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Study: Risks wouldn't increase much if new missions brought to Pantex

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Adding plutonium processing to the Pantex Plant's list of duties won't dramatically change the risks associated with its current mission of servicing nuclear warheads, according to a draft study. Activists who oppose the establishment of a plutonium fuel plant here disagree.

The preliminary report by the Amarillo National Resource Center for Plutonium evaluated the potential risks if Pantex is chosen as the site for a plutonium conversion facility or a mixed-oxide fuel fabrication plant that would make fuel rods for U.S. nuclear reactors.

"Our conclusion is that looking at worst-case analyses, looking at resources developed, there are really no impacts," said Randy Charbeneau, a University of Texas civil engineering professor. "The overall (preliminary) conclusion ... is that risks associated with potential new missions are really no different than the risks that are already existing at the site."

Don Moniak, project director for Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping, noted that Pantex has never worked with plutonium in powdered form.

Pantex is one of four sites being considered by the U.S. Department of Energy for the new missions, part of the government's effort to dispose of the plutonium cores from thousands of former nuclear weapons.

"They've never been a processor before of plutonium. So, comparing it to existing missions is almost irrelevant," he said. Pantex currently assembles, dismantles and services U.S. nuclear weapons.

The resource center will release a final report early next year. The study, conducted by researchers from the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech, was requested by Gov. George W. Bush's office.

Charbeneau said preliminary results show an earth-

quake would be the most dangerous possible catastrophe.

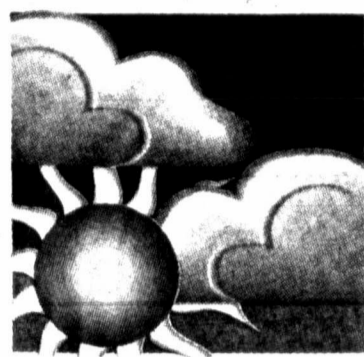
"It has the potential for releasing the most amounts of plutonium," Charbeneau said. "But we're doing an analysis on something that is a very rare event."

In a worst-case scenario, 130 acres of land would be affected by an airborne release of plutonium oxide, Charbeneau told the approximately 50 people who attended a briefing last week on the draft study.

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The other proposed sites are the Savannah River Site in South Carolina, the Hanford site in Washington and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Roger Mulder, state director of the Pantex program, said an environmental impact statement expected to be released in February will identify the site that DOE prefers for new missions.



High today upper 40s.
Low tonight mid 20s.
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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora has been appointed a new co-counsel to help in her capital murder trial.

Don Gandy, former Tarrant County prosecutor, was appointed Friday by State District Judge Joe Drago. Drago decided Tuesday to allow Elizabeth Berry to remove herself from the case.

Ms. Berry filed a motion in late September to withdraw from the case, citing a conflict with lead defense attorney John Linebarger that has "resulted in a lack of cooperation, communication and reliability."

Testimony had been scheduled to begin on Sept. 29, but the judge delayed the trial until January and delayed a ruling on Ms. Berry's motion.

Linebarger will remain on the case.

Ms. Zamora, 19, and her former fiance, David Graham, also 19, are accused in the 1995 slaying of Adrienne Jones, 16, of Mansfield over a one-time sexual encounter between the Miss Jones and Graham.

- Margaret Phyllis Denton, 91, former McLelland's Variety Store employee.
- Esther Pierce, 89, member of Central Baptist Church for 52 years.
- Ben Scroggins, 54, corporate pilot.
- Juanita Marie Vanortwick, 69, Pampa resident since 1956.

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It won't be long...



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Mark Woelfle (in white ball cap) straightens the figures in a nativity scene he and John Chaney put up in Recreation Park as part of the Celebration of Lights.

Arctic blast hits Texans 'It's cold. It is bone-chilling cold'

DALLAS (AP) — Snow blanketed parts of North and West Texas, sending temperatures into the 20s across the state early Saturday as a blast of wintry weather swept through the region.

A cold front brought the state's first strong cold snap to the Texas Panhandle.

"It is cold. It is bone-chilling cold," said bartender Johnnie Harkins, who was ending his shift at the Red Rock Bar in Amarillo early Saturday before the sun came up. "It looks like daytime because the snow has turned everything white."

Amarillo National Weather Service meteorologist John Cockrell said the worst hit spot was about 50 miles south of Amarillo. He said snow measure-

ments for the area would not be available until later in the day, but that much of the snow will remain on the ground as temperatures remain below freezing.

The front didn't only effect West Texas, but reports of sleet and light snow from Wichita Falls to Sherman were drifting into the National Weather Service's Fort Worth office, meteorologist Lonnie King said. In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, nearly an inch of snow was recorded.

It is however, a little bit early to be getting a cold snap this strong, Cockrell said.

"In this part of the country you just never know," Harkins said. "Last time this year it was 80 during the day."

Insurance policies get county's ok

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

The Gray County Commissioners' Court spent several hours evaluating potential insurance packages before choosing options from bidders for vehicle, property and law enforcement insurance.

Friday, the commissioners accepted both a \$27,434 bid for law enforcement insurance from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) and two bids totaling almost \$50,000 for public officials, general, auto, property, heavy equipment and airport insurance liability from Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency.

The commissioners had several options and just as many bids to consider from three agencies — Fatheree Insurance, TAC and Duncan, Fraser and Bridges.

"I'm glad we had this much interest," said County Commissioner Jim Greene.

All of the commissioners agreed that the bids and the proposals offered by all three agencies gave them something to choose from and the commissioners expressed their appreciation to those representing the bidding agencies.

In other matters, the commissioners agreed to extend some health benefit coverage for regular county employees working at least 20 hours a week. The county will pay half of the expenses of health coverage for part-time employees who participate and agree to pay the

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'Band of thieves' suspects charged

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Five suspected members of a Chicago-area crime ring already suspected in a string of "diversion burglaries" in Muleshoe was charged Friday with similar alleged crimes in Lubbock.

The group, described by authorities as a band of well-organized professional thieves, is suspected in three attempted burglaries in Lubbock and three in Muleshoe last Friday.

Biserka Korotkov, 42; Jamie Sadrinovic, 25; Kristina Zecevic, 41; Gina Pavlov, 21; and Janko Petrov, 22, all face charges new organized crime charges in Lubbock. Earlier, they had been charged with organized crime and felony theft in Bailey County, where they're being held in lieu of \$150,000 bond.

Authorities believe the crime ring totaled seven members. Five

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Sunday snapshot



Name: Judy Griffin
Occupation/Activities: housewife and caregiver — former beautician.
Birth date and place: Jan. 26, 1941, Covington, Kentucky.
Family: Husband, Wes and scattered seven children in other states and a grandchild.
If I had a different job, I'd be a: school teacher.
My personal hero: my husband and Jesus Christ.
The best advice I ever got was: staying in school ... keep learning.
People who knew me in high school thought: I was cute.

The best word or words to describe me: artistic, reliable, courteous, friendly, congenial and love to laugh.
My hobbies are: artwork, sewing, leather crafts and knitting.
My favorite sports team is: Mark Martin's racing team.
The last book I read was: The Bible.
My favorite possession is: some personal jewelry.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: graduation diploma from beauty college.
My favorite performer is: Scott Hamilton.

I wish I knew how to: meet more people without present situation of being home bound.
My trademark cliché or expression is: "I told you so."
My worst habit is: I'm a neat freak.
I would never: smoke.
The last good movie I saw was: "Multiplicity," by Michael Keaton.
I stay home to watch: over my husband.
Nobody knows: that I'm a descendent of Pochohantas.
I drive a: '77 Cady.
My favorite junk food is: nachos.

My favorite beverage: Diet Coke.
My favorite restaurant is: Furr's Cafeteria.
My favorite pet: my two Pekingese — Sazi, and Cody.
For my last meal, I would choose: something cold — ice cream maybe, something sweet to the taste.
I'm happiest when I'm: working on a gift to someone.
I'm tired of: rheumatoid arthritis.
I have a phobia about: violence on T.V. — scary movies.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: a curling iron.

The biggest waste of time is: waiting in the Dr.'s office.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: move closer to my children.
If I had three wishes they would be: health and a better way of living, to be able to see all of my children and grandchildren and to be able to feed others who are hungry.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: to have a 24-hour taxicab service.
If you or someone you know is interested in being featured in the Sunday Snapshot please write or call Miranda Bailey, 669-2525.

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'We need money for our trip!'



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

The Pampa High School band is selling discount cards as part of their fund-raising efforts for a spring trip to Breckenridge, Colo. The cards, good through Oct. 31, 1998, can be purchased for \$10 and include a variety of products. To purchase them see any band member or band booster. Getting ready for the project are (kneeling) Heather Herndon and Shanna Jameson along with (from left) Tony Miller, Amber Croswhite, Brandon Milligan, Michael Plunk and Shana Grusendorf.

Queen attends Princess Diana memorial concert

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II attended a charity concert Wednesday in memory of her former daughter-in-law Princess Diana — and brought happiness to a teen-age girl befriended by the princess.

Emma May, 16, a patient from Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, one of Diana's favorite charitable causes, was presented to the queen during an intermission in the concert at London's Royal Festival Hall.

Emma was 10 when she met Diana at the hospital, where the youngster was being treated for a rare genetic condition that doctors said would stop her from growing beyond 4 feet 6 inches tall.

The princess later wrote to the youngster, encouraging her to have treatment, and helped her raise funds for an operation to lengthen her legs.

On Wednesday night, her treatment complete, Emma wore a long, black lacy dress, and proudly drew herself up to her new height of 5 feet.

As she made her curtsy, Emma realized that she was only an inch or two shorter than the monarch, who wore a glittering blue and mauve dress with turquoise sequins.

"That is something I shall always be able to tell myself," said Emma, with a broad grin.

The concert was originally planned as a gala fund-raiser for the hospital and the Royal Academy of Music, and Diana was to have attended in her capacity of patron of both organizations.

After her death in a Paris car wreck on Aug. 31, organizers changed the program and the queen, who is patron of the hospital and the academy, said she would be delighted to attend the memorial event.

The academy's Sinfonia and chorus performed Mozart's Requiem, with soloists including Lynne Dawson, who sang at the princess's funeral.

"I find it difficult to express how much the princess's support meant to me," said Emma, from Copthorne, south of London. "I only met her the once, but she sent me lots and lots of letters and I shall always treasure them."

"It was just a wealth of support. She said she would always be there for me — and she was."

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Past Columbia/HCA CEO gets \$9.9 million severance

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. agreed to give Richard Scott a \$9.9 million severance package when the nation's largest publicly traded hospital chain forced him out as chief executive officer, according to federal documents filed Thursday.

Scott received a lump sum payment of \$5.1 million when he resigned July 25 under pressure from Columbia's board as a federal fraud investigation began engulfing the nation's largest hospital company, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission filing. Over the next five years he'll collect another \$4.8 million through annual consulting fees of \$950,000.

Scott, who co-founded the \$20

billion company a decade ago with two Texas hospitals, was making a base salary of \$900,000 a year.

"Looks like he'll be making as much money not working — or more, when you look at his base salary — than when he was working," said Travis Phillips, who monitors executive compensation for Nordby International Inc., a Boulder, Colo., consulting firm.

The package could eventually grow much larger with several benefits whose costs remain

unclear. For the next two years, Columbia will pay for Scott's health insurance, an office and staff. The company also will buy his house and pay moving costs if he opts to relocate more than 90 miles from Nashville.

In what amounts to a potentially costly insurance plan, the company also will pay Scott's legal fees unless he is found guilty of wrongdoing.

Scott has not been accused of breaking any laws, but the company itself is the target of a wide-ranging investigation into

allegations of Medicaid and Medicare fraud during his tenure.

Scott also had the right to exercise stock options within 90 days of his resignation. The SEC documents didn't say how many options Scott held and his attorney, Gerald Feffer, declined to say.

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

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.

L.W. McCall
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Associate Publisher/Editor

Opinion

Effort at reform has been diluted

Over the past 15 years, the federal government has increased its power to seize property without a trial — mostly to facilitate the "war" on drugs.

In many cases, people only suspected of a crime, or charged but not yet convicted, lose their homes, savings and other property. And the laws place the burden of proof on the person whose property has been seized. In some instances, however, the person cannot financially mount a defense because the government has its assets.

This power has grown despite the Fourth Amendment's protection of the "right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures."

To fully restore that right, earlier this year Rep. Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, introduced HR 1835, the Civil Forfeiture Reform Act of 1997. The bill was a straightforward reform — simply requiring the government to return seized property pending a trial.

Unfortunately, after pressure by the Clinton administration, HR 1835 was modified and turned into a new bill, HR 1965.

The result is "a compromise that makes things worse than present law. It makes no sense," said Barbara Grantland, vice president of Forfeiture Endangers American Rights, a group that helped draft the original bill. "The Judiciary Committee let the Department of Justice rewrite the bill, and they just made a mockery of reform," she claimed.

HR 1965 puts a number of complicated conditions on the return of seized property to a suspect before trial. The property owner, for example, must have "sufficient ties to the community to provide assurance that the property will be available at the time of the trial." Or it must be determined that loss of the property represents a "hardship to the claimant, such as preventing the claimant from working, leaving the claimant homeless or preventing the functioning of a business." The government itself, of course, determines whether the property owner meets these conditions.

Another section of the bill, according to a report from the House Judiciary Committee, expands the scope of property that can be seized. "The bill provides that forfeitable proceeds are not limited to the 'net' gain or profit realized from the commission of an offense. Rather, the 'gross' proceeds are forfeitable." The report contends that the Eighth Amendment's protections against excessive fines "ensures that this remedy does not get out of hand."

But a system of seizures that ignores the Fourth Amendment is unlikely to follow the Eighth.

Hyde continues to support the new bill and hopes to bring it to the floor before Congress goes into recess.

The conditions added to the bill, however, have created a strange-bedfellow coalition of opponents, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Rifle Association and even some Republican stalwarts who might otherwise be expected to support Hyde and the GOP leadership.

Let's hope enough congressmen of both parties make sure HR 1965 disappears. True reform — along the lines of the original bill — will have to wait till 1998.

—Odessa American

Justice the American way

Like many of you, I read and watched with interest the events of last week concerning Louise Woodward, the 19-year-old English au pair who gained her freedom when a judge reduced her second-degree murder conviction to involuntary manslaughter.

Unless you were in a cave or in self-imposed no news land, Woodward's original conviction meant she would have to spend at least 15 years in prison before becoming parole eligible under terms of the 15-to-life sentence.

But when Judge Hiller Zobel reduced the conviction to a lesser offense, he sentenced Woodward to the time served awaiting trial plus the few days since her conviction — 279 days total. All of that meant she went free on Monday afternoon.

Both sides are appealing — the defense because they believe their client is innocent — the prosecution because they aren't happy that Woodward isn't spending more time behind bars.

Sometimes forgotten in the drama is the fact an 8-month-old boy, Matthew Eappen, who was in Woodward's care, is dead.

If you believe the prosecution, Woodward deliberately shook the baby Feb. 4 and slammed him against a hard surface because



Kate B. Dickson

Associate Publisher/Editor

she hated her job and was frustrated by the baby's fussiness.

The defense contends the baby actually was injured two to three weeks earlier. And no matter who you believe, both sides had pretty convincing medical evidence.

I personally have mixed emotions over the judge's decision. I do think it was right to reduce the charge, but I thought a bit more time — maybe a two-year sentence with credit for time served would have been in order. Under law, she could have received anywhere from what she got to 20 years.

None of us know what really happened. Woodward continues to maintain her innocence. And, I believe that if she isn't innocent, she certainly did not mean to hurt, much less kill little Matthew.

Most likely the jury would have come up with involuntary manslaughter to begin with but that option had been removed when defense lawyers succeeded in giving the jury only three choices — first-degree murder, second-degree murder or not guilty. Her team was convinced she wouldn't be convicted under this scenario.

Throughout the trial and the aftermath, it has been interesting to watch the reactions of those who have followed the case from Woodward's home town of Elton in England.

They must really be confused when it comes to our judicial system. They're not used to seeing justice in their country played out on television and laws there virtually prohibit pretrial publicity.

Obviously, they have no connection with the day-to-day routine of how criminal proceedings are handled in this country such as right here in Pampa, in Amarillo, in Dallas or anywhere else in the U.S.

It's no wonder the British look upon us strangely while trying to make sense of jurisprudence here. After all, most of what they have of recent upon which to make their judgments are — the O.J. Simpson and Woodward cases!

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 1997. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1885, Canadian rebel Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *The Sound of Music* opened on Broadway.

In 1776, British troops captured

Fort Washington during the American Revolution.

In 1864, Union Gen. William T. Sherman and his troops began their "March to the Sea" during the Civil War.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of charges he had murdered his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1973, Skylab 3 carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

In 1973, President Nixon signed the Alaska Pipeline measure into law.

In 1961, House Speaker Samuel T. Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms.

In 1981, actor William Holden was found dead in his apartment in Santa Monica, Calif. He was 63.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court by an 8-0 vote upheld the federal mail and wire fraud convictions of former Wall Street Journal reporter R. Foster Winans and two co-defendants in connection with an insider-trading scheme.

IRS reform bill: It's a start!

After a one-month public flogging at the hands of Congress, the Internal Revenue Service finds itself even more feared and loathed in the minds of American taxpayers. And not without good cause.

No government agency vested with as much power as the IRS is guilty of so many abuses of its power. And that is not just the sentiment of taxpayers who feel they've been unjustly persecuted by the IRS. It is also the informed opinion of many IRS employees.

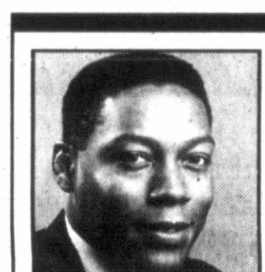
Indeed, in a recent appearance before the Senate Finance Committee, six past or present IRS agents cataloged numerous abuses by the tax collection agency. Among the more disquieting:

—The IRS routinely ignores cases against wealthy individuals and large companies, preferring instead to go after low- and modest-income taxpayers because they are less likely to put up a fight.

—The agency often ignores its own rules for collection in a rush to seize taxpayer assets. IRS employees routinely snoop through the tax records of celebrities, prospective mates, personal enemies and witnesses in government cases.

Prompted by the revelation of these abuses, and others, the House Ways and Means Committee recently passed a measure that it touts as the first comprehensive reform of the IRS since 1952. The bipartisan bill, authored by Reps. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Ben Cardin, D-Md., should pass the full House this fall.

The aim of this IRS reform, according to the House Ways and Means Committee, is to "transform the troubled IRS into a modern, taxpayer-considerate financial institution that



Joseph Perkins

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provides world-class service, while collecting revenues in a fair, even-handed manner."

Toward that end, the House bill would expand taxpayer rights in dealings with the IRS. Among other new rights, taxpayers would no longer bear the burden of proof in disputes with the IRS that end up in tax court. They would be entitled to an explanation of why their tax returns were selected for audit.

When facing an IRS collection, the IRS would be required to leave taxpayers with an adequate means to cover their basic living expenses. And the IRS would be required to consider more factors in determining whether a delinquent taxpayer is experiencing a "significant hardship."

These new rights will no doubt be welcomed by taxpaying Americans, particularly those targeted by the IRS for audit or collection. But neither these expanded taxpayer rights, nor the rest of the putative IRS reforms, get to the crux of the agency's problem.

That is — the IRS is charged with enforcing a tax code that no one completely understands. Indeed, that was the conclusion of a national commission, co-chaired by Rep. Portman and Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., charged with devel-

oping a plan for restructuring the IRS.

The commission noted that, since 1956, the number of sections in the tax code has grown six-fold, from 103 to 698. And since 1986, when the tax code was last "simplified," there have been 4,000 amendments to the code, a rate of more than one change a day.

Anecdotal, the commission also noted that *Money* magazine annually asks 50 tax preparers and the IRS to prepare a 1040 for a sample family. Because of the code's complexity, no two preparers ever arrive at the same result, and the differing results vary by thousands of dollars.

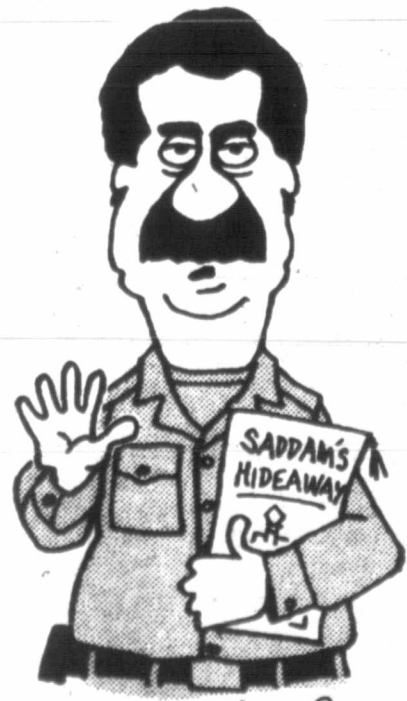
That is why there are so many disputes between taxpayers and the IRS. And the IRS reform bill that just passed the House Ways and Means Committee does little, if anything at all, to improve matters.

No one should recognize this more than Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Last year, the Texas congressman talked about ending the IRS as we know it, by scrapping the federal income tax in favor of a flat 15 percent national sales tax.

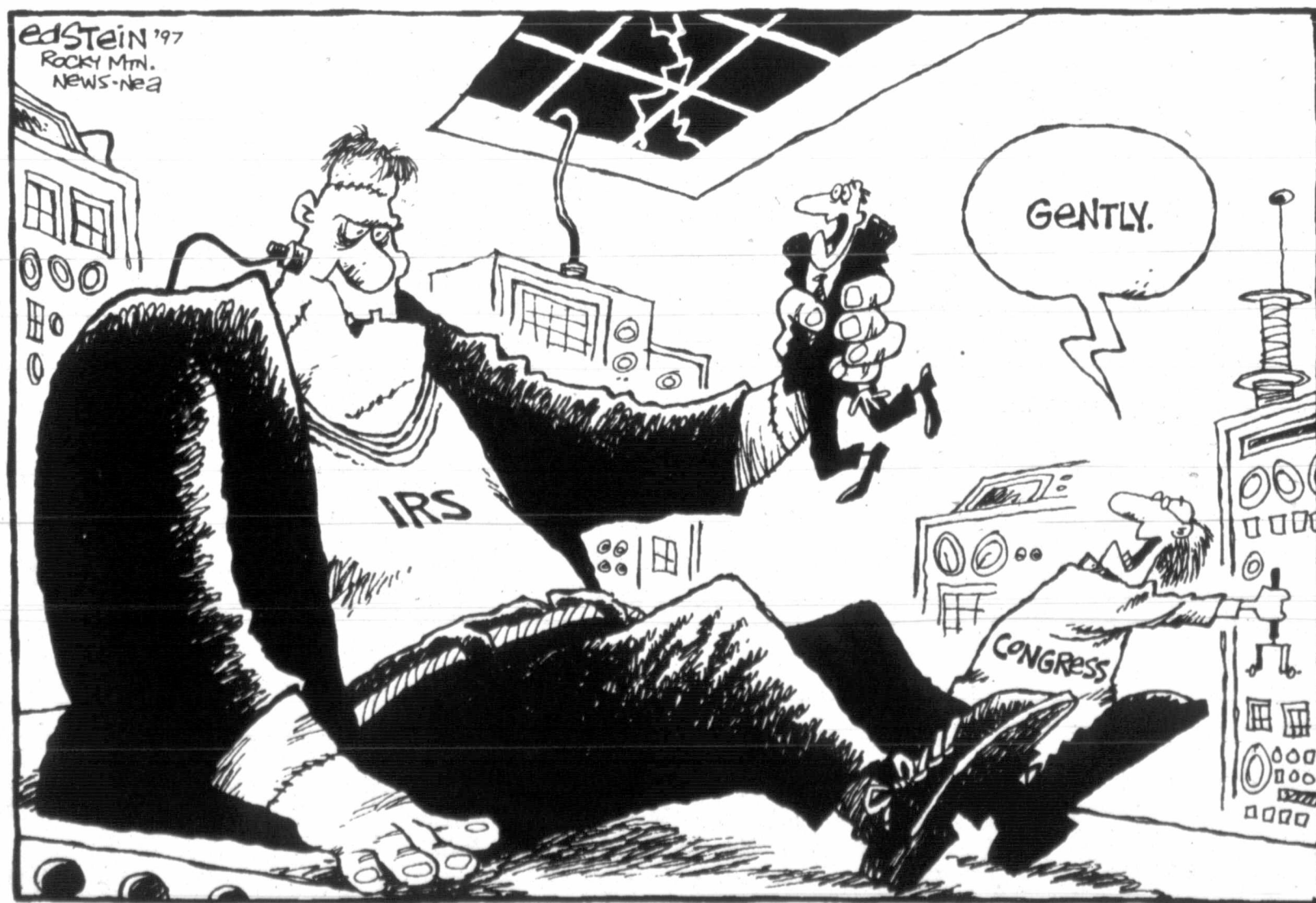
This year, Archer has said little about his flat tax. He is going along with fellow Republicans who are willing to settle for the same old complex tax code as long as it's administered by a kinder and gentler IRS.

Certainly a more service-oriented, customer-friendly IRS would be welcomed by taxpaying Americans. But most would prefer that Congress simplify the tax code so that even those taxpayers lacking a Ph.D. in mathematics can figure out what they owe the government each year.

Berry's World



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"I have no reservation for a party of Americans with the U.N."



Letters to the editor

Global warming is completely unsubstantiated

To the editor:
Pampans should be aware of rules which a group of organizations are trying to get our government to enact into law. These include such organizations as the Union of Concerned Scientists, the Environmental Defense Fund and the Natural Resources Defense Council (some people refer to all of these as "tree-huggers.")

These activists say that there is a new increase in the temperature of the earth which is referred to as global warming. In order to stop global warming, we must burn a lot less fuel in our cars, power plants and industries.

If you review the earth's temperature records for the past several centuries, and include the satellite measurements made by our own government for the past ten years, you will see that we have had periods of global warming, always followed by the same amount of global cooling, as far back as data is available.

A review of this data shows that there will be no effect at all on global temperatures by burning less fuels. Any global warming that we find today will be followed by equal amounts of global cooling, the same as has been seen over the past several centuries.

Let Vice President Gore, Interior Secretary Babbitt and President Clinton know that you don't want rules which make us cut back our use of fuel.

Let's put global-warming back in the closet with Alar, which you may remember, was supposed to poison us when we ate apples. There are enough real problems for our government to solve.

The disgrace on Hobart Street

To the editor:
On a recent cold and blizzard weekend, four of us native Pampans (now seniors) traveled to Pampa from Plano and Austin for a family gathering. We chose to stay at the Grand Coronado Inn because of the location, because of its fine appearance on the hill with the eye catching banner and because it evoked memories of when it was built. A true landmark of the Texas Panhandle.

Inside, the lobby and restaurant looked nice enough, but I invite you to take a peek (or live a night) in one of the rooms. Our two

rooms were so cold we were forced to move in the middle of the night to rooms where the thermostat worked; plumbing leaked, light fixtures had no bulbs, bathroom linens were tattered and torn, there was no light in the elevator and both the restaurant and lounge were closed on Saturday! Hopefully it was the weather that created lack of telephone service. Neglect and poor housekeeping have caused deplorable conditions in rooms and hallways. Management appears to be nonexistent.

I leave you with a chuckle (which was less funny experiencing it). Before departing Sunday morning, we went to the restaurant for breakfast and were greeted warmly by the waitress who brought coffee and took our orders. Then we waited ... and waited ... and waited for 45 patient minutes until the waitress revealed that "the cook overslept but should be here soon!" We would have hit the road more quickly, but the desk clerk had difficulty finding a pencil to check us out!

Fellow Pampans, we have a disgrace on North Hobart.
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Prozac found effective for young people

CHICAGO (AP) — The first large-scale study of the use of Prozac to fight depression in children and adolescents has concluded that it is as effective for them as it is for adults.

It also marked the first time an antidepressant in a controlled study has been shown to be more effective than a placebo in young people, said the author, Dr. Graham Emslie of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The study involved 96 people ages 7 to 17. It was paid for by the National Institute of Mental Health and reported in the Archives of General Psychiatry. Some researchers have expressed doubt about prescribing Prozac to children because of concern that long-term use could disrupt brain development.

Prozac is believed to work by increasing serotonin — a body chemical associated with mood changes — in the brain.

Emslie's findings were praised by Michael Faenza, president of the National Mental Health

Association. "We see childhood as a time of joy and growing and learning, but unfortunately clinical depression and other mental disorders in young people are very real," he said.

An estimated 17 million adults suffer from depression and perhaps 3.5 million people under age 19, authorities say.

All of those in Emslie's study also visited a therapist for treatment. The frequency of the visits varied from one patient to another.

Half of the participants got Prozac. The others received a placebo.

Among those who received Prozac for two months, 56 percent were rated as much improved or very much improved.

Thirty-three percent of those taking the placebo fell into those categories. Improvement was seen in 74 percent of those who took Prozac for two months.

There was no difference between the response of boys and girls.

Mom who slapped daughter guilty in assault, battery case

NOVI, Mich. (AP) — A woman who disciplined her wayward 14-year-old daughter with a slap in the face, giving her a black eye, has been found guilty of misdemeanor assault and battery.

Kathi Herren, 32, said her conviction Thursday sends the wrong message for parents who want to discipline their children. "You're going to have a bunch of out of control teen-agers doing whatever they want," she said. Jurors "have no idea what they've done."

The count carries a penalty of up to three months in jail and a \$500 fine, although Judge Brian MacKenzie said he had no intention of sending her to jail.

"You can put your mind at ease," he told her. "I'm satisfied that nothing in this case was venal."

During jury selection, all the parent jurors admitted to swatting their children as discipline.

"It's not a crime to discipline a child," prosecutor Matthew Quinn said in closing arguments. "But a parent may use only as much force as is reason-

able." Mrs. Herren and her daughter, Amber Russell, embraced after the verdict. Amber stayed at a juvenile detention center since the July 19 incident and said she was anxious to return home.

The events leading to the charge stemmed from years of trouble — including stealing cigarettes, drinking liquor and disobeying her mother — that Amber admitted she caused.

"I'm not going to be like that anymore," she said. "I'm not going to fight with her."

Amber testified that she was grounded on the day of the argument but left home anyway.

She returned hours later and unleashed a storm of profanities at her mother, stepfather and a house guest, then went to her room and blared the stereo.

Her mother then confronted her and hit her shoulder and face during the argument, Amber said.

Amber went to another home after the fight, where a person who noticed a black eye and bruises called police, according to testimony.

Mrs. Herren was convicted in the Detroit suburb of Novi under a city law that mirrors a state domestic-violence law.

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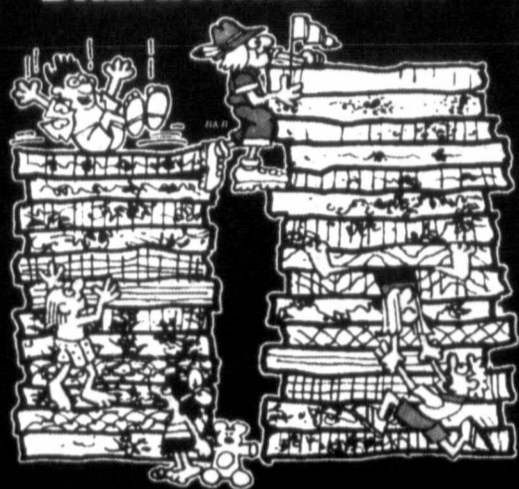
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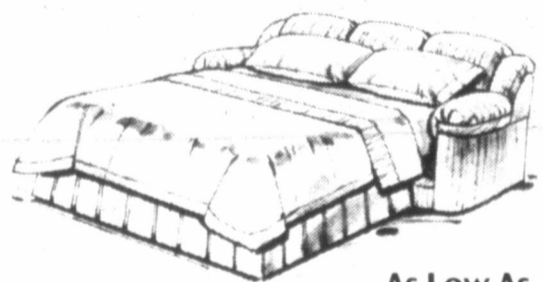


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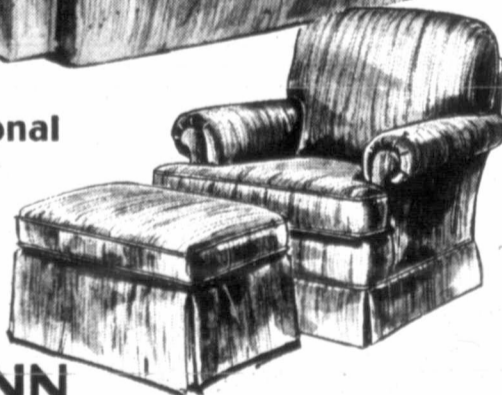
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Bail bondswoman doesn't fit stereotype

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — The thick, French accent isn't meant as a disguise. Neither is the lipstick, high heels or disarming smile.

Sophie Miller's clients may think she's a pushover when she arrives to bail them out of jail. She certainly doesn't fit the image of a cigar-chomping bail bondsman — she smokes cigarettes and drinks French spring water. And her briefcase and cell phone aren't the wares of a rifle-toting bounty hunter. But when she pulls out the contract that says she'll track down any client who ignores her rules, there's no mistaking she means business.

"I don't give a ... what he does, as long as he shows up in court," she tells a woman in the Beeville office of Christina's Bail Bonds, who has just paid \$2,000 in cash to get her brother-in-law out of jail. "He has nowhere to hide, not even in his mother's tummy. I don't care if he's in Mexico or Europe — I will find him."

The seedy world of bail bondsmen has never had a glamorous side. Even the agents admit they work with "the scum of the streets." The hours are long, the risks are high, and the "skips" who fail to show up in court aren't exactly eager to get thrown back in jail.

"Let me tell you something, a woman's going to do a better job than a man," said Larry Boykin, who co-owns Christina's Bail Bonds with Crissy Villarreal and employs twice as many women agents than men. "When I say they're cold-blooded, I mean they're cold-blooded."

In a business that's often accused of having no rules, the women play by their own code of ethics.

Some won't post bail for people accused of sexual assault or child molestation. They require the entire cash fee up front — no waiting for dancers or prostitutes to make a buck that evening to pay the fee next day.

Final rule: no crying on the pay phone from the county jail. Villarreal ignored her qualms about bailing out an accused murderer: until he started professing his innocence between sobs. "I said, 'Wait a minute, you save it for the judge,'" she recalled. "'And if you keep crying, I'm not even going to get your ass out.'"

Women always have been fringe players in the bail bond business, helping to operate smaller mom-and-pop operations. But in the last decade, they've become central figures and now account for nearly half of all licensed agents nationwide. In the 1980s, about 25 percent of bond agents were female, says Gene Newman, president of the Professional Bail Agents of the United States.

"It's steadily been increasing," said Newman, who runs an agency out of Jackson, Miss. "Women have been in this business a long time. They've only recently moved to the front lines as business owners."

Christina's Bail Bonds, with 10 offices covering 22 counties, is one of a handful of agencies run by women in Texas. Typical agencies carry names like Freedom Bail Bonds or Alamo Bail Bonds.

But Christina's tries to capture its clients with a different image. "Most people perceive Christina as a beautiful woman," Boykin said. The agency isn't even named after Crissy. Villarreal and Boykin just liked the sound of it. Apparently, so do the customers. The 4-year-old company plans to expand into East Texas with eight new offices by next year.

For now, the seven women who run the South Texas locations are known as "Christina" to those clients who request to speak to her.

The only dose of reality comes when it's time to get a signature, fill out the paperwork and make sure the client understands he has to call or show up at the office every Friday until his final court appearance. "When they get out, they think, 'My god, what happened to that sweet little gal I was talking to over the phone!'" Boykin said.

In Texas, about 30 percent of the state's 980 licensed agents are female, said Ronnie Hill, president of Professional Bail Bond Agents of Texas.

"They probably do a better job than the men because they're more cautious," said Hill, who also runs a bail bond agency in Waco. "That saves you the risk."

For a non-refundable deposit — usually 10 percent or 15 percent — an agent will arrange bail for a defendant, guaranteeing his court appearance. If the defendant doesn't show up, it's the agent's responsibility to track him down and bring him back to jail or else hand over the rest of the bail amount and court costs.

Because running background checks is illegal for bail agents, they rely on body language and a gut feeling about a potential client.

"You always get a feeling when something's iffy," said Carrie Schmidt, who works out of Christina's Corpus Christi office. "I like to talk to other members of the family. If they stumble over their words when I ask them questions, I won't do it."

Call it women's intuition — the men and women who work at Christina's do. And they say the women have a better track record for clients showing up for court dates.

"People think it's easy. They think you get the money and 'viola,' but it's not like that," said Miller, who keeps a record of outgoing phone calls and uses caller ID to tell whether her clients are lying. "When I have a call, I don't think 'cash.' That's the difference between a good bail bondsman and a bad bail bondsman."

To do business in a county, an agency will post collateral. The court-

ty then allows the agent to write bonds up to 10 times the amount posted. So if a business posts a piece of property worth \$200,000, it can write \$2 million worth of bails at any one time.

Even on a small bail — \$5,000 — a bail bond agent can lose a big chunk of change. So many employ their own bounty hunters. It's common for local bail bond agents to do both.

And bounty hunting is a side of the business that more women are getting into, said Gary J. Harney, executive director of the National Association of Bail Enforcement Agents. Of 1,800 bounty hunters registered with the association, 10 percent are women, he said.

"My philosophy is — courage doesn't have a gender," said Harney, who runs Magic Bullet Services in Beltsville, Md. "It's not based on brawn, it's based on brains."

Often, Miller says, a female will outwit a male fugitive simply because she's a woman.

"When I do bounty hunting, I wear my short skirt and high heels and they think, 'What is she going to do to me?' I'll throw the first punch and then we'll see what happens," Miller said.

Her ex-husband introduced her to the business in the early 1980s, when he returned to the United States with his new bride to become a bounty hunter.

Bernie Miller, who also works for Christina's, says he'll get women from the office to place the phone calls when he's tracking down a fugitive.

"Especially when the guy knows he's got warrants out for his arrest, when a female calls it puts him at ease," he said. One man was so relaxed, he answered the door in his underwear when Sophie Miller came calling. The skip had run from Sinton to San Antonio.

"He said, come in let's talk about this," recalled Bernie Miller. Instead of letting him finish the laundry, "Sophie pulled out her gun and said, 'Get down on your face.'"

Whether bringing in a skip or bailing out desperate parents who agreed to transport drugs for a fee so they can feed their kids, female agents say their job is never the same and carries an awesome feeling of power.

"When you get them out of jail, they think you are god on this Earth for that moment," said Sophie Miller, who has received presents from thankful clients.

The other side, she says, is when "I'm scared inside. I think, Jesus, should I be dealing with this person? Then they leave (your office) and you're relieved. You know they're thinking, 'This woman's serious, because she's crazy enough to deal with us one on one.'"

Cincinnati, Little Rock, San Jose on 'sickest' list

CINCINNATI (AP) — Grab the tissues and chicken soup if you're going to Little Rock, Ark. Same goes for Cincinnati and San Jose, Calif.

Those cities have the dubious distinction of being among the top 10 of "America's Sickest Cities," a survey tracking flu and cold outbreaks.

It's not the kind of stuff that the local Chamber of Commerce will tout, but Little Rock residents had the cold or flu 29 percent more often than the national average last year. That tops Wednesday's survey of 71 cities, according to Surveillance Data Inc., a Pennsylvania firm that tracks seasonal illnesses for drug companies.

"This is so par for the course," Gina Marchese, a spokeswoman for the city of Little Rock, said Thursday. "We never get any positive publicity — this is just the cherry on the cake."

While Cincinnati came in at No. 7 and San Jose No. 9, West Palm Beach, Fla., had the lowest incidence — 42.5 percent less than average.

Andrew Kress, vice president of Surveillance Data, said there is no truth to the widely held belief that people in cold climates get sick more often.

"We track markets from Mexico City to Saskatchewan, and we find climate has virtually no impact on who will get sick," Kress said.

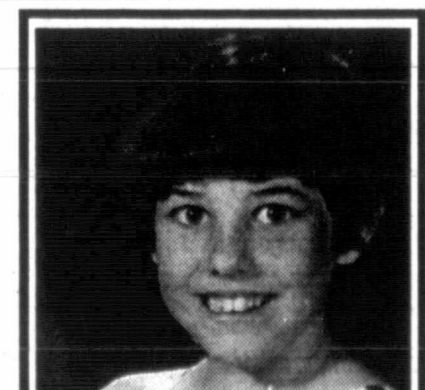
In fact, four of the healthiest cities are in cold climates: Boise, Idaho; Casper, Wyo.; Omaha, Neb.; and Buffalo, N.Y.

Making up the rest of the Top 10 sickest cities were: Hartford, Conn.; San Diego; Minneapolis; Greensboro, N.C.; Boston; Philadelphia; and Manchester, N.H.

Dallas was 17th on the list. Kress said the average American gets the cold or flu 2.7 times a year. That means the person in Little Rock got sick about 3.5 times, while folks in West Palm Beach got sick 1.6 times.

Kress' firm, based in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., sells cold and flu data to pharmaceutical companies, which can then ship drugs where they are most needed. The index is based on reports from doctors, pharmacists and schools.

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PHS cagers eye new season

PAMPA — The Pampa Harvesters just missed the playoffs a year ago, coming in fourth in the District 1-4A standings.

With two returning starters and a mix of newcomers to build the team around, the Harvesters will try and get back into the thick of things after winning the state title in 1995-96.

The Harvesters get the season started Tuesday night, hosting Sanford-Fritch at 7:30 in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Shawn Young, a 6-0 junior, and Lynn Brown, a 5-9 senior, lead the returnees. Young averaged 11.2 points while Brown averaged 6.3 points per game a year ago.

A pair of sophomores, Russell Robben and Jesse Francis, could crack the starting lineup. They both averaged in double figures for a freshman team that went 18-2

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and won the district championship last season.

Others to watch are Leo Ramirez, Tyson Alexander, Zane Powers, Sam Ledford, Bobby Holmes, Kevin Osborn and Jeremy Silva.

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PAMPA — The Pampa Lady Harvesters open the 1997-98 basketball season at 6 Tuesday night against Sanford-Fritch in McNeely Fieldhouse.

New head coach Mark Elms has four players returning who saw lots of action a year ago. They include Faustine Curry, McKinley Quarles, Yvette Brown and Jordanna Young.

Others listed on the roster are LaVonne Evans, Heather Petty, Kelsey Yowell, Jami

Wells, Lisa Dwight and Sarah Maul.

The Lady Harvesters will have height this year with the 6-0 Curry in the middle.

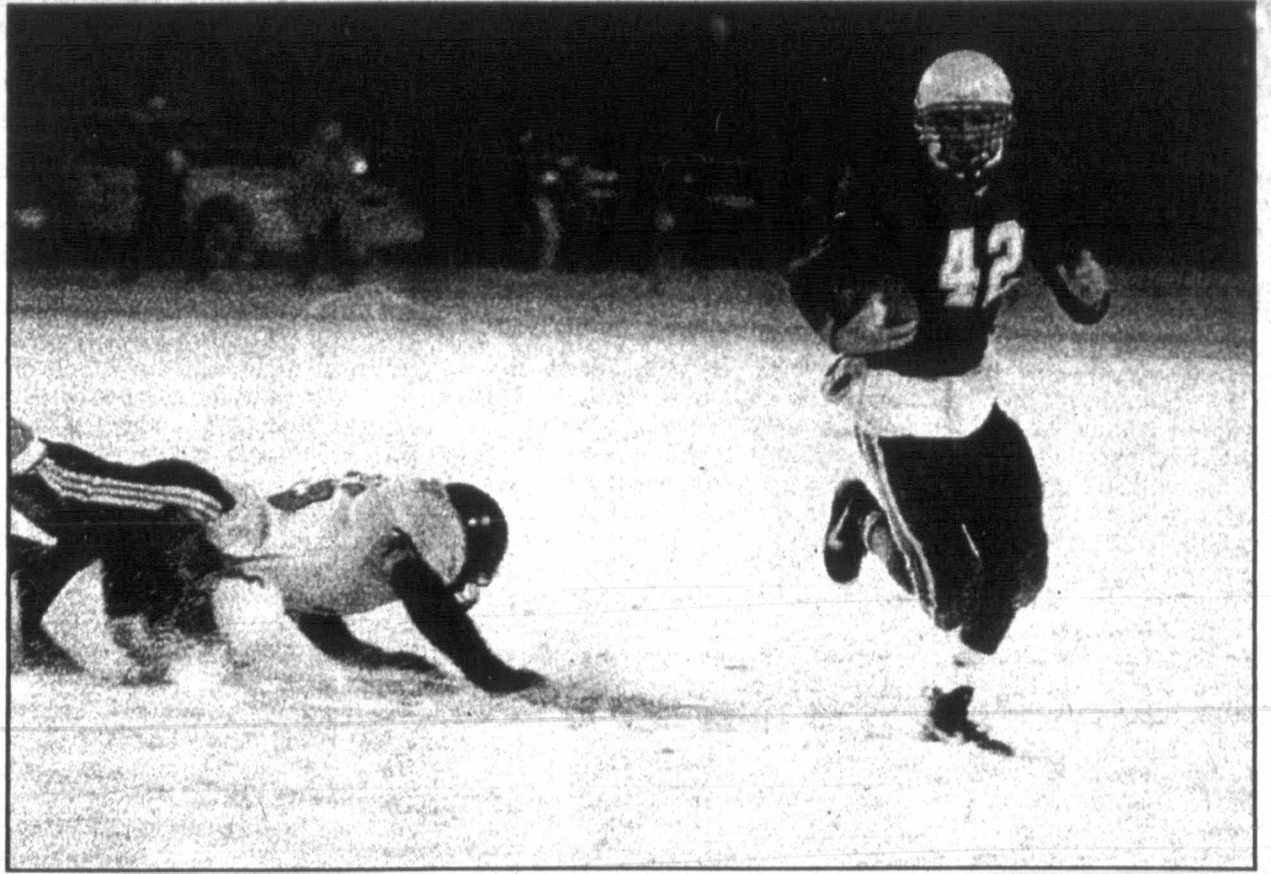
The 5-7 Quarles is a rugged rebounder while Dwight at 5-11, Yowell at 5-10, Maul at 5-10 and Petty at 5-9 will give will give Pampa additional board strength.

Curry averaged around 6 points per game last season while Quarles averaged 5, Brown 4 and Young 1.

Elms replaces Mike Jones, who resigned to accept the head girls' coaching position at Howard Payne College in Brownwood.

Elms, who is also head coach of Pampa's defending state champion girls' cross country team, was an assistant under Jones.

The Lady Harvesters will try and improve on last season's 11-16 record.



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

White Deer back Craig Urbanczyk finds some running room on the outside against Canadian.

Bucks rally for bi-district victory

By MATT HUTCHISON
Sports Writer

PAMPA — Once again it's time for another year of post-season football, where winning is everything and losing just isn't an option. Just ask the White Deer Bucks, who rallied past the Canadian Wildcats, 20-14, in a bi-district playoff game Friday night in Harvester Stadium.

The bi-district contest was almost a quintessential post-season game, featuring a field frozen by snow and ice, a slow pound-the-ball-up-the-middle offensive strategy resulting in a contest that went right down to the wire.

Both teams showed little offensive strategy early as the snow made it hard to choose pass plays or long sweeping rush attempts. Instead, both teams kept the ball moving up the middle throughout most of the first half.

The Wildcats struck first during their second possession of the game, taking the ball 70 yards over a span of 18 plays while eating up most of the first quarter. The offensive drive was led by running backs Taylor Tubb, Ty Dickinson and Kevin McCasland. Dickinson scored the touchdown, hitting paydirt after a crushing 9-yard run. A blocked kick by White Deer held the score to 6-0.

White Deer followed the touchdown drive with a drive their own that ended in a punt situation, but on the following Canadian drive, a missed fourth down conversion put the ball into the Bucks' hands with good field position. A key Wildcat penalty helped White Deer during the drive when holding was called downfield and gave the Bucks control at the three-yard line. Without any hesitation, Donnie Adams, who usually

plays offensive guard for the Bucks, ran in the short-yardage touchdown, tying the game at six apiece. A missed extra point kept it that way.

A Canadian drive late in the first half brought out the first completed passes of the game for star quarterback John Ashley, but time ran out and the Wildcats were unable to get anything tangible for their efforts.

The third quarter held no advantage for either team, and both ended all of the quarter's drives in punt situations.

During Canadian's opening fourth-quarter drive two penalties for illegal procedure hurt first-down chances, but a pass to Jose Morales from Ashley saved the drive and gave Canadian the ball with three yards to go for a first down. A defensive stop on third down forced the Wildcats into a must-make fourth and three situation. The Wildcats ran the ball up the middle and seemed to be stopped a year or two short of the first down. But a questionable first-down call by the officials gave Canadian another series of downs to work with.

However, on the second play of the series, Ashley threw an interception to Nick Knocke near White Deer's own 40-yard line. But in a strange twist, Canadian's defense forced a fumble by Bucks' quarterback Jeremy Crook on the next play and end up with great field position and four minutes to go in the game.

Tubb scored the touchdown and the Wildcats added the two-point conversion that left the Bucks trailing 14-6 with two minutes to play.

After a routine kickoff, the Bucks opened their offensive drive with a draw play that opened up the defense and allowed Craig Urbanczyk, White Deer's leading touchdown man,

rom to run toward the end zone, eventually hitting paydirt with a 72-yard end zone sprint.

Trailing by two, 14-12, the Bucks had no choice but to go for the two-point conversion. A pass attempt for the conversion failed, and White Deer still trailed with only 1:41 left in the fourth quarter.

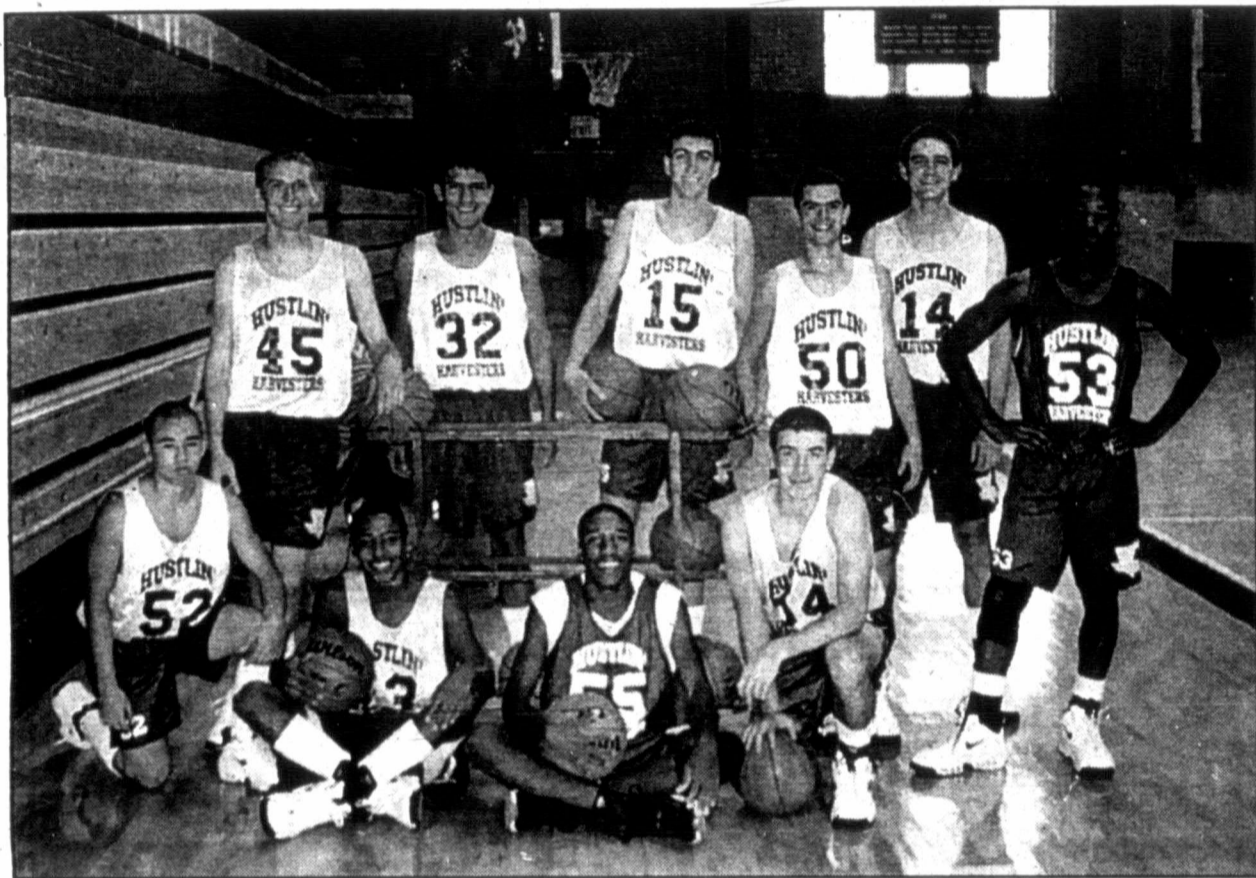
Still searching for victory, the Bucks opted to try an inside kick, punching the ball about 15 yards up the field and through a defender before Brandon Ford was able to make the recovery for the Bucks. White Deer was still looking at having to go at least 30 more yards to make it to field-goal range, and had no choice but to try some passing plays.

On third down, Crook was intercepted by Canadian's Dickinson, but immediately recovered the ball during the same play after the defender fumbled.

With less than a minute left, White Deer was well into their own side of the field, sitting on the 35-yard line looking to drive the ball about 65 yards. Canadian helped the Bucks in their dilemma, earning a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct that gave the Bucks the ball at the 50-yard line.

A pass down the line to Knocke was the highlight of the next couple of plays and it gave White Deer the ball on Canadian's one-yard line with 15 seconds to go. A short punch into the end zone by Adams followed, and suddenly White Deer was on the winning side of the board, up 18-14. A two-point conversion followed, and White Deer went up by a touchdown, 20-14.

To guarantee the victory, White Deer recovered an Ashley fumble with ten seconds remaining.



(Pampa News photo)

The Pampa Harvesters are preparing for the season basketball opener Tuesday night against Sanford-Fritch with the game starting at 7:30 in McNeely Fieldhouse. Among the team members are (front, l-r) Leo Ramirez, Bobby Holmes, Shawn Young and Russell Robben; (middle row, l-r) Jesse Francis and Lynn Brown; (back row, l-r) Tyson Alexander, Jeremy Silva, Sam Ledford, Zane Powers and Kevin Osborn.

1A's top team knocked out of playoffs

By CHARLES RICHARDS
Associated Press Writer

Sabinal got 140 yards from Lane Pepper and took advantage of errors by previously unbeaten Runge to bounce Class 1A's top-ranked team out of the playoffs, 26-6, Friday night.

Sabinal (9-2), which will play Granger (9-1) next week, fell behind 6-0 in the first quarter on Patrick Zapata's one-yard at the end of a 67-yard, 11-play drive.

But at the end of the first quarter, a snap went over the head of Runge punter Patrick Zapata, and Sabinal recovered at the Runge 27.

That set up John Driskell's 6-yard touchdown run in the opening moments of the second quarter.

In the third quarter, a blindside hit forced a fumble by Runge quarterback Patrick Zapata, and Chad Von Pelt picked up the loose ball and ran 18 yards for a touchdown and a 14-6 lead midway through the third quarter.

Pepper ran 37 yards to set up his 6-yard TD run with 8:48 left in the game, and Collin Truelove's 2-yard quarterback sneak concluded the scoring.

In another Class 1A game, Granger quarterback Brandon Everage had a career night. He ran

for five touchdowns, including an 82-yard kickoff return, and threw for two other TDs as Granger (10-1) routed Colmesneil (8-3), 50-13.

Everage scored on runs of 30, 1 and 2 yards in the second quarter. He added his long kickoff return and 17-yard run in the third quarter, and connected with James Everage on a 75-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

Reggie Duncan rushed for a school-record 311 yards on 31 carries and scored two touchdowns as third-ranked Killen Ellison advanced in the Class 5A playoff game against Round Rock Westwood, 34-20.

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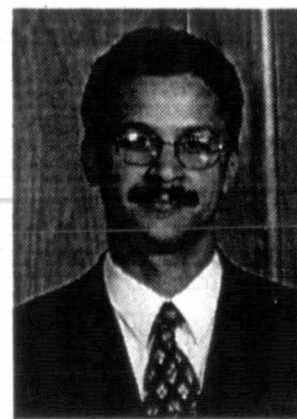
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Pampa Harvester Individual Leaders (Final statistics)

Passing (Comp-Att-Yds)
 Justin Roark, Jr. 42-78-640
 Josh Blackmon, Sr. 11-48-95

Rushing (Carries-Yards)
 Erich Greer, Jr. 178-941
 Ronnie Proby, Sr. 95-465
 Jared White, Jr. 38-170
 Justin Roark, Jr. 32-123
 Curtis Johnson, Jr. 6-36

Receiving (Catches-Yards)
 Bryan Waldrip, Sr. 13-222
 Joel Barker, Jr. 11-154
 J.D. Woelfe, Sr. 9-137
 Erich Greer, Jr. 6-38
 Brent Phelps, Jr. 3-33

Kick Scoring (Total points)
 Josh Blackmon, Sr. 22
 Justin Barnes, Soph. 9

Punting (No.-Avg. Yards)
 Josh Blackmon, Sr. 44-39.0

Interceptions
 Jarrod Bowles, Jr. 4
 Josh Blackmon, Sr. 3
 Vincente Martinez, Sr. 1
 Dustin Hall, Sr. 1

Kickoff returns (No.-Avg. Yards)
 Shannon Reed, Sr. 11-13.7
 Erich Greer, Jr. 6-27.7
 Jared White, Jr. 6-12.7

Six-man Playoffs

Bi-district Region I/II
 Follett 58, Chillicothe 30
 Lazbuddie 52, Rochester 6
 Ropes (8-1) vs. Westbrook (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Klondike.
 Sands 70, Sanderson 46
 Miami 32, Samnorwood 21
 Silverton 31, Jayton 6
 Borden County 58, Southland 6
 Grandfalls-Royal 46, Grady 20

Area
 Follett (10-0) vs. Lazbuddie (10-1), TBA
 Ropes (8-1) or Westbrook (7-3) vs. Sands (10-1), TBA
 Miami (7-2) vs. Silverton (8-3)
 Borden County (11-0) vs. Grandfalls Royal (11-0), TBA

Region III/IV
 Panther Creek 34, Newcastle 28
 Mullin 38, Richland Springs 32
 Gordon 63, Jonesboro 24
 Covington (7-3) vs. May 46, Woodson 0
 Lohm 18, Brookessmith 6
 Strawn 80, Buckholts 50
 Trinidad (10-0), bye.

Area
 Panther Creek (10-1) vs. Mullin (8-3), TBA
 Gordon (11-0) vs. Covington (7-3), TBA
 May (8-2) vs. Lohm (8-2), TBA
 Strawn (9-2) vs. Trinidad (10-0), TBA

National Football League At A Glance

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	6	4	0.600	206	186
New England	6	4	0.600	254	165
N.Y. Jets	6	4	0.600	237	196
Buffalo	5	5	0.500	170	225
Indianapolis	0	10	0.000	154	258

Central
 Jacksonville 7 3 0 .700 282 202
 Pittsburgh 7 3 0 .700 241 200
 Tennessee 5 5 0 .500 217 197
 Baltimore 4 6 0 .400 210 231
 Cincinnati 3 7 0 .300 191 263

West
 Denver 9 1 0 .900 302 160
 Kansas City 7 3 0 .700 204 167
 Seattle 6 4 0 .600 233 238
 San Diego 4 6 0 .400 202 251
 Oakland 3 7 0 .300 237 269

NATIONAL CONFERENCE East

W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0.600	192	190
Washington	6	4	0.600	203	152
Dallas	5	5	0.500	212	154
Philadelphia	4	6	0.400	170	214
Arizona	2	8	0.200	170	230

Central
 Green Bay 8 2 0 .800 233 176

Minnesota 8 2 0 .800 238 201
 Tampa Bay 7 3 0 .700 208 172
 Detroit 4 6 0 .400 197 205
 Chicago 1 9 0 .100 167 292

West
 San Francisco 9 1 0 .900 251 120
 Carolina 5 5 0 .500 166 187
 New Orleans 3 7 0 .300 131 208
 Atlanta 2 8 0 .200 189 271
 St. Louis 2 8 0 .200 171 238

Sunday's Games
 Arizona at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
 Atlanta at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 New England at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
 Seattle at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Washington at Dallas, 4 p.m.
 Carolina at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
 New York Jets at Chicago, 4 p.m.
 Oakland at San Diego, 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association At A Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	4	2 .667	—
Miami	5	3 .625	—
New York	5	3 .625	—
Washington	4	4 .500	1
Orlando	4	4 .500	1
Boston	3	5 .375	2
Philadelphia	2	5 .286	2 1/2

Central Division
 Atlanta 9 0 1.000
 Milwaukee 5 2 .714 3
 Charlotte 4 3 .571 4
 Cleveland 4 3 .571 4
 Chicago 5 4 .556 4
 Indiana 3 5 .375 5 1/2
 Detroit 3 6 .333 6
 Toronto 1 7 .125 7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	6	2 .750	—
Minnesota	4	3 .571	1 1/2
Utah	4	4 .500	2
Dallas	3	4 .429	2 1/2
Houston	3	4 .429	2 1/2
Vancouver	3	5 .375	3
Denver	0	7 .000	5 1/2

Pacific Division
 L.A. Lakers 7 0 1.000
 Phoenix 5 1 .833 1 1/2
 Portland 5 2 .714 2
 Seattle 3 3 .500 3
 Sacramento 2 6 .250 5 1/2
 L.A. Clippers 1 6 .143 6
 Golden State 0 7 .000 7

Thursday's Games
 Cleveland 85, New Jersey 74
 Washington 91, Minnesota 88, OT
 Philadelphia 99, Dallas 98
 L.A. Lakers 109, San Antonio 100, OT
 Seattle 95, Detroit 89
 Milwaukee 102, L.A. Clippers 94

Friday's Games
 Boston 103, Toronto 99
 Indiana 82, Miami 78
 Orlando 103, Denver 85
 Atlanta 104, Sacramento 103
 L.A. Lakers 113, Houston 103, 2 OT
 Chicago 105, Charlotte 92
 Utah 110, Seattle 104
 Phoenix 140, Portland 139, 4 OT

Sunday's Games
 L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 New Jersey at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Seattle, 9 p.m.
 Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Mustangs nip Kress

CHILDRESS — Wheeler held off Kress, 26-24, Friday night in a Class 1A bi-district playoff game.

Wheeler held a comfortable 26-10 lead going in the fourth quarter, but Kress scored the game's last two touchdowns to make it close.

Wheeler gained 303 yards in total offense as Jeremy Davis led the ground attack with 142 yards on 13 carries and two touchdowns.

Aaron Dunning ran for two scores and Bryan Judd rushed for 91 yards on 18 carries. Ben Dollar kicked two extra points.

Wheeler's defense came up with two fumbles while holding Kress to 199 total yards. Wheeler had one more first down, 15-14.

The Mustangs had just one turnover.

Kody Barrett scored two touchdowns for Kress.

Kress closes the season with a 9-2 record.

Wheeler will meet Petersburg in an area playoff game next weekend. Petersburg was a 35-6 winner over Wink in bi-district.

Tennis team honored



The Pampa Rotary Club had the Harvester tennis team as special guests during a noon luncheon last week at the Pampa Country Club. Rotarians Lee Waters (left) and Lee Cornelison display a huge banner honoring the tennis players for winning the first team district title in school history this fall. Also pictured are PHS head tennis coach Larry Wheeler (center) and senior players Dustin Laycock and McKinley Quarles. The Harvesters advanced to the regionals where they finished third.

Class 1A playoff scores

Region I Bi-district
 Wheeler 26, Kress 24
 Petersburg 35, Wink 6
 Alvord 21, Aspermont 14
 Cross Plains 21, Irion County 0

Athletes earn All-District Academic honors in 5 sports at Pampa High

PAMPA — The following Pampa High School students achieved Academic All-District honors for the first nine weeks of the 1997-98 school year.

Cross country: Jennifer Fatheree, Samantha Hurst, Sarah Maul and Amanda White.

Golf: Cortnie Allison, Shelbie Allison, Maggie Cowan, Melissa Gindorf, Alison Piersall, Clay Banner, Nathan Banner, Barry Brauchi, Greg Costilow, Jordan Fruge and Grady Lockname.

Tennis: Brandon Coffe, Michael Cornelison, Emily Curtis, Russell DuBose, Bryce Hudson, Dustin Laycock, Valerie Lee, McKinley Quarles, Matt Rains, Brian Sprinkle, Jason Vickery, Emily Waters, Kellen Waters and Mandy Wells.

Football: Joel Barker, Josh Blackmon, Tyson Curtis, Josh Franklin, Dustin Hall, Shawn Harris, Brandon Hill, Vincente Martinez, Jeremy Miller, Briant Perry, Brent Phelps, Shannon Reed, Justin Roark, Dee Thompson, Calvin Tucker, Jonathan Waggoner, Bryan Waldrip, Jared White and Gabe Wilbon.

Volleyball: Katy Cavalier, Kimberly Clark, Deidre Crawford, Lisa Dwight, Keili Earl, Lori Lindsey, April Lopez, Jessica Maddox, Tiffany McCullough, Tandi Morton, Brooke Petty and Kelsey Yowell.

Note: To achieve Academic All-District, students must have a 90 cumulative average in all their classes.

Lakers, Hawks stay unbeaten

By CHRIS SHERIDAN AP Basketball Writer

The Atlanta Hawks are still undefeated, and their ninth victory wasn't as close as the final score would indicate.

The Los Angeles Lakers still have an unblemished record, too, and their game couldn't have been any closer.

Atlanta and Los Angeles remained the only two unbeaten teams in the NBA on Friday night as the Hawks defeated the Sacramento Kings 104-103 and the Lakers edged the Houston Rockets 113-103 in double overtime.

At 9-0, the Hawks are within six victories of the best start in league history.

"We feel good. 9-0 is special," Christian Laettner said. "It doesn't happen many times in this league. We've had close games, but we don't get rattled. We stay with the game plan."

The Lakers, now 7-0, are off to their best start since 1987-88, when they were 8-0.

"We didn't play the smartest game, but I can't fault our effort,"

Lakers coach Del Harris said. "The heart was there, that's for sure."

In other NBA games, Phoenix defeated Portland 140-139 in quadruple overtime, Chicago downed Charlotte 105-92, Utah topped Seattle 110-104, Indiana downed Miami 82-78, Orlando beat Denver 103-85 and Boston defeated Toronto 103-99.

Despite the one-point margin of victory, the Hawks-Kings game wasn't really that close.

Atlanta led 93-77 on a basket by Alan Henderson with 5:14 left before the Kings put on a late rush, outscoring the Hawks 26-11 down the stretch.

"The score looks close, but really it's not. We had it under control," said Atlanta coach Lenny Wilkens, who played rookies Ed Gray and Chris Crawford along with Randy Livingston in those closing minutes.

"Maybe next time I won't play all the kids at once," Wilkens said.

Gray gave the Hawks a 104-100 lead by making one of two free throws with 13 seconds left, and Mitch Richmond made the final a one-point margin by hitting a 3-pointer.

Mavs' Thomas breaks ankle

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Kurt Thomas, who had bone graft surgery to repair his broken right ankle on May 29, has broken the ankle again.

The latest break — his fourth in a year — apparently did not occur suddenly. Thomas missed practice Friday to visit doctors about his sore ankle.

He had played 14 uneventful minutes in Thursday night's loss to Philadelphia and said the ankle was sore afterward. When he woke up Friday, it still hurt.

A team doctor took X-rays that revealed the break.

"I'm devastated," Thomas said. "We knew the ankle was going to get sore. We knew there were going to be some good days and some bad days. I just thought this was going to be one of the bad days."

The Mavericks said more tests were scheduled, and a prognosis should be available next week.

General manager Don Nelson, who has said Thomas is potentially Dallas' best player, said the break is "quite a setback for the young man."

"At times like this, I think a lot more about the kid than I do the team," Nelson said.

Thomas has undergone three surgeries since last November, including the bone graft that the Mavericks thought had finally stabilized the ankle.

"We thought the bone graft would be the answer. The main thing is we want to work with this guy," Nelson said. "We think a lot of him, and we want to try to get him healthy so he can try to be the player we all know he is."

Thomas, 25, has played in five games this season, averaging 7.4 points and 4.8 rebounds in 14.6 minutes.

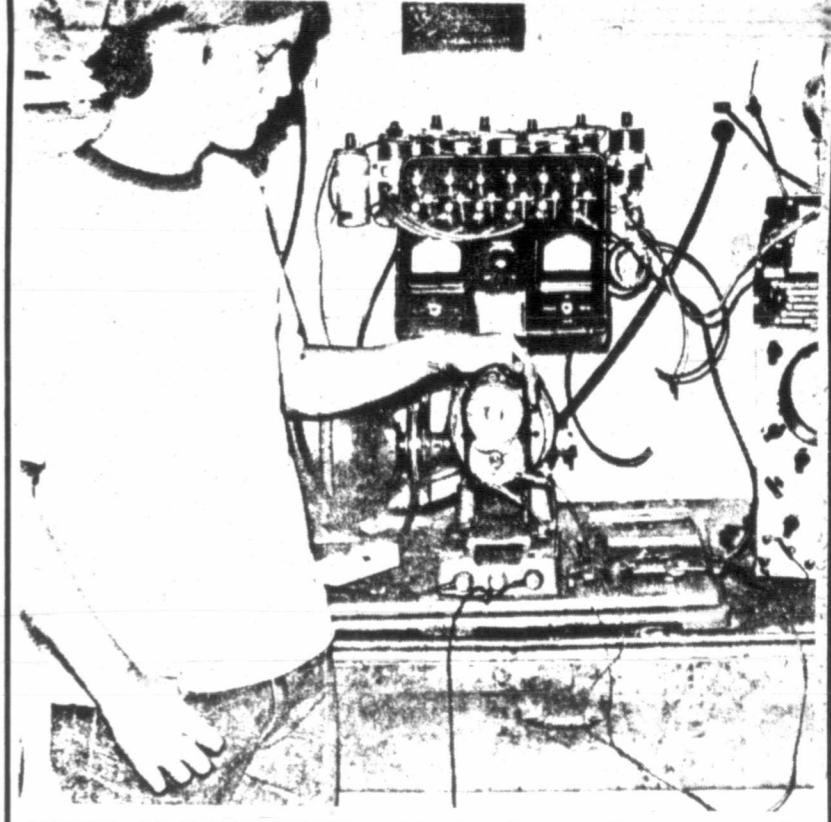
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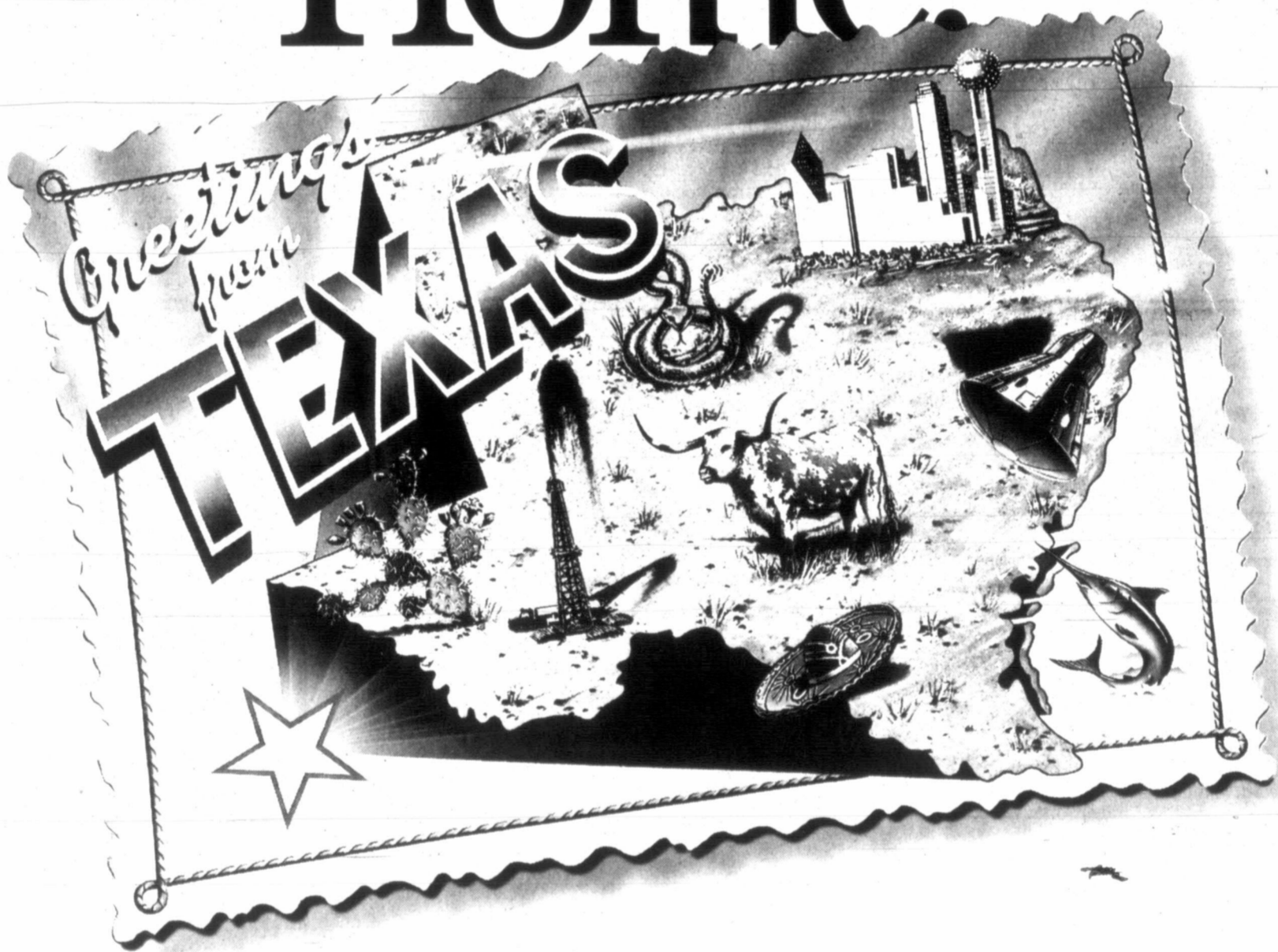
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LIFESTYLE



First Baptist Church of Pampa Honors John Neal Glover



A song written by John Glover expresses his love for the church.

Born: August 10, 1940 – Gober, Texas

Parents: John and Ruth Glover

Sister: Jean Young, Belton, Texas

Married: Virginia Neal, June 9, 1961.

Sons: Stephen Glover, Garland, Texas and Dr. Michael Glover, Cleburne, Texas

Daughter: Teresa Glover, Richardson, Texas

Grandson: Jeremy Glover, Garland, Texas

Education: Gober High School, 1958; Austin College, Sherman, Texas 1962, attended on basketball scholarship; Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, 1966.

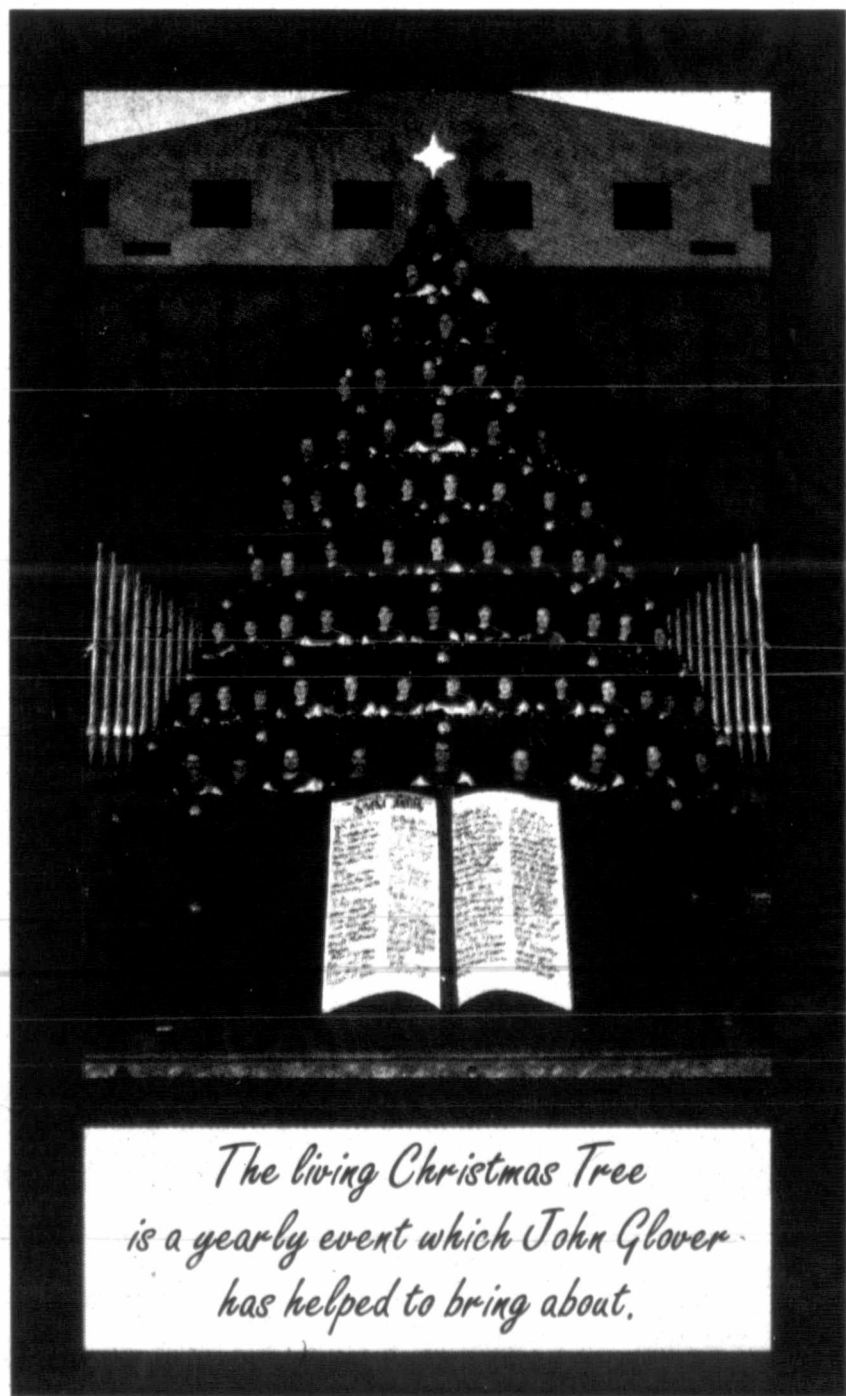
Started serving in church ministry in 1959.

Came to Pampa Nov. 15, 1972 to the First Baptist Church from Monterey Baptist Church in Lubbock where he was serving as minister of music and youth.

Community Activities: Tralee Crisis Center, Child Protective Services, Pampa Youth Center Board, other public service committees, Chautauqua, Festival of lights, Festival of trees, 25 youth trips all over the U.S. and Canada.

Hobbies: woodworking, mechanics, fishing, hunting.

Life verse: Romans 12:1-2 "I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship."



The living Christmas Tree is a yearly event which John Glover has helped to bring about.



The Glover family in 1973



Mr. and Mrs. Hilmar Heinritz

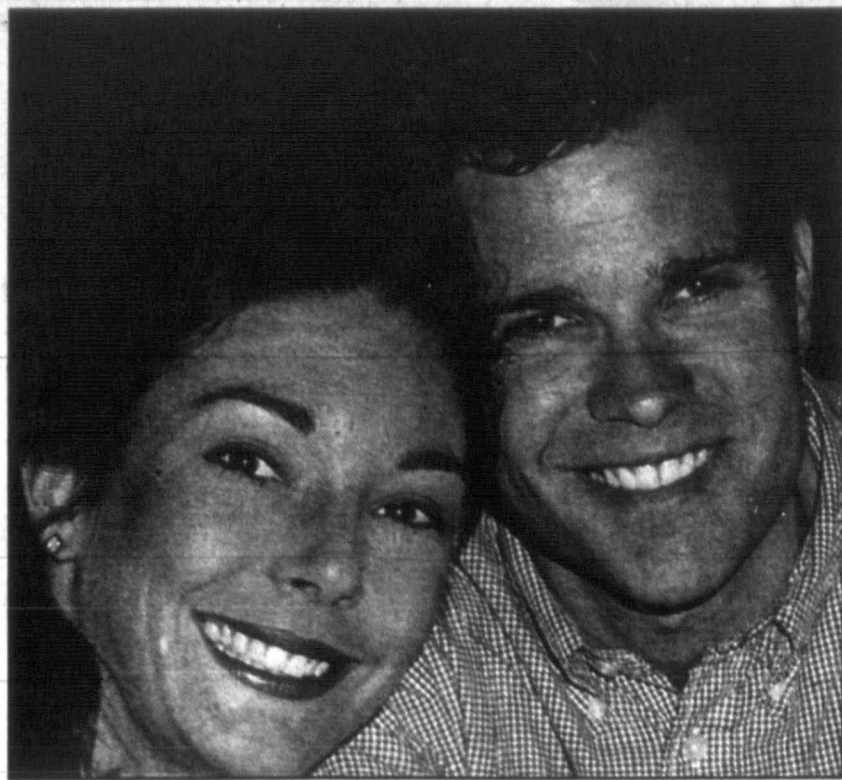
Heinritz anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hilmar Heinritz will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 22, 1997, at the Pampa Country Club. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Hilmar P. Heinritz and Carol J. Serviss were married Nov. 27, 1947, at Grace Lutheran Church in Tulsa, Okla. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 29 years, moving from Odessa. They are active members of Zion Lutheran Church and are involved in various civic organizations.

Mr. Heinritz was employed with Ingersoll-Rand, retiring after 43 years of service.

Mrs. Heinritz is a former employee of Dunlaps Department Store. Children of the couple are Michael and Jean Heinritz and Michael and Debbie Hargus. They have several grandchildren.



Jane Erin Osborne and Justin James Farmer

Osborne-Farmer

Jane Erin Osborne and Justin James Farmer, both of Atlanta, Ga., plan to wed Feb. 7, 1998, at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alan Osborne of Pampa. She received a bachelors degree and a masters degree in clinical psychology from Southern Methodist University, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She is currently employed with the Child Psychiatry Department at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hardwick of Alpharetta, Ga., and Mr. Don Farmer and Ms. Chris Curle of Marco Island, Fla. He received a bachelors degree in political science from Boston College. He is currently employed as a regular anchor on CNN Sports Illustrated.

The couple were treated to a dinner cruise aboard a Lake Lanier Party Boat in Atlanta and to a ranch barbecue at the Lol Ranch hosted by the bride and groom's family respectively.

Menus

Nov. 17-21

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls. Lunch: Corn chip pie, pinto beans, peaches, cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast. Lunch: Chicken fried steak on a bun, lettuce and tomato, pears.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pocket. Lunch: Mini corndogs, potato wedges, fresh fruit.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick. Lunch: Turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit salad, hot rolls.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Hot dogs, French fries, vegetarian beans, cookies, choice of milk.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage on a stick, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Soft tacos, cheese, beans, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Muffins, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Ham, eggs, biscuits, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Beef stew, grilled cheese, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit, milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit salad, milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, barbecue, cheese, salad, oven fries, fruit, milk.</p> <p>Meals on Wheels MONDAY Chicken and rice casserole,</p>	<p>mixed vegetables, whole tomatoes, Rice Krispies treats.</p> <p>TUESDAY Pizza, green beans, macaroni salad, pudding.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Turkey and dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, yesteryear pumpkin pudding.</p> <p>THURSDAY Beef patties, lima beans, Dutch mixed vegetables, pears.</p> <p>FRIDAY Baked ham, hominy casserole, yam patti, peaches.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken ala king over cornbread, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, coconut creme cake or lemon pie, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Ham with fruit sauce or chicken enchiladas, parsley potatoes, buttered squash, Spanish rice, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, apple-sauce cake or chocolate ice-box pie, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, baby carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, pineapple/peach cobbler or coconut pie, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Hamburger steak or stir fry chicken with rice, new potatoes, fried okra, breaded tomatoes, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, cherry chip cake or banana pudding, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Fried cod fish or spaghetti and meatballs, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or tapioca, garlic breadsticks, hot rolls or cornbread.</p>
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Neighborhood Watch works!

Senior basketball league boasts 75 active players

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Go ahead, tell them they shoot like girls. These women will take it as a compliment.

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Meet the San Diego Senior Women's Basketball league. They range in age from 50 to 81 years old, and anyone who thinks these dribbling grannies are doddering ladies is in for a big, in-your-face surprise.

"I'm the baby," said Victoria Henderson, 50. "The first game I played, I put a choke hold on this woman, and somebody said 'She's 72 years old!' Then she blew past me, and I said 'OK, that's it, no mercy.'"

On a recent Sunday, the first few players stride into the Mission Valley YMCA just after 11 a.m. They lug gym bags on their shoulders as their high-tech high tops squeak across the hardwood floor.

Some wear knee braces to support old injuries. Others have tape wrapped around their fingers. Many wear glasses with sports straps securing them in place, and a hearing aide can be spotted in at least one ear.

Thump. Thump. Thump. Thump. They take to the gym floor and begin dribbling, passing and shooting. Soon they are a well-oiled machine of precision drills.

A redheaded kid of about 10 walks by in a Lakers jersey, and he stops and stares. Another man at the other end of the court is more inter-

ested in these silver-haired hoopsters than his own shooting.

They're one woman short for a game of three-on-three, but nobody in the gym will join them. "Why are the boys so wimpy?" taunts Denise Humé, 51. "They never want to play."

Later, Meg Skinner, 72, walks in to pick up some of the slack.

Strong, healthy and athletic, these women are the epitome of '90s girl power. They sport the latest in athletic gear, and their strong, muscular legs propel them on rebounds and jump shots.

"My daughter said this morning, 'Do you want to play with the grandbabies this afternoon?'" said Sheila Penrod, 58. "I said no, I'm going to go play basketball."

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Club News

Club news is published strictly on a first come first serve basis due to limited space. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. though this deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met Nov. 1 at the home of Gloria Norris with President Norris presiding. Five members were present.

A salad supper was served followed by the business meeting. Mairlyn Kirkwood, secretary-treasurer, gave a report. Birthday money was given by Johnnie Rhoads.

Members enjoyed a game of Spinner and Kirkwood won the door prize.

Twentieth Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met Nov. 11 in the home of Phyllis White with President Maxine Freeman presiding. Secretary Grace McGrath called roll and read minutes from the previous meeting. New member Martha Kothmann was introduced.

The Christmas meeting was discussed. Members were asked to bring gifts for an exchange in addition to donations for Tralee Crisis Center. Members were also encouraged to adopt an angel from the Angel Tree.

Mary Nelson gave a book review of Zion Covenant books.

Mildred Laycock presented a Veteran's Day program with her husband, Dr. Raymond Laycock, as special guest.

White served as hostess. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at the home of Nancy Coffee.

El Progresso

El Progresso Club met Nov. 11 at the Hughie House with President Maxine Hawkins presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Florence Radcliff led the club collect.

Edna Hickman introduced Majaunta Hills. Hills gave a presentation on a journal written by Mrs. A.D. (Olive) Hills, her mother-in-law. The journal was written from the perspective and experiences of an oil field worker's wife.

Eloise Lane served as hostess.

The next meeting will be Dec. 9 in the home of Hickman.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met Nov. 11 in the home of Mrs. Leny Howard. Six members were present.

Alice Gray presided over a discussion concerning plans

for the Festival of Trees slated Dec. 6 and 7 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The club will have a booth at the festival.

Mrs. Ruth Barrett presented the program "Simplify Your Yard."

The next meeting will be a Christmas party Dec. 15.

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Oct. 23 at Lovett Memorial Library. New members, Peggy Cummings and Agnes Hopper, along with two guests were present.

Members approved a new design for the guild pin which is on order.

Camp WannaQuilt will be Nov. 14-16 at the Reynolds Ranch for members only. The club's annual Christmas party will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at Chaney's Cafe also for members only. Everyone attending should bring a handmade or quilt-related item to the party for gift exchange. There will be a drawing for red and green applique blocks.

Crazy quilt friendship blocks were returned to Jean McCarley. Friendship block kits were distributed at the meeting to be returned at the Christmas party.

Jane Jacobs won the monthly door prize courtesy of Sand's Fabrics while Brenda Donelson won the club door prize courtesy of Suzie Edwards.

Fourteen members presented completed items for Show and Tell after which Edwards gave a program on machine applique.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates

- 17 - 4-H Shooting Sports organizational meeting, 7 p.m., Rifle Range
- 18 - 4-H Shooting Sports, 7 p.m., Rifle Range
- 19 - Stock Show sign-up, 5-7 p.m., Courthouse Annex
- 20 - 4-H Dog Project, 7 p.m., Bull Barn
- 21 - WOW bake sale, 9 a.m., Boatman's Bank, Pampa
- 22 - Deadline for 4-H rabbit ownership

Stock Show

Our annual sign up meeting for Top of Texas, Gray County and major stock shows will be from 5-7 p.m., Nov. 19. Danny Nusser will have information about the shows, and you can come and go as it fits your schedule. Entries for major shows are due Dec. 1 which is right after Thanksgiving holiday. If you can not make it on Nov. 19, you need to come by the office before Nov. 26. This is when we will send entries.

Call if you have questions. Remember, you must enter before you can go. No late entries accepted for major shows.

All parents and 4-H members need to be present to sign entry cards and drug certification forms. Be sure to bring your social security number.

There will be a notary available in the office that night to notarize the drug certification forms.

4-H Swine Project

Deadline for swine projects will be Dec. 1, 1997. If you are feeding hogs for any show, I will need to know by Dec. 1, and where you plan to keep your animals.

Validation: Pigs that are entered in San Antonio, Fort Worth, Houston, El Paso or San Angelo must be ear tagged and tattooed before Dec. 1, 1997. The majority of you will plan to tag your animals, so if you do not plan to enter a major show, let me know so I will not tag your hogs. It is important to remember that if your animal is not validated it cannot go to the major shows.

Shooting Sports

The Shooting Sports project will begin with an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, at the Rifle Range. The project will meet each Monday and Tuesday evening at the Rifle Range thereafter.

Bake Sale

Come by Boatman's First Banking Center, Friday, Nov. 21, for Thanksgiving Day bake goods. These 4-Hers will use the proceeds for their trip to Washington D.C.

4-H Roundup

Thirteen Gray County 4-Hers participated in District 1 4-H Roundup Nov. 8. Roundup consists of Public Speaking and Method Demonstration/Illustrated Talks presented by 4-Hers in numerous different categories. 4-Hers from Gray County who presented talks and placed are as follows:

Senior Division: Barry Brauchi, 1st in Consumer; Jessi Fish, 1st in Sheep and Goats; Alan Parker and Lori Stephens, 2nd in Agronomy; and Cassie Hamilton 4th in Beef.

Junior Division: Chance Bowers, Collin Bowers, Courtney Crawford, Emily Elliott, Karra Longo, Emily Nusser, Royce O'Neal and Lindsey Price placed 2nd with their Share-the-Fun skit.

News-makers

CANYON - J.B. Horton, son of Benny and Kerrick Horton of Pampa, has been awarded the 1997 West Texas A&M University Mom and Dad's Association Scholarship.

Horton, a senior international business major, is serving as 1997-98 WTAMU student body president. He is active in Alpha Kappa Psi, Baptist Student Ministry, College Republicans, Student Foundation, Toastmasters and Dean's Roundtable. He is a President's Ambassador and is a member of the university tennis team.

Benny and Kerrick Horton were named WTAMU Parents of the Year in 1995 after Horton and his sister, Meredith, nominated the couple.

Horton plans to graduate in May 1998.

The \$500 scholarship is bestowed annually in the spring semester. To be eligible for the honor, applicants must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students, have completed at least one regular semester at WTAMU, have at least a 2.5 overall grade point average, be active in campus student organizations and possess leadership characteristics of striving for excellence.

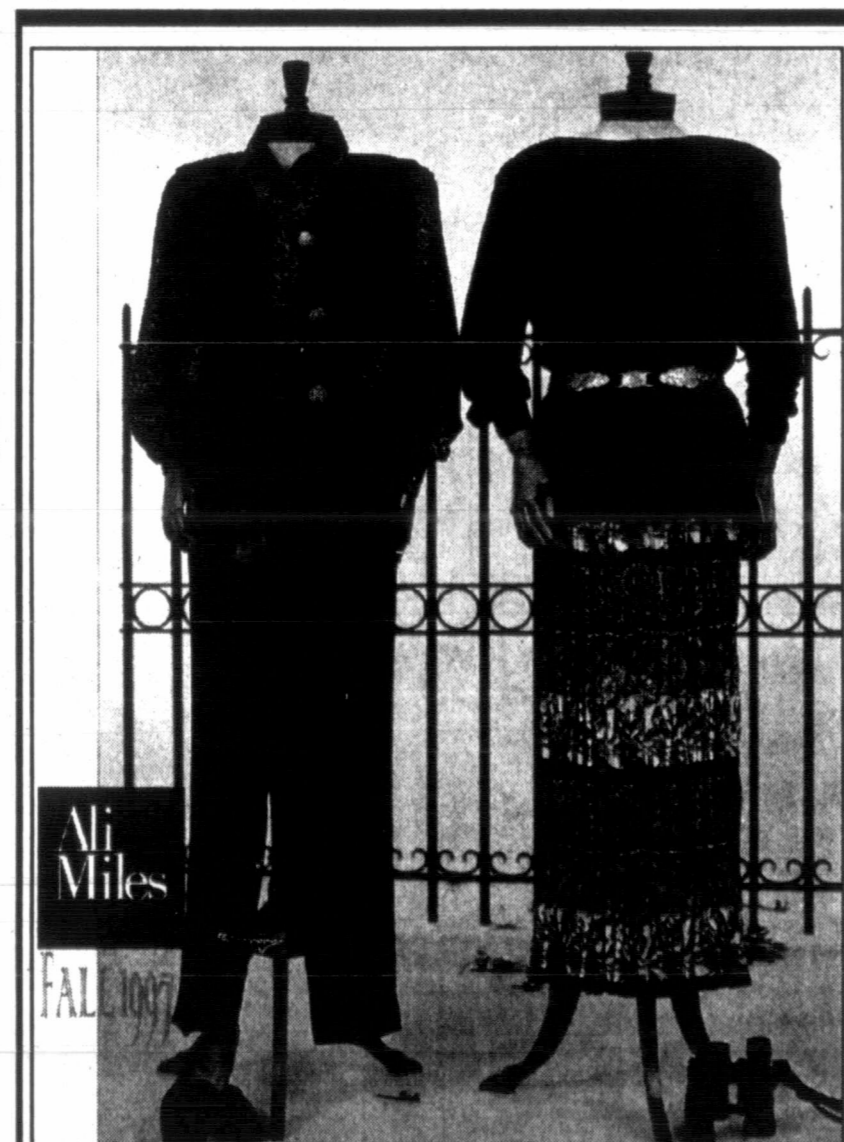
ENGLEWOOD, Colo. - American Salers Association recently recognized David Osborne, of Pampa, in its nationwide listing, the ASA Superior Dam List. The ASA listing recognizes superior producing cows within a herd based on production information reported by ASA breeders.

This year, 481 elite cows were recognized on the ASA Superior Dam Listing. Of those most consistent, high producing cows, 104 dams meet the criteria for the Golden Dam listing and 377 dams are listed on the Silver Dam list. Osborne Salers Ranch was recognized for one dam on the Silver List.

MIAMI - Students involved in the Miami chapter of Future Farmers of America recently participated in the Courtesy Corps at this year's 70th National Future Farmers of America Convention held at Kansas City, Mo. Nearly 1,000 FFA members served in the Courtesy Corps and viewed the convention from behind the scenes - backstage, in the newsroom and as hosts throughout the convention - playing a crucial role in event logistics.

FFA members volunteering from the Miami chapter were Natalie Glenn, David Mixon, Shane Thompson and FFA Advisor Ellis Miller.


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For Your Kids' Sake, Dads, Please Get Regular Checkups

DEAR ABBY: On Wednesday, April 9, 1997, I sat on the edge of my father's bed and held his hand while he drew his last breath and quietly passed away after a brief, devastating battle with cancer. He was only 65, didn't drink or smoke, worked out on a regular basis, ate only fruits, vegetables, fish, bulgur, oatmeal and whole-grain bread. The doctors said he did everything right.



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

There were only two things that perhaps could have saved him — regular physical examinations and prostate exams. My father disliked doctors (his mother died on the operating table when he was 12). However, a persistent backache drove him to the doctor in December of 1996. X-rays revealed spots in his lungs, which were found to be cancerous. His back pain was caused by the cancer eating away at his ribs until they crumbled and broke.

In February, it was discovered that cancer had also invaded his liver. These were all secondary cancers spread by a primary cancer, which was never found. The doctors suspect that the primary cancer started in his prostate. Due to the fact that his was a widespread and rapidly growing cancer, treatment consisted only of controlling the pain. It was too late for any hope of curing him. In fact, the doctors told him to consider each day his last. My father was loved by everyone who knew him. He had a wickedly funny sense of humor, and was kind, warm and intelligent. He

always assumed the best in everyone. His generosity included donating his body to a medical hospital for study. He was my best friend, and I miss him terribly. Now my mother is left alone in what should have been their retirement years. I'm mourning a series of sad "firsts" — my birthday, then his birthday, then Father's Day without him.

Please, Abby, urge all dads to get regular checkups, including prostate exams.
SUSAN HARWICK, SAVAGE, MINN.

DEAR SUSAN: There is no way I could do it as eloquently as you have, with your graphic letter. Susan, please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved father. I hope that the details of his untimely death will spur other men to call their physicians and make appointments for annual physicals, which should include a prostate examination for any man over

the age of 50. The physical should also include a breast examination — women are not the only ones who get breast cancer. Insist, if necessary.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who believes himself to be quite intelligent. At every opportunity, he finishes sentences for anyone trying to speak. It seems as though he wants everyone to know that he has it "all figured out" ahead of time. It is annoying to have a great story ruined as he kicks in with the punch line (or a version of it) before the storyteller can finish.

If someone says, "Oh, you've heard it before," he will respond with, "Oh, no," and laugh, covering his face with his hands, feigning embarrassment for his "blunder." (In most instances, I believe he has heard the story before.)

Isn't this behavior rude? It is annoying to be constantly interrupted, or to have a good story ruined. How should I handle this?
UPSTAGED IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR UPSTAGED: The next time it happens, you would be within your rights to tell him emphatically just how you feel about being interrupted while he finishes the story for you. If more people spoke up, he might shape up and shut up.

Horoscope



Monday, Nov. 17, 1997

In the year ahead Lady Luck might be extra considerate of you, so when things are running smoothly, don't rock the boat. This could be a very good year if you exercise good judgment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An involvement that doesn't look too promising at first could offer some unique advantages after all. Do not reject it before a thorough investigation. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 and SASE 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.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today,

you might need to prime the pump first in order to generate returns in a commercial endeavor. Be careful not to give more than you can take.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make sure that you have an equal say in any arrangement which could cost you money. Do not let others do your thinking for you today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to operate in conjunction, not opposition, with co-workers today. If there is a lack of harmony, all could be penalized in some manner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Regarding the behavior of friends today, refrain from critical tendencies. If you'll overlook their shortcomings, they will be blind to your blemishes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be both flexible and imaginative when trying to achieve your objectives today. If you are unresponsive, you may lock in on a procedure that could misfire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have to deal with someone whose interests diametrically oppose yours today. To

avoid chaos, each party must be willing to compromise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're too judgmental today, you might resist learning something that holds potential profit for you. Be objective as well as a good listener.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Only people who are a party to sensitive proceedings should be privy to inside information today. It is best to keep the curious ones at arm's length.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Strive to be helpful to the deserving today, but don't go out of your way to manage a matter for someone who may be merely lazy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not sell your concepts short today. They could have good potential, yet you might find numerous excuses to underplay what you have to offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Career conditions might not be optimum today, yet you can come out on the plus side of the ledger if your expectations are kept within reason.

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"It's cold in here because someone is blocking the heat vent."

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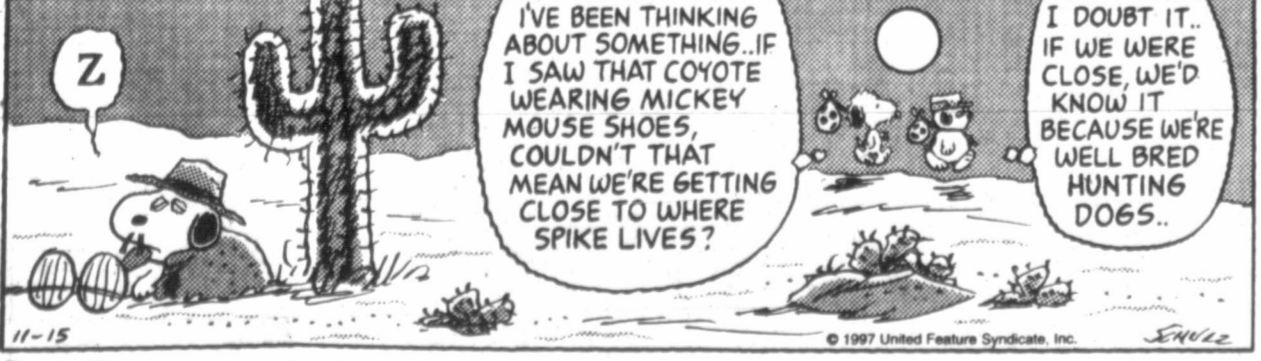
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8. "The God of Small Things" by Arundhati Roy (Random House)
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NONFICTION

1. "Making Faces" by Kevyn Aucoin (Little, Brown)
2. "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt (Scribner)
3. "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt (Random House)
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1. "Airframe" by Michael Crichton (Ballantine)
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5. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
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1. "The Dark Tower IV: Wizard and Glass" by Stephen King (Plume)
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5. "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul" by J. Canfield, M.V. Hansen and K. Kirberger (HCI)
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"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all." (Eph. 4:4-6). Even as there is one God, one Lord, one Spirit, one faith, one baptism and one body, there is one hope. While there are many things the children of God hope for, the summation of all hopes for the faithful Christian is the hope of eternal life. How reassuring it is to have this hope of eternal life. The writer of the Hebrew letter refers to the hope resulting from the promise of God, as "an anchor of the soul" (Heb. 6:19).

Peter exhorts Christians to be: "ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear." (1 Pet. 3:15.) But hope is the result of faith (Rom. 5:1-5), and faith results from hearing God's Word (Rom. 10:17.) Therefore, the one hope is not wishful thinking but rather an established assurance based upon a belief in God, Jesus Christ and obedience to the gospel (Mk. 16:15-16.) Only those who have

realized an acceptable relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ the Lord can truthfully say they have the one hope. Anything less than this is just wishful thinking.

Many express a desire for heaven, hoping that somehow, some way they will get there without doing what the Lord tells them to do to be saved (Matt. 7:21.) This is just wishful thinking because the hope cannot be based upon an obedient faith (Mk. 16:15-16.) Peter exhorts that Christians be ready always: "to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear." (1 Pet. 3:15.) Paul not only had the one hope but he was fully assured that that hope of the "crown of righteousness" would be realized because as he said: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim. 4:6-8.)

So it has to be with us today. We cannot have the "one hope" by just wishing for it. We must do something to be assured that we have it. We must believe the gospel of Christ and be baptized in order to have the one hope of salvation (Mk. 16:15-16.)

-Billy T. Jones

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Names in the news...

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Barbra Streisand stepped into the limelight long enough to make a few quips about big hair, former beau and her own secluded life.

She had good reason: her friend and frequent music collaborator, composer-producer David Foster, was receiving an award for his philanthropy.

"I can't believe they got me out of the house to honor somebody who isn't running for office," said Streisand, a friend of President Clinton. Streisand recalled first meeting Foster in a studio in the 1970s while recording a song.

"I kept hearing this piano riff and I liked it," she said during the tribute Wednesday. "So I said 'Who's playing that?' Somebody said 'It's that guy with the hair.' And I said 'Which one?' Because back then everybody had hair."

"And they pointed him out to me and I said, 'Oh, he's cute and he has great hair.' And I knew hair, because I was going with an ex-hairdresser at the time," she said, referring to Jon Peters.

The event raised \$2.1 million for the Neil Bogart Memorial Fund, which conducts research into the treatment of leukemia, cancer and AIDS in children.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Philip Michael Thomas' wife claims he roughed her up in front of their children. He says that's a blatant lie.

Kassandra Green Thomas, the mother of five of the actor's 12 children, filed a domestic violence complaint against the former "Miami Vice" star, The Miami Herald reported Wednesday.

Her attorney, Ellis Rubin, said Thomas ordered his wife to make their bed, then followed her, their children and housekeeper as they left on an errand on Halloween.

When Mrs. Thomas snatched the car keys, the actor "grabbed her by the neck/chest area and then grabbed her right wrist and pushed her in an arm lock and forced her almost to the ground," the police report said. Rubin called it "a police hold. That made the children cry."

Thomas calls his wife's account "an absolute, blatant lie." He said he was trying to talk to the housekeeper and his wife "kept getting in my face. I grabbed her arm for about 10 seconds until she let the keys go, and I let her go ... That was the extent of it."

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — They were whistling at the Spice Girls, all right — booing and whistling.

Hundreds of people at the Prisa publishing group's Onda entertainment award ceremony booed the five popular British pop divas off the stage Thursday after they refused to allow pictures to be taken while they performed.

The band, whose hits include "Wannabe" and "Say You'll Be There," cited a contract clause in demanding that all photographers leave the concert hall. When the shutterbugs refused, the band demanded they put their cameras down and made many of them pledge not to transmit or publish pictures of the performance.

Their set finished and the booing started. The Onda prize was given in recognition of the band's contributions to music.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Jim Kelly is urging professional athletes not to sit on the sidelines when it comes to charity work.

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Kelly has raised more than \$1 million for disabled children with his Kelly for Kids Foundation. His 1-year-old son suffers from Krabbe's disease, a deadly disorder that attacks the brain.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Will Smith is giving up his independence to hook up with Jada Pinkett.

The 29-year-old star of "Independence Day" and "Men in Black" got engaged to his longtime girlfriend and they plan to marry by year's end, their publicists said Thursday.

The marriage will be the first for the 26-year-old actress, whose films include "Set It Off" and "The Nutty Professor." Smith is divorced and has a 5-year-old son.

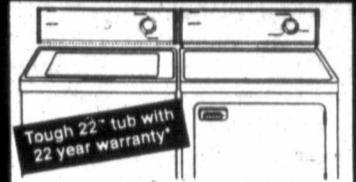
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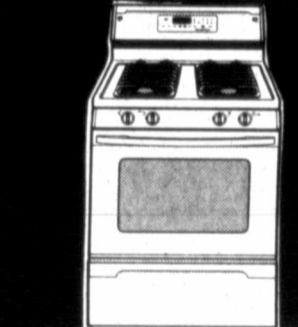
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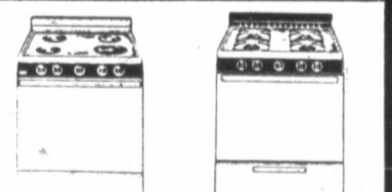
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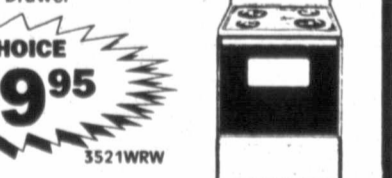
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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

Wheat (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: The wheat market looks fairly unexciting at this time. The U.S. crop is off to a good start. Conditions remain mostly favorable here, in Australia as well. Many trade participants believe that, unlike last year, this year burdensome supplies will weigh on the market and push prices much lower. Looking at the U.S. supply/demand figures, I understand why they feel this way; however, the world statistics look much more bullish. World supplies remain fairly tight from a historical viewpoint. Wheat will additionally receive cues from the corn market, and we do not see much additional downside in corn. Look for a trading range affair over the coming weeks.

Strategy: Hedgers: We continue to suggest to farmers not to own any cash wheat. With stored grain, your risk is not predetermined, and there are opportunity costs lost. Rather, if you took our previous advice, you maintain ownership of wheat on paper using call options. Farmers who did this were not all that worried

on the recent weakness since their downside risk was minimized (something you cannot do with stored wheat).

Corn (Bull)

Outlook: As we go to press, we do not yet have the data from the all important USDA November Crop Report. The average expert "guesstimate" for the crop size calls for a larger number than last month. Many market watchers are calling for an increase of 50 to 100 million bushels. Most are also call-

ing for a slowdown in the demand side of the report, due to greater than expected Chinese corn exports over the past months. I would not be surprised if the government lowers exports a bit, but I differ with the majority on the

crop size estimates. Over the past month, I have heard numerous reports of ear droppage, and I estimate 50 to 100 million bushels was lost in the freak storm a few weeks ago in the middle of the country. If the crop numbers come in lower, as I expect, this will be a bullish surprise to the market and jump start the next leg up!

Strategy: Hedgers: If you took our advice, you are maintaining ownership of this year's production, not by paying storage charges but by owning March at the money call options. This allows you to sell your crop for cash which you can use now to pay down debt or earn a positive return. The calls also will limit your downside risk. Your upside potential remains open.

Traders: We still own March futures in the 290-295 range. Our

stop is 280. Our profit objective remains 320.

Soybeans (Bull)

Outlook: At press time, we do not yet have the data from the all important USDA November Crop Report. Most participants are looking for a slight increase in the crop size. I contend, as we have said for months now, a large U.S. crop is already discounted in the marketplace. It is demand which has strengthened this market over the past month, and it is demand which will bring this market even higher over the coming months. U.S. soybean sales for this crop year are record high and 50 percent above a year ago. Since the U.S. is the only place in the world to buy beans until the new South American crop is available (many months away) I would be surprised if this demand slackens much at all. The world's livestock herds have grown over the past few years, and these animals need to eat. The trend is your friend, and we suggest going with the trend.

Strategy: Hedgers: We are all out of all short hedges in profits. We continue to suggest maintaining ownership after you sell your cash crop with the purchase of March call options.

Traders: Last week, we rolled our November futures into January. You would have paid a premium of about 6 cents to do this, so we will assume (if you took the previous recommendations) you are in at our base price of \$6.26 in the November, plus six, which equals 632 for the January. Place a stop in the January at 670 to lock in a bit of profit on this soybean trade. Leave the upside profit objective open at this time.

Cattle (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: Based on the supply data and the time of the year this market should theoretically be much lower. We have seen the feedlot data which indicates the availability of market ready cattle is more than adequate. Yet, cash prices remain stubbornly in the upper 60s, not lower 60s as many had anticipated at this time. What gives? For one thing, the winter storm of three weeks ago has set cattle back, particularly in Kansas and Colorado. For another, demand seems to be pretty good, especially for the time of year. The consumer appears to finally be immune to the E Coli stories which seem to hit every other week. The supplies are there, so I don't look for this market to surge anytime soon. However, recent market action indicates the bottom may just well be in for the year.

Altered corn plant could be worth \$\$

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — A gene drawn from soil bacteria is being harnessed in a Southern Illinois University laboratory to help corn more efficiently process fertilizers. Researchers say the development could be worth millions in extra revenue for farmers while reducing environmental damage.

The genetically altered plant soaks up more nitrogen than traditional corn hybrids, resulting in higher protein yields and less fertilizer runoff, said biotechnologist David Lightfoot, who began his work with the gene in 1981.

"When the plants first emerge, there's oodles and oodles of nitrogen around and the plant isn't equipped to deal with that. By equipping it with this gene, the plant absorbs more, so less escapes," Lightfoot said.

Field and greenhouse trials show corn containing a gene known as GDH, or glutamate dehydrogenase, grows 10 percent bigger and has about 7 percent more protein than unaltered hybrids. The plants also reduce fertilizer residues left in and on the soil by up to 50 percent, Lightfoot said.

The university, which is seeking a patent on the gene, expects to bring the seed to market by 2003. When it arrives, it should be a big hit, said Dale Gustafson, a commodities analyst with Smith Barney.

"It's the kind of thing we need to see. Yields have been very constant over a number of years, unlike soybeans, which have trended upward a little bit," he said.

Seed that would reduce fertilizer runoff while providing higher yields couldn't help but be a hit with farmers and the public, Gustafson said.

GDH helps young corn shoots absorb more nitrogen in a useful way, leaving less to wash away or be eaten by soil bacteria, which convert it into a chemical that can be dangerous to infants and livestock, which consume large quantities.

In Illinois cornfields, for example, about 2.2 billion pounds of fertilizer, typically ammonium nitrate, are applied each year. Farmers aspire to a 10 percent runoff rate, meaning they expect to lose at least 220 million pounds. GDH corn could save half of that, Lightfoot said.

While the environmental threat is, in Lightfoot's words, "small and inconsistent," it is there.

Several rural Illinois communities experience chronic nitrate contamination of their water supplies due to agricultural runoff, said Joan Muraro, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Fertilizer runoff poses a greater threat to fish, which can be killed after rain and agricultural accidents allow large concentrations of nitrogen to pour into streams. The fertilizer nourishes algae, which consume a stream's oxygen supply.

While the environmental benefits are nice, researchers say it is the higher yield and protein content that will make farmers money.

Lightfoot has recently entered into a partnership with SIU animal nutritionist Richard Dado to study the benefits of the genetically altered corn on livestock.

If palatable to animals, livestock producers could use the higher-protein corn in place of costly supplements, Dado said.

He estimates the potential feedstock market at \$305 million a year in Illinois alone.

Although the seed will sell at a premium, the cost should be negligible, given lost-fertilizer savings of up to \$2 an acre and potential yield increases worth \$50 an acre, Lightfoot said.

Cow-calf workshops to focus on nutrition

CLARENDON — Area cow-calf producers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in a four-part series of workshops on cow-calf nutrition issues.

All workshops will be from 7-9 p.m. in the Ranch and Feedlot Building on the CC campus. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring the series to be led by Donley County agricultural agent, Leon Church, and Dr. F.T. "Ted" McCollum, area beef cattle specialist.

Program topics include nutrient requirements of beef cows, selecting supplements (including forage quality), mineral nutrition and health issues. Producers will be offered training in the use of proven decision-aids such as forage testing and fecal sampling. Additional presentations will provide demonstrations of several computer software programs currently available to the cow-calf operator. Body conditioning scoring techniques also will be demonstrated.

The workshops are free and open to area producers or to anyone interested in improving beef cattle nutrition and health. The first workshop is scheduled Nov. 17 with others set for Dec. 8, Jan. 5 and Jan. 19.

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Young actors



Brahman Christina Elliott (kneeling) pleads to be released from the tiger, Megan David, as they are shielded by the "woods" — Alfonso Domínguez and Kevin Parks in the "Lion and the Mouse." The comedy was presented Saturday by the theatre department at Pampa Middle School.

Teacher who had sex, baby with boy, 13, gets six months

KENT, Wash. (AP) — A teacher who had sex with a sixth-grade boy and gave birth to his child was sentenced today to six months in jail — counting 100 days she has already served.

The judge also ordered Mary Kay LeTourneau, 35, to undergo three years of outpatient treatment. She had pleaded guilty in August to two counts of second-degree child rape.

Mrs. LeTourneau must serve the 80 days remaining in her six-month sentence before she is released for community-based treatment.

"I did something that I had no right to do," a tearful Mrs. LeTourneau told the court after sentencing. "I give you my word it will not happen again. ... It was wrong and I am sorry."

Turning aside a prosecution recommendation for a 6 1/2-year sentence, Superior Court Judge Linda Lau said she was persuaded that the defendant "does not pose a risk to the community under this sentencing option." She noted the boy and his family had urged lenience.

Lau ordered Mrs. LeTourneau to have no contact with the victim or any other minor unless it is expressly authorized by those treating her for her sex-offender problem.

Any violation of conditions set by the court or the Corrections Department would result in a 7 1/2-year prison term, the judge said.

At the sentencing hearing, the mother of the boy — 13 when the sexual relationship began — read a letter to the court supporting Mrs. LeTourneau, saying she is aware society does not approve of the relationship.

The mother's name was not disclosed to protect the boy's privacy. With the permission of child welfare authorities, she is caring for the baby girl born in May. The boy remains in the household, too.

"Society does not wake up at 2 in the morning when the baby cries," the boy's mother said in her letter. She said her son will feel guilty

about his role in the liaison "as long as she is in jail."

In urging treatment, defense attorney David Gehrke said his client has already endured "massive punishment."

The prosecution's recommended sentence was in the middle of the standard-range penalty of from 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 years in prison. Mrs. LeTourneau remains in denial and is a poor candidate for treatment, deputy prosecutor Lynn Johnson

said. "She is an adult who sexually abused a boy" and she still "does not appreciate the wrongfulness of any of her behavior," Johnson said. She contended Mrs. LeTourneau "blames the victim."

Gehrke said Mrs. LeTourneau knew her actions were wrong morally and professionally, but took the risks in part because of her diagnosed "hypomania," a type of bipolar mental disorder.

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Principal guilty of stealing Ritalin

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A former principal of the elementary school at Sheppard Air Force Base has pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

Terry Hitt admitted to stealing the drug Ritalin from stock brought to school by children to whom it was prescribed. Court documents said he used the drug himself.

The reported thefts began in September 1996 and ended when Hitt was placed on leave in January. A federal grand jury indicted him in August.

Ritalin is a prescription drug used to treat attention deficit disorder. Hitt recently was diagnosed with that disorder and was suffering from severe clinical depression when he was abusing the mild stimulant, defense attorney Robert Estrada said.

"The addiction overcame everything he had accomplished up to that point," Estrada said. "He's worked really hard to get an education. He loved teaching. It was his life. I don't expect that he'll ever be able to teach again. His career has been ruined."

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 1-1-Oran Natural Gas Generator 5000 Watt, 1-Central Heating Unit BTU 100,000, 1-Jenny Multi-Job High Pressure Hot Water Washer, 1-Grain Auger 4" by 15" Needs Motor, 1-4"8" Grain Auger w/12 Volt Motor, mounts on side of Grain Truck, 1-Honda EB 2200X Generator, 1-Air Compressor on 80 Gallon Tank, 1-Air Conditioner, 1-Set Storm Windows, 1-Set Storm & Door Frames (jacking & averaging), 1-Wood Garage Door, 1-Garage Door Opener, 1-Large Dearborn Heater, 1-Electric Heater, 1-10 Toilets & Sinks & 1-Bathroom, 1-Lot Air Ducting w/Insulation, 1-Large Lot Yellow Brick, 1-Pipe Frame Storage Tank Stand w/plywood walls, 2-6 Ft. Steel Wheels of old Comber, 1-Flat Type Sage Brush Grader (No Motor), 15-4 Telephone Poles 35' to 40' Long, 15-45 Telephone Poles 35' to 40' Long, 1-1,000 Gallon Heavy Tank, 1-Homemade Snow Plow, 1-Gas Powered Push Mower, 1-Sickle Type Mower, 1-2 Wheel Cart, 1-Lot Hand Sprayers.
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 Mrs. Howard will be having a garage sale along with the auction. Items include: Men's Clothing & Suit (size 15-12 by 34), Women's clothing (sizes 0-5), Boy's & Girl's Clothing of sizes, Shoes all sizes, Coat, Carpet Cleaner w/spray & brushes, Air Mattress, Crab Baskets & Cross Stitching Materials, Children's Toys, Books, & Children's Movies & Rewinder, Popular Photography Lesson Books & Tapes, Romance Novels, End Table, & Large Steel Desk.
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WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — Ray Brigidi hoped his real estate agent could generate some excitement about his house. A typo on the "For Sale" sign caused a stir, all right.

Prospective buyers who called the toll-free telephone number on the sign hoping to hear an automated listing of homes for sale got a wrong number — and an earful from a phone sex line.

Brigidi discovered the mix-up Sunday night, when he called expecting to hear a description of his three-bedroom house. Instead, he heard a breathless invitation to talk to "hot" girls and a sales pitch for a Web site with sexually explicit pictures.

"I kept thinking I punched the wrong number," Brigidi said. "I thought it was funny."

His wife wasn't amused. After she called, she told her husband to "get that sign off" the front lawn.

Patricia Lenihan, a manager with J.W. Riker Real Estate, sent an apology letter to the Brigidis. The company removed identical signs posted at six other homes around Rhode Island to fix the wrong number, which was off by a single digit.

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — Even El Nino has a silver lining.

The famed weather phenomenon, which is expected to bring storms and flooding to California this winter, is being pitched as a boon for travelers.

Some Humboldt County hotels are even offering an El Nino Sale. Here's the deal: If the weather gets REALLY bad, the hotel bill is free.

It applies only if El Nino whacks the state's northern coast with heavy storms, closing highways out of town. Seven hotels and inns have signed up to offer the deal so far.

"All these national weathermen are saying, 'Don't come to California! El Nino's going to blow it away.' But we don't think it'll be that bad up here," Kathleen Gordon-Burke of the Eureka Humboldt Visitors Bureau said Thursday in the San Francisco Examiner.

"We're betting the big storms will miss us and

stay south," she said. "And even if they do hit us, Eureka's a great place to watch storms."

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — His mug looked familiar to everyone standing in line for driver's licenses, but Gov. Paul Patton still had to prove his identity to state workers.

Patton didn't have the two forms of identification necessary to get a replacement license — he had lost his wallet at a conference in Phoenix earlier this week. But two IDs for the governor? "Of course. That's the rule," Clerk Janice Marshall said.

A state trooper standing next to him had to vouch for Patton's identity before he was able to get the license Wednesday.

Patton even signed the back of his new license to become an organ donor and paid the extra \$1 for the organ donor promotion program.

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — Found: an agitated emu that gave animal control officers a run for their money.

The big bird was spotted bounding along a street in this Salt Lake County suburb early Thursday. Subduing the emu turned into quite a tussle.

"I have roped a buffalo, chased a Brahman bull and wrestled a couple of pretty good sized pythons," said animal control officer Stan Larsen. "This is the first time I've tackled an emu."

Larsen cornered the emu in a yard. When the other officers attempted to blind the bird with headlights, Larsen grabbed its neck.

"It started to jump up to kick me, so I tackled it," he said.

The flailing, kicking emu tore both pockets off of Larsen's pants and ripped the trousers from his belt line to his knee. The other officers stepped into the fray and tied the bird's legs together.

No one had claimed the bird at the city shelter by late Thursday.

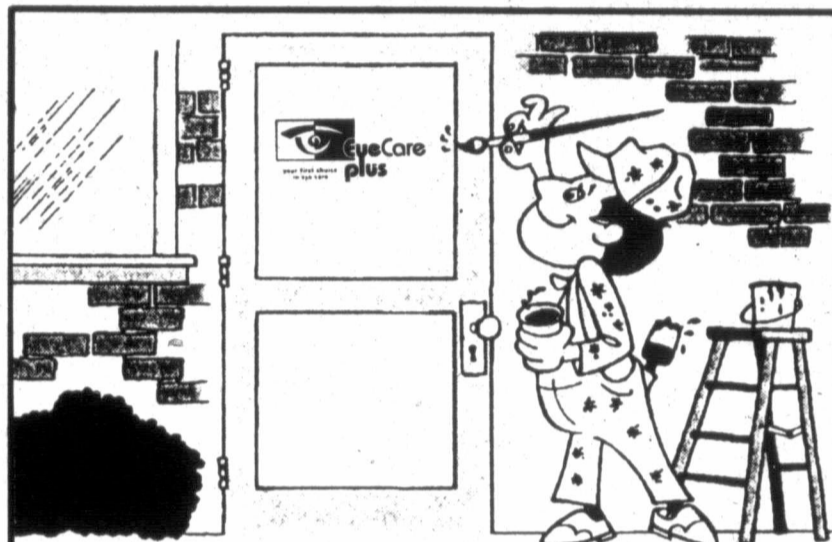


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Pampa's White Deer Land Museum is the recipient of a \$3,700 grant from Southwestern Bell that will be used to purchase additional display cases. Gary Stevens (center) gives the check to museum director Ann Davidson while (left) Mary Fatheree, outgoing chairman of the museum board, watches. Southwestern Bell's financial assistance supports innovative proposals that fund partnerships with economic development groups, cities, counties and existing industry programs.

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Tow trucker faces serial killing charges

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — A tow truck driver recently suspended from his job led police to a muddy field where investigators unearthed a gun they believe he used in the killings of four people.

Authorities also recovered a map that pinpointed the victims as well as future targets.

"The recovery of the map shows he was far from completing his crime spree," San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department spokesman Mike Padilla said Thursday. "We truly believe that had we not found him, he would have struck again and very likely killed more people."

Louis James Peoples, 35, led investigators to the field Thursday, a day after his arrest. He is scheduled to be arraigned Monday on four counts of murder and a charge of robbing a bank.

Investigators focused on Peoples after learning his car matched witness descriptions of a vehicle seen at some of the crimes, said Stockton police spokesman Ken Praegitzer.

"He has admitted his involvement in the crimes," Praegitzer said. "We are very confident we have, in fact, caught the killer."

Peoples, who is married and has two children, was suspended for 30 days by Charter Way Tow on Oct. 6 for failing a drug test. The killings happened three weeks later over a two-week period.

Peoples was being held in connection with these killings:
— The Oct. 29 death of fellow tow truck driver James Loper, 29, after he was called out to a rural area in the middle of the night. Deputies said at the time they didn't think robbery was a motive because Loper's wallet was found on his body.

— The Nov. 4 killing of Stephen Chacko, 39, co-owner of MFL Liquor and Tobacco, during a robbery.

— The slayings Tuesday of grocer Besun Yu, 56, and a friend from China, Jun Gao, 46, during a robbery at Yu's Village Oaks Market.

The killings all took place within a five-mile radius of Peoples' home in North Stockton. Padilla said the victims were shot with a .40-caliber handgun.

The map, found Thursday by detectives in Peoples' apartment, was marked with nine numbers — from zero to eight, Padilla said. Authorities said the numerals suggest he had other targets in mind, including two convenience stores, a liquor store, a strip mall and a commercial area.

Investigators said they also have linked him to the Sept. 16 wounding of an employee investigating vandalism in the parking lot of California Spray Dry Co., another place Peoples once worked.

Another tow truck driver, Ed Richards, said Peoples failed to return to work when his suspension ended Nov. 5. Richards said he had helped Peoples get the job last June.

Detectives believe Peoples killed Loper after calling for tow service to Eight Mile Road near Interstate 5 north of Stockton, 63 miles north of San Francisco.

Sandi Dove, co-owner of Charter Way Tow, said she thinks Peoples was angry at her over the suspension.

"I can't believe this," Dove said. "If he was mad at me, why didn't he just come after me? Why did he go after James?"

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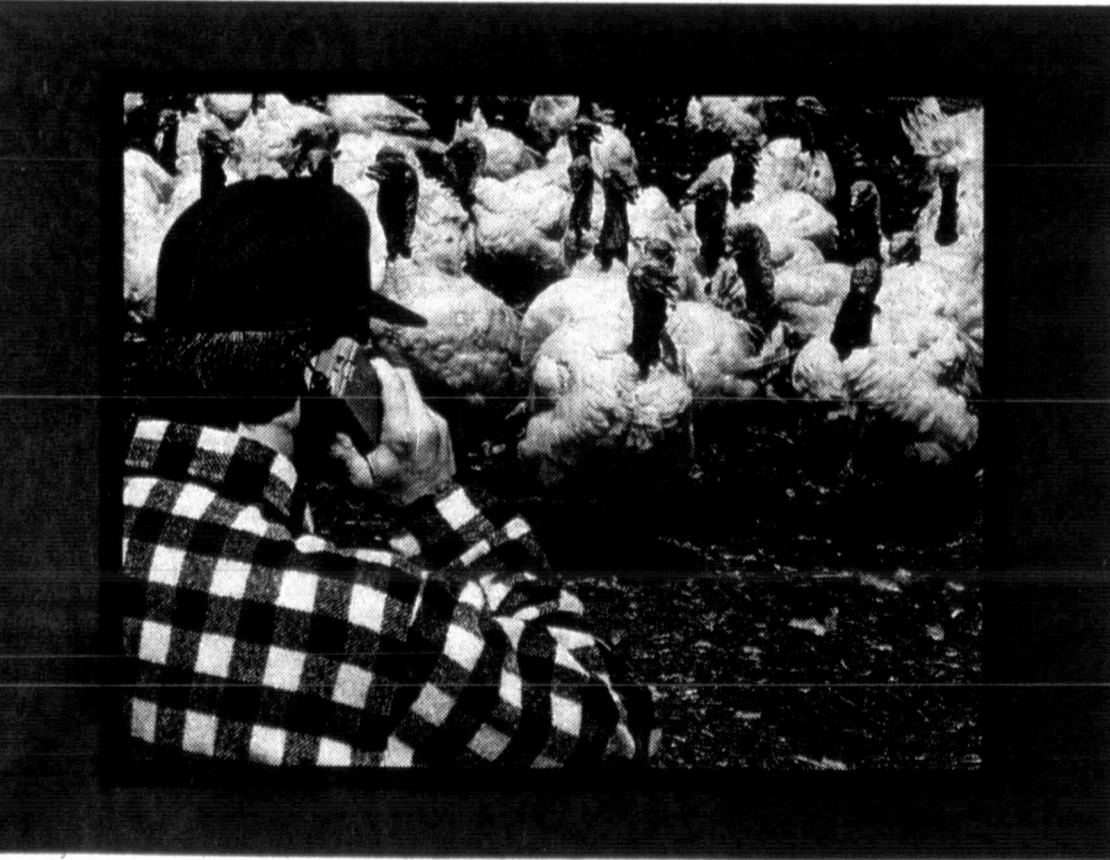
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