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# THE PAMPA NEWS

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## Good Morning

### AREA

**PAMPA** — In recognition of Texas Archeology Awareness Week, the Gray County Historical Commission, in conjunction with the Texas Historical Commission, is distributing materials which can be used in the schools and for programs.

These materials include book-marks; booklets about artifacts, a career as an archeologist, Indians and the plants they used; an archeological time line; pamphlets; a coloring book on Native Americans and a teacher's resource guide.

The materials will be available at the slide program on the Texas Capitol and restoration to be presented by Dr. Bill Green, history curator of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, at 2:30 p.m. today in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. The program is open to the public.

**CANADIAN** — Gladene Woodside is the first woman ever to be named Firefighter of the Year in Canadian.

A member of the Canadian Volunteer Fire Department since Nov. 13, 1991, Woodside was named Firefighter of the Year at the annual Firemen's Banquet on March 11, in Canadian.

According to Canadian Fire Marshal Dale Forrest, Woodside made 59 percent of the fire department's calls and had 100.5 hours of training last year.

He also commended her for her attitude, willingness to work on equipment and participation in departmental functions.

**HOOVER** — Farm to Market Road 2391 at Hoover in Gray County will be closed Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The closing is due to work on the railroad tracks being conducted by Santa Fe Railway, according to Tonya DeHoyos Dettan of the Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Those who generally use the road are asked to find alternative routes during the time of the work.

### WORLD

**LONDON (AP)** — A Beatles song will get its first release as a single on Monday, more than 30 years after the Fab Four recorded it, EMI Records announced.

"Baby It's You," with the late John Lennon as lead singer, was released just before Christmas as part of the album *The Beatles Live at the BBC*, which sold more than 5 million copies worldwide.

EMI Records said the band recorded a version of the hit by the U.S. group The Shirelles. The Beatles broke up in 1970, and Lennon was shot dead in 1980 outside his Upper West Side apartment in New York.

The record company said there will be three other unreleased tracks on the EMI-Apple single, taken from Beatles' radio recordings.

Last week, former Beatle Paul McCartney said in New York that a vintage Lennon vocal, "Free as a Bird," refitted with music from the rest of the band, is one of several new tracks due out later this year from the three surviving members.

**KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)** — Five armed men who seized an Ethiopian jetliner surrendered Saturday, freeing dozens of hostages and ending a 24-hour standoff after Sudan promised to help them seek asylum in Sweden, Sudan's official news agency reported.

The hijackers took over the Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 737 during a domestic flight Friday in Ethiopia and diverted it to Al Obeid, about 300 miles west of Khartoum, the Sudanese capital.

# Skinner convicted of murders

By JEFF CARRUTH  
Staff Writer

FORT WORTH — Jurors on Saturday found Henry Watkins Skinner guilty of capital murder for the 1993 New Year's Eve slaying of a Pampa woman and her two sons.

Skinner, a 32-year-old Virginia native, could now face the death penalty for the beating death of Twila Busby, 40, and for the stabbing deaths of Randolph "Randy" Busby Jr., 20, and Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22.

The six-man, six-woman jury deliberated just over three hours beginning at 1:15 p.m. Saturday.

Skinner showed little emotion when Judge M. Kent Sims announced the guilty verdict.

Two jurors wiped tears from their eyes when the verdict was read.

Prosecutors John Mann and Tracy Blades and defense attorneys Kenneth Fields and Harold Comer, all of Pampa, are still under a gag order and made no comment.

Jurors will spend Sunday sequestered in a Fort Worth hotel before returning to the Tarrant County Justice Center on Monday to find a punishment for Skinner. The punishment phase is expected to begin at 10 a.m. Monday.

A capital murder conviction carries a sentence of life in prison or death by lethal injection.



Henry Watkins Skinner, right, seen here exiting a Pampa courtroom during a pre-trial motion hearing earlier this year, was convicted Saturday of three murders by a Fort Worth jury. Accompanying Skinner in this file photo is Gray County Deputy Rob Goodin, left.

District Attorney John Mann began closing arguments by telling jurors the physical evidence proved Skinner was guilty, and that the defendant had the opportunity and capacity to commit the three murders.

Mann began his 35-minute closing argument by showing photos of the crime scene and victims' bodies. Jurors viewed the gruesome scene on two, color, 23-inch television monitors placed at both ends of the jury box.

Mann recounted testimony given by Pampa police who first entered the Henry Street crime scene. He described how investigators found the three bodies and bloody palm prints linked to Skinner in Twila Busby's house.

"Because of the blood, we know he was there, and we know where we was and where he went out," Mann said.

DNA found in the blood on clothing worn by Skinner was that of Twila Busby and Caler according to

tests performed by state investigators, Mann said, recalling the testimony of two DNA experts — Meghan Clement of the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office and Department of Public Safety serologist Gary Stallings.

Both sides continued to wrangle in their closing statements over how Skinner was affected by alcohol and cocaine found in his body on the night of the murders.

Defense lawyers Comer and Fields raised the issue Thursday and Friday with their expert witness, Dr. William Lowry, a toxicologist from Arlington.

Lowry said Skinner was in a stupor caused by the chemicals at the time of the murders and did not have the capacity to carry out the beatings and stabbings.

Lowry based his analysis on the levels of alcohol and cocaine found in Skinner five hours after the murders by a hospital blood work results.

Mann attacked the theory and pointed to testimony that the defendant had a 10-year history of alcohol abuse.

Mann argued that Skinner had built a tolerance to alcohol and could function at the levels found in his system. He cited an incident on the night of the murders when the defendant told investigators of a typographical error on hospital paperwork.

"If (Skinner) was in a stupor, there would have been more prints ... and he would not have had enough coordination to get to all those places," Mann said, referring to where prints were found in the house.

The prosecution argued that when

Skinner said "Is that all?" — as police arrested him early on Jan. 1, 1994 for two previous warrants — also showed that the defendant was coherent.

Fields and Comer in their joint closing statement said there was a reasonable doubt because investigators had not examined other leads in the case.

Blood found on the front door and front porch of Busby's home that investigators did not test could have led to another suspect, Comer argued. "The state ignored evidence that would have exonerated the defendant," he said.

Comer said the state's failure to test blood and hair on a knife and ax handle found at the scene defeated the state's case.

"The most telling evidence" was in a plastic bag in the living room con-

taining another knife that wasn't investigated by police, Comer said.

In his rebuttal closing argument, Mann said state investigators in Pampa were provided with more evidence than is normally obtained in murder cases. Mann also argued that defense witness Lowry was biased because he was a paid consultant.

Jurors received the charge at noon and began deliberations after a lunch break at 1:15.

Jurors requested a list of numbered evidence and a tape player after an hour and a half of deliberations. Judge Sims refused the request because all evidence was available to the jury.

The case, which shocked Pampa residents and gained statewide attention, was moved to Fort Worth on a change of venue.

## Dole's stance troubles civil rights groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ordering hearings and giving speeches, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole is leading his party's push to reconsider affirmative action. Civil rights groups say they are troubled by the fighting words from a soon-to-be presidential candidate who has always been an ally.

Dole earlier this week suggested that after nearly 30 years of affirmative action laws "the race-counting game has gone too far." But he said Friday his comments don't mean his position is shifting.

"I'm proud of my civil rights record and I have never shied away from it," he said, reciting a list of laws he has supported over the years.

"However my past record on civil rights does not, and should not, disqualify me from raising legitimate questions about the continuing effectiveness of affirmative action — particularly when the affirmative-action label is used to describe quotas, set-asides and other preferences."

As the 1996 presidential race begins to take shape, affirmative action is a key theme. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, has said that as president he would issue an executive order eliminating federal hiring and contract practices based solely on race or gender. And President Clinton is reviewing affirmative action programs.

"Presidential politics will probably play an increasing role in the positioning of certain people when it comes to this issue," Senate Minority Leader Tom



Sen. Bob Dole

Daschle said Friday.

Civil-rights groups are hesitant to criticize Dole, a man who has helped them in the past. But they remain concerned.

"Senator Dole's apparent change of heart on the need for affirmative action programs is troubling," said Wade Henderson, head of the NAACP's Washington bureau and the organization's chief national lobbyist.

"Surely the senator who gave the nation the Glass Ceiling Commission would not now turn a blind eye to the evidence that suggests affirmative action is still necessary," Henderson said. He referred to the commission formed in 1991 to

assess the progress of women and minorities in the workplace.

This week, issuing its first report, that group said, "Progress has been disappointingly slow."

Ralph Neas, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, said Dole had "played a constructive role" in many of the two dozen civil-rights laws passed during the Reagan and Bush administrations — from the 1982 extension of the Voting Rights Act to the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

"We have many times applauded these contributions," he said.

He especially noted that Dole opposed an attempt in the Reagan administration to gut the Nixon administration executive order that is central to affirmative action.

Under that order, if an employer receiving federal funds determines he has too few women and minorities, he must set goals and timetables and make a good-faith effort to meet them.

Dole opposed the move that would have made setting those goals and timetables voluntary, Neas said.

Neas said he was surprised, therefore, that in his speech Wednesday, the Republican leader criticized the goals and timetables language.

Dole said he expected hearings on affirmative action to "demonstrate that there are other, more equitable ways to expand opportunity, without resorting to policies that grant preferences to individuals simply because they happen to be members of certain groups."

## Zedillo takes risk with his unpopular austerity plan

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Ernesto Zedillo is taking a big gamble with his new austerity plan.

He's betting that the measures, which include a 50 percent sales tax hike, will stabilize the economy before they could spark widespread unrest.

But business, labor, the public, and even politicians from his own party are already angry at the severe measures, and social tensions are rising. More protests like those that took place last week are likely.

"Ernesto Zedillo, his closest collaborators and the lawmakers who only represent the president ... could be making another mistake," columnist Daniel Cazes warned Saturday in the Mexico City daily *La Jornada*.

"Or they could be tricking us once again," he added, referring to government assurances about the economy before the peso began its slide in December, plunging the country into crisis.

The plan, unveiled Mar. 9, calls for a 50 percent increase in the sales tax, substantial hikes in the prices of gasoline and electricity, and a 10 percent limit on how much the minimum wage can rise — even though the government forecasts inflation this year of 42 percent.

Zedillo has conceded the plan would be exceedingly painful for his 90 million compatriots. But he insists the tough measures are necessary to stabilize the economy, which has been in chaos since Dec. 20.

"The social unrest is caused by the economic crisis, but if we do not apply these measures, the social costs will be much worse," he told The Associated Press in an interview Friday.

His message hasn't convinced many. The ruling party-dominated Congress, which usually follows the president, held an extraordinary five minutes of silence Friday to mark the "tragedy" of the economic debacle.

Only after 10 hours of rancorous debate did the Chamber of Deputies approve the austerity plan late Friday. The Senate was voting on the plan on Saturday.

While the deputies' vote was 290-173, there was unprecedented dissent from within the Institutional Revolutionary Party, known as the PRI, which has governed Mexico since the 1920s.

Opposition lawmakers allied with some PRI members denounced the new 15 percent sales tax. Congressman Alejandro Rojas Duran-Diaz took an unprecedented step for a PRI lawmaker — he joined the opposition in voting against the plan.



# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**HAGERMAN**, Sheila Renae — 11 a.m., Salem Lutheran Church at Center, rural Salem, S.D.  
**HARDIN**, Warren Dean — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Childress.  
**MAYER**, Ethel Lea — 10 a.m., Grace Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**QUARLES**, Bonnie Lee — 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

## Obituaries

**GLADYS GRIFFIN**  
**AMARILLO** — Gladys "Tice" Griffin, 57, of Pampa, died Saturday, March 18, 1995 in Amarillo. Services will be private and Mrs. Griffin's body will not be available for viewing. Burial will be under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home of Amarillo.  
 Mrs. Griffin was a native of Pampa. She lived in Carson City, Calif., for a time before returning to Pampa in February 1994. She married Bobby Griffin. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Griffin, in 1991.  
 Survivors include a son, Richard Mills of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters, Donna Binney of Fort Worth and Marsha Mills of Pampa; four brothers, Woodrow Tice and Milton Roy Tice, both of Pampa, and Bonnie Tice and Ralph Tice, both of Skellytown; three sisters, Lorene Tice of Pampa, and Pauline Ware and Alice Hassler, both of Amarillo; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Optimist Youth Club of Pampa.

**WARREN DEAN HARDIN**  
**CHILDRESS** — Warren Dean Hardin, 70, died Saturday, March 18, 1995. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church in Childress with John Glover, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in the Childress Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home of Childress.

Mr. Hardin was born Feb. 8, 1925 in Kirkland, Texas, the son of Joe and Viva Hardin, a pioneer family. He married Sue McCullough of Kirkland in 1942. He moved with his family to Pampa in 1956, where he remained until February 1994. He worked as a car salesman for Tom Rose Motors and Knowles Oldsmobile and Cadillac until March 1992. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa and served as a deacon for 36 years.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Dean, in 1989.  
 Survivors include his wife, Sue, of Amarillo; a daughter, Jenny Cox of Amarillo; a brother, Don Hardin of Cleburne; and four grandchildren, Ty Cox, Teela Cox and Stephanie Hardin, all of Amarillo, and Joseph Hardin of Killeen.

**SHEILA RENAE HAGERMAN**  
**HARRISBURG, S.D.** — Sheila Renae Hagerman, 34, of Harrisburg, daughter-in-law of Pampa, Texas residents, died Thursday, March 16, 1995 in Sioux Falls, S.D. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Salem Lutheran Church at Center in rural Salem, S.D., under the direction of George Boom Funeral Home. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be in Salem Lutheran Cemetery.

Mrs. Hagerman was born Oct. 25, 1960 in Sioux Falls, S.D. She grew up in the rural areas of Orland and Madison, where she graduated from high school in 1978. She received an elementary education degree from Dakota State College and taught fifth grade in Dupree, S.D., for two years. She married Billy Jay Hagerman on Dec. 17, 1983 in Dupree. They moved to Sioux Falls and later to Harrisburg. She had taught pre-school at the Apple Tree Children's Center for the past five years. She was a member of Shalom Lutheran Church at Harrisburg.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Jay Hagerman, of the home; two sons, Adam Hagerman and Travis Hagerman, both of Harrisburg; her parents, John and Elaine Barrick of rural Madison, S.D.; five brothers, Dennis Barrick, Ron Barrick and Bruce Barrick, all of Madison, S.D.; Roger Barrick of Armour, S.D.; and Steve Barrick of Auburn, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Ken (Kathy) Harwick of Madison, Minn.; and Brenda Barrick of Clara City, Minn.; her grandparents, Louise Culp of Madison, S.D.; her father- and mother-in-law, Bill and Freda Hagerman of Pampa, Texas; her brothers- and sisters-in-law, Rick and Carla Hagerman of Lexington, Ky.; Mark and Tina Hagerman of Pampa, Kim and Paul Davis of Tulsa, Okla.; and Joni and Mark Young of Brownwood, Texas; and her grandparents-in-law, Ellen Hagerman of Weatherford, Texas, and Sarah Hernandez of Pampa.

**ETHEL LEA MAYER**  
 Ethel Lea Mayer, 66, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 16, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Grace Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Coffman, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Mayer was born June 25, 1928 in Bluffton, Ark. She married Price Harrison on Sept. 10, 1959 in Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1978. She later married Earl Mayer in Pampa in 1981. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church.  
 She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Paula Harrison, on Oct. 16, 1994, and two brothers, Orgil Blagg in 1981 and Keith Blagg in 1991; and a sister, Mary Brandenburg, in 1968.

Survivors include her husband, Earl, of the home; three sons, Larry Guy Flippo of Cheyenne, Wyo., Richard K. Flippo of La Porte and Danny D. Harrison of Amarillo; a stepson, Bob Mayer of Pampa; a daughter, Pam G. Knight of Amarillo; three stepdaughters, Betty Bird and Judy Robertson, both of Pampa, and Barbara Watson of Grand Prairie; a brother, Willie Blagg of Sheridan; two sisters, Jean McCarty and Molly Martin, both of Sheridan; and seven grandchildren.

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident in the 32-hour period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.  
**SATURDAY, March 18**  
 A driving under the influence incident was reported at U.S. 60 and Gray 14.

## Obituaries

**BONNIE LEE QUARLES**  
 Bonnie Lee Quarles, 72, of Pampa, died Friday, March 17, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. J.C. Burt, interim pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.  
 Mrs. Quarles was born May 29, 1922 in Atoka, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa for 50 years, moving from McLean. She married David Eugene Quarles on Nov. 15, 1938 in McLean. She worked as a beautician in the Pampa area until she retired in 1992. She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, David Eugene Quarles, in 1960; a brother, Jack Campbell, and a sister, Nettie Bryant.  
 Survivors include two sons, Jerry Dee Quarles and Ricky Gene Quarles, both of Pampa; three sisters, Amanda Parks and Ciorine Mayberry, both of Pampa, and Kathern Johnson of Stinnett; a brother, Robert Campbell of Klamath Falls, Ore.; six grandsons; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1121 Neel Road in Pampa.  
**GAGE THOMAS THURMOND**  
**BORGER** — Gage Thomas Thurmond, infant son of Paul Thurmond and Donnetta Henderson, both of Borger, died Wednesday, March 15, 1995.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Saturday in Westlawn Memorial Park with the Rev. Elmer Munnholland, assistant pastor at First Baptist Church of Fritch, officiating. Arrangements were by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.  
 Survivors include his parents, grandparents, James and Barbara Henderson of Amarillo and James and Pam Thurmond of Skellytown; and great-grandparents, J.C. and Mary Henderson of Borger and Leroy Denny of Andrews.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest in the 32-hour period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

**FRIDAY, March 17**  
 Curtis Ferrel Heard, 42, reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The incident reportedly happened between Tuesday and Thursday.

**SATURDAY, March 18**  
 Lone Star Used Cars, 1105 W. Wilks, reported burglary of a motor vehicle between 6:30 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Pampa Equipment, 811 W. Wilks, reported burglary of a building between 7 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday.  
 Top of Texas Used Cars, 503 E. Atchison, reported criminal mischief between 3 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday.

Doug Boyd Used Cars, 821 W. Wilks, reported criminal mischief between 6 p.m. Friday and 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

April Cathleen Gomez, 19, reported criminal mischief in the 200 block of N. Wynne.

Christin Lynn Heldenhead, 24, 116 Naida, reported a burglary between 8 p.m. and midnight Friday.

Eric Driggers, 65, of 934 E. Francis, reported found property about 3 p.m. in the alley of the 900 block of E. Francis.  
 Rosala Arzola, 40, 615 S. Barnes, reported criminal mischief about 1:30 p.m.

**Arrest**  
**SATURDAY, March 18**  
 Oaty Rodrick McCain, 65, was arrested about 1 p.m. Saturday in the 1300 block of West Gwendolen in connection with driving under the influence.

## Calendar of events

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
 Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, in the Pampa Masonic Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill, for a stated meeting. Past matrons and past patrons will be honored. Anyone needing transportation may call 665-2665.

**GRAY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION PRESENTS SLIDE SHOW**  
 The Gray County Historical Commission will present a slide program by Dr. Bill Green, Panhandle-Plains Museum curator, on the Texas Capitol and restoration, at 2:30 p.m. today in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

**PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING**  
 Pampa Retired Teachers will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, March 20, at the Senior Citizens Center. Tim Powers, principal of Pampa Middle School will speak on new programs at the school.

**T.O.P.S. #149**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

**12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP**  
 A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 669-7403 or write SIA, P.O. Box 119, Pampa, 79066-0119.

**12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP**  
 A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse plans to meet at 7 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 883-2097 or write SIA, P.O. Box 903, White Deer, 79097.

**T.O.P.S. #41**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

## Hospital

<b>CORONADO HOSPITAL</b>	Sammy Grand of Fritch, a boy.
<b>Admissions</b>	<b>Dismissals</b>
<b>Pampa</b>	<b>Pampa</b>
Rosa I. Cervantes	Harold T. Beckham
Nancy R. Thomas	Gretta L. Jean and baby boy
<b>Fritch</b>	<b>Miami</b>
Louise A. Orand	Verda L. Burnett (to extended care)
<b>Miami</b>	Verda L. Burnett
Verda L. Burnett (extended care)	<b>Skellytown</b>
<b>Whitdeer</b>	Annie L. Henson
William K. Mesneak	<b>SHAMROCK HOSPITAL</b>
<b>Births</b>	<b>Admissions</b>
To Ms. Rosa Cervantes of Pampa, a boy.	<b>Lela</b>
To Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCarn of Pampa, a boy.	Richard Dane
To Mr. and Mrs.	<b>Dismissals</b>
	Shamrock
	Minnie Walraven
	Mary Campbell

## Wilson suspends endangered species act

**SALINAS, Calif. (AP)** — Gov. Pete Wilson toured flood-ravaged farmland Saturday and temporarily suspended the endangered species act in disaster areas to help in the cleanup.

Wilson flew in a helicopter over the Salinas Valley — the nation's so-called salad bowl — and viewed wide swaths of dun-colored, silt-drenched farms.

He later met with angry farmers who claim environmental laws have contributed to the devastation.  
 "As Californians start their rebuilding efforts, it is important that state rules and regulations not stand in their way," the Republican said.

By temporarily suspending the state's endangered species act, farmers and residents will be able to clean up and restore their property without getting bogged down by permits, spokesman Sean Walsh said.

Wilson already has temporarily waived air-pollution laws to allow

farmers and others to burn fallen timber, rotted produce and other debris.

Farmers said an Army Corps of Engineers prohibition against deepening channels, a failure to maintain levees, and laws protecting wildlife habitat helped push rivers over their banks.

Farmer Tom Merrill told Wilson that growers "expect to lose crops from time to time from the weather. But this time we're losing the land. I don't know if it can ever be reclaimed."

Fifty-three of the state's 58 counties have been declared state or local disaster areas; 49 have been declared federal disaster areas, making residents eligible for federal aid.

The flooding crumbled levees, collapsed highways and caused more than \$360 million in crop losses alone — mostly lettuce, strawberries and broccoli.

Fifteen people died during a week

of rain that ended Wednesday after dropping more than 10 inches on some parts of the state. Damages are still being tallied, but could reach \$2 billion.

Elsewhere on Saturday, traffic began flowing along California's main north-south artery again when workers finished replacing a washed-out bridge with a span of 12 flatbed rail cars welded and clamped together.

"California can now get back on the road," state transportation director James van Loben Sels said. "This goes to show that water and earth can break it, but we can come back."

The temporary bridge, supported by steel piling, was expected to withstand any further flooding, project overseer Heigo Orva said.

The Interstate 5 bridge washed out March 10, tossing four cars into a churning creek and killing seven people.

## Bulgarian choir entertains Pampa audience

By **BILL HALEY**  
 Guest Reviewer

The Pampa Community Concert Association hosted the Bulgarian Children's Choir last week under the direction of Professor Hristo Nedyalkov at M.K. Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Although from my seat in the auditorium the choir appeared to be 100 percent girls, there were both girls and boys on stage. Whatever the composition, the group performed magnificently.

With Nedyalkov directing the 40-member choir, the piano accompanist was Theodara Dimitrova.

The evening opened with Mozart's "Regina Coeli"

(Queen of Heaven) in three voices — soprano, alto and tenor. In this presentation, the voices were perfect, both in style and togetherness.

Following was "Now Is the Month of Maying." What is "maying"? Maying is playing, dancing, etc., in the month of May.

The third and fourth entries moved the program's progress immensely.

The remainder of the first half of the program included the famous "Serenade" by Franz Schubert and "Panis Angelicus" (Bread of Angels) which honors the Holy Eucharist.

Closing the first half were works by lesser composers Rubin, Shainsky and Redding.

The second half was devoted to other works presumably by Bulgarian composers. Names listed were Kalarov, Manolov, Hristov, Kostov and Tanev.

The program was beautiful and attention-getting. Thanks to the Community Concert for bringing it to Pampa.

## Crime of the Week

Two burglaries and a robbery are grouped together for the crime of the week by Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stoppers is wanting information on the following crimes:

- The burglary that occurred on Dec. 16, 1994 at Hall's Auto Sound, 700 W. Foster.
- The burglary that occurred on Jan. 4, 1995 at Curtis Mathes Home Entertainment, 2211 Perryton Parkway.
- The robbery that occurred on Feb. 13, 1995 at the Pampa Branch of the Amarillo Federal Credit Union, 1064 N. Hobart.

Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers wants any information you might have that leads to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for these crimes or any other felony crime and narcotics trafficking.

Crime Stoppers tipsters remain anonymous and are eligible to collect up to \$1,000 cash reward by calling 669-2222.

## Fires

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

**FRIDAY, March 17**  
 6:21 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assistance call at 312 N. Nelson.  
 9:22 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a report of a natural gas leak at 317 Buckler.  
 10:14 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assistance call at 2238 Evergreen.

**SATURDAY, March 18**  
 7:47 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a smoke scare at Furr's Cafeteria in Coronado Center.  
 9:20 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a medical assistance call at 2507 Fire.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny and warm today, with a high in the middle 80s and southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Clear tonight with a low in the middle 40s. Variable cloudiness Monday with a high in the middle 70s and a chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms. Saturday's high was 78.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle and South Plains: Today, mostly sunny. Highs in mid to upper 80s. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 40s. Monday, mostly sunny and cooler. Highs 75-80.

North Texas — Today, partly cloudy and very warm. Windy west and central. Highs 84 to 89. Tonight, partly cloudy, a slight chance of thunderstorms north. Lows 56 to 61. Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms central and east. Highs 77 to 82.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Today, partly cloudy and warm. Highs in the 80s. Tonight, partly cloudy west, becoming mostly cloudy with areas of fog developing toward morning east. Lows from mid 50s Hill Country to low 60s South Central. Monday, mostly sunny west, partly cloudy east. Highs in the 80s to near 90. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, mostly sunny west, partly cloudy east. Highs from upper 80s inland west to mid 70s coast. Tonight, fair west, partly cloudy with patchy dense fog developing Coastal Bend. Lows in low to mid 60s. Monday, sunny west, partly cloudy east. Highs from upper 80s to near 90 inland west to upper 70s coast. Upper Coast: Today, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 70s to low 80s inland, mid 70s at the coast. Tonight, fair. Lows in upper 50s to near 60 inland, low to mid 60s at the coast. Monday, partly cloudy with a

slight chance of showers. High in upper 70s to near 80 inland, low to mid 70s at the coast.

### BORDER STATES

Oklahoma — Today, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 70s to mid 80s. Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms in southeast Oklahoma. Lows in upper 40s to mid 50s. Monday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms southeast Oklahoma. Highs in upper 60s to mid 70s.

New Mexico — Today and tonight, partly cloudy and warm statewide with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms all but the eastern plains. Highs in the 50s to mid 60s mountains and northwest with upper 60s to mid 80s elsewhere. Lows in the mid 20s and 30s mountains with upper 30s and 40s lower elevations. Monday, mostly sunny and mild. Highs in mid 50s and 60s mountains and northwest with 70s to mid 80s elsewhere.

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(AP photo)

**Spanish Princess Elena waves to wellwishers with her husband Jaime de Marichalar after their wedding Saturday in Seville's cathedral.**

**Spain celebrates royal wedding**

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) — Princess Elena said "I do" inside a cathedral packed with royalty, and a roaring cry of "Long live the bride and groom!" rose from the ordinary thousands waiting outside as Spain celebrated its first royal wedding in 89 years Saturday.

"This is much better than the Pope's visit," said one well-wisher, 43-year-old homemaker Maria Dolores Espinosa, referring to John Paul II's 1993 stop in Seville. "It's much more joyful. We Sevillanos have gone all out for our princess, the prettiest in Spain."

The 31-year-old daughter of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia exchanged vows with Jaime de Marichalar y Saenz de Tejada, a banker eight months her junior. The 90-minute Roman Catholic ceremony was orchestrated to show off the proud position the restored Bourbon monarchy has carved out for itself in modern Spain.

Television cameras perched high above the altar of Europe's third-largest cathedral zoomed in to close-ups of Elena as she knelt next to her groom, wearing an ivory silk organza dress with a heavily embroidered bodice.

The princess, the second of three children, exchanged glances and comments with her mother, who was dressed in a sky blue silk chiffon dress, a single strand of pearls and a traditional Spanish black mantilla with tortoise-shell comb.

Sofia and Juan Carlos, who wore an army dress uniform, sat a few yards from the couple to the left of the high altar in red plush and gilt chairs.

Elena, her light brown hair braided under a chiffon veil, held back tears as her groom accompanied her out of the cathedral 90 minutes later to climb into an 18th-century horse-drawn carriage.

The couple waved to cheering crowds as the carriage drove them across town to the Church of El Salvador, where the couple prayed to the accompaniment of traditional Andalusian music. Elena left her wedding bouquet at the tomb of her great grandparents, Prince Carlos of Bourbon and Princess Luisa Francisca of Orleans.

Next stop was a wedding luncheon for 1,300 guests, including government officials, trade union leaders and members of nearly all of Europe's royal families.

**Van plows into French Quarter crowd; one dead**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The driver was drunk when a beer van lurched into a Bourbon Street crowd during a St. Patrick's Day parade, killing a Houston woman and injuring 38 people, mostly tourists, police said Saturday.

"It was bouncing and rolling over people. It happened so fast you couldn't react," Michael Foto of New Orleans said.

Five people remained hospitalized Saturday. Nita Malone, 31, died in Charity Hospital soon after the van lurched around a corner, stopped, then accelerated into the crowd about 10:30 p.m. Friday, trapping her and two others underneath.

Her sister Melissa Malone, 23, of Houston, was among 33 people who suffered minor injuries; five others remained hospitalized Saturday.

Most, if not all, of the 38 injured were from out of town, Police Sgt. Cynthia Patterson said.

Wilfred A. Rome Jr., 63, of Chalmette was booked Saturday

with one count of vehicular homicide — killing someone while driving drunk — and 38 of vehicular negligent injury, Sgt. Cynthia Patterson said.

Vehicular homicide carries a mandatory prison term of two to 15 years and vehicular negligent injury is a misdemeanor with a maximum punishment of six months, for a potential total of up to 34 years.

"He could end his life in jail, when you add up the possible sentences," Patterson said.

The van bore a beer logo and a local distributor's name. However, Patterson did not know if the distributor owned the van or employed Rome. Nobody answered its phone Saturday.

Patterson did not know just how much alcohol was in Rome's blood, but it was over the .01 percent level required as legal proof of intoxication, she said. His bond had not yet been set Saturday.

The accident occurred four blocks from the end of a 4-mile parade route

from the Bywater neighborhood and into and through the French Quarter. One minute, a happy crowd was pushing up to marchers, cars and vans, grabbing for trinkets. The next, the van was out of control.

One of the people trapped with Malone, also a woman, was listed in serious condition with a broken pelvis. The third apparently escaped unhurt, Patterson said.

"Most of the injuries were either bruises or burns from being rolled over and hit by the exhaust," Patterson said. "A lot of people were rolled over but not really hurt. They had tire marks on them but were only bruised."

Some were trampled by other people running away, she said.

Those who escaped harm lined up at the French Quarter police precinct to give statements.

It happened at the intersection in front of the Royal Sonesta Hotel, on a strip of Bourbon Street full of bars. Bourbon Street is usually blocked

to traffic, jammed with drinking pedestrians. The barricades came down for Friday's small parade, and the cars and vans of people throwing beads wound through the French Quarter crowds.

The street was jammed, but there was no problem because the parade moved so slowly, Tricia Burke of New York City said. The front of the parade turned onto Bourbon Street and moved on but the truck fell behind, creating a gap at the intersection, she said.

The van lurched around the corner, nearly throwing off a man who was throwing beads from its roof, she said. Then it lurched again. He fell. The van plowed nearly 35 yards through the crowd, Foto said.

Hank Hinricks, who was with Foto, said the van started backing up and he jumped up to the cab and told the driver to turn off the ignition.

Foto said the passenger, a woman, told him she did not know why it had accelerated.

**Something smells rotten here**

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Some came with peeling rubber soles. Others had toes sticking out of frayed canvas with ragged laces, or no laces at all.

They all, however, shared one trait — a stench.

"These shoes stink!!" said 8-year-old Ivy LeGrand, holding one battered black high-top up for closer inspection. "The cat peed in them."

The smelliest, oldest sneakers from around the country were on display Saturday for the 20th annual rotten sneaker contest.

As six judges in white coats poked, prodded and sniffed the pungent parade of footwear, contestants explained the secrets of success.

"We're able to pass the sneakers on, so they go through more than one generation," said Jim Lynch,

whose two sons competed.

Also on hand as a judge was a fat brown-and-white skunk named Flower. The skunk, a descendent former pet now owned by a wildlife rescue organization, inspected each offering with a twitching nose.

"The skunk is worse, but with some of these shoes it's a fine line," said Carol Winfield, Flower's handler.

Eight-year-old Michael Moore of White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico won the grand prize and took home a \$500 savings bond, a trophy almost as tall as himself, new sneakers, and a year's supply of Odor-Eaters, which sponsors the contest.



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To the family of Derrick Ryan,  
 My name is Jerod Pingelton. I was Derrick's roommate at South Plains College our last year there. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, I cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I'm sure words cannot ease the pain you must feel right now. I'm sorry I could not attend Derrick's service. I know there were probably many people there, as Derrick was liked by everyone who knew him. I just wanted to write and let you know what Derrick meant to me.  
 I can honestly say Derrick was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was always smiling and laughing. Derrick was a great comfort to me many times when things were not going so good. Derrick was my third roommate at SPC. And he was a great roommate. We got to know each other very well. He called me "J" and I called him "D". We took turns helping our handicapped roommate, Bobby, take showers. You see Bobby had Muscular Dystrophy and was confined to a wheelchair. He could not bend his legs to stand in the shower. I remember Derrick bending down and with his big, muscular arms lifting Bobby from his chair and setting him in another chair in the shower. When Bobby was finished, he would dry off and Derrick would set him back in his chair. Derrick never complained about doing things like this. He was glad to help others.  
 I can still remember walking into our dorm and hearing Derrick all the way down the hall. He was always laughing. Many nights D and I got into trouble because our dorm mother would hear us laughing and carrying on all the way down the hall in her room. We had a lot of fun together.  
 Derrick worked very hard on his school work. He worked for weeks on a paper in a statistics class one time. And once again I could hear him coming down the hall yelling and laughing. He had gotten a B. And he was so proud. When other kids were going out drinking and to bars, Derrick stayed at the dorm to work on school work or just watch TV. I admired Derrick for being strong and sticking to his convictions, especially when there were times that I didn't stick to my own.  
 Derrick worked out every day. And when he wasn't working out he was in the gym playing ball. I should say he was schooling everyone in ball. That was another sign that Derrick wanted to be the best. And even if he couldn't be the best, he was going to try. There are so many things about Derrick I admired.  
 Most of all, Derrick was my friend. Friends like him do not come along very often and I'm going to miss him so much. But I did not just lose a good friend. The Ryan family has not just lost a good son, brother, nephew, or grandson. The world has lost a great man, one who definitely made this a better world to be in or at least Derrick would make you feel a little better about it. I know this letter isn't much. And there is no way I could put everything good and everything I feel about D into words. But I thought you might like to know there are others who loved Derrick, very very much.  
 Yours truly,  
 Jerod Pingelton

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Opinion

Reform should have real teeth

The colorful extravagance of the language mustered in opposition to a mild reform of the government school lunch program as part of the Contract with America suggests that the last ditch defenders of welfare as we know it are thoroughly intellectually bankrupt. Unfortunately, the Republicans pushing what amounts to a proposal to keep increasing the funds spent on this program aren't much better.

As the House Committee on Economic and Educational opportunities debated a plan to send the money now spent on school lunch programs to the states in the form of "block grants," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta predicted that the program would "take food out of the mouths of millions of needy school children, toddlers, infants and mothers."

Pretty heavy - and heady - stuff. But what does the bill - passed out of the House committee on a 23-17 party-line vote - actually propose?

The federal school lunch program, created in 1946, now subsidizes meals at school for 25 million children. The Republican proposal would consolidate several separate programs into a single block grant, the money to be sent on to the states, providing funds for both school lunch and breakfast programs. Funding for the grants will grow at 4.5 percent per year - well above what the inflation rate has been recently.

The grants would come with a few strings. At least 80 percent of the funds must be spent on low income children - the same ratio found in current nutrition programs. And no more than 2 percent of a state's share of a block grant could be spent on administration.

This hardly amounts to a revolution, let alone the end of the program. But as long as the Republicans were going to take all the heat and the scare anyway, they should have done something more dramatic.

Across the political and ideological spectrum, you find acknowledgment that the American social welfare system has been a disastrous failure. Since the beginning of the War on Poverty in 1965, the federal government has spent more than \$3.5 trillion trying to end poverty.

What we have received for that massive "investment" made on our behalf is mostly more poverty, along with increased illegitimacy, more long term dependency, weakening of families and the destruction of hope. And, as the Maryland NAACP recently concluded, "The ready access to a lifetime of welfare and free social service programs is a major contributory fact to the crime problems we face today."

Rather than block grants - which amount to the national government acting as extortionist on behalf of state governments - perhaps it is time to consider an end to the funding of welfare at the national level. The U.S. Constitution does not authorize, let alone require, nationalized funding of welfare programs.

States that wish to continue welfare programs could do so, but they would have to raise the money and be held accountable for its use.

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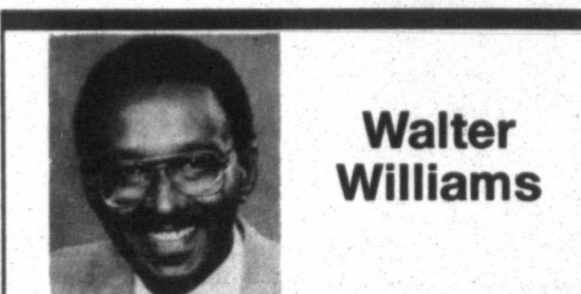
"As a freshman congressman, I am totally opposed to term limits. Hey, I'd like to be around long enough to become a PART OF THE PROBLEM."

Government vs. private concerns

While hosting for the vacationing Rush Limbaugh in December, I interviewed several distinguished guests. One of them was Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman. Friedman reminded us that one of the most serious problems confronting Americans is the disgraceful state of government education, particularly that received by black youths. The only way out, Friedman argued, is privatization.

Professor Friedman, one of history's greatest economists, has a way with examples that makes his arguments stand out in stark relief. He asked Rush's millions of listeners to compare services delivered by the U.S. Postal Service to those delivered by Federal Express and United Parcel Service. The conclusion: We're far more pleased with services provided by Federal Express and United Parcel Service. Plus, it's cheaper and better. Of course, the Postal Service will argue it can deliver first-class mail cheaper than anyone else. But just ask, if that's the case, why is it necessary for the Postal Service to have a law prohibiting others from competing with it?

The reason private carriers do a more pleasing job isn't because Federal Express and United Parcel workers are inherently better and more caring than government postal workers. It's all in the incentives. If Federal Express doesn't please enough of us, it's out of business. If U.S. Postal Service workers don't please us, they get higher budgets, higher pay and easier working conditions, and we pay higher postage.



Walter Williams

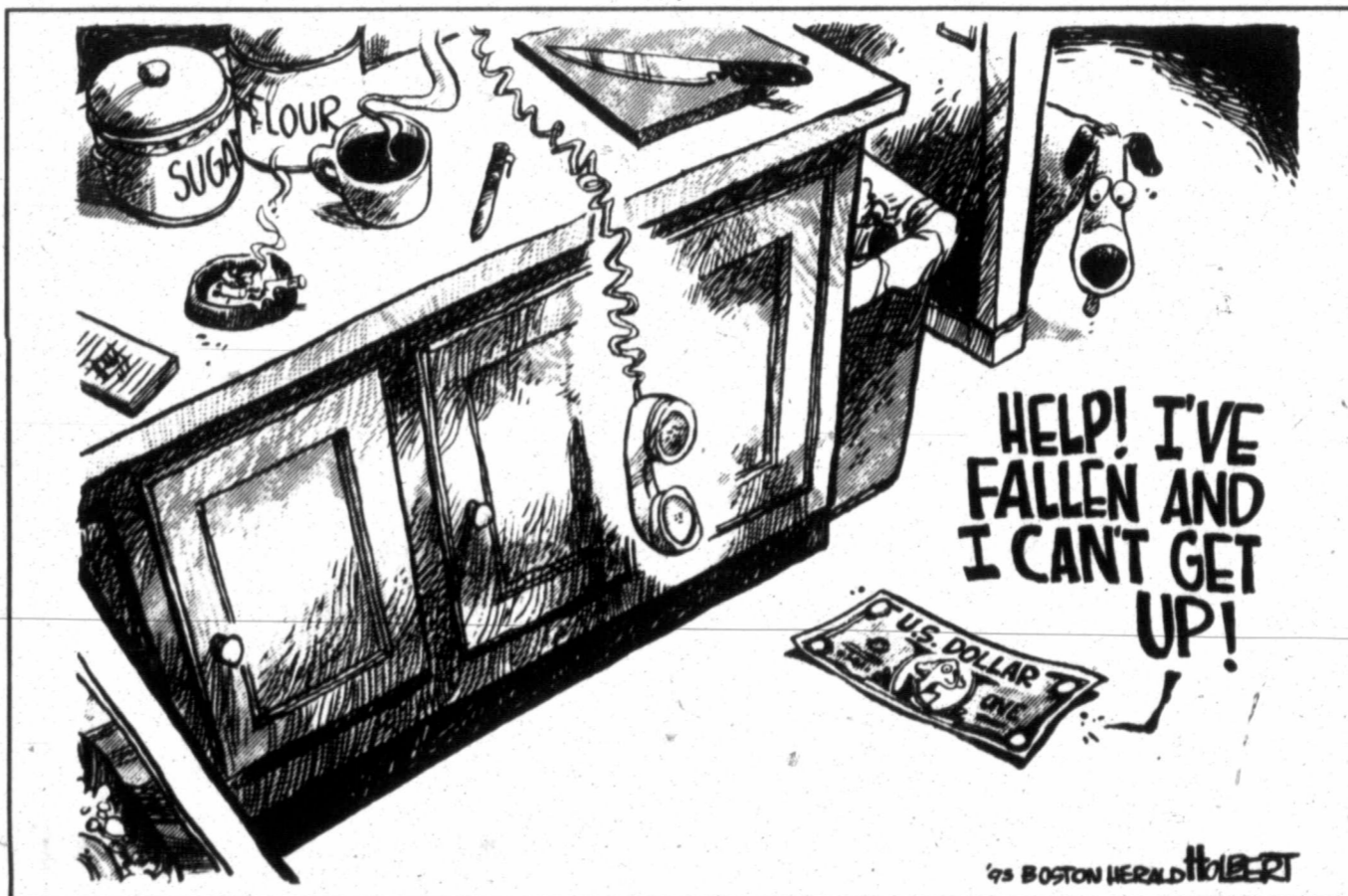
Identical analysis is applicable to private schools vs. government schools. Private black-owned-and-operated schools such as Ivy Leaf (Philadelphia), Marva Collins Preparatory School (in both Cincinnati and Chicago) and Marcus Garvey (Los Angeles) do a far superior job of educating low-income black kids than government schools in the same neighborhoods. In the wake of the education establishment's many excuses for why black kids are not being taught, private schools are successfully teaching. What's more, they're doing it today while the education establishment gives promises about what we'd get tomorrow if only we'd increase its budgets and raise its pay. Its tomorrow story has played for decades with no dawn in sight.

The education white kids receive is not that great, but the average American has no idea of the disgraceful fraud perpetrated against black students. Often, black kids, with high school diploma in hand,

cannot read a bus schedule, write a comprehensible paragraph or make the simplest of computations. This can't be blamed on poverty and racism unless an argument can be made on why poverty and racism exempt black kids who attend black private schools.

The answer is simple. Private schools must please parents, and they have the program flexibility to do so. Like the post office, government schools stay in business and get larger budgets whether parents are pleased or not. In fact, the poorer the job they do, the greater the resources put at their disposal. Black politicians, civil-rights organizations and the education establishment have delivered black youngsters into the educational equivalent of a Jonestown massacre. Their victims have been made virtually useless for the high-tech world of the 21st century. The tragic history of blacks has been that of no or few opportunities. Today, there are opportunities galore, but many black youngsters are ill-equipped to take advantage of them.

More black youngsters should have educational opportunities available at schools like Ivy Leaf and Marcus Garvey. That can be done by puffing education resources into the hands of parents instead of the educational establishment through vouchers, tuition tax credits or property tax rebates. The changed political scene at the state and local levels of government just may provide an opportunity to rescue black kids from the educational establishment's massacre.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 19, the 78th day of 1995. There are 287 days left in the year. This is the date the swallows traditionally return to the San Juan Capistrano Mission in California.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 19, 1920, the U.S. Senate rejected for the second time the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 49 in favor, 35 against, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

On this date:

In 1687, French explorer Robert Cavalier, sieur de La Salle - the first European to navigate the length of the Mississippi River - was murdered by mutineers in present-day Texas.

In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

In 1918, Congress approved Daylight-Saving Time.

In 1931, Nevada legalized gambling.

The source of what ails this nation

Politicians, as I have often said, are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Everything in the Republican contract is a problem created by Congress. Too much bureaucracy? Blame Congress. Too many rules? Blame Congress. Unjust tax laws? Congress wrote them. Out of control bureaucracy? Congress authorizes everything bureaucracies do. Americans dying in Third World rat holes on stupid U.N. missions? Congress allows it. The annual deficits? Congress votes for them. The \$4 trillion plus debt? Congress created it.

To put it in perspective, just remember that 100 percent of the power of the federal government comes from the U.S. Constitution. If it's not in the Constitution, it's not authorized.

Then read your Constitution. All 100 percent of the power of the federal government is invested solely in 545 individual human beings. That's all. Of 270 million Americans, only 545 of them wield 100 percent of the power of the federal government.

That's 435 members of the U.S. House, 100 Senators, one president and nine Supreme Court justices. Anything involving government that is wrong is 100 percent their fault. I exclude the vice president because constitutionally he has no power except to preside over the Senate and to vote only in the case of a tie. I exclude the Federal Reserve because Congress creat-

Charley Reese

ed it, and all its power is power Congress delegated to it and could withdraw any time it chooses to do so. In fact, all the power exercised by the 3 million or so other federal employees is power delegated from the 545.

All bureaucracies are created by Congress or by executive order of the president. All are funded and staffed by Congress. All enforce laws passed by Congress. All operate under procedures authorized by Congress. That's why all complaints and protests should be properly directed at Congress, not at the individual agencies.

You don't like the IRS? Go see Congress. You think the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is running amok? Go see Congress. Congress is the originator of all government problems and is also the only remedy available.

That's why, of course, politicians go to such extraordinary lengths and employ world-class sophistry to make you think they are not responsible. Any time a congressman pretends to be outraged by something a federal bureaucrat does, he is in fact engaging in one big massive con job. No federal employee can act at all except to enforce laws passed by Congress

and to employ procedures authorized by Congress either explicitly or implicitly.

Partisans on both sides like to blame president for deficits, but all deficits are congressional deficits. The president may, by custom, recommend a budget, but it carries no legal weight. Only Congress is authorized by the Constitution to authorize and appropriate and to levy taxes. That's what the federal budget consists of: expenditures authorized, funds appropriated and taxes levied.

Both Democrats and Republicans mislead the public. For 40 years Democrats had majorities and at any time could have balanced the budget if they had chosen to do so. Republicans now have majorities and could, if they choose, pass a balanced budget this year. Every president, Democrat or Republican, could have vetoed appropriations bills that did not make up a balanced budget. Every president could have recommended a balanced budget. None have done either.

We have annual deficits and a huge federal debt because that's what the majorities in Congress and the presidents in the White House wanted. We have troops in various Third World rat holes because Congress and the president want them there.

Don't be conned. Don't let them escape responsibility. We simply have to sort through 270 million people until we find 545 who will act responsibly.

The balanced budget and winning while losing

Denizens of sophisticated Washington, D.C., rarely get accused of coming to town on a load of hay - particularly when they serve in Congress.

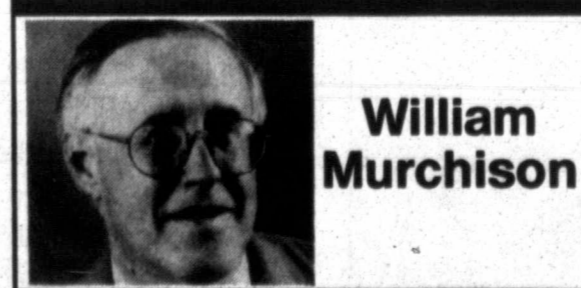
What is wrong, in that event, with the Senate Democrats? The Republicans have played them for suckers - those Democrats, that is, who voted against the balanced-budget amendment. Let these folk loose on the Midway, and they'd slide up the barker, saying, with eyes like saucers, "Gosh, mister, you mean that there cow really has four heads? If that don't beat all!"

Naivete, thy name is Daschle, Bingaman, Feinstein, Ford, Dorgan, Hollings - any one of whom, without turning his or her back on stated principles, could have put across the amendment in the Senate. Not a one of them, for all their past support of compelling Congress to balance the budget, would go along.

The amendment loses. Who wins? The Republicans.

Nothing odd here, to be sure. The balanced-budget debate was always, for the Republicans, a win-win situation. If Congress passed this venerable proposal and sent it along to the states for ratification, the GOP could claim credit for addressing the deficit problem. However, this was always the lesser danger. The more Democrats who voted for and pushed the amendment, the less glory for the Republicans.

The greater danger to the Democrats was a fit of petty, partisan spite amid which the amendment failed. Such a fit came on them, all right. The amendment failed, and Daschle-Bingaman-Feinstein-etc. did it at the microphone with a meat ax - and noses wholly unattuned to the political implications.



William Murchison

Three consequences flow directly from the vote. 1. Republicans now can point to how most Democrats, given a chance to do something other than mouth off about the deficit, quickly sank to the occasion.

GOP National Chairman Haley Barbour enthusiastically took this tack on Thursday, right after the vote. "By blocking passage of the balanced-budget amendment," Barbour said, "Bill Clinton and the Democrats who voted against it in the Senate today made the difference between Republican leadership and Democrat retrenchment more crystal-clear than ever." You can almost see Haley smacking his lips when he said, "Clinton."

2. The vote draws attention to Democratic tergiversation. Here is what a campaign ad for California's Sen. Dianne Feinstein said last year: "From her courageous votes for the balanced-budget amendment ... she is fighting to create jobs." Byron Dorgan of North Dakota last year said in an ad, "And finally, I am working for a constitutional amendment that forces a balanced budget."

The Republicans have had fun with this one, too.

Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose own House passed the amendment handily, accused the Senate vote switchers of lying. Now "lying" may not be a word that gentlemen use to each other, but there is likely to be a grass-roots perception in places like California and North Dakota that vote switchers are not gentlemen - or ladies, either. Republicans can be counted on to encourage this perception.

3. The vote gets Republicans off the political hook from which they might have dangled, had they started announcing detailed plans to implement the amendment. The Democrats had all along been saying, what cuts will you make? With increasing rancor, they had imputed the existence of some GOP conspiracy to gut Social Security. So much for any effectiveness that gambit might have acquired.

Republicans now are relieved, in a presidential season, of pointing to specific things they might have "done to" government-aid recipients. A defensive campaign is never fun to raise. Yet that is the very prospect the Democrats have invited, by squelching a measure desired by around four-fifths of voters.

If the Republicans were bound to win with the amendment, pass or fail, why didn't the Democrats try for a crust of the credit instead of a whole loaf of blame? Are these lofty-minded liberals who blocked the amendment really just post-Rooseveltian sticks-in-the-mud, perpetual nay-sayers and tongue-cluckers?

No prospect can better please the Republicans than that of assailing the Democratic passion for protecting big government and the folk who feed at its trough. And right now, that's the way it looks likely to be.



# Endeavour lands in California after record-setting shuttle flight

By JANE E. ALLEN  
AP Science Writer

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Endeavour and seven astronauts touched down in California's Mojave Desert on Saturday, ending a 16 1/2-day stargazing mission, the longest flight in shuttle history.

Commander Stephen Oswald guided Endeavour through clear skies to an Edwards Air Force Base landing at 3:47 p.m. CST, 16 days, 15 hours after the crew blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The astronauts traveled 6.9 million miles and circled Earth 262 times during NASA's 68th shuttle flight, Endeavour's eighth.

The longest previous shuttle flight was 14 days, 18 hours by Columbia last summer.

"Welcome home Endeavour after a fantastic record-setting mission. It will be a tough one to beat," Mission Control's Curtis Brown told the crew after Endeavour rolled to a stop on the runway. "It sure is nice to have you all home."

"It's nice to be here," Oswald replied.

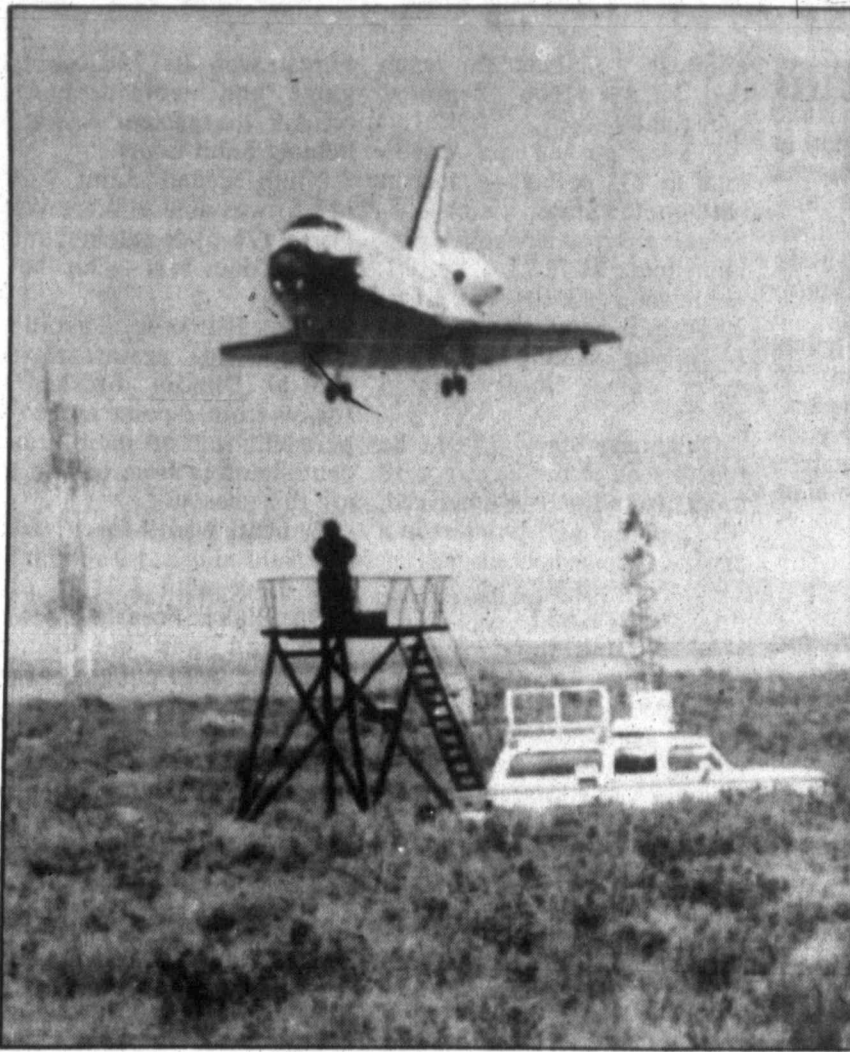
Stormy weather in Florida thwarted attempts both Friday and Saturday to return the shuttle to its home base. Besides slight crosswinds, the weather at Edwards was good, with high scattered clouds. Wind kicked up swirling dust from the dry lake bed that surrounds the concrete runway.

NASA prefers returning shuttles to the Kennedy Space Center because it costs \$1 million to ferry them across the country atop a modified jumbo jet. It also adds about a week to the turnaround time shuttles require before they fly again. Endeavour's next flight is in July.

Endeavour was launched March 2 with a \$200 million observatory in the cargo bay. The astronauts, including four astrophysicists, worked 24 hours a day in two shifts to point three ultraviolet telescopes toward the heavens.

Some 600 galaxies, stars, planets and moons were included on astronomers' target list. The mission ultimately yielded ultraviolet spectrum data and photographs of about 300 celestial objects.

Throughout the flight, one of the telescopes stared at a quasar 10 billion light years away in search of intergalactic helium that would support the big-bang theory.



(AP photo)

The Space Shuttle Endeavour comes in for a landing Saturday at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

Scientists believe hydrogen and helium were spread among the galaxies when an immense explosion created the universe. If there's no primordial helium out there, parts of the big-bang theory might have to be reconsidered.

Astronomers used the quasar as a light bulb to see whether anything was blocking its ultraviolet light. Any such substance could be intergalactic helium.

The shuttle instruments teamed with the Hubble Space Telescope for an in-depth study of Jupiter and how the giant planet's atmosphere is affected by volcanic eruptions on one of its moons, Io.

The flight also yielded the first ultraviolet pictures of our moon. Astronomers hope 70mm images collected over the past week will lead to new ways of studying other planets, moons and asteroids in the solar system.

Oswald chatted via ship-to-ship

radio with former crewmate Norman Thagard, who this week became the first American aboard Russia's Mir space station.

The shuttle crew became part of the largest human contingent ever in space — 13 — when Thagard and two cosmonauts were launched in a Soyuz capsule from Kazakhstan last Tuesday. There were already three cosmonauts aboard Mir at the time.

The first American on the Russian space station Mir gave his new orbital home a four-star rating Friday. The food is good, the company is great and you can't beat the view.

"I'm probably going to gain weight instead of lose weight like I do on most of my flights," Thagard said from Mir.

The physician said he can't wait to get started on his biomedical experiments. And he doesn't expect to be bored during his three-month stay.

# Woodpecker keeping army at bay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declining military readiness has been blamed variously on President Clinton, the federal budget deficit and the occupation of Haiti. Now comes a new culprit: the red-cockaded woodpecker.

The rare bird, a protected endangered species, thrives in the piney woods of Fort Bragg, N.C. — and therein lies the problem, explored Friday by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

When environmental groups threatened to sue in 1990 under the Endangered Species Act, the Army restricted its training for some of its most elite units, including the 82nd Airborne Division. Instead of freely storming through the woods, troops must steer clear of 430 woodpecker habitats scattered across the 150,000-acre fort.

"Fort Bragg has attempted to comply with the law to protect these species — but at the expense of training readiness for the units that will be first in battle," said retired Gen. Carl Stiner, who headed U.S. Special Operations Forces in the Persian Gulf War and commanded the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg from 1988 to 1990.

Since then, the Army has spent \$6.8 million to comply with the Endangered Species Act, most of it relating to efforts to protect the woodpecker from rolling tanks and flying bullets.

The problem has some Republican senators upset, particularly the two from North Carolina.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., wants Congress to pass a bill exempting Fort Bragg from the Endangered Species Act.

"This is silly," Helms told the environment committee. His solution: "Let's get you an extra appropriation for some sunflower seed."

Maj. Gen. Richard E. Davis, Stiner's successor at Fort Bragg, said the woodpecker protection policy has created some "bad habits." In war games, for example, commanders can turn to the map of woodpecker sites for clues into where opposing forces might go, he said.

"It has negatively impacted training," Davis said. "I do not think it has significantly degraded the readiness of the corps. We have learned to cope with the red-cockaded woodpecker."

Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., the committee chairman, noted that the law allows the defense secretary to override the species protection practices if he believes they harm national security.

But critics of the protection policy said the environmental lobby has become so powerful that three successive defense secretaries going back to the Bush administration have refused to do so.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., noting that the woodpecker had managed to survive 70 years of intensive military training, mused: "Maybe some of the birds like the shooting."

# Houston teen records perfect SAT score

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old junior in a private high school in Texas has made a perfect score on the Scholastic Assessment Test, officials say.

"It is a highly significant achievement. The number of people who do get a perfect score is unbelievably small," said Kevin Gonzalez, a spokesman for the College Testing Service.

Bryan Lee, who attends St. John's School, took the Scholastic Assessment Test early this year, officials say.

Lee, who lists soccer and archery as his hobbies, said Friday that he first took the SAT last October and missed only two questions for a near-perfect score of 1540.

"I felt I had a very good shot at making a perfect score, so I decided to take it one more time," he said.

In January, he took the 3-hour test again, but when he left the building

he felt he may have missed one or two questions.

However, his concern was unfounded. His test arrived by mail recently showing he had scored perfect 800s in both the verbal and mathematical categories for a total of 1600.

The average score nationally for college-bound youths is 424 for the verbal section and 478 for the math — 902.

Last year, only 25 students were able to ace the test that was taken by about 1.8 million people, Gonzalez said.

Lee said there was not much he could do to prepare other than to read as much as he could to help sharpen his comprehension skills.

Lee said he has not yet chosen a college but that he is leaning toward

an Ivy League school, perhaps Harvard or Princeton. "I really don't know where I will go," he said. "I just may go to University of Texas."

Lee's mother, Dr. E. Bun Lee, is a professor of journalism at Texas Southern University. His father, Min Un Lee, is an attorney and certified public accountant.

Mrs. Lee said her son's accomplishment is the result of a long process that began when he and his younger sister, Brenda, were small.

"We emphasized reading and writing. We wanted them to get as many books as possible, newspapers, magazines, whatever they could read," she said.

"We also emphasized the importance of education, to have respect for teachers and to do well at school," she added.

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GOLF

**HEREFORD** — Pampa boys finished third in the Hereford Golf Invitational over the weekend, behind one district rival and ahead of another one. Borger had a two-day total of 619 to win the tournament. Pampa shot 317 Friday and 322 Saturday for a 639. Hereford finished eight shots behind Pampa.

"We were able to beat Hereford, which we figure to be our main competition in district," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough. "They lost on their own course, so that's a pretty good sign for us."

Pampa scores were as follows: Phil Everson 75-77-152; Chris Duncan 76-76-152; Jeff Brown 82-81-163; Bryan Rose 84-88-172; Cullen Allen 88-89-177.

In the girls' division, Pampa came in fourth with an 808, shooting 398 the first round and 410 the second. Hereford came in first.

Scores for the Pampa girls were Amy Bradley 91-97-188; Christina Gage 99-102-201; Melinda Randall 102-107-209; Shelby Allison 107-104-211; Pattie Montoya 106-110-216.

BASEBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Flint Wallace retired his last 14 batters, pitching Texas Christian to a 5-3 victory over Baylor on Saturday in the Southwest Conference First Pitch Tournament.

Wallace, 3-1, gave up 7 hits through the first 4-1/3 innings, but was perfect the rest of the way. He struck out 8 and walked just 1.

TCU improved to 13-12 for the season after winning its second game in three games in the new tournament format that kicks off conference play. Baylor fell to 15-7 and 2-1.

Aaron Lineweaver, 2-4, was the loser. He also went all the way, allowing eight hits while striking out four and walking four.

TCU took the lead for good with two runs in the top of the fourth. Eric Garner tripled up the alley in right-center, scoring Gavin Millay. Garner scored when catcher Steve Martinez could not hold onto the tag at home after Alan Wyles grounded to second.

Baylor had taken a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the third on RBIs by Casey Carter, Marty Crawford and Traynor Reuteneier.

TCU got an insurance run in the fifth. Jeff McCurdy led off with a triple and stole home.

TENNIS

**KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP)** — Reluctant participant Michael Stich lasted barely an hour at the Lipton Championships.

Stich, seeded fifth, seed lost his opening match Saturday to unsung Californian Michael Joyce. Playing as though he had a plane to catch in the 6-3, 6-2 setback, Stich continued a pattern of lackluster showings at Lipton. His record in the tournament fell to 5-4.

"I just don't like it here at all," he said. "I just don't like being here in Miami. I just don't like the place, so it is not for me. I don't think it is worth probably coming back again."

Stich, ranked eighth, entered Lipton this year because ATP Tour rules — and bonus money — encourage top players to play in big tournaments, and Lipton is one of them. By spending 61 minutes on the stadium court against Joyce, Stich met his commitment.

The 22-year-old Joyce, meanwhile, earned his second match victory of the year, his second in as many days and his first ever against a top-10 player.

"Kind of shocking," said Joyce, ranked No. 126. In women's play, defending champion Steffi Graf defeated Ginger Helgeson Nielsen 6-2, 6-3, and No. 3 seed Jana Novotna beat Petra Langrova 6-2, 6-0.

The career of Joyce, a former juniors champion from Santa Monica, was stalled by two shoulder operations. He won two of seven tour matches last year and lost in the qualifying rounds at a tournament earlier this month.

But he considered Stich vulnerable to an upset.

"A lot of people told me that if I got on top of him and if I played good, of all the top players ... I mean, sometimes he doesn't play so well," Joyce said.

With red hair, a white cap and a two-handed backhand, Joyce looked a bit like Jim Courier as he took control of the match. Any hopes for Stich ended when he lost his serve at love on a double fault to fall behind 4-1 in the second set.

The result left Joyce hopping up and down at the net, punching the air with his fists. He advanced to the third round of a tournament for the first time.

"I'm actually surprised that it was pretty easy," he said.

Stich made it so.

"It just was not good at all," the sullen German said.

BASKETBALL

**HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP)** — Danny Strong hit two free throws with 8.1 seconds left to give Spartanburg Methodist, S.C., a 63-62 victory over Western Nebraska in the semifinals of the National Junior College Athletics Association tournament Friday night.

In the other semifinal game, Okaloosa-Walton, Fla. beat Southern Idaho 91-75. In consolation games, Three Rivers, Mo., beat Seward County, Kan., 92-91; Trinity Valley, Texas, beat Eastern Arizona 85-81; and Vincennes, Ind., beat Northeastern Mississippi 87-79.

Spartanburg Methodist will face Okaloosa-Walton in the tournament championship game Saturday night at 8:15 p.m. CST. Southern Idaho plays the Western Nebraska for third place at 6:30 p.m. CST.

Spartanburg Methodist (34-1) trailed 38-32 at halftime and was never ahead in the second half until Strong hit the final free throws. Western Nebraska's final try, a 15-foot jump shot by Bobby Jackson with 2 seconds left, bounced off the rim. Terrance Rose scored 15 points for Spartanburg Methodist.

Manhattan loses magic; OSU advances

By The Associated Press

NCAA TOURNAMENT

For a while, Manhattan's magic touch threatened to shake up the NCAA tournament again Saturday. Then Arizona State caught up with the Jaspers and restored some order to the Southeast Regional.

The upstart Jaspers led by as many as 11 points in the first half before running out of steam as Arizona State won 64-54 to advance to the regional semifinals next week.

Top-seeded Wake Forest and No. 4 seed Oklahoma State advanced in the East to a semifinal date next Friday at East Rutherford, N.J.

The Demon Deacons broke out of a halftime tie and defeated Saint Louis 64-59, after the Cowboys wore down Alabama 66-52.

Manhattan had Arizona State on the run, using a 13-0 spurt to build its first-half lead. But the Sun Devils cut the margin to 4 points at halftime, then Manhattan went cold, hitting only 3 shots in the first 12 minutes of the second half.

Ron Riley scored 21 points and Mario Bennett had 17, including 8 straight in the second half, for the fifth-seeded Sun Devils, back in the regional semifinals for the first time in 20 years.

**EAST**  
**Baltimore**  
**No. 14 Oklahoma St. 66,**  
**Alabama 52**  
Bryant Reeves pushed his way into the Oklahoma State record books, scoring 26 points as the No. 14 Cowboys

eliminated Alabama to reach the NCAA East Regional semifinals.

Reeves pushed his season total to 733 points — most in Oklahoma State history — breaking Byron Houston's previous mark of 726.

Alabama (23-10) was 2-for-20 from 3-point range, 1-for-14 in the second half, and never came closer than 5 points.

Oklahoma State (25-9), the fourth seed in the East, got 18 points from Randy Rutherford, who nailed four 3-pointers in a pivotal second-half surge.

**EAST**  
**Baltimore**  
**No. 3 Wake Forest 64, Saint**  
**Louis 59**  
Tim Duncan scored 25 points and Randolph Childress added 21 as top-seeded Wake

Forest won its 12th straight game and avoided another NCAA tournament upset by beating Saint Louis.

Ninth-seeded Saint Louis (23-8) was able to scare Wake Forest (26-5) despite not doing what it does best — hit the 3-pointer.

The Billikens, avoiding going inside against the 6-foot-11 Duncan, finished 9-for-39 from 3-point range (23 percent), well off their 40 percent shooting from behind the arc this season.

Duncan was 9-for-12 from the field and had 9 rebounds. His dunk with 3:01 to play gave Wake Forest a 59-52 lead and was the Demon Deacons' last field goal of the game.

They were 5-for-6 from the foul line down the stretch with the Billikens getting no closer

than 63-59 with 21 seconds to play.

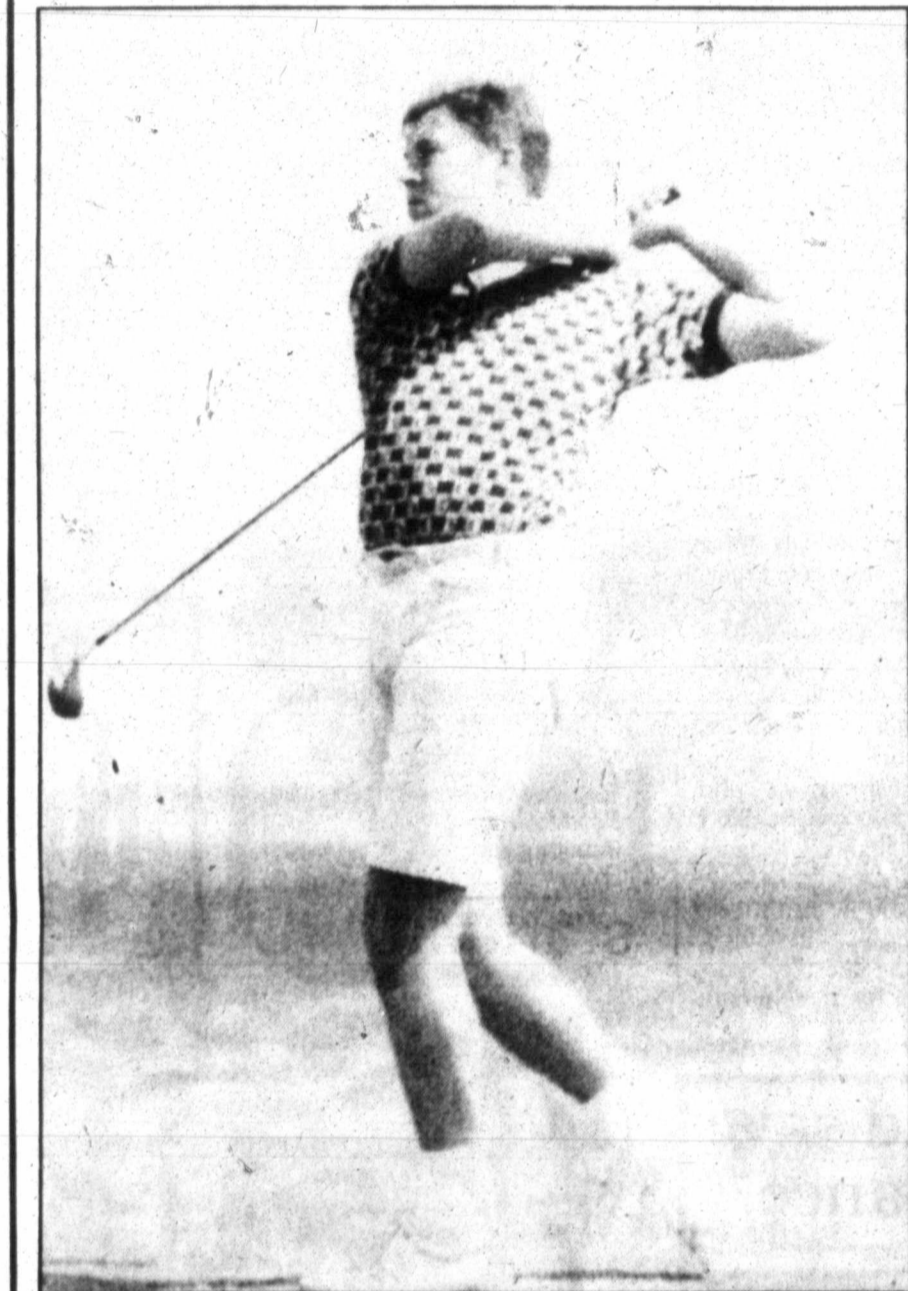
**SOUTHEAST**  
**Memphis, Tenn.**  
**Arizona St. 64, Manhattan**  
**54**  
Ron Riley scored 21 points, and Mario Bennett added 17 as Arizona State rallied to beat Manhattan.

The victory put the fifth-seeded Sun Devils (24-8) into the regional semifinals for the first time since 1975.

No. 13 seed Manhattan (26-5) led by as many as 11 points and was up 31-27 at halftime. But the Jaspers opened the second half with 5 fouls in five minutes and hit only 3 shots from the floor over the first 12 minutes.

Arizona State, outrebounded 24-11 in the first half, took control underneath.

Golf weather



(Pampa News photo)

Lance Moller, a former Amarillo resident now living in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., takes advantage of warm temperatures over the weekend to play golf at the Hidden Hills course. Hidden Hills pro David Teichmann reported that the course is much greener now than it was at this time last year. "The course is really looking good. It was late April of last year before the course started greening up like it is now," Teichmann said. Hidden Hills is preparing for its annual Pro-Am on April 17. The tournament format is one professional paired with three amateurs. Sam Moody of Oklahoma City is the defending champion.

Richardson expresses anger over Arkansas' poor showing

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Defending national champion Arkansas is known for its 40-minute of hell on the basketball court. But the Razorback players have been going through their own version of hades from coach Nolan Richardson since Friday.

"When he walks by you he just mumbles," said center Cortis Williamson. "Our motivation against Syracuse today is to get coach off our back. We want to show him our minds are set on winning another national title."

Richardson admits he has been hard to live with after Friday's close call against Texas Southern, which Arkansas won 79-78 over the 15th seeded Tigers.

"The players know I'm pretty (bleeped) off," said Richardson. "I don't want to sit next to them, and they don't want to sit next to me."

Richardson said his team "has to look into a mirror and see who the enemy is. It's not Syracuse. We have to identify the fact that 'we' are the enemy to ourselves and get rid of it."

"For some reason the Gods smiled on us again. I hope we can take advantage of our luck and play smarter against Syracuse. Over the years they have been one of the beasts of the East."

Arkansas guard Scotty Thurman, taking a cue from his coach, said "we are playing hard but we aren't playing smart. We have to do that against a team like Syracuse."

Arkansas, 28-6, has been involved in

10 games decided by three points or less and won nine of them.

The Hogs play the Orangemen in a second round Midwest regional game about 4 p.m. today after Memphis and Purdue meet in the first game at 1:30 p.m.

Syracuse, 20-9, outlasted Southern Illinois 96-92.

Coach Jim Boheim said Arkansas looks tough to him.

"Everybody talks about how they've struggled, and I see they've 'struggled' to 28 wins," Boheim said. "Arkansas can kill you inside or outside. They seemed to have handled all their adversity well."

"It will be interesting to see how we will handle their press. We've done OK against Georgetown's press so we've seen it before."

It will be the first meeting between the two schools.

In the other second-round game, Purdue (25-6), the last representative of the Big Ten Conference left in the tournament, meets the Memphis Tigers (23-9) at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Frank Erwin Center.

Purdue nudged Wisconsin-Green Bay 49-48 in their lowest scoring performance of the year while Memphis gunned down Louisville 77-56.

Purdue coach Gene Keady said his team didn't feel any pressure about being the last one of six Big Ten teams left.

"I'm surprised we're the only one left," Keady said. "What hurts is that it makes all the experts right about Big Ten basketball."

Pampa beats Levelland, loses to Tascosa in CISD Classic

**CANYON** — Pampa came back to beat Levelland, 13-3, Friday in the loser's bracket of the CISD Classic III baseball tournament.

Pampa collected a dozen hits as the game was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule.

Todd Finney, Jamison Hancock, Danny Frye and Jason Warren led Pampa's attack with two hits apiece. Warren and Rene Armendariz each knocked in two runs.

Armendariz picked up the mound win, going four innings in relief of Hank Gindorf. Armendariz gave up six hits while striking out two and walking one.

Ross Watkins and Warren each scored three runs; Frye and Matt Benton, who drew three walks, scored

two runs each.

"It was a great team effort for us. Our team defense was real strong," said Harvesters' assistant coach John Darnell.

Pampa committed just one error and turned one double play. Levelland was charged with five errors.

Pampa lost to Tascosa, 13-1, late Friday in the consolation semifinals.

The Harvesters had five hits, including a double each by Gindorf and Bryan-Martindale.

"We didn't play real aggressive at the beginning of the game and that hurt us. They brought in a kid who hadn't pitched much and he did a pretty good job against us," Darnell added.

Pampa takes a 4-5 record into Tuesday's District 1-4A opener against Canyon, starting at 4:30 p.m. at Harvester Field.

Lady Raiders roar back to down Wisconsin, 88-65

By JEAN PAGEL  
Associated Press Writer

**LUBBOCK (AP)** — Texas Tech poured out stingy defense and 56 second-half points in an attempt to keep their drive alive for another women's national basketball championship.

The No. 5 Lady Raiders, who won the NCAA title in 1993, roared back after leading by only two points at the half to beat Wisconsin 88-65 Saturday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"They have big bodies and they pushed us around inside," Wisconsin coach Jane Albright-Dietler said. "They broke us down. They came out like their national championship team. That's who they thought they were."

The Lady Raiders (32-3) trailed for most of the first half, but exploded from a narrow 32-30 halftime lead by outscoring the Badgers 56-35 in the second half.

The victory puts Tech, seeded second behind Tennessee in the Midwest Regional, into the regional semifinals next Thursday in Knoxville, Tenn.

Freshman post Alicia Thompson scored 16 points in eight minutes off the bench.

"I just wanted to go in there and try and contribute," Thompson said. "Luckily, I was just on fire."

The Lady Raiders led by as much as 32 points late in the game. Tech's reserves saw a lot of action, while three Badger starters stayed in with four fouls each.

Tenth-seeded Wisconsin (20-9) took a 10-4 lead and stayed out front most of the first half — a time when the Lady Raider centers struggled to find the basket. Michi

Atkins went 5-of-13 and Melinda White was 1-of-6.

Karie Cattanach's 3-pointer gave the Badgers a 21-15 lead at 8:57. But Tabitha Truesdale evened the score at 21-21 on a free throw awarded when Connie Robinson was fouled, twisted her knee and left the game for good with 5 points.

The Lady Raiders never trailed again.

Robinson, who came to Texas Tech after being named the junior college player of the year in 1993, missed the last six games of Southwest Conference play with a torn ligament in her left knee, but returned for the post-season SWC tournament.

A trainer said at halftime that Robinson suffered a minor twisting of the knee and might return after intermission. A brace that Robinson wears on the knee was adjusted, and she was on the Tech bench in the second half.

Wisconsin's Barb Franke sank two free throws — she hit eight total — to bring the Badgers to within 32-30 at the half.

But Tech dominated the boards 24-16 after the break and Atkins scored 14 of her 24 points then. Tech's second-half shooting improved to 55 percent from 39 percent.

"I told the girls in the locker room at halftime that we were going to have to pick up the intensity if we were going to win the ball game," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "They met the challenge and really produced."

Noel Johnson finished with 12 points for Tech and Nikki Heath, 10.

Franke's 23 points and 12 rebounds led Wisconsin. Katie Voigt and Cattanach each scored 11.

UTEP breezes past Montana

**EL PASO (AP)** — Texas-El Paso wasn't done dismantling Montana yet and the crowd was already calling for New Mexico State.

UTEP advanced to the second round of the NIT with a 90-60 drubbing of Montana's Grizzlies Friday, in the process setting the stage for a third showdown with bitter rival NMSU on Monday.

UTEP (20-9) and NMSU split their regular home-and-home series this season. The Miners seemed happy to be getting another shot at the Aggies, who advanced to the second round with a victory over Colorado last Wednesday.

"We feel great," said UTEP center George Banks. "We will be ready for them."

Banks scored 19 points Friday to lead the rout of Montana (21-9), which hung tough in the first half, but was simply overwhelmed in the second.

The Miners went into the last 20 minutes leading 40-30 and would never trail from there.

UTEP effectively decided the game about halfway through the second period, going on a 15-2 run to go up 67-51.

The Grizzlies would never be able to come closer than a double-digit deficit from there.

"Once we got behind, we had to chase

them, and their speed became so important," Montana coach Blaine Taylor said. "I think they're a team that will advance and maybe have a say in who wins the whole thing."

Montana didn't completely fold, however, nagging the Miners for most of the game.

Center Matt Kempfert, who was listed as doubtful for the game because of a torn knee ligament, added a slight spark in the second half.

"I was surprised at how much he could play, but not at how much he could do," Taylor said.

Kempfert finished with 13 points followed by Jeremy Lake, who added 10.

But it wasn't enough for the gunning Miners.

"I think we hustled hard," said coach Don Haskins, who passed another milestone in his long career because of that hustle.

The victory gave Haskins sole possession of seventh place on the list of all-time winningest Division I coaches.

Haskins has 665 victories in his 34 years at UTEP, one more than former UCLA great John Wooden, who retired in 1975 after winning the last of his 10 national titles.



# Scoreboard

## BASKETBALL

### NCAA Basketball Tournament

By The Associated Press

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### EAST REGIONAL

#### First Round

At Baltimore Arena

Thursday, March 16

Wake Forest 79, North Carolina A&T 47

Saint Louis 64, Minnesota 61, OT

Alabama 91, Pennsylvania 85, OT

Oklahoma State 73, Drexel 49

At Knickerbocker Arena

Albany, N.Y.

Friday, March 17

Stanford 70, North Carolina Charlotte 68

Massachusetts 68, St. Peter's 51

Old Dominion 89, Villanova 81, 3OT

Tulsa 68, Illinois 62

#### Second Round

At Baltimore Arena

Baltimore

Saturday, March 18

Oklahoma State 66, Alabama 52

Wake Forest 64, Saint Louis 59

At Knickerbocker Arena

Albany, N.Y.

Sunday, March 19

Stanford (20-8) vs. Massachusetts (27-4), 12:25 p.m.

Tulsa (23-7) vs. Old Dominion (21-11), 30 minutes after previous game

### Regional Semifinals

At The Meadowlands

East Rutherford, N.J.

Friday, March 24

Wake Forest (26-5) vs. Oklahoma State (25-9), 7:00 p.m.

Tulsa-Old Dominion winner vs. Stanford-Massachusetts winner

### Regional Championship

At The Meadowlands

East Rutherford, N.J.

Sunday, March 26

Semifinal winners

### SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

#### First Round

At The Pyramid

Memphis, Tenn.

Thursday, March 16

Manhattan 77, Oklahoma 67

Arizona State 81, Ball State 66

Kentucky 113, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 67

Tulane 76, Brigham Young 70

At Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center

Tallahassee, Fla.

Friday, March 17

Iowa State 64, Florida 61

North Carolina 80, Murray State 70

Weber State 79, Michigan State 72

Georgetown 68, Xavier, Ohio 63

#### Second Round

At The Pyramid

Memphis, Tenn.

Saturday, March 18

Arizona State 64, Manhattan 54

Kentucky 82, Tulane 60

At Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center

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### Regional Semifinals

At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center

Birmingham, Ala.

Thursday, March 23

Kentucky (27-4) vs. Arizona State (24-8)

Georgetown-Weber State winner vs. Iowa State-North Carolina winner

### Regional Championship

At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center

Birmingham, Ala.

Saturday, March 25

Semifinal winners

### MIDWEST REGIONAL

#### First Round

At University of Dayton Arena

Dayton, Ohio

Thursday, March 16

Miami, Ohio 71, Arizona 62

Virginia 96, Nicholls State 72

Kansas 82, Colgate 68

At The Frank Erwin Special Events Center

Austin, Texas

Friday, March 17

Syracuse 96, Southern Illinois 92

Arkansas 79, Southern 78

Memphis 77, Louisville 56

Purdue 49, Wisconsin-Green Bay 48

#### Second Round

At University of Dayton Arena

Dayton, Ohio

Saturday, March 18

Miami, Ohio (23-6) vs. Virginia (23-8)

Kansas (24-5) vs. Western Kentucky (27-3), (n)

### Regional Championship

At The Frank Erwin Special Events Center

Austin, Texas

Sunday, March 19

Memphis (23-9) vs. Purdue (25-6), 2:30 p.m.

Syracuse (20-9) vs. Arkansas (28-6), 30 minutes after previous game

### Regional Semifinals

At Kemper Arena

Kansas City, Mo.

Friday, March 24

Kansas-Western Kentucky winner vs. Miami, Ohio-Virginia winner

Ohio-Virginia winner vs. Syracuse-Arkansas winner

### Regional Championship

At Kemper Arena

Kansas City, Mo.

Saturday, March 25

Semifinal winners

### WEST REGIONAL

#### First Round

At The Jon M. Huntsman Center

Salt Lake City

Thursday, March 16

Connecticut 100, Tennessee-Chattanooga 71

Cincinnati 77, Temple 71

Texas 90, Oregon 73

Maryland 87, Gonzaga 63

At BSU Pavilion

Boise, Idaho

Friday, March 17

Utah 76, Long Beach State 64

Mississippi State 75, Santa Clara 67

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# Appeals court rejects class-action status of hemophiliacs' lawsuit

CHICAGO (AP) - A federal appeals court has ruled that thousands of hemophiliacs who contracted the AIDS virus from blood-clotting medicine can't join in a lawsuit against drug companies, partly because it might bankrupt the industry.

In a 2-1 ruling Friday, the court ruled that a federal judge who consolidated cases into a class action exceeded "the permissible bounds of discretion."

Such a class action would allow one jury to "hold the fate of an industry in the palm of its hand," and could "hurl the industry into bankruptcy," Judge Richard A. Posner wrote for the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

David Shrager, the lead attorney for the hemophiliacs, vowed Saturday to seek a rehearing next week before the full seven-member appeals court.

"I find this extraordinary," Shrager said. "These are affluent companies, and it has never been the purpose of this litigation to bankrupt these companies. It's a very curious argument and is inconsistent with the pattern of American law."

Several hemophiliacs were outraged.

"It was profit over safety that led us to this disaster," said plaintiff Corey Dubin of Coleta, Calif. The ruling is "shocking, given the 8,000 to 10,000 hemophiliacs who are infected, and the emotional, physical and mental devastation of thousands of people who thought they were using these products from companies where safety was considered a priority."

The lawsuit contends four drug companies knowingly distributed clotting products contaminated with AIDS-causing HIV.

It also accuses the New York-based National Hemophilia

Foundation, a research and information group partly funded by blood-product manufacturers, of misleading doctors, patients and the public about the seriousness of the AIDS threat.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta estimates 9,000 U.S. hemophiliacs - 45 percent of the hemophilic population - were infected with HIV more than a decade ago from medicine they took to clot their blood.

At least 1,900 hemophiliacs died from AIDS from 1981 through 1993. Currently, about one hemophilic dies a day from AIDS.

Hemophiliacs contend the manufacturers resisted heat treating donated blood for years despite growing evidence that the process kills HIV.

The defendants say they acted properly and started screening blood for HIV as soon as a test was available in 1985.

"In this type of situation, there are no victors," said Beth Leahy, a spokeswoman for defendant Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Inc. near Philadelphia. "This is a real human tragedy, but we believe this court decision affirmed our position that the industry acted responsibly and was not at fault."

In August, a committee representing HIV-infected hemophiliacs and their survivors rejected a \$160 million settlement from Rhone-Poulenc and Baxter. The class-action lawsuit never specified a dollar amount since there are hundreds of individual suits in state and federal courts.

The other manufacturers named in the lawsuit are Miles Inc., a Pittsburgh-based subsidiary of Germany's Bayer AG; and Alpha Therapeutic Corp. of Los Angeles, a subsidiary of Green Cross Corp. of Japan.

## Irishman in Chicago



Irish Prime Minister John Bruton, left, and his wife Finola walk with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, center, and the parade's grand marshal, Mel Loftus, during Chicago's St. Patrick's Day parade down Dearborn Street on Saturday.

## Mother gives toddler bottle containing acid

EASTLAND, Texas (AP) - The mother of a 2-year-old boy burned drinking from a pop bottle full of acid apparently thought it contained Dr Pepper when she gave it to him, authorities said Saturday.

"At this point, it appears to have been inadvertent or accidental," said Eastland Police Chief Cecil Funderburgh. "We have no reason to think otherwise right now."

Billy Dewayne Arnold of Nashville, Tenn., was taken Friday to Eastland Memorial Hospital by his mother and a friend, then was transferred to Cook Fort Worth Children's Medical Center.

The boy suffered burns to his mouth, chest and legs. He was in fair condition Saturday with a chemical ingestion burn, Funderburgh said.

The child, his mother, Kerry Sue Arnold, 18, and her traveling companion, Jeffrey Moreland, 17, also of a Nashville, were traveling from Tennessee to Mexico, authorities said.

Moreland apparently filled the empty bottle earlier with muriatic acid that had been used to clean tools. The acid had become dark-colored like the soft drink, Funderburgh said.

He said he did not know why Moreland was transporting the acid in a pop bottle. "It's not a wise thing to do," he said. "But they can't legislate common sense."

Arnold told police she gave the bottle to her son after stopping at an old service station on Interstate 20. The toddler's throat immediately began to burn.

## Mexican authorities break up artifacts traffickers ring

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Authorities say they have broken up a ring of traffickers in priceless pre-Hispanic artifacts, seizing 107 pieces and arresting four people.

The Attorney General's Office said federal agents made the arrest last week in the state of Nayarit following an investigation into the trafficking of archeological treasures in the area. Among the four arrested was Francisca Natividad Rodriguez, whose home in Compostela was searched by agents.

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# Coming this way



## it's *Peter Pan!*

The Pampa Elementary Chorus is getting ready to present "Peter Pan" this coming Saturday and Sunday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

The story of the young boy named Peter who lives in Neverland starts quite a few youngsters from Pampa who have been rehearsing for the past several weeks.

The part of Peter is being played by Nathanael Hill with the part of Wendy, the young girl Peter takes to Neverland, played by Amy Robbins. The character parts of Wendy's family are being portrayed by: Cory Bigham as John; Hayden Wade as Michael; Cullen Allen as Mr. Darling; Laura Johnson as Mrs. Darling; and Stacie Carter as Liza.

The evil character of Hook is played by Jared Spearman with his sidekick Smee being played by Justin Lemons.

Tiger Lily, the Indian princess who befriends Peter is played by Denise Mackie.

Peter's cohorts, The Lost Boys, are played by Michael Eskridge, Josh Herr, Jordan Roberts, Kelly Tripplehorn, Abby Cavalier and Mary Alice Warner.

Along with these characters, a host of pirates and Indians are being played by chorus members.

The stage was designed by Dean Birkes and being built by parents of the chorus members.

The production this year will feature a flying Peter Pan, Wendy, John, Michael and Liza. Foy Inventerprises, a flying company who flew Mary Martin when she portrayed Peter in the Broadway production of "Peter Pan" will fly these characters off to Neverland. This will be the first time anyone has ever flown in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Nightlight Laser Design, Inc., out of Portland, Ore., will be supplying the laser light for Tinkerbell.

Proceeds from the show will go towards its production. Sponsors are being taken for the children and if anyone would like to sponsor one, call Nanetta Hill at 669-7685.



Photos and text by  
Melinda Martinez



Top photo: Ryan Milligan plays the part of the crocodile in the Pampa Elementary Chorus production of "Peter Pan."

Top left: Rehearsing a scene from "Peter Pan," Peter (center, Nathanael Hill), sings along with The Lost Boys about never wanting to grow up.

Middle, left: Smee (Justin Lemons) checks Hook's (Jared Spearman) behind to make sure everything is as it should be.

Lower left: A few of the pirates have a scary experience aboard ship.

Middle right: Wendy (seated, Amy Robbins) tells The Lost Boys a story before bedtime.

Lower right: Making peace are Tiger Lily (Denise Mackie) and Peter Pan (Hill).





## Heinen-Steger

Tammy Ann Heinen and Richard Kent Steger, both of Wichita Falls, plan to marry April 29 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Wichita Falls.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. Douglas John Heinen of Wichita Falls and the prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Isley Steger of Pampa.

She is a 1985 graduate of S.H. Rider High School in Wichita Falls and a 1994 graduate of North Central Texas College. She is an occupational therapy assistant and is employed at Wichita General Hospital.

He is a 1981 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1985 civil engineering graduate of Texas A & M University at College Station. He is employed by the Texas Department of Transportation as a lab engineer.



## Drum-Woods

Kendra Ruth Drum and Kyle Brit Woods, both of Amarillo, were married March 11 at The Hodges Chapel of First Christian Church in Lubbock with George Watson of McLean officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Drum of Lubbock and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. David Woods of McLean.

Serving as the matron of honor was Chryel Beard of Lubbock. The bridesmaids were Sonya Beauchamp, Alicia Drum and Courtney Bell, all of Lubbock. The flower girl was Shayna Thorton, niece of the groom, of Omaha, Neb.

Standing as the best man was the father of the groom David Woods. The groomsmen were Dave Ridgway of Salt Lake City, Utah, Jim Ridgway of McLean, and Don Smith of San Diego, Calif.

The ring bearer was Jordan Drum, the bride's cousin, of Lubbock. The ushers were Bud Drum, the bride's uncle, of Lubbock and Trent Ungers of San Angelo.

Lighting the candles was Amanda Drum of Lubbock. Registering the guests was Dana Myers of Amarillo. Providing music was Chris Bohannon, vocalist, of Lubbock. A reception followed in the church parlor.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Dunbar-Struggs High School in Lubbock. She attended South Plains College in Levelland and is currently attending West Texas A & M in Canyon.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of McLean High School. He attended South Plains College and is currently attending WTAMU.

After a honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple plans to reside in Amarillo.



## Goodman-Dossey

Lori Beth Goodman and Adam Dossey, both of Abilene, plan to marry May 20 at Miami Church of Christ.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Paul and Donna Goodman of Miami, and the prospective groom is the son of Dennis and Melanie Dossey of Houston.

She is the 1991 valedictorian of Miami High School and attends Abilene Christian University in Abilene where she plans to graduate summa cum laude on May 6 with a degree in elementary education.

He plans to graduate from Abilene Christian University magna cum laude on May 6 with a degree in biology.

## Bathing and shaving

NEW YORK (AP) — A long, hot bath on a cold winter's night is not the ideal time for women to shave their legs.

"A prolonged bath will make skin puffy, preventing a close shave," says Fred Wexler, director of shaving research for Schick. "On those days that you plan to shave, reduce your bathing time to 3-5 minutes to allow hairs to absorb moisture and plump up. Then shave away unwanted hair."

Wexler also nixes bath oil if you're shaving in the tub. Bath oils, he says, can clog your razor and increase the chance of nicks and cuts.

# Fashion: Couture jewelry

By SUZY PATTERSON  
AP Fashion Writer

PARIS (AP) — Why risk muggers and big trouble by wearing real jewelry? The answer, everybody knows, is to dress up in fakes.

They're really great additions to the wardrobe. That wonderful gold cross with stones gives the Christian Lacroix touch. The acres of pearls echo Chanel.

But haute jewelry is getting nearly as expensive as the Real Thing. And dime-store junk looks like just that — dime-store junk. Not into ethnic stuff, either?

There's a fine solution in jewelry by Philippe Ferrandis, whose pieces are mainly hand-made of high quality metals, stones, glass, Bohemian crystal, wood and special pearls.

"You could call this couture jewelry," said Ferrandis in his attractive gold-yellow workshop-showroom at 2 rue Froissart, near the Picasso museum.

Ferrandis isn't the only artisan-jewelry maker, but his look is striking, and he has about 100 outlets all over the world, including Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue in the U.S., Harrod's in London, Michele Colin in Japan and the Swank Shop in Hong Kong.

The prices are about \$80-150, for elaborate earrings with pearls, to fancy cuff bracelets (with, say, vineyard leaf and grape details) for about \$150-200. Interesting Byzantine-looking metal picture frames start at about \$140.

"I'm a great fan and cannot even count the pieces I own," said Marquise Bonguy de Persan, visiting the showroom. She was filling up a huge shopping bag with slashed-price items in an exceptional sale.

"Prices? I charge less than the very big names of haute couture," said Ferrandis, rushing around the shop to arrange necklaces, bracelets and other items for a photo session.

At 34, the boyish-looking Ferrandis claims he's succeeding only gradually, but steadily. "The big names - Lacroix, Saint Laurent, and so on, have their huge overheads. They do collections, launch perfumes, sell jewelry and accessories to make money and pay expenses."

"I don't want to pay for making up a couture clothes collection, to pay for a huge staff, shop rentals or advertising. I just make jewelry and a few items for the home, and yet I'm starting to make some money, to succeed."

He had studied economics, law and languages in Lyon and Grenoble, where he grew up, but was always into making jewelry.

"My father was in business. My mother had lots of jewelry, and I didn't always agree with how it looked," said Ferrandis.

He started fooling around with jewelry at age 12, cutting up a couple of his mother's necklaces to make something he considered more chic.

"She almost killed me at first," said Ferrandis. "Well, gave me a pair

of slaps. Then she came around to my idea — she liked it."

After several years of selling jewelry to friends in Grenoble to pay for his university tuition, Ferrandis went into business on his own in 1985.

"I couldn't take any more academic education," he said. "I just had this passion for making jewelry."

Why not real gold, real diamonds? "Precious metals and stones demand a whole different technique. I have learned other ways of working with metal, and technique is everything to me."

He learned his trade by asking metal workers, other jewelry makers and fashion designers how to proceed.

Now he runs a tight ship of seven employees, all expert artisans. "I use only 'noble' metals," he said. "Copper, bronze and brass."

"The raw material is a passion with me." He snapped off a piece of pewter to demonstrate. "That is soft metal, but too easily broken. Bronze and copper, on the other hand, are living, and malleable, but also stronger than pewter. You can make extremely 'thin' pieces with these noble metals."

Ferrandis has designed jewelry for Givenchy, Balmain and Oscar de la

Renta. And recently he became head stylist for Daniel Swarovski, the Austrian firm specializing in crystal.

"I recently created a line of perfumed candles and before that designed hand-painted tableware," said Ferrandis.

He does not draw his jewelry designs, but starts by working directly with the raw materials — fashioning 250 pieces as prototypes for each collection.

"The main point is to keep coming up with a new collection, new ideas, twice yearly. I look to the past and to other cultures for my inspiration."

He often relates to Byzantine and Renaissance splendor, with colorful, hand-blown glass cabochon stones, in hand-finished settings of noble metals dipped in gold. Or he goes for a star-studded future in a glimmering planetary necklace set with crystals.

"You can't sit back and let people get bored with what you do. You have to keep it moving," he said. "I'm young, love what I'm doing." No problem. Ferrandis's outstanding couture jewelry makes a lasting statement without going overboard in price, or glitz.

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# 4-H Futures & Features

**DATES**  
 March 20 — Consumer project meeting, Juniors, 5 p.m., Annex.  
 Consumer project meeting, Intermediate and Seniors, 4-6 p.m., Annex.  
 Shooting Sports, 7 p.m.  
 21 — Shooting Sports, 7 p.m.  
 Teen Pregnancy Issue Forum, 7 p.m., Community Building.  
 Photography project meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fototime.  
 21 — Consumer project meeting, Intermediate and Senior, 5 p.m., Annex.  
 Paws Plus Dog project meeting, 7-8 p.m., Bull Barn.  
 23 — 4-H Visuals Workshop, 7 p.m., Annex.  
 Practice Consumer Decision Making Contest, 5 p.m., Annex.  
 24 — 4-H Clothing Workshop, Shopping and Textiles, 7-8:30 p.m., Annex.  
 25 — District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest, Amarillo.

basic photography skills may attend the 4-H Photography project meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Fototime in Pampa. Herb Smith will be the project leader. Parents are also welcome to attend.

**VISUALS WORKSHOP**  
 4-H members and parents working on 4-H presentation and any 4-Her and parents interested in learning more about making posters and other visual aids are invited to participate in a workshop at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Gray County Annex.  
 4-H members planning to do 4-H presentations for County and District 4-H Roundup should bring their script and any ideas they have on what they want for visuals or visual content. We will help you develop your ideas and see examples of different visual options and materials.

**SHOW RESULTS**  
 Gray County 4-H members had an excellent showing this past month at El Paso, San Antonio, and

Houston Livestock shows. Results of these shows are as follows:

El Paso — Justin Thomas, second place Hvy. Wt. Hampshire; Emily Nusser, fifth place Hvy. Wt. Crossbreed; Megan Coutts, seventh place Medium Hampshire.  
 San Antonio — Nickie Leggett, eleventh place Lt. Wt. Hampshire.  
 Houston — Emily Nusser, first and Reserve Breed Champion Poland; Michael Cochran, fourth Medium Yorkshire; Tracy Tucker, ninth Hvy. Berkshire; Megan Coutts, twentieth Lt. wt. Hampshire; Amy Stripling, twenty-fourth Hvy. Wt. Cross; Byron Helms, twenty-sixth Hvy. Hampshire; Lidgey Price, forty-second Hvy. Cross; and T'Andra Holmes, fifty-third Medium Crossbreed.

Nonnie James placed 4th with her Hereford Scramble Heifer. Nonnie James and Scotty Henderson exhibited their heifers in the Junior Heifer Show.

Congratulations to all these 4-Hers on a very good year. We're very proud of your accomplishments.

**4-H PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT**  
 4-Hers interested in teaming

## Dealing with food allergies

Many people suffer from food allergies and other allergies, especially during the spring. One in three persons believe that he or she has an allergy to food, yet only one percent of adults suffer from true food allergies.

### Homemaker's News By Donna Brauchi



safe for the vast majority of persons.

If you suspect that you or a family member may have a food allergy, then contact the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology Physicians

A true food allergy is the body immune system's abnormal response to certain foods or food ingredients. Eating the slightest amount of an offending food can cause a life threatening reaction. Physical response to food allergies include: skin, nose and lung, and stomach and intestinal reactions. Symptoms can develop within two hours after eating the food. Persons experiencing adverse reactions should seek medical evaluation.

True allergic reactions to foods are most common in infants. Genuine food allergy reactions in adults are relatively uncommon.

Food additives are rarely linked with food intolerance reactions. Sulfites, a preservative, are safe for most people, but dangerous for severe asthmatics. According to the Food and Drug Administration, monosodium glutamate (MSG) can cause milk symptoms after consumption in some persons, but is reported as

Referral and Information Line at (800) 822-2762.

One of the best approaches to treating food allergies or food sensitivities is by avoidance of suspected foods. Food label reading on a regular basis can help you detect the presence of ingredients that must be avoided. During National Nutrition Month, contact the American Dietetic Association Consumer Nutrition Hot Line at 800-366-1655 or your local County Extension Office.

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## Menus

March 21-24

**PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.**

**MONDAY**  
 Chicken fried steak or chicken spaghetti, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, carrot cake, lemon pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

**TUESDAY**  
 Taco salad or baked chicken and dressing, country potatoes, cheese grits, chopped broccoli, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, strawberry shortcake or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Roast beef brisket with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, turnip greens, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, Boston creme pie or cherry delight, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY**  
 Chili or beef stew, Spanish rice, hominy, fried okra, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, pineapple/peach cobbler or German chocolate cake, hot rolls or jalapeno cornbread.

**FRIDAY**  
 Fried cod fish or pepper steak over rice, French fries, baked cabbage, vegetable medley, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, brownies or coconut pie, garlic bread, hot rolls or cornbread.

**PAMPA MEALS ON WHEELS**

**MONDAY**  
 Steak fingers with gravy, broccoli with rice, carrots and candy bar.

**TUESDAY**  
 Oven-fried chicken, German potato salad, baked beans and pineapple.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Chopped sirloin with mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, green beans and Jello with fruit.

**THURSDAY**  
 Chicken patties, peas and carrots, squash casserole and pudding.

**FRIDAY**  
 Salmon loaf, macaroni with cheese, sweet potatoes and peaches.

**LEFORS MENU**

**MONDAY**  
 Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, cereal, juice, milk and peanut butter.

Lunch: Lasagna, salad, peaches and cottage cheese, garlic toast and milk.

**TUESDAY**  
 Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cereal, juice, milk and peanut butter.  
 Lunch: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, baked beans, rolls, banana pudding and milk.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Breakfast: Flapsticks or French toast sticks, cereal, juice, milk and peanut butter.  
 Lunch: Pizza, salad, apple and milk.

**THURSDAY**  
 Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, eggs, gravy, cereal, juice and milk.  
 Lunch: Steak fingers, potatoes, green beans, rolls, cobbler and milk.

**FRIDAY**  
 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, juice and milk.  
 Lunch: Ham sandwiches or barbeque, oven fries, salad, tomatoes, brownies and milk.

**PISD MENU**

**MONDAY**  
 Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, fruit or juice and choice of milk.  
 Lunch: Burrito supreme, Spanish rice, corn, peaches and choice of milk.

**TUESDAY**  
 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice and choice of milk.  
 Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, carrots, pineapple, hot roll and choice of milk.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Breakfast: Scrambled egg, biscuit, fruit or juice and choice of milk.  
 Lunch: Pig in a blanket, spinach, fresh apple and choice of milk.

**THURSDAY**  
 Breakfast: Toasts, jelly, fruit or juice and choice of milk.  
 Lunch: Salisbury steak, brown gravy, baked potato, tossed salad, pears, hot roll and choice of milk.

**FRIDAY**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice and choice of milk.  
 Lunch: Cheeseburger, burger salad, pickle slices, French fries, cookie and choice of milk.

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## Letters to the editor

### WWII tales sought

To the editor:

Ninth grade history students in our school have had a six-year project chronicling World War II. The latest project is a time capsule to be placed at the Natrona County Airport, formerly known as the World War II Casper Army Air Field. This capsule will be sealed in July at a reunion of civilian workers and Army Air Corps personnel who served there during World War II.

Students have conducted interviews, collected newspaper articles and have published a 764 page book on recollections of people who lived through World War II. Unfortunately, many stories were missed so it was decided to publish another book in the year 2045. The material will come from the time capsule placed at the County Airport (the old Army Air Base) to be opened 100 years after World War II ended.

This may be compared to finding a collection of stories and pictures from the Civil War in 1965. It will be a valuable contribution of primary resources on the events of World War II long after the participants have passed away.

If your readers served or passed through, worked at or remember Casper Army Air Field, we would appreciate their stories and pictures. If your readers who were military or civilian, combat or non-combat service, male or female, adult or child, or just remember that war, we want those stories and pictures as well. If a member of family has died and the family wants the story of sacrifice remembered, please send it for the time capsule.

The receptacle will be placed inside the airport terminal in a decorative container on display for 50 years. The exhibit will be topped by a ship's bell dedicated to defense workers and civilians who labored at military installations. Original art work will cover the box and will compliment murals taken from the enlisted men's club for exhibit on the walls of the terminal.

The capsule will be the central feature at a base reunion July 11, 1995 during the Central Wyoming Fair and Rodeo week. Every one is invited. Information on the reunion may be received by calling the Casper Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-852-1889. But send your stories to the address below whether or not you attend. Help students learn about and commemorate the sacrifices that the World War II generation gave in the name of freedom.

Others may attempt to revise the history of that war to satisfy the demons of political correctness but our students want to preserve the truth of the righteousness of the American effort. Come to Casper and help us observe that era.

**World War II Project**  
C/O Dean Morgan Junior High School  
Casper, Wyoming 82601

### Private sector aid

To the editor:

Americans have never tolerated the suffering and starvation which have plagued the rest of the world. Until the present generation, help was given almost exclusively by the private sector or on the community or state level.

As the nation seems to be in a state of reevaluation of the role of the federal government in many areas, I would like to comment on what those who built America said about the problem of the poor.

President Grover Cleveland vetoed legislation in his day designed to spend federal taxes for private welfare problems. He wrote the following:

"I can find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution, and I do not believe that the power and duty of the General Government ought to be extended in the relief of individual suffering which is in no manner properly related to public service or benefit. A prevalent tendency to disregard the limited mission of this power and duty should, I think, be steadfastly resisted, to the end that the lesson should be constantly enforced that though the people support the Government, the Government should not support the people."

"The friendliness and charity of our countrymen can always be relied upon to relieve their fellow citizens in misfortune. This has been repeatedly and quite lately demonstrated. Federal aid in such cases encourages the expectation of paternal care on the part of the Government and weakens the sturdiness of our national character, while it prevents the indulgence among our people of that kindly sentiment and conduct which strengthens the bonds of common brotherhood." From *Essays on Liberty*, Vol. 3, page 255.

According to the Feb. 7, 1995 *Amarillo Daily News*, 48 percent of the federal budget goes to direct benefit payments for individuals. It appears that our politicians do not have money problems. They have a constitutional ignorance problem, a moral problem and a problem

with integrity. I challenge you, the people, study the writings of our Founding Fathers and be constitutionally correct and politically wrong. Then hold the representatives responsible to release our taxes in a way that will not divide us into classes. Let us care locally for the truly poor, not create parasites. Call, write, and vote for officials to obey the Constitution.

A.J. Lemons  
Amarillo

### Community sense

To the editor:

One of Pampa's greatest strengths is our sense of "community." Residents, business, industry, churches, schools, various civic organizations and government all work together for the common good. Each entity has their own unique contribution to make. Like the strands of a cable, we are stronger when each recognizes the value of our interdependence.

This is the contribution and goal of the churches of Pampa: To provide youth and adults with the good news of God's love for us, through faith in Jesus Christ. That good news relieves us of our guilt, brings salvation and strength for living. Our purpose is to prepare the citizens of Pampa for life now and in eternity according to the principles of God's word.

It greatly concerns us, then, that youngsters and/or their parents are having to choose between being active in their local church or in various other activities being scheduled on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Some organizations have inadvertently overlooked the value of being a team player in our community. By planning their events during traditional church meeting times, they are unintentionally weakening our life together, rather than strengthening it.

On behalf of the 35 participating members of the Pampa Ministerial Alliance and the 60 plus local congregations represented, we ask that in the future, each of us responsibly demonstrate a spirit of cooperation rather than of competition.

**Pampa Ministerial Alliance**  
Pampa

### Distorted image

To the editor:

Privatization of the Postal Service will affect all the people of this nation, as nearly all governments concluded that universal service at affordable rates requires a public post office.

I am appalled at the numbers of elected representatives and private citizens who seek to discredit and attack U.S. Postal Service employees.

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Today, as the modern media plays an ever-increasing role in shaping opinions and attitudes of the public, clearly the media's repetition of myths and stereotypes has taken its toll of the image of active and retired mail men and women.

This media-driven propaganda and distorted public opinion often influence the legislative actions of officials as proposed in House Bill (HS-210) Privatization of the United States Postal Service.

**Retired letter carrier**  
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### Letters policy

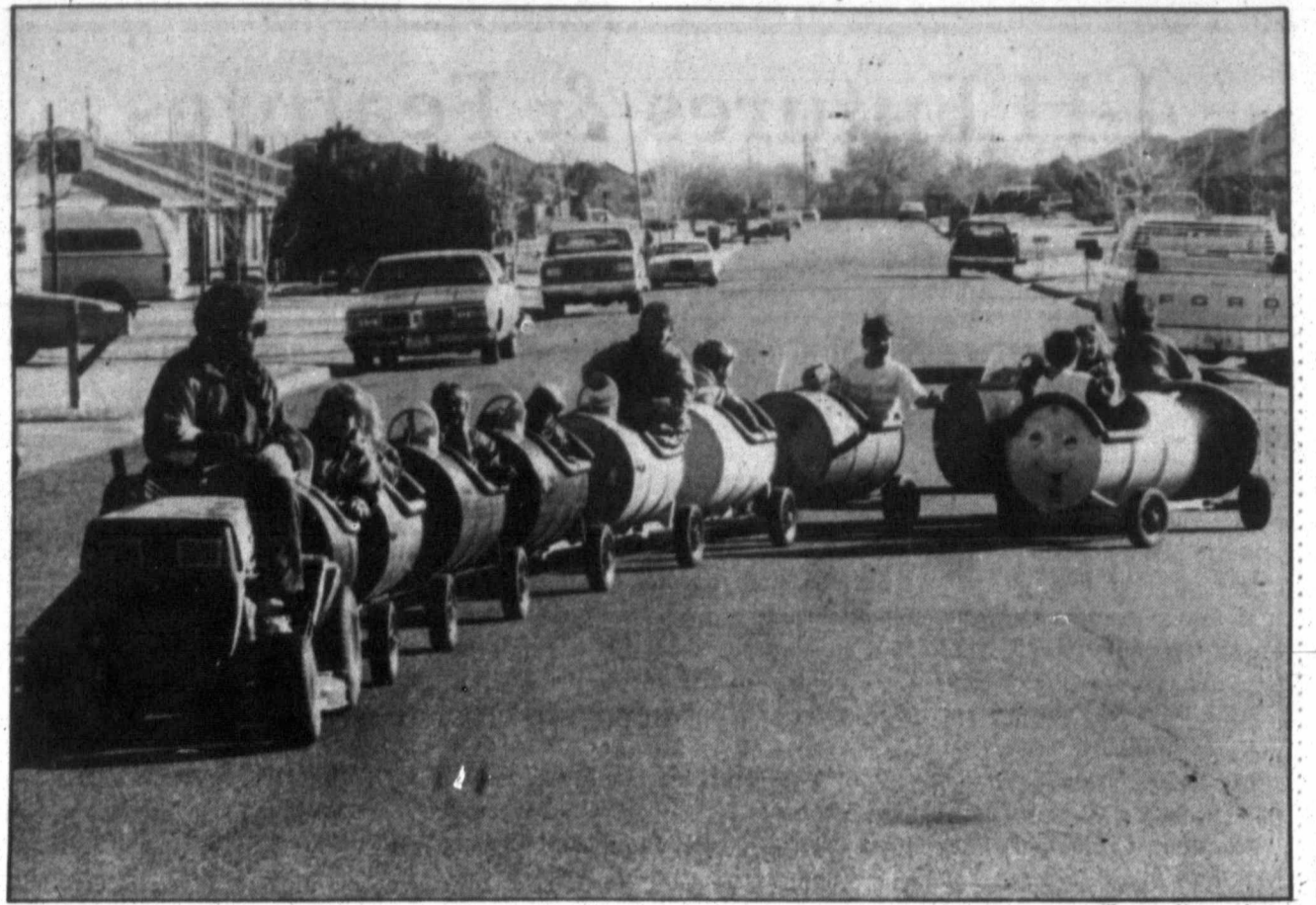
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Poetry, candidate or political endorsements, letters to third parties and "thank you" letters will not be published except at the discretion of the editor, depending on general interest.

Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Aitchison, or mailed to The Pampa News, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.



(Pampa News photo)

A Top O' Texas Kiwanis Club member takes a group of youngsters around in a miniature train fashioned from barrels and pulled by a lawnmower tractor. The train will be one of the activities available at next month's Mini-Carnival.

## Top O' Texas Kiwanis Club preparing for Children's Miracle Network carnival

The Top O' Texas Kiwanis Club in Pampa will host the fourth annual Mini-Carnival on April 29 in the parking lot of the Coronado Center.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Children's Miracle Network Telethon. Activities will include face painting, balloons, a golf game, ring toss, basketball, wheel of fortune, dart game and lots of food. There will also be train rides for the kids.

The Children's Miracle Network Telethon is a vehicle for the Children's Health Foundation (CHF) to raise money to help children and infants of the Panhandle region to have the best, most advanced health care possible.

The Children's Health Foundation was founded in 1984 by a group of concerned citizens and medical professionals. Great strides had already been made to improve the care of infants, especially neonatal babies, when Dr. Mubariz Naqvi was recruited to Amarillo in 1978. The infant mortality rate dropped significantly under Dr. Naqvi's directorship. The Foundation was convinced health advocacy for all children could be enhanced through an organized effort.

After the organization was formed and a board selected, they affiliated with the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

The telethon is not only a way to raise money, but it also brings an awareness to the Panhandle region of the needs of children and infants who are hospitalized. The CHF also supports an extensive regional outreach education program for the continuing education of nursing and allied health professionals in pediatric clinical services.

KAMR Channel 4 in Amarillo was asked to join the network of 75 other TV stations who were carrying the Osmond Family-supported telethon to their viewing areas. Channel 4 management agreed to be a part of the telethon, and this relationship remains strong today. Now over 160 stations carry the telethon.

Hundreds of children have received benefits from the equipment and outreach education that has been purchased as a result of the telethon.

"Almost \$2 million dollars have been raised during the telethon's 11-year history in Amarillo, but it only scratches the surface of meeting the medical care needs of the children in

this region," explains Jelaine Workman, telethon coordinator for Children's Miracle Network.

Besides nursing young children back to good health, telethon hospitals often serve as the nucleus of community programs involving maternal and infant health, parent education and support, and safety and pediatric trauma.

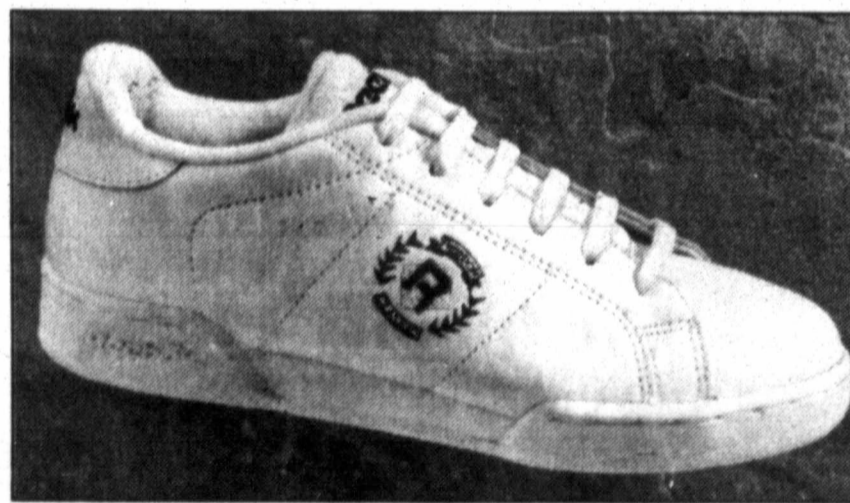
The CMN Telethon is unique because 100 percent of the funds raised locally go directly to the local children's hospital. Funds are reported to the national office by the participating telethon hospital so that a grand total can be figured for the telethon broadcast.

Kiwanis International has been a corporate sponsor for the Children's Miracle Network Telethon for the past 13 years. Since the beginning, Kiwanis has donated over \$11 million to children's hospitals throughout the United States. Kiwanis donated \$1.9 million last year alone.

Pampa area youngsters and others are invited to join the fun at the Top O' Texas Kiwanis Mini-carnival in Pampa at the Coronado Center.

For more information, call Barbara Slater at (806) 665-4354.

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Business

**Minding your own Business**

By Don Taylor



**A dinosaur still lives!**

I couldn't believe my eyes. I looked again. It was real, and standing right in front of me. A dinosaur, right in the heart of Chicago's Gold Coast North side.

It was as tall as a two-story building and nearly as wide. It was dark red and green in color with black markings.

I watched closely to see if there were any signs of life. Yes, there was movement! I never expected to see one in 1995. Certainly not in a swank neighborhood of one of America's largest cities.

The scientific name is - I believe - MomandPopus Grocery Storeus. A nearly extinct mom and pop store standing just as it had been for more than 100 years. The faded white lettering on the ancient green awning said "State Parkway Market."

**A closer look**

I ventured inside for a closer look. A frail white face looked up from behind a small check-out counter near the door. "Hello," it's owner said softly. Her smile was warm, but weak. I judged that this little lady had seen at least 35 Chicago winters.

I returned her greeting and stepped past the counter, and back into time. Suddenly, it was 1950, or perhaps as early as 1930 or 1940. Vintage is hard to tell in old grocery stores. I walked the aisles searching for clues. There were two - aisles that is. I found no clues.

Three other shoppers were in the little store. Two were seasoned citizens. The other was a mid forties working woman on her way home. The younger woman watched as I gazed intently around the store. With a knowing, You-aren't-from-around-here look, she said softly, "It's a dinosaur isn't it?" "Yes," I replied. "I didn't know any still existed."

"This is the only one left in this area," she volunteered. She glanced sadly at the wizened lady behind the counter. "It probably won't last much longer," she said with a hint of sadness.

**A lesson in longevity**

In the next few moments I was to learn much of the history of this little store. I learned that three generations of this shopper's family had been faithful customers. And, that little had changed over the years.

The business had been built on old time personal service. "I-can-call-you-by-name" service. "Your-credit-is-good-here" service. "I'll-carry-that-bag-home-for-you" service.

But how can this small, neighborhood grocery survive the influx of supermarkets and chain stores? How does this mom and pop compete?

The quality is the highest. Pop carefully selects the vegetables early every morning at a nearby wholesale produce market. Meat, also carefully chosen, is cut to every customer's liking. Only premium fruit is displayed. Every order is filled with a personal touch.

Overhead is low. The owners live above the store. There is no debt. The owners are from a generation of hardworking immigrants whose whole lives have been filled with hard work, long hours and frugal living.

There are good lessons here for newer retail and service businesses. First, focus on giving customers exactly what they want when they want it, even if it means long hours and hard work.

Second, never lose the personal touch. People prefer to do business with people. Statistics and numbers may tell you a lot about your business, but statistics don't buy your products and numbers won't pay your bills.

Third, high quality and fair prices always equate to value. You don't have to be the least expensive if you balance quality with price.

Finally, control your costs. Use it up, wear it out, make do, do without.

**Mexican bankers say they will survive crisis**

NEW YORK (AP) — The next three months will be the toughest for Mexican banks, but most will pull through their country's economic crisis, Mexican banking leaders say.

The government's bank stabilization plan will keep most afloat despite an inevitable surge in bad loans and lack of liquidity following the peso's devaluation and subsequent high interest rates and raging inflation.

"The next 90 days will be the toughest," Manuel Medina Mora, deputy president of Banco Nacional de Mexico, told a press briefing.

Banco de Mexico, Bancomer and Banca Serfin are Mexico's three largest banks and hold 60 percent of total Mexican banking assets.

Several foreign and a few U.S. banks, meanwhile, have been talking with the Mexican government about acquiring banks that may flounder during the crisis, said bankers attending the briefing.

Under new government rules, foreign banks may own up to 100 percent of Mexican banks that control less than 6 percent of the market.

NationsBank Corp., based in Charlotte, N.C., and BankAmerica Corp., based in San Francisco, have been involved in the talks, said Mora. Both banks have subsidiaries in Texas.

Both banks refused to comment. NationsBank has applied for a banking license in Mexico and BankAmerica recently received one, officials said.

The Mexican government has already bailed out three moderate-sized banks, and officials said they expect more banks, particularly smaller ones, to require rescue.

Deposits are insured through a government fund similar to Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

"Most will pull through," said Hector Rangel, deputy chief executive of Bancomer S.A.

Key to their survival is a segment of the Mexican government's economic rescue plan that allows banks to restructure commercial loans for constrained borrowers and convert them to loans indexed to inflation. Such a plan will reduce interest payments. The loans will have maturities ranging from 5 to 12 years.

The government has set aside \$86 billion pesos for the restructurings, which is enough to cover 15 percent of all bank loans. About 7.5 percent of all bank loans were past due at Dec. 31, and Rangel said he expects the level to increase to at least 8.5 percent by March 31.

The program should provide a cushion for borrowers — mostly small and medium-sized companies — faced with interest rates hovering at 100 percent, thus preserving the quality of bank loans, said Rangel.

The government is also expected to announce soon that inflation-index loans will be available for mortgage loans and some foreign currency domestic debts.

"If companies can meet their obligations we have a better chance of coping with the crisis," said Rangel, adding that if rates remain at current levels for another quarter "we're in trouble."

To head off more problems, the Mexican government is requiring all banks to maintain an 8 percent capital level and will provide recapitalization loans to those in need.

**Drilling Intentions**

**Intentions to Drill**

CHILDRESS (KIRKLAND Cisco Reef) Mineral Development, Inc., #4 Perkins (320 ac) 1027' from South & 1021' from West line, Sec. 382,H,W&NW, 4 mi E-SE from Kirkland, PD 4700' (9400 N. Central Expressway, Suite 1209, Dallas, TX 75231)

MOORE (PANHANDLE) Arko-ma, Sandra, Alli (570 ac) Sec. 365,44,H&TC, 7 mi N-NW from Dumas, PD 3850' (Box 1662, Pampa, TX 79066) for the following wells:

#6, 1959.8' from North & 2045.6' from East line of Sec.

#7, 2660' from South & 2015' from East line of Sec.

ROBERTS (WEST LIPS Cleveland) Amoco Production Co., #51 Lips Ranch Unit 'B' 1 (640 ac) 2465' from South & 1161' from West line, Sec. 31,A,H&GN, 30 mi NW from Miami, PD 6900' (Box 800, Rm. 833, Denver, CO 80201)

Application to Plug-Back HANSFORD (WILDCAT & HITCHLAND Novi) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Twogood (640 ac) 1250' from South & 990' from West line, Sec. 31,PH&GN, 4 mi S-SW from Hitchland, PBTD 6700' (Box 358, Borger, TX 79008)

Application to Deepen (within casing) LIPSCOMB (SOUTH KIOWA CREEK Lower Morrow) Medallion Production Co., #1 Loesch (646.5 ac) 467' from South & West line, Sec. 904,43,H&TC, 10 mi SE from Booker, PD 9530' (7130 S. Lewis, Suite 700, Tulsa, OK 74136)

Amended Intentions to Drill GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #55 M.B. Davis (960 ac) 2035' from North & 1872' from West line, Sec. 9,1,ACH&B, 2 mi SE from Lefors, PD 3250' (Box 2700, Pampa, TX 79066) Amended to change well location

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE Moore County) J. M. Huber Corp., #17 Otis Phillips 'B' (640 ac) 940' from North & 1649' from East line, Sec. 2,1,BBB&C, 10.5 mi NW from Pringle, PD 3500' (7120 I-40 West, Suite 100, Amarillo, TX 79106) Amended to change well location

Oil Well Completions POTTER (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Gould Oil, Inc., #72-11 Masterson, Sec. 72,0-18,D&P, elev. 3665 kb, spud 10-28-94, drlg. compl 10-31-94, tested 2-1-95, pumped 8.3 bbl. of 34.8 grav. oil + 2 bbl. water; GOR 11084, perforated 1892-2214, TD 2336', PBTD 2302'

POTTER (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Gould Oil, Inc., #74-9 Masterson, Sec. 74,0-18,D&P, elev. 3666 kb, spud 11-1-94, drlg. compl 11-4-94, tested 2-24-95, pumped 10.5 bbl. of 33.4 grav. oil + 1 bbl. water, GOR 18095, perforated 1900-2171, TD 2348', PBTD 2301'

Gas Well Completions HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN #1A, spud 9-18-83, plugged 2-9-95, TD 3400' — #1W, spud 1-24-83, plugged 2-3-95, TD 4050' — #A3, spud 11-28-83, plugged 2-7-95, TD 3400' — #C2, spud 3-13-84, plugged 2-6-95, TD 3400' — OCHILTREE (WILDCAT) Medallion Production, #1 Harelson, Sec. 313,43,H&TC, spud 10-10-94, plugged 11-29-94, TD 9950' (dry) — SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGO-TON) Amoco Production Co., #1 Harris Gas Unit, Sec. 304,1-T,T&NO, spud 12-8-49, plugged 2-1-95, TD 3060' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Stanolind Oil & Gas

WHEELER (EAST PANHANDLE) Wildcat Cement Co., #1 Copeland, Sec. 68,13,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 2-9-95, TD 2215' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Teci Production

Douglas) Canyon Exploration Co., #1 Webb, Sec. 175,41,H&TC, elev. 2377 kb, spud 10-18-94, drlg. compl 11-1-94, tested 3-3-95, potential 630 MCF, rock pressure 839, pay 6840-6898, TD 7800', PBTD 7744' — SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGO-TON) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1-40A Blake, Sec. 40,3-T,T&NO, elev. 3455 gr, spud 9-4-94, drlg. compl 9-9-94, tested 2-13-95, potential 145 MCF, rock pressure 154.8, pay 3154-3254, TD 3420', PBTD 3352' —

Plugged Wells CARSON (PANHANDLE) Mist-tex Operating, Inc., #26 Burnett 'K', Sec. 86,5,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 10-19-94, TD 3014' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Etchieson & Watkins (Previously filed as #5 Christian 'A')

CARSON (PANHANDLE) W O Operating Co., #78 Fee '244', Sec. 110,4,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 1-28-95, TD 3140' (oil) — CARSON (PANHANDLE) W O Operating Co., #137 Fee '244', Sec. 90,4,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 1-19-95, TD 3128' (oil) — GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Oilwell Operators, Inc., #2 Dickey, Sec. 48,25,H&GN, spud 7-21-51, plugged 2-23095, TD 2480' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Cree & Schwartz

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Oilwell Operators, Inc., #1 Willis 'A', Sec. 13,25,H&GN, spud 7-6-50, plugged 2-27-95, TD 2308' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Cree & Schwartz

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Mew-bourne Oil Co., #1 Franklin '134', Sec. 134,42,H&TC, spud 1-12-95, plugged 2-6-95, TD 10200' (dry) — HEMPHILL (N.W. CANADIAN Douglas) Continental Trend Resources, #1 Nix 'C', Sec. 74,42,H&TC, spud 3-15-89, plugged 2-9-95, TD 6850' (gas) — Form 1 filed in TXO Production

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Suoco Oil Corp., Whittenburg, Sec. 49,M-23;TCRR (oil) — Form 1 filed in J.B. Herrmann, for the following wells:

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OCHILTREE (WILDCAT) Medallion Production, #1 Harelson, Sec. 313,43,H&TC, spud 10-10-94, plugged 11-29-94, TD 9950' (dry) —

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**Margarette Cox continues term on TSHES board of directors**

Margarette Cox, director of environmental services at Coronado Hospital in Pampa, has a one-year term remaining on the board of directors of the Texas Society for Healthcare Environmental Services.

Installation for the 1995-1996 board was conducted during a Feb. 23 meeting in Corpus Christi. Ruben Castillo, director of facilities management at Memorial Medical Center in Port Lavaca, was installed as president.

William Carter, director of house-keeping at Northeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, became president-elect. Lila N. Lowery, director of environmental services at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen, moved into the past-president position.

Installed to serve two-year terms on the board were Rick Collie, direc-

tor of building services at Citizens Medical Center in Victoria; Mike Ginsberg, director of environmental services at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple; and Reuben Trejo, director of environmental services at Santa Rosa Health Care in San Antonio.

Besides Cox, others with one year remaining on the board are Sharon Hotalen, director of environmental services at Wilson N. Jones Memorial Hospital in Sherman, and Ralph Monsivais, assistant director of general services at St. David's Hospital in Austin.

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**Chamber Communique**

Welcome new member, SCOTT ONDICH, vice president of Marketing and Customer Service of TVision Inc., 1506 N. Hobart, Suite 220.

This month's Chamber luncheon will be Tuesday in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Danny's Market will begin serving at 11:45 a.m. Seleta Chance, a member of the Tourism Committee, will present Pampa's Celebration of Lights Campaign. Malcolm Hinkel Inc. will be the sponsor.

Reservations can be made by calling 669-3241 by no later than 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

All interested citizens are urged to

attend the I-27 North Coalition meeting, Thursday, March 23, 5 p.m., at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce offices. On March 27, Victor P. Raymond, chair, will present Pampa's proposal to be included in the study of the I-27 North Expansion at a public meeting with the Texas Department of Transportation at 7 p.m., with public input beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarillo City Commission Chambers, third floor of City Hall, 509 East 7th Street.

Meetings:  
Tuesday — Chamber Luncheon — 11:45 a.m.  
Thursday — I-17 North Coalition Meeting — 5 p.m.

**Pentagon funds used for bonuses**

NEW YORK (AP) — Some \$31 million in Pentagon funds will be used for bonuses that Martin Marietta Corp. and Lockheed Corp. executives agreed to pay themselves as part of a merger, *New York Newsday* reported Friday.

The Pentagon contribution represents one-third of the \$92 million in bonuses the executives will receive.

It is on top of an estimated \$1 billion government subsidy to the merged defense contractor, Lockheed Martin.

Defense Department spokesman Ken Bacon told the newspaper that \$19 million comes from executive benefit claims already made under older contracts and \$12 million will be from claims not yet made under future contracts.

**PPROA to meet in April**

AMARILLO — Carole Keeton Rylander of the Texas Railroad Commission will be the keynote speaker for the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners' Association on the first day of the group's annual meeting in April.

Keith Selinger of GSM & Associates in Amarillo will hold a five-hour workshop on the first day of the meeting, April 18, at the Radisson Hotel in Amarillo. Amarillo geologist David Walker with Heritage Drilling will also give an overview of 3-D seismic work.

Other presentations that Tuesday afternoon include production based financing alternatives and risk management.

The Lubbock OSHA office will also present a workshop on safety and health regulations in the oil patch, according to PPROA

Executive Vice President H. Wayne Hughes.

Dr. Margaret Maxey, engineering professor from the University of Texas, will speak at breakfast on Wednesday. She will be followed by Gail Bishop, president of People For An Energy Policy, a Houston-based grass roots organization which seeks to counter the growing radicalism in the environmental movement, Hughes said.

Kent Hance, Austin lawyer, will address the convention later in the day on the threat of imported oil. Rep. Mac Thornberry will speak on the first 100 days of the Republican's Contract with America.

A Sugarland-based independent geologist, Andy Bagot, will end the day with a presentation on oil exploration in the Chechnyan region of Russia.

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## Seize this day only and let yesterday go

DEAR ABBY: I am enclosing something that appeared in our church newsletter; the author is unknown, but I found it inspirational. It is posted on my refrigerator, and I read it many times a day. It is something you may want to share with your readers.

COLEEN BERGEN, BRICK, N.J.

DEAR COLEEN: You hit the bull's-eye. Many thanks for sending it.

### YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

There are two days in every week that we should not worry about, two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed, forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. Nor can we erase a single word we've said — yesterday is gone!

The other day we shouldn't worry about is tomorrow, with its impossible adversaries, its burden, its hopeful promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds — but it will



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

rise. And until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day — today. Any person can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down.

It is not the experience of today that drives people mad — it is the remorse of bitterness for something which happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, live one day at a time!

DEAR ABBY: You recently published a letter from a widow who felt lonely and forgotten by her married friends.

She said she got a lot of attention right after her husband's funeral, but now they neglect her. It seems to me I've heard that song before. I would like to ask this widow how

often she included her single friends in parties and outings when she was part of a couple?

Did it ever occur to her that her single friends might appreciate being included? Or, did she, like many married people, exclude singles in favor of couples? Please don't ignore your single friends; someday you may need them.

Instead of waiting for people to give to her, she should get involved in volunteer work, meet others who share similar interests, and make new friends with people who do not sit around bemoaning their fate, but do what they can to make this world a better and happier place.

K. DRAKE

DEAR K. DRAKE: Bravo! And thanks for some excellent advice to widows. There's little I can add to it.

DEAR ABBY: I found an error in your column. You said the Psalms are in the New Testament. You are wrong; the Psalms are in the Old Testament. I'll bet I'm not the first person who caught it. Love and hugs...

MRS. KATHLEEN HUNNE, CAMP HILL, PA.

DEAR KATHLEEN: You were closer to the 101st person who caught it, and I am still "catching it" from sharp-eyed readers.

## Horoscope



### Your Birthday

Monday, March 20, 1995

Three unique opportunities might develop in the year ahead that bring unexpected rewards. Watch for telltale signals.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Do not let self-doubt overwhelm your positive impulses today. If you do, it could severely lessen your probabilities for achieving a critical objective. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and a SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Today you might participate in an inconvenient arrangement with a friend. Try not to let prevailing conditions hurt your relationship.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You can achieve success today through give and take. Remember to acknowledge persons who help you and try to assist them in return.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Subdue tendencies today to make endeavors more complicated than they have to be. You can accomplish what you set out to do, so why do things the hard way?

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Others might not come through for you today in ways that make your life easier. If you want to rest in a bed of roses, you'll have to pick the pedals yourself.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Do not insist that your mate participate today in things he/she doesn't enjoy. This will not only anger your spouse, but might spoil your day as well.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You will be able to grasp the big picture easily today,

but the details might escape you. Try to remain cognizant of both.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Although you might want to give those you love everything they desire, sometimes the resources to do this aren't available. Today could be an example.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Maintain quality from start to finish on projects you attempt today. You might get sloppy near the finish line.

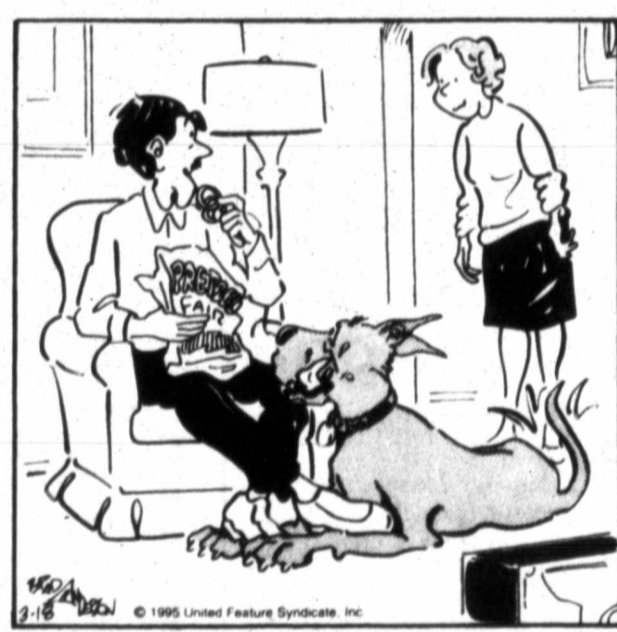
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Someone who helped you out recently might ask for a special favor today. You may be tempted to deny your pal's request simply because it's inconvenient.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** By prudently managing your resources, you can avoid spending all your extra funds today. This will keep you financially afloat for the rest of the week.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Go along with the group's wishes today, even if they conflict with your interests and desires. You mustn't be the poor sport who spoils everyone's day.



"Last night's sitter was a no-it-all. She said 'no' all the time."



"He was mad at me until I opened this bag of pretzels."

### The Family Circus



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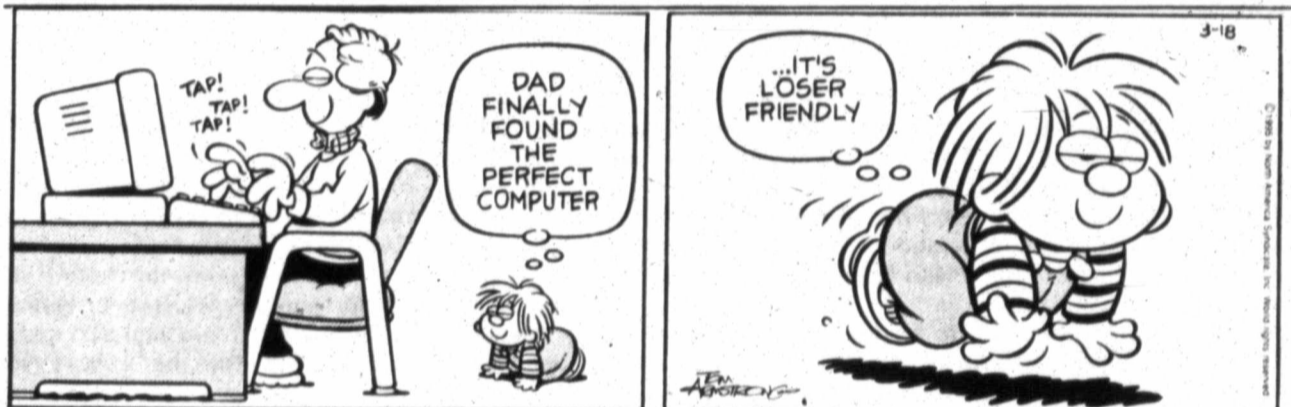
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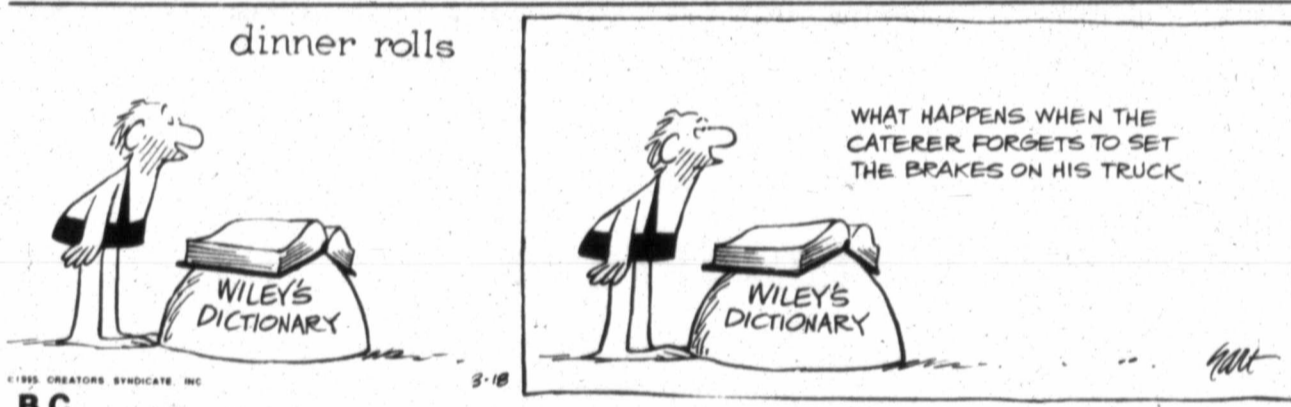
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Entertainment

'Friends': Companionship along with laughs Turntable hits

By FRAZIER MOORE  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — At Cheers, everybody knew your name.

On *Friends* they know each other's names, coffee preference and seemingly everything else. And do they love to talk about it!

Rachel to Phoebe: "I can't believe he hasn't kissed you yet. I mean, by my sixth date with Paolo he had already named both of my breasts." Then to the entire group: "Oh, did I just share too much?"

It's just talk, banded among the sitcom world's sexiest sextet. Also, it's most prudish.

Befitting an 11th-place ranking for the season to date, *Friends* is full of pretty funny talk.

Ross: "She said she's looking for a relationship with someone exactly like me."

Joey: "She really said that?"  
Ross: "Well, I added the 'exactly like me' part."

Or ...  
Phoebe (peevish): "Why would you want to ask out my sister?"  
Joey (exasperated): "So that if we went out on a date, she'd be there!"

There's one thing more important to a sitcom audience than laughs: comfort level.

Just as with *Cheers* and its bar, *Taxi* and its garage, or scores of other sitcom successes, *Friends* invites your vicarious involvement with a family of friends as they cocoon in each others' living rooms or at the Central Perk, a living-room-like coffee bar.

Bottom line: Who wouldn't want to join them in their floating kaffeeklatsch?

Monica (*Family Ties*' Courteney Cox) is a detail-obsessed chef at a Greenwich Village restaurant. Her rich-girl roomie is Rachel (*The Edge*'s Jennifer Aniston), who abandoned her fiancé at the altar. Ross (*NYPD Blue*'s David Schwimmer) is Monica's hand-dog older brother whose wife has left him for another woman.

Joey (*Vinnie & Bobby*'s Matt LeBlanc) is a hunky would-be actor and Chandler (*Sydney*'s Mathew Perry) is a wisecracking data processor who discovers to his dismay that some women think he's gay.

Phoebe is a waifish, aura-cleansing folk singer (played by Lisa Kudrow, also Phoebe's twin sister Ursula, the out-to-lunch waitress on *Mad About You*).

The *Friends* family consists of six twentysomethings, all of whom are good-looking, wholesome, perky and thin.

What they aren't is getting it on with one another.



Cast members of the hit NBC series 'Friends' are, from left, David Schwimmer, Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Matt LeBlanc, Lisa Kudrow and Matthew Perry.

*Friends* is the perfect sitcom for the '90s. The hormones flow in sheets along with the talk, while the show celebrates a grateful respite from sex, the fast track and material success, all within the chaste refuge of friendship.

As the cloying theme song goes, "Your job's a joke, you're broke, your love life's D.O.A., but I'll be there for you."

It's not Irving Berlin, but it gets the point across. It also sums up the storylines, which deal with pressing matters like dinner with the parents, giving up cigarettes, ditching a guy your

friends are crazy about, or having to fire an assistant you want to date.

*Friends* has its shortcomings. The show is decidedly un-New Yorky. The coffee bar seems better suited to a small college town or a suburban mall. Is this friendship so strong it provides a hermetic seal against Manhattan's oddities and mean streets?

The caffeine-pumped pacing sometimes undercuts the comedy. During a Lamaze class, Ross, in the absence of his pregnant ex-wife, is forced to pinch hit as the expectant mother while his ex-wife's lesbian

lover claims the father's coaching role. The scene had potential, but after the setup, it bailed out. The whole thing was over in 90 seconds.

A recent episode that centered on a boys-versus-girls poker faceoff was charming, and pointed up *Friends*' essential truth: At least when you're young, there's nothing better than being in the dumps with other fun-loving people.

Let Monica speak for all her friends, not to mention the premise behind their show: "Welcome to the real world! It sucks! You're gonna love it."

Ireland's Mary Black looks toward conquering U.S.

By DAVID GERMAIN  
Associated Press Writer

Unlike some of her countrywomen, Irish singer Mary Black doesn't belt out a song with ferocious abandon like Sinéad O'Connor or layer her recordings with a dozen vocal tracks like Enya.

Black's songs don't wind up in action movies or as backdrops to TV commercials like those of Clannad, fronted by Enya's sister Maire Brennan. Black hasn't emigrated from Ireland to Nashville looking for success in America like singer Maura O'Connell.

Black has stayed near her roots in Dublin, quietly building an impressive catalog of folk and soft pop albums over the past 12 years, with the emphasis on her pure and pretty voice.

That doesn't mean she has sworn off success outside her home turf, where her albums are best sellers.

She has just signed with Curb Records, which released a compilation of her songs three days before St. Patrick's Day. She also plans a mini-American tour starting in April.

"In the past, I could tour in America and 50 per-

cent of the audience was born in Ireland, like young Irish immigrants dying to come see someone like myself from home," Black said in a telephone interview from Dublin.

"Slowly but surely, I think I'm breaking through to a wider audience. I've found myself playing more for native Americans. I don't mean the Indians, but Americans who don't have any Irish connections."

In Ireland, Black, 39, records for Dara Records, a label run by her husband, Joe O'Reilly. She's a star there, where her most recent albums, *No Frontiers*, *Babes in the Wood* and *The Holy Ground* went platinum and stayed on the charts for a year or more.

The trouble with the Irish market is that platinum means 15,000 copies, compared to 1 million in the United States.

Black is popular in England, Australia and Japan, but she's focusing this year on the U.S. market. Her previous albums were released in the United States on the tiny Giffthorse label, with little promotion.

Curb's release, *Looking Back*, compiles nine songs from Black's half-dozen albums plus three

new tracks. The label also plans to release Black's next album, due out late this year.

"She's an incredible vocalist," said Claire West, Curb's vice president for adult-contemporary promotions. "She's one of those artists who's a musician's musician. We believe Mary just needs more exposure to gain the popularity here that she's always had in the rest of the world."

On St. Patrick's Day, the Nashville Network aired a one-hour special, *The Music of Ireland*, starring Black and featuring her friend, Emmylou Harris.

While Black has recorded interesting covers ("Moon River," "I Say a Little Prayer," Billie Holiday's "God Bless the Child" and "Don't Explain"), she prefers tunes by contemporary Irish songwriters that mix pop and traditional.

"Once people get to hear it, Irish traditional music, it seems to reach a spot in people they didn't realize existed," Black said. "They tap their feet and laugh, and it makes them want to cry, too."

"It seems to hit a chord with people all over the world. You don't have to know the music or the land intimately. It's just something that the music makes you feel."

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in this week's issue of *Billboard* magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

TOP SINGLES

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1. "Take a Bow," Madonna (Maverick-Sire) (Gold)
2. "Candy Rain," Soul for Real (Uptown) (Gold)
3. "Creep," TLC (LaFace) (Platinum)
4. "Red Light Special," TLC (LaFace)
5. "Strong Enough," Sheryl Crow (A&M)
6. "Big Poppa - Warning," The Notorious B.I.G. (Bad Boy) (Gold)
7. "You Gotta Be," Des'ree (Music)
8. "Baby," Brandy (Atlantic)
9. "If You Love Me," Brownstone (MJJ) (Gold)
10. "Run Away," Real McCoy

TOP ALBUMS

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1. *Greatest Hits*, Bruce Springsteen (Columbia)
2. *The Lion King' Soundtrack*, (Disney) (Platinum)
3. *Tuesday Night Music Club*, Sheryl Crow (A&M) (Platinum)
4. *Hell Freezes Over*, The Eagles (Geffen) (Platinum)
5. *II*, Boyz II Men (Motown) (Platinum)
6. *Cracked Rear View*, Hootie & the Blowfish (Atlantic) (Platinum)
7. *The Hits*, Garth Brooks (Liberty) (Platinum)
8. *Dookie*, Green Day (Reprise) (Platinum)
9. *Throwing Copper*, Live (Radioactive) (Gold)
10. *CrazySexyCool*, TLC (LaFace) (Platinum)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1. "This Woman and This Man," Clay Walker (Giant)
2. "Thinkin' About You," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
3. "For a Change," Neal McCoy (Atlantic)
4. "Wherever You Go," Clint Black (RCA)
5. "Amy's Back in Austin," Little Texas (Warner Bros.)
6. "As Any Fool Can See," Tracy Lawrence (Atlantic)
7. "Somewhere in the Vicinity of the Heart," Shenandoah-Alison Krauss (Liberty)
8. "Which Bridge to Cross (Which Bridge to Burn)," Vince Gill (MCA)
9. "So Help Me Girl," Joe Diffie (Epic)
10. "Down in Flames," Blackhawk (Arista)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

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1. "Take a Bow," Madonna (Maverick-Sire)

2. "In the House of Stone and Light," Martin Page (Mercury)
3. "You Gotta Be," Des'ree (Music)
4. "Love Will Keep Us Alive," Eagles (Geffen)
5. "Everlasting Love," Gloria Estefan (Epic)
6. "House of Love," Amy Grant with Vince Gill (A&M)
7. "You Got It," Bonnie Raitt (Arista)
8. "Hold My Hand," Hootie & the Blowfish (Atlantic)
9. "Believe," Elton John (Rocket)
10. "On Bended Knee," Boyz II Men (Motown)

R&B SINGLES

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1. "Candy Rain," Soul For Real (Uptown)
2. "Baby," Brandy (Atlantic)
3. "This Is How We Do It," Montell Jordan (PMP)
4. "Red Light Special," TLC (LaFace)
5. "Freak Like Me," Adina Howard (Mecca Don-Eastwest)
6. "Dear Mama," 2Pac (Interscope)
7. "Big Poppa - Warning," The Notorious B.I.G. (Bad Boy)
8. "This Lil' Game We Play," Subway (Biv 10)
9. "If You Love Me," Brownstone (MJJ) (Gold)
10. "Creep," TLC (LaFace) (Platinum)

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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1. "Lightning Crashes," Live (Radioactive-MCA)
2. "Down by the Water," P.J. Harvey (Island)
3. "Live Forever," Oasis (Epic)
4. "Everything Zen," Bush (Trauma-Interscope)
5. "Plowed," Sponge (Chaos)
6. "Connection," Elastica (DGC-Geffen)
7. "The Man Who Sold the World," Nirvana (DGC-Geffen) (Platinum)
8. "Good," Better Than Ezra (Elektra-EEG)
9. "Star 69," R.E.M. (Warner Bros.)
10. "When I Come Around," Green Day (Reprise)

LATIN TRACKS

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1. "Que No Me Olvide," Bronco (Fonovisa)
2. "Toma Mi Amor," La Mafia (Sony)
3. "Fotos y Recuerdos," Selena (EMI-Latin)
4. "Todo y Nada," Luis Miguel (WEA Latina)
5. "El Taxista," Los Dinnos (Unico-Fonovisa)
6. "Mitad Tu, Mitad Yo," Banda Pachuco (Luna)
7. "Amor Perdoname," Fama (Sony)
8. "Eva Maria," Banda Magüey (Fonovisa)
9. "Ese Hombre," Myriam Hernandez (WEA Latina)
10. "Que Debo Hacer," Sparx (Fonovisa)

R.E.M. drummer Berry recovering

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — R.E.M. drummer Bill Berry is recovering after brain surgery in Switzerland.

Berry, 36, grabbed his head in pain and was taken off stage 90 minutes into a concert in Lausanne earlier

this month. On March 3, he underwent surgery for a hemorrhage.

The Athens-based band canceled its European dates through April 20 but is going ahead with its North American tour starting May 5.

**THE PREACHING OF PHILIP**

"And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed unto them the Christ. And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard, and saw the signs which he did. For from many of those that had unclean spirits, they came out, crying with a loud voice: and many that were palsied, and that were lame, were healed. And there was much joy in that city." (Acts 8:5-8.) Philip was one of the seven men chosen to assist in the distribution of goods to the needy widows in the church in Jerusalem (Acts 6:1-6.) When the disciples were scattered by the persecution led by Saul of Tarsus, Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ to the Samaritans.

In Mk. 16:15-20, we read: "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned. And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken unto them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed." Phillip performed the signs and miracles to prove that he was speaking the word of God. The signs were for that purpose. The signs and miracles were so convincing that the Samaritans listened to and believed what Phillip preached. Because they believed it, they were baptized and thus were saved from their sins.

In preaching Christ, Phillip would have preached faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God (Jn. 8:24.) He would have preached repentance (Lk. 24:47.) He would have preached confession of Christ as the Son of God (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10.) He would have preached baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38.) The record says that Phillip preached Jesus to the eunuch (Acts 8:35) which is the same as preaching Christ or preaching the gospel.

-Billy T. Jones

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## A&M Research and Extension Center director Dr. G.B. Thompson to retire

AMARILLO - Dr. G.B. Thompson, resident director of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Amarillo since 1976, has announced his retirement from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station effective Aug. 31.

"Dr. Thompson has provided outstanding leadership for the past 19 years in research and education for the agricultural industry which is so important to the High Plains," said Dr. Edward A. Hiler, the system's vice chancellor for agriculture and life sciences and director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. "He was instrumental in formalizing positive joint programs between West Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University System agriculture program."

Thompson, who joined the Texas A&M University System Sept. 1, 1976, had led the Amarillo center's research program since its establishment and opening in July 1977. Among its major accomplishments during that period were advancements in mineral nutrition and shipping fever prevention in feeder cattle, Russian wheat aphid management, small grain breeding, irrigation management and cropping systems.

Under his leadership, the center acquired new facilities and additional land at its site, 10 miles west of Amarillo at Bushland. The center

now has more than 60 full-time researchers and support personnel.

The center also worked with the North Plains Underground Water District to build a facility at Etter for irrigation and field crops research. Called the North Plains Research Field Station, it is located 60 miles north of Amarillo and nine miles north of Dumas.

Thompson is a leading authority on beef cattle nutrition and management systems. He joined Texas A&M after serving as professor of animal husbandry at the University of Missouri, where he held various positions from 1950 to 1976. He specialized in animal nutrition research, was co-leader of the forage-livestock systems research program and developed and led a research program in cow/calf management systems for the beef industry.

He spent a sabbatical year at the University of California-Davis in 1965-66, conducting an extensive study of the western beef cattle feeding industry. He also took part in a research and study tour in Australia and New Zealand in 1973.

In 1985, he was awarded the Citation of Merit from the University of Missouri for excelling in his profession and making significant contributions to the agricultural industry.

He is a member of the American Society of Animal Sciences, Council

for Agricultural Science and Technology, American Association of Professional Animal Scientists and American Forage and Grassland Council. He has been published extensively, including as coauthor of two books on feedlot and feeding operations.

Thompson has also been very active in the Amarillo community. He is a longtime member for Rotary International and was instrumental in organizing a student mentoring program now widely used nationally and internationally. He has also been involved with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and the Harrington Regional Medical Center of Amarillo.

"I'm looking forward to revising my animal nutrition textbook over the next five months and phasing into retirement," Thompson said. "Coming to Texas A&M from the University of Missouri has been very rewarding, and my wife and I are very appreciative of our time with the people and the program at Texas A&M."

"We certainly appreciate the response of the people of Amarillo to the agriculture program. The merger of West Texas A&M into the Texas A&M University System three years ago made it especially interesting and rewarding, and I am very pleased that it has strengthened both programs."

## 'Green Acres' in reverse: Nebraskan collects farm payments in New York

By ROBERT GREENE  
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - J. Henry Warren has his feet firmly planted on Nebraska soil when he's not living in lower Manhattan.

The 66-year Nebraska native was hauling dirt last Wednesday at his Holt County farm near Atkinson. "I'm here a good period of time," he said from a telephone in his tractor. "I'll be here all spring and summer."

But the subsidy checks for his corn crop reach Warren in New York City, according to government records obtained by the Washington-based Environmental Working Group.

The group, in a report called "City Slickers," said at least 1.7 percent of subsidy checks between 1985 and 1994 went to people living in the 50 most populous cities and 28 of their major suburbs or satellite communities.

That is \$1.8 billion out of \$106 billion paid by the government during the period to boost the prices of corn, cotton, wheat, rice or other crops, restore environmentally fragile land, and do the other things farm program payments do.

"Massive and widespread cash payments to absentee interests in cities are just one of many indications that America's federal farm subsidy programs are out of control," the group said in its report, noting that farms in 42 states supplied payments to residents of New York.

The report, issued last week, notes that absentee arrangements are perfectly legal, and it does not look at who actually received the payments. It acknowledges that some city dwellers may reverse commute to the farm, and professionals like doctors might buy or inherit the land. Some landowners are paid under conservation pro-

grams for not farming their land.

"This study underscores just one of the fundamental problems with America's Depression-era farm programs: They mostly reward the ownership of land, not the farming of it, and reward most those who own the most, not those most in need," the report says.

The group released its report at a hearing of the Senate Agriculture Committee, which is examining farm programs before writing the 1995 farm bill.

Committee Chairman Dick Lugar, R-Ind., has questioned whether the Depression-era system has outlived its usefulness. The Agriculture Department says large farms with yearly sales of more than \$250,000 accounted for more than one-third of total payments in 1993.

But Mace Thornton, spokesman for the American Farm Bureau Federation, says the study misses the point.

"I think you have to ask what is the goal of the farm program," he said, supplying his group's answer: "It is to enroll as many acres as possible to provide a level of food security and food price stability for the nation as well as some environmental benefits."

"A lot of times people who live in the cities still have an emotional attachment to the farm and they could not bear to part with it," he said. "I'm not saying that's going to account for all of it."

Warren's attachment is financial and emotional. He grew up in Atkinson. His father bought the land in 1940, then died in 1944. Warren leased the farm out for two decades, then operated it through a manager for the last 20 years, maintaining daily contact by phone and fax while in New York. Throughout, the farm has been his only source of income.

Warren has just leased out the

farm again so he can retire and draw Social Security after receiving more than \$500,000 in government payments during the 10 years covered by the report.

Warren wasn't identified by name in the report, but The Associated Press easily located him.

Allen Richard wasn't identified by name when highlighted on page 2 of the report as the top "farmer" in Washington, D.C., who received more than \$286,000.

Richard says he really was a farmer - in Rolette County, N.D. - when he got most of the money attributed to him. He lived in Washington for only two years and he received only \$495 during those two years, according to the data. Richard left North Dakota in 1990 and sold his farm interests, and he disputed the report.

"At the time I moved to Washington, D.C., I was really getting no payments from the federal government whatsoever," he said.

Though New York and Washington figured in the report, the top payments went to hub cities for major farming areas. Fresno, Calif., topped the list with \$103.4 million in payments to 1,706 recipients; Sacramento followed with \$102.9 million to 1,054; Omaha, \$79.9 million, 3,903 payees; Phoenix, \$71.6 million to 1,619; Dallas, \$71.4 million to 4,420; Houston, \$69.7 million, to 6,204; Memphis, Tenn., \$66.2 million to 3,448; Miami, \$54.5 million, to 1,729; Minneapolis, \$48.4 million, to 3,183; and Kansas City, Mo., \$48.3 million to 3,419.

Lugar, by the way, received \$2.50 million in subsidy payments for his 604-acre farm in Marion County, Ind. Committee spokeswoman Minda Markle said Lugar signed up in the 1980s at the urging of Agriculture Secretary John Block to get firsthand experience.

## USDA proposes to expand animal inspections period

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Agriculture Department wants to boost interstate and international trade involving animals by extending the time allowed between inspection and issuance of official health documents.

The department is proposing to let accredited veterinarians issue official health documents up to 30 days after inspecting herds or flocks that are under regular health maintenance programs.

The current period allowed is seven days. "Allowing a longer time period for animals under regular health maintenance programs should reduce the

costs of health inspection for the livestock industry without increasing the risk of disease spread," said Donald Luchsinger of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Veterinarians and livestock producers have asked the agency to change the regulations because they say the seven-day period is "impractical, burdensome and expensive," USDA said.

Those wishing to comment on the proposal should send an original and three copies of written comments on or before May 9 to the inspection service.

## Christian Cowboys



(Special photo)

John Stokes, left, president of the newly formed Top O' Texas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, speaks to those attending the chapter's first meeting held Feb. 25 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion east of Pampa. The chapter offers fun, fellowship and music with meeting dates on the fourth Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be March 25, with other dates set for April 22 and May 27, all at the pavilion. For more information, contact Stokes at 665-7896 or Kathleen Green, vice president, at 665-8067. Secretary is Carolyn Stokes.

## Longer wheat stubble saves soil and water

WASHINGTON (AP) - Agriculture Department researchers have found that farmers can conserve soil and water by harvesting wheat so that 3-foot stubble is left standing.

Scientists in USDA's Agricultural Research Service have been using a new combine header that leaves longer stubble than conventional headers, and which they say also gathers grain more quickly.

The combine header, made by a British company, Shelbourne Reynolds, uses plastic teeth on a high-speed rotating cylinder to strip grain off the stem, unlike conventional headers that cut the stems.

"It's best for picking up grain from lodged or fallen stems," said Dale E. Wilkins, an agricultural engineer at the Columbia Plateau Conservation Research Center in Pendleton, Ore.

The findings of their research were reported in the February issue of the publication *Agricultural Research*.

The researchers used the stripper header on experimental wheat fields in Pendleton and Moro, Ore., and Sidney, Mont. Their main interest was not the efficiency of the harvest but the vegetation left on the field afterward.

The new header leaves stubble about three feet tall, compared with about one foot left by conventional headers, the researchers said. This is important, they said, since the longer stubble traps more water.



Food For Thought by

Danny Bainum

The herbs and spices in dry salad dressing mix are super for garlicky grilled bread. Blend them into lots of softened butter or margarine and slather onto French bread sliced lengthwise. Grill or broil.

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ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) - Higher prices for fertilizer could prompt some farmers to cut back on fertilizer use and change their crops plans this spring.

Prices for urea - a nitrogen-based, manmade fertilizer - average \$275 a ton, up \$100 a ton from last year, said Paul Serie of Pierre, agronomy specialist with Cenex Land O'Lakes.

Farmers' fertilizer costs are up about \$5 per acre, he said.

"Farmers are going to have a real tight handle on input costs this year," said Kevin Rawstern, manager of North-Central Farmers Elevator in Ipswich. "They're going to pay closer attention to soil sampling and to their actual fertilizer needs."

In an ironic twist, last year's record high crop yields in South Dakota are helping create more demand for fertilizer. Healthy crops use up soil nutrients that can be replenished with fertilizer.

"If you don't feed a crop we don't get a crop," said Serie. "When you have good crops and good rainfall, all of a sudden you've got to put back what the plants took out."

Brothers Floyd and Keith Hansmeier of Bristol said they expect farmers to steer clear of corn and concentrate on soybeans.

"We're going to try to stay with crops where the fertilizer input costs aren't as high," said Floyd Hansmeier.

"We usually top-dress our winter wheat," said Keith Hansmeier. "We may not do that this year."

Serie said there are several reasons why prices are higher: Industrial demand for anhydrous ammonia has increased by about 20 percent in the past few years, he said.

There also is increased worldwide demand and some suppliers can sell fertilizer at larger profits in other countries, he said.

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## Agriculture

### The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

#### Wheat - (Bull/Bear)

**Outlook:** In recent weeks there's been much talk about the value of the dollar and its effect on wheat prices. The thinking goes like this: if the dollar gets trashed on the world's currency markets, it makes our exports, wheat for example, a bargain for many overseas customers with strong currencies. Countries like Japan and Germany.

I don't totally buy this argument for a couple of reasons. First of all, just look at a chart of wheat versus the dollar. The dollar actually started to fall around the first of the year. It accelerated in recent weeks to lose over 8 percent of its value. Since the first of the year, wheat has also lost over 8 percent of its value in dollar terms. If wheat were to stay even in terms of the dollar, it should have gained over 8 percent, not lost ground.

Perhaps the reason has to do with an often overlooked fact. In the current world market our main competitors, Argentina and Canada for example, also have weak currencies. The Canadian dollar and Argentine peso have actually been weaker than the dollar recently. Not coincidentally, Canada just sold a major shipment of wheat to China for summer delivery. We'll continue to let the market tell us when to reenter [see below].

**Strategy: Hedgers:** You are sold out of old crop for months now and currently we're out of the options market as well. Farmers who are willing to speculate on price can consider re-owning wheat "on the

board," but only if the May can again close over \$3.57. At that time, look to purchase the May 360 calls.

**Traders:** Consider buying soft red wheat in Chicago, but only after it shows a sign the trend has turned back up. The way to do this is on a stop above the market at \$3.57. [Note this price is 2 cents lower than last week.] Risk 10 cents a bushel for an objective of \$3.77.

#### Corn - (Bull)

**Outlook:** W.D. Gann made the following statement about 50 years ago [and it's still true today] - "When everyone knows about a large crop (or an extremely small one), it is too late to trade on it to advantage except on rare occasions." Is it any wonder the corn market bottomed out this year around Thanksgiving time and just after harvest?

We continue to maintain our bullish corn bias based on a projection of record total corn demand. While there no doubt will be price corrections along the way, in our opinion, downside price risk is small.

**Strategy: Hedgers:** You sold your cash corn when the basis was strong last December, saved storage and interest, and took a modest profit in call options a few weeks ago. Those of you who wish to regain ownership in the options market should consider the July \$2.50 corn calls at about 7 cents a bushel.

**Traders:** We own July corn under \$2.46. Risk to the contract lows of \$2.32.

#### Cattle - (Bull)

**Outlook:** I'll leave the bull in the box for now, but if this market does-

n't act any better in the coming few weeks, it's quite possible the highs are in for the year. Thus far, trading action has been dismal, but is still consistent with our normal seasonal tendency discussed the past few weeks.

In every year from 1989 to 1994, the April's closed out strong and near the highs for the year. Also, just about every year, there was a major correction, usually about \$3/cwt. from the top, prior to resumption of the up trend. The recent move back to about 72 is consistent with this pattern, but if April closes much under 72 all bets are off.

We must realize it is possible this market could work lower now, and the reason would be cattlemen scrambling to move every animal even closely ready to avoid weaker prices this spring and summer. If this does happen, the June-August period won't be as weak as I believe. However, for now, we'll work on the assumption the economics of tight supplies will win out in the coming weeks. The tightest projected supplies of the year could come towards the end of March, and this should be associated with higher prices in the April contract.

**Strategy: Hedgers:** You are now 100 percent hedged in April futures with an average price of 74. This should be a profitable hedge for most feeders. For June protection we also own the 68 puts, purchased for less than \$2. If you're a "selective" hedger, and April closes for two days over 73.75 [Note: this is .50 lower than last week] look to buy 74 call options [lowered from the 75s] to open upside potential.

**Cow/calf operators:** No hedging recommendations at this time since we believe the feeder market is attempting to make a low.

**Traders:** Look to buy the April futures under 72.25, but I wouldn't risk much since we're at a critical point for the cattle market. If the futures close under 71.70, look to exit as fast as you can. The objective is a move to new contract highs.

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### Grain & Feed Assn. to meet in Lubbock

LUBBOCK - The 97th annual Texas Grain and Feed Association is scheduled for April 19-21 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

James Rotramel, general manager of Robinson Grain Company Inc. in Panhandle; Ross Wilson, director of government affairs for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo; Richard Sellers, director of feed control and nutrition for American Feed Industry Association; and Dr. Kendall Keith, president of the National Grain and Feed Association, will be among the featured speakers, according to Ellie Copeland, a spokesman for the TGFA.

Dr. Sam Curl, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University; Dr. Margaret Maxey of the University of Texas at Austin; and U.S. Rep. Larry Combest of Lubbock are also scheduled to speak.

Activities will begin Wednesday, April 19, with a golf tournament and clay pigeon shoot.

Motivational speaker Michael McKinley of Eau Claire, Wis., will be the first guest speaker during the opening session on Thursday after welcoming remarks by Lubbock Mayor David Langston and opening remarks by TGFA President Dr. Darrell Huck.

A tour of Cap-Rock Winery is scheduled Thursday for spouses, Copeland said.

There will be a gala Thursday evening at the Four Bar K Ranch featuring the western swing music of Jody Nix and his Texas Cowboys.

On Friday afternoon, there will be three tours available to convention participants to see value-added processing companies in the Lubbock area. They include Lubbock Feedyard, TTU Feedmill Center and

Plains Cotton Co-Op Association denim factory in Littlefield.

"The three-day convention is highlighted by the EXPO '95," Copeland said. "Texas has one of the largest state grain and feed association trade shows in the country. With over 100 exhibitors from around the country, EXPO '95 will be a spectacular display of the grain and feed industry's newest products and services."

The grain and feed industry contributes a total agricultural input of \$75 billion to the Texas economy, Copeland said. The Panhandle produces 65 percent of the Texas grain crop. Most of grain processed in the High Plains goes directly into animal feedlots, she said.

"For 97 years, the TGFA convention has highlighted issues which impact grain elevators and feed manufacturers," Copeland said. "This year is no exception."

### National Agriculture Week observed

WASHINGTON - When it comes to protecting the environment, farmers and ranchers have made great strides in recent years. These contributions American agriculture has made to preserving and nurturing our environment will be celebrated during National Agriculture Week, March 19-25, and National Agriculture Day, March 20.

"Through this annual celebration of agriculture, we are letting the millions of Americans who are fed and clothed by American producers know that we are just as concerned about preserving our environment as they are. We are constantly improving our methods of production to protect our precious resources on all fronts and to ensure the health of future generations," said Elroy Webster, chairman of the Ag Council board of directors.

Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau President Greg Acker agrees. "We are producing more food on less acreage," Acker said. "This leaves more land for a variety of other purposes, including wildlife habitat."

Acker also pointed out that Americans only spend about 11 percent of their disposable income for food, the lowest in the world. "That figure was 14 percent in 1970 and it continues to go down," Acker said.

Wildlife is one of the primary beneficiaries of American agriculture's stewardship. Seventy-five percent of the nation's wildlife live off of farms and ranches. The trees that farmers and ranchers plant to protect their land also provide shelter for birds, deer, antelope, ducks and geese. Freshwater streams that run through farm and ranch land are home to millions of fish. Corn, wheat, soybeans and other crops left on fields after harvest provide bountiful food that helps many animals make-it through the winter, Webster said.

American agriculture is also preserving natural

resources - water, air and soil - that form the backbone of food and fiber production. Minimum tillage, contour farming, strip cropping and other conservation practices have reduced soil erosion by 25 percent over the past ten years, Webster said.

Using satellite maps and computers to match seed, fertilizer and crop protector applications to local soil conditions, "precision farming" is further boosting crop yields while reducing waste. Livestock producers use new ventilation systems to circulate air, keeping animals comfortable and the air clean.

More recently, American agriculture has become an important resource for consumer products as well. For example, biodegradable garbage bags and eating utensils are made from starch now. Soybeans can be found in cleansers. Milk not only feeds children, it is also used to make tape for disposable diapers. Such new uses for agricultural products not only conserve non-renewable resources, but also provide jobs for rural economies, Webster noted.

"New-use products are a boon for the environment, since they come from renewable, clean resources - agricultural crops - and often replace non-renewable ones such as petroleum," he Webster. Since most of these products are grown and processed close to the source, they're providing jobs and income for rural communities as well.

"With less than two percent of Americans living on farms these days, National Agriculture Day helps to remind us of the importance of American agriculture and the men and women who feed and clothe us. We urge all Americans to take a moment on March 20 to celebrate the enduring partnership farmers and ranchers have made with nature," Webster added.

### Catfish production expands after dipping in 1994

WASHINGTON (AP) - Catfish will make a comeback this year after 1994 witnessed the first production decline in nearly two decades, the Agriculture Department says.

The department's Economic Research Service reported that production should grow 5 percent to 7 percent after falling to 439.3 million pounds in 1994. Last year's decline

was the first since 1975, and was caused by low prices in 1993.

As of Jan. 1, growers held 202 million food-size fish, up 7 percent from last year. Production and prices during the second half will depend on how fast the stockers and fingerlings held by growers are brought to market size.

Farm prices are now averaging 77

cents to 78 cents a pound, and feed costs are lower, which could drive growers to feed their fish at maximum rates. Prices hit a record 78.4 cents last year.

Prices should range higher during the first quarter because supplies will still be relatively tight during the Lenten season, when fish purchases increase, the research service said.

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# FDA gives approval to nation's first chickenpox vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans finally can prevent that itchy and sometimes dangerous rite of childhood: The government approved the nation's first chickenpox vaccine Friday.

Merck & Co.'s long-awaited Varivax vaccine, called a milestone by the Food and Drug Administration, will be available in doctors' offices within eight weeks.

Varivax is 70 percent to 90 percent effective at preventing any chickenpox and even those who are stricken by the virus after taking the vaccine have a milder disease, the FDA said.

"I'm ecstatic," said Rebecca Cole, a North Carolina mother who has pushed the FDA to approve the vaccine for almost seven years, after her son died of chickenpox. "I think we're going to see an end to chickenpox as we know it."

"It was worth the wait," said Dr. Thomas Vernon, vaccine chief at Merck, where scientists have been researching a chickenpox vaccine for 29 years.

Some 4 million Americans, mostly children, get chickenpox every year. Typically it's a nuisance disease, keeping bump-covered students out of school and their parents out of work for about a week.

But it can be deadly, killing up to 90 people a year and hospitalizing 9,300. It is most dangerous to infants, adults and people with immune problems, either from diseases or from drugs that depress immunity.

Chickenpox starts as an itchy rash, covering the typical patient with 250 to 500 blisters within days. It is spread by coughing, sneezing and the fluid from broken blisters. It is highly contagious from two days before the rash appears until all the lesions are dried into scabs.

Varivax is made from the live virus that causes chickenpox, called varicella, but weakened enough so that it triggers immunity without causing disease.

After the announcement of Varivax, the American Academy of Pediatrics urged everyone who has never had chickenpox to get vaccinated. Children ages 1 to 12 would get a single injection; teen-agers and adults need two shots, four to eight weeks apart.

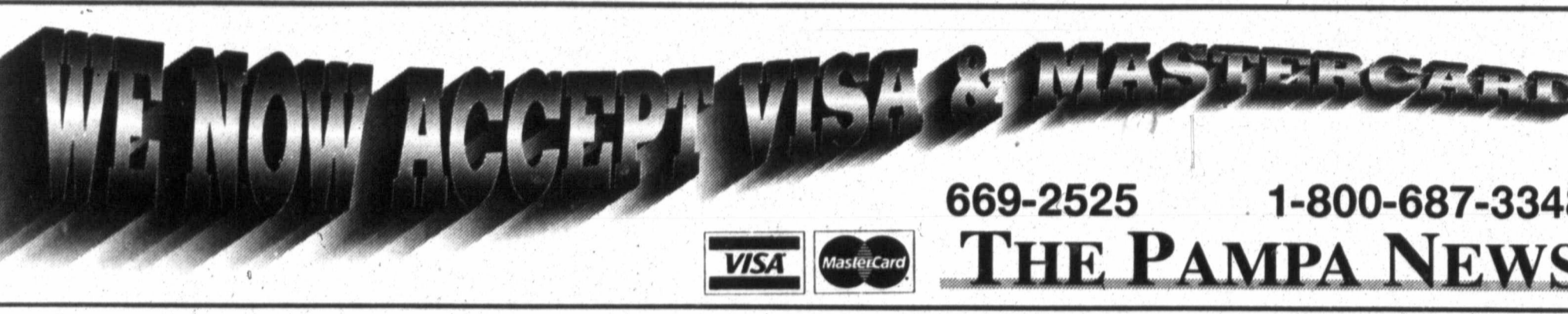
The vaccine cannot be given to children younger than 1, even though at least 5 percent of infants develop chickenpox. But doctors still expect infants to suffer less as rising vaccine rates lower the amount of chickenpox in the environment.

The shots can be given at the same time as the measles, mumps and rubella vaccines, and will cost physicians \$39. Side effects include redness, hardness and swelling at the injection site and some mild fatigue and nausea.

Merck has tested Varivax in 11,000 Americans since 1981. The tests showed Varivax was highly effective at preventing chickenpox. Also, the few people who still got chickenpox had very mild cases, getting fewer than 50 lesions.

Nobody knows just how long Varivax will protect. Merck will study tens of thousands of vaccinated patients to determine whether people will need booster shots later.

Another unanswered question: How Varivax will affect shingles, a very painful disease primarily among the elderly that is caused by varicella virus that hibernates in the body for decades. There is no sign Varivax will increase shingles, and Merck cites one study that indicates it might actually cut cases by one-fifth, but the company will study that as well.



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## THE PAMPA NEWS

### 1 Public Notice

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF MARIE GARRISON**  
 Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the Estate of Marie Garrison, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on March 13, 1995, in Cause No. 7925, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to me within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 13th day of March, 1995.

Rick Garrison  
 Independent Executor of the Estate of Elmer Garrison, Deceased  
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## Columnist breaks out with book on 'Bubba'

By JEAN PAGEL  
Associated Press Writer

ODESSA (AP) — Odds are, you know a Bubba.

Down-and-out as the oil business where he scrapes out a living. Never one to pass up a cold beer. Staunch defender of whatever bumper-sticker principle bedecks his tailgate.

Around Odessa he takes shape in Bruce Ray "Bubba" Gravelhauler.

This Bubba — a creation of *Odessa American* columnist Ken Brodnax — stirs considerable notice when he applies warped logic to taxes, pot holes and politics.

Brodnax, 46, created this fictitious philosopher in 1983. Bubba Gravelhauler appears occasionally in the newspaper and last summer debuted in a book: *If Nax Can Write, Bubba Can, Too*.

"He's a real Odessa-type character. Odessa shaped the book," said Brodnax, a San Angelo native who joined *The Odessa American* as a crime reporter in 1971. "He's real opinionated, sometimes beyond his area of expertise."

Brodnax says Bubba represents the West Texas workingman who likes guns, pays alimony and considers no one too sacred to spoof.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison gets dubbed "Hey Baby Hutchison" in the 181-page book, a compilation of columns.

And back in 1988, Bubba had this to say about George W. Bush: "If we ain't got enough troubles, here's the kid of the guy who might be president runnin' around bad mouthin' our town. Just the sort of thing you'd expect from somebody who lives in Midland."

Bubba has spilled his ungrammatical, pun-ridden dialogues on issues including Texas school finance and Odessa Permian football. Sometimes he's silly (proposing a mayoral arm-wrestling match); sometimes he's serious (urging voter registration).

Bubba's thoughts on adult bookstores and strip joints made the county attorney mad enough to fire off an angry letter in response.

Ector County commissioner Mike Patton called the character an important segment of the local scene.

"They (officials) take it with

more than a grain of salt. I think humor is a great way to say things without offending people," Patton said. "Sometimes Bubba's very unflattering to the commissioners court."

Brodnax, who has written more than 2,200 columns for *The Odessa American*, said many readers can relate to the character and his traditional values. Column ideas come from anecdotes that people tell Brodnax.

This "Roads Scholar" in a pick-up can twist a pseudo-informed opinion into a rational point. His thought process makes for an entertaining ride.

"Every once in awhile he'll make pretty good sense," Brodnax said. "Even intelligent, well-educated people will look at it and say he's right."

Brodnax said he doesn't always agree with the conclusions Bubba draws. But after a dozen years of putting words in Bubba's mouth, he sees the stereotype gaining some degree of prominence — or, at least, acceptance.

"I'm kind of proud," he said, "of the fact that Bubba was Bubba before Bubba was cool."

## Kid sneezing? Maybe it's psychological

NEW YORK (AP) — The boy had been sneezing uncontrollably for six days, 10 to 15 times a minute for most of his waking hours, and nobody knew why.

It was a weird kind of sneeze, with no "ah" and all "choo" and such regular spacing that he sounded like a slow-moving locomotive: "choo ... choo ... choo ... choo."

Four doctors had failed to help the 15-year-old patient.

Relief finally arrived at a psychiatric emergency department. He revealed that the day before his sneezing started, an intimidating classmate had threatened to kill him. Once the boy started talking about that, his sneezing slowed down. Then it stopped, apparently for good.

The idea that prolonged and apparently unstoppable sneezing could have a psychological cause would surprise not only many parents, but also many psychiatrists, says Dr. Laura Fochtmann, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

In the March-April issue of the journal *Psychosomatics*, she reports that psychological factors were blamed for 31 of 38 cases of treatment-resistant sneezing reported in medical journals, including her own experience with the 15-year-old boy.

It's not clear how common this psychological sneezing is, she said. It is not discussed in psychiatric textbooks or the standard reference book of mental disorders, so psychiatrists probably aren't aware of it, she said.

And "if people aren't looking for it, they don't find it," she said.

Psychological sneezing appears to be triggered by a person's unconscious, which can create a physical symptom to gain some kind of advantage, she said. For example, the boy's sneezing kept him from having to go to school and face the bully.

Psychotherapy can stop psychological sneezing, and the problem often ends by itself without treatment, Fochtmann said.

Psychological sneezing occurs most often between ages 10 and 14

and has several distinctive characteristics, she said:

— The sneezes have the locomotive-like "choo ... choo ... choo" sound rather than irregular bursts of "ah-choo."

— The face lacks the typical about-to-sneeze expression.

— The eyes stay open.

— Sneezing stops during sleep.

Fochtmann said persistent unstoppable sneezing should be evaluated by a doctor to rule out physical causes before a psychiatrist is consulted.

One case she cited involved a 14-year-old boy who had several sneezing episodes lasting months at a time. They were finally stopped by psychotherapy and an antidepressant.

Dr. Andrew Hotaling, a pediatric ear-nose-throat specialist at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago who treated the boy, said two operations had failed to cure the sneezing.

The psychiatric treatment "had an amazing effect," Hotaling said.

When consulted on such cases, "the first thing I now will think about is psychological," he said.

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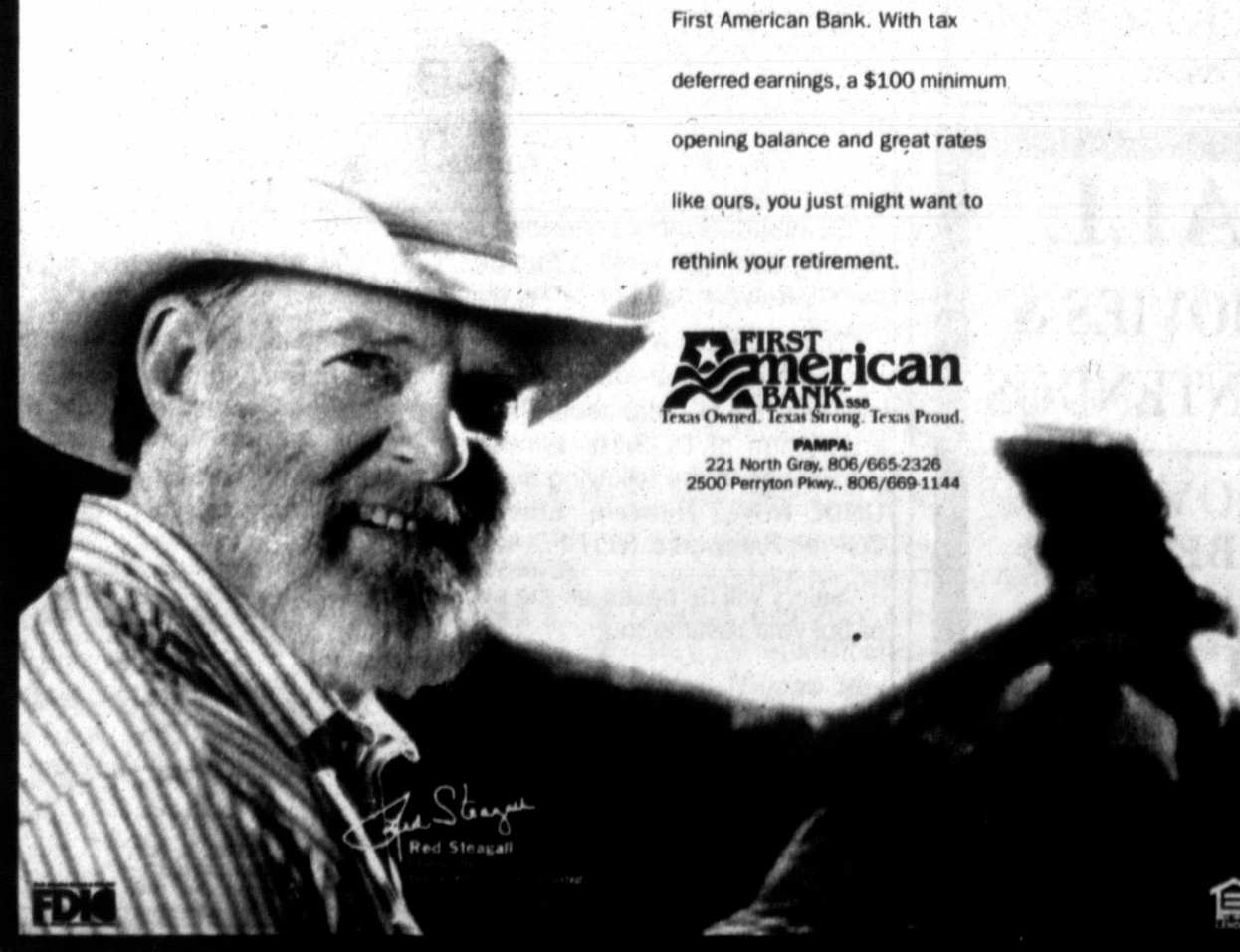
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