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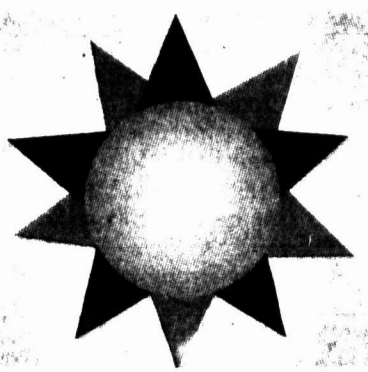
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PAMPA — Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter reported a calculation error made in the voting numbers between Richard Peet and Bob Neslage. Although still unofficial the numbers are as follows: Peet — 1,949 and Neslage — 1,172.

LEFORS — A community performance of the Lefors High School One-Act Play will be tonight at 7 p.m. at the Lefors High School. The play is in competition and all the public is invited to attend.

PAMPA — Joe A. Martinez, 1609 Mary Ellen, filed for PISD school board position place 6 held currently by Chris Perez.

PAMPA — Contemporary Christian musician Dallas Holm is performing Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the door. Attendees are encouraged to bring a canned food or non-perishable food item to help feed the needy. For more information call 665-3255 or 669-5790.

PAMPA — "It's A Scream!" is being performed this weekend at ACT I on Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. For reservations, call the theater at 665-3710. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 5 and under.

PAMPA — The NAACP will hold a special called meeting Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Southside Senior Citizen's Center.

- Catherine Hall, 73, Pampa resident since 1954 and former employee of Sand's Fabrics.
- Anne Massick Wilson, 72, homemaker.

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Not slowing down...



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Frankie Bransford, at 73, enjoys her job at Genesis House that she obtained through the Green Thumb program.

Seniors who want to work find help

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Staff Writer

"Good afternoon — Genesis House — This is Frankie. May I help you?"

Frankie Bransford is a senior citizen who had been out of the work force for several years before she found Green Thumb and got a job last fall at Pampa's Genesis House.

"And now I am working again and thoroughly enjoying it," she said.

For over 30 years, Green Thumb Inc., has operated the Senior Community Service Employment Program which provides the nation's seniors with part-time employment and training opportunities.

Funded through the U.S. Department of Labor, the program's emphasis upon training allows participants to transition

back into private sector employment.

"I heard about the Green Thumb program from a friend who called and told me she was working again and receiving on-the-job training in computers and suggested that I might want to contact Ms. Fern Ritter with the Pampa Green Thumb program for more information," Bransford said.

Frankie was accepted at Genesis House, a non-profit organization and a host agency, and she is working part-time in the office doing clerical work and receiving computer training.

"This is a challenge for me, even though my 9-year-old grandson is a computer whiz. I look forward to working and learning more each day," she said. "And let's face it, in my day we didn't have comput-

- Green Thumb, Inc. is one of ten national organizations that, along with the governors of each state, operate the Senior Community Service Employment Program with funding from the older Americans Act through the U.S. Department of Labor.
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ers." Frankie, 73, said she looked forward to retirement after
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Lefors rehires all teachers; sets calendar

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

All teachers at Lefors Schools have had their contracts extended at the same salary for one year and the school calendar for the 98/99 school year was set at the regular monthly meeting of the Lefors School Board Tuesday night.

The Lefors school year will begin for teachers on Aug. 10, with students reporting Aug. 13. There will be a three-day break for Thanksgiving and two full weeks at Christmas. The school board chose to take spring break on the third week of March although many area schools take the second week. Lefors school superintendent Tom Alvis said the reason is a track meet the second week in March. The school year will end for students on May 27, 1999 for students and a day later for teachers.

The board also discussed plans to talk to the new Lefors city marshal, John Worthington, about using a drug-sniffing dog in the school, and hiring a new girls coach later this month.

Other action involved approving specific items for the heating and cooling system about to be installed and getting new stage lighting for the auditorium.

New sirens not expected by tornado time

Pampa's new emergency sirens are on the way but they probably won't be here in time for the tornado season.

The reason, according to Ken Hall, Pampa's director of emergency planning, is the company that makes the alarms, American Communications, required 130 days to manufacture, program and install the seven warning devices.

The poles the alarms will sit on have arrived and company officials will be in town soon to help determine the best locations for maximum effectiveness. The sirens are said to be audible for a mile radius, according to Hall, so set in the right locations the seven should cover all of the city.

Each siren has its own tone address, Hall said, and can be set off individually or in a small group as well as all at once depending on the emergency and the area affected.

The sirens are capable of producing a number of different tones but Hall said the city only planned to use two of them. The first is the shelter-in-place tone, similar to what is available now. The other tone used will be an all clear signal.

"In the past we've had calls from citizens that they take shelter but then don't know when to come out," Hall said.

While Celanese has a similar siren using multiple tones effectively
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Confiscated motor home heading for auction block

A 30-foot-long motor home confiscated by law enforcement officers will go on the auction block next month in Pampa.

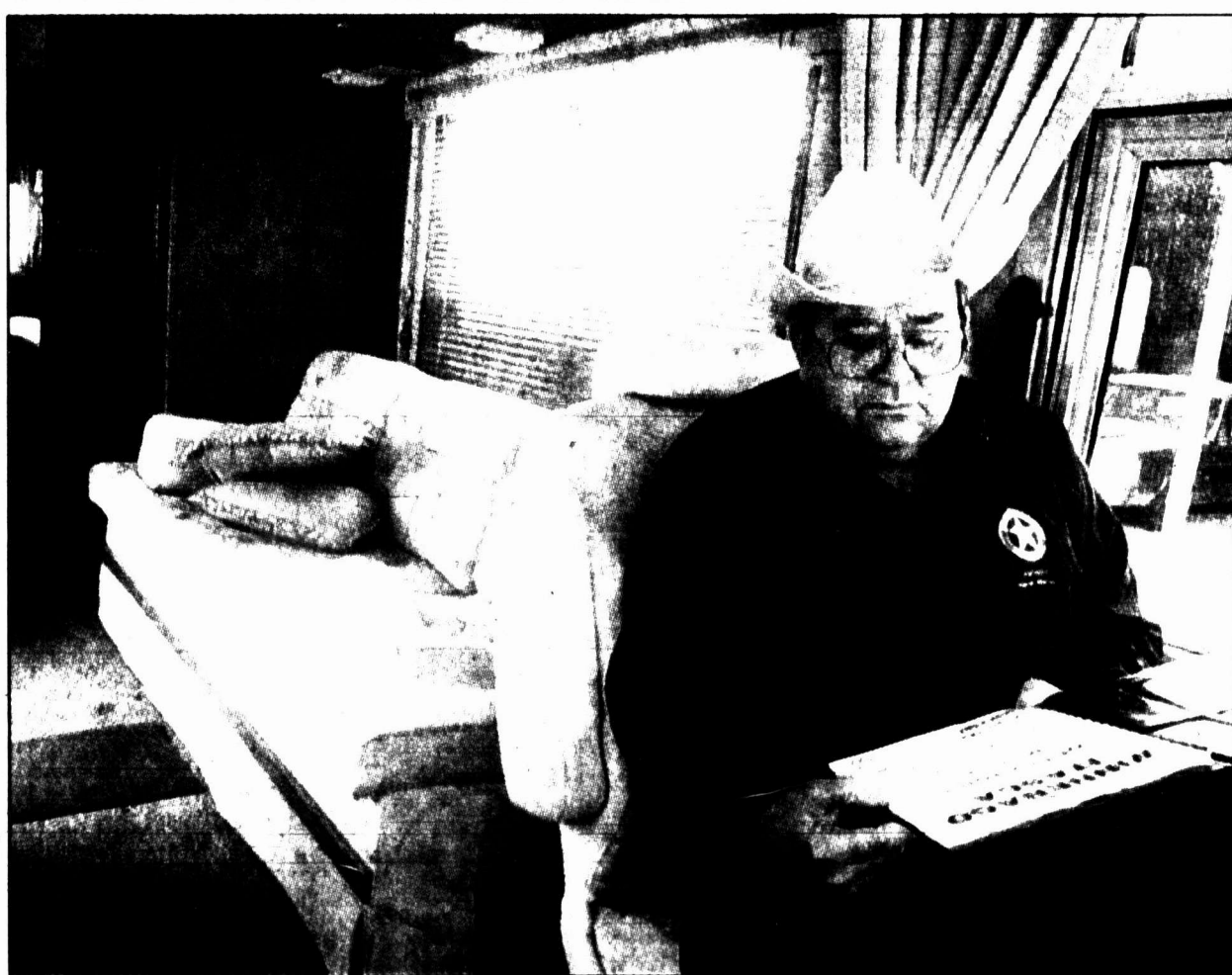
A 1989 Itasca Sun Cruiser made by Winnebago Industries is tentatively scheduled to go up for sale on the court house steps at 10 a.m. April 7. It has less than 10,000 miles on it.

The motor home, complete with microwave, television, shower, refrigerator, chrome wheels and central heating and air conditioning with its own power plant, was seized by local law enforcement officers after in connection with a drug bust on Interstate 40 last year.

Officers from the 31st District Attorney's office said the motor home will be sold to the highest bidder.

The vehicle was stopped for speeding and having a tail light out by Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Estes Feb. 19, 1997, near McLean.

After getting conflicting stories from the driver, Joseph E. Baratta, 31, of Astoria, New York, and a passenger, Elias Viera, 63, of New York City, about where they had been and where they were going, Estes said he became suspicious and got written consent to search the vehicle.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Bill McMinn, investigator for the 31st and 223rd District Attorney's office, sits in the driver's seat of a 30-foot-long motor home that is scheduled to be auctioned in April.

Estes arrested both men after finding a cardboard box of what he believed to be marijuana in the motor home's shower. Estes and another trooper searched the rest of the motor home while Gray County Deputy Jim

McDonald stood guard over Baratta and Viera.

Records show Estes found an additional stash of marijuana beneath the double bed in the rear of the motor home. Officials said the officers found 227 bricks of marijuana weighing a total of

489 pounds.

Both men were charged with possession of more than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds of marijuana. Viera remains in Wheeler County jail in lieu of bond. Baratta is free on \$10,000 bond.

Meredith trail work volunteers now sought

Volunteers needed to build a multi-use trail within Lake Meredith National Recreation Area are wanted, superintendent John Benjamin announced today.

The trailhead begins in lower Plum Creek, and extends into the Devil's Canyon area. The trail follows and old roadbed for four miles. Established dirt roads branch off from the trail and provide access to beautiful backcountry canyons.

"We hope that horseback riders and hikers will use the restored trail," Benjamin said.

The trail needs major construction the first two miles. Volunteers will remove rocks, vegetation, stabilize banks and create crossings over and through arroyos. Work will begin in late spring after the rainy season and continue until the trail is completed.

The park will provide tools, gloves and materials for the work that will be strenuous outdoor activity in hot and dry weather.

When the trail is finished, Benjamin said volunteers will be able to see the results of their work; a safe, enjoyable trail through the backcountry.

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Free concert in Pampa tonight

Tribute to Woody Guthrie

A British rock poet will be in Pampa Thursday for a free concert.

Billy Bragg of London will give a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. The concert is being sponsored by Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie.

Bragg was commissioned by the Woody Guthrie Foundation to write music for some of Guthrie's lyrics. Bragg, his agent, Peter Jenner and a photographer were in Pampa in October to interview and photograph sites concerning Guthrie.

Born in Okemah, Okla., Guthrie moved to Pampa as a teenager. He began writing his folk songs and bought his first guitar in Pampa.

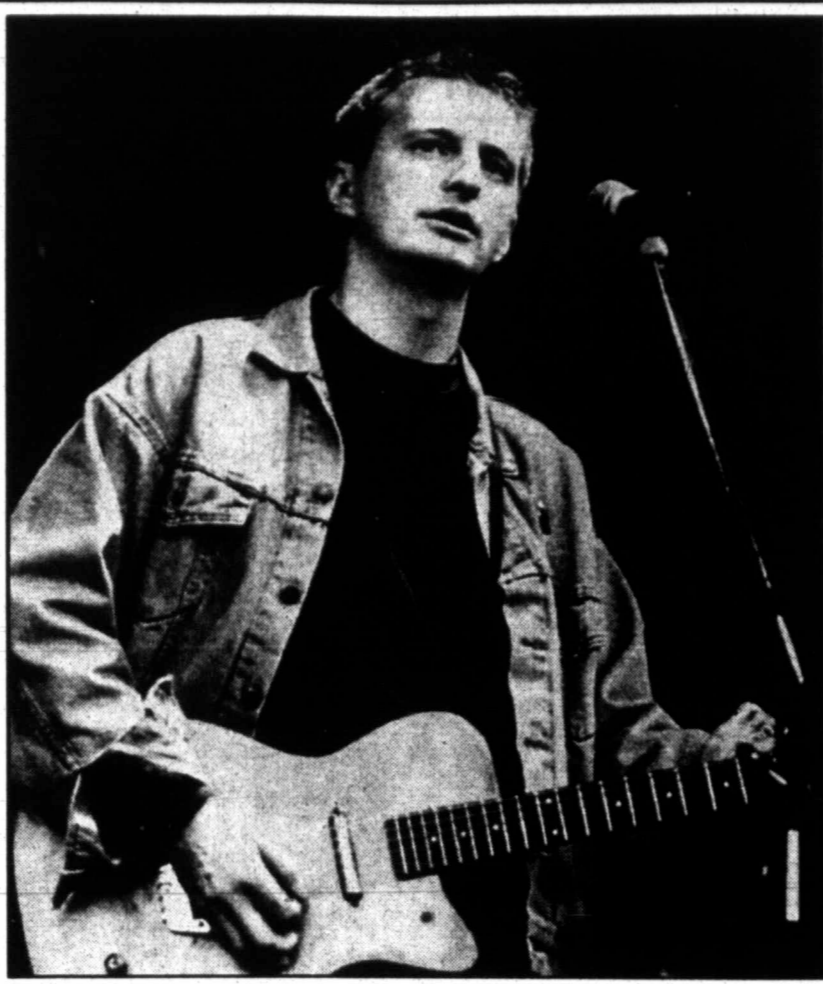
"Billy Bragg's concerts are always an entertaining mix of music, opinion and irreverent humor," said Thelma Bray, chairman of Pampa's Tribute to

Woody Guthrie. "His presence in Pampa will help to kick off a year filled with big plans to honor Woody Guthrie's contributions to America in the field of folk music."

Among the activities scheduled this year are a U.S. postage stamp honoring Guthrie and a Smithsonian touring exhibition "Recreating the Life and Times of Poet, Musician, Illustrator and Activist Woody Guthrie."

The postage stamp will be issued in September, Bray said, as part of a series honoring folk musicians Guthrie, Huddie Ledbetter, Sonny Terry and Josh White.

Harold Leventhal, Guthrie's agent and general manager of Woody Guthrie Publications, said plans are being made for special events in Pampa and Okemah when the stamps are issued. A Woody Guthrie cancellation will also be available, Bray said.



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Cold snap means some shelves bare

LaPORTE, Ind. (AP) — Diapers? Plenty of stores had them. Milk? Al's Valueland had gallons of it. Bread? Running low, but still available.

Kerosene, heaters and generators? Forget it. "Nobody in town has them," Liz Waltman, a clerk at Laughlin's Ace Hardware, said Wednesday. "Yesterday they said they were going to try and get us something, but they weren't able to."

Bare shelves are the latest discomfort of the fierce winter storm that swept across the eastern two-thirds of the nation this week, stranding Midwest motorists and forcing thousands to flee their frigid or flooded homes. Some 23,700 homes and businesses in northern Indiana were without power today.

"There are times when you've got to let off the gas and slow it down," said Tom Nadeau, who spent Wednesday night at the Flying J Truckstop in Indianapolis. "And there's times when you've just got to park it." He let his Milwaukee-bound Home Depot shipment wait rather than chance a wreck.

After weeks of mostly mild temperatures credited to El Nino, the Pacific warming phenomenon that disrupts weather patterns worldwide, the storm system brought floodwaters to the South, heavy rain to the Northeast and a blizzard to the Midwest and Plains.

More than 500 people were at shelters in Albany, Ga., where 11,000 people have fled their homes amid floodwaters since Monday. The Flint River was down 4 feet this morning from Tuesday's high mark but was expected to rise again before cresting Saturday.

And now comes the cold. After record lows as far south as Miami Beach, Fla., and Mobile, Ala., on Wednesday, icy temperatures returned early today — among the record lows for the date were 14 below in Sioux City, Iowa; 15 in Nashville, Tenn.; 7 in Frankfort, Ky.; and 33 in Jacksonville, Fla.

In North Carolina, windy conditions were combined with temperatures for a second straight morning in the teens and 20s, and some mountain areas got up to 6 inches of snow Wednesday night and this morning.

From Florida to the Great Lakes, farmers nervously watched fields and orchards, worried that a killing frost could leave their crops a withered disaster.

The cold will devastate early-blooming garden plants and ornamentals such as forsythia, crab apples, Bradford pears and magnolias, said Steve Bennett, general manager of Riverbend Nurseries in Thompson's Station, Tenn.

"It's just one of the things we have to put up with in this business. God rules," Bennett said.

In Williford, Ark., the weather was blamed for Tuesday's death of a paralyzed man who police believe fell out of his wheelchair. David Richards, 44, apparently froze to death.

"It didn't get above 20 degrees up here until well in the afternoon. He wasn't dressed that warm," Deputy Sheriff David Huffmaster said.

In Indianapolis, the 30 or so truckers at the Flying J were staying in and staying warm, though many were grumbling. "This sort of thing can make a lot of people grumpy," trucker Mike Sage said.

While snowplows would ease the truckers' worries, a plow enraged a man in LaVista, Neb. As the snow flew Monday, a 43-year-old man stood in front of a plow and defied it to plow snow in front of his just-shoveled driveway.

He told the driver he would get his gun and "settle this now," police Lt. Bob Lausten said. The man was arrested.

Back at Al's, there were hopes for fresh fruit, last delivered on Monday.

"We've never been out of product so long," manager Rick Salat said. "But we still have the basics. We still have plenty of bread, plenty of milk and plenty of eggs."

Alert told over rabid puppy at Equifest

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A puppy that was at an exhibitor's booth at a Kansas Coliseum event on Feb. 28 was later found to have rabies, and health officials are urging anyone who touched it to contact a doctor.

The 9-week-old puppy — a mixed breed resembling a black Labrador retriever — was at a fence exhibitor's booth during the Equifest, a trade show for the horse industry. The four-day event was attended by 10,500 people from 10 states, including Texas.

Chances are slight that anyone who was at the Coliseum will be infected, said Roger Smith, Wichita's animal-control supervisor.

But people who touched the puppy — which was at the event only on Feb. 28 — need to talk with their doctors because rabies

is almost 100 percent fatal, Sedgwick County and Wichita health officials said Wednesday.

"A number of people stopped and looked, played with and petted the puppy," Smith said. "The puppy could have very well been communicable at that time."

Health officials learned of the possible exposure after the puppy was tested for rabies because it bit a veterinarian in Sedgwick County on March 5. Five people at the Blair Doon Veterinary Clinic are being treated for rabies exposure.

But a bite isn't necessary to transmit rabies, Smith said. The rabies virus is in saliva, and the puppy could have infected people by licking them on the hands if they had cuts or abrasions or if it licked them on the mouth.

More than 10,500 people from Kansas and nine other states — Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and New Mexico — attended Equifest. Also that weekend, thousands were at the coliseum for the state high school wrestling tournament.

The only certain method of diagnosis is to kill the animal and examine its brain.

The rabid puppy's owner brought it to the Blair Doon Veterinary Clinic on March 5 because it seemed sick.

At first, the puppy seemed to only have a stomachache, said Jennifer Sullivan, a veterinarian at the clinic. But during the night, as its condition worsened. The owner decided to euthanize the puppy.

Report: Single-sex schools no better for girls than co-education

Removing boys from the classroom fails to improve girls' performance in school even though it leaves them more confident, according to a new study.

The report to be released today by the American Association of University Women comes six years after the group asserted that girls were receiving an inferior education in the nation's public schools.

That sparked interest in all-girls' schools and girls-only math and science classes. Since then, a handful of public schools in New York, Virginia, Maine, New Hampshire, Illinois and California have created single-sex classes or girls-only schools.

The AAUW surveyed dozens of studies on single-sex education and found that while girls prefer single-sex education and report

increased confidence and improved attitudes about math and science, they do not show a measurable improvement in academic skill.

"What this report says is that single-sex education is not the silver bullet," said Janice Weinman, executive director of the Washington-based group.

"We went in with an open mind, and what the research shows is that boys and girls both thrive when the elements of good education are there, elements like smaller classes, focused academic curriculum and gender-fair instruction," Ms. Weinman said.

Educators in California, where \$3 million was spent last year on single-sex education for both sexes, said all-girl classes let students learn without fear of ridicule.

"What needs to be tested is their self-esteem and that can't be measured," math teacher Pam Belitski of Anacapa Middle School in Ventura, Calif., said in today's USA Today.

A research professor at New York University, Diane Ravitch, also questioned the new study, "Separated by Sex: A Critical Look at Single-Sex Education for Girls."

"Clearly this is an attempt to

stop the public school single-sex experimentation," she said told The New York Times. "And I think those experiments are a good thing."

The AAUW's original study found that boys and girls begin school with equal skills, but that girls fall behind by high school, particularly in math and science. The report found girls faced routine discrimination by teachers, textbooks and male students.

James Earl Ray's condition critical

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Martin Luther King Jr., was in critical condition today with complications from his liver disease.

Ray was admitted to Columbia Nashville Memorial Hospital in serious condition on Sunday, said Pam Hobbins, a spokeswoman for the Correction Department. His condition was downgraded Wednesday and remained critical this morning, hospital spokeswoman Freda Herndon said.

Ray, 70, suffers from liver cirrhosis and has been in and out of the hospital several times during the past year. He underwent surgery last month to repair a hernia.

He is serving a 99-year prison sentence for King's 1968 slaying in Memphis. Ray quickly recanted a confession and has been fighting since then to get a trial.

Last week, the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals removed a judge from the Ray case. The court said Criminal Court Judge Joe Brown had appeared biased toward Ray in overseeing Ray's claims that he was framed for King's murder. That decision may be appealed.

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Opinion

New billboard restrictions may turn out to be smoking gun

By agreeing to quit advertising on billboards, are the tobacco companies setting a dangerous precedent?

While much of the criticism about the Texas tobacco settlement centers on the massive amount of money that the state's hired-gun lawyers will receive, a far more troubling question involving basic rights has been posed.

While Texas would receive \$15 billion from tobacco companies as part of the settlement, the private attorneys who handled the case for the state are slated to receive \$2.3 billion in fees. This has outraged some critics and possibly could threaten the outcome of the case.

Virtually forgotten in the ensuing storm is the provision in which tobacco firms agreed to remove billboard advertising from the Texas landscape.

This voluntary move is not so troubling as what might eventually be wrought by the general trend.

Remember, at this point sale of tobacco products is perfectly legal. The federal government even collects tax money from the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco items, lending some legitimacy to the industry. What's more, the federal government then turns around and subsidizes the growing of tobacco to produce these products that are coming under increasing fire, so to speak.

Will the removal of the billboards — which puts an immediate dent in the budgets of those who practice free enterprise by running outdoor advertising businesses — encourage the state to restrict other forms of tobacco advertising?

Suppose the state bureaucracy decides that the disappearance of billboards was such a good move that pressure should be applied to individual merchants to keep them from advertising cigarettes.

In Odessa, for instance, discount tobacco businesses already have been besieged by the municipal sign police who wanted to restrict the number of signs the merchants could display on their own property. That attempt at overt censorship was beaten back by public dissent, but who's to say that the state won't attempt to use the billboard removal as impetus to tell businesses what signs they can display both outside and inside their own facilities?

We might even see the day when retailers would be required to keep tobacco products, perfectly legal merchandise, under counters or in other places out of sight of potential buyers.

What's more, when bureaucrats start deciding what's good for the masses, any number of products could follow cigarettes onto the list of targeted items. The next logical step would be to restrict liquor, beer and wine merchandising (advertising for hard liquor already has been restricted). Then might come soft drinks with high contents of sugar or potential harmful sweeteners. All could pose health risks to consumers, just as cigarettes and other forms of tobacco do. Who knows, then, artery-clogging hamburgers could be on the front line. This is a clear case of a government, or actually several branches of government, deciding for the masses what they should or should not do with their own bodies. Smoking is bad, therefore access to advertising that promotes it should be denied.

We suggest that the massive amount of money involved in the tobacco settlement is not so much the issue as it is yet another bit of personal freedom and personal choice going up in smoke.

Odessa American

Remembering the Gipper

One of the many lessons the passing years have taught me is that presidents always look better in hindsight.

Take Lyndon Johnson. When he was president, I thought he was an intolerable boor. Through the mists of memory, he now appears in my mind as a big, drawing, fuzzy bear.

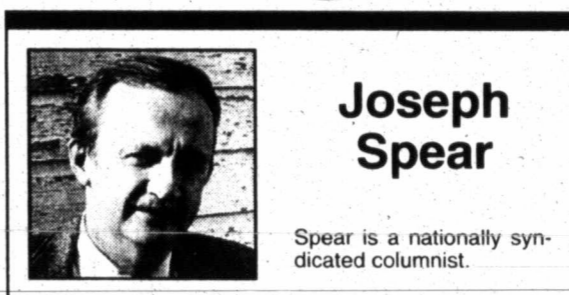
Take Richard Nixon. I disliked him when he walked among us and still do, but despite my aversion, I have lately begun to view him as a moderate with impressive diplomatic skills.

Take Ronald Reagan. Please take Ronald Reagan.

Just kidding. I've actually begun to like the Gipper, too.

This is not to say that calling up the '80s on my mental screen no longer gives me gluteal pains. Reliving the days when an actor played president and relied on a script to get him through a photo op ("You enter Cabinet Room ... You move to the end of the Cabinet Room under President Coolidge's picture for handshake photos ... You depart") continues to astound. Recollections of supply-side economics still beget nightmares. Memories of multi-billion dollar deficits continue to irritate. But somehow, it doesn't seem important anymore. Ron, beclouded by the passing years, has become a benign guy.

This matter comes to mind because there is a crusade afoot to plaster the landscape with monuments to Mr. Reagan. Frankly, the subject strikes me as unseemly, given the fact that the Gipper is still alive and suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Most political parties wait until their idols are gone before they start



Joseph Spear

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agitating for the erection of obelisks. But Reagan disciples raised the subject, not me, so I will go along.

The afflatus behind the movement is one Grover Norquist, heretofore a tax gadfly, lately the self-appointed guardian of the master's image. Norquist formed an organization called the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project and urged Congress to pass a bill to rename Washington National Airport. The facility already bore the name of one president, but hey, what's a Founding Father here or there? We should probably be thankful they didn't try to rename the capital city. Even in my newly mellow state of mind, I don't think I could live in Reagan, D.C.

Norquist got alarmed when a study detected a monument gap. In all of America, he found only 11 things named after Reagan. A bridge in Illinois, a road in New York, an aircraft carrier scheduled for launch in 2001, a \$2 billion government building in Washington which Reagan himself authorized in 1987.

So Norquist, who reportedly regards historians as godforsaken liberals who cannot be

trusted to oversee the Reagan heritage, mounted his campaign to get some sort of shrine or structure named for Reagan in every state. The man who faced down the Soviets and stood foursquare against the communists in Nicaragua, Afghanistan and Grenada avowedly, deserved no less. Actually, there's the germ of a good idea, there. How about a Reagan monument in Afghanistan?

Just kidding. Actually, there was a nascent effort in Grenada a few years ago to rename the international airport there after the man who invaded the island nation and smote the Marxists, but apparently someone pointed out that Cuba had built the facility with the Kremlin's money and the movement died aborning.

Norquist's ultimate goal, according to some reports, is to get the Reagan visage carved into Mount Rushmore, and there's where I would personally draw the line. There are some tall hills in Grenada. Why not etch Mr. Reagan's mug into one of those and spare a perfectly good American mountain?

Just kidding. Actually, the Rushmore idea has potential. Maybe each political party should have its own mountainside which could be engraved with the faces of their heroes. Let there be a Democrat Rushmore and a Republican Rushmore. And let them be paid for by the same moneybags who paid for the pols while they were alive.

Privatized monuments. Old Ron should love that.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, March 12, the 71st day of 1998. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 12, 1938, the "Anschluss" took place as German troops entered Austria, completing what Adolf Hitler described as his mission to restore his homeland to the Third Reich.

On this date:
In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1912, in Savannah, Ga., Juliette Gordon Low founded the

Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America.

In 1925, Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen died.

In 1930, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi began a 200-mile march to protest a British tax on salt.

In 1933, President Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

In 1939, Pope Pius XII was formally crowned in ceremonies at the Vatican.

In 1940, Finland and the Soviet Union concluded an armistice during World War II. Fighting

between the two countries flared again the following year.

In 1947, President Truman established what became known as the Truman Doctrine to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

In 1969, Paul McCartney married Linda Eastman in London.

In 1987, "Les Miserables" opened on Broadway.

In 1994, the Church of England ordained its first women priests.

Ten years ago: Rev. Jesse Jackson won the Democratic precinct caucuses in his native South Carolina.

Five years ago: Janet Reno was sworn in as the nation's first female attorney general. Thirteen bombs exploded in Bombay, India,

killing more than 300 people.

One year ago: Authorities in Los Angeles arrested Mikhail Markhasev as a suspect in the shooting death of Bill Cosby's son, Ennis, almost two months earlier. Markhasev, who pleaded innocent, has yet to stand trial.

Today's Birthdays: Former AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland is 76. Former astronaut Wally Schirra is 75. Playwright Edward Albee is 70. Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young is 66. Broadcast journalist Lloyd Dobyns is 62. Singer Al Jarreau is 58. Actress Barbara Feldon is 57. Actress-singer Liza Minnelli is 52. Singer-songwriter James Taylor is 50.

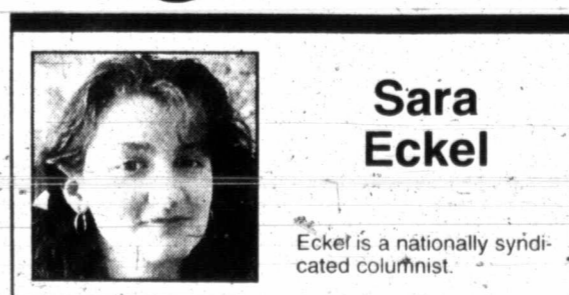
What's love got to do with it?

It's a hazard every columnist knows. When you publish your opinion each week, people often write back and say what they think of you. And very often their conclusion is "not much."

Of course, this is the price you pay for the great privilege of having a column. And anyway, you get used to it. I've been called everything from a baby-killer to a man-hater to a slut to a moron to a dork. When I first started writing this column three years ago, such insults did sting a little. But with time they lost their teeth.

Recently, however, I've realized that one brand of insult has succeeded in cowering me. I never quite had an answer for the people who accuse me of being unhappy.

I'm sure you know the basic argument on this one. Feminism makes women unhappy because it keeps us from the more fulfilling tasks of serving men and children. A woman becomes a feminist not because of the legitimacy of such ideas as reproductive freedom and equal pay for equal work, but rather because she is unattractive and scorned by men. Yes, the anti-feminists say with feigned pity, if only this wretched creature were to know the love of a good man all of her crazy notions about date



Sara Eckel

Eckel is a nationally syndicated columnist.

rape and domestic violence would fly out the window.

Obviously, this is a ridiculous line of thinking. Nevertheless, I've played into it. When I started this column, I was also in the throes of romantic bliss. And I would drop my then boyfriend's name into my prose with a sort of swagger pride. I was sticking my tongue out at my detractors, essentially saying "Hey, I'm a feminist AND I have a boyfriend. So there."

But I kept pretty mum about the matter after the relationship ended. Indeed, I kept a tight rein on a lot of my vital statistics. For example, I didn't mention that I was over 30 and living alone in a one-room apartment. Or that sometimes I furiously envied my college friends who had husbands and houses and babies. Or

that the highlight of my day was watching the A&E reruns of "Law & Order" just so I could moon over Detective Mike Logan.

I never let loose these factoids because somewhere in the back of my head I believed that admitting that I had boy troubles would unravel all of my hard work. That my comments about the Fair Pay Act or the Contraceptive Coverage Act could then be dismissed with the adage so often used to wave off feminists: She's just bitter.

Now, one could make the argument that it is unseemly for a commentator on national affairs to publish any details of her personal life. And one could make the argument that her crush on a fictitious police detective is not exactly newsworthy. One could make these points, and one would certainly not be wrong.

But as I said, the idea that feminism is the result of unfortunateness in love is not one that I made up. So I'll say it loud and I'll say it strong: As this Saturday-night, three-day-weekend draws near, I am positively grieving over the fact that I don't have a sweetheart. But that doesn't change my politics a whit.

I have more to say on this matter, but I've really got to wrap this up. "Law & Order" is coming on.

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Science Fair participants



(Special photo)

Students from Travis Elementary School recently entered the Amarillo Regional Science Fair. The fair is held each year to encourage children to experiment, investigate and learn to problem solve. Above are Science Fair participants: (top row, left-right) Dylan Whitten, Mrs. Andrea Wyatt, Missy Brown, Levi Nunn, Colin Howard, Tanner Ray, Laura Haley and Drew Morrison; (bottom row) Austin Bruner, Brittany Reagan, Telissa Sealy, Ryan Olson, Hannah Brooks, Kennan Davis and Sarah Langford. Students qualified for the regional fair by winning at the Travis Science Fair. Travis students who won or placed at the fair are as follows: Behavioral and Social Science — Tanner Ray, first place; Botany — Colin Howard, third place; Computer Sciences — Telissa Sealy, first place; Engineering — Laura Haley, second place; Environmental Sciences — Keenan Davis, first place; Medicine and Health — Hannah Brooks, first place, Brittany Reagan, second place; Microbiology — Sarah Langford, first place; Physics — Levi Nunn, third place; Chemistry — Ryan Olson, first place, Missy Brown, third place. Third grader Brittany Reagan received the American Heart Association Award for outstanding work in medicine and health.

Business of the Quarter



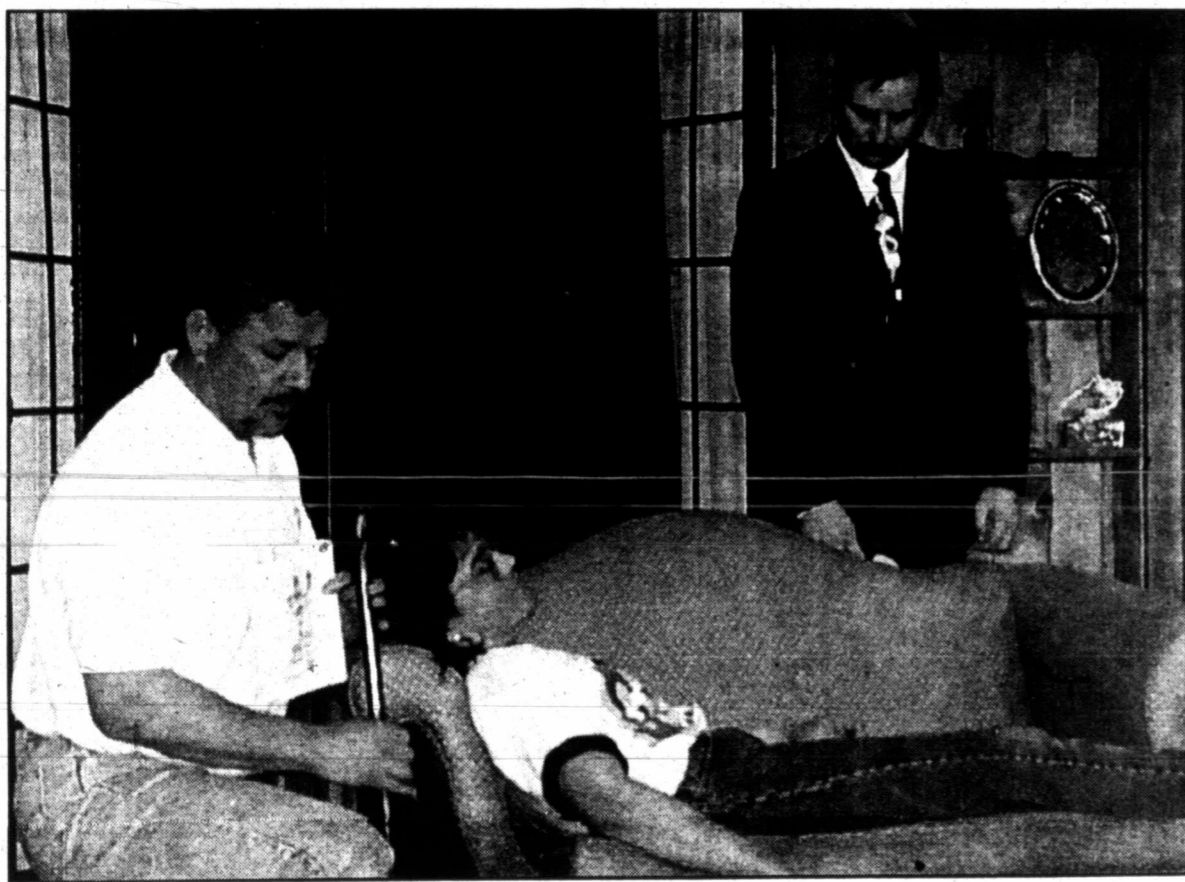
(Special photo)

Tarpley Music Company is the "Business of the Quarter." The award is presented by the Chamber of Commerce's Retail Trade Committee: Ken Rheams (left), Bob Marx, Tarpley Music store manager Robert Galloway, and Darrell Sehorn.

ALT to perform at Clarendon

CLARENDON — Amarillo Little Theatre will present its 1998 touring production "Smoke On The Mountain" beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Clarendon College's Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium. With more than two dozen songs, many of them vintage pop hymns, "Smoke On The Mountain," will take you back to the church of your childhood. The score also offers original pieces that bring home the Appalachian gospel music sound. In the addition to the superb music, "Smoke On The Mountain" includes a hilarious script with entertaining testimonials. Ticket prices are \$5 per person, and are available by calling Clarendon College at 1-800-687-9737 or (806) 874-3571, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. "Smoke On The Mountain" is just one of the many activities slated for Clarendon College's 60th Annual Ex-Students Reunion Weekend. For a complete listing of activities, please call the college.

'It's A Scream!'



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

The comedy-thriller, "It's A Scream!" will be performed for its final showings this Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 at the ACT I theater space in the Pampa Mall. (left) Chris Johnson and Ace Acevedo surround Sandra Keeton (center). For ticket reservations, call 665-3710.

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CattleWomen announce upcoming spring style show

Top O' Texas CattleWomen's Style Show and Brunch will be at 10:30 a.m. March 28 at the Pampa Country Club. Eleven area merchants will be participating with the latest in Spring Fashions for women of all ages and children. There will also be some fashions for young men. Fashions will vary from the sophisticated and dressy to the casual look of denim and kakhhi. A variety of new styles and colors are making their appearance this spring. Treat your family and friends to a lovely brunch and style show Saturday morning, March 28. Tickets are available at local participating merchants or from Louise Coulter by calling 275-2513.

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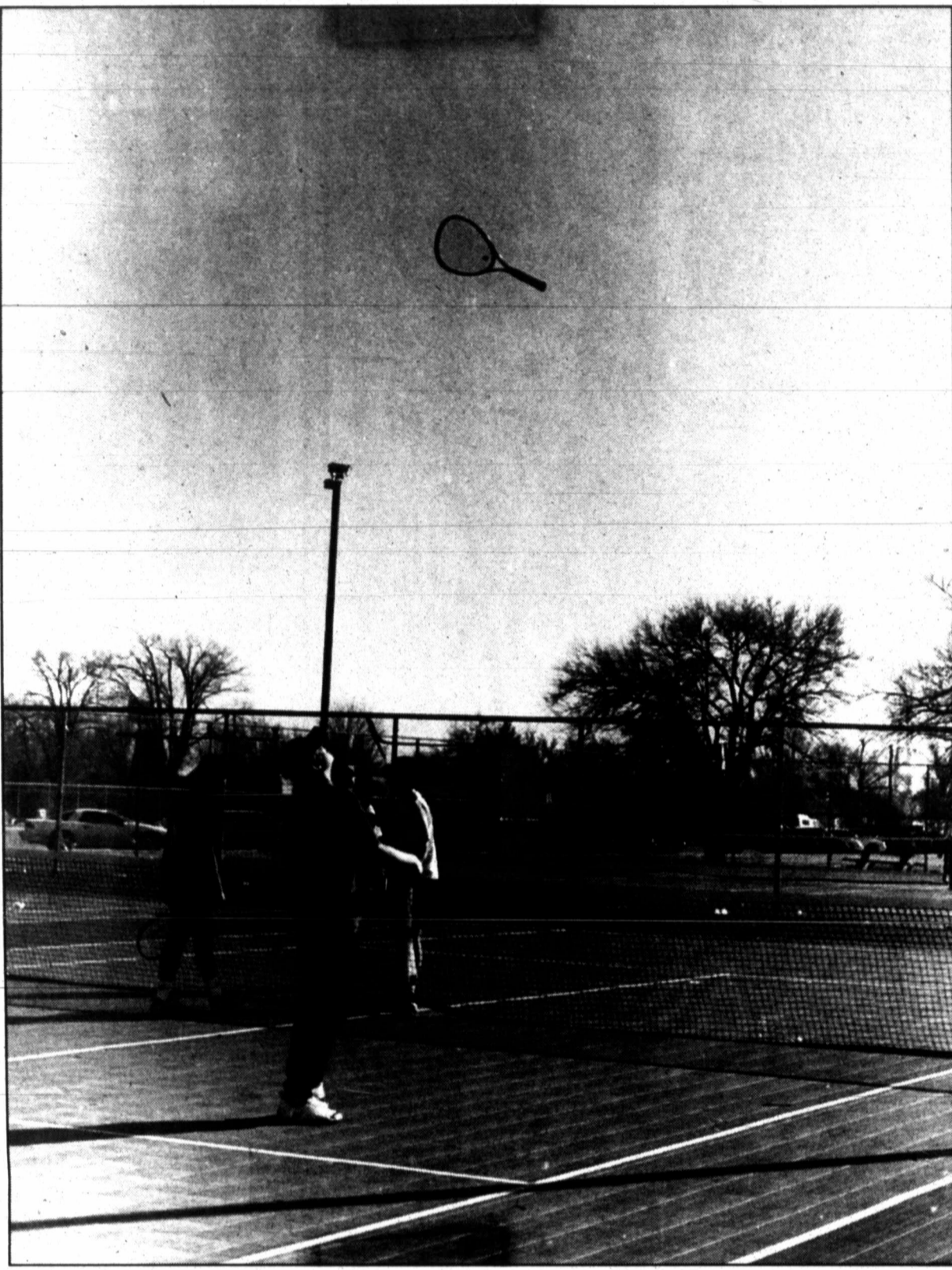
UIL Academic Contest in Canyon - March 27

Middle School "MacBeth" production - March 27

SAT exam - March 28

ACT exam - April 4

Victory Toss...



Sophomore Shawn Stone throws his racket up after winning a tennis match in JV tennis. Tennis members practiced during fourth block and after school daily. -photo by Lee Carmichael

American Studies class plans 'academy award' night for Monday

Andy Warhol once said that everyone gets their 15 minutes of fame. In the case of Mr. Daniel Barker's American Studies students, that event will take place Monday night.

Students in Mr. Barker's classes will present the first annual S.D.S. Hickey Awards at 6:30 p.m. March 16 in the high school auditorium. The Hickey Awards are a "knock-off" of the academy awards, according to Mr. Barker.

"This was a small idea that mushroomed," he said. "It took on a life of its own."

The students in the two classes were divided into groups, and each group produced a video illustrating some aspect of the Civil War. Mr. Barker said that all groups worked very well together.

"I was apprehensive at first because we had some personality differences, but all of the groups pulled together and put aside their differences," he said. "They worked really well together."

Students in the American Studies classes enjoyed the project, even though it was a lot of work.

"I had a lot of fun doing it," junior Aaron Baker said. "It was interesting to learn the different aspects of filmmaking."

The students had to write the scripts, film, produce, design the costumes and makeup, edit and design a promotional poster for the videos. At the end of the project, they were required to do peer evaluations on each member of their group.

"This is not a graduate film class at Berkeley," Mr. Barker said. "However, given the limited abilities and facilities, all the groups fulfilled the assignment."

To prepare for the big awards night, each member of the class had one vote to cast. Thankfully, according to Mr. Barker, there were no ties.

"I voted for the movies and students I thought were the best," junior Rachel Bowers said. "I didn't even consider giving preferential treatment to my friends or group members."

Several different school organizations had a part in the project. Mr. Stan Cook and the woodshop designed and made the statues, Mr. Warren Smith and the metal shop had a hand in the nameplates, Mrs. Renee McCullough and Mrs. Kathy Gomez in the writing lab designed the certificates, and Mr. Matthew Gantz from the Drama Department will serve as Master of Ceremonies Monday night.

Johnna Birkes chosen as February high school Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Johnna Birkes, PHS journalism teacher and yearbook/newspaper adviser, has been chosen as the Teacher of the Month for February. Mrs. Birkes was nominated by several different students in her journalism classes.

This is Mrs. Birkes' second year teaching in Pampa. She previously taught in the Dallas suburb of Garland for six years. In addition to teaching basic journalism and photojournalism classes, she also advises the yearbook and newspaper staffs.

"This award is a great honor to me," she said. "The students are the reason I'm here, and it's really nice to be recognized by them. Sometimes teaching seems like a thankless job. This award really brings everything into perspective for me."

According to Mrs. Birkes' students, she really deserves the award and recognition.

"This is the first year that the Publications Department has gotten everything done, such as making every yearbook

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Senior Kitzi Weller

deadline and producing a newspaper every month," senior Matt Hutchison said. "It's all because Mrs. Birkes takes publications seriously and teaches it in an enjoyable manner."

Senior Amanda Potter, yearbook co-editor-in-chief, said that one of Mrs. Birkes' strong points is that she "knows her stuff."

"This is the first time we have actually had a yearbook teacher that cares," she said. "Mrs. Birkes has helped me and the other students to learn a lot about yearbook. She's the best!"

Students said that in addition to her knowledge of the subject, Mrs. Birkes also cares about her students.

"She is very understanding and goes out of her way to help us out," senior Kitzi Weller

said. Senior Lyndsey J. Morgan agreed.

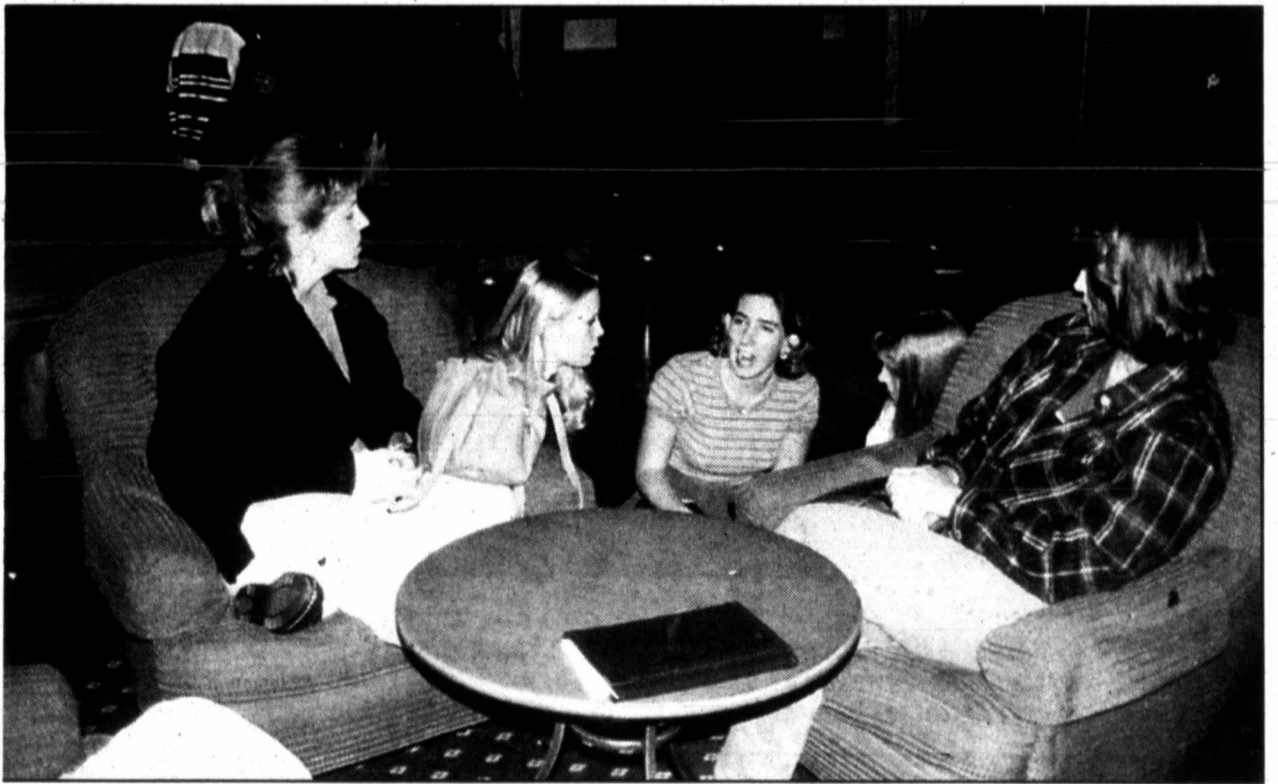
"Mrs. Birkes is a very caring person," she said. "I've enjoyed her very much. She has really improved the yearbook staff this year."

Mr. Daniel Barker, Language Arts Department chairperson, said that Mrs. Birkes truly is the leader of the Publications Department.

"Despite dealing with unbelievable numbers of personalities, deadlines, egos, publication salesmen, parents, and teachers, Mrs. Birkes has become a master juggler of journalism talent and wonder," he said. "I am amazed with everyone of her publications. She truly is a circus ringmaster."

As for future plans, Mrs. Birkes plans on sticking with teaching, despite the low pay and lack of respect she gets.

"I left one profession to become a teacher eight years ago," she said. "I love working with this age group and wouldn't trade my job for anything. They keep me young."



Discussing the day's plans... Mrs. Johnna Birkes, journalism teacher, seniors Kitzi Weller, Lyndsey J. Morgan and Amanda Potter, and chaperone Mrs. Sue Baker discuss lunch plans at the Journalism Education Association San Antonio convention earlier this year. Mrs. Birkes was chosen as February Teacher of the Month. She was nominated by several different students from her classes. -photo by Lacy Plunk

Middle school to present 'MacBeth'

Witches, murder and mayhem... So goes the upcoming middle school production of "MacBeth."

The adaptation of William Shakespeare's famous play will be presented at 7 p.m. March 27 in the middle school auditorium, according to Mr. Dean Birkes, theatre teacher.

The play is the most elaborate production the middle school has produced in recent years, Mr. Birkes said.

"The kids have been rehearsing and working on the production since December," he said. "In addition to memo-

"MacBeth"

7 p.m.
March 27
Middle School Auditorium

MacBeth, Heather Perry as Lady MacBeth, Michael Cochran as MacDuff and Ashley Hunt as Banquo.

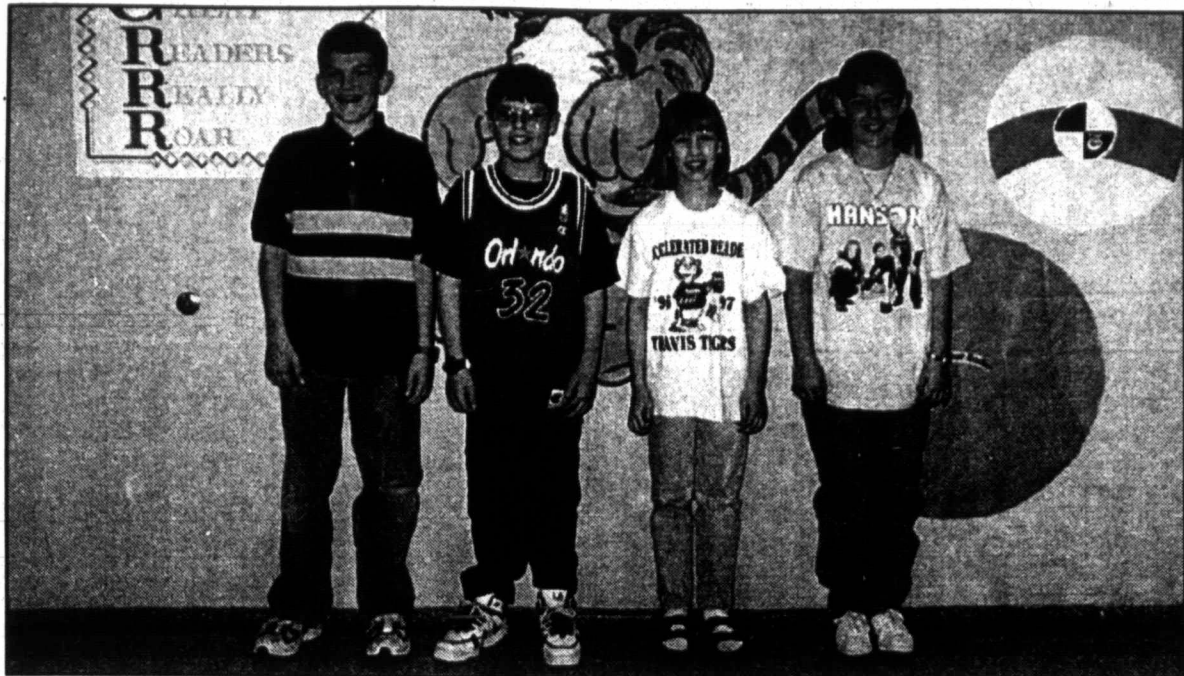
"The kids are really focusing and are trying hard to work on characterization," Mr. Birkes said. "I am really proud of their work so far. I hope the public will come out and support the kids; Shakespeare is not easy work to do."

Mr. Birkes would like to thank Darlene Birkes for designing and making all the costumes, and Mr. Fred Mays for loaning some of the set for the play.

Harvester Happenings

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Travis Spelling Bee winners



(Special photo) Travis Elementary School recently announced its spelling bee winners as follows: Drew Morrison, fifth grade alternate; Justin Lane, Spelling Bee Champion; Hannah Brooks, fourth grade champion; and Destinee Mänhart; fourth grade alternate.

FPC Student Friendly Employee



(Special photo) Jackie Sublet, instructor for the Licensed Vocational Nursing Division at Frank Phillips College, was named February Student Friendly Employee of the Month at FPC. President Griffin presented Sublet with a gift certificate for a dinner for two at Lorene's Restaurant and a framed certificate. Sublet received the most nominations so far with over 20 from student nominations. A graduate of FPC, Sublet earned her LVN certificate at FPC and her associate degree in nursing at Amarillo College. She is currently working on a bachelor of science degree in nursing. In addition to nursing responsibilities, she is Nursing Club Advisor, Nursing Education Advisory Committee Coordinator chairman and coordinator, Workforce Education Curriculum Manual, Pediatric and Skills and Clinical instructor. Each honoree is nominated by the students and employees at FPC and selected by the administrative council.

Meeting set for Parent Foundation of 'TEXAS'

AMARILLO - John Paul Batiste has agreed to speak at the 37th annual meeting of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, the parent organization of the musical drama "TEXAS." The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m., March 25 at the Amarillo Club.

Batiste is executive director of the Texas Commission on the Arts. The Austin-based organization recently selected "TEXAS" as the model for a new cultural tourism campaign. "TEXAS" will be featured in publicity efforts by TCA including a newly designed web page.

Batiste joined the TCA staff in 1983 and served as director of programs for five years before accepting his current position. Earlier in his career, Batiste was assistant director for the Dallas City Arts Program. He was a developer and

community relations specialist for a bilingual children's television program at KUHT-TV in Houston and assistant director of the Dallas Head Start Program.

Batiste is a member of the board of directors of Americans for the Arts and the mid-America Arts Alliance. He is a poet and has toured nationally as a performer, singer and speaker.

All members of the foundation are encouraged to attend along with those interested in joining the organization. For as little as \$20 per year, members help promote the outdoor musical drama by becoming a link between "TEXAS" and the area.

At the annual meeting, members will be briefed on the upcoming "TEXAS" season and what's happening behind the scenes to prepare for a successful year.

Visitors are welcome to attend. Cost for the luncheon meeting is \$14 per person. Please RSVP to the "TEXAS" office at (806) 655-2181 by March 18.

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Celanese donation



(Community Camera photo) Charles Henry, left, of Pampa Community Youth Services Inc., receives a donation of \$1,885 from Celanese Site Manager Riley R. Kothmann to be used toward operating and equipment costs for the youth.

Jordan Unit 'Employee of the Month'

The Jordan Unit has selected Windham School System Special Education teacher Valerie Jones as their March "Employee of the Month." She has been with the Jordan Unit since the opening in October of 1992.



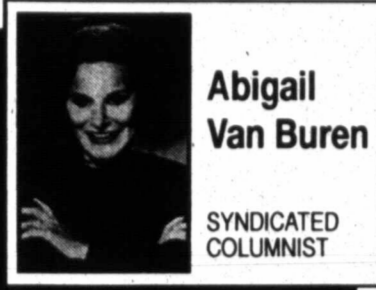
Ms. Jones says the best part of her job is "helping the students achieve their goals, whether learning to read or getting a GED." Ms. Jones also is active with the Amarillo Crisis Line and attends the Trinity Baptist Church. Special time is spent with her two girls.

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Lonely Retirees Are Urged To Get Out There And Mix

DEAR ABBY: You asked readers to respond to "Lonely in New Mexico," who retired to a new community and regrets how it turned out. Our accountant advised us to rent first in the area to which we were contemplating moving. He had seen too many cases of people buying new homes, finding they were unhappy and returning to their original communities. We followed his advice and lucked out. We rented a nice ranch-style house, shopped in the market, visited our landlord's church and were accepted. It grew from there. Six months later, we bought a lot and started construction. A year later we had an open house with 62 guests — mostly church members and neighbors.



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ing friendships with some of the finest people they'll ever know. The best new square dance club members come as retired couples looking for a little fun and a healthful, wholesome activity. I dare anyone to take a few square dance lessons and remain lonely.

for hours until someone could change their sheets, or they were refused re-admittance to the nursing home after they were sent to a hospital emergency room.

While some very good facilities provide excellent care, many poor nursing homes violate the law on a daily basis. "Living It Up" should spend time visiting local nursing homes. I'm sure many are neither "clean" nor "pleasant." Until or unless "Living It Up" has resided in a nursing home, she should never pass judgment on those who refuse to consider a sterile and often undignified environment an "option" to living in their own homes.

ARIZONA ADVOCATE

DEAR ADVOCATE: Conditions in nursing homes will not improve until families make it their business to stay in close touch with the residents, visiting frequently and at various hours — and taking their relatives out as often as possible to prevent them from becoming isolated. Carrying out that responsibility may not be easy, but it's vitally important.

JERRY C. MCGREW, M.D.,
 GARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR DR. MCGREW: I know that's good advice. It's an excellent way for people of every age to socialize. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As an advocate for nursing home residents, I'm aware of cases throughout the country of abuse and neglect in nursing homes, as well as violations of residents' most basic rights.

Nursing home residents and their families never call me to share the wonderful experiences they have had with a particular facility. They call to report that they were sexually assaulted by a staff member or left to lie in their own waste

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30-YEAR-PLUS READER

DEAR READER: You received wise counsel from your accountant. My mail has been filled with suggestions for "Lonely in New Mexico." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Lonely in New Mexico" can enjoy a host of new friends by taking square dance lessons. It's amazing how many nice folks they'll meet that way.

The local Chamber of Commerce can help people locate a club that offers lessons, and so can the senior citizen center or even the western clothing store. The lessons are fun, economical, and a guaranteed route to establishing some deep and last-

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday, March 13, 1998

If there is a positive destiny you are to fulfill, it might begin to happen in the year ahead. You are now in an exciting cycle where what transpires could be remembered for a long time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not be hesitant about sharing any good things that happen to you today with others. What you invest with them now will be returned in greater measure later. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In order to get cooperation from others, you must make your wants and needs known. Present your offering today as inclusive and benefiting all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Interlocking objectives can be gratified today by starting with the toughest and working your way down to the easiest. Do not be afraid of challenge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you're apt to learn more from your own observations and experiences than you will get from a book. You will know how to utilize this knowledge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Situations will have a way of working themselves out to your ultimate satisfaction, provided you don't interfere or change things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, an ordinary conversation with a friend could reveal substantial information from which you could benefit. Hang on every word.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions in general appear rather stable for you today. However, your most promising areas will be where your career and

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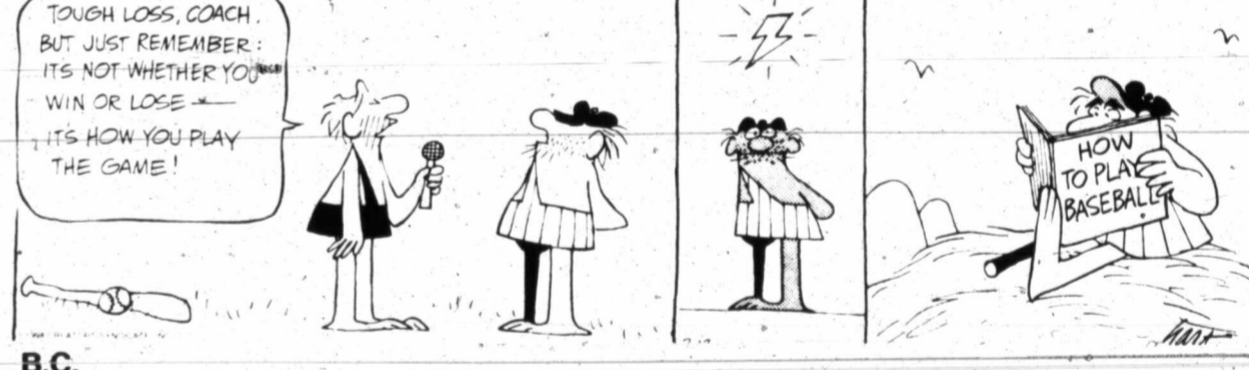
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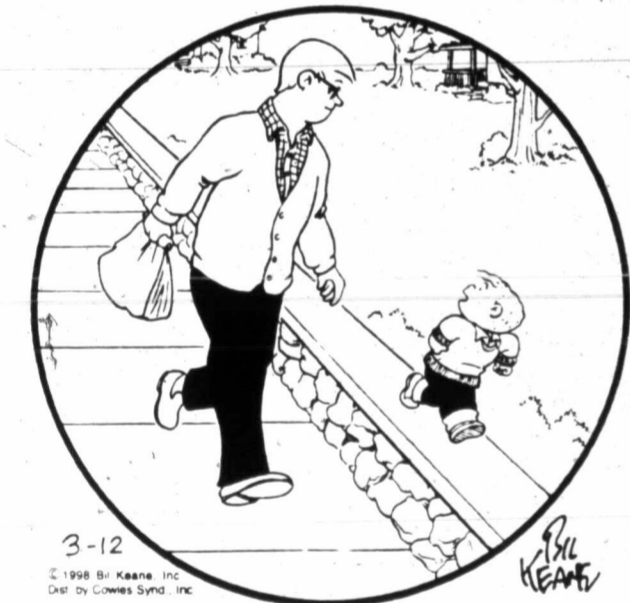
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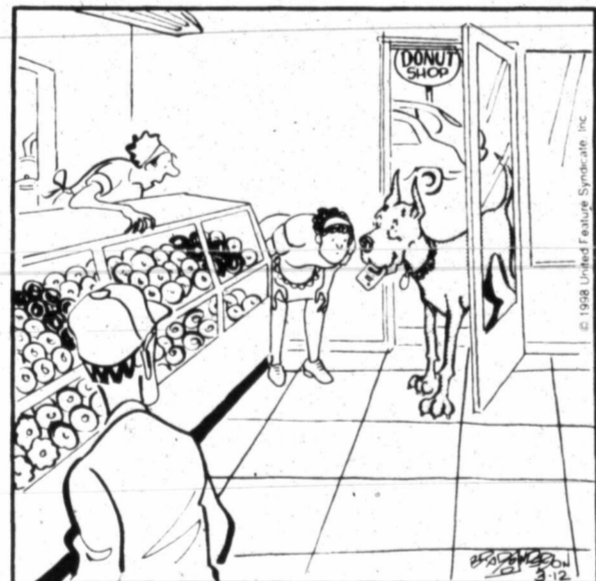
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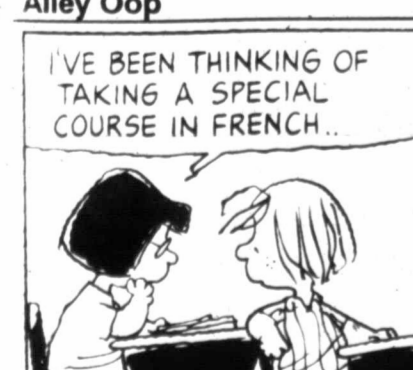
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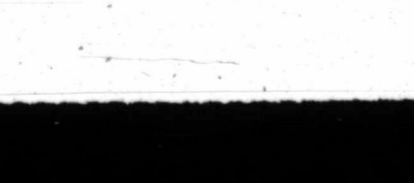
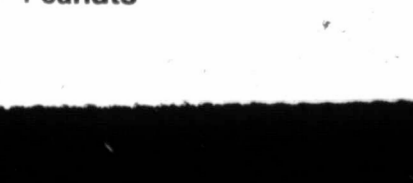
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- 31 Actress Dunaway
- 37 Remote
- 38 Neuter pronoun
- 40 Washer cycle
- 41 Lively dances
- 42 Hosiery shade
- 43 Adolescent
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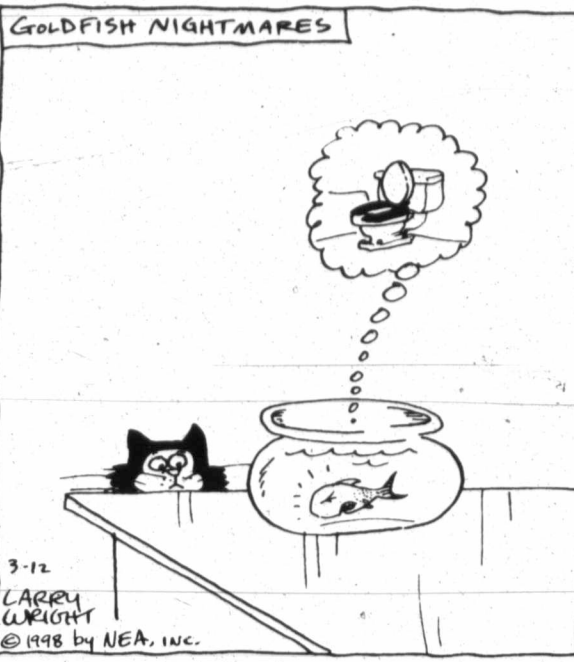
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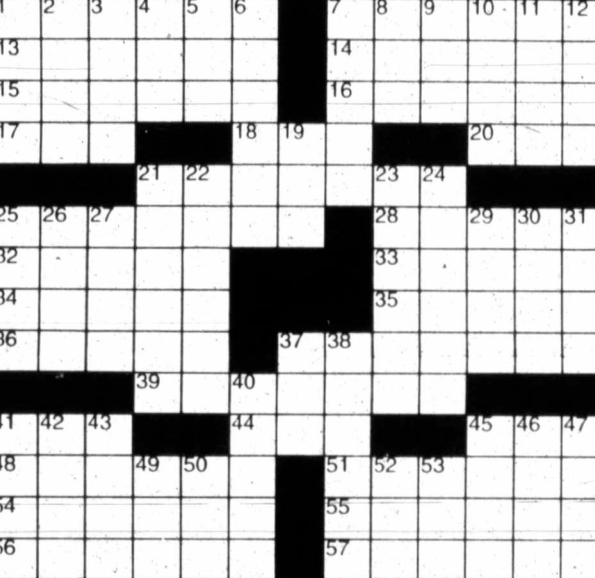
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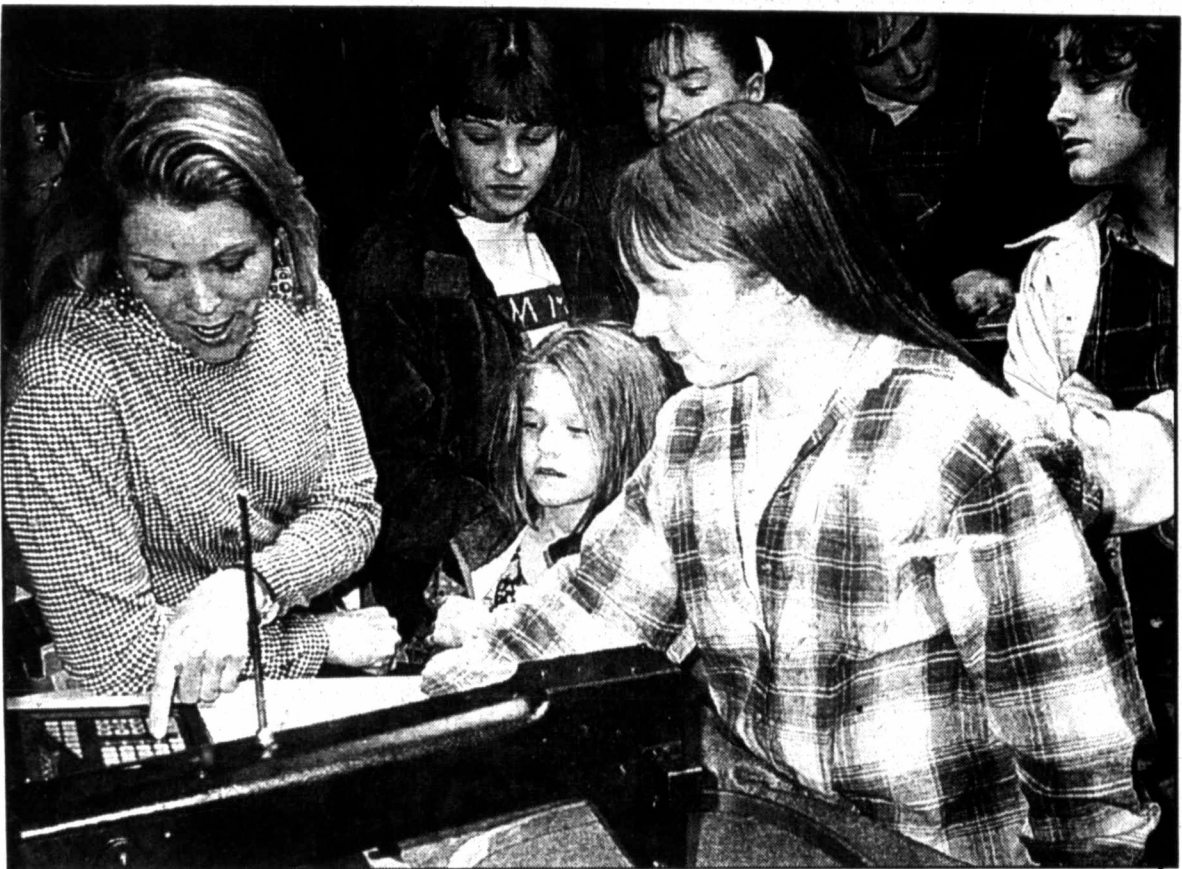
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(Special photos)
Kendra Talley of the Stitchin Barn discusses her monogramming business with the members of the 4-H Sew Fine Club. The students toured the business in connection with their participation in the 4-H clothing project being conducted this semester. Left to right, top photo: Kendra Talley, Emily Ayers, Erin Raber (in the back), Kendra Raber, Maggie Ayers, Chandler Talley and Ande Shank. Left to right, bottom photo: Dendra Talley, Emily Ayers, Chandler Talley, Kendra Raber, and Erin Raber, Maggie Ayers (operating machine), and Lori Stephens (behind Ayers). For more information, please contact Judy Elliot 665-7826.

IRI to form new combined company

HOUSTON — IRI International Corporation and Hitec ASA recently announced a strategic business combination in design, engineering and manufacturing of advanced technology for offshore and land-based drilling equipment for the oil and gas industry. The combined company will be called IRI Hitec, Inc.

Under the terms of a definitive agreement, unanimously approved by the board of directors of both companies, Hitec shareholders will receive 0.575 of a newly issued share of IRI common stock for each common share of Hitec and, accordingly, represent approximately 35 percent of the combined company. The transaction is valued at \$280 million.

The combined company will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange and will apply for a secondary/parallel listing on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Based on IRI's closing price per share Friday, March 6, the combined entity with approximately 61.4 million shares outstanding will have a market capitalization of about \$800 million. Combined revenue in 1997 was about \$300 million with operating income of \$28 million and net income of \$23 million. The transaction will be dilutive to 1998 earnings per share and should be accretive to 1999 earnings per share. The transaction will be accounted for as a pooling of interests.

Hushang Ansary, IRI's chairman and CEO, who will become chairman and chief executive

officer of the combined company, said, "This is a perfect strategic fit. It combines almost 100 years of IRI's global experience, extensive network of manufacturing and distribution facilities and significant market share of its diversified product lines with Hitec's state-of-the-art, innovative and unique technologies, which are crucial for offshore and onshore development activities of the global oil and gas industries. This will greatly benefit the combined company's shareholders and is a major step in realizing our strategic objectives."

Jon Gjedeb, president and chief executive officer of Hitec, who will become president and chief operating officer of the combined companies, said, "This is a unique opportunity that will rapidly expand Hitec's technological presence in the United States and around the world where IRI has significant market share and numerous long-standing customers. The combined company will immediately become a major player in offshore drilling activities through the use of Hitec's advanced technology. It will also have a unique opportunity to significantly improve efficiency and profitability in its manufacturing of land-based equipment."

The transaction, which is subject to the approval of IRI shareholders, acceptance by 90 percent of Hitec stockholders, regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions, is expected to close in the second quarter of 1998.

Wilson Spelling Bee winners



(Special photo)
Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently announced spelling bee winners as follows: (left-right) Brandi Holden, fourth grade alternate; Stephanie Boyd, fifth grade winner; Jeanet Sanchez, fifth grade alternate; Megan Jouett, fourth grade winner.

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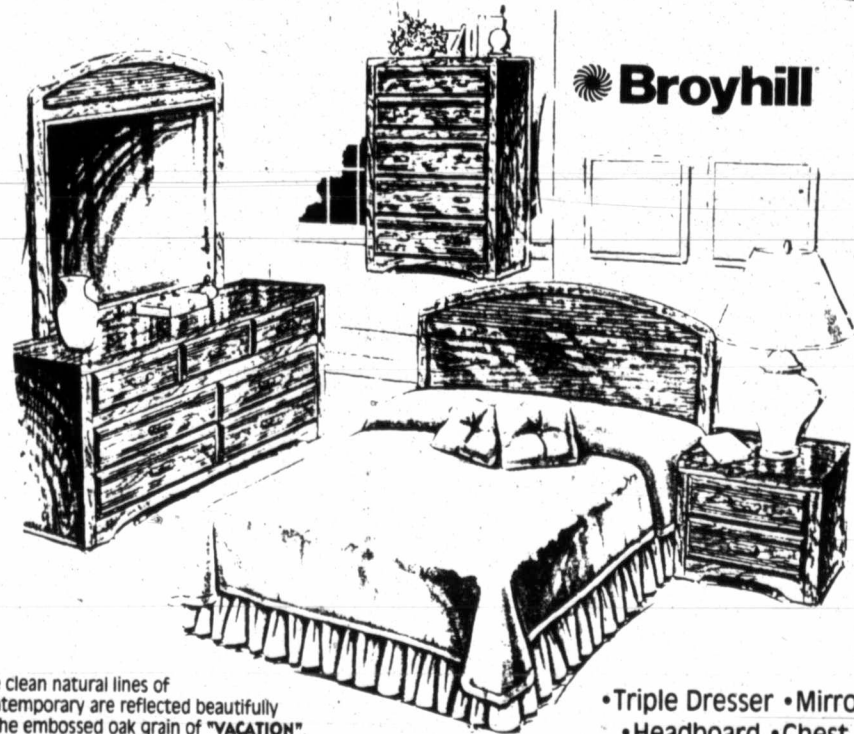


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