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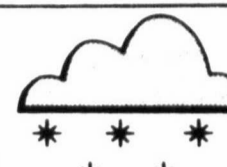
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Clinton rallies Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton implored discouraged Democrats on Saturday "to bear down and go forward," and pledged to fight any efforts by the Republican Congress to tilt tax cuts in favor of the rich or reform welfare in ways that punish the poor.

The way for Democrats to rebound from their disastrous 1994 defeat is to spend more time getting average folks involved in politics, "because a lot of them don't think we think they matter," Clinton said.

The president was greeted at the Democratic National Committee meeting with chants of "Six more years!" Speaker after speaker urged Democrats to end their post-election finger-pointing and rally around the president.

"The success of this president at the national level and the success of this party at all levels are linked — inextricably linked," said former party chairman David Wilhelm. To replace him, the Democrats ratified Clinton's plan to split the chairman's duties between Connecticut Sen. Christopher Dodd and veteran party

strategist Donald Fowler.

In his bid to rally the party's spirits, Clinton brought along first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, for a group appearance reminiscent of their campaign bus tours.

"The reports of our demise are premature," Clinton said.

Across town, however, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole told a jubilant Republican gathering that the 1996 presidential election would go their way if the party uses its new power in Congress responsibly.

"If we keep our promises and if we stay focused on our ideas, I think we are going to return America to greatness and remain the majority party for a long, long time to come," Dole told the Republican National Committee's winter meeting. "The most powerful idea of all is the idea of limited government. Americans are demanding a nation made more free by insisting on a government that is more limited."

The dueling speeches by Clinton and Dole offered a preview of things to come in the capital's new political

environment, particularly in the debate over cutting taxes.

Dole said Clinton's support for middle-class cuts made it likely some form of relief would pass this year. But he chided Democrats for casting Republican proposals to cut taxes on capital gains as a boon to the rich. "Let's not have any more class warfare — it doesn't sell," Dole said.

But the Democrats weren't listening.

Clinton called for "tightly disciplined tax relief" that focused on working families and did not swell the deficit.

And Gore said Democrats wanted tax cuts to go to those at the bottom and middle of the economic ladder, as opposed to the "top-down" GOP approach.

Warming up for his role in the re-election effort, Gore said, "This country is better off today after two years of leadership by Bill Clinton. Courageous, principled, knowledgeable, unwavering in his determination. That is the Bill Clinton that I have seen close at hand during this last two years."

Be a clown



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Is this a face only a mother could love? Ziggy the clown, a.k.a. Lee Zeigelgruber, shows the other "face" of Will McKay, 4, as he performs his magic tricks and pranks during a birthday party for Kara Lewis of White Deer, who turned six on Jan. 8. For more on Ziggy, see Page 11.

After 53 years, Floyd Watson is retiring from banking career

By BEN KECK
Assistant Editor

A long time ago, a kid struggling to help his mother make a living in Brownwood, Texas, read books by Horatio Alger and was inspired by the characters that seemed to rise above despair to make something of themselves.

On Friday, that kid — now 72 years old — will retire as chairman of the board of the First National Bank in Pampa after a career in banking that has spanned 53 years.

"I grew up on the other side of the tracks," Floyd Watson recalled last week. "My mother took in washing and ironing. I would read Horatio Alger and it became my dream that someday I could live in a nice house and provide a good living for a family."

Watson and his bride, the former Maxine Loader of Denton, came to Pampa in 1946 so Watson could take a job as cashier at Citizens Bank & Trust. He rose through the ranks to the job of executive vice president when, in 1959, he went to First National Bank as vice president.

By 1964 he was named president, and in 1971 he was elected chairman of the board. He served as both president and chairman through 1986, when he relinquished the title of president. He has continued as chairman.

In 1938, after his parents divorced, Watson sold newspapers and candy on the streets of Brownwood in order to make money to help his mother make ends meet.

"I started that newspaper route with 30 customers and I built it up to 120 customers," he said. "When my mother decided we were moving to Denton, I auctioned the route. I told the circulation manager that several people were interested in the route and I asked

if I could pick who got it. He said that was OK as long as I chose someone who already had a route.

"I put it up for bids and got \$20 for it."

Young Watson's penchant for making money worked well for him in selling candy on the streets.

"They had these boxes with 30 candy bars. There were punch cards and people would punch a card. If they were lucky, they would get a prize with their candy bar. The box cost a dollar, but the candy sold for a nickel a bar, so I'd get back \$1.50 per box. I could sell three boxes of those a day and come out with \$1.50 profit."

"You have to remember that this was during the Depression, when grown men were working for the (Works Progress Administration) for \$1.75 a week."

"But word spread I was making money, and one day I came around the corner, and there were other people selling the same candy. The free enterprise system ruined me."

Watson moved to Denton in 1938, when he was a senior in high school.

There, he met Maxine, a junior, and they began dating. After he graduated, Watson worked for a man delivering papers.

"He need a chauffeur, so he promoted me to chauffeur," Watson said. "I did that in the daytime and at night I set pins in a bowling alley. Then I got a job as a soda jerk and did that for a year, then worked in an insurance office for a year and a half."

"After that, a job in the bank came open and I took that, filing, doing whatever they wanted me to do."

He took that bank job on Feb. 1, 1942 and stayed with it, working as a bookkeeper and teller until 1944 when he managed to get hired as an assistant examiner for the State Banking Department of Texas.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowers)

Floyd Watson, retiring First National Bank board chairman, stands at a rail overlooking the bank's lobby.

Quake-ravaged Japan faces landslides

KOBE, Japan (AP) — A legion of dogs and people intently searched ruined buildings Saturday, making hundreds of sorrowful finds and three wonderful ones: victims who were still alive four days after being trapped by an earthquake.

The death toll from Tuesday's 7.2-magnitude quake, Japan's deadliest in more than 70 years, soared past 4,900, and hopes were fading for the 202 people still listed as missing.

The search for survivors took on added urgency with forecasts of heavy rain for Sunday, raising fears of landslides that could topple buildings severely weakened by the quake.

"Finding the last citizens who are trapped, that's our top priority right now," city spokesman Tomoaki Watanabe said. "We're using the dogs all over trying to check every house. We're still finding people."

Three people — two 79-year-old men and a 63-year-old woman — were rescued Saturday at two locations in the city, police said. There were no details about their conditions.

After widespread complaints of ineptitude, the government's relief

operation was in high gear Saturday, with hundreds of workmen clearing debris, repairing power lines and pouring fresh asphalt on damaged streets.

Small shops, a few banks and about 100 primary and secondary schools reopened Saturday for the first time since the quake. Electric power was restored to most parts of the city and even the traffic lights were functioning.

More than 800,000 households, however, were still without water and heat.

Nearly three inches of rain was forecast for Sunday, and the government's Central Meteorological Agency warned that the quake had weakened ground on the hills and landslides "may occur even with light rain."

Seichi Sakurai, spokesman for the government relief effort, said engineers were identifying areas at risk.

"If people sense anything funny, we hope they'll immediately go to an evacuation shelter," he said.

Rain also would add to the misery of thousands of homeless people camped in vacant lots and fields.

Troops rushed tents to the city in case rain forced more people to abandon their homes. Overcrowded hospitals, which also lacked heat and running water, geared up for new patients because of fears of an influenza outbreak; virtually all of the 1.4 million Kobe residents have no natural gas to keep warm.

Saturday was the first non-working day since the quake, and tens of thousands of residents of Osaka and other western cities took advantage of the weekend to head to Kobe to check on friends and relatives and bring them food, blankets and other supplies.

Ferries, trains and highways were jammed.

Masaru Inoue drove two days from the Tokyo suburb of Chiba to take his brother and his family out of Kobe. He found them living in their van parked along a heavily damaged street. But they refused to leave.

"We're fine, we can manage here," Inoue's sister-in-law, Shizuka Inoue, said as she rested in the van with the couple's two young daughters. "We don't want to be a burden."

Tuesday's a bad day for accidents in Pampa

What is it about 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday that causes people to be more prone to vehicle accidents?

"That's when people are going home," said Sgt. John Goes of Pampa Police Department.

According to the October to December accident report compiled by Goes, Monday and Tuesday tied as the primary day of the week for car wrecks. As in the third quarter of 1994, Tuesday continued its dubious distinction as the most accident-prone day and 4 to 8 p.m. continued

as the most dangerous time of day.

However, the town's most frequent accident location changed from the 800 block of South Hobart to the 1300 block of Duncan, according to the report.

Goes attributes the frequency of crashes on Duncan to the volume of traffic around Pampa High School.

The most common hazardous violation is failure to yield right of way and the most common non-hazardous violation is lack of liability insurance.

To recap 1994 and compare it with 1993, Goes reported:

- Injury accidents: 1994 - 56; 1993 - 92.
- Non injury accidents: 1994 - 358; 1993 - 320.
- Fatalities: 1994 - 1; 1993 - 2.
- Pedestrian: 1994 - 3; 1993 - 12.
- Pedacyclist: 1994 - 1; 1993 - 3.

Passenger cars and light trucks are in the most accidents. School buses are the stellar performers with only one involved in an accident in the last two years.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DEGENHART, Hugo F. — 10 a.m., Church of Christ, Panhandle.

Obituaries

HUGO F. DEGENHART

PANHANDLE — Hugo F. Degenhart, 89, of Panhandle, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 1995. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Panhandle Church of Christ with Doyle Chapin and Leonard Harper officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Monday in the Copeland Cemetery at Copeland, Kan. Arrangements are by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Degenhart was born in Finney County, Kan., and had lived in Panhandle 12 years. He married Sylvia Dudley in 1929 at Ensign, Kan. She died in 1974. He was a retired farmer and had served on the boards of the Farm Bureau and the Agriculture Soil Conservation Service. He had been a member of the school board at Colusa, Kan. He was a member of Panhandle Church of Christ.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty, in 1993.

Survivors include a son, Howard F. Degenhart of Dalhart; a daughter, Alice Stamps of Panhandle; four sisters, Ester Nichols of Garden City, Kan., Bertha Weeks of Chelan, Wash., and Hazel Neely and Gladys Brown, both of South Bend, Ind.; and six grandchildren.

Calendar of events

PARENTS MEETING FOR PHS JUNIORS

A meeting for all parents of 11th grade students at Pampa High School will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, in the high school auditorium to discuss pre-enrollment for the senior year.

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.

TOASTMASTERS

Pampa's Toastmaster Club will meet 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the cafeteria of Coronado Hospital.

AMARILLO INVENTOR'S ASSOCIATION

Amarillo Inventor's Association plans to meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in the president's room of Boatmen's First National Bank, Eighth and Tyler. Featured speaker is Mr. DeHoyos, United States customs agent at Amarillo International Airport. For more information, call Worth Hefley, 376-8726.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Top O' Texas Republican Womens Club will meet at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday for a Dutch treat luncheon at Sirloin Stockade. Election of officers will be held. Members and guests invited.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic will be offering vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw), pertussis (whooping cough), measles, rubella and mumps. The clinic is located in the Canadian City Hall, first floor, 6 Main Street, and will be open Monday, 2 to 4:30 p.m. The fee is based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call in the 32-hour reporting period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, Jan. 21

7:30 a.m. - Four firefighters and two units responded to a medical assistance call at 1044 Neel Rd.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour reporting period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

THURSDAY, Jan. 19

Six offenses against a 14-year-old girl were reported to have happened in east Pampa in early January.

FRIDAY, Jan. 20

Margaret Isabel Arrellano, 910 E. Twiford, reported aggravated assault which occurred at 1418 N. Hobart at 12:10 p.m. Friday.

Sheila Kay Dallas of Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart, reported theft under \$20 at 11:01 p.m. Friday.

Marie Williams, 317 N. Hobart, reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle belonging to Doug Shoffner, 317 N. Hobart, which occurred at 111 E. Harvester between 12:30 and 2 p.m. Friday.

Paula Goff, 836 W. Foster, reported found property at Coronado Center at 2 p.m. Friday.

Janice Bellah of Caprock Apartments, 1601 W. Kentucky, reported hit and run which occurred between 5:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday. A building and fence were damaged.

Walter Shed, 900 N. Hobart, reported damage to property at 321 W. Foster belonging to Lynn Cooksey, Austin.

SATURDAY, Jan. 21

Raquel Ann Delao, 125 N. Nelson, reported assault which occurred at 11 p.m. Friday at 1418 N. Hobart. She suffered bruises and scratches to her face and right elbow.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy which occurred at 4:35 a.m. Saturday.

Arrests

FRIDAY, Jan. 20

Jerry L. Douthit, 28, 721 Sloan, was arrested at Cuyler and Tyng on a warrant. He was released on bond.

Scotty Glenn Jacobs, 24, Brownwood, was arrested on two charges of delivery of a controlled substance. He was taken to Gray County jail.

SATURDAY, Jan. 21

Gabriel Hernandez, 18, 515 Short, was arrested at Carr and Short on six warrants. He was released on bond.

Felipe P. DJesus, 913 Varnon Dr., was arrested at 100 North Hobart on four warrants. He was released on bond.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident and arrest in the 32-hour reporting period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Jan. 20

Allsup's, Price and Texas 152, reported theft under \$20.

Arrest

SATURDAY, Jan. 21

Gabriel Ruiz Hernandez, 18, was arrested on a charge of assault - Class A.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL	Erin Dee Sanders	
Admissions	Smothermon baby girl	
Pampa	Malissa D. Smothermon	
Bertha Loraine Moore (extended care)		Clarendon
Wheeler		Eunice L. Land
Kimberly Mae Andis		
Birth		SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andis of Wheeler, a boy.		Admissions
Dismissals	Elizabeth Newman	Shamrock
Pampa	Elvira Sequera	Dismissals
Paul W. Dalton	Elizabeth Newman	Shamrock
Baby girl Holmes	Elvira Sequera	Dismissals
Brenda L. Holmes	Mary Greenfield	
Bertha Loraine Moore (to extended care)		

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700

Top O' Texas Stock Show



(Pampa News photos by Melinda Martinez)

The Clyde Carruth Pavillion at Recreation Park in East Pampa was a beehive of activity Saturday as judging got underway for more than 440 entries in the annual Top O' Texas Junior Livestock Show.

Results were not available by deadline time Saturday, but will be run in Monday's edition of *The Pampa News*.

Anna Searcy, 11, of Skellytown, in the photo above, "Go-Jos" her pig Stockings in preparation for judging.

"Go-Joing" involves smearing something from a jar labeled "Multi-Purpose Goop" over the pig.

"It makes their skin soft and makes it easier to get them clean when we take them to the wash bay," Anna said.

At left, Brittany Morris, 10, of Gruver, scrubs a lamb.

"It's not really hard work," Brittany said, "because lambs don't get all that dirty."

Activities will continue today with judging for the barrow division at 1 p.m. A Bidder's Barbecue is set for 5 p.m. Monday, with the Top O' Texas Sale at 6 p.m.



City briefs

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ESPRESSO AND Cappuccino Coffee Bar, opens at 7 a.m. every morning at the World Famous Scotty's. Stop and get a tall latte while driving to work each morning! 123 N. Hobart. Adv.

REEL CLEAN - Reels cleaned and greased, \$5.00. Repairs also available by Bob Conner or Kent Dyson. 665-8181 or 669-9270. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Mary Jane and Mary McBee. 1040EZ \$15 and 1040A \$25. 669-9910. Adv.

JUST FOR FUN is continuing the Going Out of Business Sale. Starting Monday entire stock of inventory 50% off. 2545 Perryton Parkway. Adv.

EASY'S POP Shop - Just arrived large selection of Budweiser T-shirts. 12 pack of Sprite and Mr. Pibb - 2 for \$5. Adv.

WHEN OLD Man Winter finally hits, will your heating system be ready? Call Malcolm Hinkle, Inc. at 665-1841 and ask about our free "Filter Special." Adv.

SONFLOWERS COFFEE House - Espresso Seattle Style, Italian sodas, teas; Quiche and Salad plate, smoke free atmosphere, board games and fireplace. Monday-Thursday 7:30-5, reopens 7-9, Fridays till 11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Adv.

TREE STUMP Removal. 669-4648, leave message. Adv.

KIM STEFFY formerly of Terrific Tom's, is now located at Mane Attraction, 669-0527. Adv.

SUPER BOWL Party! Free food, big screen television. Cash drawing-\$25 minimum-every Wednesday. Pool Tournaments-every Thursday and Saturday. Derriek Club, 2401 Alcock. Adv.

KEVIN'S IN The Mall, Sunday 11-2, Chicken Diane, Swiss Steak, Chicken Fried Steak. 669-1670. Adv.

PAMPA MEALS on Wheels, 669-1007. Adv.

TICKET DISMISSAL, Insurance Discount, 669-3871. Bowman Defensive Driving (NTSI). Adv.

FURTHER REDUCTIONS on Bette's Winter clearance sale. Save 50-75% on all Fall and Winter items, including good selection of petite coats. Adv.

MASSAGE THERAPY, let us introduce you to the relaxing benefits of massage. Susan Fisher, Cathy Potter. 669-0013. Adv.

HAVE A Tiara Gifitaroma and earn product. Call Becky at 835-2330. Adv.

GETTING MARRIED - Call Mary L. Denham, 665-5630. Candleabra Rentals, Silk Flower Creations, Wedding and Reception Decorations. Adv.

NFC - AFC 49er's vs. Chargers Championship hats just arrived! T-Shirts & More. Adv.

CHANEY'S, SUNDAY 11-2 p.m. Roast beef, country style ribs, fried pork chops, enchiladas, chocolate cake. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

CAJUN FOOD, Wednesday 25th, 6-9 p.m. Hamburger Station. Adv.

TRAVEL EXPRESS Remington Park Bus Trip, April 1-2. 665-0093. Adv.

LIKE TO know more about cruises? Everyone's invited, February 7th 6:30 p.m. for cruise night. Travel Express 665-0093. Adv.

ADVISORY BOARDS - The Pampa City Commission is in need of citizens interested in serving on various advisory boards. To receive an application, specific information, complete listing of the various advisory boards of the City, please contact Phyllis Jeffers, City Secretary at 669-5700. Adv.

FIREWOOD SALE. No lower price this season, 1 week only. Pampa Lawnmower, 665-8843. Adv.

TRAVEL EXPRESS Branson Bus Trip April 20th, 3 nights. 665-0093. Adv.

TAX SERVICE - Glenda Brownlee, 665-8074, 274-2142. Adv.

ESTATE SALE - Television and stand, end tables, VCR, table lamps, hide-a-bed, miscellaneous. Call 665-4260 or 665-8460. Adv.

SUPER BOWL Hat Free to highest Pop-A-Shot contestant before Super Bowl. T-Shirts & More. Adv.

RANDY AND Adrienne Slaybaugh, Missouri City, Tx. are proud to announce the birth of Cara Elizabeth January 12, 1995. Grandparents Don and Linda Slaybaugh, Pampa, John and Maxine Barker, Wichita Falls.

JANUARY SALE jackets, clothing and accessories - Beverly Klein Designs - Lefors, 2 blocks South of Taylor Mart, 835-3800. Adv.

MOM N Me will be closed January 25 - February 4. We get to spend some time as Grandmother n Aunt. (We'll be shopping too!) Adv.

1970 CHEVELLE Malibu. Yamaha synthesizer, amp, stand. Several 15 inch tires. 669-3463. Adv.

SUNTROL 3M Auto Tint-Windshield Repair and Replacement. A&S Auto Sales. Come see our clean pre-owned cars and trucks. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

FREE HEALTH Nutrition Seminar, courtesy of Health Technology, Monday, January 23rd, 7 p.m. at the Lovett Library. Speaker - Advisory Board Member, Jeff Bennett. Explore latest discoveries dealing with Diabetes, all natural antibiotics, weight, and degenerative diseases. Adv.

TERRIFIC TOM Welcomes Jody Myers - stylist. Tanning \$20 month, Haircuts \$8. Expires January 31st. 665-7381, Coronado Center. Adv.

ABBY'S HAS new shipment of vitamins and food supplements. 201 N. Cuyler. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy today with 60 percent chance of snow or snow showers, little accumulation expected. High in the middle 30s. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the middle 20s. Monday, sunny with a high in the middle 40s. Saturday's high was 39.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Today, cloudy with snow likely. Additional accumulations of 1-2 inches possible northeast. Highs in the 30s. Tonight, mostly clear northwest, partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows from mid teens north to mid 20s southeast. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs from near 40 northwest to mid 40s southeast. South Plains: Today, mostly cloudy and colder with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow northwest sections during the morning. Decreasing clouds in the afternoon. Highs around 40 to mid 40s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low to mid 20s. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs from mid 40s to around 50.

North Texas - Today, rain and thunderstorms. Rain possibly mixed with snow or sleet extreme north and northeast. Highs 40 north to 57 southeast. Tonight, decreasing cloudiness and colder west and central. Rain and thunderstorms ending east. Lows 26 north to 37 southeast. Monday, fair and cool. Highs 49 to 53.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Highs mainly in the 60s. Tonight, becoming partly cloudy. Lows from mid 30s Hill Country to low 40s south central. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s. Coastal Bend: Today, cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Highs from near 70 inland to mid 60s coast. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows from mid 40s inland to low 50s coast. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in low and mid 60s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Today, cloudy and windy. Widely scattered morning showers. Highs in low 70s inland and upper 60s coast. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows from low 50s inland to near 60 coast. Monday,

mostly cloudy. Highs in mid to upper 60s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Today, mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers mountains and north mainly through the morning. Mostly cloudy with a few mixed rain and snow showers southeast and partly cloudy southwest. Cooler with highs 30s mountains with low and mid 50s southern border. Tonight, decreasing cloudiness east and partly cloudy central and west. Colder with lows zero to teens mountains and north with mostly 20s elsewhere. Monday, fair to partly cloudy and a little warmer most sections. Highs 30s to mid 40s mountains with 40s and 50s lower elevations east and south.

Oklahoma - Today, cold with snow, becoming mixed with rain in the Red River valley. Heavy snow possible across portions of central and southeast Oklahoma. Tonight, a chance of sleet and snow in southeast Oklahoma, decreasing cloudiness elsewhere. Lows in mid teens to low 20s. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in low and mid 40s.

Gramm turns down top spot on NASA funding panel

HOUSTON (AP) - Sen. Phil Gramm turned down a chance to lead a subcommittee responsible for funding NASA, instead choosing to be chairman of a panel on commerce and crime, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Saturday.

Larry Neal, a spokesman for the

senator and likely Republican presidential candidate, said the Houston-based space station project is no longer in danger of being killed by Congress.

As the senior Republican on the committee that funds NASA - the subcommittee for Veterans Affairs,

Housing and Urban Development and independent agencies - Gramm could have been chairman of that panel.

But Gramm opted instead to become chairman of the commerce, justice, state and judiciary subcommittee. He will remain a member of the NASA-funding committee.

Miss your paper?
Dial 669-2525 before 7 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sundays

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Watson

"Maxine and I courted for eight years. She wanted to get married, but I wouldn't get married until I had a job that would allow me to support a family," he said.

They married June 22, 1946, while Floyd was still working as a bank examiner.

His travels in that job brought him to the Texas Panhandle, where he met F.E. Imel, president of Citizens Bank & Trust in Pampa. Imel offered Watson a job as cashier and he and Maxine arrived in Pampa on Oct. 20, 1946.

Watson stayed at Citizens until 1959, when he joined First National.

"We were accepted here with open arms," Watson said. "Pampa is a good town for banking and I've always attributed that to the character of the people here. You can almost do business with them on a handshake."

"But the banking business has changed a lot. Regulations won't let you make loans based partly on the honesty and integrity of a person. I've always maintained that if you had a guy who knew what he was doing, wasn't afraid of work and was honest, he would be a success."

Watson's success in banking came without an M.B.A. from Harvard or the Wharton School of Business.

"I never went to college," he said. "I did take and complete a basic accounting course by correspondence after I got out of high school."

Much of his success he attributes to the support of Maxine and their

three children — Linda, Beth and Randy.

Linda is married to Clint Ferguson, who is executive vice president of the Eastland National Bank in Eastland, Texas. Beth is married to John Duggan, president of Commercial National Bank in Beeville. Randy Watson is senior vice president of First National Bank in Pampa.

The Watsons have always been active in the community.

Watson has served on the boards of numerous organizations. He has served as president of the Pampa Junior Chamber of Commerce, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Pampa Rotary Club, Pampa United Way, Pampa school board and Pampa Industrial Foundation.

He also has served as a deacon of First Baptist Church.

"I believe in giving back to the community," he said. "I believe that if you occupy the space you ought to pay the rent."

After retirement, he will maintain an office in the First National Bank "to come to when I want to come down here to take care of personal business or meet people."

There was one last question for the banker.

"Is Mrs. Watson a good cook?"

He responded by casting a look that seemed to say, "What does that have to do with anything?"

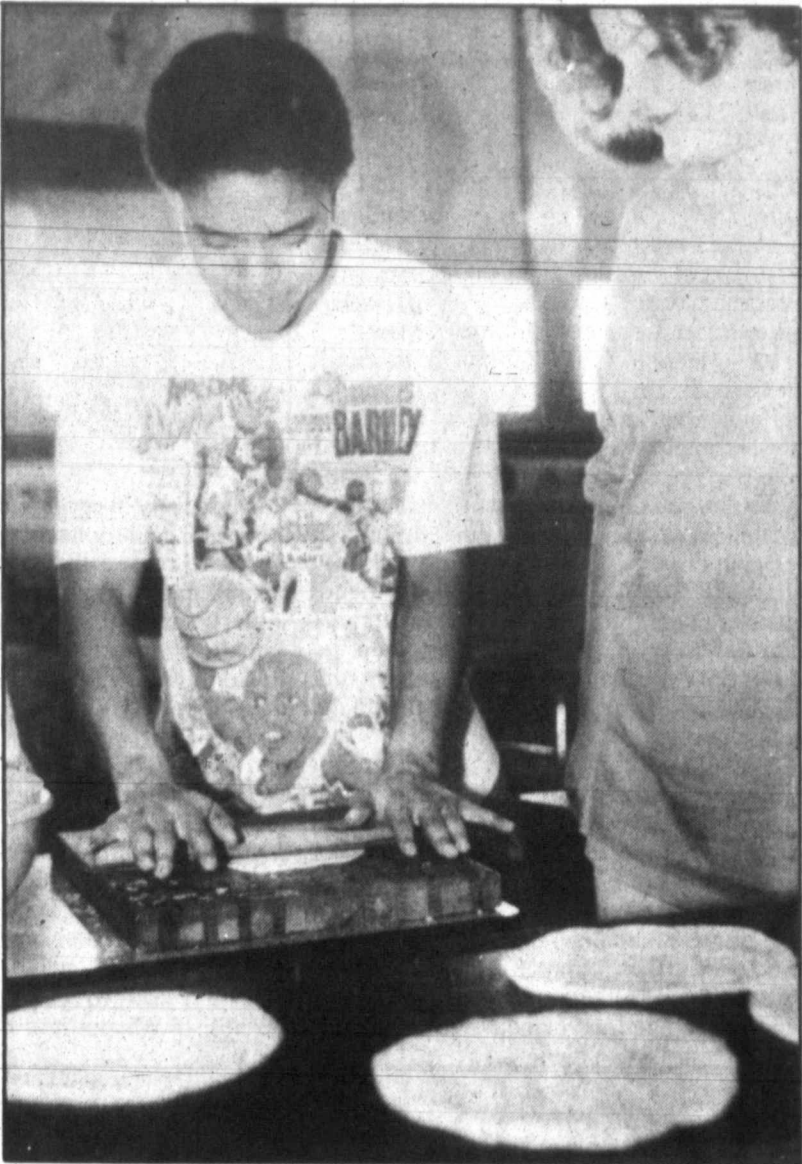
Then he said, "Yes."

"What does she cook that you could just eat forever?"

His quizzical look turned to a grin.

"I'm a meat-and-potatoes man and she makes this thing she calls 'Tater Tot Casserole.' She uses tater tots and hamburger meat. It's really good."

Project Tortilla



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Freddie Hunnicutt, a Spanish language student at Pampa High School, rolls out a tortilla as classmate Regina Hopson watches. Spanish III and IV students of Coach Mike Lopez were given a list of ingredients in Spanish which they shopped for. In class Friday afternoon, they made tortillas with the help of Hunnicutt's mother, Brenda Calixto. The students filled the tortillas with ground beef to make burritos.

TV coverage set for Simpson trial

By The Associated Press

Network plans for the O.J. Simpson trial, in which opening statements are to begin Monday:

Cable television's Court TV and E! Entertainment Television will offer gavel-to-gavel coverage. CNN will offer extensive, live coverage.

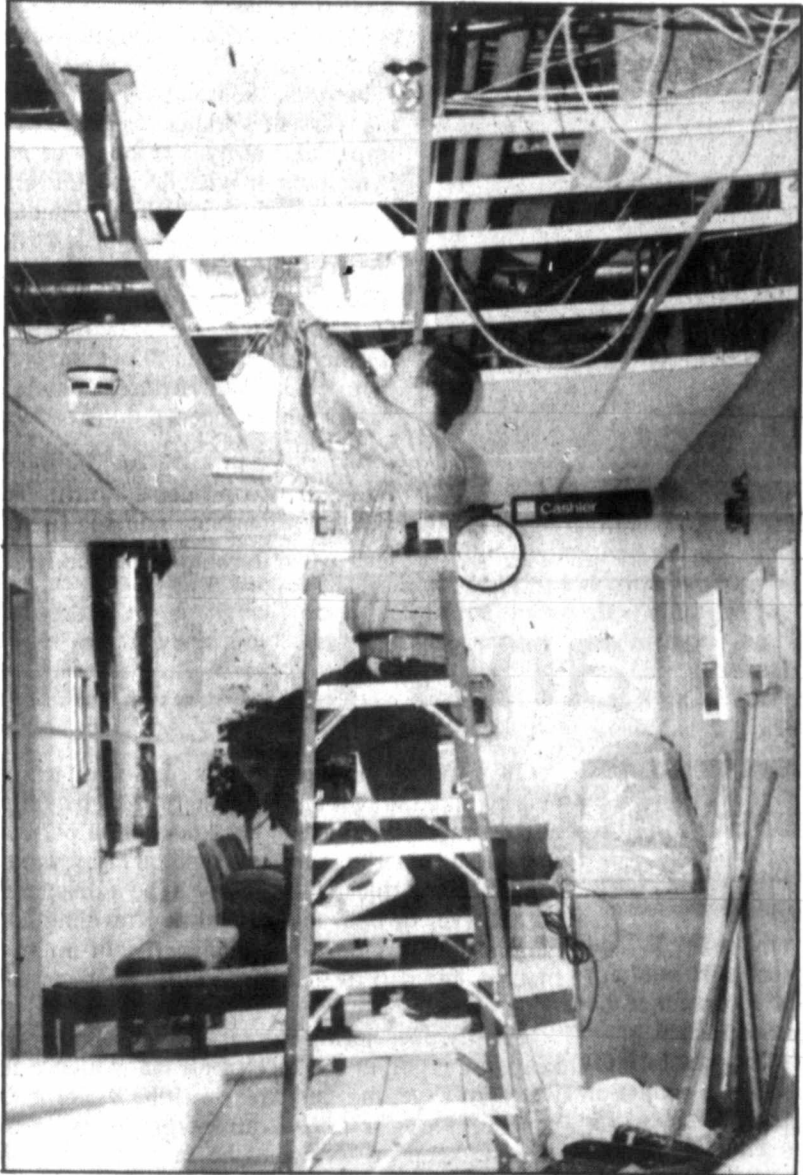
Fox plans to air a continuous feed from the courtroom's pool cameras

for its broadcast affiliates to use at their discretion.

ABC, CBS and NBC will revert to regular daytime schedules after covering the beginning of Monday's opening statements.

ABC, CBS and NBC will then opt for "O.J. minutes" or brief hourly or periodic trial updates. They also will have control rooms able to jump instantly into live coverage.

Ceiling leak



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Billy Touchstone, a plant operations engineer at Coronado Hospital, repairs some of the damage to the ceiling that was caused by a leak. The lobby area was closed off Friday after a construction crew on the second floor of the hospital accidentally hit a waterpipe, causing the leak. The water damage was cleaned up and repaired Friday afternoon and did not affect any patient care, said Terry Barnes, hospital public relations official.

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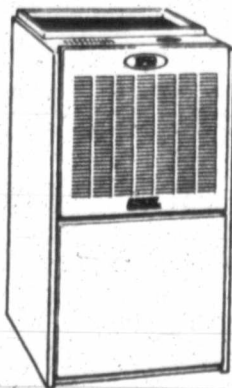
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22 killed in truck plunge

OAXACA, Mexico (AP) — At least 22 people were killed and 10 injured when a truck carrying pilgrims plunged into a 72-foot ravine on a highway south of Oaxaca, police said.

The travellers were returning from a pilgrimage to a shrine to the Virgin Mary in the village of Juquila when the accident occurred Friday, highway policeman Juan Hernandez said.

The truck was carrying the pilgrims when it swerved to avoid an oncoming truck and plunged into a ravine, according to police reports.

The driver of the other truck apparently fled.

The pilgrims were from the states

of Veracruz on Mexico's Gulf Coast and Puebla, just east of Mexico City, Hernandez said.

Rescue workers "are still on the scene," Hernandez said in a telephone interview. "The stretch of highway where the accident occurred is pretty bad."

The accident happened about 50 miles southeast of Oaxaca, but word did not reach police late Friday night, Hernandez said. Rescue workers did not reach the scene until about 2 a.m. Saturday, he said.

The injured were taken to hospitals in Oaxaca, 220 miles southeast of Mexico City.

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

Wayland Thomas
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Opinion

Transformation in early stages

In 1830, after having served as president of the United States for four years, John Quincy Adams was elected to the House of Representatives from the Plymouth district of Massachusetts, a position he was to hold until his death in 1848. After his election, he wrote in his diary: "My election as president of the United States was not half so gratifying to my inmost soul. No election or appointment conferred upon me ever gave me so much pleasure."

It is almost impossible these days to imagine a former president, who has embodied all the pomp and power pertaining to the modern presidency, to be so pleased to become simply one unit of a deliberative lawmaking body.

But it is instructive to remember, as a new party takes control of Congress, that while Congress has in recent years been a distinctly junior partner in the American form of government, it was not always so.

We still operate under the same Constitution (although altered by interpretation). Could a Congress with strong leadership make a come-back in terms of relative power, if not necessarily achieving the dominance over the executive branch it had in earlier periods in our history? It was almost possible, listening to an incoming speaker of the House with the unlikely name of Newt Gingrich, to imagine such an historic shift in power relationships in the capital.

The executive branch is still dominant, to be sure, still in command of most of the agencies that affect the way Americans live, with little or no effective accountability to the branch of government that in theory most directly represents the people. But the imperial presidency in this administration has been looking vulnerable and indecisive. And we're hearing from governors of both parties that it is time for another historic power shift, from the central government to the state governments.

By placing the legislative branch in the hands of the other party, the people might have sent a signal - in the most decisive way available in our electoral system - that it is time for the balance of power to be redressed, for the legislative branch to take back some of the power ceded to the executive over the last five or six decades.

Our constitutional system of divided and independent sources of power was not designed to be efficient in the obvious sense. The founders wanted a government strong enough to hold together and protect the people from enemies foreign and domestic, but not so strong as to violate their rights or usurp their liberties. Whenever one branch of the government becomes dominant - as the executive has been in recent times - that delicate balance and the peoples' liberties are usually in danger.

For decades, almost all news coverage from the nation's capital has focused on the president and the presidency. If Newt Gingrich and other members of Congress - are strong enough, provocative enough, controversial enough to seize some measure of control over the national agenda, they could do much to redress the balance of power within the government - even if many or most of their proposals are questionable or fail to be enacted.

The U.S. Constitution bequeathed us a purposely divided government. Such an institution often moves slowly, uncertainly and messily. It will not be possible to judge for several years whether an historic shift away from an all-powerful executive is really under way.

But listening to Speaker Gingrich move beyond the modest and narrow agenda of the GOP Contract with America to his larger vision for the country - a nation whose government runs a balanced budget, which has replaced the counter-productive welfare state with a social order that stresses opportunity, openness and individual rights - it is possible to believe that we are in the early stages of just such a transformation of the national government.

Thought for today

"To be capable of respect is today almost as rare as to be worthy of it."

— Joseph Joubert,
French moralist (1754-1824).

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Leviathan is running amok

The *Kansas City Business Journal's* (11/24/94) lead article told part of the story behind the Republican midterm election sweep. There's a lot of well-justified anger resulting from stupid laws written by a wicked Congress enforced by evil, power-hungry bureaucrats. Look at just some of them.

Regulators ordered a Kansas City bank to install a Braille keypad, costing \$5,000, on its drive-through automatic teller machine. Steve Mauer, the bank's lawyer, emphasized, "Keep in mind this is a drive-through we're talking about." As I see it, the only way this regulation makes sense is if it's a police entrapment scheme to arrest blind drivers.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) fined a Boise, Idaho, plumbing company \$7,875 when company workers rescued a fellow worker. They didn't shore up the collapsed trench or don hard hats before pulling him to safety. OSHA was forced to rescind the fine in the face of public outrage.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) ordered Chicago-based Daniel Lamp Co. to pay \$123,000 in back pay to black workers who applied for jobs but were not hired. Located in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood, the company employed 21 Hispanics and five blacks. EEOC maintained that, given the area's population mix, the company should have employed 8.45 black workers.

Thousands of regulations mandate how we con-



Walter Williams

duct virtually every aspect of our lives. The Code of Federal Regulations totals 131,803 pages, while the Federal Register listing proposed regulations totals 69,688 pages. With the full implementation of the Americans With Disabilities (1990), Nutrition Labeling and Education (1990), Civil Rights Restoration (1991) and the Clean Air (1990) Acts, there'll be thousands of additional pages of regulations.

You say, "There you go again, Williams, carrying water for businesses and not caring about little people." Let's look at it. Conservative estimates put regulatory compliance costs at about \$1 trillion a year. Here's the question for you: If regulation raises the cost of business, who pays that cost? If you said ultimately consumers, you're half right. It's workers as well.

As a result of regulations, jobs that would exist do not. If Washington makes it costly to get into

business or expand an existing one, it is natural to expect less of either. This is one of the reasons this economic recovery is the puniest, in terms of job creation, since World War II. Because of regulations, it's cheaper for many companies that wish to increase output to pay workers overtime and have part-timers rather than hire full-time employees.

Any catastrophe attracts vultures to feed off carcasses. In the case of regulations, it's consultants, lawyers and accountants. Businessmen know about business, but they know little about all the government mandates that can destroy their business. In come the vultures to advise and counsel them at the tune of thousands of dollars a day. Again, who pays? And again, it's consumers and workers.

Republicans should take a hard look at Washington's regulatory apparatus. One criterion for abolishing regulatory laws is to ask first whether they are constitutional: Do they violate the Tenth Amendment? The second is cost-benefit analysis to see whether the regulatory benefit equals the real-world cost. If Republicans don't help us, then we should do just as the founders did in response to King George's edicts - disobey them.

"Williams," you say, "are you advocating disregard of these laws?" Yes, I am. There is no moral obligation for any of us to obey immoral or unconstitutional laws. But if you're caught, be prepared to pay the price.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 1995. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 22, 1917, President Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

On this date:

In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 82.

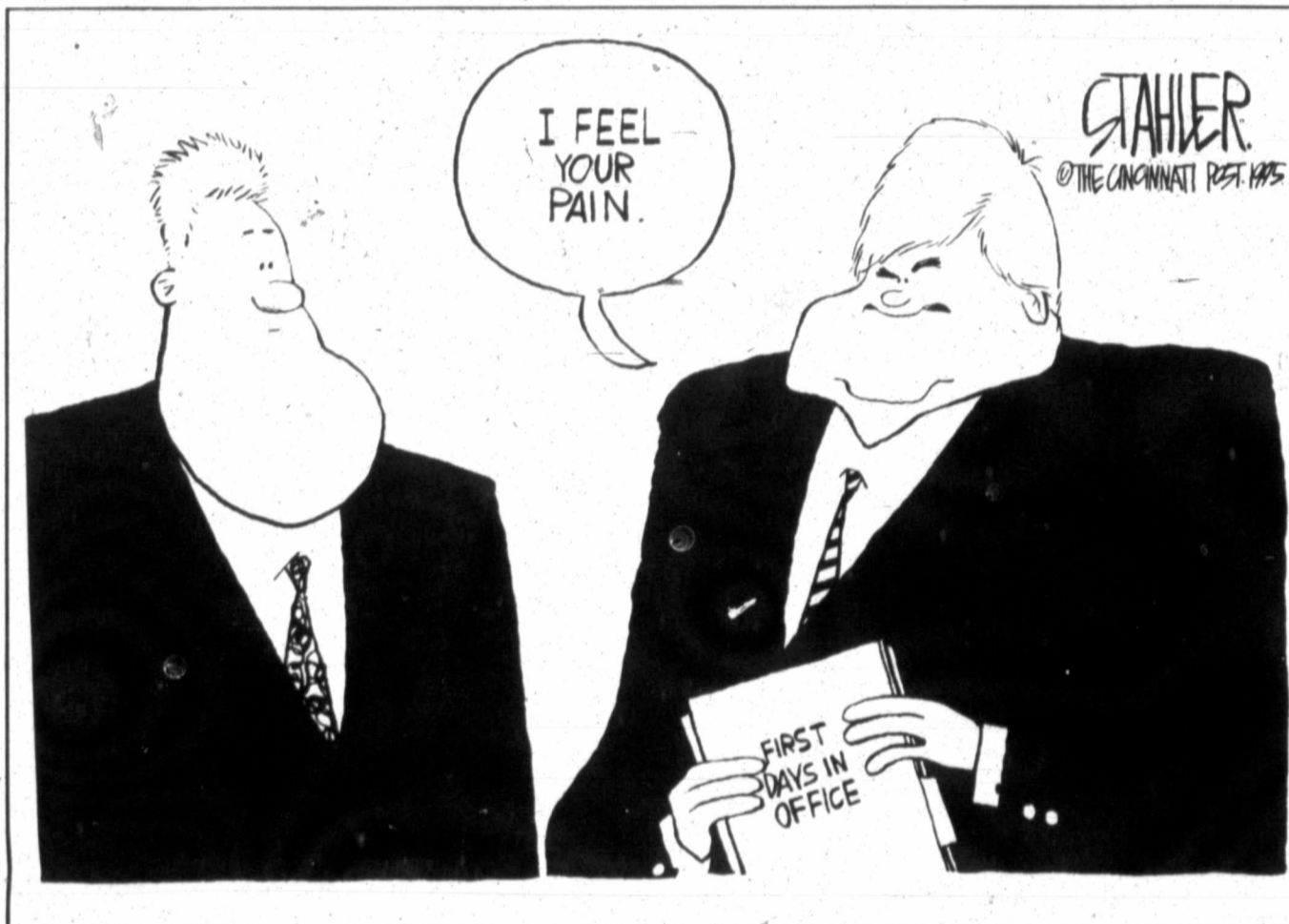
In 1905, thousands of demonstrating Russian workers were fired on by Imperial army troops in St. Petersburg on what became known as "Red Sunday" or "Bloody Sunday."

In 1922, Pope Benedict XV died; he was succeeded by Pius XI.

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play *Our Town* was performed publicly for the first time, in Princeton, N.J.

In 1953, *The Crucible*, a drama by Arthur Miller, opened on Broadway.

In 1961, a Portuguese ocean liner, the Santa Maria, was hijacked in the Caribbean with some 600 passengers aboard; the drama ended 11 days later when the ship docked in Brazil.



We'll all get better and better

Charley Reese

One great advantage to being an imperfect person is that you never run out of self-improvement projects and you always have plenty of New Year's resolutions to make.

I'm so fond of some of my resolutions I make the same ones year after year. That used to bother me, but as the decades slipped by, I adjusted to the persisting gap between my high ambitions for myself and my actual accomplishments.

Perfection remains a shining city on a hill and I remain a wandering wayfarer down in the valley looking up at it and starting to think I'm never going to get there. I still cuss, still lose my temper, still forget that I am a genetic Klutz and occasionally try to repair something with disastrous results, am still absentminded, am still inordinately fond of lemon icebox pie, still hate exercise of the organized variety, and in all categories appear to be getting worse rather than better.

There is even a glimmer of antipathy toward the very concept of self-improvement developing inside of me. Perhaps it is sacrilegious to tamper with nature. Everyone else seems to be shucking responsibility. Why not me? Perhaps there is a short-tempered, absentminded, disorganized, day-dreamer gene stuck somewhere in my inwards, and my faults are all the faults of some

distant great-something or other.

Now I know that self-improvement books and tapes are a mighty industry in America. It wouldn't surprise me if they didn't constitute 5 percent of the gross domestic product. Self-improvement is more popular than baseball, even before the great strike.

Over the years, though, I've noticed a couple of things about the self-improvement business. So far I never heard or read anything you won't find in the Book of Proverbs in a Gideon Bible. All that's changed is the jargon. Like educators, self-improvement gurus specialize in putting new labels on old wine bottles.

The second thing I've noticed is that these folks who give people all that advice for a fee in books, tapes and seminars have never taken their own advice. They're too busy selling the advice.

When that distinguished American, P.T. Barnum, remarked that there's a sucker born every minute, he no doubt muttered under his breath, "and a sharper to take advantage of 'em is born every half minute."

OK, you're thinking this is just sour grapes. You're thinking that just because I am such a failure at self-improvement that I'm knocking a perfectly good industry. I'm innocent. One of my few, very few in fact, virtues is the ability to be a disinterested observer of both myself and my traveling companions on this crazy little planet. Self-improvement is just part of that very human characteristic, hope.

It really does spring eternal and is probably what keeps us going in the face of all the evidence that we aren't getting anywhere. Hope is probably genetic, too - a crazy, quirky gene that makes humans keep on trying in the face of a thousand failures. Hope is the most charming and poignant characteristic of humans, and so far as I know does not exist in any other animal species. Maybe it is a characteristic of the soul.

At any rate this year, I'm going to stop cussing, become a triathlon athlete, learn Arabic, write two novels, remember to send Christmas cards, wear the same color socks every day for at least one year, read the Great Books, remember to shave, not lose a single laundry ticket ... well, I'm out of space. But 1995 is going to be a great year and "every day in every way we'll all get better and better."

Park dispute weakens King's legacy

Around this time of year, television helps to rekindle Martin Luther King Jr.'s flame of inspiration. We watch this small-statured man deliver his titanic "I Have a Dream" speech and are saddened by the recollection of his love for us.

But King's 1963 dream - a paean to multiculturalism and a prayer for world peace - is slowly being stripped in 1995 of its nobility.

The sorrowful news comes out of Atlanta and South Korea.

In Atlanta, the King family, logical custodians of his legacy, have banned the National Park Service from his birthplace and tomb, even though the King Center was paid \$500,000 for guiding 1 million visitors through the memorials.

The memory of Martin Luther King Jr. has been hustled into a big business.

Apparently believing that dollars are more redemptive than suffering, the King family wants to build something that Virginia refused to let Disneyland do for the Civil War at the Gettysburg battlefield - a Martin Luther King Jr. "high-tech, virtual reality, interactive museum."

Cynthia Tucker, editorial page editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, lamented the King estate's decision as "a sort of I Have a Dreamland," to make a profit from a Disneyesque trip through the civil rights movement. It has been a sordid turn of events," wrote Tucker, one of American journalism's most thoughtful black voices.

In pursuing its Disneyland-like obsession, the King estate also is trying to prevent the construction of a federally funded \$11.8 million visitors center and museum across the street from the King Center.



Chuck Stone

Atlanta's black community and most of its elected officials support the Park Service proposal. It means more jobs and an uplifted neighborhood - a kind of enterprise zone in action.

The most painful part of the King estate decision is the stubbornness of its noble centerpiece, King's widow, Coretta Scott King. Long admired as an inspiring paradigm of courage and grace, Mrs. King has become an almost tragic variation of King Lear-like impotence.

"Her denunciations of bigotry and intolerance - especially the bigotry and intolerance of black Americans - have been weak," wrote Tucker. "She has not been a powerful crusader in the struggle for justice."

King's son, Dexter, the titular head of the Center, attacked Tucker for her painful honesty. "She owes her job to my father," Dexter declared at a press conference.

Dexter's crass revisionism demeans the efforts of those who ALSO lobbied vigorously to racially integrate newsrooms - Whitney Young, Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Malcolm X, Stokely

Carmichael, Carl T. Rowan and the National Association of Black Journalists.

But even conceding the King estate's right to be wrongheaded, it is difficult to justify Coretta Scott King's decision to award the Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize to South Korea's president, Kim Young Sam, in Seoul on Jan. 26.

"I was appalled at the news," Dr. Hosoon Chang of the Korea Social Education Institute, wrote this reporter.

"Since his inauguration [in 1960], Mr. Kim has taken no action to undo the gross violation of human rights perpetrated by the military generals" who had killed, tortured and incarcerated dissidents.

"The number of people sent to prison for their political expression - such as labor union members demanding the right to strike, peace activists asking a more sincere approach for reunion with North Korea and farmers opposing the new GATT agreement - has increased substantially," Dr. Chang wrote.

Amnesty International has taken notice of Kim's oppression, which he has clothed under the mantle of anti-communism. In a September article on South Korea, *Time* magazine reported, "Once a pro-democracy firebrand, the president is now cracking down on student protesters."

Many Americans - and I was one of those short-sighted ones - opposed King's early opposition to the Vietnam War as a dilution of his civil rights energies.

History justified this courageous apostle of peace. Tragically, history will be far less charitable to his widow.

Letters to the editor

Thanks for success

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all the high school and middle school students, organizations, merchants and each individual who assisted in making the 1994 Community Care for the Aged and Disabled Client Christmas Party a success.

Without your donations of food items, paper goods and personal care items for the gift bags, as well as your willingness to volunteer your time, this project would not have been possible.

I would like to thank the members of First Baptist Church, Central Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church for your willingness to sponsor this project and your commitment to making it a continued success!

Shawn Bybee
Pampa

Setting an example

To the editor:

What if a person were to move to our community, to take up residence and become a part of the community for whatever reason one chose to relocate here? If one were fortunate enough to have a job when they already arrived, as some do and perhaps some don't.

In order to abide by the laws as set forth by the people for the people, is one to register his or her vehicle within a specified time limit, as well as changing their driver's license if they previously resided out of the state of Texas? Is it not the responsibility of that person to see that the task is accomplished, if that person is a responsible adult?

Or it that person were a juvenile, would it be the responsibility of the parents to see that the proper measures are taken in order to set a proper example for the youth of the community to follow in order to become responsible citizens?

I'm sure mistakes are made — oversights, perhaps — but if one intentionally neglects his or her duties to set the proper examples, should they not be dealt with as

any other "violate" of the laws as set forth by lawmakers that are elected to serve the public interests? As well as those whose salaries are paid by the taxpayers of the community to enforce those laws. Should they not be allowed to enforce those laws equally; with the respect and cooperation of their "superiors" or "chiefs," as well as the support of the administration of the city?

If indeed we are to enforce "Zero Tolerance" in the schools of our community, should we not practice what we preach to the youth in order to set those proper examples for them to follow as they evolve into the next generation of "voters" as well as the "future leaders" of the community?

Last but not least, are there indeed such situations in our community, or are they merely imaginary situations merely put into writing to possibly let someone think about it? Be they elected or appointed, perhaps, by whomever as well as employed by whomever? Who knows, who cares, who votes?

Terry Hembree
Pampa

He still reads paper

To the editor:

I've written you a number of times over the years, like about the price of gasoline in Pampa and some other things. Gasoline is still too high. You can drive to Amarillo, for instance, fill up and your trip costs you nothing and you can shop for a better selection and price. Most Pampa merchants are greedy.

My main purpose this time is to compliment The Pampa News. I've read it since the first time I came to Pampa in 1942 and still subscribe. I like the way you follow through on news and let us know what has happened after it gets off of the front page — human interest stories.

I hate to see Louise Fletcher leave. I think she has had a great part in your success. I hope it continues.

Good luck, Louise, and happy retirement.
Quenton C. Nolte
Ransom Canyon

Russians shift attack to strategic village

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — For the first time since launching a ground attack on the capital of separatist Chechnya, Russian forces on Saturday turned the bulk of their firepower away from the city, shelling a strategic village in what may be a preview of the war's next phase.

Outgunned but tenacious Chechen rebels have threatened to regroup in the mountains south of Grozny if the three-week-old Russian assault drives them out of the city. The village of Bamut, which the Russians attacked Saturday, lies between the city and the mountains.

The rebels early Saturday used hit-and-run attacks to harass Russian supply lines heading into Chechnya, a tactic likely to be used more often with their position weakening in the capital.

Chechens said they counted 111 Russian armored personnel carriers, tanks and other vehicles massed near Bamut, about 30 miles from Grozny. The Russians were also backed by helicopter gunships.

In Grozny, bands of rebels clung stubbornly to their positions and waged gunbattles in the center near the blackened shell of the presidential palace.

Russian troops who allowed a television crew into the palace briefly said Chechen snipers remained holed up on the upper floors, two days after rebel forces formally abandoned it.

The Chechens claimed the whole area around the palace remained up for grabs, and said President Dzhokhar Dudayev met with his commanders in a bunker just 500 yards away.

"No one controls the center of Grozny," Chechen spokesman Movladi Udugov told reporters.

Russian artillery and warplanes fell silent overnight and for much of Saturday, giving the battered city its first quiet night since December. Shelling reportedly resumed later, but Chechens welcomed the temporary calm.

Civilians emerged from their basement shelters and cautiously walked

the snow-covered streets on a crisp, sunny day. Smoke from burning buildings rose above the quiet city during the late morning.

"We will have a rest, and after that we will begin to attack the Russian troops," said 24-year-old Magomet, a Chechen fighter who refused to give his last name. "We will beat the Russians and drive them out of the Caucasus."

Outside Grozny, the bridge on the main road used to escape the capital was blown up, forcing cars to take a long detour through a stronghold of Chechen forces opposed to Dudayev.

A small tan Lada sedan fleeing Grozny plunged into the creek before Chechens could block off the small bridge.

It was unclear who destroyed the bridge spanning an icy creek 20 1/2 miles west of Grozny. Chechen fighters blamed the opposition, which has kept a low profile since the Russian campaign began.

The anti-Dudayev forces quickly established their own checkpoint about 25 miles southwest of Grozny.

Pope concludes trip on note of controversy

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Pope John Paul II ended his 11-day tour on a note of controversy Saturday when Buddhist leaders boycotted a meeting with him to protest his views of their religion.

Six Hindu and six Muslim representatives greeted the pope, but none of the invited Buddhist prelates showed up for the meeting with the leader of the world's 950 million Catholics.

The pope has been critical of the Buddhist doctrine of salvation, cautioning that the objective of Buddhist meditation is to reach "indifference" to the world, not to draw nearer to God.

He gave no answer to Buddhist monks who had demanded an apology, but went out of his way to sound a conciliatory note at the meeting. Departing from his prepared text, he added: "It is important that we are together. Not being together is dangerous."

It was not the first time that representatives of other religions have distanced themselves from the pope. Muslim leaders stayed away during his visit to Nigeria in 1982. Jewish leaders had threatened to boycott a papal meeting in Miami in 1987 after the pope met with then-Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who was accused of complicity in Nazi war crimes, but most showed up after talks with the Vatican.

The pope also told the Muslim and Hindu leaders that the Roman Catholic Church "firmly rejects proselytism and the use of unethical means to gain conversions," in an apparent response to criticism from Buddhists of the church's conduct in Sri Lanka.

The pope's tour — with earlier stops in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Australia — was designed to strengthen the church in heavily populated Asia.

The pope went from the meeting

to a Mass on the shore of the Indian Ocean where, to the blowing of conch shells and the beating of drums, he declared a 17th century Indian missionary "blessed," the final step before possible sainthood.

About 350,000 people attended the ceremony to glorify Joseph Vaz, whom the pope called the second founder of the church in Sri Lanka. Vaz reestablished Catholicism after the Calvinist Dutch colonialists drove it to near extinction.

John Paul conducted the beatification on an altar designed by a well-known Buddhist architect. Many of the celebrants arrived the night before, camping in the open grounds during a thunderstorm.

Coronado Inn celebration



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lewis of Pampa listen to Michael Parker, owner of the Coronado Inn, as he tells them about two pictures of the Coronado Inn, one of which was taken in 1960 and the other in 1995. On Friday, a 35-year anniversary celebration held at the inn was attended by stockholders and former employees of the inn. Mrs. Lewis worked at the inn in the late 1970s.

Abortion protesters rally at state Capitol

AUSTIN (AP) — About 500 anti-abortion activists converged at the state Capitol Saturday in protest of the 22nd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Toting signs reading "For Real: Planned Parenthood Kills Babies" and "Stop Abortion Now," the protesters condemned the Jan. 22, 1973, Supreme Court ruling and called for a united front in their battle against it.

"We all have one common purpose as far as abortion goes, and that is to stop it before it destroys us all," said Al Clements, executive director of the Texas Right to Life Committee. "There's a place for everyone in the pro-life movement, regard-

less of means or methods."

Mothers pushed strollers carrying toddlers and infants through the crowd, which was diverse in age and ethnicity and included groups from Houston, Lubbock and San Antonio.

About five counterdemonstrators attended but stayed away from the speaking area. No arrests were reported.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken, who spoke to the crowd via telephone from Washington, touted the party's state platform, which supports abortion only if the mother's life is at stake.

He urged the protesters to advocate the party's platform to the Legislature and Congress.

"We must not waiver in our commitment to protect the most vulnerable human beings in our society — the unborn children whose lives have been snuffed out by the tens of millions since the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision," he said.

The speakers hailed the election of Republican Gov. George W. Bush, who opposes abortion, saying he has provided the movement additional firepower.

They noted Bush's opposition to a bill that would increase penalties for criminal trespassing at health-care clinics. Bush said Friday the proposal is redundant, since federal law already makes it a crime to block access to places where abortions are performed.

Father not held for trial in children's fire deaths

AMARILLO (AP) — A father who lost three children in an apartment fire earlier this year will not be held for trial in the deaths of the kids who police said were left alone when flames erupted.

A Potter County grand jury this week took no action against Robert Eugene Smith in connection with the Jan. 5 blaze. A spokesman for the district attorney's office said Smith's case was presented to the grand jury and that he will not be held for trial.

Seven-month-old Angelica Ann Marie Smith died at the scene. Mercedes Smith, 4, died a short time later, and 18-month-old Robert Eugene Smith Jr. died two days later at Northwest Texas Hospital.

A fourth child, 3-year-old

Marcella Smith, remained at Northwest, police officials said.

Hospital officials refuse to release information about the child's condition.

The fire started when bedding material was ignited by an open-flame heater, officials said. A neighbor tried to get the children out of the apartment, but couldn't get in, an investigator said.

Firefighters and emergency personnel pulled the children from the burning apartment and attempted to resuscitate them.

The Amarillo Police Department said the children were alone in the

house when the fire broke out. Investigators have determined that the children's mother was at work when the fire started and that their father was supposed to be with them.

Police said the father has said he was home during the fire, but that he was not reported to be injured in the blaze.

A spokesman for the district attorney's office said Smith will not be charged in connection with leaving his children home alone unless new evidence surfaces.

However, Smith was indicted Thursday in an unrelated case on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

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Business

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Write a business plan

Frequently, in our role as business start-up counselors, the members of our small business development center staff ask questions of our clients. We often ask, "Who will your primary customers be?" "How much do you think it will take to start this business?" "Is anyone else providing a service like this?" "Could someone else have a patent on this product?" The most common answer is, "I don't know."

If we ask several questions of start-up clients and the answer is consistently, "I don't know," we have our work cut out for us. While not knowing isn't a sin, it is a poor position from which to start a business. "Finding out" is one of the most important reasons for writing a business plan.

Planning to learn

Writing a business plan will help every would-be entrepreneur get answers to obvious questions. More importantly, the process of committing your idea to paper will often help you uncover additional questions and eliminate much of the start-up risk. Many experts feel that the planning phase of a small business start is the most critical stage.

Recently, "planning to learn" helped a client of ours. The client had an idea for a product he could sell to the industry in which he worked. I asked if there were other markets for his product. We talked about several other uses and potential target customers.

I suggested as a follow-up step that this bright, eager individual make a written list of other potential sales applications. He came back in a week with over a hundred potential target markets and uses. Some were actually better ideas than his original thought. Planning will help you learn.

Learning to plan

Writing a business plan is hard work. Few would-be small-business owners enjoy the planning process. Yet, you can easily learn planning theory. One of the best teachers is failure. Some of the most successful start-ups we've helped over the years had previous failures.

However, we wouldn't suggest setting out to fail just to gain that experience. Instead, we'd suggest using these five quick tips for learning to plan.

- Ask for help. Small business development centers are wonderful planning resources. There are also several good books available. Check with your local library or call us at (806) 372-5151.

- Take one step at a time. Focus your efforts on one part of the plan at a time. Make notes on questions you have and try to identify answers you'll need. Write them down so you don't lose the thoughts or questions.

- Know why you are sitting writing your plan. Identify your objectives for your plan. Do you need financing, or do you just want to eliminate mistakes and risk.

- Be realistic. Recently, a client brought in a plan that projected the business would hit \$2 million in first-year sales and grow to \$10 million in the second year. "Not a chance" was my first reaction. (It was also his banker's reaction.) Your plan must reflect reality if you expect anyone to take it seriously. That should include the writer.

- Keep the customer in mind. Remember that customers are the only reason businesses exist. Keep in mind when you write your plan. Why is this business important to potential customers? What advantage or benefit will they receive from it? (If you can't write down several benefits, keep working on your plan.)

Learning to plan is a rewarding process, it can be as useful in your career as in starting your own business. The key word is "learning." Learning is a common trait shared by all successful people.

GM-UAW agreement ends walkout

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers union reached a tentative deal Friday ending a two-day walkout at a parts plant that had idled workers at all or parts of nine other plants.

The deal was announced by UAW Region 1-C director Ruben Burks at a news conference Friday night. Officials gave no details and said they wouldn't be released until Sunday, when Local 651 members vote on the deal.

If approved, it would end the walkout that began Wednesday by 6,800 workers at the AC Delco Flint East complex. Workers walked off the job in a dispute over staff levels and outside contracting.

A joint statement issued by Burks and GM vice president Ned McClurg described the tentative agreement as an "equitable resolution of issues."

The local shop committee chairman, John Beauchamp, said workers would return soon.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Dennis Jordan, left, East District superintendent for the Panhandle Region of Phillips Petroleum Co.'s Exploration & Production Group, presents a 35-year service award to Ted Jett Sr., a field tester. Jett started as a yardman for Phillips in Grants, N.M. Jett and his family have lived in Pampa since 1981.

Desk & Derrick to hear history of area oil fields

A history of area oil fields will be presented Tuesday at a meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club.

Edward Benz, director of the Hutchinson County museum in Borger, will highlight oil field history in Borger, where oil was first discovered in 1926.

The meeting will be at Pampa Country Club, with a social gathering at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The public is invited and reservations may be made by calling Esther McAdoo at 665-3404 or 669-3498.

Benz will show a 12-minute video that will feature an early view of Borger's Main Street, the oil fields of Hutchinson County and famed oil well expert Tex Thornton shooting a rig with nitroglycerin to fracture the formation.

Benz will discuss other aspects of oil field history, which is the main focus of the Borger museum. A project currently underway at the museum is the reconstruction of a 1926 angle iron drilling rig across the street from the museum. A dozen area oil companies, including several from Pampa, are assisting in the reconstruction.

Benz, who has worked in the museum field 19 years, has been



EDWARD BENZ

director of the Borger museum for 12 years. He helped establish the museum in 1977 as a freelance museum designer and consultant.

Benz has design work in 11 area museums. He holds a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design from Texas Tech University. He is a regional and Indian historian and is past president of the Northwest Texas Museum Association.

Chamber Communique

The Chamber Annual Banquet, which will be highlighted by the naming of the 1994 Citizen of the Year, will be on Thursday, Feb. 23 in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Tickets will be \$12.50 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office at 669-3241.

March 28 is "Panhandle Day in Austin." A chartered plane will leave Amarillo International Airport at 10:30 a.m.

In Austin, buses will provide transportation to a luncheon with Gov. George W. Bush or Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

After lunch, Panhandle residents will be divided into legislative teams that will visit the Legislature and many state agencies to lobby on issues of concern to the Texas Panhandle.

That evening, 11 cooking teams from throughout the Panhandle will prepare a barbecue dinner for the entire Legislature. The dinner will be served on the Capitol grounds.

After dinner, buses will take participants to the Austin airport for an 8:30 p.m. flight that will arrive back in Amarillo at 9:40 p.m.

Cost of the trip is under \$290 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office.

Meetings:
Monday — 7:30 p.m. — 1995 Christmas Events Initial Planning Meeting.
Tuesday — 2 p.m. — Tourism Committee meeting.

Chisum to speak to API

State Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, will speak at the 1995 kick-off meeting of the Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute.

The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Pampa Country Club. The evening will start with a social hour, with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Chisum, president of the Texas Conservative Coalition, will speak on "The New Conservative Majority."

The meal for the meeting will be barbecue with all the trimmings. A door prize will be provided by Nowco. Cost of the meal is \$10. API memberships are \$7.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conoco Inc., #18R Burnett 'A' (657 ac) 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 96.5, H&TC, 15 mi west from Skellytown, PD 3300' (10 Desta Drive, Suite 100W, Midland, TX 79705)

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Pat A. & Alberta Helton, #9 North Jackson (193 ac) 990' from North & 330' from East line, Sec. 90.B-2, H&TC, 7 mi SE from Pampa, PD 3300' (Box 154, Allison, TX 79003)

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E&P Inc., #51 M.B. Davis (960 ac) 690' from North & 1370' from West line, Sec. 8.1, ACH&B, 2 mi SE from Lefors, PD 3250' (Box 2700, Pampa, TX 79065)

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E&P Inc., J.E. Williams (960 ac) 1.5 mi SE from Lefors, PD 3250'. Rule 37 for the following wells:

#76, 1300' from North & 1850' from West line of Sec. 6.1, ACH&B.
#77, 1300' from North & 800' from East line of Sec. 6.1, ACH&B.
#78, 732' from North & 1333' from East line of Sec. 7.1, ACH&B.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Midgard Energy Co., #13 J.T. Brown, et al 'D', (700 ac) 780' from most Southerly/North line & 2130' from West line, Sec. 223.C, G&MMB&A, 3 mi SE from Canadian, PD 10750' (Box 400, Amarillo, TX 79188)

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & WEST WASHITA CREEK Douglas) Upland Resources Inc., #1 Ellen (637 ac) 2000' from South & 1320' from West line, Sec. 8.A-1, H&TC, 21 mi SE from Canadian, PD 8350' (105 North 5th, Canadian, TX 79014)

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #4 Koch-Little (645 ac) 1400' from North & 2000' from East line, Sec. 779.43, H&TC, 5 mi north from Lipscomb, PD 7900'

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #4 Piper 'A' (645 ac) 1500' from South & 1300' from East line, Sec. 776.43, H&TC, 4 mi SW from Lipscomb, PD 8200'

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & S.E. BRADFORD Lower Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #13 Ola O. Piper (636 ac) 1000' from South & 1200' from West line, Sec. 720.43, H&TC, 3 mi north from Lipscomb, PD 10200'

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & LIPSCOMB Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #4-775 Bradford ('54 ac) 1500' from South & West line, Sec. 775.43, H&TC, 7 mi NW from Lipscomb, PD 7800'

OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & ELLIS RANCH Cleveland) Phillips Petroleum Co., #4 Shrader 'A' (665 ac) 467' from North & 2050' from West line, Sec. 487.43, H&TC, 12 mi south from Perryton, PD 9200' (Box 358, Borger, TX 79008)

POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1-100B McBride

(517 ac) 737' from South & 387' from East line, Sec. 100.46, H&TC, (BHL: 7042' from South & 330' from West line of Sec.) 6 mi SW from Fritch, TVD 2190', MD 7000' (Point of penetration is 1216' from South & 535.2' from East line of Sec.) (9400 North Broadway, Suite 700, Okla. City, OK 73114) Horizontal Well

Application to Re-Enter

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E&P Inc., #67 J.E. Williams (960 ac) 705' from North & 442' from West line, Sec. 7.1, ACH&B, 1.5 mi SE from Lefors, PD 3250'. Rule 37

Amended Intentions to Drill

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #3 Bradford 'D' (645 ac) 2000' from South & 1000' from East line, Sec. 722.43, H&TC, 5.5 mi NW from Lipscomb, PD 7700'. Amended to change well location

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #3 Victor Born (648 ac) 1500' from North & 2500' from West line, Sec. 806.43, H&TC, 6 mi north from Lipscomb, PD 7850'. Amended to change well location

Oil Well Completions

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Pritchard 'A', Sec. 6.M-16, AB&M, elev. 3356 df, spud 11-21-94, drlg. compl 12-1-94, tested 12-11-94; flowed 265 bbl. of 54 grav. oil + no water thru 29/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 438#, tbg. pressure 263#, GOR 2902, perforated 3975-3996, TD 7297', PBTD 4470' — Plug-Back

ROBERTS (S.E. PARSELL Douglas) Canyon Exploration Co., #1 Waterfield, J.C. Schule Survey, elev. 2504 kb, spud 11-11-94, drlg. compl 12-7-94, tested 12-28-94, pumped 22 bbl. of 41.8 grav. oil + 84 bbls. water, GOR —, perforated 6523-6556, TD 10550', PBTD 6700' Plug-Back

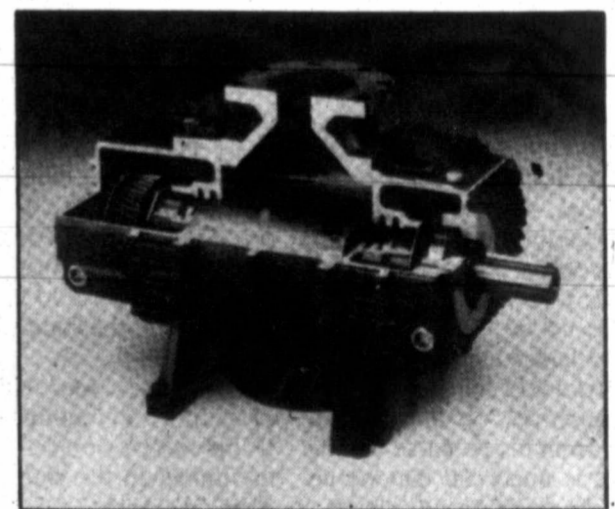
Plugged Wells

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #A-32 State of Texas 'A', Sec. 64.46, H&TC, spud 2-15-56, plugged 11-10-94, TD 2737' (oil) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) W.L. Toney, #2W Ryan 'A', Sec. 1.M-24, TCRR, spud unknown, plugged 12-31-94, TD 3244' (disposal) —

LIPSCOMB (KIOWA CREEK Upper Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Cruise 'E', Sec. 768.43, H&TC, spud 6-28-60, plugged 12-15-94, TD 9945' (gas) —

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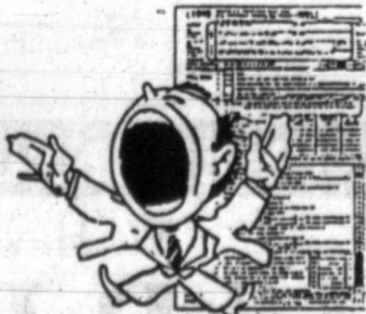
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Mexican peso's devaluation has repercussions in Shamrock

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

SHAMROCK — When Mexico devalued the peso Dec. 18, repercussions were felt in New York, London and Shamrock, Texas.

"When we first started," said Stan Tate, a trader with Shamrock Meats, "it was all kind of on-wire transfer and then when we started doing more business with them and built up a relationship with them, we started giving them credit. We do probably 75 percent credit with them now and 25 percent wires."

Just before Christmas, foreign trade deficits forced Mexico to devalue its currency, meaning that the peso could suddenly buy only two-thirds to a half of what it had bought before. That created a problem for the Shamrock trading firm that had shipped meat to Mexico and hadn't been paid yet.

"There's not much money flowing, and we're not sending any meat south," said Shamrock Meats owner Dusty Oldham.

"We started trading with Mexico about four years ago," said Tate. "We kind of started down on the border with the border rats, the guys on our side that exported, then started going direct selling to the interior."

While it has generally been a profitable venture, the past 30 plus days has been at the very least, Oldham said, interesting.

"I tell you, if you're going to be a Mexican trader, if you're going to trade in Mexico, you better learn to live with it, the ups and downs, because this isn't the first time the peso's been devalued," Oldham said.

"What we actually do is we go to IBP, Excel, Monfort, and we do some pork products down there too, we go direct to the plants and buy the product, and we send the product down there," Tate said.

With the devaluation of the peso, the meat traders in Shamrock are trying figure out where the market will go in the future.

Shamrock Meats has customers across the United States, Tate said. Over the last two years, however, its trade in Mexico has increased to about half of its business.

The guys around the main street store front office in Shamrock are all local boys.

"Actually, Stan graduated from Samnorwood," Kyle Adams, another trader, said. "I graduated from Shamrock and Lee (McCasland) graduated from Wheeler. So we're all from a 30-mile radius."

The founder of the company, Oldham, another Shamrock boy, moved back to his hometown about eight years ago to go into business for himself. Oldham grew up and went to high school in Shamrock. He went on to college and graduated from Texas A&M in 1973. After his formal education, he went to work in the meat industry.

"I went to work for Excel Corporation, it was MBP then," he said. "I was with Austin Meats, a wholesale food distributor, for two years. I've been here eight years, I guess. Time flies when you're having fun."

Tate soon joined him, and they traded out of Oldham's house.

"When I came along," Tate said, "we started calling customers. Then Kyle joined us, and we started building and building and building. Now probably 90 percent of our business is back-to-back sales, packers to the end user."

While the Shamrock trading company already had some customers in Mexico, the Texas Beef Council was a key catalyst in the growth of its trading south of the border.

"They brought trade groups up, and that's where we got a lot of them," Tate said of his Mexican customers.

"We made a lot of contacts with those people," Adams says.

"They were very helpful," Tate said. "It wasn't a 100 percent of the reason, but I mean we were already doing business with Mexico. We were already sending product down there to go across, and they made it a lot easier to meet the people and get their phone numbers and stuff like that. We just took it one step further."

Rather than dealing through a trader on the border, Tate said, they decided to develop a customer base in the interior of Mexico. Now, their customer base includes distributors, processors, retail store chains and hotels and restaurants.

"A few of the accounts are Mom and Pop sausage companies down there," Tate said. "Every once in while you'll come across some hoodlum down there, some trader, fly-by-night deal, and that's what gives them all a bad name. The Mom-and-Pop people down there, they'll give whatever it takes to do it right."

"As far as money, we usually get paid 14, 21 days. Some of these accounts get as much as 25, 30 days. We stay on top of it," Oldham said. "We're tough. We're tough on credit. A lot of these companies have letters of credit, and they're secured down there. All our accounts are pretty much open terms. We don't get very big with any one. We try to diversify our risk."

International trading has always been risky, but the stakes have usually been worth it.

"Trading's sure not for the weak at heart," Oldham said. "You've got to have a lot of patience. It's tough. You don't sleep to well some nights either. But in their defense, we've been dealing down there for six or seven years, and we've had less bad debt from sending to Mexico than we have in the United States with all the modern technology we have here in the United States. We've had less bad debt in Mexico than we've had in the United States. Of course, we've had some pretty hairy experiences down there but as far as bad debt, we've had less bad debt in Mexico."

Although some international financiers expected a devaluation of the peso, Tate said it took them a while to realize what was happening.

"We weren't smart enough to know it for two or three days until the money stopped coming in," Tate said.

"Everybody thought it was going to be a temporary thing," Adams said. "We thought it'd be two or three days, but it got worse. We thought next week it'll go back to four or 3.5 or whatever it was, but the situation just kept getting worse. Then the president didn't do anything for a week."

"Even now they're thinking he'll come back and freeze it at a certain rate," Tate said. "They've been thinking that since the day it happened, and he hasn't done it. Even today we have one company telling us that the president's going to come in and freeze it at 4.5, that's the figure that's been thrown at us a lot of times. They've been saying that since before Christmas, but who knows? They tell us as soon as he does that 'we'll send you your money!'"

Tate said that all their deals are negotiated in dollars. The Shamrock company isn't directly involved in the currency markets, but when the currency of another country is devalued it affects the buying power of their customers.

"Our situation is dollars," he said. "We sell all our product in U.S. dollars. They take it and sell it in pesos." Shamrock Meats also doesn't get involved with the product once it goes into Mexico.

"We release all liability when it gets to the border," Tate said. "They pick it up at the border. It's theirs from then on."

Although the devaluation of the peso has caused turmoil in the major financial and political centers of the world, Oldham expects the crisis to end before long.

"I look for it to pass," Oldham said, "but I don't look for it to be a three-week cure. I think it will take 90 days before it will settle out."

The Shamrock trader is optimistic that the problems in the Mexican market will pass.

"I think in 90 days to six months, the peso will find its level and confidence will be restored to the market," Oldham said. "The reason I think that is because they need our product. They're not self-sufficient. They're going to have to figure a means to stabilize the peso. They're dependent upon our product."

Oldham said he will supply meat for those who can pay. He said that the problems south of the border have not turned him off Mexico.

The Shamrock trader has been able to collect on some of the meat that he sold prior to the devaluation, and he expects more soon.

"We really think the money will start flowing as early as next week, week after next," Oldham said.

"We had one of the larger companies down there tell us that we'd get our money Thursday, next Thursday," Tate said.

"He says he's paying everything in full next Thursday, and I have no reason to doubt him because they're strong," Oldham said. "They say they're going to exchange at whatever the rate is and take their losses and move on."

Despite the uncertainty south of the border, Oldham said he's been able to collect even though the value of the peso is fluctuating.

"We're thinking we're going to see some money," Oldham said. "We saw money last week. We were one of the few. We actually collected money last week. We actually had customers paying us. Exchanging pesos at 5.6, 5.7."

Teen convicted of vet's murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A teenage boy faces up to 40 years in prison after his conviction in the death of a homeless Vietnam veteran last summer.

The boy, who turned 14 during his trial, was arrested with two other youths after the murder of 50-year-old James Griffin, whose body was found in a wooded area of north Houston.

The 14-year-old was convicted Friday.

The father of two had been beaten with sticks and stabbed at least 10 times. One wound was so deep that it severed his spinal cord, prosecutors said.

Testimony during the four-day trial showed that the three youths converged on a homeless encampment last July 19 to "bum bash."

After his arrest, the 14-year-old admitted to police that bum-bashing

involved entering the homeless encampment, "and the bums would come out and start messing with us and then we would beat them up."

He said he hit Griffin "a couple of times" with a stick, then stabbed him in the leg and hip. The youth said it was self-defense.

An informant's tip led authorities to the boy's home and a box containing a meat cleaver and several knives. Human blood was on one of the knives.

The boy's co-defendants, 15 and 16 years old, were certified last September to stand trial as adults. They could receive up to life in prison if convicted.

The 14-year-old was tried in juvenile court. He could receive up to 40 years behind bars when visiting state District Judge Robert Lowry sentences him later this month.

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"For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil" (1 Pet. 3:12; Psa. 34:12.) The "righteous" are those who live by faith (Rom. 1:17; Heb. 2:4.) To live by faith is to be justified by faith (Rom. 5:1.) To be justified by faith is to realize no condemnation and there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1.) To be in Christ Jesus is to be baptized into Him (Gal. 3:27.) Conclusively, then, the righteous are those who, by faith, have been baptized into Jesus Christ where they have realized the forgiveness of their sins and are thereby members of the one body, the church of the Lord.

The apostle Peter makes it clear that God hears and answers only the prayers of the righteous, those who are His children. The apostle John writes: "My little children, these things write I unto you that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours

only, but also for the whole world" (1 Jn. 2:1-2.) John was writing to those who had "fellowship" with him and others who enjoyed "fellowship" with God. The word "fellowship" means "association or participation with". In this instance, it refers to the association the Christian has with God. Only Christians have this fellowship with God and therefore only Christians have Jesus Christ as their Advocate with God the Father.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way He dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for He is faithful that promised." (Heb. 10:19-23.) The "house of God" is the church of the living God (1 Tim. 3:15.) Therefore Jesus Christ is High Priest only over His church, the church of Christ.

-Billy T. Jones

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Lady Harvesters fell to Hereford, 63-45, Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. Tarabeth Holmes was high scorer for Hereford with 13 points, followed by Misti Davis 10.

Misty Scribner led Pampa with 15 points while Jennifer Jones followed with 14.

Pampa's record is 5-17 for the season and 1-6 in district play. Hereford is 16-8 overall and 4-3 in district.

Serenity King and Kristi Carpenter had 8 and 7 points respectively for the Lady Harvesters while Melissa Treadwell added 1.

The Lady Harvesters play at Randall next Friday night. Gametime is 6.

SHAMROCK — Shamrock came from behind to down Fort Elliott, 55-44, Friday night in a boys' basketball game.

Fort Elliott was leading by nine points, 31-22, at intermission. Shamrock trimmed the lead to one, 39-38, going into the fourth quarter.

"We just didn't shoot very well in the second half," said Cougars' coach Curtis Smith. "Shamrock does have a good team. They're ranked 20th in the state, but I felt like we played a pretty good game against them at their place."

Shamrock's leading scorer was Willie Angton with 19 points.

Justin Westbrook scored 22 points to lead Fort Elliott in scoring.

Shamrock slipped by Fort Elliott, 55-54, in the girls' game.

Shonda Prescher was high scorer for Shamrock with 18 points.

Amanda Shields scored 16 points and Lindsay Fillingim 15 for Fort Elliott.

NINTH-GRADE BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa lost a 51-47 squeaker to Randall in a freshman basketball game Saturday.

Pampa coach Troy Bell said Bryan Waldrip, Jeff Sublett and Lynn Brown were the outstanding players for Pampa.

The Pampa freshmen are now 10-4 for the season and 3-4 in district. They play Monday at Canyon.

SOCCER

PAMPA — Ville Hanni scored two goals and Randal Odom had two assists as the unbeaten Pampa boys soccer team defeated Borger, 2-1, Saturday at Harvester Stadium.

Pampa built a 4-0 lead at halftime.

Also scoring for Pampa were Salvador Del Fierro, Blane Northcutt, Luke Long and Randal Odom. Long, David Kludt, Ben Padgett and Kyle Johnson had assists.

Ben Flint scored the only goal for Borger. No penalty cards were issued during the match.

Pampa is 4-0 overall and 3-0 in district. The Harvesters play at Amarillo High Tuesday at 4 p.m.

In a junior varsity match played Friday, Pampa shut out Palo Duro, 4-0.

Bryan McCormick scored three goals and Chris Welch had the other one for Pampa. Brian Sprinkle and Lucas Jaramillo had assists.

Pampa led 2-0 at the half.

Pampa junior varsity hosts Friona at 6 p.m. Thursday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Freshman Kyle Kessel made four free throws in the game's final eight seconds and Texas A&M held off Houston, 73-68, Saturday afternoon.

A&M (8-10, 2-2 Southwest Conference) led 41-33 at the half, but Houston (3-12, 0-4 SWC) opened the second half with an 11-2 run, and the game was closely contested the rest of the way.

Joe Wilbert and Corey Henderson led the Aggies with 18 points each, and reserve John Stevens added 15 points, 13 of them in the first half.

All of Henderson's points came on 6-of-9 shooting from outside the three-point line. Wilbert was on the bench with four fouls for 10 minutes of the second half.

Damon Jones led Houston with 20 points, with Tim Moore and Kirk Ford adding 15 each. The loss was the Cougars' eighth in a row.

After Houston went ahead 44-43 early in the second half, the lead changed hands seven times until Damon Johnson put the Aggies ahead 57-56 with 9:31 to play.

Two free throws by Jones tied the game at 61 at 4:20, but the Aggies went ahead to stay on two free throws by Tony McGinnis and a field goal by Wilbert that produced a 65-61 lead.

Houston closed to within 69-68 with 10 seconds to play, then fouled Kessel, but he made all four of his free throws in the closing seconds.

PRO BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Roy Tarpley may be in trouble again with the team.

Tarpley did not play Friday night against the New York Knicks because of tendinitis in his right knee, and reportedly had a long, heated discussion with a Mavericks official, who asked him to leave just before halftime.

Tarpley said he left because he wasn't feeling well and blamed an overreaction to medication for the knee injury. Reportedly, he had to be escorted out of Reunion Arena.

Keith Grant, the Mavericks player personnel director, also left the arena after the team's 106-93 loss to the Knicks. He and coach Dick Motta met following Grant's closed-door meeting with Tarpley that lasted most of the first half.

Tarpley was not with the team on Saturday night for the Mavericks' game in Reunion Arena against the Seattle SuperSonics.

Club rules about when a player must arrive before a game don't apply to someone who can't play because of illness or injury, Motta said, although he conceded that such players normally are on the team bench.

"He is excused by Keith Grant from attending the game. Roy was frustrated about his knee, about not playing, and was told to take the night off," Mavericks' spokesman Kevin Sullivan said.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa's Rayford Young drives against Hereford's Benton Buckley in a District 1-4A clash Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Harvesters take command of district race

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters proved much too formidable for Hereford, especially when junior guard Rayford Young had the ball in his hands.

Young sizzled the nets for 43 points, including 19 in the fourth quarter, as Pampa blasted Hereford, 82-57, in a District 1-4A contest Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

With the win, the 11th-ranked Harvesters take over first place in the district race with a 5-1 record. For the season, Pampa improves to

19-6. Hereford, 17-7 overall, suffered its first district loss, dropping to 4-1.

Young gave little hint of what was in store for the Harvesters when the first quarter ended. He had just six points, but then added 13 points in the second quarter as the Harvesters went into intermission leading by seven, 34-27.

"Rayford had his eyes on tonight. He's really coming into his own and beginning to play like we want him to play," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

Young, whose 43 points was a

career high, also had eight rebounds and three steals.

The third quarter marked the beginning of the end for the Whitefaces. Pampa scored 9 of the first 11 points and built a 15-point bulge with 5:18 to go in the third quarter.

The Harvesters led by 14 points (48-34) going into the fourth quarter.

"Our defense looked good in that third quarter," Hale said. "Hereford started playing fullcourt on us and we were able to turn it up a notch," Hale said.

Pampa's defense caused 19 Hereford turnovers while the

Harvesters had just 9 for the game.

Coy Laury had 13 points and Duane Nickelberry added 11 to Pampa's attack.

Others scoring for the Harvesters were Devin Lemons with 7, J.J. Mathis 6 and Jeremy King 2. The Harvesters had three 3-point goals, all by Young.

Benton Buckley led Hereford with 24 points while Michael Brown contributed 11, including a pair of 3-point goals.

Pampa plays at Randall next Friday night with the game starting at 7:30.

Defense overshadows star quarterbacks at Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Everyone came to see the quarterbacks in the Senior Bowl. Instead, they got a game only a defensive coordinator could love.

There were six interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown, not to mention three fumbles and four missed field goals as the South beat the North 14-7 on Saturday.

Despite the presence of Heisman-calibre quarterbacks Kerry Collins, Steve "Air" McNair and Jay Barker, the MVP award went to a defensive player, Florida State linebacker Derrick Brooks.

Mike Morton of North Carolina returned an interception 47 yards for a South touchdown, and the North

didn't score until the final play of the game to avoid the second shutout in the game's history.

"Definitely, a lot of the (turnovers) were the result of timing," said Collins, an All-American from Penn State who was third in the Heisman balloting. "You're not really on the same page with everyone else."

Collins and the other North quarterback, Chad May of Kansas State, each threw two interceptions, and May was a dismal 5-of-18. Barker and McNair, the South's signal-callers, had one interception apiece. The South also lost three fumbles.

Into the offensive void stepped the defenses.

Brooks, playing for the South, was named the game's top player with 13

tackles, including 10 unassisted stops. Arizona State's Craig Newsome had two interceptions for the North.

"There were great athletes on defense on both sides of the ball," Brooks said. "It was an insult, in my opinion," for people to predict it would be a high-scoring game.

McNair, fourth in the Heisman balloting despite playing for Division I-AA Alcorn State, threw several crisp passes and managed a couple of nifty scrambles, but finished only 8-of-19 for 88 yards in his first game against I-A competition.

"The game didn't hurt me at all," McNair said. "I hope to go in the top five picks (in the NFL draft)."

Wheeler sweeps Kelton

WHEELER — Phil Wiggins scored 23 points as Wheeler defeated Kelton, 72-41, Friday night in boys' basketball action.

Wheeler's record is now 7-10 for the season while Kelton is 8-12.

Justin Hefley added 10 points for the Mustangs, who led 42-21 at halftime.

J. W. Ray was high scorer for Kelton with 20 points, followed by Brandon Lewis with 9.

Wheeler won the girls' game, 73-17.

Angie Thomas and Stacy Maddux had 15 and 14 points respectively to lead Wheeler scoring.

Kelli Crockett had 10 points for Kelton.

Wheeler is 8-11 for the season while Kelton is 5-16.

Wheeler visits Groom and Kelton hosts Miami next Tuesday night in district openers.



(Staff photo by David Bowser)

Kelton's J.W. Ray (54) dribbles to the basket in a non-district game Friday night at Wheeler. Ray scored 20 points in Kelton's 72-41 loss to the Mustangs.

Cowboys' wrapup

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

COWBOYS GET HOME FIELD IN '95

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will have a chance to get even with the San Francisco 49ers during the regular season next year. The NFC champions come calling in Texas Stadium at a date yet to be announced.

Coach Barry Switzer should have learned by now how important these regular season meetings can be. It was a 21-14 loss to the 49ers in November that set the stage for the mudbath-bloodbath 38-28 loss to San Francisco in January at Candlestick Park.

Switzer knows now why the Cowboys need to play the 49ers on an artificial surface.

Other home games besides NFC East foes include Green Bay, Denver, and Kansas City.

Non-conference games on the road include Minnesota, the Los Angeles Raiders, Atlanta, and, a roll of drums please, the AFC champion San Diego Chargers.

GARRETT LIKELY TO GO FEB. 15

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Quarterback Jason Garrett, the third-stringer who was the hero of a Thanksgiving Day victory over Green Bay, could be lost to the Cowboys in the Feb. 15 expansion draft.

Obviously, the Carolina Panthers or Jacksonville Jaguars need a steady veteran hand while the rookies they draft mature into the job. Garrett would be perfect. He's a cool-hand Luke and can move a team downfield.

Other Cowboys on the expansion list included defensive back Dave Thomas, wide receiver Willie Jackson, running backs Lincoln Coleman and Derrick Lassic, and linebacker Jim Schwartz.

Dallas can lose two of the six.

SWITZER IN JULY

IRVING, Texas (AP) — "I don't care if it's Oklahoma or the Dallas Cowboys, it's the same effort and preparation. The expectations are the same and hopefully the results will be the same." Those were Barry Switzer's remarks on July 14 in a national teleconference call.

Of course, the results weren't the same in his rookie year where anything less than a Super Bowl victory was considered a failure.

At Oklahoma he won three national championships.

THE OFF-SEASON KNIFE

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Linebacker Dixon Edwards and strong safety Darren Woodson will have off-season surgery.

Both have shoulder problems. Edwards dislocated his shoulder in the NFC championship loss to San Francisco.

Woodson played most of the season with his injury.

No surgery date has been set but Woodson will play in the Pro Bowl first.

Tournament winners



The Pampa Lady Patriots 7th grade basketball team won the White Deer Tournament championship last weekend. Team members are (front row, l-r) Emily Waters, Teresa Brown, Anne Gaddis, Tracy Shelton, Tandi Morton and Amanda Jenkins; (back row, l-r) Lindsey Tidwell, Jordanna Young, coach Sandra Thornton, LeVonne Evans and Candace Cathèy.

Baseball season just around the corner for Harvesters

The major leaguers may be on strike, but a new season is about to start for the Pampa High School baseball team.

The Harvesters open practice Jan. 30 and a photo day combined with the Hit-A-Thon fundraiser will be held Feb. 11.

Two scrimmages are scheduled — Feb. 14 against Frank Phillips Junior Varsity, starting at 4 p.m. in Borger; Feb. 17 against Plainview, starting at 4:30 p.m. in Plainview.

The season opener is scheduled for Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. against Palo Duro at Harvester Field.

Eight starters return to coach Dennis Doughty's squad, including seniors Hank Gindorf, Jason Warren, Matt Garvin, Jeff McCormick and Danny Frye. Ryan Cook, Todd Finney and Joel Ferland, all juniors, are the other returning starters.

Senior Bryan Martindale and junior Renee Armada are returning lettermen. Prospects include Luke Long, senior; Matt Benton, Senior; Matt Archibald, junior;

Kris Earl, junior and David Gamblin, jr.

This is Doughty's second year as Pampa head coach.

The Harvesters are entered in two tournaments — the Dumas Tournament on March 9-11 and the Canyon-Randall Classic on March 16-18.

The Harvesters finished with a 12-12 record last season.

1994 Pampa Baseball Schedule

Feb.
21 — Palo Duro, 4 p.m. home; 25 — Perryton, 1 p.m. home; 28 — Sanford-Fritch, 4:30 p.m. home.

March
4 — Elk City, Okla., 11 a.m. away; 7 — Perryton, 4 p.m. away; 9-11 — Dumas Tournament; 13 — Tascosa, 4 p.m. home; 16-18 — Canyon-Randall Classic, at Canyon; 21 — Canyon, 4:30 p.m. home; 25 — Dumas, 1 p.m. away; 28 — Lubbock High, 4:30 p.m. away.

April
1 — Hereford, 1 p.m. home; 4 — Borger, 4:30 p.m. away; 8 — Caprock, 1 p.m. home; 11 — Randall, 4:30 p.m. away; 18 — Canyon, 4:30 p.m. away; 22 — Dumas, 1 p.m. home; 29 —

Hereford, 1 p.m. away.

May
2 — Borger, 4:30 p.m. home; 6 — Caprock, 1 p.m. away; 9 — Randall, 4:30 p.m. home.

District 1-4A games

Pampa Junior Varsity Schedule

Feb.
27 — Sanford-Fritch, 4:30 p.m. away.

March

3 — Sanford-Fritch, 4:30 p.m. home; 20 — Canyon, 4:30 p.m. away; 24 — Borger (2), 4:30 p.m. away; 27 — Borger, 4:30 p.m. home; 31 — Randall, 4:30 p.m. away.

April
1 — Hereford, 3:30 p.m. home; 8 — Caprock, 3:30 p.m. home; 10 — Dumas, 5 p.m. away; 13-14 — Amarillo Tournament; 17 — Dumas, 4:30 p.m. home; 21 — Borger (2), 4:30 p.m. away; 25 — Fort Elliott Varsity (2), 4:30 p.m. away; 28 — Caprock (2), 3:30 p.m. away; 29 — Hereford, 3:30 p.m. away.

May
1 — Wellington Varsity (2), 5 p.m. away.

Freshman
Mar. 6 — Randall, 4:30 p.m. home; April 3 — Borger, 4:30 p.m. home.

Groom girls get revenge against Claude

GROOM — Groom's Tigerettes avenged their only loss of the season Friday night, slipping by Claude, 51-48, in girls basketball action.

Misty Homen was high scorer for Groom with 15 points, followed by Sandie Conrad, 14.

The Tigerettes are now 21-1 on the season while Claude is 14-6.

Claude defeated Groom, 72-63, back on Jan. 10.

Groom went ahead by six (28-22) at halftime, but Claude came back to take a two-point lead (36-34) after three quarters. A strong fourth-quarter finish gave Groom the victory.

Cence Ollinger had 26 points for Claude.

Claude defeated Groom, 78-61, in the boys game.

Rusty Baker and Mike Pilard

had 17 and 16 points respectively.

Claude led at halftime by eight (36-28) at halftime.

Bo Burgin led Groom in scoring with 18 points while Stanley Homer chipped in 12.

Groom has a 6-14 record while Claude is 10-11.

Groom hosts Wheeler Tuesday night in a District 3-1A opener. Gametime is 6:30.

College scores

BASKETBALL

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma 100, Texas 75

Texas Tech 98, Southern Meth. 77

SOUTH

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Marist 93, St. Francis, NY 54

Tennis results

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Results Saturday of the \$6.2 million Australian Open:

Men

Third Round

Stefan Edberg (6), Sweden, def. Hendrik Dreekmann, Germany, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2, 6-3.

David Wheaton, Lake Minnetonka, Minn., def. Renzo Furlan, Italy, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4, 6-3.

Patrick McEnroe, Cove Neck, N.Y., def. David Prinosil, Germany, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov (10), Russia, def. Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 7-6 (10-8).

Jacco Elzingh, Netherlands, def. Thomas Muster (14), Austria, 6-3, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.

Aaron Krickstein, Palm Beach, Fla., def. Petr Korda, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1).

Andre Agassi (2), Las Vegas, def. Greg Rusedski, Canada, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Todd Martin (8), Lansing, Mich., def. Vincent Spadea, Boca Raton, Fla., 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Pat Rafter, Australia, def. Marcos Ondruska, South Africa, 6-3, 1-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Jakob Hlasek, Switzerland, and Yevgeny Kafelnikov (12), Russia, def. Andrew Kratzmann and Michael Tebban, Australia, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 7-5.

Women

Third Round

Barbara Paulus, Austria, def. Sabine Appelmans, Belgium, 6-1, 6-3.

Karina Haboudova, Slovakia, def. Meike Babel, Germany, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Nacko Sawamatsu, Japan, def. Kimiko Date (7), Japan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Jana Novotna (3), Czech Republic, def. Lisa Raymond, Wayne, Pa., 6-1, 3-6, 9-7.

Angelica Gavaldon, Mexico, def. Lori McNeil (15), Houston, 2-6, 6-3, 3-6.

Marianne Werdell Witmeyer, San Diego, def. Elena Makarova, Russia, 6-0, 6-2.

Aranxa Sanchez Vicario (1), Spain, def. Zina Garrison Jackson, Houston, 6-1, 6-3.

Mary Joe Fernandez (11), Miami, def. Amanda Coetzer, South Africa, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

Doubles

Second Round

Elna Reinach, South Africa, and Irina Spirita, Romania, def. Kyoko Nagatsuka and Ai Sugiyama, Japan, 6-1, 6-2.

Mason Ballgref, Netherlands, and Larisa Neiland (4), Latvia, def. Siobhan Drake Brockman and Jane Taylor, Australia, 6-4, 6-1.

Girls champs



The Fatherree team went undefeated during the regular season to win the championship of the Pampa Optimist Girls Third-Fourth Grade League this season. They placed second in the league tournament. Team members are (front row, l-r) Kendra Raber, Stacey Johnson, Denice Mackey and Amber Freeman; (second row, l-r) T'Audra Holmes, Nicole Sikes, Casey Fisher and Amanda Anderson. Craig Raber (also pictured) coaches the team.

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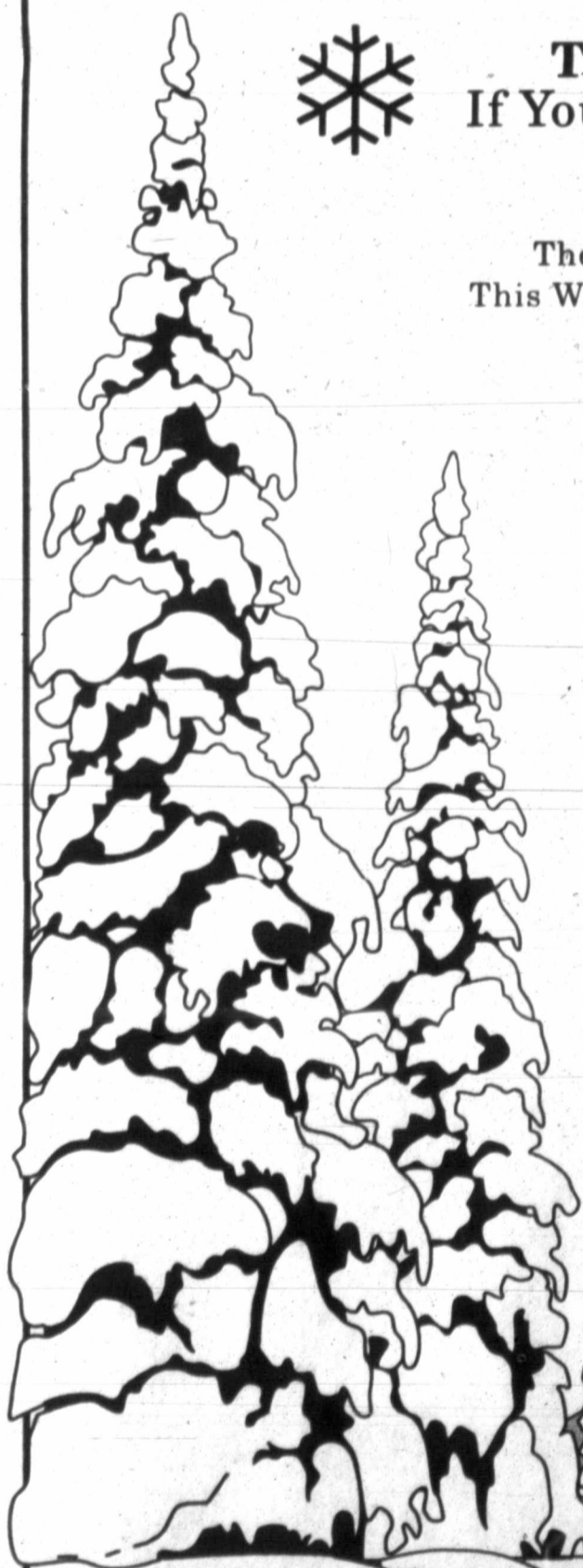
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Lifestyles

What a clown!



Photo by Ann Underwood

He's a traveling salesman by day — and a clown by night. That's the way Lee Ziegelgruber describes himself. "It's one thing to dress up like a clown and another thing to act like one," said Ziegelgruber. "Being able to act like one is something different. It's not real easy to do."

Known as "Ziggy the Clown," Ziegelgruber said the name is a take-off of his last name. While growing up, other children used to call him "Ziggy" so he adapted the name for his clown persona.

It was about two and a half years ago that Ziegelgruber began taking his clowning around seriously.

"It comes easy for Lee," said his wife Carol Faye, who also acts as his business manager. "He's a talker. It just flows out of him. It comes naturally for him."

On this day, Ziegelgruber is at his home putting on makeup in his bathroom, readying himself for a show he is about to do in White Deer. A little girl in White Deer is celebrating her sixth birthday at the community center.

"I don't advertise," he said. His act gets around by word of mouth but one of the reasons he doesn't advertise is because he wants time for himself and his family.

As he paints his face, Ziegelgruber explains that he is an Auguste clown. An Auguste clown puts white makeup on certain parts of his face, such as the eyes or the mouth instead of the whole face. It takes him about an hour to put on the makeup and the clown costume.

In addition to the makeup, Ziegelgruber puts several hours into a party before the actual party takes place. Other than being just a clown, Ziegelgruber is also a magician and a balloon sculptor.

"We could open up our own store," said Ziegelgruber about all the magic tricks he owns.

His foray into magic began on a trip to Oklahoma City.

"I was driving down MacArthur Street," said Ziegelgruber. "I'm a traveling salesman by trade ... and I saw this sign that said 'Magic.' You see, I've always liked magic. So I stopped in there one afternoon. I started going in there and this guy showed me some magic tricks. And I started learning magic."

For his acts, though, he doesn't refer to the magic tricks as "magic" but illusions. "Magic is expensive," said Ziegelgruber. "There's no telling how much I spent on it. It's a hobby but it's an

and daughter get a little embarrassed when the family goes out to dinner and he takes out his balloons and starts making balloon sculptures for children or the wait staff.

"We have a hard time getting out of a place," said Carol Faye. "The parents are just as infatuated as they kids."

Before going to a party, he makes plenty of balloon sculptures to take with him. Sculptures he's made include Walt Disney characters such as the Genie from "Aladdin" and Pluto.

"The Pink Panther is my favorite," said Carol Faye. And as for Ziegelgruber, his favorite is Chester Cheetah, the "Cheetos" cheese chips mascot.

For the birthday boys and girls, he makes extra-special balloon sculptures for them and a couple for the rest of the family members. For this little birthday girl, he made a teddy bear riding in a hot air balloon.

"I've always enjoyed being around kids," said Ziegelgruber. As "Ziggy the Clown," he said lots of children are scared of him.

"Then they'll love up to you within 40 minutes," he said. During his shows, "Ziggy" interacts with the children and has them help him with some of his magic



"Ziggy the clown" straightens out his hat before he prepares to leave.

tricks. expensive hobby."

As for the balloon sculptures, Ziegelgruber said he was in a restaurant one night watching some children come out of a birthday party.

"And I saw these kids coming out with these balloon animals," he said. So he began learning how to make the sculptures. Since his job requires him to be out of town so often, he learned to perfect making them while staying in hotels.

"Anywhere I go I always carry my balloons with me," he said. If he is in a restaurant, he'll make one for the person who waits on him and a few for the children.

"I do it because I like doing it," said Ziegelgruber.

Before he leaves a hotel, he makes a balloon sculpture for the maid and leaves it on the bed. Ziegelgruber and his wife said making the sculptures has its advantages.

When he travels and needs a place to stay, he is remembered by the hotel staff and they'll find a room for him.

"It's a real God-given talent," said Carol Faye. "He doesn't have to work at it." His balloons are very detailed, she said, and have faces.

The Ziegelgrubers said their teenage son

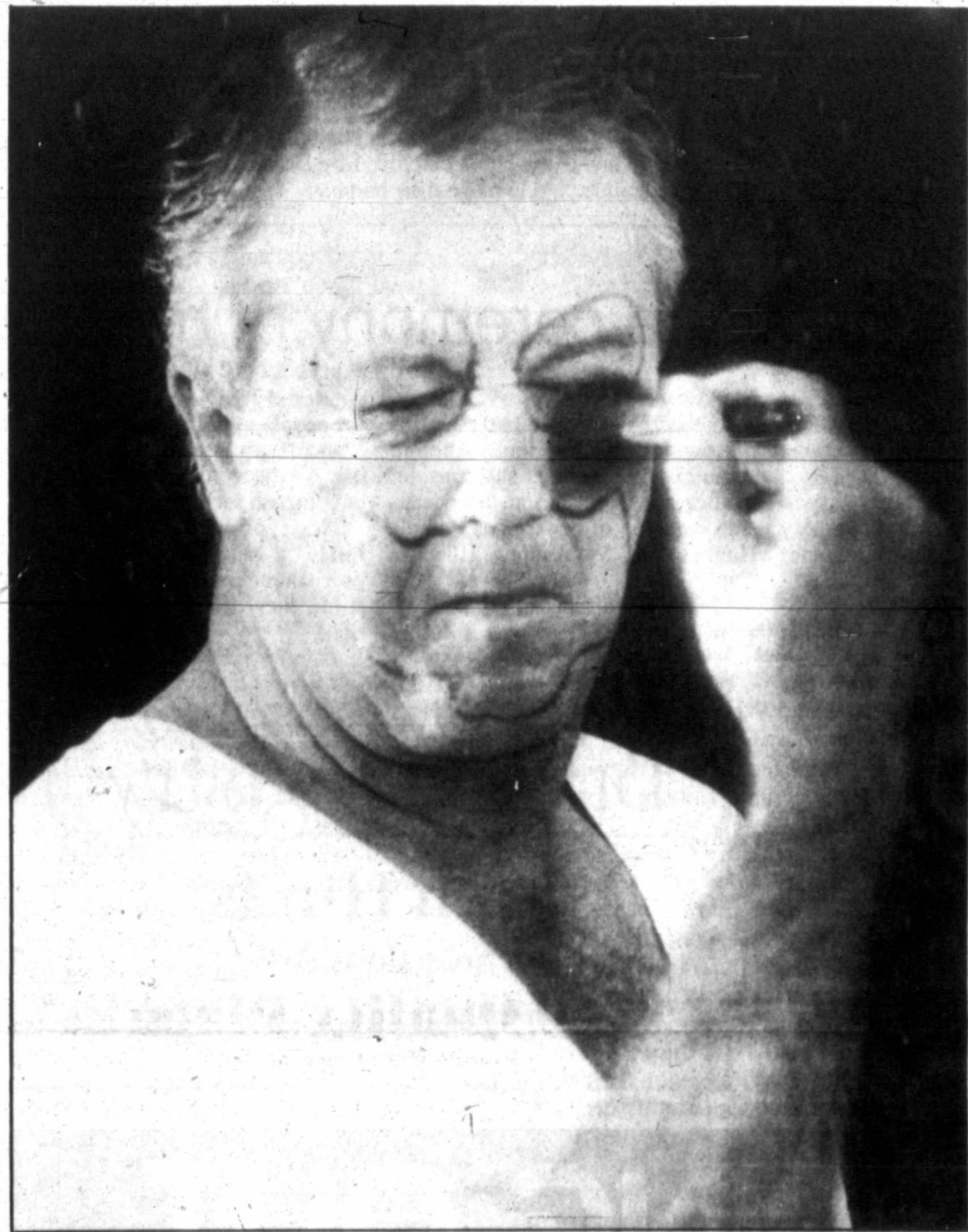
tricks. "I get there and act stupid," he said. He does a lot of slapstick humor, such as asking the children if they would like to see his box of tricks — and he holds up the cereal box — "Trix."

"He's always so into the kids," said Carol Faye who also acts as his assistant during a show. Ziegelgruber will only do a show if his wife can do it with him. "I got to have my assistant," he said.

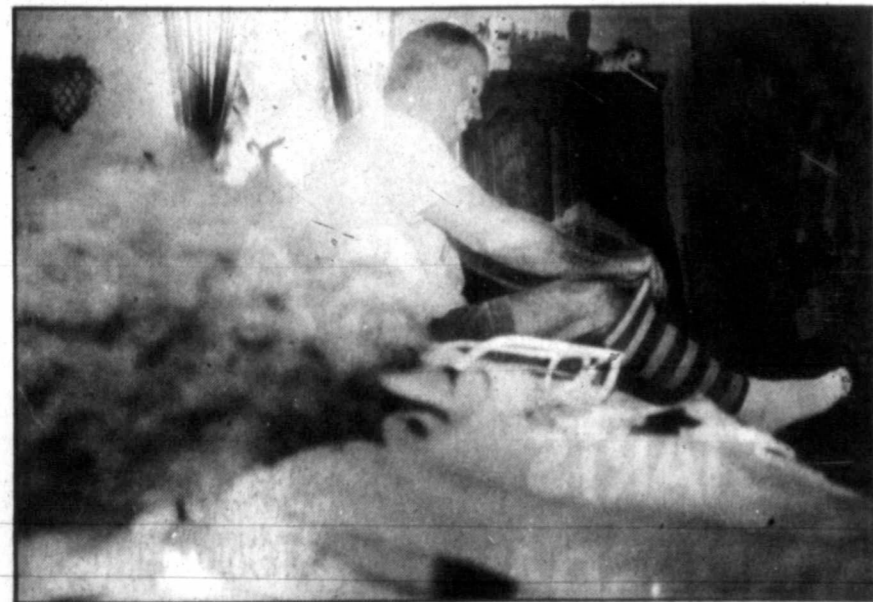
As the Ziegelgrubers arrive in White Deer, "Ziggy" steps out of the car at the Allsup's to ask for directions to the community center. A few of the adults are a little stunned and others smile as they see him.

At the birthday party of Kara Lewis, "Ziggy" gives his all, drawing the children's interest with his balloon sculptures, letting them guess what he is making — and then letting them be thrilled with the results. He delighted them with his tricks and the adults were entertained as well. It's fair to say "Ziggy" brought the house down at this show.

Upon leaving, "Ziggy" was pleased with the performance and the audience's reaction, saying that it was one of the better ones yet.



Photos and story by Melinda Martinez



Top left photo: Lee Ziegelgruber and his wife Carol Faye are on their way to a birthday party in White Deer.

Center left: Ziegelgruber brushes away the powder on his face while he prepares for a show.

Far left: Ziegelgruber dresses for the show.

Left: Ziegelgruber starts out by drawing lines around his eyes and mouth which he will fill with white makeup.

Bottom left: Birthday girl Kara Lewis helps "Ziggy" out with one of his magic tricks during a performance at her birthday party.

Bottom right: Ziegelgruber shows many of the balloon sculptures he has made prior to performing at Kara's birthday party.





Grange-Warner

Tish Elizabeth Grange of White Deer and Michael Allan Warner of Pampa were married Jan. 1 aboard the cruise ship *Tropicale* in Tampa, Fla., with the Justice of the Peace Ann L. Williams officiating.

She is the daughter of Karen McMurray of Davenport, Iowa, and Joe C. Grange of White Deer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Warner of Pampa.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Islands in the Sun Lounge aboard the ship with the *Tropicale* staff serving the guests.

She is a member of the court reporting association at Amarillo College where she is currently studying to become a court reporter/real time captioning reporter.

He is a 1985 graduate of Texas A & M and a 1989 graduate of the University of Tulsa College of Law. He is a junior partner in the firm of Warner and Finney in Pampa and a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity.

After a honeymoon to the Grand Caymen Islands, Cozumel, Mexico, and New Orleans, La., the couple plan to reside in Pampa.



Guess

Brenda and Mike Guess of Pampa celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday at First Baptist Church with a reception hosted by their children, Misty Guess of Amarillo and Deawn Guess of Pampa, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Schaffer of Pampa.

She is the former Brenda Schaffer. Mr. and Mrs. Guess were married Jan. 17, 1970 at First Baptist Church in Pampa.

They have currently resided in Pampa for 12 years. Mr. Guess is self-employed and Mrs. Guess works for the Department of Human Services.

They are members of First Baptist Church and Mr. Guess is a 32 degree Mason with the Top O' Texas Lodge 1381.



Botello-Cummins

Esperanza S. Botello of Lubbock and Troy Wayne Cummins of Louisville, Ky., plan to marry March 11 in Lubbock.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolfo Botello of Lubbock and the groom is the son of A.C. and Shirley Cummins of White Deer.

She is a 1989 graduate of Lubbock High School and is employed in Lubbock.

He is a 1990 graduate of White Deer High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by Dean Foods Co., in Louisville where the couple plan to make their home.

A labor of love

A father officiates the marriage ceremony of his son

By KEN GUGGENHEIM
Associated Press Writer

MEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — The bride joined the groom under the tent at a park as Francis X. Coakley began the ceremony.

"We've come here today to witness and to celebrate and give our blessing to the marriage of..."

He paused. It sounded as if he had forgotten the groom's name.

"John!" guests shouted. Coakley smiled. He didn't have to be reminded. The groom was his son.

The hesitation was understandable. Coakley, a retired telephone company employee from Ocean Township, N.J., was conducting his first and only wedding.

Under Massachusetts law, he only had to fill out some forms and pay \$25 for the privilege. No state, it is believed, makes it easier for amateurs to join couples in matrimony.

In the state's bureaucratic parlance, it's called Designation to Solemnize a Particular Marriage on a Particular Day. Hundreds of people have received the designation this year — usually friends or relatives of the bride and groom.

"More and more it seems that people are doing it," said Michael Matarazzo, state director of community affairs. "If it's going to be a civil ceremony, they prefer that it's going to be someone close to them performing the ceremony."

The one-day authorizations have existed for years, but the fee was \$250, and anyone wanting to per-

form a wedding needed specific approval from the Legislature. Two years ago, the price was cut and the process simplified.

Some states make it fairly easy to get certified as clergy or notary publics — positions that sometimes allow people to perform weddings.

But Gerard G. Monaghan, president of the Association of Bridal Consultants in New Milford, Conn., said he's not aware of any state besides Massachusetts that offers the one-shot wedding authorization.

The practice hasn't evoked warm-and-fuzzy feelings from the state's 1,700 justices of the peace. They don't like the competition. They receive at least \$45 for officiating and must demonstrate they perform weddings regularly to keep their commissions, said Walter McAlvoy, president of the state Justices of the Peace Association.

"A person could walk off the street and do as many as they want at \$25 apiece. Conceivably, someone could run a business doing that,"

McAlvoy said.

Jo Marshall Cooper has no plans of turning professional, though some guests suggested she consider it after she officiated at the ocean-side wedding of her friends Pamela Hughes and M. Andrew Ishee in Cape Cod.

"I was nervous because the waves were loud and there was a lot of

wind and I had to practically shout for people to hear me," Cooper said. "Once I got into it, it was enveloping. All the words we worked so hard to compose seemed just right."

Those officiating don't have to follow a particular ceremony. The only requirement is that at some point, they declare the couple married.



Leshner-Mendoza

Tamara Pauline Leshner and George Michael Mendoza, both of Pampa, plan to marry March 25 at Highland Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Tim and Vickie Leshner and the prospective groom is the son of George and Karen Mendoza, all of Pampa.

She is a 1994 graduate of Pampa High School and plans to attend Clarendon College.

He is a 1993 graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by K & K Inc., in White Deer.

Conserving footprints of early ancestors

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The Getty Conservation Institute and the government of Tanzania have launched a collaborative project to conserve the footprints of mankind's early ancestors, preserved in volcanic ash more than 3.5 million years ago.

The hominid footprint trail at the site of Lactoli in northwestern Tanzania is considered one of the most important discoveries in the study of human evolution. It provides the earliest definitive evidence of man's ancestors walking upright.



Food For Thought by

Danny Bainum

Seasonal slaw starts with 1/2 cup ground-up fresh cranberries. Add 1 Tbs. each celery seed and sugar. Let stand while you shred 3 cups-of cabbage. Add 1/4 cup each mayonnaise and vinegar and toss it all.

Flavorful topping for fish is made with fine-ground fresh bread crumbs, chopped parsley, minced lemon peel and coarse black pepper. Brush fish with olive oil or melted butter, then roll in crumbs. Bake at 450 until fish is done and crumbs are golden, about 10 minutes.

Pasta will stay warm and delicious if you pre-heat the serving bowl. Drain pasta quickly and serve with hot or room-temperature sauce.

Coloring cookie dough or frosting is easier and neater if you put it all in a zippered plastic bag, press out the air, and seal. You'll be able to check the color while keeping hands, counter and bowls clean.

Cook equal amounts of cut-up potatoes and celery root until very soft. Drain well, then cook again with half-and-half. Mash and beat with enough butter to be delicious. Not diet food, but delicious.

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 Top O' Texas and Gray County Stock Show Sales, 6 p.m.
 Consumer decision making, 4:30 p.m., Annex.
 Shooting sports, 7 p.m.
 26 — Leader appreciation dinner, 6 p.m., Annex.
 Adult Leader Council, 7:30 p.m., Annex.

Paws Plus Dog Project meeting, Bull Barn.

4-H Consumer Decision Making
 The 4-H Consumer Decision Making project is set to start. Boys and girls interested in learning market place decision making skills are invited to attend.

The junior age group (ages 9-12) will begin meeting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the Gray County Annex.

It isn't too late to sign up. For more information, contact the Gray County Extension office.

4-H Leader Appreciation Dinner

The Gray County 4-H Council will host the Leader Appreciation Dinner at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the Gray County Annex. Leaders planning to attend should call the Extension office by noon on Tuesday.

Adult Leader Council

The Gray County 4-H Adult Leader Council will be Thursday following the Leader Appreciation Dinner (at approximately 7:30 p.m.) in the Gray County Annex. All 4-H leaders and parents are invited.

Chipping turns Christmas leftovers to compost

Chalk up another busy week full of varied activities on the calendar as January marches half way down the aisle on its way to February.

If you passed by Warner-Horton Supply last Saturday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., you saw more than 20 people beaver-ing away on 3,000 discarded Christmas trees for the fourth annual "Chipping of the Greens". Slightly more than 50 citizens brought all sort of containers to remove part of 10 tons of chipped trees to be used as compost and cover for gardens and trees. Some of the trees and chips were used to cover lakes and tanks for feeding and reproduction. Peggy and Doyle Ward ran their chipper — no small task. David Caldwell and Dick Wilkerson worked hard and steadily at feeding the trees to the chipper. They might have manned the brooms to clean up the lot, too. At least part of the workers in addition to Pam Green, director of Clean Pampa and her husband, Bonner, chairperson for this year's "Chipping of the Greens," were Boy Scouts B.J. Winborne, Chad Rhalaf, Elmer Whitson, Montana Farnum and Jason Griffith. Terry Cox brought six community service volunteers. Brad and Judy Elliott and Rocky Bynum rounded out the group of workers.

Thanks go to Warner-Horton for the space, Doyle and Peggy Ward for the machine, plus Peggy's Place, Glen Dawkins, Daylight Donuts, Lowe's, Mr. Gatti's, Homeland, Country General, Allsup's, Watson's and Pete's Greenhouse. Keeping 10 tons of trees from the landfill is a great achievement. Thanks to all who helped in anyway.

Ben Shackelford, president of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce was all smiles over as he presided over the large crowd at the first monthly membership luncheon of 1995 last Tuesday at the M.K. Brown Community Building with Coronado Hospital as the sponsor. Doug Garner, hospital administrator, introduced out of town speakers who spoke of the proposed health care plan to be made available to the community soon. The crowd of about 100 listened intently and asked several questions to display their interest. Much of the credit for arrangement of the meeting went to Terry Barnes, director of marketing, and Betty Scarborough, who with Doug, make a quiet, get-things-done trio in the quietest way possible.

Receiving gold stars in the stick-to-itiveness department were Ramona Hite and Janie Steele, who are participants in a fat-free diet. They munched away on their brought in sack lunches while 98 more people relished every morsel

of the barbequed meal catered by Dyer's. Four rounds of applause each, girls, for controlling your gastric juices!



Peeking at
 Pampa
 By Katie

Richard and Janie are either owners or subjects of two cute little Schnauzer dogs, which Richard has been seen walking with on a daily basis. Richard's dad, Aubrey and Barney Poodle are daily walkers, too.

Barney has eyes and thoughts for no one but Aubrey.

Pam Green, Vicki Phillips and Seleta Chance visited in Pampa with Patti Thomas of the Giant of the Plains Center at Quartz Mountains in Oklahoma a few days ago. The Tourism Committee of the Greater Pampa Chamber of Commerce will open a booth there about April 1 to attract tourists on Highway 83 that stretches from Canada to Mexico in order to detour some of them off the main road for a stop in Pampa.

A counterpart of the early morning male discussion group at Heard Jones developed a few at a time with women gathering daily at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Regulars — discussing everything from personal problems to posers to world affairs and everything in between are Zola Lewis, Jean Douglas, Doris Price, Ruthie Rice, Lorene Pierce, Marguerite Bourland, Evelyn Jones, June Cook, Alta Mae Skaggs, Laura Penick and Edna Maxwell.

Edna and her son are former Pampans who recently moved back to Pampa after making their home in Sherman for a number of years. Welcome home!

The girls break up in time for early lunch to make it a coffee-

only session. Ruby skips over her personal physical disabilities to pick up and deliver ladies in need of transportation, always with a kind voice and a big smile on her

face. Phyllis Laramore keeps a busy schedule with emphasis on teaching two-day sessions of 55 ALIVE Mature Driving, another American Association of Retired Persons' sponsored program. Two two-day classes and a workshop in Amarillo will take place in the same week.

In retirement, Dr. Wilbur Whitsell has a variety of activities beginning with a part time medical practice, active participation in his farming and ranching interests AND teaching tating to a class at the Senior Citizens Center. He is the maker of beautiful tating, knitted and crocheted lace.

Acapella, a group of contemporary gospel singers, sang to a large crowd at M.K. Brown Auditorium last Friday night with competition in the form of a big basketball game. Bobby Richardson of Lefors, who arranged for the concert has plans to widen the concept in the near future. Watch for more such concerts.

Millie McKinney seemed to be enjoying retirement while having a leisurely lunch with her husband John.

Recovery wishes to Gene Cade while he recovers from recent knee surgery. Dr. Jack and Jana Albracht, 10-month-old Matt, and part of Jack's staff, Pam Williams and Valerie Miller and Jack's mom, Ann Albracht of Amarillo went to Las Vegas first of all for a chiropractic seminar.

The Willis Dewey Family wants to thank each one who had a part in helping to lift our sorrow in the loss of our husband, father, grandfather, son-in-law, brother, and friend. The many calls, flowers, gifts of food, offers of assistance and kind words will not be forgotten. Your love and concern are greatly appreciated. A special thanks to the ambulance crew for the intense efforts to preserve life and to Dr. Kamnani and the hospital staff, also to Pastor Shugart and friends of First Assembly who walked with us through our dark valley. God bless each of you.
 Mary Ruth Dewey, Minnie Cole and all of the family

Menus

January 23-27

PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.

Lunch: Burritos, chili, corn, fruit and milk.

Monday

Chicken fried steak or chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, lemon cake or chocolate pie, cornbread or hot rolls.

Tuesday

Kraut and sausage or meat loaf, twice baked potato, corn on the cob, broccoli, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, applesauce cake, bread pudding, cornbread or hot rolls.

Wednesday

Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, turnip greens, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, pumpkin squares or custard cups, cornbread or hot rolls.

Thursday

Pepper steak or chicken fried chicken breasts, mashed potatoes, green beans, squash, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, butterscotch icebox pie or cherry chocolate cake, cornbread or hot rolls.

Friday

Fried cod fish or spaghetti and meat balls, breaded tomatoes, okra, French fries, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello salad, pineapple squares or brownies, garlic toast, cornbread or hot rolls.

PAMPA MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday

Stew, cornbread and candy bar.

Tuesday

Sausage with rice, cauliflower, green beans and pineapple.

Wednesday

Turkey pot pie, pickled beets, corn and Jello.

Thursday

Salisbury steak with gravy, blackeyed peas, fried okra and peaches.

Friday

Tuna casserole, English peas with onions, carrots and applesauce.

LEFORS SCHOOL MENU

Monday

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

Tuesday

Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cereal, juice, milk and peanut butter.
 Lunch: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, cobbler and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Flapsticks or French toast, sticks, cereal, juice, milk and peanut butter.
 Lunch: Baked potatoes, ham or taco meat, broccoli with cheese, rolls, chips, banana pudding and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, eggs, cereal, juice and milk.
 Lunch: Pinto beans, oven fries, corn bread, peach cobbler and milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, juice and milk.
 Lunch: Hamburger or barbeque, oven fries, salad, brownies and milk.

PISD MENU

Monday

Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage, fruit or juice and choice of milk.
 Lunch: Ham sandwich, cheesy potatoes, spinach, mixed fruit and choice of milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit or juice and choice of milk.
 Lunch: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes with gravy, English peas, peaches, hot roll and choice of milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Toasts, peanut butter, fruit or juice and choice of milk.
 Lunch: Burrito, Spanish rice, salad with dressing, fresh apple and choice of milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Cowboy bread, fruit or juice and choice of milk.
 Lunch: Chef salad, baked potatoes, pineapple, crackers and choice of milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice and choice of milk.
 Lunch: Hot dog with chili, French fries, vegetarian beans, cookie and choice of milk.

One of the world's deadliest

ALTAMIRA, Brazil (AP) — The bushmaster, one of the world's longest and most dangerous snakes, often exceeds 11 feet in length.

A pit viper, the bushmaster has a pinkish or light-brown skin with a pattern of black or dark-brown blotches. It is the only American species that lays eggs.

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If you want to share this poem, then be my guest

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago, you printed a poem in your column that I want very much to give to my 13-year-old grandson, but I can't remember the title — or the author. It was about a young fellow who was told time and again that something couldn't be done. It was very inspirational.

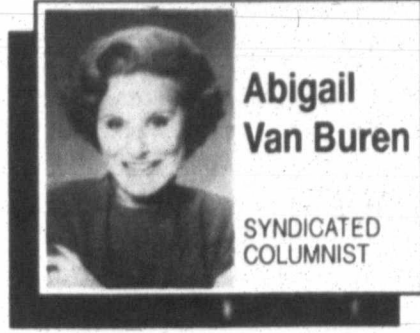
NEW JERSEY GRANDPA

DEAR GRANDPA: The poem was written by Edgar A. Guest, an English-born American poet who died in 1959 at the age of 78.

I memorized it when I was 14 years old, and it remains one of my favorite poems. Here it is:

IT COULDN'T BE DONE
 Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
 But he with a chuckle replied
 That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
 Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
 So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
 On his face. If he worried, he hid it.
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
 "At least no one ever has done it!"



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
 And the first thing we knew, he'd begun it.
 With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
 Without any doubting or quiddit,
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
 There are thousands to prophesy failure;
 There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
 The dangers that wait to assail you.
 But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
 Just take off your coat and go to it;
 Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That "cannot be done," and you'll do it!

DEAR ABBY: As a New England newspaperman for 30 years, I have always carried your column, and in all that time, I have never written to you for advice.

Some time ago, you ran a letter from a reader who lamented the absence of manners on the part of adults toward children and, by extension, of youth to adults.

Even as an adult, I find this situation worsening. At 65, if I hold a door open for a woman, she looks at me as though I were a lecher, or in some way I'm sexually harassing her.

At a restaurant, if my wife leaves the table or returns, I stand up. Other men at the table look at me as though I am daft. My mother would have pinched my ear if I did not stand when a lady or an older person entered the room — also, if I failed to hold the chair at the table.

Tell me, Abby, am I just plain old-fashioned or out-of-date with today's social mores, such as they are?

JOHN JAY HANLON,
 NAPLES, FLA.

DEAR MR. HANLON: Good manners are never "out-of-date." Perhaps not all women of the '90s appreciate good manners — but all ladies do.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 23, 1995

Elevate your objectives in the year ahead because your chances for achieving what you pursue are better than usual. Your success will be limited only by your ambition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not become overly concerned with the performance of your co-workers today. Focus instead on your own contribution. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This could be a productive day for you, but unfortunately, it might take you a long time to get started. Get to work early and don't waste valuable time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid acting without the consent of others in a partnership today, especially in a situation with your mate. Your mistakes could penalize everyone involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The company you keep will greatly influence your decisions today. If you spend time with lazy individuals, you're likely to make poor judgment calls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are apt to feel bored today, even while performing tasks or assignments you usually enjoy. Break away from your routine and try something new and different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you may feel torn between prudence and extravagance. It will be a close call, but wastefulness will have a slight edge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will be a capable leader today, but only so long as

others go along with your plans. If your methods are questioned, your ego may collapse your initiative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can help others today by encouraging their assets instead of excusing their weaknesses. Make constructive suggestions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today it might be necessary to exercise fiscal discipline. If you're not careful, your spending patterns could be greatly influenced by the company you keep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Prepare to put forth a concerted effort today if you hope to accomplish your goals. Your ambitious objectives may require several attempts before you succeed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who has helped you in the past might come to you for assistance today. Although you may feel like rejecting this plea, don't.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is not a good day to do business based on friendship alone. Let the merits of your proposition be the deciding factor.

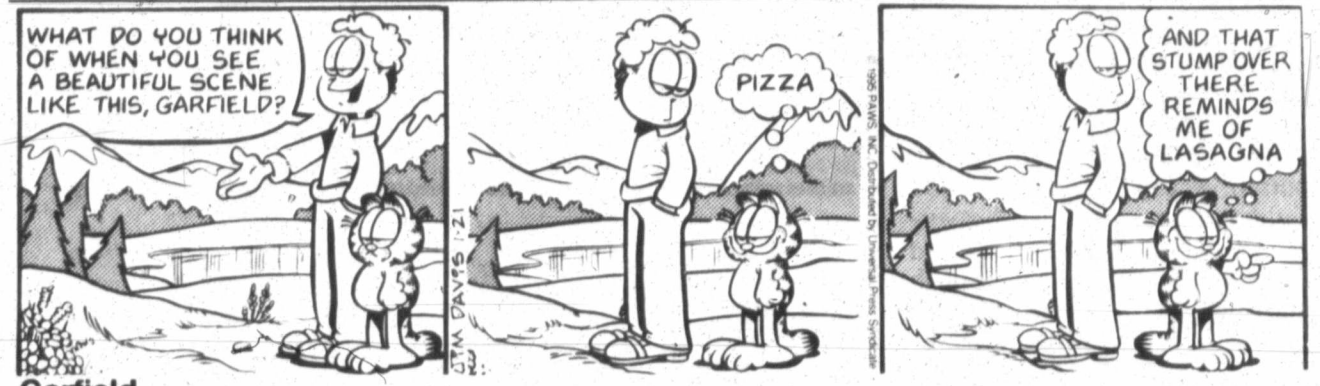
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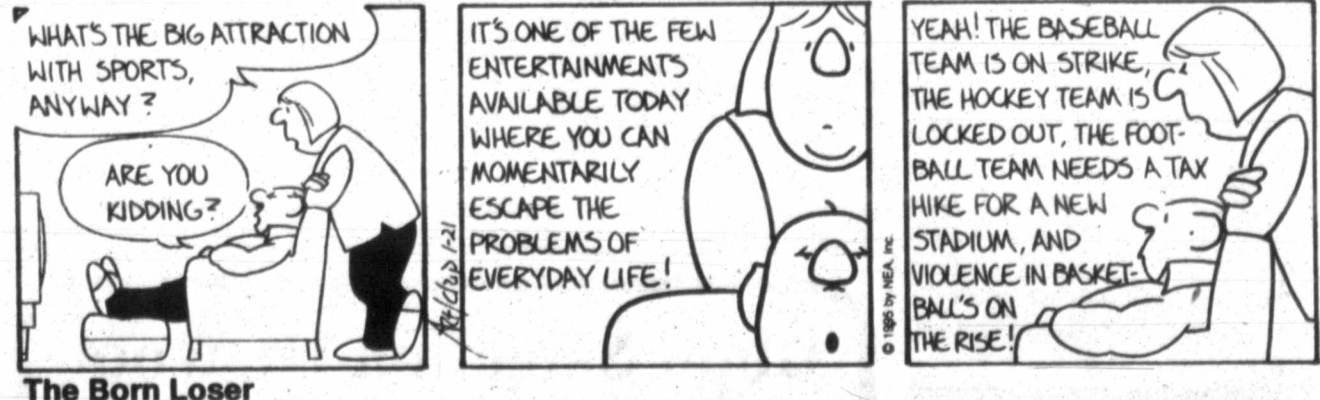
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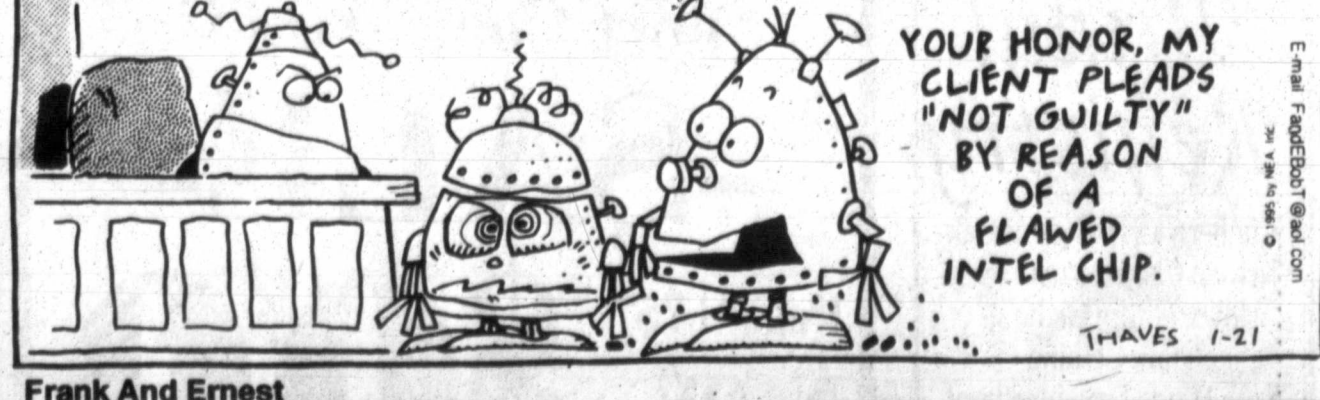
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The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"This used to be Czechoslovakia, but it split up 'cause nobody could spell it."



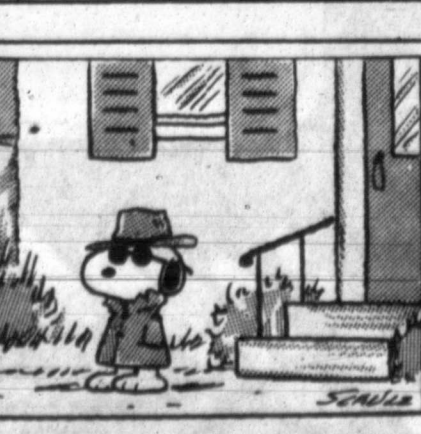
"Okay, I apologize. But I doubt that my pipe set off your doghouse smoke alarm."



Grizzwells



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Peanuts

Entertainment

Turntable Tips

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.)

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1. "Creep," TLC (LaFace) (Platinum)
2. "On Bended Knee," Boyz II Men (Motown)
3. "Another Night," Real McCoy (Arista) (Platinum)
4. "Always," Bon Jovi (Mercury) (Gold)
5. "Take a Bow," Madonna (Maverick-Sire)
6. "Here Comes the Hotstepper," Ini Kamoze (Columbia) (Platinum)
7. "You Gotta Be," Des'ree (Music)
8. "Before I Let You Go," Blackstreet (Interscope)
9. "Sukiyaki," 4 P.M. (Next Plateau)
10. "I'm the Only One," Melissa Etheridge (Island)

TOP ALBUMS

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1. *The Hits*, Garth Brooks (Liberty)
2. *Dookie*, Green Day (Reprise) (Platinum)
3. *II*, Boyz II Men (Motown) (Platinum)
4. *Hell Freezes Over*, The Eagles (Geffen)
5. *Vitalogy*, Pearl Jam (Epic)
6. *Smash*, Offspring (Epitaph) (Platinum)
7. *My Life*, Mary J. Blige (Uptown)
8. *CrazySexyCool*, TLC (LaFace)
9. *MTV Unplugged in New York*, Nirvana (DGC) (Platinum)
10. *No Need to Argue*, The Cranberries (Island) (Platinum)

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1. "Gone Country," Alan Jackson (Arista)
2. "Mi Vida Loca," Pam Tillis (Arista)
3. "Till You Love Me," Reba McEntire (MCA)
4. "Goin' Through the Big D," Mark Chesnut (Decca)
5. "Not a Moment Too Soon," Tim McGraw (Curb)
6. "I'll Never Forgive My Heart," Brooks & Dunn (Arista)
7. "You and Only You," John Berry (Liberty)
8. "Doctor Time," Rick Trevino (Columbia)
9. "Night Is Fallin' in My Heart," Diamond Rio (Arista)
10. "This Time," Sawyer Brown (Curb)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

1. "Love Will Keep Us Alive," Eagles (Geffen)
2. "I'm the Only One," Melissa Etheridge (Island)

3. "The Sweetest Days," Vanessa Williams
4. "You Gotta Be," Des'ree (Music)
5. "Take a Bow," Madonna (Maverick-Sire)
6. "Always," Bon Jovi (Mercury)
7. "I'll Make Love to You," Boyz II Men (Motown)
8. "In the House of Stone and Light," Martin Page (Mercury)
9. "If You Go," Jon Secada (SBK)
10. "Turn the Beat Around," Gloria Estefan (Crescent Moon)

R&B SINGLES

1. "Creep," TLC (LaFace) (Platinum)
2. "If You Love Me," Brownstone (MJJ)
3. "On Bended Knee," Boyz II Men (Motown)
4. "Before I Let You Go," Blackstreet (Interscope)
5. "Candy Rain," Soul For Real (Uptown)
6. "I Belong to You - How Many Ways," Toni Braxton (LaFace)
7. "I Wanna Be Down," Brandy (Atlantic) (Gold)
8. "Practice What You Preach," Barry White (A&M) (Gold)
9. "I Apologize," Anita Baker (Elektra)
10. "Be Happy," Mary J. Blige (Uptown)

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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1. "When I Come Around," Green Day (Reprise)
2. "Better Man," Pearl Jam (Epic)
3. "Bang and Blame," R.E.M. (Warner Bros.)
4. "Buddy Holly," Weezer (DGC-Geffen)
5. "Love Spreads," The Stone Roses (Geffen)
6. "Everything Zen," Bush (Trauma-Interscope)
7. "Live Forever," Oasis (Epic)
8. "Gotta Get Away," Offspring (Epitaph)
9. "Sour Times," Portishead (London-Island)
10. "She Don't Use Jelly," The Flaming Lips (Warner Bros.)

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1. "No Me Queda Mas," Selena (EMI Latin)
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6. "Siempre Contigo," Lucero (Melody-Fonovisa)
7. "El Colesterol," Fito Olivares (Fonovisa)
8. "Que Pasa Suerte," Los Temerarios (AFG Sigma)
9. "Te Amo," Los Mier (Fonovisa)
10. "Popurri," Marco Antonio Solis (Fonovisa)

Top video rentals

By The Associated Press

The nation's most popular videos as they appear in this week's issue of *Billboard* magazine.

1. *The Client*, (Warner)
2. *Maverick*, (Warner)
3. *Blown Away*, (MGM-UA)
4. *Speed*, (FoxVideo)

5. *When a Man Loves a Woman*, (Touchstone)
6. *I Love Trouble*, (Touchstone)
7. *Renaissance Man*, (Touchstone)
8. *Guarding Tess*, (Columbia TriStar)
9. *Beverly Hills Cop III*, (Paramount)
10. *Wyatt Earp*, (Warner)

Duchovny: 'The X-Files' star who's out there

By SCOTT WILLIAMS
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For an academic, David Duchovny has turned out to be a pretty good actor.

Duchovny, who plays the brooding, UFO-obsessed FBI agent Fox Mulder of *The X-Files*, quit his doctoral studies at Yale University in 1987 to act. "I would have been a failed academic, because I was good at it but it was insincere," said the soft-spoken Duchovny. "I spoke the language, but underneath I was thinking, 'Somebody's going to find out that I really don't care.'"

He remembers what it was like to prepare for his oral examination for his master's.

"In the four months before my orals, I read maybe eight, nine hours a day — maybe more," he said. "The day before, my head felt heavy, like it would roll off my shoulders. ... I remember thinking, 'I'll never be this smart again.'"

Not true. It's Duchovny's quiet, cerebral acting that has helped establish Fox's Friday chiller as one of television's most intelligent series — and certainly its scariest.

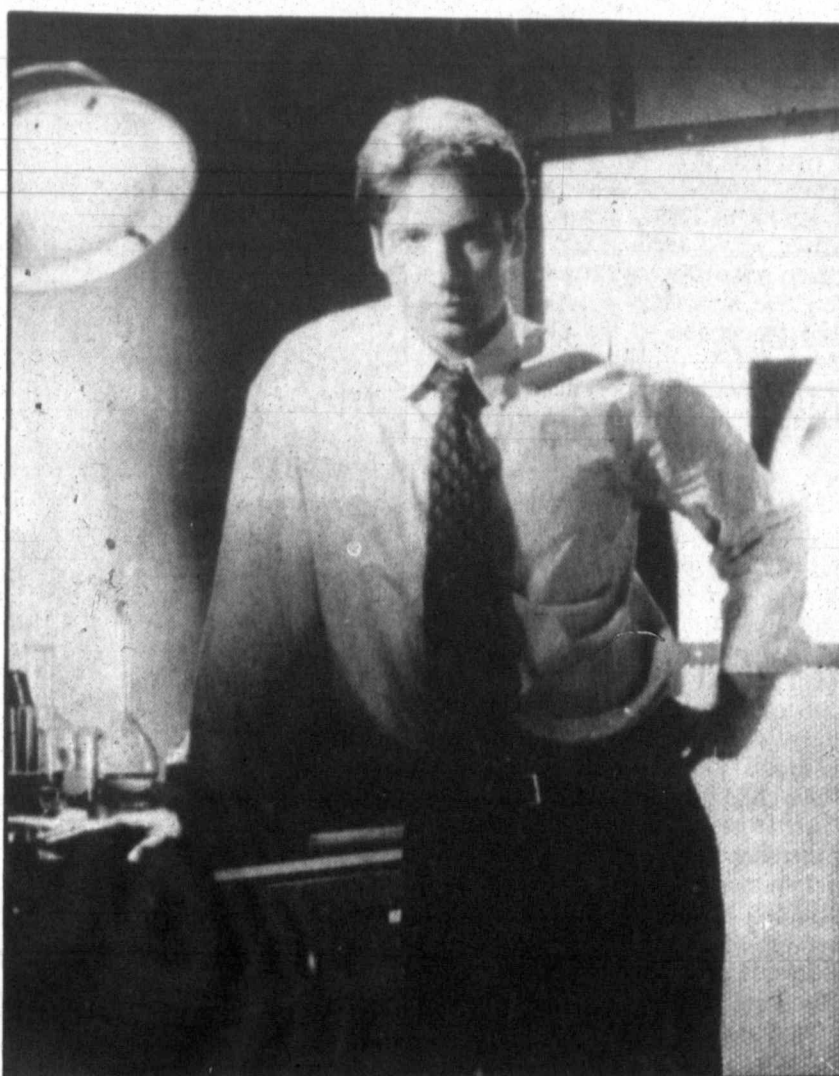
"I think I'm the kind of actor you have to watch closely. I don't run out to get you. You kind of have to come to me," he said. "Luckily, enough people looked closely."

In his early auditions, it wasn't easy to get that understated style across.

"The first stuff that I went up for, they were saying, 'He doesn't seem to be doing anything,'" Duchovny said. "And now, if somebody says that to me, I say, 'Well, thank you!'"

Duchovny admits he was skeptical of *The X-Files*, a series about FBI agents assigned to the bureau's file of unsolved cases with paranormal or extraterrestrial aspects.

"To make this real ... you have to believe he is a fairly normal human being who happens to have one area where he goes nuts," Duchovny said of his character. "You have to like



(AP photo/Fox TV)

Actor David Duchovny in character as FBI agent Fox Mulder of the television series 'The X-Files.'

him enough to give him the slack to go there."

Sometimes, though, the craft can let you down.

Duchovny recalled the time Mulder cornered a six-foot, humanoid worm. Duchovny had to film the scene before the critter emerged from the special effects shop.

"I knew it was a big worm, but I hadn't seen it," he said.

In that situation, he said, the

actor's best tactic is "to give it as little as possible." By suppressing the wide-eyed, shock-horror-fear double-take, Duchovny figured he wouldn't look foolish.

Then, of course, the creature turned out to be absolutely hideous: Pale as a slug, bullet-headed, with beady little eyes and the grotesque, sucking mouth of a lamprey.

"Of course, it was the most amazing thing anybody had ever seen,"

Duchovny said. "So there's me (he replicates Mulder's calm, mildly intrigued expression) going, 'Uh-huh. It's a six-foot worm. With human features. Uh-huh. Hmmm. ... Well, What do you think of that?'"

In the scripts Duchovny has seen for the series' second season, Mulder and his partner, Agent Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson), will confront voodoo and perhaps even the devil himself.

The two-part season finale will examine Mulder's belief that his younger sister was abducted by aliens when he was a boy.

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Last year, Anderson and an extremely apprehensive Duchovny visited FBI headquarters. He was worried the agents would fault his performance as an FBI man who tends to get beaten up pretty regularly — once by a female Bigfoot.

"They were just overjoyed to see us," Duchovny said. "They loved the show and they like the fact that we're polite."

Duchovny said that when he began conceiving his character, he knew Mulder would have to wear a suit. But how would he express Mulder's individuality?

"I figured I'd wear funny ties," he said. "But it turns out that they ALL wear funny ties!"

Mulder's eccentric neckwear is not lost on *X-Files* fans. They frequently send him neckties. Strange neckties.

"I would like to put an end to it as soon as possible," Duchovny said calmly, masking the horror, the horror. "I rarely wear a suit and I do not share Mulder's taste in ties."

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Agriculture

Carson farmers rely on their flock

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

PANHANDLE — A Carson County farmer has found that a little livestock on the place can sure help with the cash flow.

"We went into sheep to try to find something to hold the family farm together," says Johnny Burrell, who farms northwest of the Carson County seat.

"The sheep are my Dad's," Burrell laughs. "I'm just a peon for him."

Burrell operates the farm which is in his grandmother's name and oversees other acreages the family owns across the Panhandle.

"I think my Granddad bought this farm in '56," Burrell says. "My Mom and Dad grew up around White Deer and Skellytown area."

His grandfather was R.A. "Bob" Burrell, a farmer who relied mainly on wheat, corn and milo for a living, the same crops Burrell raises today.

"Dad had a brother and sister and the boys, my granddad, my uncle and my dad had a partnership that was R.A. Burrell and Sons," Burrell says of his family's farming operation.

By the 1980s, the Burrells were looking for a way to expand their farming operation. They considered different directions, but settled on sheep.

"We were just trying to find something to make some money," Burrell says. "The cattle market was bad at the time. We were just trying to find something that would hold the farm together."

Although the family had been involved in farming for several generations, Burrell says they were never involved in a large livestock operation.

"We always leased out our pasture," Burrell says.

This is his first experience with large number of livestock.

"We used to have a farm out at Vega," he says. "Dad bought his own cattle one year, but we hit those times when cattle didn't make anything, and it only takes one of those times to ruin a man."

In 1985, Burrell's parents bought 13 black-faced ewes and 12 lambs, some Hampshire and some Suffolk crosses, for their backyard and two adjoining lots between Amarillo and Canyon.

"This was an experiment to determine if the sheep would rid our yard of a few bind weed patches, and also if we would enjoy this project," Burrell's mother, Jean, says.

The sheep grew and seemed to thrive, she says.

"We knew to give them Tramisol to ward off parasites but little else," she says. "We moved the sheep to the farm in Carson County to winter wheat pasture when our grass and weeds were depleted."

They bought a Hampshire ram and all but one of the ewes and ewe lambs were bred. Eventually, all these bred ewes bore strong single or twin lambs.

"We felt that we were sheep experts," Burrell's mother says. "By the spring of 1986, it was evident that we would need to add another facet to our declining farming operation. We suggested a program of sheep production to the FHA, and they agreed."

The Burrells proposed to raise slaughter lambs for a quicker cash return, and proceeded to build their flock.

"We chose to purchase Rambouillet ewes for their ability to breed for fall and spring lambing," she says. "We picked Suffolk rams because of their larger size and fast growth rates."

Jean Burrell enrolled in a sheep production course under Dr. Ted Montgomery at West Texas A&M University.

"She hadn't ever messed with sheep before," Burrell says, "except for the ones they got for lawn mowers right there for her yard"

Johnny Burrell has since also taken Dr. Montgomery's sheep production class at West Texas.

The family converted their existing land and buildings into an entry level sheep operation. With strict cost controls, they used a section of land for feed and pasture for sheep and to raise lambs from birth to slaughter.

Over the years they built their sheep operation into a flock of from 1200 to 1500 lambs and 750 ewes.

As farm prices improved, the Burrells sold off their livestock operation only to return to it a few years later.

Initially, Burrell says, they ground their own feed rations for the sheep and lambs from alfalfa, corn and milo.

They left the sheep business for about a year or two until Burrell's father realized the impact it had made on the farm's cash flow.

"For our family," Burrell says, "sheep has really been the answer."

Today the Burrells run both cattle and sheep on the place in Carson County.

They are adding numbers as they can, he says, but there is no rush.

"The cattle are mainly for meat for the family right now," Burrell says.

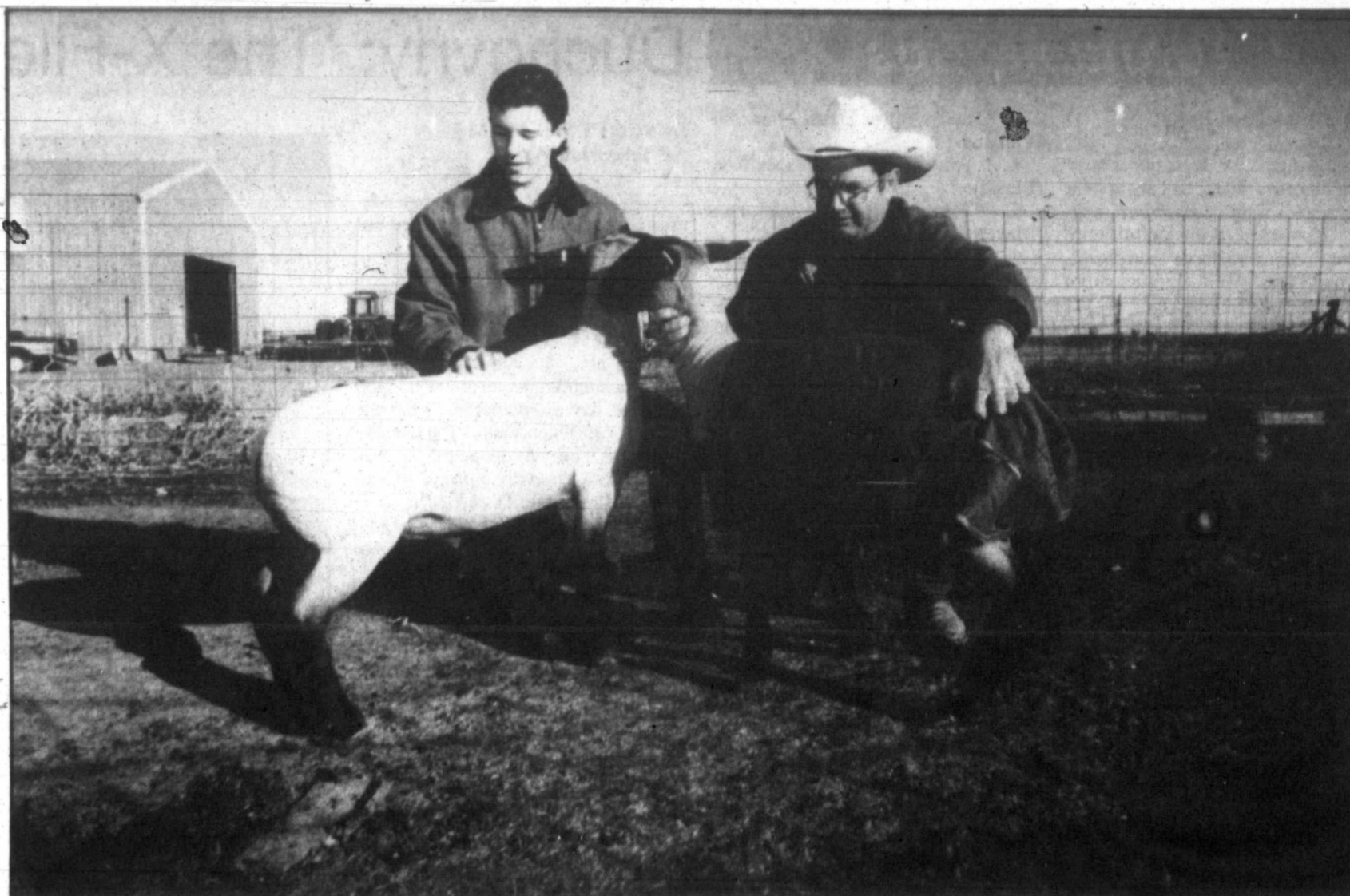
Despite the family's venture into the livestock world, Burrell says the farming operation is still the base of the family business.

"I'd like to say the emphasis is on the crops," Burrell says, "but with the market and production we've been having, the sheep are holding it together. The emphasis has got to be on sheep right now."

For right now, Burrell says he plans on keeping the operation at 400 ewes.

Although Burrell's father is still interested in the wool market, Burrell is looking for slaughter lambs.

"Dad thinks that sheep are always going to keep making wool so wool's going to be a part of it, but I think we need to concentrate more on the meat end of it," he says.



Benjy Burrell, 16, left, and his father, Johnny Burrell, select sheep from their Carson County operation that the teenager will display at the Top O' Texas Livestock Show in Pampa.

(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

Wheat (Bull)

Outlook: On Jan. 12, the USDA released an important crop report. It was bullish on two accounts. The ending stocks estimate was well under 500 million bushels (466 to be exact). This is what we thought we would see (note our comments from last week). In addition, the acreage came out much under trade guesses — less than 50 million. This is like '92 where the January crop report, which showed lower than expected acreage that year, started the market on a 80-cent per bushel higher odyssey which ended in March. Stay bullish.

Strategy: Hedgers: In last week's column, I related to you a conversation I had recently with a wheat farmer who is still holding his total production from last year — in his case 100,000 bushels of spring wheat. He's paying storage of 3 cents a month and interest on debt of 3 cents a month. This costs him 12 cents a bushel for 2 months or \$12,000. Now he could alternatively sell his cash wheat and buy options with 2 months to run controlling 100,000 bushels for the same price. I suggest this was the way to go since the cost is no greater and the risk is much less — maximum the cost of the options. The upside potential is just as great since the options will gain in value in an up market. Now the day the column first was printed, the Minneapolis wheat dropped 12 cents a bushel. That's 12 cents in one day. If this doesn't underscore the advantage of options, nothing ever will. The loss in one day was the total cost of the options — for this man, the value of his wheat fell \$12,000 in one day and he still is paying storage and interest. He could never lose more than this in the options. In either case, he still has the possibility for wheat prices to recover, and he can pick his time in the next few months to sell. However, with the options he is minus the grief.

Traders: Based on a previous recommendations we bought the March Chicago wheat in the \$3.74 to \$3.80 area and/or Kansas City or Minneapolis at \$3.80. Since we raised the risk point to a break even, you were most likely stopped out of the Minneapolis and Kansas City for no loss, and possibly still own the Chicago. Hold tight.

Corn (Bull)

Outlook: The January crop report came in with an estimate of corn supplies fully 124 million bushels under what the trade expected. This number verifies the very large feed usage we've been talking about for weeks now. It's a bullish number and will bring the total stocks in the new crop year down close to 1 billion bushels. This means we don't have as much corn as everyone thought and underscores the need for ideal weather again this crop year. Buy the breaks.

Strategy: Hedgers: You've sold your cash corn (with a strong basis) and simultaneously purchased the March 230 calls at about 4 cents a bushel. This operation allows you to participate in any upside price poten-

tial with very limited risk.

Traders: We were unable to purchase the May call options at our price last week. Now look to buy July corn under \$2.46, risking 10 cents for

a 20 cent profit objective.

Cattle (Bull)

Outlook: Beef demand has been real good. The reason I say this is cattle slaughter rates have remained quite large recently and prices have still risen. It's true carcass weights have come down a bit, but on a historical basis they're still quite large. Beef demand may tend to come down a bit when pork prices retreat (which no doubt they will when the hog numbers pick up again), but beef supplies should also tighten a bit in the coming months. Bottom line, look for the market to be well supported on price breaks. However, don't look for the sharp rally seen in the past four to six weeks to continue at the same rate.

Strategy: Hedgers: Based on previous recommendations you are 50 percent hedged at 73 and 7365 in April futures. Add 25 percent at 7430 and finish the job at 7495. This recommendation is based on break-even analysis which indicates this should be a profitable hedge for most feeders. We also own the June 68 puts under \$2, and we've cashed in on March feeder buy hedges (purchased at 72) for a futures profit of at least \$2 per hundredweight, which can be used to lower the cost of replacements.

Cowcalf operators: Look to start writing calls against inventory if the March feeder contract reaches 75. This is a strategy which can be used to increase your income. It will limit your upside potential but allows you to pre-sell above the current market.

Traders: Since I'm looking for essentially a trading range market for now, look to buy breaks in the February under 7225 and/or sell rallies over 7465. In either case risk 140 points for an objective of at least 150 points (\$600/contract).

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New restaurants, taverns open on San Antonio's River Walk

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It rivals the Alamo as San Antonio's trademark.

The River Walk, or Paseo del Rio, with its cozy cafes beside a tree-lined, slow-moving stream, have charmed millions who enjoy indulging in Mexican food, drink and music while surrounded by history.

It only figured the River Walk would get discovered.

Really discovered, that is.

Several new big-name and international establishments — highlighted by the world famous Hard Rock Cafe — are opening along a popular downtown stretch of the San Antonio River.

'We look for markets where there are exciting and interesting things happening — culturally unique.'
— Art Levitt III, Hard Rock Cafe

Business leaders praise the development. Some downtown residents say they're also caught up in the excitement but worry about what may become of the River Walk.

"To me it's looking more and more and sounding more and more like Bourbon Street in New Orleans," said Jim Mathis, who lives in Riverside Apartments across from the new Hard Rock Cafe complex.

The River Walk is visited by vir-

tually all the city's estimated 12 million annual visitors, said Sharon Eason, visitor marketing director for the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"People come here to visit the Alamo, but they leave remembering the River Walk," Ms. Eason said. "It really is sort of the pulse or the heartbeat of the city."

The River Walk got its start in the late 1920s, when Robert H.H. Hugman came up with a fanciful plan for making the river a park-like spot amid downtown's hubbub.

Today, a historic commission oversees River Walk construction in an effort to maintain the traditional mood of the place.

Hotels, apartment buildings and shops line the river. So do trendy bars and eateries, and that's where the new businesses come in.

The Hard Rock Cafe, with its rock'n'roll memorabilia and occasional live music, anchors the new 50,000-square-foot South Bank development.

Also at South Bank will be the County Line barbecue restaurant; Paesano's Italian restaurant; Fat Tuesday's daiquiri bar; Texas Tamale, a Mexican deli; Howl at the Moon piano bar; and Starbucks Coffee Co.

Hard Rock already is open and plans a grand opening Jan. 25. This is the 29th Hard Rock worldwide, and the ninth in the United States.

"We look for markets where there are exciting and interesting things happening — culturally unique," said Art Levitt III, president and chief executive officer of Hard Rock Cafe International Inc.

The local Hard Rock has a red brick and limestone exterior, Mexican tile floors and a patio overlooking the river. Its big globe and part of a 1959 Cadillac jut out



Graham McIntosh and Laura McAllister pose on the balcony of their new business, Mad Dog's, along San Antonio's famous River Walk.

(AP photo)

toward the street, not the river.

"I think it's important to be sensitive to what the River Walk is all about," Levitt said. "We want to give a little bit of a flavor for the place that we're in. Otherwise, we might as well be anywhere."

Just around a river bend is Presidio Plaza, a development that will include Planet Hollywood when it opens in 1996.

At another spot, at the base of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, is a new venture by Mad Dog's of Hong Kong.

With its British food, drink, live music and decor, the English-style pub opening this week will bring to the River Walk something it hasn't had before, its managers promise.

"Because we are Brits, it's an authentic British pub," said general manager Graham McIntosh.

Managing director Laura McAllister was persuaded by local businessman B.K. Johnson to make San Antonio her first United States location. The chain was looking to expand beyond Hong Kong because of uncertainty in the

business community over the Chinese takeover of the colony in 1997.

"I came to San Antonio and had a look, saw the river, and couldn't believe the tourists," said Ms. McAllister, a native of Scotland. She also intends to try to woo local patrons.

George Stalle, executive director of the Paseo del Rio Association, a river business group, said the River Walk additions should spark new curiosity among visitors and locals.

"The Hard Rock Cafe is said.

arguably the single most important business ever to come to the River Walk" because of its potential to attract San Antonio residents, he said.

"I think the popularity of the river is only going to increase," he said. "We absolutely need the growth of business downtown."

Stalle noted, however, some summer evenings the River Walk can be crowded. He advocates "intelligently managed growth."

The Paseo del Rio Association, for example, took an early stand against casino gambling on the river, should it be legalized in Texas.

'I came to San Antonio and had a look, saw the river, and couldn't believe the tourists.'
— Laura McAllister, Mad Dog's

But some shades of New Orleans may already be here.

Late-night noise from river establishments and new construction can be annoying, said Mathis. But he said San Antonio has a fairly good noise ordinance and acknowledged noise is part of inner-city life.

"We love to see the crowds," Mathis said. "That's part of the downtown scene."

Mathis wants the Downtown Residents Association to work with River Walk managers to balance business interests with residential interests.

"I think that we can coexist," he said.

Pick a part, pierce a part — high fashion for the body in the '90s

By LARRY McSHANE
Associated Press Writer

MONTCLAIR, N.J. (AP) — The ear (ouch). The nose (ouch). The cheek (ouch!). The nipple (OUCH!!!). The genitals (OOOOOOUCH!!!!)

Body-piercing, once the domain of the spiked dog collar set, has relocated from the subculture to the suburbs. Manhattan and San Francisco aren't the only places to pierce anymore; from Wildwood, N.J., to Santa Monica, Calif., piercing shops are now staples.

There's even one here in downtown Montclair, town of choice for yuppies fleeing Manhattan's crowds and crime. On a tree-lined street lined with wood-frame homes, a hardware store and a beauty parlor, an average of 50 folks per week take a sharp needle through a body part at Ink-Credible Tattoo.

"Some people go every week for a manicure, a massage or a sauna," explains Christine Brief, co-owner of the husband-and-wife piercing place. "Other people come here. It's part of their lifestyle."

Prominent celebrity lifestyle converts include navel-pierced supermodels Naomi Campbell and Christy Turlington. The *Crying Game* star Jaye Davidson prefers nipple jewelry. NBA star Dennis Rodman rebounds (when he's not suspended or AWOL) with pierced ears, a pierced nose and a pierced navel. Guns n' Roses guitarist Slash has a nose ring.

But the rich, famous and punctured are not alone. Ever imagine bank tellers with nose rings? Lawyers with nipple bars?

Motley Crue drummer Tommy Lee, reflecting on his pierced ears, nose and nipple, now sees himself as somewhat wimpy.

"Those piercings are considered worthless and weak in the '90s," says Lee, whose holes date back to the early 1980s. "Unless you have a bolt through your (OOOOOOUCH!!!!), you're not making it in the '90s."

Piercing tip No. 1, from Maria Tashjian of Venus Modern Body Art: When piercing the tongue, use extreme caution. "You can't just pierce randomly, because there are two major veins that go up its underside."

At Tashjian's East Village piercing boutique, tongue piercing (\$35) is No. 2 on the most requested list, behind navels (\$50) and ahead of nipples (\$55). The friendly staff

appears somewhat threatening, mostly because they sport enough facial jewelry to set off metal detectors.

"I never saw piercing as a fad," says Tashjian, who displays an assortment of ear piercings, two nose rings, a septum (the cartilage that separates the nostrils) piercing and a stud protruding from her lower lip.

That look — including a one-inch hole in her right ear, the result of a process called stretching — is relatively tame. Employee John Dolce is fast closing in on two dozen piercings.

Body piercing has escaped the "drunken-sailor-on-shore-leave" stigma that goes ink-in-arm with tattooing. For one thing, piercings aren't permanent (Roseanne, Johnny Depp and Mark Gasteau are just three people embroidered with the name of an ex-loved one.)

Tattoos are done in parlors; piercings is quite high — instruments cleaned in autoclaves, needles used just once, rubber gloves discarded after each customer.

The lobby at Venus Modern Body Art is done in purple and black. The display case is filled with jewelry ready-made for your eyebrow (rings, generally) or your cheeks (barbells — just what you think, only smaller).

Tashjian taught computer skills to Russian refugees before she opted to turn her passion into her profession. She studied at the Fakir Musafar School of Body Piercing in San Francisco before opening her own shop nearly two years ago.

Dressed head to toe in black, with tattoos peeking out on her wrists and neck, Tashjian looks like someone who's into body piercing. But don't be fooled, she says; lots of unlikely people are sporting body jewelry.

"A lot of people can't do facial piercings because of their jobs," she says. "But there's a lot of piercings cloaked under business suits."

Piercing tip No. 2: Picking your jewelry is painless. Making a hole for it is not.

Tony Paternoster, of Totowa, N.J., rates nipple piercing as No. 1 on the ouch-ometer, although he says getting the back of his neck lanced was no picnic, either.

The back of his neck? "You clamp the neck, as tight as you can with as much skin as you can pull, and then pierce right through it," he explains. A bent barbell is slipped through the hole, creating a look that recently cost him jobs as a lifeguard and flower delivery boy.

At 22, Paternoster is in the same age group as many piercers: 18- to 30-years old. But his interest predates the outbreak of body-piercing that began in 1993, starting on the fashion runways of Paris.

Montclair piercer Cary Brief, who handled all of Paternoster's perforations, says the rush of business since has remained constant.

"This is not a fad like a hula hoop or a mood ring, where you can put it on, take it off, and forget about it," he says. "You've got to get your nerve up, sit in the chair, and get it done."

Piercing tip No. 3, from Paternoster: Attempt to keep track of exactly how many holes you have in your body.

"Right now, probably 15 to 20," he says, running down a mental checklist. "Nipples, navel, tongue, four in the lips, septum, nostril, eyebrow, back of neck, genitals. That covers it."

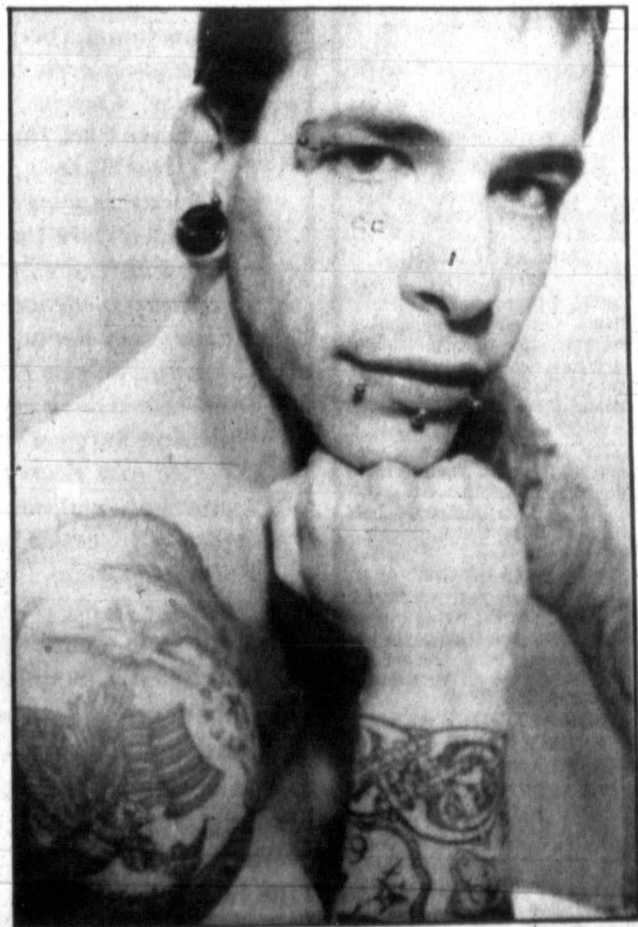
London body piercer Teena Maree, who did the navel-piercing job on Campbell and Turlington, has 23 piercings of her own. It's not unusual to see people with a dozen or more visible piercings at one of the local shops.

"It's kind of addicting," says Tashjian. "Once you get a piercing done, you start thinking of the next one. At least for me, it was like, 'That's beautiful. What am I gonna get next?'"

But don't get the impression that four out of every five Americans is walking around with a half-dozen holes in their body.

A study done this year by the Inverness Corp., a major manufacturer of piercing equipment, found that 89 percent of the people quizzed would only needle their ear lobes.

Those who feel differently say they've been pierced for different reasons: Rite of passage. Sexual pleasure. Celebration. And that old standby, rebellion.



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Tony Paternoster, 22, of Totowa, N.J., displays some of his body piercings.

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Immediate opening for a Lab Technician. Requires a minimum of 2 years of college chemistry or equivalent lab experience in petro chemical industry. Responsibilities: Perform chemical, physical and/or instrumental analysis of raw materials, plant process streams and finished products. Assist in analysis of plant process and quality control.

Interested applicants should apply at
Texas Employment Commission Office
Coronado Shopping Center
Pampa, Texas
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

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Participants Offering Their Services:

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 Balfour Optical
 Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors
 Clean Pampa
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 Frank Phillips Jr. College - Vocational Nursing Dept.
 Gray County Home Extension Agency
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 - Gray County Veterinarian Clinic
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 Herbs, Etc.
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 Massage Therapy - Massages Available-No Charge
 Medivac Life Flight-Helicopter Will Be Present
 Multiple Sclerosis Society
 Option Care
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 Pampa United Way
 Panhandle Council For The Deaf
 Panhandle Health Care
 Red Cross
 Regional Eye Center - Glaucoma and Vision Testing
 Shepard's Nursing - Mini Physicals
 Dr. Simmons and Simmons Optometry
 Dr. Teague/Dr. Buck Dentist
 Texas Farm Bureau Insurance
 Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority -
 Pampa Center
 Top O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center
 Tralee Crisis Center For Women

CHOLESTEROL TESTING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-VACCINATIONS WILL BE OFFERED (charges are assessed according to income)

COFFEE MEMORIAL BLOOD CENTER WILL BE HOSTING A MID-WINTER BLOOD DRIVE DURING THE HEALTH FAIR!!! FREE T-SHIRTS TO THE FIRST 100 DONORS!!!

DAMBO THE CLOWN WILL MAKE A SPECIAL APPEARANCE

DOOR PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY ALL DAY

Businesses Providing Door Prizes Are:

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 Comet Cleaners
 Copper Kitchen
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 Dairy Queen
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 Easy's Club & Grill
 Easy's Eastside
 Easy's Pop Shop
 First American Bank
 Foto Time
 4R Industrial Supply
 Freeman's Flowers
 Furr's Cafeteria
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 Hair Junction
 Harvester Lanes
 Hastings
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 Hoechst Celanese
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 Homeland
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 La Fiesta
 Little Caesar's
 Long John Silvers
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 Rheam's Diamond Shop
 Roberta's Flowers
 Rolandas
 Scotty's
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 Tarpley Music Company
 Travel Express
 Tri-City Office Supply
 T-Shirts And More
 Uniglobe Travel
 V.J. Fashions
 Watson's Feed & Seed
 Wayne's Western Wear

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1995

TIME: 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: PAMPA YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER • 1005 W. HARVESTER, PAMPA

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