subtitles.

"There are many people here who could use the subtitles," said Hernandez, who watched the subtitled movie with his wife.

"I know we have friends and relatives who even though they know some English, they don't understand it 100 percent so they don't get the full understanding of the movie."

Economy growing

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas economy showed signs of a strong economy that will continue to grow, Comptroller John Sharp says.

Sharp said that his index of leading state economic indicators is up 2.4 percent over last year.

Five of the 10 index components showed double-digit improvement - stock prices, home construction, consumer confidence and crude oil prices.

Texas consumer confidence rose in January for the 10th consecutive month and is 42.1 percent higher than a year ago. Nationally, consumer confidence is at its highest level in a decade.

The state unemployment rate is down 0.6 percent compared to last year and unemployment claims are down 1.7 percent.

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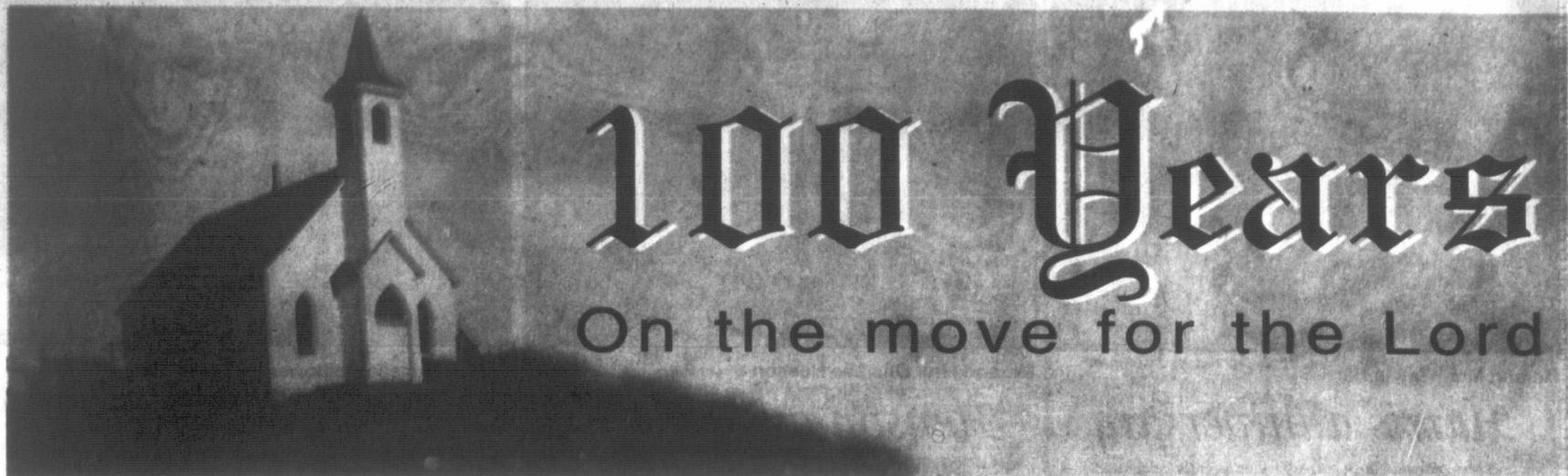
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LIFESTYLE



The First United Methodist Church of Miami is 100 years old. It officially organized in 1897 when its people moved into the little white frame, steepled church building.

The present day Church is on that same piece of land, sitting at the corner of Main Street and Wichita Street. This year the congregation, with extended families into fifth and sixth generations, is celebrating its loyalty and dedication

to Christ every Sunday, in honor of the growing years of continued worship.

"The Miami First United Methodist Church is on the move for the Lord," says the Rev. Daniel Moore.

Rev. Moore was assigned to serve a four-year ministry at the Miami Church in June 1996. Under his leadership, programs minister to the elementary, junior high and youth membership. The Church is also a sponsor for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Miami.

"Our Church has a wonderful fellowship, and is very much alive ... if all Methodist Church congregations were as alive as Miami's, they would be growing instead of dying," Rev. Moore said.

He provides ministry one day a week at the Meredith Home in Pampa, and the Miami Church services a Bethel Bible Study, Discipleship II, Vision Task Force and Experiencing God. Home Bible services are provided to those unable to attend church services.

Volunteer work is served through a senior citizens program called New Pioneers, and several men are involved in the work of the Promise Keepers. The Women's Guild, organized in 1947, is still a strong organization, and today recognizes Elizabeth Carr, the only charter member still active.

The First United Methodist Church historian, Betty Arrington, has been researching her church and community records for several years, since she became a member in the 1950s. She has compiled accurate records covering the past 100 years since the first organized Methodist congregation in Miami. She and others of the congregation share their stories.

As early as 1892, the Miami, Texas Methodist people were holding church services, but not in a church. They were meeting in the schoolhouse or in someone's home, or in a tent placed in an open area to accommodate large crowds and visitors from neighboring towns coming in to Miami to attend those old-time revivals. Once a month worship service was held in Miami, and a typical circuit rider of the old frontier would come to town to offer his preaching services.

It was 1894, and still there was no church building for the Miami Methodist congregation, but a three-point circuit was organized with Canadian and Mobeetie.

According to Arrington, one of those first circuit preachers was J.W.R. Bachman. Other supply pastors who served the church in those first years were the Rev. Ed R. Wallace and the Rev. C.L. Childress of Canadian, who traveled in their one-horse buggy into Miami to meet with the congregation on Sundays.

As time moved forward and more people were moving into the area, it became urgent to build a church building. So, in 1897 the people decided to build a frame structure for a cost of about \$3,000. This building was shared with other Christian

groups for a time — the Miami Baptists met jointly with the Methodist congregation for awhile, and furnished a preacher half the time — hence, a church service in Miami every Sunday.

The completed building was dedicated in 1901 by Brother John R. Henson, the presiding elder. However, the congregation had welcomed the first permanent "fill-in" preacher in 1898, when the Rev. B.F. Jackson moved from Amarillo to Miami. He became an established layman in the community for more than 40 years.

During this time, in 1905, the Miami church was recognized as the head of a pastoral appointment, and in the "village" of Pampa, Bro. J.A. Laney of Miami was credited to start a church which was attached to the Miami-Canadian-Mobeetie circuit.

gation. The Rev. Bowen preached the first sermon in the new brick building.

One of the early sermons preached in the new brick building was titled "Upon This Rock I Build My Church," which is significant to the Miami congregation. The construction workers, while digging the cellar and planning to form a foundation for the structure, hit hard, solid rock in the ground-base for the church building to rest on.

"I can remember when my father, George W. Hodges, was helping to dig out the cellar, and a young boy about 16 years old fell in that hole and broke his leg," said Bud Hodges, a member of the congregation since the 1920s.

Mrs. Effie Jenkins was around at that time, and remembers how hard the men were working to dig

dows were installed. Those windows are all intact in today's building, although some have been reinstalled as remodeling and later additions were made to the building.

"Most of the windows were put in place in 1923 and 1924. All 16 windows are given in honor of certain members or organizations who gave something nice, or who died," said J-Bob Pickens, a dedicated member since 1929 and building custodian since 1936.

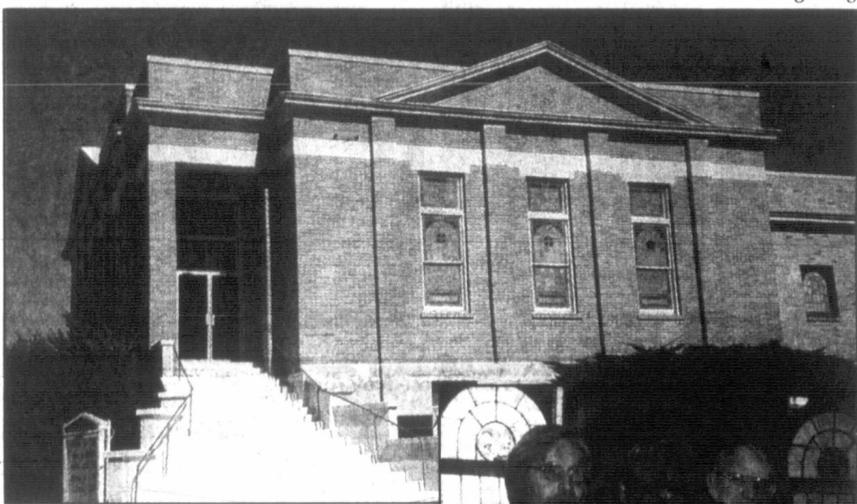
In etched memorials, the persons are: L.C. Williams, Mrs. B.F. Jackson, Bessie Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Elliott, Deliah Chisum, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pursley, Rev. P.G. Huffman and Mrs. Alice Huffman, Rev. and Mrs. E.B. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Davis, Judge F.P. Greever and Dr. Moses Liddell Gunn and Betty Hancock Gunn.

In the 1960s the First Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Miami joined forces, and the local church became known as the First United Methodist Church of Miami.

In 1974 the building committee, consisting of Willis Clark, Tom Henderson, Frederick Gordon, William Clark, Georgia Locke, Carrie Lee Hodges, Barbara Bailey and Gayle Bean, passed and approved plans to build educational facilities. The new 6,000 square foot extension was dedicated in January 1976.

In 1993, the Georgia B. Wells Locke "Designs Building" was deeded to the Church by the Locke estate, to be used by the Church youth. This building was dedicated at the start of the Church's 100-year celebration in January 1997. Bishop Alfred Lloyd Norris Sr., of Albuquerque, N.M., Episcopal leader for the Northwest Texas/New Mexico Area, and the District Superintendent of United Methodist Churches, the Rev. Vernon O'Kelly of Pampa, took part in the dedication ceremonies.

Bishop Norris blessed the building and the Church: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to Christian service"



Above: the brick building finished in 1923 which replaced the original little white church (top photo). Right: Bishop Alfred Lloyd Norris Sr. (center), today's pastor Rev. Daniel Moore (left) and District Supt. Rev. Vernon O'Kelly presiding at the kickoff services in January for the 100 years celebration.

Until 1916, the Pampa Church remained part of that circuit, and the then-Bishop called the system the "Mammy and Pappy" circuit.

Through the years from 1900-1910, the Methodist congregation experienced more growth and prosperity, as did the town. Miami was a thriving town, sitting in the heart of ranch country and rich farming land. But it was also a freight depot for the Santa Fe Railway Company, serving a large area, bringing more people.

New plans for a larger church structure were strongly supported by the people, including building a new three-room parsonage as soon as possible.

The little white church was torn down in 1922, when new construction began. The building committee in the 1920s consisted of George Hodges, B.P. Seitz, C.R. Cowan, N.S. Locke, H. A. Talley and others. During that period, the Rev. E.B. Bowen was assigned to serve the ministry of the church.

The new brick building was constructed in the same location as it sits today, on the corner at 201 Main Street and Wichita. Later, the parsonage was built across the street, south of the church building.

The church sanctuary was first completed in 1923, which is in use today for the present congrega-

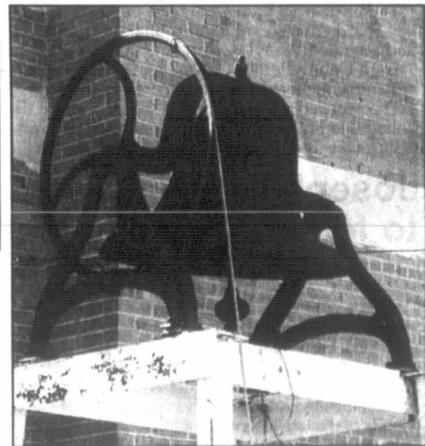
tion. The men hit solid rock, so digging that basement cellar was not a simple task. They (the construction workers) would work long hours, working with mule teams and tools to haul rock and dirt long into the evening hours," Jenkins said.

The new brick building was finished at a cost of \$20,000, and on Dec. 25, 1923, at 3 p.m., a cornerstone was presented by Rev. E.B. McCarley to commemorate Rev. G.W. Sherer P.E. and Rev. E.B. Bowen P.C.

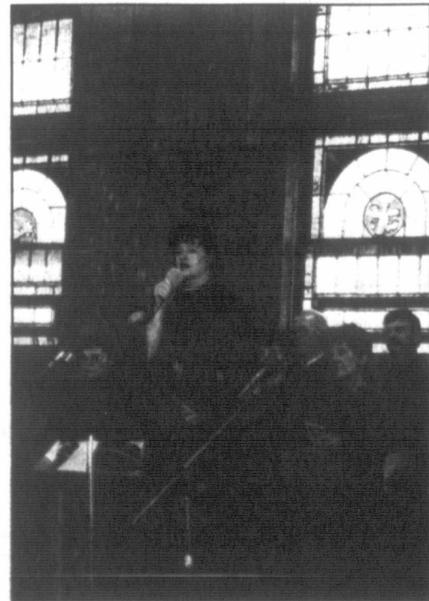
Jenkins remembers because her family was involved in forming the early congregation. She was baptized into the Church in 1916, she said.

In May 1898 a tornado destroyed the settlement of "Old Mobeetie," which blew away the town's Presbyterian Church. According to Mrs. Jenkins, after some years the Miami Church became the new home of the old church bell that once rang for the Mobeetie Presbyterian Church, and it is still ringing every Sunday morning.

For the original sanctuary 16 artistically created lead, stained glass win-



Above: the bell from the old Presbyterian Church in Mobeetie now rings for the residents of Miami on Sunday mornings. Below: J-Bob Pickens (right) and Mrs. Effie Jenkins have been members of the congregation for many years and remember much of its history. Mrs. Jenkins remembers her family riding to church in a buggy and singing together the hymn "In The Sweet By and By." Pickens, has been the dependable caretaker of the FUMC since his teen years. He will be 80 in November.



Left: the choir makes a joyful noise against the backdrop of the church's stained glass windows. Shown at the top, the stained glass portrays Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Below: the children come forward for "sack time" - a special part of the service for them. Bottom right: after morning worship, the parishioners enjoy Third Sunday Dinner in the church fellowship hall.



Story and photos by Sherry Cromartie





Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris

Harris anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris, of Amarillo, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Amarillo.

Wayne Harris and Belva McCathern were married March 22, 1957, at Lefors, Texas. The couple are former Pampa residents.

Mr. Harris retired from Texas Instruments in McKinney, Texas, in 1996.

Mrs. Harris was church secretary at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa for many years.

The couple are the parents of Robbi Hill of Amarillo and Randy Harris of Seminole. They have seven grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lee Henson

Henson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lee Henson will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. March 29 in the Skellytown Community Center at Skellytown. Music will be provided by the Indian Summer band.

Otis Lee Henson and Annie Lee Zachery were married March 29, 1947, at McAlester, Okla. The couple came to the Texas Panhandle in 1951 and have been Skellytown residents since 1964.

They are the parents of Tommy and Teresa Henson and Otis Wayne and Cathy Henson. They have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Jamie Michelle Belflower and Johnathan Paul Munn

Belflower-Munn

Jamie Michelle Belflower and Johnathan Paul Munn, both of Pampa, were married April 5, 1997, in First Assembly of God Church at Skellytown with Danny Trussell, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Christy Terry of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Eunice Lymburner and Mindy Howard, both of Skellytown. The flower girl was Mariah Wallace, daughter of the bride, of Pampa. Standing in as best man was Joshua Belflower of Pampa. The ring bearer was Marque Johnson of Pampa.

The ushers were Gloria Johnson and Darrell Schroeder, both of Pampa. The candlelighters were Billie Johnson of Pampa and Laquita Belflower of Skellytown.

Registering guests was Betty Belflower of Pampa.

Music was provided by Sande Smolin of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service in Fellowship Hall of the church. Serving the guests were Howard and Ashley Schroeder of Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of James and Laquita Belflower of Skellytown. She graduated valedictorian from White Deer High School in 1993. She is currently employed as shift manager at Taco Bell and attends First Assembly of God Church in Skellytown.

The groom is the son of Donnie and Billie Johnson of Pampa. He attended Wellington High School and is currently employed at The Pampa News. He also attends First Assembly of God Church in Skellytown.

The couple intend to make their home west of Pampa.



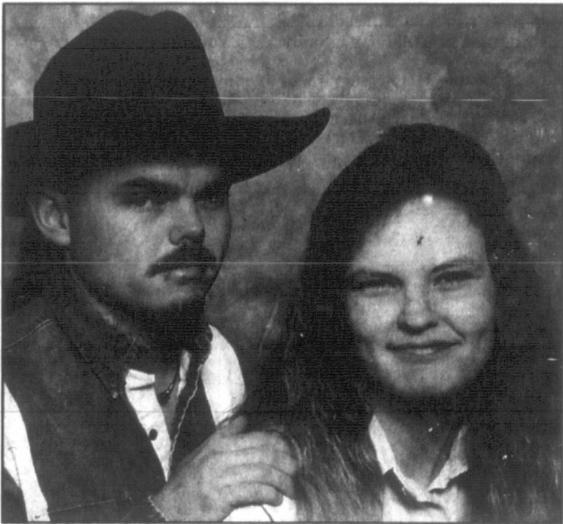
Jenny Everson and Kelly Cherry

Everson-Cherry

Jenny Everson and Kelly Cherry, both of Pampa, plan to wed May 24, 1997, in Calvary Baptist Church at Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kelly and Joni Everson and the late Sharon Everson of Pampa. She is a Pampa High School graduate and attended West Texas State University for a year-and-a-half and Tarrant County Junior College for a year. She is currently employed at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

The prospective groom is the son of Joe and Etha Mae Thomas of Follett. He is a Follett High School graduate and attended Amarillo College. He is currently employed at IRI International.



Stephanie Michelle Chesson-Troy Allen Lucas

Chesson-Lucas

Stephanie Michelle Chesson and Troy Allen Lucas plan to wed April 26, 1997, in the Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Billy and Shelley McKay of Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Ann Lucas of Pampa and Bill Lucas of Amarillo.

Joseph W. Erickson Concert to feature Frankie McWhorter

PERRYTON — The Annual Joseph W. Erickson Memorial Concert will be held at 6 p.m. May 10 at the Museum of the Plains.

The Erickson Memorial Concert series began in May of 1990 as an annual free event in Perryton. It was established by the family and friends of the late Joseph Erickson, a longtime Perryton citizen and patron of music. Although several of the concerts have featured guest performers or a church pipe organ, the Memorial Concert was set up to feature a wide variety of instrumental music.

Frankie McWhorter, former Texas Playboy in the Bob Wills band, will be performing with a variety of entertainers including special guests, John, Kris and Mark Erickson. Music will range from hoedown fiddle to waltzes. It will be an evening of family entertainment.

McWhorter, leader of the Western Swing band "The Over the Hill Gang" was born in Memphis, Texas, not more than 20 miles from the ranch where Bob Wills lived when he played the fiddle at his first dance. He was a big fan of Bob Wills and listened to his recordings religiously. He bought his first fiddle in 1949 with cowboy wages earned on the famous JA Ranch in West Texas.

McWhorter toured with Bob

Wills from 1960-62. Off the bandstand, when asked, Wills would take time to teach McWhorter certain selections and fiddle techniques. He was one of the many former Texas Playboys who appreciated Bob Wills the man more than Bob Wills the musician.

In 1987, McWhorter made an album called *Fiddle Tunes Bob Wills Taught Me*. One of those rare fiddle tunes was used as part of the background for *Panhandle Pilgrimage*, an elaborate slide show of Amarillo history.

When called upon, McWhorter still plays with the Texas Playboys and is recognized as the fiddler most able to imitate the Bob Wills style of fiddling today.

McWhorter was inducted into the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame in 1987. He currently runs a ranch near Higgins with his wife Virginia. He "breaks" colts and fillys for working cattle and is well known as a horse "fixer."

The Museum will open for visitors at 1 p.m. and dinner may be purchased at 5 p.m. Concert time is 6 p.m. McWhorter's book, *Horse Fixin': Forty Years of Working with Problem Horses* will be on sale at the museum, along with all of Erickson's books.

Admission is free and groups and families are welcome.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates

24 - 2nd Level Clothing Project, 4 p.m., Annex; Shooting Sports

25 - Shooting Sports; Dog Project, 7 p.m., Bull Barn

27 - Dog Project, 7 p.m., Bull Barn; Photography Project, 7 p.m., Annex

Consumer Contest

Gray County 4-H members competed in the District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest on March 22.

Representing Gray County were:

•Juniors: Emily Elliott, Brianna Roberts, Courtney Crawford, Amanda Jeffries and Ryan Lewis, all of Pampa; Savannah Smith and Rachael Stubbs, both of Lefors.

•Intermediates: Josh Gibson and Megan Coutts, both of Pampa.

•Seniors: Nonnie James, Barry Brauchi, Stephanie McClellan,

Alan Parker, Sean O'Neal and Lori Stephens, all of Pampa; D.J. Basham and Jessi Fish, both of McLean.

Photography Project

The 4-H Photography project will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the Gray County Annex. Lendi Jackson and Brad Elliott will be conducting the project which will be divided into a beginner and advanced group. All interested youth between nine and 19 are invited to participate.

Sailing Opportunities

Opportunities to learn sailing will be available to 4-H members this summer in Palacios and Corpus Christi.

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

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

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The responsibility of maintaining an acceptable relationship with God always falls upon man. Keeping oneself acceptable to God is something one must do if he is to have eternal life. First, one must establish an acceptable relationship with God by believing that Jesus Christ is His only begotten Son (Jn. 8:24), repenting of sins (Acts 17:30), confessing belief in the Sonship of Jesus (Acts 8:37) and being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38.) But after this is done, to remain saved is up to man. Although there are those who teach the "once saved, always saved" philosophy, it doesn't coincide with Bible teaching.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my words: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me." (Jn. 14:23-24.) To enjoy this special love of God is to keep the words of Christ. To affirm love for Jesus and do not do as He directs in the word of God is to lie (1 Jn. 2:4.) The only way to truly love Jesus is to do as He teaches one to do.

Paul wrote: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth shall he also reap. For he soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life." (Gal. 6:7-8.) To say that once a person is saved he cannot sin as to be eternally lost is to say that a person cannot sin at all after being saved. But if that be true, then why did Jude encourage brethren to keep themselves in the love of God? And why did Paul exhort: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12)?

Billy T. Jones

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Eating right is easier than you think!

What does "healthful eating" mean to you? Like most Americans you, might think it means giving up the food you like best. But here's a news flash for your taste buds — with a little bit of nutrition know-how and a healthy dose of physical activity, all foods can fit into a healthful eating style!

Here are five strategies and some tips that show just how easy it can be to make all foods fit.

Strategy 1: Be flexible!
Balance what you eat and the physical activity you do over several days. No need to worry about just one meal or one day. Eating right while enjoying your favorite goodies does take some balancing, but it isn't tough to follow when you keep the big picture in mind. Try these tips to see how easy it can be: (1) If you don't want to give up whole milk, that's o.k. just balance it out with lower fat food choices you like. (2) Eat a lighter breakfast and lunch to plan for "pizza with the works" for dinner. (3) Going to a party? Walk an extra thirty minutes so you can enjoy a serving of your favorite party dish. (4) Did you splurge on a "Soup to Nuts" special occasion meal? Just eat lighter and move more for a few days afterward. (5) Enjoy a game of tennis or golf with a friend before dinner.

Homemakers' News Donna Brauchi



Strategy 2: Be Sensible!
Enjoy all foods, just don't overdo it. Eating is meant to be a pleasure. To enjoy foods that are higher in fat, salt or sugar, just keep portion sizes sensible. Here's how: (1) Eat snacks like potato chips from a plate rather than straight out of the bag to keep tabs on how much you are eating. (2) When eating out, enjoy your steak twice as much. Eat half in the restaurant and take the rest home to eat the next day. (3) Order the small French fries, not the jumbo. (4) Split that cheesecake with a friend. (5) Read food labels to find out how much fat, sugar or salts is in the serving size you eat.

Strategy 3: Be Realistic!
Make small changes over time in what you eat and the level of activity you do. All good things take time, including achieving a healthful lifestyle. Take it slow and watch those small steps add up to good health. (1) If your goal

is to cut down on fat and you currently eat a favorite high-fat every day, eat it every other day instead. Or eat a smaller portion. Choose products that say "low," "high" or "reduced" on the label; these terms are easy to see and mean what they say. (3) For lower fat chili or tacos, put cooked ground beef in a strainer and rinse briefly with hot water. Drain well and continue with your recipe. (4) Park your car in the farthest spot. You'll walk more and burn more calories. (5) Check the vending machine and cafeteria for lower-fat goodies, such as pretzels, bagels, low-fat yogurt, fresh fruit or skim milk.

Strategy 4: Be Active!
Being physically active is a great way to turn off high-calorie treats. In addition, you will look better, feel better and reduce your risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and osteoporosis. Try to total thirty minutes of moderate activity on most days;

in ten-minute segments, it's easy to do! (1) Take a brisk ten minute walk on your lunch break. You will feel good and have more energy, too! (2) Keep active around the house. Sweep the garage, scrub the floors, vacuum rugs or trim the shrubs. It all helps you get fit, and the house will look great, too! (3) Try a fun new activity. How about in-line skating or line-dancing? (4) Climb the stairs for a fitness routine.

Strategy 5: Be Adventurous!
Expand your tastes to enjoy a variety of food. More than 15,000 new food products arrive on supermarket shelves each year, yet many people eat only eight or ten core foods most of the time. Try foods you haven't had before. You just might find new favorites! (1) Try a new fruit or vegetable you haven't had before. Make it a monthly goal. (2) Prepare one new recipe each month. (3) Enjoy a meal at a Thai, Indian, Asian or Japanese restaurant. (4) Dig into a different grain: couscous, bulgur or quinoa, for instance. (5) Strive to eat the number of servings from each of the food groups in the Food Guide Pyramid. Choose a variety of foods within each group.

For more information on health and nutrition, contact your Gray County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Harrington String Quartet schedules its final performance

AMARILLO — The Harrington String Quartet will hold the final performance of their 1996-97 season at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5 in Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2525 Wimberly Road.

The concert includes a string quartet by Franz Schubert that is part of the Amarillo Symphony's year long celebration of the 200th anniversary of Schubert's birth in 1797. The quartet presented an early Schubert work at their last concert and the symphony has performed several Schubert compositions this season including his "Unfinished" symphony.

Joining the permanent members of the quartet on April 5 will be two guest artists, violinists Laura Park and Kathryn Wolfe.

The Harrington String Quartet is currently engaged in a search for two new members to replace violinists Dawn Harms and John Meisner who left the group before this season. Amy Brandfonbrener, viola, and Emmanuel Lopez, cello, will join the guest artists for this

performance. Both are principal players in the Amarillo Symphony and faculty members at WTAMU.

The concert will include Schubert's *Quartetsatz*, Borodin's *String Quartet No. 2* in D and Edward Applebaum's *Prelude for String Quartet, The Princess in the Garden*. On April 20, the quartet will repeat this program in Los Angeles, Calif., during a chamber music series presented by the Mount St. Mary's College Da Camera Institute. The second movement of the Borodin quartet has been used as the melody for the popular song, *Stranger in Paradise* from the musical *Kismet*.

Park is on leave of absence this season from her position as assistant concertmaster of the Boston Symphony. She is currently the concert master of the Brooklyn (NY) Philharmonic.

Park was a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra from 1984-91, joining that orchestra when she was only 19 years old. She is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and has per-

formed chamber music at many festivals including Aspen, Taos and Marlboro. She is a faculty member of the Boston Conservatory.

Originally from Minnesota, Wolfe is an active chamber musician, soloist and orchestra player. She earned a bachelor of music degree from Indiana University and a master of music degree from the Manhattan School of Music. In the summer of 1994, she was concertmaster of the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra.

Wolfe was the winner of a Fulbright Lecture Award, which took her to Bolivia for a year to teach at the National Conservatory, coach, solo with Bolivia's National Symphony Orchestra and give numerous educational and public concerts with her string quartet, the Arka Ira Quartet.

Tickets for the Harrington String Quartet three concert series are \$7 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. For ticket information please call the Symphony office at (806) 376-8782.

Menus

March 24-29

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Ribecue, macaroni and cheese, English peas, diced pears, choice of milk. TUESDAY Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, carrots, pineapple, hot rolls, choice of milk. WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled egg, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Hero sub sandwich, lettuce and tomato, vegetarian beans, fresh fruit, choice of milk. THURSDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Corndog, French fries, peaches, cookies, choice of milk. FRIDAY Holiday. Lefors School MONDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, green beans, peaches, cottage cheese, garlic toast, milk. TUESDAY Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Salisbury steak, meat loaf, blackeyed peas, whipped potatoes, gravy, rolls, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Waffles, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Fish, cheese, salad, mixed vegetables, oven tators, fruit, milk. THURSDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, sausages, toast, cereal, milk. Lunch: Beef stew, salad, grilled cheese, cornbread, fruit, milk. FRIDAY Holiday. Southside Senior Citizens SATURDAY Chopped beef, spinach</p>	<p>and carrots, bread, dessert. Meals on Wheels MONDAY Stew, cornbread, peaches. TUESDAY Shepherd's pie, lima beans, candied carrots, applesauce. WEDNESDAY Barbecue weiners, macaroni and cheese, cabbage, jello. THURSDAY Chopped sirloin with mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, tomatoes, pudding. FRIDAY Holiday. Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or sweet n' sour pork cutlets, mashed potatoes, fried okra, beets, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, cherry chocolate cake or bread pudding, hot rolls or cornbread. TUESDAY Ham with fruit sauce or chicken fried chicken breast, yams, California mix veggies, turnip greens, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, banana split cake or coconut cream pie, hot rolls or cornbread. WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, brussel sprouts, butter beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, Mississippi mud cake or lemon pie, hot rolls or cornbread. THURSDAY Chicken and dumplings or barbecued sausage, onion potatoes, green beans, squash, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, pineapple delight cake or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread. FRIDAY Fried cod fish or oven baked chicken, potato wedges, spinach, blackeyed peas, slaw, tossed or jello salad, apple pie dessert cake or tapioca, hot rolls, cornbread or garlic bread sticks.</p>
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Upcoming art show open to public

AMARILLO — The Colony Frame and Gallery of Amarillo will be presenting its fifth annual Spring Show March 28 through April 26.

Featured artists will be Amy Winton, Andrew Wilks, Nathan Warden, Richard Thompson, Beth Thomas, Sue Peck, Ann Pearce, Ruth Padilla, Pat Menke, Karla Man, Mary Lou Loewenstern, Ben Konis, Donny Hickmott, Barry Harvey, Dori

Fletcher, Roylynn Evans, Janet Evans, Gary Dunn, Ann Crouch and David Alan Corbin.

The public is invited to meet the artists and view their work during an opening reception from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Colony Frame and Gallery, 2606 Wolfiin Avenue, Wolfiin Square. The show may be seen from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Club news

Magic Plains Chapter of ABWA

The Magic Plains Chapter of the American Businesswomen's Association met March 10 at Sirloin Stockade with Wynona Seeley serving as hostess. Fourteen members and four guests — Nona Malenson, Brenda Donalson, Tori Kelly and Susie Reynolds — were present.

Reports and minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as printed in the bulletin. Lanella Hensley gave a report on the Business Associate Banquet to be held on Tuesday, March 11 at the Lovett Memorial Library. Each member was asked to bring two door prizes for the event.

Three members were elected to the nominating committee for the executive board next year. Estelle Malone was elected chairman with Ellen Malone and Glenda Malone completing the committee.

The chapter also voted to sell pecans starting at 3 p.m. March 21 at Wal-Mart.

Eltha Hensley, treasurer, asked members to turn in names for invitations to the membership meeting as soon as possible.

The Chapter will be participating in the Texas Trash Off on April 5.

Reynolds, representative of the Pampered Chef products, presented a program and gave a demonstration of her products.

Door prizes were won by Ellen Malone, Virginia Dewey, Kelly and Donalson.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. April 14 at Sirloin Stockade.

FCE Club

The Pampa Family Community Education Club met March 14 at the Pam Apartments. Seven members were present.

Virginia Horton presented a program on the topic of understanding personal rights.

The next meeting will be April 4.

Highland Seniors Club

Highland Seniors Club met March 14 in the Fellowship Hall of Highland Baptist Church with President Mary Caswell presiding. Doyle Keeton opened the business meeting with a prayer. Thirty-two members and five guests were present. Minutes were read by Secretary Minnie Emmors.

Plans were made to visit Cal Farley's Boys Ranch sometime in April.

Caswell read a story about the "Contrary Wife," and Velma Garrison presented a program on hospitality.

The club dined on chili and stew courtesy of Johnny and Nina Pearl Dawes and celebrated Mike Ely's 91st birthday.

Addie Hensley closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be April 4.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met March 18 at the home of Kathy Gist. Gist served as hostess and prepared a Mexican lunch. Members dined on tortilla soup and caprirotada.



Stacey Collum-Dustin Weatherly
Candace Hill-Jason Woods
Connie Rutledge-Aaron Wilbanks

Don't forget to register for the Easter Drawing



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Sophia Vance, president, appointed a committee to select officers for the coming year. The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. April 1 at the home of Madeline Gawthrop in Bowers City.

Lost Girl Finds Lifelong Truth In Woman's Act Of Kindness

DEAR ABBY: You asked readers to tell you about random acts of kindness they have experienced. Well, here's mine. It's the story of a black woman's kindness to a 16-year-old white girl who was lost in Harlem. It was a cold and rainy night late in December of 1944.

My 15-year-old brother and I had gone to visit an elderly aunt in New York between Christmas and New Year's. My brother decided he wanted to go back to Connecticut after a couple of days, but I wanted to stay longer. I thought I knew the city and suggested that he get the train at the 125th Street station to save time. I saw him off and then unknowingly got on the wrong bus to return to my aunt's.

I knew I was in trouble when the bus turned onto either Lexington or Amsterdam Avenue. I had no money. I was the only white person left on the bus. In the back of the bus a group of musicians were tuning up (remember, it was war time and gas was rationed).

I was sitting next to a woman, and I began to cry in absolute terror. The woman asked me what was wrong. I told her I was lost and had no money. She said she'd give me the bus fare, and proceeded to tell me where to go after I got off the bus. I cried harder and told her I was afraid of her people. The woman then offered to get off the bus with me.

We walked across the street together in the cold rain, and she



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

waited with me until a bus came. She got on the bus with me, paid my fare and told the bus driver where I was to get off. The bus driver closed the door behind her, told her that he had taken her a block and demanded that she pay another fare for herself.

I have often thought of this good woman and prayed many, many times that God has been good to her for her kindness to me. I have also tried to show kindness to all people, black or white, that I have worked with or met. I was so distraught, I don't know if I ever thanked her. Writing this letter to you, Abby, is my sincere thanks to this Good Samaritan.

ANNA HART ZIRUK, BREWSTER, MASS.

DEAR ANNA: With a little luck, your Good Samaritan may see this letter and remember her good deed. Thank you for reminding us that you can't judge the quality of people by the color of their skin.

DEAR ABBY: You advised "Miss X" — a male pre-op transsexual — to use the women's rest room when dressed as a woman. Bad idea. It is illegal for people to use a public rest room intended for the opposite sex, regardless of how they are presenting themselves.

Speaking as a longtime cross-dresser, my idea of transvestite hell would be to get arrested wearing a dress and high heels and have to spend a night locked in a cell with a group of Hell's Angels.

Abby, most women are offended by the idea of men using their rest room regardless of how the man is dressed. I easily pass as a moderately attractive woman, but I respect the fact that I am not wanted in the ladies rest room and I stay out of it.

I suggest that "Miss X" do the same until after the operation. When I am dressed up in public, I find small restaurants and convenience stores that have a single unisex bathroom or a single-stall men's room with a door that locks.

KANSAS CITY CUTIE

DEAR CUTIE: It will please you to know that I got several complaints for my answer. Thank you for setting me straight.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, March 24, 1997

You are likely to operate on a grander scale in the year ahead. Instead of this working against you, it could help pave the way to your success. You will do well when you set your sights higher.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Persons whose support you need today might not be as cooperative as you expected. They might be waiting to see how you cooperate with them first. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and BASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're not

careful today, you may bog yourself down with more duties than you can comfortably manage. Prioritize your assignments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you feel you're entitled to much from a situation in which you have only a minor role, disappointment is possible today. Rewards have to be earned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Career pressures might be a trifle heavier than usual today, but this will be counterbalanced by some good things in other areas in your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could be in a vulnerable position today if you take risks on projects over which others have more direct control than you do. Be sure you have room to operate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be fully attentive when making financial transactions today. Your talent for projecting gains and losses might not be up to par.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be fair and flexible when dealing with others in commercial matters today. It will be to your advantage to play it smart and compro-

mise a tad.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might have to shoulder some extra responsibilities. Although exasperating, they might still offer you some form of reward for your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) For your own good today, give a wide berth to a casual acquaintance whose affairs are often complicated. He or she might try to involve you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try not to discuss your intentions in front of individuals who might not support you. They might be tempted to cut you out of the picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might not be the easiest person to get along with today, so don't go around blaming others for the rejection you might experience.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Financial prospects look good today, provided you don't do anything thoughtless to weaken your position. Operate from your memory of past, positive experiences.

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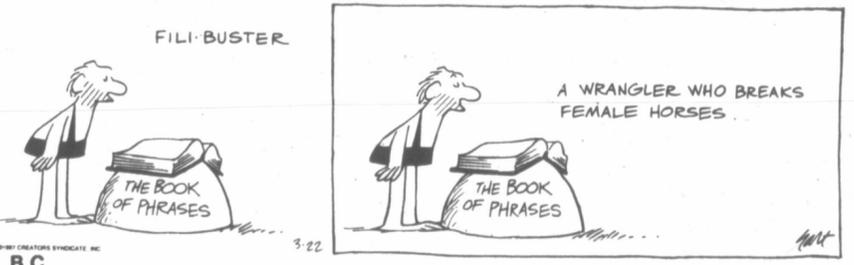
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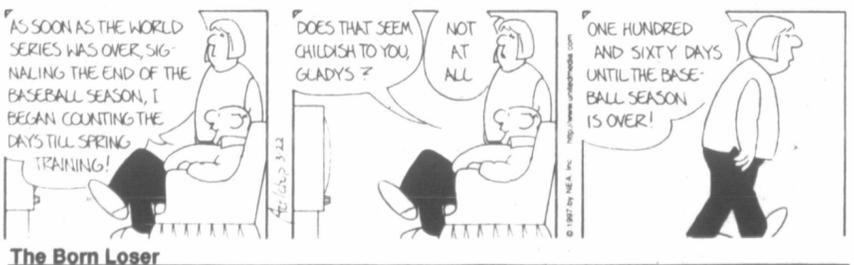
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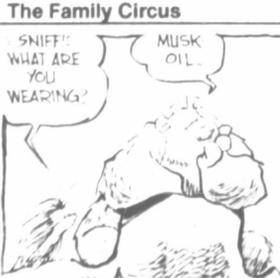
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"Purple and yellow are the team colors for Easter."



"No! You're not bringing your pet fireplug into the house."



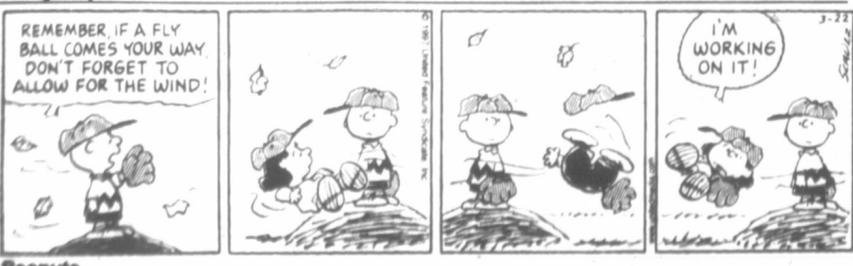
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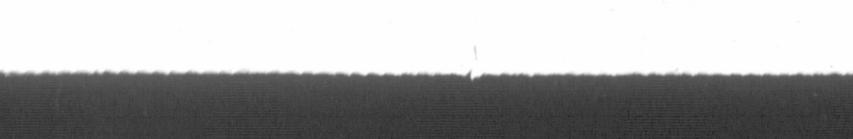
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ENTERTAINMENT

Big names give their regards to Broadway

By MICHAEL KUCHWARA
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — They don't do it for the money. They could make far more on television or in the movies — and still not break a sweat doing eight performances a week.

So why are high-profile stars like Whoopi Goldberg, Sarah Jessica Parker and Raquel Welch; TV names like Park Overall of *Empty Nest*, Dixie Carter of *Designing Women* and Michael Hayden of *Murder One*, and up-and-comers like Billy Crudup, Carrie Preston and Lili Taylor finding their way to the New York stage this season?

It's often the play itself and the prestige of being in *The Theater* that attract these performers, particularly when they don't have to make a major time commitment of a year or even six months. And these actors are everywhere — from Broadway's Roundabout Theater Company to tiny off-Broadway venues like the Vineyard Theater or Manhattan Theater Club's Stage II.

"TV is so different, honey — it's a grind and a paycheck," draws Overall, who plays a Texas belle from hell in John Patrick Shanley's 1990s drawing-room comedy *Psychopathia Sexualis* at Manhattan Theater Club.

"Here I got six weeks of rehearsal and a live audience. No retakes. I had to learn how to use my voice. I had gotten lazy," Overall says. "Theater is harder than television or the movies — I used to say 'No, it wasn't,' but I was young and just saying dumb stuff."

Goldberg is starring for five months in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, replacing Nathan Lane who has gone on to movies for a change of pace.

"Having someone like Whoopi come in has already prevented that thing that always happens when a star leaves ... ticket sales inevitably go down," Michael David, a *Forum* producer, recently told *Variety*. Her presence generated a whole new round of publicity for a musical that has run for nearly a year.

Welch already has a track record as a proven replacement. She took over for Lauren Bacall in

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— Park Overall

the musical *Woman of the Year* in 1982 and extended the life of the show. Now she's got an equally formidable challenge. She replaces Julie Andrews on June 3 in *Victor/Victoria*, playing a woman pretending to be a man pretending to be a woman.

Quite a fuss was made over the Roundabout's current production of *Three Sisters*, featuring such rising performers as Lili Taylor, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Eric Stoltz and Billy Crudup, as well as veterans such as Amy Irving and Jerry Stiller. The potent cast, along with a highly touted young director Scott Elliott, turned the Chekhov classic into one of Broadway's hottest tickets.

Patti LuPone sold tickets when she replaced Zoe Caldwell as Maria Callas in *Master Class* last summer and now Dixie Carter has gotten the chance to see if she can keep the Terrence McNally drama running.

For Carter, playing Broadway is a homecoming of sorts. Long before she found her way to *Designing Women*, she had an extensive theater career.

Coming to the New York theater certainly is not without risk. Julia Sweeney's one-woman show collapsed quickly earlier this season. The Broadway revival of *Once Upon a Mattress*, with Sarah Jessica Parker, did not receive the reviews its producers hoped it would. Neither did *Not Waving, a Mother-daughter play* that Kyra Sedgwick did for Primary Stages, a small off-Broadway theater company.

Still, they return for the chance to perfect

their craft — or work with actors and directors they admire.

"I do it because I am trying to be a good actor, and I am aware of what will challenge me in that direction," says Dan Futterman, currently struggling to learn an English accent for *Dealer's Choice*, a British play by Patrick Marber now showing at Manhattan Theater Club's minuscule Stage II. Futterman played Robin Williams' son in the movie, *The Birdcage*.

The salary may be only \$400 a week, but the play, which centers on a second-act poker game, gives Futterman a chance to work with John Tillingier, a veteran director of plays by Terrence McNally and A.R. Gurney.

Carrie Preston has a budding movie career. She appears with Julia Roberts in the upcoming film *My Best Friend's Wedding*. But a chance to star with and be directed by Vanessa Redgrave in *Antony and Cleopatra* brought her to the Joseph Papp Public Theater. It also gave her the chance to play 19-year-old Octavius Caesar in one of the season's more interesting gender-bending experiments.

The tiny 125-Vineyard Theater snared Mary-Louise Parker of *Fried Green Tomatoes* fame and David Morse, of television's *St. Elsewhere*, to do the world premiere of *How I Learned to Drive*, a new drama by Paula Vogel. And the gamble for the controversial play about incest paid off. The production as well as the actors have gotten some of the best reviews of the season.

And the actors will keep arriving this spring, particularly from television land. Michael Hayden has a pivotal role in the Roundabout's revival of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*, while Julie Kavner of *Simpsons* fame stars in *God's Heart* by Craig Lucas at Lincoln Center.

"It's a real decision," Futterman says. "Are you going to make some money or are you going to challenge yourself? It is the rare TV show, I think, that challenges actors as much as theater."

For some, there's no doubt.

"I've got two ranches, I've got horses, I've got chickens and other things to take care of," Overall says. "But I'll tell you this, if anybody said 'Would you come to New York to do a play?' I would say, 'Yes, you bet.'"

Lord of the Dance ...

By EILEEN GLANTON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In most corners of America, an 11-year-old boy in tap shoes would be an easy target for neighborhood bullies.

Not Michael Flatley — already a boxing champ in his native Chicago, he took up Irish step dance to honor a family legacy and please his parents. In the process, he discovered he was brilliant.

Teachers bowed down. Girls swooned. And no bully dared tease the boy with the magic feet and the mean right hook.

Today, Flatley, 38, is arguably the best step dancer in the world and starring in his own show, *Lord of the Dance*, which wrapped up 12 sold-out shows at New York's Radio City Music Hall on St. Patrick's Day. It heads to Los Angeles' Universal Amphitheatre and then several other U.S. cities.

Lord of the Dance is an offshoot of *Riverdance*, the slightly more traditional show that opened to similar fervor in 1995. Flatley choreographed and starred in *Riverdance* until last year, when he was either fired, for an ego running wild, or quit, seeking more money and creative control.

Neither Flatley nor *Riverdance* officials will fully explain, but Flatley today says his departure gave him a chance to shine.

"I didn't want someone to tell me that I couldn't use my arms, or do a triple spin, or a moon-

walk," he said. "When I got to my own show, I had all these ideas that had been trying to burst out for such a long time."

Those ideas turn tradition on its head. Typically, Irish step dance looks like a stringent, highly aerobic tap routine. Dancers maintain ramrod-straight spines, with arms at their sides and little expression on their faces.

Flatley injected elements of tap, ballet and flamenco, marrying the radical choreography to a rock-influenced score. A pounding beat, skimpy costumes, electric fiddles and flashing lights are all part of the package.

"This has always been my vision, to take Irish dance and make it into something that can compete with rock and roll shows. I thought it deserved that kind of attention," says Flatley.

With thick reddish hair and bright blue eyes, Flatley looks and sounds like a pumped-up leprechaun ... the kid from Chicago even has a touch of an Irish accent — he says it's from his parents and hanging around the troupe. Sleek and muscular from countless hours of strenuous dancing, he is poured into tight black jeans and a leather top. He speaks as fast and lively as he dances, which, for the record, is 28 taps per second.

"I know I can go faster," he explains, "but recording it for the Guinness Book was a pretty arduous process, so we held at 28."

And the contenders for Oscar are ...

By The Associated Press

List of nominations for the Academy Awards:

1. BEST PICTURE: *The English Patient*, *Fargo*, *Jerry Maguire*, *Secrets & Lies*, *Shine*.

2. ACTOR: Tom Cruise, *Jerry Maguire*; Ralph Fiennes, *The English Patient*; Woody Harrelson, *The People vs. Larry Flynt*; Geoffrey Rush, *Shine*; Billy Bob Thornton, *Sling Blade*.

3. ACTRESS: Brenda Blethyn, *Secrets & Lies*; Diane Keaton, *Marvin's Room*; Frances McDormand, *Fargo*; Kristin Scott Thomas, *The English Patient*; Emily Watson, *Breaking the Waves*.

4. SUPPORTING ACTOR: Cuba Gooding Jr., *Jerry Maguire*; William H. Macy, *Fargo*; Armin Mueller-Stahl, *Shine*; Edward Norton, *Primal Fear*; James Woods, *Ghosts of Mississippi*.

5. SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Joan Allen, *The Crucible*; Lauren Bacall, *The Mirror Has Two Faces*; Juliette Binoche, *The English Patient*; Barbara Hershey, *The Portrait of a Lady*; Marianne Jean-Baptiste, *Secrets & Lies*.

6. DIRECTOR: Anthony Minghella, *The English Patient*; Joel Coen, *Fargo*; Milos Forman, *The People vs. Larry Flynt*; Mike Leigh, *Secrets & Lies*; Scott Hicks, *Shine*.

7. FOREIGN FILM: *A Chef in Love*, Georgia; *Kolya*, Czech Republic; *The Other Side of Sunday*, Norway; *Prisoner of the Mountains*, Russia; *Ridicule*, France.

8. SCREENPLAY (written directly for the screen): Ethan Coen & Joel Coen, *Fargo*; Cameron Crowe, *Jerry Maguire*; John Sayles, *Lone Star*; Mike Leigh, *Secrets & Lies*; Jan Sardi and Scott Hicks, *Shine*.

9. SCREENPLAY (based on material previously produced or published): Arthur Miller, *The Crucible*; Anthony Minghella, *The English Patient*; Kenneth Branagh, *Hamlet*; Billy Bob Thornton, *Sling Blade*; John Hodge, *Trainspotting*.

10. ART DIRECTION: *The Birdcage*, *The English Patient*, *Evita*, *Hamlet*, *William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet*.

11. CINEMATOGRAPHY: *The English Patient*, *Evita*, *Fargo*, *Fly*

Away Home, Michael Collins.

12. SOUND: *The English Patient*, *Evita*, *Independence Day*, *The Rock*, *Twister*.

13. SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: *Daylight*, *Eraser*, *The Ghost and the Darkness*.

14. ORIGINAL MUSICAL OR COMEDY SCORE: *Emma*, Rachel Portman; *The First Wives Club*, Marc Shaiman; *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz; *James and the Giant Peach*, Randy Newman; *The Preacher's Wife*, Hans Zimmer.

15. ORIGINAL DRAMATIC SCORE: *The English Patient*, Gabriel Yared; *Hamlet*, Patrick Doyle; *Michael Collins*, Elliot Goldenthal; *Shine*, David Hirschfelder; *Sleepers*, John Williams.

16. ORIGINAL SONG: "Because You Loved Me" from *Up Close and Personal*, Diane Warren; "For the First Time" from *One Fine Day*, James Newton Howard, Jud J. Friedman and Allan Dennis Rich; "I Finally Found Someone" from *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, Barbra Streisand, Marvin Hamlisch, Bryan Adams and Robert "Mutt" Lange; "That Thing You Do!" from *That Thing You Do!*, Adam Schlesinger; "You Must Love Me" from *Evita*, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

17. COSTUME: *Angels and Insects*, *Emma*, *The English Patient*, *Hamlet*, *The Portrait of a Lady*.

18. DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: *The Line King: The Al Hirschfeld Story*, *Mandela*, *Suzanne Farrell: Elusive Muse*, *Tell The Truth and Run: George Seldes and the American Press*, *When We Were Kings*.

19. DOCUMENTARY (short subject): *Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O'Brien*, *Cosmic Voyage*, *An Essay on Matisse*, *Special Effects*, *The Wild*

Bunch: An Album in Montage.

20. FILM EDITING: *The English Patient*, *Evita*, *Fargo*, *Jerry Maguire*, *Shine*.

21. MAKEUP: *Ghosts of Mississippi*, *The Nutty Professor*, *Star Trek: First Contact*.

22. ANIMATED SHORT FILMS: *Canhead*, *La Salla*, *Quest*, *Wat's Pig*.

23. LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM: *De Tripas, Corazon*; "Dear Diary, Ernst & Lyset, Esposados, Wordless."

24. VISUAL EFFECTS: *Dragonheart*, *Independence Day*, *Twister*.

Oscar winners previously announced this year: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL OSCAR: Imax Corp. for its large-format movies. HONORARY AWARD: Chore-

ographer Michael Kidd.

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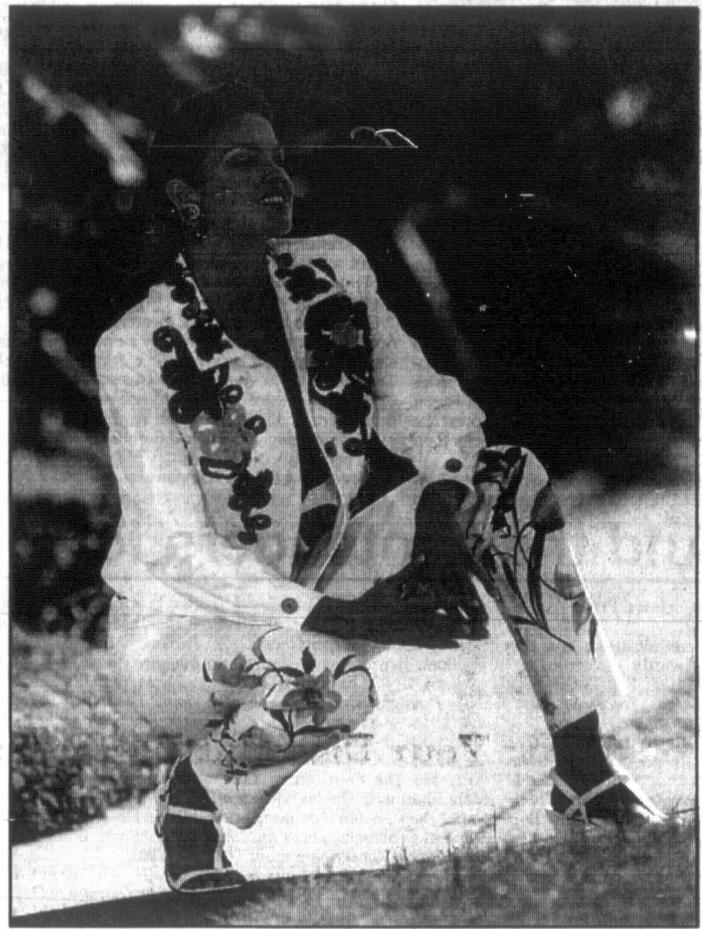
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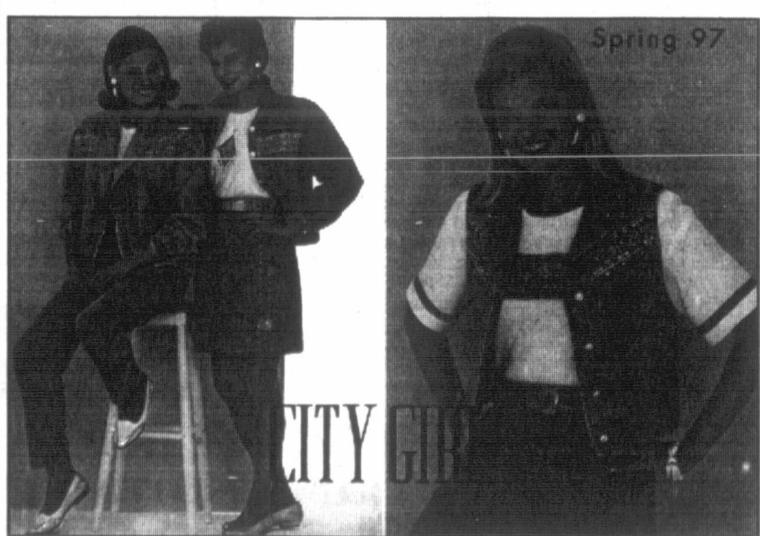
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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT - (BEAR)

Outlook: If you're involved in wheat, either as a farmer or a trader, now is the time of year you need to be very careful. Mid to late March has been associated other years with a seasonal high. This could be one of those years.

Unlike last year, the crop in the Central and Southern Plains is generally looking pretty good. At press time, the technical key reversal on the charts remains intact. Until the Kansas city July can again trade above \$3.87, or the July Chicago can again close above \$3.73; the market is looking topky.

With that said, the crop is not in the bin yet. Final yields can still be dramatically affected by weather between now and harvest. I'm also still positive Minneapolis wheat until we see the potential planting conditions improve. Overall, however, the bias is negative for the coming weeks based on the time of year.

Strategy: Hedgers: Based on previous recommendations, winter wheat farmers are now about 50 percent sold in the July KC between 375 and 385. Use put options if you are not comfortable with futures. Look to add 25 percent on the first close under 360.

Traders: We remain long September Minneapolis futures (new crop spring wheat) at \$3.50 or lower. We also spread in last week by selling July Chicago at about 370. In other words, we have "legged into" the spread, with Minneapolis 20 cents less than the Chicago. This gives us a head start. Risk another 12-15 cents on the spread.

CORN - (BEAR)

Outlook: As we've suggested previously, the recent corn rally has been fueled more on technical factors (i.e., fund buying) than fundamentals. Export sales have been good, but the fact China is now stepping up their exports of corn (remember last year they were a net importer) could dampen this. The strong soybean market has helped corn to this point.

Don't fight the trend, it remains up for now, but keep your eyes peeled for signs of a top. One clue would be two consecutive futures closes under \$3.00. Head for the exits before the funds do!

Strategy: Hedgers: If you followed our advice, you are sold out of old crop supplies on the recent rally. New crop hedgers are up to 40 percent sold in December futures at an approximate average of \$2.75 (or by using at the

money December puts for less than 20 cents). Do not expand hedges yet.

Traders: Look to sell July corn short on a two consecutive day close under \$2.95. Risk to \$3.06 for an objective below \$2.70.

CATTLE - (BULL)

Outlook: As long as the trend remains up (and it still is at press time) we will remain bullish.

Yes, the reports show there are huge numbers of cattle in the feedlots, and they are supposed to be coming to market soon, but we've been hearing this story for months now. Perhaps the majority are right about the supply side of the equation, but have they misread the demand side? Perhaps the numbers of cattle out there are overestimated? It wouldn't be the first time.

I want to remain flexible, and if the signs of burdensome supply start to appear, we can change course. However, for now we will keep the bull in the box.

Strategy: Feeders: As long as the trend remains up, we continue to only recommend that puts be used for downside protection in April. We remain unhedged in the back months. The objective is leave our upside as open as possible as long as this looks like a bull.

Cow/calf operators: The feeder future market appears oversold at present due to the corn rally. The cash market has held up better than the futures. No new hedge recommendations at this time.

Traders: We remain long October feeder cattle at 74 or less. Risk to a close under 7150. This will be a longer term trade. Leave the upside objective open at this time.

Safety Day Camp for kids set in Lubbock

LUBBOCK - The South Plains Fairgrounds here will be the site of a Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 10.

The Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camps, sponsored nationally by Progressive Farmer magazine, take an innovative, hands-on approach to safety education for kids. After launching the program with 19 camps in 1995, Progressive Farmer joined forces with local groups and national sponsors to hold 84 camps across the nation in 1996 - including an August camp in Plainview.

The Plainview Camp, sponsored by the Hale County and West Texas chapters of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, attracted approximately 100 youngsters. Both Chapters have now joined forces with interested business and individuals from across the Panhandle-South Plains to organize the 1997 camp in Lubbock.

The camp teaches children in grades K-6 to be aware of safety hazards on the farm. Pre-registration is requested by April 21. The \$10 admission price includes a T-shirt, noon meal, two snacks and handouts. For registration information, contact the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, located at 2930 Avenue Q in Lubbock, or by calling 762-0181.

"Farming is one of the most rewarding occupations in the world, but it's also one of the most dangerous," Progressive Farmer Editor Jack Odle said. "From the calls and letters we receive, it's clear that even adults sometimes underestimate the dangers involved, and children almost always do. Our goal is to teach kids to think before they act. We want to make safety a habit, and we want kids to have a good time developing that habit."

Conducted in conjunction with the popular Safety 4 Just Kids program, the camp will provide hands-on experience and demonstrations on general farm and home safety, animals, all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and bicycles, firearms, lawn mowers, grain entrapment, tractors and roll over, wells, water safety, first aid, chemical and electrical safety, power take-off (PTO) safety, weather/environment, and other topics. Children will be taught the importance of a positive safety attitude.

"The farm is not only a home to many young people, but also a playground and workplace," said Kathy Christensen of Plainview, chapter representative of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids. "While the farm is a wonderful place to grow up, children between the ages of 5 and 14 have the highest rate of injury among

all farm workers. Our goal is to prevent farm injuries and deaths by teaching children and teens about farm-related risks and showing them how to protect themselves and others."

Although the camps were originally designed for farm children, those who do not live on the farm are encouraged to attend.

"Any child who visits grandparents on the farm or who operates an ATV or a riding lawn mower will benefit from the camp," said Christensen. "We had an outstanding experience with the camp last year and believe that children from across the Panhandle-South Plains will benefit from the Lubbock Camp, which will be much larger."

In addition to Progressive Farmer and Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, many of the magazine's advertisers have also offered their support. Shell Lubricants, Farm Plan, Gold Kist Inc., O.F. Mossberg and Sons, Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc., and Smith & Wesson are national sponsors of the program.

Progressive Farmer is published by Southern Progress Corp., which also publishes Southern Living, Southern Accents and Cooking Lights magazines, as well as Oxmoor House books. The Birmingham, Alabama-based company is the largest regional publisher of magazines and books in the country.

Wheeler to host Forage Production Symposium

WHEELER - Beef cattle and forage producers are invited to the annual Forage Production Symposium Tuesday, April 1, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church, 704 Main in Wheeler.

This year's symposium will focus on planning a year-round forage program and will compare the nutritive value of native and introduced grasses.

Program participants will include Dr. Don Dorsett, Extension forage specialist in College Station; Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo; J.F. Cadenhead, Extension range and brush control specialist in Vernon; and Don King, Wheeler County Extension agent.

Dr. Dorsett will discuss perennial and annuals,

both cool and warm season, that will fit into a year-round forage system. Cadenhead will cover management practices for lovegrass, Pains bluestem and native grasses.

King will talk about renovating CRP land for use in a grazing system. Dr. McCollum will explain the planning procedure for developing a year-round forage system and compare the nutritional value of native grasses and improved pastures.

A meal will be sponsored by the Rolling Plains Production Credit Association. Meal reservations must be made by calling the county Extension office at (806) 826-5243 no later than Thursday, March 27.

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USDA lifts threatened wheat quarantine

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Agriculture Department has lifted its threat of quarantines against Southeastern wheat crops, saying it was unable to find any evidence a fungus had contaminated the grain.

"We've extensively studied the situation in the Southeast and have concluded that Karnal bunt is not present there," said Terry Medley, administrator of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

The USDA said it failed to find any bunted wheat kernels in samples, although contaminated rye grass kernels were common. Research has shown, however, that spores from rye grass do not infect wheat.

The fungus - each spore smaller than a grain of pepper - is harmless to humans but ruins the taste and quality of wheat.

Such spores were recovered in samples from Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee.

But the latest finding means "at this time, we are no longer considering taking further regulatory action in the Southeast," said Assistant Agriculture Secretary Michael V. Dunn.

The department began considering a quarantine after the discovery of an identical spore on rye grass in Oregon, which produces 95 percent of all U.S. rye grass seed and ships it to every state as well as 27 foreign countries.

When wheat contaminated with Karnal bunt was first found in the United States last year, the department quarantined the crop throughout Arizona and parts of Texas, California and New Mexico, costing growers and handlers there millions of dollars.



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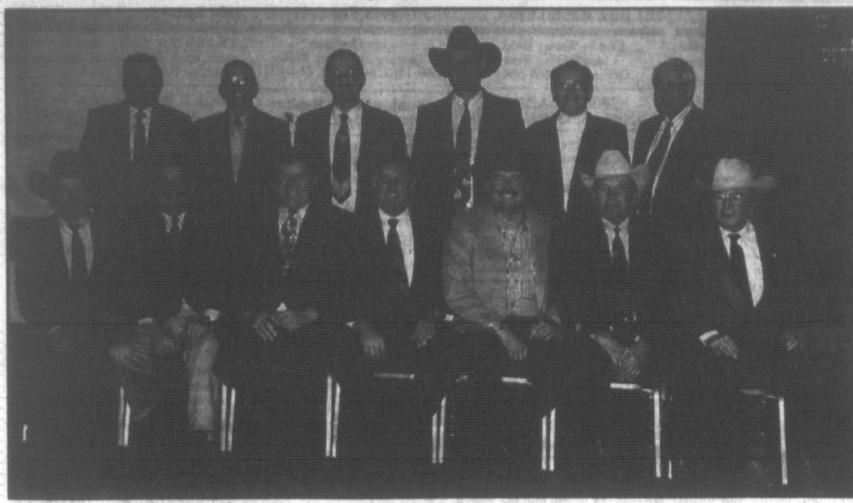
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Allison resident elected to NALF board

Hiram Begert of Allison has been elected secretary of the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF) for 1997. Kent Comelison of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was elected president at NALF's annual meeting. Serving with Begert will be Vice President Don O'Brien of Pineville, Mo.; Treasurer Mark Smith of Ankeny, Iowa; and member-at-large

Payton Scott of Rising Star, Texas. Andy Bailey of Hiko, Nevada will continue to serve with the board as an ex-officio member. During the NALF annual meeting, board members Begert, Harley Coleman of Charlo, Montana; and Ed Slusher of Osage City, Kan., were re-elected to second terms. Joining the board for new terms were Ken

Holloway of Chattanooga, Okla., and Leonard Wulf of Morris, Minn. Also serving on the 1997 board are Dudley Bozeman of Flora, Miss.; Bob Clonch of Fayetteville, Ohio; Joe Freund of Elizabeth, Colo.; Ray Heldermon of Claremore, Okla.; Ron Holland of Vassar, Kan.; and Jim Newsome of Jackson, Miss.

Hondo man named rural hero for 1996

HOUSTON - William Clayton (Clay) Nuckles of Hondo has been named rural hero of 1996, according to Ben Bullard, president of the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council.

Nuckles was honored Monday, March 17, at the Texas Safety Association's 58th Annual Texas/Southwestern Safety Conference and Exposition, held in Houston. The award honors an individual who performed or attempted an heroic act of human-lifesaving related to farming and ranching.

Although Clay was unable to save the life of his father, John, he is credited with going beyond the call of duty, and almost died himself in the attempt. On May 15, while clearing land with a bulldozer in Medina County 19 miles north of D'Hanis, John was attacked by a large swarm of bees.

Seeing his father slumped over in the tractor seat, Clay

attempted to get the bees off of him, getting stung himself in the process. John, who had emphysema, was at this time gasping hard, trying to get air in his lungs. Clay - knowing his father was in no condition to use the inhaler - pumped the medication into his own mouth, and tried to blow it into his dad's lungs.

By this time John had lost consciousness. Clay performed CPR on him, then decided to try to carry his father to their truck, located about two miles away.

About a mile later, Clay, deciding his father had died walked the rest of the way to his truck, called the EMS on his mobile phone, went back to where his father lay and took him in the truck to meet the EMS.

Clay's attempts to save his dad were in vain. What the young man didn't know was that he was close to death himself. The EMS personnel gave

Clay the injections needed to fight the bee venom, and drove him to meet the helicopter that would take him to the hospital in San Antonio.

"No one really knew how much danger Clay was in until doctors explained to the family how close he came to dying himself," Mary Cantrell, his mother, relates. "It turned out that he had over 150 bee stings, plus the emotional shock that he had been through."

Although doctors told Clay he did all that was possible to save his dad, Cantrell said Clay still questions his actions.

"This young man was only 24-years-old when this happened, but he used common sense way beyond his years trying to help his dad," Cantrell says. "He would be the first to tell you he is no hero, but everyone who knows him and knows what happened that day will tell you different."

Report: Chinese crawfish dumped into U.S. market

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The price of peeled crawfish tails will double, but 3,000 jobs could reappear in Louisiana because of tariffs imposed late last week on cheaply produced Chinese imports that have inundated the U.S. market.

In a preliminary finding, a federal agency ruled that Chinese

crawfish tails are being illegally dumped on the U.S. market for less than the fair market value.

The cheaper Chinese tails even flooded south Louisiana markets, and the discovery that cooks were using imported crawfish meat created a scandal at last year's New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

Louisiana Agriculture Commissioner Bob Odom said the ruling does not block importers from bringing in Chinese crawfish.

"It just puts Louisiana producers on an even playing field," he said. "Without this, the peeled crawfish tail industry in Louisiana would have died."

Texas Wheat Producers Board elects directors

AMARILLO - The biennial election of the Texas Wheat Producers Board ended with the canvassing of ballots Tuesday, March 11, according to Bob Beakley, chairman.

Re-elected to serve additional six-year terms were: District I: (North Plains) Scott McGarraugh, Perryton; District II: (South Plains) David Cleavinger, Wildorado; District III: (Rolling Plains) Ralph Sides, Childress; and District IV: (all other counties in Texas) Bob Beakley, Ennis, and Ben Scholz, Wylie.

All names on the ballot were requested by the applicant with support of 10 other producers. Ballots were sent to over 40,000 commercial wheat producers in the

state, with available space for write-in candidates. Of the write-in names on the returned ballots, none generated sufficient votes for election.

The proposition to change the 1 cent limit on the refundable wheat assessment rate to a level limited to 1 1/2 cents per bushels until year 2000, at which time the level may not exceed 2 cents per bushel, was favored by 71 percent of the producers voting. Two-thirds majority was required for approval of the measure.

The Board must annually set the applicable level of assessment to finance programs of wheat market development, disease and insect control, research, education and promotion to encourage the production, marketing and

use of wheat designed to enhance producers income.

The Texas Agricultural Commodity Referendum Law directs the make-up of and requires the appointment of a ballot canvassing committee. Those appointed by Chairman Beakley were: Arthur Ware, Potter County Judge, Amarillo; Ms. Katie Dickie, Producer Relations - Texas Department, Austin; Jim Allison, CEA-AG Potter County Extension Service, Amarillo; and C.L. Edwards, Treasurer - Texas Wheat Producers Board, Pan-handle.

Results of the election and proposition vote have been certified, by the canvassing committee as required, to the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, Rick Perry.

Corn growers to discuss concerns with lawmakers

ST. LOUIS, Mo. - Ethanol, soil and water conservation programs and risk management tools will dominate discussions when corn growers meet with lawmakers on Capitol Hill later this month.

Leaders of the nation's top farm commodity recently adopted final positions on a host of organization policies that call on Congress to adopt a "domestic energy policy" that expands the use of renewable fuels such as ethanol, and reiterate strong support for current federal farm policy.

"Americans want a renewable source of energy," said Wallie Hardie, president of the 30,000 member National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) following completion of his organization's annual meeting. "Farmers want some certainty in the federal farm program, and I think most are

pretty happy with how it worked this past year."

On ethanol, Hardie said corn growers will stress the importance of renewable fuels when the group's board of directors meet with Washington lawmakers. He said the NCGA is developing a strategy on how to protect the current 5.4-cent/gallon excise tax exemption for the renewable fuel.

"We strongly believe ethanol production represents a critical market for corn growers, and we plan to fight for tax incentives that support its production and use in the U.S.," he said.

During their two-day annual meeting, farmer delegates to the NCGA convention debated policy positions that also included other items such as federal tax policy, development of new programs to protect corn farm

income, the use of biotechnology and new conservation incentives to protect water quality.

The group plans to continue to fight for legislation that protects the current method of taxing income from deferred payment contracts in the year income is received. It also plans to seek federal funds to map the corn genome and will support legislation to reform federal estate tax laws.

"All of these important issues have an impact on our bottom line, and we want to see them to fruition in order to allow our sector of the farm economy to prosper," Hardie said.

Close to 4,000 people attended the organization's joint convention in Tampa with the American Soybean Association. The NCGA and National Corn Development Foundation (NCDF) boards meet in Washington, March 18-21.

Clover mites can be problem in cool weather

AMARILLO - Some insects prefer winter's cooler temperatures. One such species in the spider mite family, the clover mite, chooses to move around even if temperatures tell us winter is still here.

These small, red-green mites will come into homes from surrounding lawns and other areas of vegetation. According to Carl Patrick, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo, the clover mite's behavior is unlike most other species of spider mites that damage plants in the summer.

"Although the mites are small, they will be quite obvious when large numbers appear on your windowsill," said Patrick.

They have eight legs with front legs twice as long as the others. Infestations usually are confined

to the sun-exposed south or west sides of building, and are most severe during late winter and early spring, he said.

Adult female clover mites will lay small, round, red eggs in bark crevices at the bases of trees or in the cracks and crevices of buildings in the spring before temperatures reach 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

The eggs will stay dormant during the summer, and the adults die. Eggs hatch in the fall as temperatures drop below 85 degrees. The mites will feed and develop during the fall and the warm periods of winter, and as spring temperatures rise above 45 degrees.

It is at this time, when many of the mites inadvertently enter homes. Often described as "walking dust," they do not feed on anything in the home but can

leave a reddish-orange stain, if crushed. Since clover mites enter homes through small cracks and crevices around doors and windows, sealing these areas will help prevent entry.

According to Patrick, the most effective prevention is removing grass and weeds for 18 to 24 inches around the foundation of the house. This area does not have to remain bare, for a number of ornamental plantings that are not attractive to the mite could be used in beds next to the foundation.

Chemical controls, such as miticides can be applied to lower exterior walls, the foundation and a 10- to 20-foot-wide strip of nearby lawn where the mites are found. Indoors, use a vacuum cleaner to pick up live mites, seal the bag and dispose of it.

FLBA announces member-stockholder dividends

More than 1,300 area farmers, ranchers and rural property owners who do business with the Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) will find more than the usual bills and letters in the mailbox next month.

Member-stockholders of Panhandle-Plains FLBA will benefit from a \$1 million dividend distribution announced last week. This dividend will reduce their interest cost by 3/4 to 1/2 percentage point depending on the rate plan they use. Checks are to be mailed

to members around the first of April.

"Panhandle-Plains is pleased to return profits to association shareholders. Dividend payments are planned to be issued annually, which will lower the cost of credit for our members," said Robert R. Williams Jr., CEO of the association. "This adds validity to our cooperative philosophy of providing the lowest cost credit possible to the stockholders."

Panhandle-Plains FLBA has approximately \$135 million in

loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers and agribusiness in 16 counties. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

The association is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; C.L. Edwards, Panhandle; Ervin J. Davis, Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper, Petersburg; Dean Turner, Matador; Jerry K. Oswalt, Abernathy; Jon "Mike" Burnett, Spearman; Dean H. Garner, Pampa; and John C. Duke, Folett.

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<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The City of Pampa will conduct a public hearing at noon, Thursday, March 27, 1997 in city commission chambers.</p> <p>The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments concerning use of a law enforcement block grant awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$45,922.</p> <p>City commission chambers are located on the second floor of Pampa City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.</p> <p>A-51 Mar. 23, 1997</p>	<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 19th day of March, 1997</p> <p>Joe H. Wheeley Mar. 23, 1997</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ora Hazel Davis, Deceased, were issued on March 19, 1997, in Docket No. 8229, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: PHYLLIS D. ALBERS and BARBARA JEAN ABERNATHY.</p> <p>Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows:</p> <p>Phyllis D. Albers and Barbara Jean Abernathy, Independent Co-Executrices Estate of Ora Hazel Davis, Deceased c/o Don R. Lane Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1781 Pampa, TX 79066-1781</p> <p>All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 19th day of March, 1997</p> <p>Phyllis D. Albers Barbara Jean Abernathy Mar. 23, 1997</p> <p>A-52</p>	<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>NOTICE TO PROPOSERS</p> <p>The City of Pampa will receive sealed proposals for the following until 11 A.M., April 8, 1997 at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the City Finance Conference Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Pampa, Texas: RECREATION PARK PARK ATTENDANT</p> <p>Proposals packets may be obtained from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, 806/669-5730.</p> <p>Proposals may be delivered to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, Pampa, Texas or mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "PARK ATTENDANT PROPOSAL ENCLOSED. PROPOSAL NO. 97.16" and show date and time of opening. Facsimile bids will not be accepted.</p> <p>The City of Pampa reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted, to waive any formalities or technicalities and to award the proposal that is the best and most advantageous to the City.</p> <p>The City of Pampa will consider proposals for award on April 22, 1997.</p> <p>Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary Mar. 23, 30, 1997</p> <p>A-50</p>	<p>3 Personal</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skin-care. Facials, supplies, call Deb Stapleton, 665-2095.</p> <p>BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and Skin Care sales, service, and makeovers. Lynn Allison 1304 Christine - 669-3848</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics. Free delivery, make-overs, career information. Sherry Diggs 669-9435.</p> <p>LOVELY? To find that Special Sweet-Heart. Call Right Away! 1-900-868-1466 extension 2048. \$2.99 per minute. Must be 18 years. Serv-U (619) 645-8434.</p>	<p>10 Lost and Found</p> <p>FOUND: 1 Silver walking cane at Zimmers and 23rd, Thursday morning. 665-6859.</p> <p>FOUND Beige Chihuahua Call 665-7317</p>	<p>13 Bus. Opportunities</p> <p>FRITO LAY / HERSHEY ROUTE. Prime local sites. Keep present job. Weekly potential \$1,000 and up. Expand to desired income. Small investment. 1-800-617-6430 extension 1550.</p>	<p>14d Carpentry</p> <p>OVERHEAD Door Repair. Kidwell Construction. 669-6347.</p>	<p>14r Plowing, Yard Work</p> <p>TREE Trim, Feeding, Yard clean up, mowing, scalping, detaching, fertilizing, aeration, hauling. Ken Banks 665-3672</p> <p>YARD work, tree trimming and handyman. Reasonable. 665-4722, 669-9993.</p> <p>CALL Now to get your spring garden tilled the Troy-bilt way. Free estimates. 665-5805</p>	
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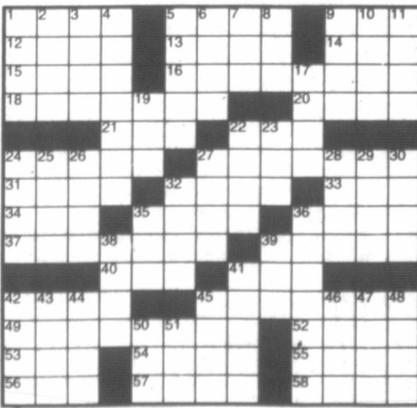
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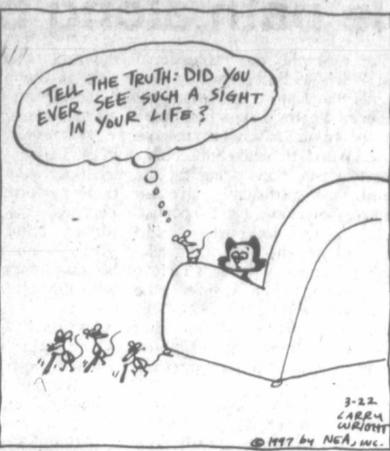
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Bull riders blaze popular, profitable path along bull riding circuit

By BRETT HOFFMAN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH (AP) — For J.W. Hart, bull riding is the quickest way to big bucks.

"My hands don't fit a shovel or post-hole digger handle and I wouldn't like sitting in an office from 8 to 5," said Hart, a Gainesville, Texas, cowboy who has earned more than \$200,000 the past two years by riding bulls on weekends.

Hart, 21, who competed in the recent Tuff Hedeman Championship Challenge in Fort Worth, represents a growing number of world-class competitors who primarily focus on shows that solely feature bull riding. These bulls-only shows now offer cowboy bucks — often very big bucks — on a year-round basis.

Some examples:
— The Professional Bull Riders will stage 18 regular-season Bud Light Cup Tour events in 1997, offering each winner between \$18,000 and \$25,000.

— The PBR and Bull Riders Only each have a Las Vegas final, each offering \$1 million purses. The BRO's final next month will award the winner of its final round \$250,000.

— The PBR will air its 18 Bud Light Cup Tour season events and its finals in 1997 on The Nashville Network. Next month, the BRO will air its finals performance on the Fox network.

Bull riding long has been rodeo's most popular discipline, always the last event to help hold crowds for the whole performance. With that in mind, organizers reasoned that they could successfully market the event on its own.

"A bull rider usually has a shorter career than a calf roper because the sport is a lot more dangerous," said Hedeman, a Morgan Mill, Texas, cowboy who doubles as the PBR's president. "So we figured that we needed to form our own organization so we could get paid what we're worth. It's not in our

Major bull riding circuits

By the Fort Worth Star-Telegram

A comparison of the three major bull riding circuits:

- PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDERS**
— Founded: 1993.
— 1996 season: 15 two-day regular season events (Bud Light Cup Tour), each offering a \$65,000 purse; 35 one-day (Touring Pro) smaller shows that offered a minimum \$7,500 purse.
— Finals: October in Las Vegas, \$1 million purse.
— Corporate office/CEO: Colorado Springs, Randy Bernard.
- BULL RIDERS ONLY**
— Founded: 1991.
— 1996 season: 21 one-day regular-season events with a minimum \$25,000 purse; 40 smaller events with purses less than \$25,000.
— Finals: April in Las Vegas with a \$1 million purse.
— Corporate office/CEO: Denver, Shaw Sullivan.
- PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION**
— Founded: 1936.
— 1996 season: 750 regular-season events. The PRCA's larger events, such as the Fort Worth and Denver rodeos, had bull riding purses between \$40,000 and \$60,000.
— Finals: December in Las Vegas with a \$450,000 purse.
— Corporate office/CEO: Colorado Springs, Lewis Cryer.

best interest to share equal money with calf ropers or any other event."

Organizers of major Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association shows say they understand why bull riders have organized but don't believe it has adversely affected the major rodeos. Bob Watt, general manager of Fort Worth's Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show Rodeo, said bull riders should be paid well.

"We add \$2,000 more to bull riding than the other events at our rodeo," Watt said. "And if we really gave bull riders justice by ranking the importance of their event against others, \$2,000 probably is not enough. I see these bull riding groups as very successful, which generates interest about rodeo in general. If anything, it probably has helped our business."

At the beginning of this decade, the world's top bull rider was Jim Sharp of Stephenville, Texas, who earned \$126,421 in the PRCA after competing in about 100 rodeos. Then, the only other additional

main shows that bull riders had were in Del Rio, Texas, and Guthrie, Okla., which offered winners between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

By comparison, Jerome Davis of Archdale, N.C., led the Professional Bull Riders' money standings with \$206,000 last year after competing in about 40 shows.

The lucrative purses spur many young cowboys such as Ronnie Kitchens of Kemp, Texas, to pursue bull riding. Last year, Kitchens earned \$16,000 during the year, barely qualifying for the Professional Bull Riders' final at Las Vegas' MGM Grand Hotel. But the 20-year-old got on a roll and earned \$130,000 for winning the bull riding average after turning in the highest aggregate score on five rides, pushing his season count to \$146,000.

"There's a big future for bull riders like me," said Kitchens, who is doing well this season.

Cable TV has embraced bull riding, doing for rodeo what ESPN did for the NCAA Tournament.

For example, the Professional Bull Riders' 19 Bud Light Cup Tour events that feature an invitational roster of 45 world-class bull riders are shown on TNN, which reaches an estimated 70 million households. The telecasts, now airing for the fourth year, consistently have ratings ranging from 1.6 to 2.0 points.

"It's going blockbusters," said Ken Vincent, the bull riding telecasts' producer. "I honestly believe we're sitting where CBS and the NFL were sitting in 1958. This product is that good and that watchable. I think the possibilities for growth with this product are endless."

Retired eight-time world champion Don Gay of Mesquite, Texas, who anchors the broadcasts, said he envies the organizations' large purses, especially their \$1 million finals.

"It makes me wish that I was 20 years younger and 20 pounds lighter," Gay said.

The sport also is gaining a substantial number of fans in large cities where there appears to be little emphasis on equine and cattle sports. When the PBR took one of its tour events to St. Louis last month for the first time, more than 15,000 fans filled the coliseum on the final night to watch. In Phoenix during December, the one-day BRO show drew more than 12,000 fans.

The drawback appears to be its effect on smaller PRCA shows such as Weatherford and Mineral Wells, west of Fort Worth. Though many of the top bull riders enter smaller rodeos, they often decline to compete if they are scheduled to ride on the same night that a PBR Bud Light Cup show is taking place.

Bull riding appears to be rodeo's most charismatic ambassador to reach fans with no childhood ties to agriculture. Like auto racing and boxing, bull riding wows fans with crashes, broken bones and blood.

"I feel like I'm healthy if I'm just sore and bruised," said Hart, who is riding again two years after breaking his neck while bull riding. The sport is populated with

down-home athletes who only get paid if they perform well, and hang around late to oblige autograph-seekers.

"A lot of fans are tired of athletes in the major sports who are drawing huge salaries even when they don't perform well," said Randy Bernard, the Professional Bull Riders' chief executive officer. "They like our bull riding events because here's a group of athletes who only get paid if they come out and win."

Like the PRCA's National Finals, which features the top 15 money-winners from the regular season, the two bull riding organizations thrive on featuring name cowboys. For example, each of the 19 PBR Bud Light Cup Tour events features an invitational roster of 45 world-class bull riders.

The PBR has the upper hand in roping in most of the world's top bull riders such as Hedeman, a three-time PRCA world champion; Jim Sharp of Stephenville, a two-time world champion; and Ty Murray, also of Stephenville, who has six PRCA all-around crowns and one bull riding title.

But the BRO also features some top-of-the-line athletes such as 1996 PRCA world champion bull rider Terry Don West of Henryetta, Okla., and Scott Mendes of Weatherford, the PRCA's 1994 runner-up for the bull riding crown.

There is virtually no crossover of riders in the two bull riding associations. Cowboys choose between the PBR and BRO based upon contract agreements and sponsorship packages. However, most cowboys from either bull riding organization compete on the PRCA circuit.

Mendes, for example, qualified for the PRCA's National Finals Rodeo last year and is preparing to compete in the BRO finals next month.

"Bull riding is branching off on its own," Mendes said. "It's great to be a bull rider. Someday we'll look back and marvel how bull riders are making millions."

The bulls also are stars. Fans are moved by animals such as Bodacious, owned by Sammy Andrews of Addielou, Texas; artwork of the bull is now sold at rodeos and by mail order. Bull Riders Only will feature a match between Bodacious and West to help promote its finals in April.

At the Hedeman event, Babyface, the PBR's 1996 bull of the year, was featured in a \$10,000 match against Hedeman. The bull bucked off Hedeman in about three seconds and owner Terry Williams of Carthage, Texas, received the money.

Bull riding organizers say compiling an all-star roster is a must for rodeo marketing. They say it is a reaction to a shortcoming at traditional rodeos that often feature a handful of world-class competitors and an abundance of also-rans.

At the Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo, fans might have a difficult time detecting when their favorite star performs. Hedeman and Sharp, for example, each ride only twice within the 29 preliminary performances, and again in the final round if they qualify.

But at a PBR Bud Light Cup event, Hedeman, Sharp and 43 other blue-chip riders compete on two designated nights, giving fans the assurance that they can watch them. If they decline to attend a cup event, they are expelled for a year unless they are injured and can't perform.

"We've been successful because we cowboys all have stuck together," Hart said. "If fans come to one of our events, they know for sure they're going to see the top riders."

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