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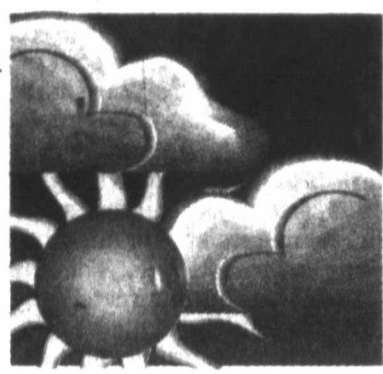
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EDINBURG (AP) — A former police officer has been sentenced to life in prison for the rape and stabbing of an 18-year-old woman he killed while on duty.

Gilberto Chavero Jr., 24, was sentenced Monday in the March 23, 1996, killing of Iris Yvette Hidalgo, a McAllen High School honor student.

Chavero was convicted of capital murder in June for raping and killing Ms. Hidalgo while on duty for the Edcouch Police Department.

A farming community of 3,000 people, Edcouch is 10 miles east of Edinburg in Hidalgo County.

The day after the slaying, Chavero led authorities to Ms. Hidalgo's body after finding a note in his patrol car directing him to a sewage canal. Ms. Hidalgo was found floating face-down, her throat slashed.

Chavero later admitted to writing the note and told authorities he and the victim had consensual sex the night she was killed, but he had maintained his innocence.

Prosecutors, who did not seek the death penalty, said Chavero would be eligible for parole after serving 40 years in prison.

VICTORIA, (AP) — Mystified investigators are searching for a motive behind the stabbing deaths of a Victoria daycare worker and her firefighter boyfriend, apparently by the woman's adult son.

Cody Mitten, 21, was arrested early Sunday at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, where he had taken the bloody body of Candelaria Gonzales Mitten, his 58-year-old mother.

Mitten was charged Sunday in the death of Lt. Larry Sifford, a 52-year-old Victoria firefighter, but not yet in the murder of his mother.

In a signed statement to San Antonio police, the Austin landscape worker admitted that he stabbed the pair with a butcher knife.

After talking to the suspect, investigators found Sifford's bloody body in Mrs. Mitten's home, 100 miles from San Antonio. A large butcher knife was sticking from Sifford's back, said Victoria County Sheriff Michael Ratcliff.

- James Harold Alderson, 79, retired machinist, farmer.
- Gene Beck, 37, roughneck, welder.
- Jack Allen McPeak, 66, retired employee of Ver-A-Ray Corporation.
- W.J. "Dub" Scott, sales clerk Baily Motor Company.

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Drainage aid for P. Village in proposal

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

After the subject was addressed in an NAACP meeting, the city has taken drainage problems in the Praire Village area more seriously and it has plans to rectify the situation.

To get started, a study of the drainage problems there is one of many projects earmarked in the proposed 1997-98 city budget which was submitted last week by City Manager Bob Eskridge.

The problem had previously been mentioned to Eskridge and Ward 4 City Commissioner Faustina Curry at an NAACP meeting in April. Residents were concerned about flooding in their neighborhoods, especially during this year's heavy rains.

Rev. L.L. Patrick told city officials at the April meeting that the drainage problem is so bad in Praire Village that residents feel they need SCUBA gear to walk down the street.

Curry, along with Eskridge, has worked on the problem during the numerous city commis-

sion workshops and, with the 1997-98 budget in the works, Curry has made her voice heard on behalf of the residents living in Ward 4.

In an effort to prioritize the projects for funding next year, Eskridge and Director of Public Works Richard Morris visited the Praire Village subdivision during some of the heavy rains to which Pampa has recently fallen victim.

"There is definitely a problem down there," said Eskridge.

And, the problem doesn't just affect one street; there are many areas in which the rains have caused water to go over the streets and into some residents yards.

In the proposed budget, the city has allocated \$3,500-3,600 to study the drainage problem. The figure is based on an estimate given to the city by Barber & Merriman Engineers & Surveyors in Pampa. They would most likely conduct the study if this project is approved, said Eskridge.

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Destruction of dilapidated homes in plan

Approximately \$30,000 has been allocated in the proposed 1997-98 city budget toward the demolition of dilapidated homes in Pampa. With these funds and the new landfill cell, 20-25 homes can be demolished during the next year, said City Manager Bob Eskridge.

Although this doesn't remedy the problem, it is a beginning to rid the neighborhoods of abandoned and often dangerous, houses.

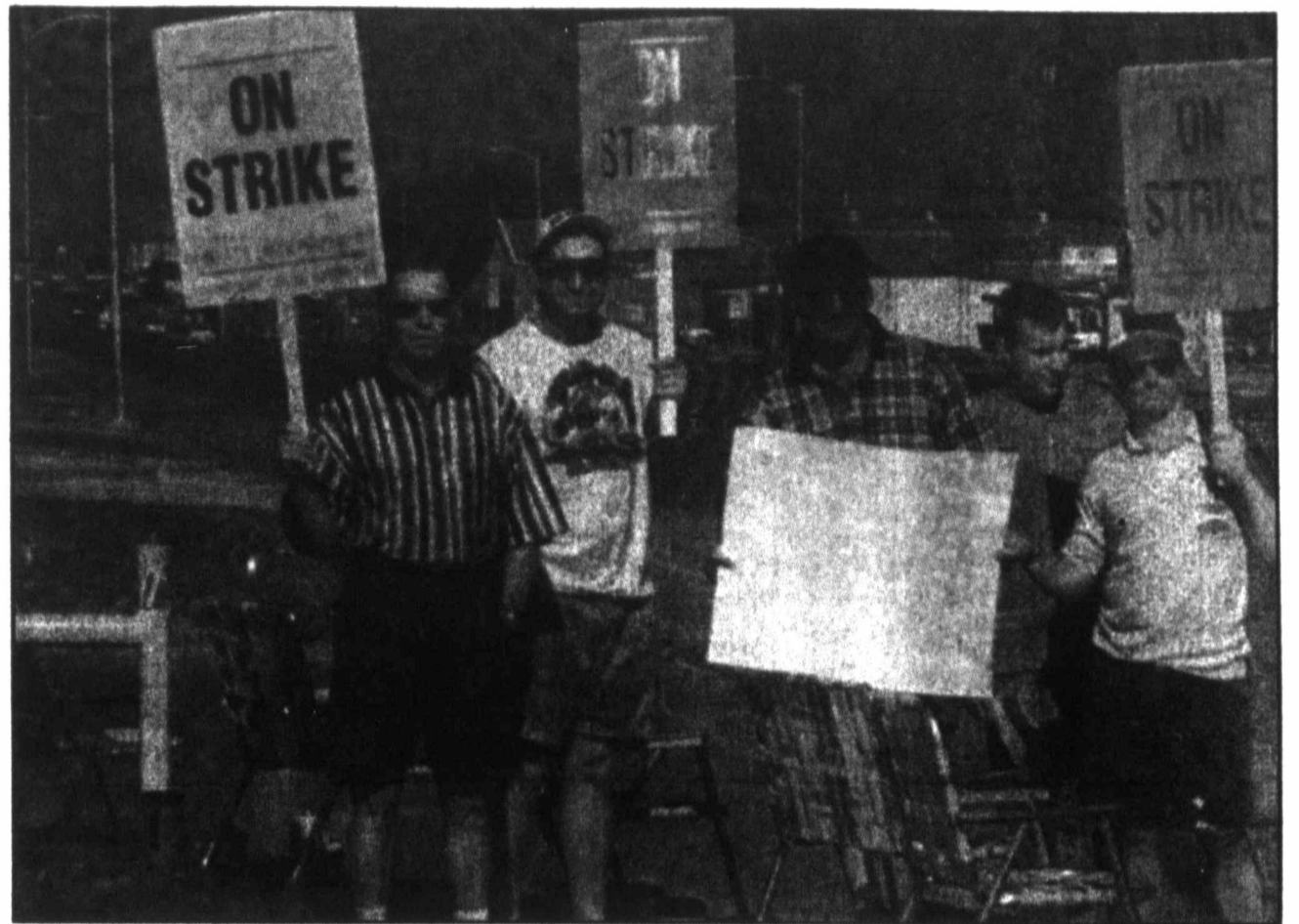
"We're going to try and prioritize and take care of as many as we can with that money," said Eskridge.

Last year, the city ridded of the worn homes that were under the city's tax rolls. These homes, however, are privately-owned and must go through a legal process before any action can be taken.

This is a lengthy procedure, explained Eskridge, because private property owners must be given due process before the city can demolish these structures. And, there are too many dilapidated structures to address all at once. So, in an effort to begin addressing the problem, the city will begin prioritizing the structures that are deemed the worst for demolishing.

"We know most structures in town," said Eskridge, but added the city will need help from community organizations to determine those that are the worst.

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(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)
Local UPS drivers and members of the Teamster's union picketed today, along with hundreds of other drivers nationwide. Many of local UPS drivers are veterans with the delivery service for a number of years. Those picketing are Bryan Going, Keith George, Phil Savage, John Starnes and Mike Martindale. All have been employees of UPS from at least eight to 18 years.

Picket lines go up at Pampa UPS site

From AP wire and staff reports

Local UPS drivers have kept a vigil in front of their office in Alcock since the Teamsters union began its strike at 11:01 central time.

"We'd rather be working," said driver Greg Davis. "We're just here as a show of unity."

The show of unity stems from a disagreement between UPS and the teamsters concerning the use of part-time employees and the pension plan. Teamsters contend that part-time employees are receiving lower pay, less benefits and vacation despite working full-time hours.

Only one part-time employee was on the scene of the local strike. John Starnes, along with the numerous full-time employees, joined the picketing against the last contract offered by UPS.

The contract had been turned down by the teamsters, without a vote by labor employees. The Pampa UPS employees on the picket line voiced agitation at the fact they had not been allowed to vote on the offer, but still stood behind the Teamsters.

Starnes was grateful for his co-worker's support. "I think it's (the strike) going to benefit me in the long run," he said.

All those on strike at the Pampa location are hoping it will end shortly and said the services to the eastern half of the panhandle will be "severely affected."

"We feel bad for ourselves but we feel even

The striking drivers believe the support is part of a message to all employers attempting to bring in part-time or contract employees rather than hire full-time personnel.

worse for our customers," said Davis, who noted that customers are truly caught in the middle.

Despite the affect the strike will have on customers, many residents have shown their support by giving strikers a "thumbs up", honk or wave as they drive by.

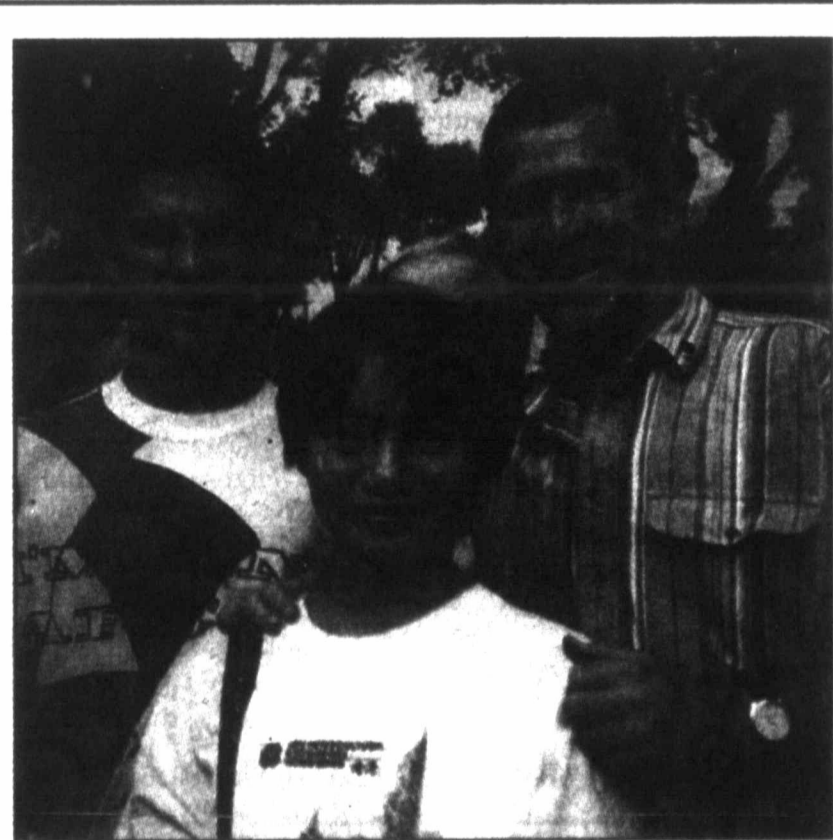
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The nationwide strike began early Monday morning after talks with America's largest package delivery service broke down over the part-time employee and pension issues.

"We have exhausted every possible approach to try to resolve the problem," Teamsters President Ron Carey declared as he left the bargaining table late Sunday night. "At this point it's just a waste of time."

UPS and the union talked for a little over two hours Sunday evening, but shortly after 10 p.m.

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(special photo)
Ale Nunes of Brazil and Holly Liu of Hong Kong, AFS exchange students to Pampa High School, were thrilled to get their picture taken with Gov. George Bush at Chautauqua.

Families await arrival of exchange students

by Darlene Birkes
For The News

The August arrival of Julia Peters from Germany and French Canadian Vincent Simoneau will bring the total to 60 American Field Service (AFS) students attending Pampa High School since 1951.

The first students were sponsored by Pampa Noon Kiwanis members and this Kiwanis chapter continues to give support to the program.

An older and diversified exchange organization, AFS is celebrating its 50th year and this will be recognized locally with the release of 50 red, white and blue balloons from the Pampa Chautauqua stage at noon during the annual Labor Day celebration.

Worldwide, the celebration includes 59 Chinese students going abroad for the first time, with 15 coming to the U.S. New York is the site of the birthday reunion in the U.S. Anna Losillia, a former 1978 AFS student in Pampa from Costa Rica, is one of 40 Central Americans flying into New Orleans and taking a bus tour to the New York reunion.

AFS was founded by civilian volunteer ambulance drives for the Allied forces of WWI and WWII. They wanted to encourage world peace and understanding and believed if they began with young people, these students might grow up opposing war.

The first foreign students to the U.S. were from Germany and only two years after WWII,

the first several students to Pampa were also from Germany.

Some 7,500 AFS students are participating annually in a variety of home-stay programs in over 55 nations. They range from a six-week mission or language program to a semester or year program. Since American Field Service is worldwide, it has become known as AFS.

The Ronnie Parsley family will host Peters in Pampa and the Mike Sublett family will host Simoneau.

Pampa sophomore Laurie Berzanskis will leave Sept. 4 to live in Palermo, Sicily, for 11 months. She is following PHS graduate Dana Eskridge, who returned from her year of study abroad in Belgium last summer speaking fluent French.

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Gay killer: Activists push for resolution to unsolved crimes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Andrew Cunanan's suicide halted one of the nation's most lurid cases of serial murder. But from New Jersey to Virginia to Texas, the slayings of as many as 30 gay men or transvestites, which activists believe are the work of five serial killers, remain unsolved.

In some cases, investigators have been hindered by lack of resources and, some allege, lack of interest.

"What's the difference between my son and Versace? Money and notoriety. If you've got money and fame, it's going to get solved," says Donna Smith, whose 18-year-old son's strangled body was found 10 years ago in Chesapeake, Va.

Smith, who now lives in Cocoa, Fla., does not believe her son, Charles, was homosexual, although he frequented the gay scene, as did most of the 11 victims who followed him in death.

She watched the Cunanan chase in south Florida with fascination — and with anger that the Virginia serial killer has not been sought with the same fervor as the man suspected in the murders of fashion designer Gianni Versace and four other men.

"All the victims were seen as expendable," Smith says of the murders linked to her son's slaying. "They labeled them as gays and druggies, so nobody cared."

Activists who track violent crimes against gay men and lesbians acknowledge some police departments, even the FBI, are beginning to reach out to the gay community to build trust and understanding.

"On the local level, many of us have seen day-and-night changes in the last five to 10 years," says Jeffrey Montgomery, a spokesman for the Michigan Anti-Violence Project. "In Detroit, for example, there's been a 180-degree change in the way they handle cases, from very, very, very badly to extremely efficient and good."

Other activists, however, remain frustrated and say it still takes pushing to get many officers to take seriously any crimes involving homosexual victims, even homicides.

"Gay-related cases aren't popular cases. And whether it's ignorance or homophobia, it's a big problem," asserts Bea Hanson, director of client services for the Anti-Violence Project in New York.

Census: Immigrants, U.S. workers flocking to Lone Star State in droves

DALLAS (AP) — Texas is attracting equal numbers of foreign immigrants and people from other states, a new study of census figures shows.

For almost every foreigner who moved to Texas since 1990, a U.S. resident has moved to Texas from another state, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

"Most of the rest of the country is not attracting both groups," said William Frey, demographer at the University of Michigan Population Studies Center, which produced the report.

From 1990 to 1996, Texas had a net gain of 474,376 foreign immigrants and 426,696 domestic transplants, the report shows.

Nevada leads the nation in the rate of relocating Americans, but only added one foreign immigrant for every 10 "domestic migrants."

California, which leads the country in the rate of new foreigners, lost one American for each foreign immigrant.

"(Texas) gets a mix of the skilled migrants who make up the domestic migrant streams as well as ... people who are unskilled (who) tend to be immigrants," Frey said.

The migration patterns are indicative of Texas' economic upswing, said Steve Murdock of the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area is the most balanced major metropolitan area in the nation in bringing in equal numbers of migrants. In the last six years, DFW had a net gain of 115,000 people from other states and a 110,000 net gain of people from other countries.

The eight counties in the DFW area had a net gain of both types of migrants of 224,000. That was more than any other area in the state.

The jobs luring migrants to the area are in health care, telecommunications, and convention tourism, said Bernard

Weinstein, director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the University of North Texas.

Well-educated workers gravitate to the health care and high-tech industries, while less-skilled employees can find work in the tourism industry.

Unlike DFW, the metropolitan Houston area had a net gain made up of mostly foreign migrants — about 148,000 in the past

Weinstein said the domestic migration can be attributed to senior citizens looking for refuge near the Hill Country.

San Antonio also doesn't have much to offer foreigners in terms of jobs, except in the tourism industry, he said.

"Mexican or Central American migrants who are looking for jobs are going to go to Houston," he said. "They may go through San Antonio, but there are a lot more jobs available in Houston, Dallas, Austin than San Antonio."

Texas border towns are also growing due to increased manufacturing and trade with Mexico.

"You drive along the border and all you see are retail stores and banks," said Keith Phillips, senior economist with the Federal Reserve in San Antonio.

In the South Texas counties of Webb and Hidalgo, foreign migrants outnumber domestic migrants two-to-one. Significant numbers of domestic migrants are also moving to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. A lot of them are manufacturing plant managers and retirees, Phillips said.

In El Paso County, although residents have benefited from increased Mexican trade, it has not stemmed the outflow of domestic migrants, said Federal Reserve economist Lucinda Vargas. In the past six years, El Paso lost 36,000 residents and gained about 46,000 foreigners.

That's typical since the city has always had relatively few white collar jobs to keep well-educated workers, Ms. Vargas said. El Paso's economy is dependent on the military, the maquiladora industry and related transportation and construction jobs.

El Paso, however, does attract many skilled immigrants from Juarez, which is just across the border. After becoming affluent in Juarez, many go to El Paso for new opportunities, Ms. Vargas said.

"It's just a way for them progressing higher up the economic ladder," she said.

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six years, compared to about 51,000 domestic migrants.

New Houstonians go there to find work in the oil, health-care and construction industries, said Bill Gilmer, senior economist with the Federal Reserve Bank.

The Austin and San Antonio metropolitan areas both had mostly domestic newcomers.

The Austin area had a net gain of about 112,000 domestic migrants, lured mainly by computer company headquarters, state government and the University of Texas. There was a net gain of about 16,000 foreign immigrants.

San Antonio attracted a net gain of 41,031 domestic migrants and 23,323 foreign immigrants in the past six years.

Japan's revisionists rail against 'masochistic' view of history

TOKYO (AP) — The painting is brutal: A Japanese soldier stomps on a screaming baby and waves a dagger at a bleeding Chinese woman tied to a wooden stake. "Japanese demons are cruel!" is written in bold characters.

The Japanese history textbook illustration, taken from Chinese World War II propaganda, upsets Nobuko Fujioka. But his main concern isn't the victims — he is worried about Japan's self-image.

"It's masochistic," said Fujioka, an education professor at the prestigious University of Tokyo. Textbook writers "are volunteering to show that Japanese people are ruthless."

The Japanese have feuded for decades over how to present World War II in textbooks. Under pressure from its wartime victims, Tokyo slowly has allowed writers to include details of Japan's bloody conquest of Asia in the 1930s and 1940s.

But the leaders of a new conservative backlash in Japan say the trend has gone too

far. They want to cull references to Japanese atrocities and instill national pride rather than shame.

"No other country in the world subjects its schoolchildren to such terrible history education," Fujioka's Association to Promote New History Education wrote in a declaration. "To correct this situation, we feel compelled to write a new history textbook."

Old guard conservatives and rightists long have railed against exploring Japan's role in the classroom. Militarists in trucks fitted with loudspeakers regularly blare abuse at the Education Ministry or publishers deemed too far to the left.

But Fujioka is no fringe radical. Writers, businessmen and a well-known sports figure are among his supporters; at least one local legislature has endorsed his views; his books are best-sellers. His ideas are fodder for high-brow journals, and a major daily newspaper — the Sankei — is behind him.

The growing backing has critics worried.

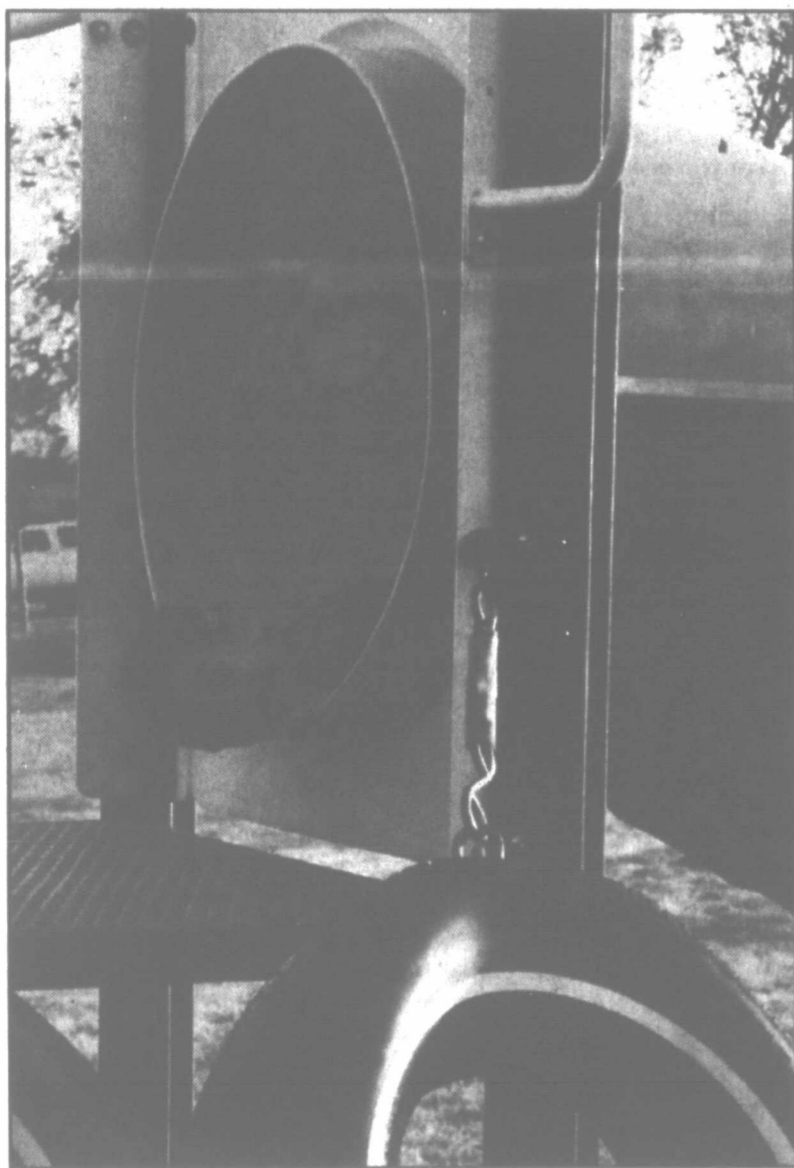
"What they are saying is a product of mere imagination, not even worth serious consideration," said historian Saburo Ienaga, who has fought for 30 years to include more mention of the war in textbooks. "What's alarming to me is that many people seem to support them."

Fujioka, however, has struck a cord with Japanese who question the need to feel contrite over events years before they were born.

If current textbooks have filled Japanese with self-loathing, Fujioka and his supporters say this aphorism is the cure: Japanese troops were no worse than those of any other fighting nation in World War II, and should not be singled out as especially brutal.

According to Fujioka, U.S. occupation forces brainwashed the postwar Japanese into believing they had committed terrible crimes. The Japanese meekly accepted this view, and their neighbors have used it to pry concessions from a guilt-ridden Tokyo.

A day in the park ...



(Photo by Joan Quillian)

John Quillian has his day in the park. Summer fun isn't complete without a trip down the slide.

With inflation falling, Russia to introduce new ruble note

MOSCOW (AP) — With Russian inflation seemingly under control, President Boris Yeltsin declared today that a new ruble note would be introduced next year and three zeros would be knocked off the old bills.

Yeltsin's announcement shows the Russian government is confident it finally has inflation in check after years of surging prices. Inflation was 22 percent last year and is running at about 12 percent this year.

In the wake of the Soviet collapse, Russia has struggled with free-market reforms and inflation has dealt a crippling blow to millions of Russians who have seen the salaries and savings evaporate. Inflation peaked at 2,600 percent in 1993 and was consistently over 100 percent annually until last year.

"Today we reliably control money circulation and control infla-

tion," Yeltsin said. "The prices of basic goods are practically stable. That is why we made the decision to conduct the money reform."

Central bank chairman Sergei Dubinin predicted today that inflation will decline further to 6 to 8 percent in 1998.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1998, new ruble notes will be introduced, the president said. Old ruble bills will still be valid until the year 2002, but three zeros will be chopped off their value.

That means an old, 1,000-ruble note will be worth the same as a new one-ruble note beginning in January.

"We hope this new ruble will strengthen in the future," Dubinin said. "We have finished the fight against inflation."

At present, 5,801 rubles equals a dollar, and Russians must carry large wads of cash to make even routine purchases.

Gov. Bush kicks off state tour to sell property tax proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney today helped Gov. George W. Bush kick off his state tour to promote a proposed property tax break on Saturday's ballot.

The two Democratic state leaders aren't traveling with the Republican governor, but they joined him at a Capitol news conference as he started out.

"One of the things I'm concerned about is that not many people understand that there is a property tax cut available to them, so I plan on using the bully pulpit to encourage voter turnout," Bush said.

Bullock said, "A billion dollars in property relief and a hold-harmless for the schools is certainly not anything to sneeze at."

Laney said he also was concerned about turnout.

Early voting ends Tuesday for the proposed constitutional amendment, which would raise the exemption from local school taxes on people's primary homesteads. The current minimum exemption is \$5,000.

The amendment would raise the minimum exemption to \$15,000.

That means a home assessed at \$100,000 would be taxable on up to \$85,000 of its value instead

of \$95,000. Additional exemptions extended by school districts also could decrease the taxable amount.

Homeowners' savings amount to their local school property tax rates multiplied by 100. Bush said that would average \$142 per home. The total cost of the cut is \$1 billion a year.

Renters and business property owners would not get the break.

The ballot proposal also would allow homeowners 65 and older, who already get a property tax freeze, to transfer a portion of that freeze when they change residences.

Big Texas Steak Ranch to host competition

AMARILLO — The North Texas Chapter of the Country Music Organizations of America (formerly the Amarillo Area chapter), will be conducting the competitions beginning Aug. 23 at the Big Texas Steak Ranch in Amarillo.

Entry forms must be submitted by the extended deadline of Aug. 15.

Winners from all categories will be eligible to enter the Country Music Organizations of America competitions in October at the Showboat Hotel

and Casino in Las Vegas. The music organization is among the three largest country music associations in the nation and winners will receive the American Eagle Award.

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A pumpjack and a windmill ...



A Panhandle landscape is captured in this shot of native grasses blowing in front of a windmill and pumpjack. (Special photo by Joan Quillian)

Family legacy ends:

Century-old ranch broken up to create nature preserve

By EDUARDO MONTES
Associated Press Writer

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) — Don McIvor holds forth about his longtime home, a cherished family legacy, and it's like listening to a protracted sigh.

The 66-year-old cattleman's voice grows uneven as he contemplates the coming break up of the century-old U Up U Down Ranch, nearly 39,000 acres of piney wilderness and rolling fields high in the Davis Mountains.

"Oh sure, there's a lot of emotion. But I accept them as just emotions," said McIvor. "It's the way it came down and I have to accept them or just whimper, and I think it's better to accept them."

After 115 years, the McIvor family is selling the bulk of the ranch because McIvor's sisters want out. All but 6,400 acres will belong to The Nature Conservancy of Texas once the deal closes, possibly by summer's end.

The San Antonio-based nonprofit group says it will divide its 32,000 acres into four large tracts. Three will be sold to prospective ranchers.

The remaining 12,000 acres at the highest elevations of the 8,378-foot Mount Livermore — a lush green "sky island" sprouting from the Chihuahuan Desert — will become a private preserve for conservation and research.

"It's already inherently a wonderful home for native Texas plants and animals. Many species found in the Davis Mountains are not found in other parts of Texas and there are some that aren't found anywhere else on the planet," said Nature Conservancy spokeswoman Niki Frances McDaniel.

McIvor will live on the remaining section and ranch as he has since 1957, when he moved to West Texas to manage the U Up U Down during the last stages of a severe drought. Until then, the family had been absentee landlords.

McIvor was born and raised in New Hampshire and had only come down for a couple of summers before taking over the ranch established by McIvor's great-grandfather, G.S. Locke. His sisters never lived there. The transplanted New Englander came to love the land and the lifestyle, but has been dismayed by changes that have

occurred over the last 20 years.

The children of longtime ranchers who didn't want to stay in the business began to sell off some of the large ranches piece by piece, he said. High estate taxes and other financial concerns were also taking their toll.

Soon, rugged subdivisions for retirees and others seeking solitude in one of Texas' wildest areas were sprouting up on what had been adjoining ranches. Others turned to tourism ventures rather than continue running cattle.

"I felt lonely," said McIvor. "It became so that I was pretty much the only old ranch left in the Davis Mountains, basically. This is not just Jeff Davis County, it's all of West Texas. Marfa, Alpine, they're having the same problems."

When McIvor's sisters, Nancy Webb and Janet Chapin, decided they were ready to sell, McIvor bucked the prevailing trends and began serious negotiations with the Nature Conservancy, which had long before expressed interest in the property.

McIvor said he likes that the organization's plan calls for allowing continued ranching on some land while also preserving what he called a "unique country."

The family has a history of backing scientific endeavors. McIvor's mother, Violet Locke McIvor, donated the land for the McDonald Observatory's first telescopes, which loom above the U Up U Down on Mount Locke.

Recently, Don McIvor donated 25 acres for construction of an experimental solar park just off the curving state highway that winds through the scenic forests.

His deal with the Nature Conservancy also includes the donation of a "conservation easement" on his remaining land, a property right that restricts its use so the conservation value is maintained.

The other properties have similar easements, which allow ranching but limit development and forbid subdivision. Owners get a tax break because the easements are considered a charitable contribution.

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FDA approves brain implant to cut tremors

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration today approved a pacemaker-like brain implant to help people with Parkinson's disease and other tremor disorders literally cut off their uncontrollable shaking.

Medtronic Corp.'s Activa system provides "deep brain stimulation." It involves drilling through the skull to implant an electrode in the brain that emits constant, customized electric shocks to block tremors.

Activa helps control the debilitating shakes that accompany Parkinson's disease and a little-understood hereditary disease called essential tremor.

It "will enable patients with essential tremor to once again perform daily living activities unaided, and may improve these activities somewhat in people with Parkinson's disease," said FDA Acting Commissioner Michael Friedman.

Up to 1.5 million Americans have Parkinson's disease, a degenerative neurological disease where patients suffer shaking along with rigid limbs and other worsening symptoms. About 2 million Americans have essential tremor, which causes similar violent

shaking but no other symptoms. The drug L-Dopa helps some Parkinson's symptoms, although its effects wane over time. Only about 40 percent of essential tremor patients are helped with medicines.

The shaking is so debilitating that some undergo dangerous surgery to destroy a small part of the brain responsible for the

reduction in tremors. Tremors were significantly reduced in 58 percent of essential tremor patients and 67 percent of Parkinson's patients.

The effect was greatest for essential tremor, where testing showed patients could write, pour liquids without spilling and perform other tasks significantly better after the implant. Parkinson's patients' trembling also was eased, but the implant didn't help other symptoms such as the rigidity that also impedes their ability to write and perform other tasks.

The implant stimulates one side of the brain to cut tremors on one side of the body. It would take two implants, on each side of the brain, to cut the shaking of both hands. The FDA approved only one implant today, postponing its decision on whether a double implant is safe until Medtronic finishes further studies.

The FDA also required Medtronic to study the long-term effects of constant electrical stimulation on brain tissue.

The FDA warned that the Activa system does have some side effects. About one-third of patients experience a tingling sensation in the head and hands, although doctors could minimize the effect by changing the shock emissions on their electrode.

Up to 1.5 million Americans have Parkinson's disease, a degenerative neurological disease where patients suffer shaking along with rigid limbs and other worsening symptoms.

trembling. The surgery can cause permanent problems with speech, movement and swallowing.

The Activa brain implant promises to be less risky.

In a study of 113 severe Parkinson's patients and 83 severe essential tremor patients, almost everyone experienced a

Newsmakers

NORFOLK, Va. — Navy Seaman John D. Dawson, a 1990 Pampa High School graduate, along with fellow crewmembers off the amphibious transport dock ship USS Dubuque, conducted a community relations project at the Redemptionist School for the Handicap in Pattaya, Thailand.

Dawson's crew members, along with elements from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, removed several tons of concrete rubble and painted the inside of the school auditorium as part of the largest group of volunteers to ever donate their time and energy to the school.

Dawson joined the Navy in January 1996.

AMARILLO — Scott A. Johnson, a 1995 Pampa High School graduate and son of Christopher A. and RoseAnn N. Johnson of Pampa, has joined the United States Army under the delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Amarillo.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier time to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Johnson will report to Fort Lawton, Okla., for military basic training on Aug. 6.

The American Academy of Distinguished Students is proud to announce the membership of Kim Damron of Pampa. Damron is a history and drama major at El Centro Community College in Dallas.

Invitations for membership in the Academy are based on the following criteria: 1) grade point average; 2) recommendations from faculty members or administrators at their universities; 3) leadership; and 4) service in their communities and universities.

Select faculty members from prestigious universities from across the U.S. are invited annually to sponsor students. On the average, ten percent of these students are invited to become members of the Academy. Members of the Academy represent America's best and brightest minds and next generation of leaders in the private and public sectors.

Wichita, Kan. — Wichita State University has announced students awarded degrees for the fall of 1997.

Among the 1997 graduating class was Yanjun Xue of Pampa. Xue received a master of science degree.

Antique dolls



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Getting all dolled up! These two classic antique dolls are on display at the Collector's Corner.

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Father Digs In His Heels In Battle Over Son's Name

DEAR ABBY: "Jack" and I were recently married and are now expecting our first child. Unfortunately, what should be a joyous time for us has turned into a battle of wills.

The day we found out I was pregnant, Jack told me if our child is a boy, he wants to name the baby after both his grandfathers, only one of whom is still living. I told him then I didn't care for either name and suggested we compromise by using one as a middle name, and then selecting a first name that we both like.

We learned last week that we are, indeed, going to have a boy. Jack refuses to discuss any other names. He said he has decided "not to be flexible on the subject" and doesn't care if it is fair or if I like it.

His attitude is killing all the joyful anticipation I should be feeling over the birth of our son. He has made it clear that "honoring" his grandfather is more important to him than considering the wishes of his wife — the mother of his child.

I've tried telling him how I feel about naming the baby, and that I won't sign the birth certificate unless our son has a name we both agree on. He says he doesn't care; he'll sign it without me.

Shouldn't I have a say in choosing the name my firstborn will carry for the rest of his life? I can't get my husband to listen to me on the subject. What should I do?

SAD MOM-TO-BE,
WHITTIER, CALIF.

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR SAD MOM-TO-BE: It is unfortunate that naming the baby has become a battle of wills. However, there may still be some room for compromise.

Consider agreeing to name the boy after his paternal great-grandfathers, then promptly give the child a nickname. Or, tell your husband that if he names the first child, it's your right to name the second — and put the agreement in writing.

DEAR ABBY: I read your column daily, and you offer good advice. Keep up the good work.

I'm writing to offer a suggestion to kids who have spare time this summer. I'm 12 years old and volunteer at my mother's job. She works in a nursing home. I walk with patients, talk to them, run errands and help with activities, plus a lot of other things. You can learn a lot, and bring patients joy

and a smile to their faces. Volunteering teaches you responsibility and earns you friends. I'd definitely recommend working at a nursing home or volunteering at other places — such as animal shelters, businesses, farms, hospitals, or just work at people's homes for free.

It may sound boring to some people, but it's worth the time. I've made many friends and have had lots of fun doing it.

REBECCA L. MAHAN,
KEWASKUM, WIS.

DEAR REBECCA: Giving of one's time is the most precious gift a person can bestow. I know from personal experience how rewarding volunteer work can be. You are a mature and generous young lady who has learned a valuable lesson at a young age. Bless you for spreading the word.

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not likely to make poor decisions today, as you'll be able to determine their worth from all angles. Weigh your alternatives judiciously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Friends will be willing to do things for you today, because they know you'd do the same for them if the roles were reversed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Because you'll appreciate life for what it has to offer today, it will lighten your burden, as well as lift the spirits of companions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have the tenacity to get what you want today, and you'll do it in a manner friends will find appealing. In fact, they'll even be supportive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Mental tasks are your cup of tea today. You are especially adroit at doing things that beg for fresh ideas and a creative touch.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Put your imagination to profitable uses today. Try to size up situations presently available to determine whether they can help add to your resources.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1997

Your leadership qualities will become more pronounced and effective in the year ahead. Your talents could project you to the forefront of two promising enterprises.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your words carry considerable weight today, especially among your inner circle. If you find a reason to complement a friend who is fond of you, go all out. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand

what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758 Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10116.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Hunches or flashes of insight you get today should not be discounted. This is especially true if they are of a positive nature.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a good day to lay foundations for a new project or enterprise. Seeds planted at this time could yield a larger than usual harvest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The more competitive the situation is today, the more effectively you're likely to function. Your best ideas are apt to come when you're under pressure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Constructive learning experiences will be derived today from direct contact with others. Even mundane situations will earn pages in your book.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are likely to be better at sorting out the affairs of others today than you will be at handling things for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are



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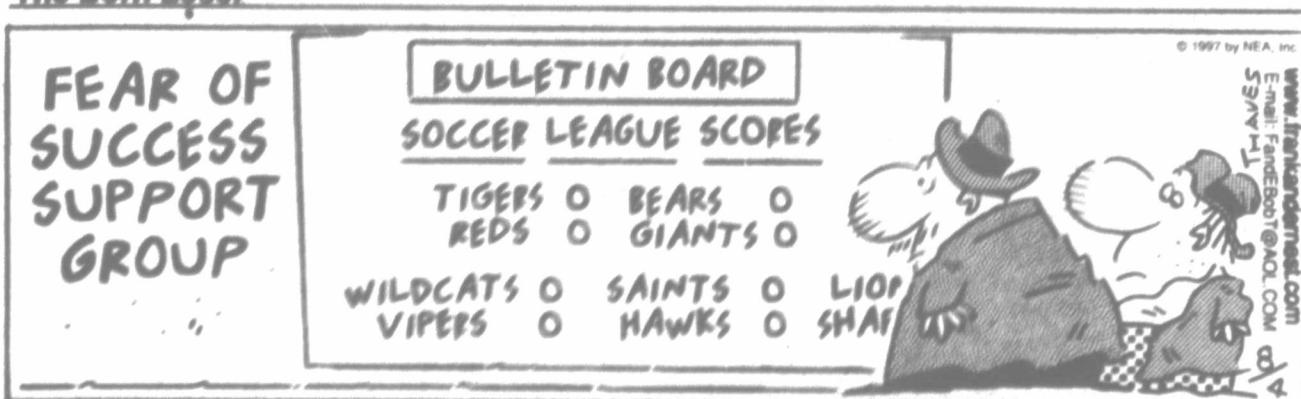
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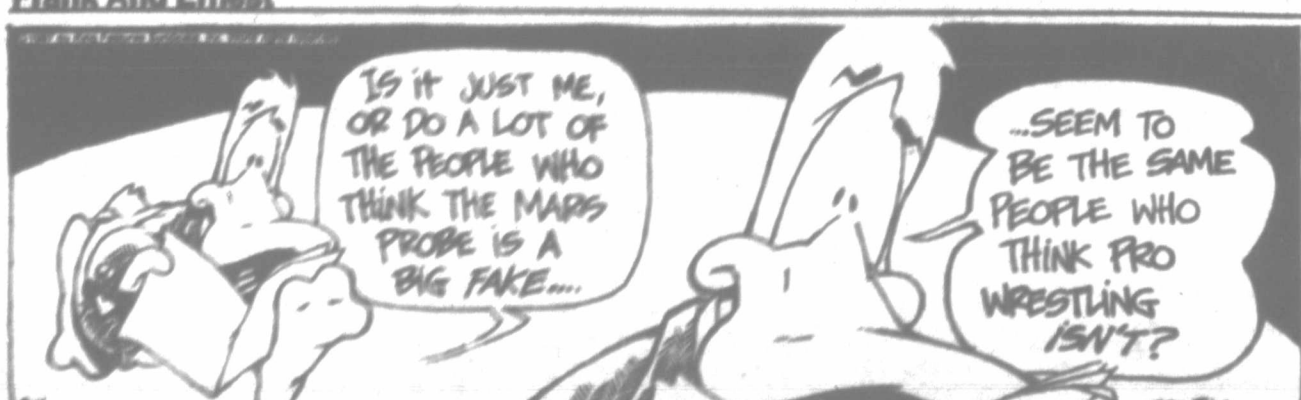
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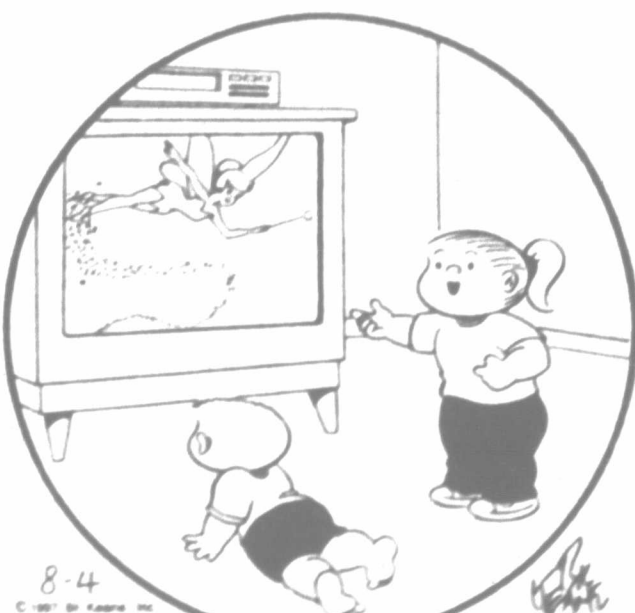
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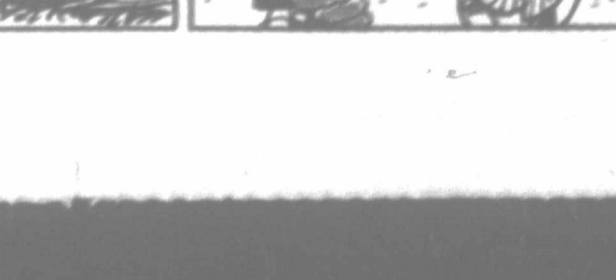
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Drilling Intentions

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CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) G.H. Ranch, Inc., #3 Dauer, 2310' from North & 2351' from West line, Sec. 236,B-2,H&GN, PD 2950.
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Hornsby, 1000' from South & 1650' from East line, Sec. 64,23,H&GN, PD 2650.
LIPSCOMB (NORTHROP Cleveland & WEST BRADFORD Tonkawa) Canyon Exploration Co., #1 Mathers, 660' from North & West line, Sec. 643,43,H&TC, PD 7800.
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & WEST HIGGINS Lower Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1192 J.J., 2000' from South & 1500' from West line, Sec. 92,43,H&TC, PD 12600. Rule 37
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & WEST HIGGINS Lower Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1174 J.J., 1060' from North & 800' from West line, Sec. 147,43,H&TC, PD 12500. Rule 37
OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & ELLIS RANCH Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., Dude Wilson Gas Unit, Sec. 745,43,H&TC, PD 7150', for the following wells:
 #404, 1250' from South & East line of Sec.
 #405, 1250' from North & 800' from West line of Sec.
Application to Deepen (with casing)
HANSFORD (COLLARD White Dolomite) Jones Energy, Ltd., #2 Collard

'A', 2300' from South & 1650' from West line, Sec. 7,3,SA&MG, PD 3815'.
Replacement well for #1-A
Application to Plug-Back
HANSFORD (PATTEN Krider) Jones Energy, Ltd., #1 Collard 'A', 1930' from North & 1320' from West line, Sec. 7,3,SA&MG, PD 3723'. Replacement well for #2-A
Amended Intention to Drill
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #5 C.C. Duke 'B', 933' from South & West line, Sec. 767,43,H&TC, PD 7550'.
Amended Field Name & PD
OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & WEST LIPS Cleveland) McNic Oil & Gas Midcontinent, Inc., #3A Blodgett, 2640' from South & 1250' from West line, Sec. 24,R,B&B (BHL: 1915' from South & 788' from West line of Sec.) PD 6800'.
Amended to show well as Horizontal Sidetrack & add BHL
Oil Well Completions
HANSFORD (TWIN Des Moines) Ricks Exploration, Inc., #3A O'Loughlin, Sec. 3,2,WCR, elev. 3026 df, spud 5-19-97 drlg. compl 6-2-97, tested 7-15-97, pumped 80 bbl. of 39 grav. oil + no water, GOR 800, TD 7494', PBTD 7054' —
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Midgard Energy Co., #403 Flowers Trust 'B', Sec. 3,—,BS&F, elev. 2869 kb, spud 5-18-97, drlg. compl 6-11-97, tested 7-2-97, flowed 395 bbl. of 49.8

grav. oil + 15 bbls. water thru 16/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 1880 psi, tbg. pressure 1170 psi, GOR 3557, TD 10850' —
WHEELER (THORNDIKE Lower Missouri) Samedan Oil Corp., #1-71 Reeves, Sec. 71,A-5,H&GN, elev. 2811 gl, spud 4-8-97, drlg. compl 4-26-97, tested 7-17-97, pumped 62 bbl. of 40.8 grav. oil + 6 bbls. water, GOR —, TD 8330', PBTD 8185' —
Corrected Gas Completion
HUTCHINSON (ARRINGTON Cherokee) Strat Land Exploration Co., #2 Kirk 'A', Sec. 85,5-T,T&NO, elev. 3209 gr, spud 2-17-97, drlg. compl 2-27-97, tested 6-13-97, potential 1700 MCF, TD 6268', PBTD 6213' — Corrected to show Block as 5-T instead of A-5
Plugged Wells
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Oilwell Operators, Inc., #1 Short 2310' from South & 330' from East Lease line, Sec. 2,1,H&GN, spud 12-20-49, plugged 6-30-97, TD 3080' (oil) — Form 1 in G.B. Gree
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #4 Combs-Worley NCT-2, 1600' from South & 902' from East Lease line, Sec. 36,3,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 3-5-97, TD 3187' (oil) —
HANSFORD (WILDCAT) Ricks Exploration, Inc., #1 Hintergardt Ranch, 1320' from North & 660' from West Lease line, Sec. 243,26,GH&H, spud 5-13-97, plugged 5-29-97, TD

7451' (dry) — API# 42 195 31309
HANSFORD (TEXAS HUGOTON) Brawley Petroleum Corp., #1 McCloy, 1250' from North & East Lease line, Sec. 14,3,GH&H, spud 9-9-74, plugged 5-28-97, TD 6350', PBTD 3150' (gas) Form 1 filed in Shenandoah Oil Corp.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H & K Plugging & Salvage, #801 Whittenburg, 2299' from North & 336' from East Lease line, Lot 8,3,Wm Neil, spud 11-9-84, plugged 5-30-97, TD 3415' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H & K Plugging & Salvage, #901 Whittenburg, 660' from North & 1026' from West Lease line, Lot 9,3,Wm Neil, spud 10-30-84, plugged 6-3-97, TD 31348' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H & K Plugging & Salvage, #902 Whittenburg, 921' from South & 1026' from East Lease line, Lot 8,3,Wm Neil, spud 11-4-84, plugged 6-5-97, TD 3539' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H & K Plugging & Salvage, #1001 Whittenburg, 940' from South & 366' from West Lease line, Lot 10,3,Wm Neil, spud 11-17-84, plugged 6-10-97, TD 3563' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) H & K Plugging & Salvage, #1401 Whittenburg, 3550' from North & 340'

from West Lease line, Lot 14,3,Wm Neil, spud 10-23-84, plugged 5-27-97, TD 3320', PBTD 3300' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Star Dust Mines
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Jiro, #6 E.B. Johnson 'C', 1650' from North & 330' from West Lease line, Sec. 5,1,B&B, spud 2-1938, plugged 1-18-97, TD 4000' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Continental Oil Co.
LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #2 John R. Wassell 'A', 660' from North & East Lease line, Sec. 814,43,H&TC, spud 8-17-95, plugged 6-3-97, TD 9873', PBTD 7430' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.
LIPSCOMB (N.W. MAMMOTH CREEK Tonkawa) Gene Born, #2 Born 'D', 660' from South & East Lease line, Sec. 1135,43,H&TC, spud 4-6-85, plugged 7-16-96, TD 9500', PBTD 6280' (disposal) — Form 1 filed in TXO Production
OLDHAM (WILDCAT) Lyco Energy Corp., #1 Fulton-Toreador 'T', 2442' from North & 695' from West Lease line, Lot 49,22,A. Taylor, spud 10-21-96, plugged 5-1-97, TD 5500', PBTD 3900' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Lyco Energy Corp.
SHERMAN (TEXAS HUGOTON) Breck Operating Corp., #2 A.L. Ross, 1320' from South & West Lease line, Sec. 100,1,T&NO, spud 1-18-82, plugged 7-1-97, TD 2850' (gas) — Form 1 in Petroleum Corp. of Texas

Volcanic fallout rains down on deserted island capital of Montserrat

SALEM, Montserrat (AP) — A shower of volcanic debris fell today on Montserrat's safe zone, fallout from an eruption that blew super-heated gas, rock and ash onto the island's deserted capital.
 The eruption set aflame graceful Georgian homes and buildings in Plymouth that were abandoned two years earlier, when the Soufriere Hills volcano first sprang to life.
 No damage was reported today in the safe area around Salem, where pebble-sized debris fell onto the rooftops of homes in one of Montserrat's most populated areas, about five miles north of Plymouth. Scientists were preparing to fly over the capital, Plymouth, in a helicopter to survey the damage.
 "We expected it. We just didn't know when," said realtor Eddie Edgecombe. "People seem to have resigned themselves to this."
 The fires blazed among row houses owned by some of the island's poorer residents, who were unlikely to be insured, he said.

It was the first time fiery debris had reached central Plymouth, which was evacuated along with the rest of the southern half of the island in July 1995. The town once was this Caribbean island's business center.
 Lethal avalanches of super-heated rock, ash and gas, called pyroclastic flows, barreled through the capital's port and boiled into the Caribbean sea, according to an early morning report from the Montserrat Volcano Observatory.
 It said the latest activity began about 9 p.m. (10 p.m. EDT) Sunday and ended at 3 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT) this morning, followed by more pyroclastic flows, most likely into the Gages valley.
 "We're experiencing a bit of a crisis," Jill Norton, deputy chief scientist at the observatory, said shortly after the volcano began a major eruption at 6:15 p.m. Sunday.
 In the past two years, intermittent eruptions have prompted near-

ly half of Montserrat's 11,000 residents to flee the British colony. The most recent exodus followed a June 25 eruption that killed 10 people and left nine missing and believed dead.
 The British government has been considering polling Montserratians to find out whether they want to be permanently relocated off the unstable island.
 Douglas Darby, a retired Wall Street broker who moved to Montserrat from Long Island, N.Y., said he and his wife are thinking about leaving. In a telephone interview, he said he doesn't fear "this rolling stuff coming down over the mountain" that he watched from his home four miles from the flow.
 "We're not running away from the volcano. It's because of the inconvenience of power cuts and the like," Darby said. Authorities cut electricity out of concern the erupting ash would damage the plant.

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