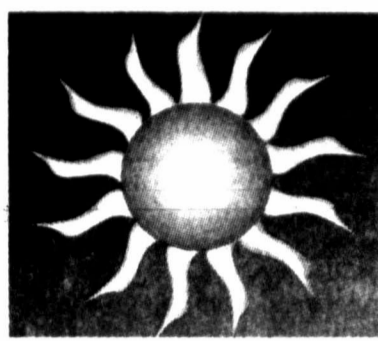


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details.

PAMPA — A county informational meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 23, in the large meeting room of the Gray County Annex building east of Pampa.

Details of the 1996 Farm Program will be discussed, with a question and answer period to follow.

Items of discussion will be presented by Matt Street, Gray County Farm Service Agency executive director; Danny Nusser, Gray County Extension agent; and Lee McDonald, district conservationist.

CLARENDON — Clarendon College's Licensed Vocational Nursing program has selected dates for its pre-entrance examination.

Due to limited enrollment, candidates submitting applications must choose one of the following testing dates: Wednesday, May 22; Thursday, May 23; or Friday, May 24. The test will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. in the Courson RFO Center, located on the main campus. A personal interview will be conducted in the afternoon.

For more information about the test or the program, contact Vicki Moore at (806) 874-3571.

BUFFALO CREEK, Colo. (AP) — Several hundred people were evacuated from this tiny mountain town and nearby campgrounds Saturday as a forest fire raging in wind-dried ponderosa pine covered 3,000 acres in a just a few hours.

"It's rocking and rolling in heavy fuels of ponderosa pine and is driven by winds," said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Dave Steinke.

High winds of up to 39 mph were helping feed the fire, although the gusts were expected to die down about sunset, officials said. The cause of the fire wasn't immediately known.

WARREN, Minn. (AP) — A rising river spilled into streets and basements and forced several residents to evacuate a rain-drenched Minnesota town on Saturday. The state sent the National Guard to help.

"On the streets they're wearing boots above their knees and it's running into their boots," said Mary Novak, whose home in Warren, Minn., is only 80 feet from the Snake River.

In the West, residents of low-lying areas around Fallon, Nev., piled sandbags as water edged toward the top of the Lahontan Reservoir dam, threatening to spill unchecked into the Carson River.

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Latest grass fires threaten areas of Miami and Lefors

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

MIAMI - Neighbors helped neighbors protect one another's property Friday when wind-whipped fires threatened Miami and Lefors.

In Miami, a handful of homes along Texas 282 were threatened by a racing fire which edged just up to the highway before being stopped by pavement. In Lefors, the blaze began east of the city limits and scorched 350 acres.

Fire fighting crews from the eastern Panhandle raced to Miami about 3 p.m. to battle the blaze which originated from a spark emanating from a lightning-struck cottonwood tree, according to Henry Moynihan, assistant chief of the Miami Volunteer Fire Department.

The tree on the Bob Maddox ranch was struck by lightning during a previous storm, Moynihan said.

Firefighters then spent five or six hours extinguishing the blaze in the tree, but the lightning-carved cavity apparently harbored a spark which was picked up by the wind and blown onto Conservation Reserve Program

grassland, he said.

The spark seared 35 to 40 acres of grass and pasture and destroyed a vacant house before being extinguished. Firefighters left the scene about 9:30 p.m. and returned again at 1 a.m. Saturday after being notified a spot on the house's roof had rekindled, Moynihan said.

"It was difficult to get to. One side of the fire went down the (Red Deer) creek bed and one side went through brush and trees," Moynihan said.

"There was a lot of dry build-up from previous years and made an extra hot running fire," he explained.

Winds were blowing about 35 to 40 miles per hour and the temperature on First State Bank of Miami registered 99 degrees during the most intense fire fighting efforts.

One firefighter "got smoked pretty good" and received oxygen. Another received minor scratches and bruises when he was struck by a falling limb, Moynihan said.

On the east side of Texas 282, neighbors wearing kerchiefs hosed down yards, trees and roofs to protect homes.

Max Faulkner wore a kerchief while hosing the grass and shrubbery in Jeanne Bailey's yard across Texas 282 from the burned vacant house.

"It's real scary, that's what it is," he said.

And Bill Seuchs echoed his feeling, "Especially real close to town."

Fighting the blaze were tank trucks from Wheeler County and its volunteer fire department, Hoover Hellfighters, Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department, McLean Volunteer Fire Department and Roberts County Volunteer Fire Department.

In Lefors, a fire of unknown origin, kindled about 300 yards east of the Lefors city limits and burned 350 acres southeast of town.

The call came in at 11:30 a.m. Friday and firefighters remained on the scene until 5 p.m., said Lefors Volunteer Fire Department Chief Eddie Joe Roberts.

Units from Pampa Fire Department, McLean Volunteer Fire Department and Hoover Hellfighters joined Lefors units.

No injuries were reported. Roberts reports higher fire runs in 1994 and 1995.



Julie Sullivan
... Miami valedictorian



Hugh Baxter
... Miami salutatorian

Sullivan and Baxter top Miami High School grads

MIAMI — Julie Sullivan and Hugh Baxter will graduate at the top of their class Friday at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Sullivan, daughter of Ted and Vina Sullivan, will graduate as valedictorian with a 95.283 grade point average.

In school, she was a regional champion Lincoln-Douglas debater and placed second and third in state in the event. She also competed in UIL persuasive speaking and was district champion.

Sullivan was National Honor Society president, band president and drum major, and served as a Student Council officer and representative for four years. She was named to Girls State in 1995 and was in one-act play.

She won outstanding achievement awards in government,

U.S. history, world history and Biology II.

Sullivan plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin as a Plan I honors liberal arts major.

Baxter, son of Ken and Janis Ruth Baxter, will graduate as salutatorian with a 94 grade point average.

Baxter was a member of Student Council, serving as president his senior year. He was also in the band, placing in All-Region Band for three years. He also completed three years in state UIL literary criticism competition.

He was a three-year member of National Honor Society, president of the Art Club and a class officer for four years. He participated in cross country and track as well.

Baxter plans to attend Millsaps College and major in psychology.

Turkey's leader survives shooting

IZMIT, Turkey (AP) — A man reportedly upset about Turkey's military cooperation with Israel pointed a gun at the president Saturday, but bodyguards tackled him and the president escaped unharmed.

A Turkish journalist and a policeman were slightly injured when the gun went off during the scuffle.

The gunman apparently was angry at President Suleyman

Demirel over a treaty signed in February to cooperate with Israel in training air force pilots.

Many Muslims in Turkey and elsewhere were angered by the treaty. They want officially secular Turkey to abandon relations with Israel and enact strict Islamic law.

The assassination attempt occurred at a groundbreaking cemetery for a shopping mall in Izmit, 60 miles east of Istanbul.

Pampa's Veterans of Foreign Wars to sponsor Day of Prayer for Rain

The membership of the Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657 will be sponsoring a day of prayer for rain fellowship on Tuesday at the post building, 105 S. Cuyler.

The VFW membership invites all residents of Pampa and the area to join them in 12 hours of prayer for much needed rain, according to John Triplehorn, chairman.

"It is our sincerest hope that by raising our voices in unison, as one voice, our Heavenly Father will answer our urgent request," Triplehorn said.

The day will begin at 8 a.m., with 12 Pampa ministers leading an hour of prayer each throughout the day.

Coffee and refreshments will be provided for all who attend. The post will be open to the public the entire day for those wishing to come by for a moment of prayer and reflection, Triplehorn said.

Ministers scheduled to participate in the day of prayer for rain include the following:

8 a.m. — the Rev. Ed Cooley, First Presbyterian Church; 9 a.m., the Rev. Mike Sublett, Highland Christian Church; 10 a.m., the Rev. Jerry Arrington, First Baptist Church; 11 a.m., the Rev. Lonnie Robbins, Trinity Fellowship Church; 12 noon, the Rev. Paul Nachtigall, Highland Baptist Church; and 1 p.m., Marcus Brecheen, minister of

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

2 p.m., the Rev. R.L. Kirk, First United Methodist Church; 3 p.m., the Rev. Jake Clemmens, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church; 4 p.m., the Rev. Fred Palmer, Carpenter's Church; 5 p.m., the Rev. Roger Hubbard, Bible Church of Pampa; 6 p.m., the Rev. I.L. Patrick, Macedonia Baptist Church; and 7 p.m., the Rev. Albert Maggard, First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

For more information, contact Triplehorn at 669-8040; Tommy Adams, VFW Post commander, 835-2935; Dean Carson, quartermaster, 669-0853; or the VFW Post home, 669-1264.

Israel arrests supporters of militant groups

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Israeli security forces arrested eight Palestinians Saturday on suspicion of aiding an Islamic militant accused of orchestrating recent suicide bombings.

"We arrested eight people in Judea and Samaria, mainly in the Hebron sector, and this activity is continuing," Maj. Gen. Gabi Ophir told a news conference.

The arrests followed the capture of Hassan Salameh, second in command of Izzedine al Qassam, the military wing of the Hamas organization. He was shot Friday in the West Bank town of Hebron. Salameh was being treated at an Israeli hospital and was out of danger.

Izzedine's leader, Mohammed Deif, is still at large.

The eight others arrested are members of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad organization, said Ophir, commander of Israeli forces in the West Bank.

Also Saturday, Army radio reported that security forces arrested a group of Islamic militants last month who were planning a large-scale attack, most likely against settlers in Hebron.

Information from the militants helped lead the army to concentrate its search for Salameh in the Hebron area.

Pampan gets patent for remote-controlled spotlight



Fred Brown prepares to cut a piece of metal with a lathe in his workshop.

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

A Pampa man may just be the next Thomas Alva Edison after he received a patent on an invention which will save the freezing hands of many outdoorsmen.

"One night when I was hunting coyotes, and I had a hand-held spot light, holding it out the window, freezing my hands, I found it real hard to manage a light and gun at the same time," said Fred Brown, Pampa's newest inventor.

"I knew there had to be a better way to hunt at night."

He began working on a solution to this dilemma and was finally satisfied with his design for a battery-operated, remote-controlled spotlight for hands-free operation.

"I started on my drawings early in 1991, before seeking professional help for patent assistance," Brown said.

The spotlight may be mounted where needed, is movable in 360 degrees in two planes and is operated by a joystick-like switch for ease of operation. It can be mounted on a car, truck, boat or anywhere needed.

The spotlight can be operated from a far distance, or a close area, Brown said, and it can be operated wireless. The remote unit may be plugged to a vehicle battery or a cigarette lighter receptacle or connected directly to a live battery. When the model is complete, it will be made with a fiberglass base with a clear lexan cover.

Although the spotlight is not yet ready for market, Brown's ownership of the utility patent protects his legal rights to his idea and manufacturing. The patent was certified March 12.

"Since I had been working on this idea for over five years, it was a surprise when the patent was finally authorized," Brown said.

Brown explained that he is planning to produce a usable model.

"I will start building a prototype in my shop at the airport. I plan to build the first model myself, and I already have the needed equipment to get started," he said.

"I'll need to explore all the avenues for manufacturing, advertising and marketing (the remote control spotlight)," he said.

"It would be a nice dream to actually have a manufacturer here in Pampa, also, to create a few new jobs," Brown added.

He is employed as maintenance supervisor at First Baptist Church of Pampa and volunteers as bus minister for youth activities.

"I really enjoy my job, and will not give it up. I just like what I do, and I enjoy the people," he said.

Brown is a "jack-of-all-trades." He has operated his own businesses and done a little salesman work. He is a spray pilot and is digging a water well at his home with a homemade cable tool rig.

"I am always inventing whatever I need, whenever I need it, for right then," he said.

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Services tomorrow

Services today
BLAYLOCK, Jack Dale — 2 p.m., Beth-El Fellowship Church, Amarillo. Graveside services, 5 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

Services tomorrow
BELTZ, Ardene — Graveside, 2 p.m., Fairlawn Cemetery, Chickasha, Okla.
LANDERS, Ruby Renell — 10:30 a.m., Macedonia Baptist Church, Pampa.
LANGHAM, Rosa Lee — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

ARDENE BELTZ
 CHICKASHA, Okla. — Ardene Beltz, 84, formerly of Chickasha, died Saturday, May 18, 1998, in Oklahoma City. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Fairlawn Cemetery at Chickasha, with the Rev. C.A. Spradlin officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Brown-Binyon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Beltz was born Aug. 3, 1911, in Bartlesville, the daughter of Dolie M. Metcalf and Alice Colee Metcalf. She married Dan W. Beltz on Aug. 4, 1936, at Bartlesville; he died April 9, 1978. The Rev. and Mrs. Beltz served several Baptist churches in Oklahoma, Texas and Nevada during their ministry. She lived in Chickasha from 1978 to 1993, when she moved to Oklahoma City.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Bill Lowe of Abilene, Texas, Janice and George Newton of Oklahoma City and Eileen and Alva Ray Marley of Laverne; a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Sharon Beltz of Earlsboro; a brother, Charles A. Metcalf of Dover, Del.; a sister, Ruth Metcalf of Bartlesville; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Gideons International.

JESUS CALDERONI
 Jesus Calderoni, 57, of Pampa, died Wednesday, May 15, 1998, at Amarillo. Graveside services were at 3:15 p.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Joe Bixenman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiating. Burial was under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Calderoni was born June 20, 1938, at San Antonio. He married Minnie Garza on Feb. 14, 1958, at San Antonio. He had been a Pampa resident for the past seven years, moving from Matador. He was Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie, of the home; three brothers, Jose Calderoni of Pampa, Pete Calderoni of Plainview and Lupe Calderoni of Clovis, N.M.; three sisters, Mary Elizabeth, Calderoni and Francis Gallegos, both of San Antonio, and Mary Lou Wingerker of Gretna, La.

Calendar of events

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.

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.

AL-ANON
 Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407. Run until further notice.

PHS CLASS OF 1941 REUNION
 The Pampa High School Class of 1941 will be having its 55th year reunion on May 24-25. For information, call 665-2806 or 665-4629.

Fires

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

FRIDAY, May 17
 12:03 p.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to a grass fire on Texas 273 east of Lefors.
 1:49 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a car wreck at Hobart and Foster.
 3:24 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to 1504 West Kentucky on a medical assistance call.
 5:32 p.m. — One unit and one firefighter responded to 321 Davis on a search for a child.

SATURDAY, May 18
 2:42 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to 729 N. Wells on a grass fire.

Police report

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

FRIDAY, May 17
 Taylor Mart, 600 E. Frederic, reported theft Class C.
 Theft over \$50 was reported at 111 E. Harvester between 9 and 10 a.m. Thursday.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Craven which occurred between Thursday morning and 5 p.m. Friday.
 Burglary was reported in the 400 block of East Browning which occurred between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday.
 Theft under \$50 was reported by Alco, 1207 N. Hobart, at 5:30 p.m. Friday.
 Burglary of a coin-operated machine was reported at Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart, at 2:20 p.m. Friday.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Faulkner at 10:40 p.m. Friday.
 Domestic violence - assault was reported by a 29-year-old woman in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive which occurred between 11 and 11:10 p.m. Friday. She suffered blunt trauma to the face and neck.

A woman reported simple assault - threats in the 400 block of Carr.

SATURDAY, May 18
 Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart, reported theft.
 Minit Mart, 1106 Alcock, reported burglary which was discovered at 4:55 a.m. Saturday.
 Assault with bodily injury was reported on behalf of a 24-year-old man in the 400 block of Aft which occurred at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday. He suffered two ruptured arteries in his right neck. Police are continuing the investigation.
 Pampa Pawn, 208 E. Brown, reported burglary. Entry was made through the back door. Officers discovered the burglary while answering an alarm call. Guns were taken.

Arrests
SATURDAY, May 18
 Fredrick Antonio Jackson, 1013 S. Dwight, was arrested at the residence on three capias pro fine warrants with fines totaling \$804.
 Luis Ernest Granillo, 39, 1033 Varnon Dr., was arrested on a charge of simple assault. He was released on bond.
 Josette Rane Harris, 21, 313 N. Faulkner, was arrested at 309 N. Hobart on two warrants. She was released on bond.

Sheriff's Office

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

FRIDAY, May 17
 Use of a volatile chemical was reported at Pampa Learning Center, 212 W. Cook.
SATURDAY, May 18
 Agency assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Arrests
FRIDAY, May 17
 Alicia R. Caviness, 17, 825 N. Dwight, was arrested on a charge of possession and use of a volatile chemical. She was released on bond.
 Jason Alton Carlson, 24, Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation.

Department of Public Safety
 Ignacio Vargas III, 22, 1035 S. Snider, was arrested on warrants alleging no seat belt and failure to appear.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, May 17
 10:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to a local nursing facility.
 1:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Texas 273 and Ranch Road 1321 east of Lefors on a standby for a fire.
 1:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Foster and Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported, no patient was transported.
 8:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of East Frederic on a trauma report. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Emergency numbers

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

Pampa attorney elected to State Bar board

AUSTIN — Pampa attorney David E. Holt was elected to the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas. He will represent the 764 attorneys in Gray and surrounding counties for a three-year term beginning June 1.

Holt earned his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University in 1963 and his law degree from the University of Houston in 1968.

He is a named partner in the firm of Waters, Holt and Fields. Holt is a member of Texas Bar Foundation and the American Bar Association. He served on the State Bar of Texas District 13 Grievance Committee and as president of the Gray County Bar Association.

Directors of the State Bar of Texas are elected from 17 districts divided by population, each of

which elects one or more representatives to the board of directors. State Bar directors serve staggered three-year terms. Six public members are appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas and four minority members are appointed by the State Bar president.

The State Bar comprises all lawyers licensed to practice in Texas.

Experimental rocket bursts into flames during landing

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — A prototype reusable rocket, intended as a forerunner of the space shuttle's eventual replacement, briefly burst into flames Saturday after completing its first flight.

However, damage was superficial and the flight was a success, said officials for the Delta Clipper-Experimental Advanced

rocket program.

"This is exactly why you test airplanes and spacecraft, because we're not yet smart enough to know how everything is going to work," said Pete Conrad, a former Apollo astronaut and the DC-XA's flight manager.

The 42-foot upgraded version of the first rocket to take off and land vertically lifted off and

soared 800 feet, maneuvered sideways for about 350 feet, then descended on its four columns of blue exhaust flames.

But after it touched down on the landing pad, the bullet-shaped rocket was enveloped in flames and smoke. It remained in an upright position.

Damage was confined to one blackened area of the hull.

Man keeps vow he made in Vietnam

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Whitman Alvin has kept a promise he made 27 years ago in Vietnam.

Alvin watched in horror on April 28, 1969 as a young man, hit by sniper fire, died at his feet during a reconnaissance mission.

"I made a resolution that that event would not be forgotten," Alvin told the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

Now, more than a dozen students at Miller High School, and dozens more to come, have funds to go to college thanks to Alvin's wish to memorialize a 19-year-old man he never knew — Army Cpl. Manuel Hernandez Jr.

The death traumatized him for years after the war. Alvin's struggle to cope with the carnage he witnessed took him to psychiatrists' offices and support group meetings for veterans.

Alvin squirreled away his disability checks and earnings from a government job and deposited \$50,000 in a college scholarship fund to honor Hernandez.

On Friday, four Miller students received a total of \$2,000 from the fund managed by the Coastal

Bend Community Foundation.

Alvin, 47, flew in from Osterville, Mass., for the event and to visit the family and friends of Hernandez.

"I think he just wants to do something to keep his memory alive," said Tomasa Hernandez, the 70-year-old mother of Manuel. "It's something that I can't even explain to myself."

The unlikely bond of a New Englander and Mrs. Hernandez was forged when librarian Margaret Rose ventured outside her stacks of reference books to help an out-of-towner.

Four years ago, the Corpus Christi Public Library received a letter from Alvin asking for help in locating the family of Manuel Hernandez Jr.

Ms. Rose combed a newspaper obituary index, only to find a reference to the death of Hernandez's father in 1989. The widow, Rose learned, had moved from her original address.

A trip to Rose Hill Memorial Park found the son's grave next to his father's. Fresh flowers and flags decorating the plots made her think that the family lived nearby.

She wrote Alvin of the discovery. He penned a letter back to the librarian, asking her to leave an enclosed letter to the family at the grave. Rose protected the letter — in plastic wrapping — and placed it among the flowers.

Tomasa Hernandez, who lives with her daughter, visits the graves of her husband and son every Sunday. She found Alvin's letter and began a correspondence with him. She learned that it had taken him years to find her family because he misspelled her son's surname when he wrote it down in Vietnam.

For years, he was on the trail of a man named Fernandez, a search that took him to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wall displays the names of the 58,000 U.S. servicemen and women who were killed during the Vietnam War.

Alvin found no Fernandez among the names of those listed as killed on April 28, 1969. But his fingers did track down the name Manuel Hernandez etched in that panel. A directory of names listed Hernandez's birthdate and his hometown as Corpus Christi.

Court report

COUNTY COURT

Marriage licenses issued
 Kenneth Lee Fowler and Tina Maria Stamper
 Joshua Lee Shelton and Amanda Misty Dawn Tackett
 Jon Will Greene and Tamara Danette Bruce
 Ronald Wayne Schmidt and Rachel Nanette Fischer
 Willie Alamo Gipson and Daphne Wynema Coker
 Ricky Payton Griffin and Alecia Michele Weir
 Christopher Lyn Dehls and Lucinda Dawn Tollison
 John Melton Duncan and Valorie Gail Werley

Criminal

An order was entered issuing a capias warrant for the arrest of Billy Rigby to answer for violation of terms and conditions of probation.

Orders were entered dismissing motions to revoke the probations of the following because they are unapprehended: Guadalupe Lucero Polendo, Bobby Dean Taylor, Pedro Pantoja, Michael Robert White, Nickoles Edward Gibbs, Curtis Lynn Brewer and Miguel Angel Flores-Vasquez.

Orders were entered dismissing charges of driving while license suspended against the following because they are unapprehended: Jeffrey Richard Hruska and Martin Eugene Shaw.

An order was entered modifying the probation of Shelli I. Marcum. She is ordered not to operate a motor vehicle during suspension and restitution was increased by \$125.28 to \$894.23.

An order was entered amending the probation of Juanita J. Killough. She is ordered not to operate a motor vehicle during the period of suspension and restitution was increased by \$543.90 to \$3,744.16.

An order was entered issuing an alias capias warrant for the rearrest of Erasmo Gonzales and relieving the surety of responsibility upon rearrest.

Orders were issued continuing cases until June 11 on behalf of Brandon Scott and Shana DeLayne Greenhouse.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of criminal trespass against Bill Kingston because the evidence is insufficient.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of criminal trespass against Amber Kirkland a/k/a Kingston because the evidence is insufficient.

DISTRICT COURT

Criminal
 An order was entered dismissing a charge of driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, against David Ray Fricks because his probation was revoked in 100th District Court in Donley County. This charge was used as a basis for revocation.

Divorces granted
 Glenn Jack Noack and Christine Lynn Noack
 Karen A. Byars and Earnest E. Byars
 Lonnie Vaughn and Patsy Ann Vaughn
 Angela Jo Santacruz and Jesus Manuel Santacruz
 Amber Chareé Kirkland and Marvin Ray Kirkland
 Civil

Kathy Pratt and Randy Watson and Kenneth W. Fields, trustees of the J.C. Vollmert Trust dated March 3, 1961 vs. Leslie Gay McDonald et al, declaratory judgment

Billy Ray McDowell, deceased, Robert Lowell McDowell, Lucinda Calloway and Marj Catherine Cohlma vs. Ada Bernice Jones, Phillips Petroleum Company and General American Life Insurance Co., damages auto

Groom Independent School District vs. Von Dell Knorp - Kerry PNT Vonoil Co., taxes

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Sunny and hot today, with a high around 103 and southwesterly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Tonight, clear with a low near 70. Monday, sunny with a high in the upper 90s. Saturday morning's low was 71; Saturday's high was 100.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Today, mostly sunny and continued hot. Highs 100 to 105. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows around 60 northwest to near 70 southeast. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 90s. South Plains: Today, mostly sunny. Highs 100-103. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows from low 60s northwest to around 70 low rolling plains. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs from mid 90s northwest to near 102 northern

rolling plains.
 North Texas - Today, mostly sunny and very warm west. Morning low clouds central and east, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. Highs 90 to 96. Tonight, mostly clear with low clouds developing late central and east. Lows 69 to 74.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, brief morning cloudiness then sunny, windy and hot. Highs in mid 90s, near 100 west. Tonight, mostly clear becoming mostly cloudy after midnight. Lows in mid 70s. Upper Coast: Today, some morning cloudiness then partly cloudy and breezy. Hot with highs in mid 90s inland to mid 80s coast. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in low 70s inland to mid 70s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, some morning cloudiness then

partly cloudy and windy. Highs in mid 80s coast to near 90 inland, near 100 Rio Grande plains. Tonight, fair in the evening becoming mostly cloudy by midnight coast. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows in mid 70s coast to low 70s inland.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico - Today and tonight, partly cloudy at times north and mostly clear south. Breezy to windy this afternoon most areas and continued warm to hot statewide. Highs today upper 70s to low 90s mountains and northwest, 90s to around 103 lower elevations east and south. Lows in mid 30s to near 50 mountains with 50s to mid 60s lower elevations.

Oklahoma - Today, mostly clear windy and hot. Highs 95 to 105. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Lows 70 to 75.

City briefs

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GOLF CLINICS - Adults, May 22, 23, 24th, 6:30-8 p.m. \$25 per person for beginners and intermediate students. Junior Clinic - June 12, 13, 14th, 8:30-11:30 a.m., \$15 per student, clubs and scholarships available. Call Hidden Hills, 669-5866. Adv.

TRAILER HOUSE for sale cheap. For information, call 669-2985 anytime after 6 p.m. Adv.

OAKLEY SUNGLASSES are here! Drs. Simmons & Simmons, 1324 N. Banks. Adv.

JOY'S UNLIMITED - Patty of All God's Children - collectors piece available Saturday only. Door prizes 2-5 p.m. 2218 N. Hobart. Adv.

MASSAGE THERAPY. Remember your graduate with a gift of relaxation. Susan Fisher and Cathy Potter 669-0033, 669-0013. NBC Plaza II, Suite 8. Adv.

RED ALERT! Pampa High School Class 1941-55th Reunion, May 24, 25th, also inviting Class of 1940, 41, prior years and spouses. 665-2806, 665-4629. Adv.

HAMBURGER STATION 5 a.m. - 7 p.m. We deliver!! \$5 minimum. Adv.

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Profit pressures jeopardize Borger's Phillips plant

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

BORGER (AP) — The massive Phillips refinery has been the heart of this community for generations, but it's in danger of becoming a sprawling tombstone for a once-proud Panhandle oil economy.

"That would be hard to imagine," said Jim Hopkins, who has spent half of his 45 years working at the complex. "It would be a little-bitty town. There's just not much more here than Phillips."

Bartlesville, Okla.-based Phillips Petroleum Co. began demanding a profit from each individual business unit in 1992. That bookkeeping change put Borger, which has about 17,000 residents, in jeopardy almost immediately.

"Used to be, as long as Phillips showed a profit, it didn't matter (which units) lost money," 30-year company veteran Ken Savage said.

The Borger complex, which includes the world's largest inland refinery, isn't alone in facing the corporate edict. The Sweeney, Texas, facility south of Houston and the much smaller Salt Lake City refinery also are expected to begin making money now.

But people here believe Borger could be considered most expendable, and they cite a profit-measuring practice few refiners employ.

"We're somewhat unique because we measure profitability at the refinery level," said Borger Complex Manager Thurman Nance.

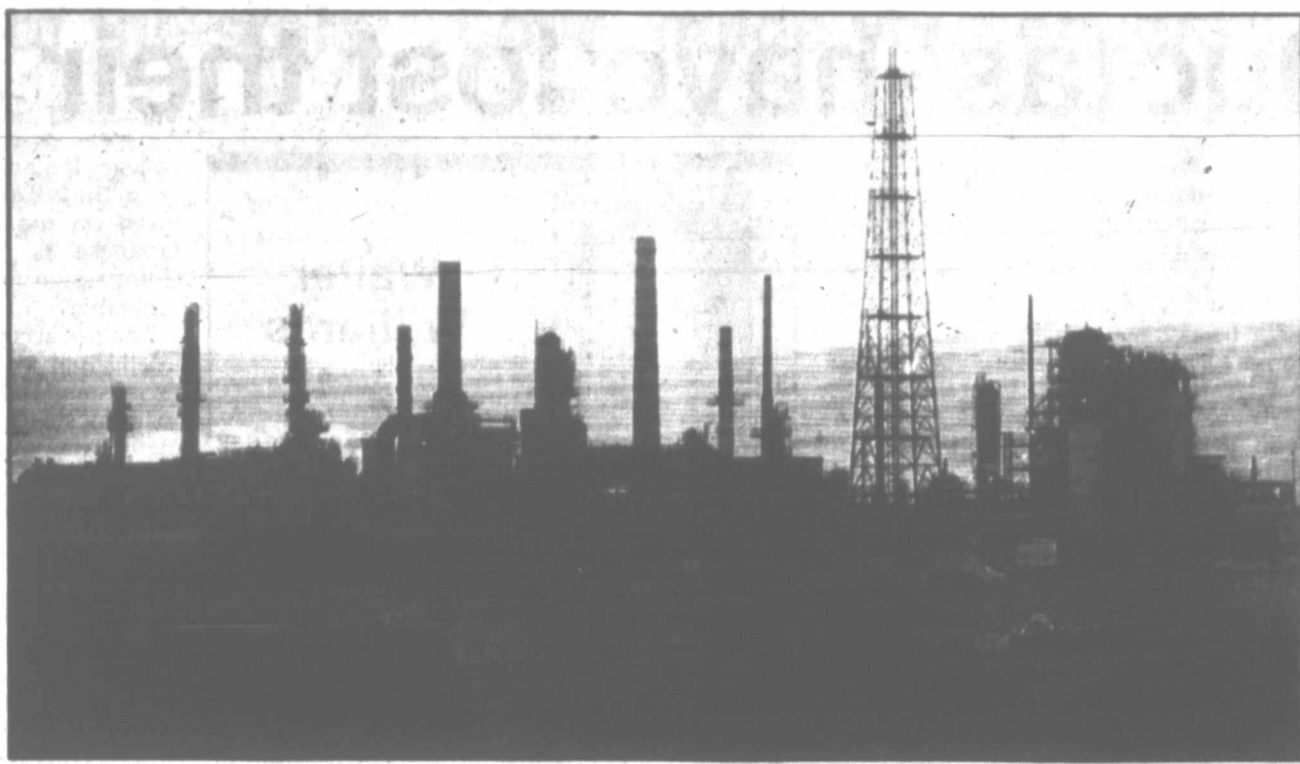
The chemical and natural gas sectors of the complex made money in 1995, but the refinery ended the year \$37.7 million in the hole. It has already lost \$12 million this year, Nance said.

Nance says Bartlesville has given the 1,200-employee Borger complex a year to turn things around.

"I think they're trying to get us lean and mean to compete," said Roger Holland, business manager for the operators' union that represents many Phillips employees.

Stockholders want to see efficiency throughout the company, New York-based analyst Jack Aydin said. He said refining must support itself to survive.

"You've got to give (Phillips) the benefit of the doubt," said Aydin, of McDonald & Co. Investments. "They've got so much capital tied into it, they



(AP photo/Eric Gasy)

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have got to have a decent return on the assets."

Nance said Phillips still is recovering from back-to-back takeovers in the mid-1980s, including a celebrated attempt by buyout artist Boone Pickens. The only way to keep bouncing back is company-wide prosperity, he said.

He quickly added that having a refinery in Borger, home of Frank Phillips College, is good for the company whose name is stamped all over town.

"I think if Phillips reached the conclusion that the place would never be possible, corporate management would be remiss in not doing something," Nance said. "My position is that we can make it profitable."

The home office hasn't helped save the guessing game that permeates this area. While proposing to reduce the complex to little more than a pipeline terminal that would employ 400 or fewer workers, there also is talk of expansion.

A nearby power plant involving Phillips and Southwestern Public Service Co. is in the works, and the addition of another chemical unit is a possibility.

Plus, Nance and his employees believe Borger is a natural to supply the 200-300 "Kicks" service stations planned for the Southwest and Rocky Mountain regions.

A total shutdown isn't an option because federal environmental regulations would make

it nearly impossible for Phillips to tidy up after generations of refining. Keeping it open in a limited capacity would mean Phillips wouldn't have to engage in a massive cleanup.

If the complex becomes a terminal, about 800 workers making an average of about \$19.50 an hour would be out of jobs in the area. According to the most recent figures, that would cost about one in every 15 Hutchinson County workers his job.

"(Refinery closure) would devastate this area and the economy around here," said Holland, himself a former Phillips employee. "Life would go on, but people would have to relocate. Businesses would have to shut down."

The city is used to wide employment swings. The hard-scrabble land in this part of the Panhandle is largely useless for agriculture.

It might have remained an unpopulated outpost if an invasion of 40,000 oil-hungry settlers had not turned it into a boom town in 1926.

The refinery remained a mainstay even as other businesses, like a once-mighty synthetic rubber complex, came and went. Still, the thought of the refinery closing is inconceivable to some.

"I think it's going to be there, and I think it's going to be there if my kids want to work there," said Hopkins, who grew up in Phillips, Texas, literally in the

refinery's shadow. The company bought out all the residents of the old Borger suburb in the late 1980s, fearing the liability of so many people living so close to a potentially dangerous facility.

Phillips has reported healthy profits recently, and its refining sector, while losing money, produced at record levels last year while reducing its costs per barrel.

Now it's time to at least break even, Phillips says. Nance and his workers believe they can beat the odds.

"We have a challenge, and we're taking it seriously," he said, adding that he thinks Borger will be a "long-term survivor."

Savage is looking to retire in four years or so. At 56, he's one of the oldest workers at Borger after the company enticed many of his brethren with early retirement buyouts in recent years.

Whether he'll have a job to retire from remains the question.

"We've got a lot of time invested in this company," Savage said, "and we want to see it through."

President praises GOP governor's welfare plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Endorsing a Republican governor's welfare-to-work plan as solid, bold and protective of children, President Clinton said Saturday that if Congress passes a similar program, "I'll sign it right away."

Clinton, seeking to deflect Republican protests that he is weak on welfare reform, said that over the last three years his administration has cleared away federal rules and regulations to permit 38 states "to build effective welfare reforms of their own." Republicans promptly labeled the president's new offer "a cynical deception."

Clinton has vetoed two welfare reform bills passed by the Republican-controlled Congress on grounds they did not meet his standards of requiring work while protecting children.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton said new welfare reform plans in Wisconsin and Maryland — approved by his administration — "give us hope that we can break the vicious cycle of welfare dependency."

Clinton singled out the Wisconsin program, championed by the state's Republican governor, Tommy Thompson. He said the Thompson initiative

has "the makings of a solid, bold welfare reform plan."

Explaining the Wisconsin idea, Clinton said it requires people on welfare who can work to take a job immediately, with the state lining up private-sector jobs that can be subsidized if necessary or providing community service jobs if no private jobs are available.

"The state says it will also see that families have health care and child care, so that parents can go to work without worrying about what will happen to their children," the president said.

"But then they must go to work, or they won't get paid," he said. "If they do work, of course they'll have the dignity of earning a pay check, not a welfare check."

Clinton said the Wisconsin plan also centers on an idea he has been pressing on states. "If you're a minor with a baby, you'll receive benefits only if you stay in school, live at home, and turn your life around," he said.

"I pledge that my administration will work with Wisconsin to make an effective transition to a new vision of welfare based on work, that protects children and does right by working families and their children," he said.

Asteroid to pass close to Earth today

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — An asteroid about a third of a mile in diameter will whizz past Earth at roughly 12:48 p.m. on Sunday, scientists said.

The object, the largest ever observed passing so close, will miss Earth by about 279,000 miles — a close call in astronomical terms.

There is no chance of an actual

collision, scientists said. Since the asteroid was detected, astronomers at several observatories have carefully monitored its position and precisely calculated its four-year orbit around the sun.

It will come closer to Earth than all but five other objects ever detected, but will not come as close as the moon, which is 240,000 miles from Earth.

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Opinion

Hooters' triumph is a small victory

So the august majesty of the federal government — in the form of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission — will not be deployed to force a restaurant chain built around fascination with the female anatomy to hire Hooters Guys. That's a small victory for freedom of choice. But only a small victory.

Hooters, of course, is the 170-site restaurant chain known for hiring waitresses who wear skimpy shorts and tight shirts or tank-tops that emphasize their assets.

What the Hooters case demonstrated was that if you can convert a federal agency into a laughingstock — at least insofar as your particular case is concerned — you can get it to back away from wrecking your business. But not every case carries within it the kind of stand-up potential the Hooters case did.

So, having been tacitly admonished to check for howler potential before filing cases — perhaps they could hire an oh-so-serious humor consultant — dozens of federal agencies will continue their daily pursuit of American businesses who might (or might not) have run afoul of one of the hundreds of thousands of regulations produced by various agencies.

The EEOC couldn't admit that it had been guffawed into inaction, and the agency let it be known that it could have gone after Hooters under the law as it is written.

"The particular factual issues raised by Hooters do not transform this into a frivolous case or a subject for locker-room humor," harrumphed EEOC Chairman Gilbert F. Casellas. He said the EEOC had backed off only because a private class-action lawsuit had already been filed against Hooters.

It should be noted that Hooters, a company that has made a good deal of money providing a certain segment of the population a service it was willing to pay for, had considerable resources and the willingness to fight off the EEOC's assault. It staged media events and ran advertisements featuring a mustached man with a blond wig and a Hooters uniform exclaiming "Come on, Washington. Get a grip."

That broader message should and did resonate. Thomas Hopkins of the Rochester Institute of Technology estimated the total cost of compliance with federal regulations in 1994 at \$600 billion. About \$200 billion of that was the cost of government-mandated paper work.

Going after Hooters — the EEOC originally proposed that Hooters pay a \$22 million fine and set up a "scholarship" fund to enhance employment opportunities for men (!) — had undeniable humor potential. Adding \$600 billion a year to the cost of doing business — and some scholars have come up with significantly higher estimates — is not at all funny.

After the chuckling dies down, those fabled revolutionaries in Congress should get serious about regulatory reform.

It's time not only for reform, but the outright abolition of many federal regulatory agencies that have not only not enhanced health, safety or fairness in the marketplace but have harmed them.

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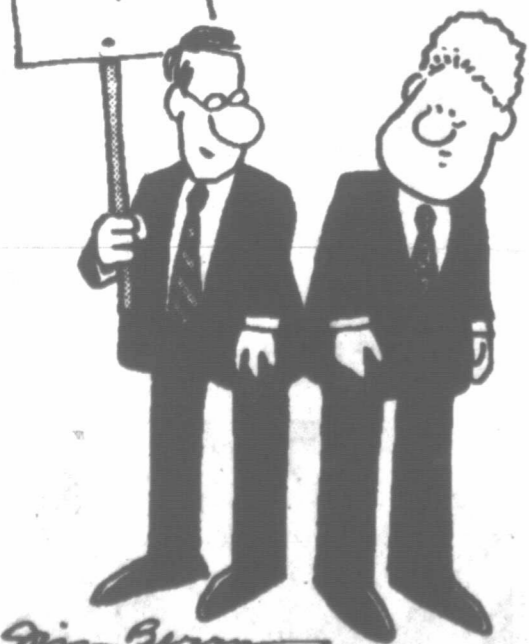
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"Try to remember — we're joined at the hip."

'Quotas' have lost their appeal

Last April, the U.S. refused to block Mississippi's mandate that its state universities, including its three black black ones, have the same admission standards.

Earlier this year, a federal appeals court ruled against race-based admissions preferences at the University of Texas Law School.

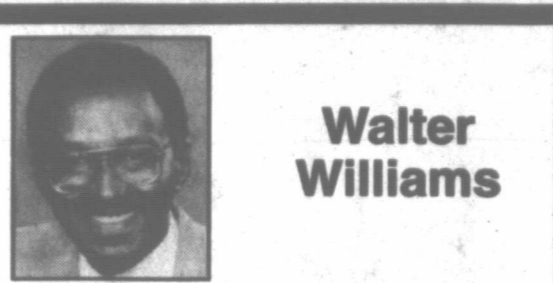
Last year, the University of California Board of Regents banned racial quotas at all of the universities.

This year, Sens. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) and Charles Canady (R-Fla.) introduced the "Equal Opportunity Act of 1996," which bans racial decision-making in federal hiring and awarding contracts.

Later this year, Californians will vote on the California Civil Rights Initiative, a ballot measure to eliminate race- and sex-based preferences.

Racial quotas, euphemistically labeled affirmative action, have lost their broad political appeal. But many have yet to receive the message. Columnist William Raspberry described the Dole-Canady bill as "an all-out, in-your-face attack, a walking away from hard-earned civil rights gains." Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) called it a "safe haven for bigots," and Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.) said the Dole-Canady bill was a "unilateral disarmament in the war on racism and discrimination."

Let's give thought to why so many are against equal standards for college admissions or



Walter Williams

employment. Frequently, tests determine whether a person gains admission to a college or gets a job. So one investigatory question is: Are blacks in fact attaining, say, higher SAT, GRE and LSAT scores but then college admission office racists secretly remove points to deny them admission and make us look bad? Or are blacks achieving higher test scores and colleges showing white favoritism?

If these despicable admission practices are not occurring, the affirmative action vision forces us into a more embarrassing area of inquiry to find out why blacks are not admitted to college in greater numbers and, once admitted, fail to graduate at a rate exceeding 70 percent. More specifically, the question is: Can black people compete with others when the competitive standards are identical? If we come up with a "no" answer, then it is cruel and unfair to have racially equal admission standards. It means there'll be no blacks on

college. It's analogous to wanting Japanese players in the NBA. That goal cannot be achieved if we insist on the same performance standards for Japanese as we have for whites and blacks. Compassion in both cases screams for goals and timetables — in a word, quotas.

I do not accept the insinuation of inherent black intellectual inferiority that's implied in calls for racial standards.

Today's fact of poor black academic achievement has nothing to do with intellectual inferiority or racial discrimination. It has much more to do with preparation. The government schools that serve the nation's highest per-pupil expenditures yet have some of the lowest quality teachers and administrators. Violence against students and teachers is the order of the day. As long as schools deliver fraudulent education, blacks will be handicapped in any activity requiring education and skills. Part of the tragedy is that quota supporters stand in opposition to effective measures to create better education, measures such as school choice or educational vouchers.

The days of race-based entitlements are numbered. We should not lament them and brood. We should begin a ruthless struggle for black academic excellence, taking no prisoners in the process. Keep in mind that at one time blacks weren't allowed in professional basketball or football. Today, blacks dominate. Do we chalk that fact up to quotas or excellence?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 19, the 140th day of 1996. There are 226 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 19, 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after she was convicted of adultery.

On this date:

In 1588, the Spanish Armada set sail for England; it was soundly defeated by the English fleet the following August.

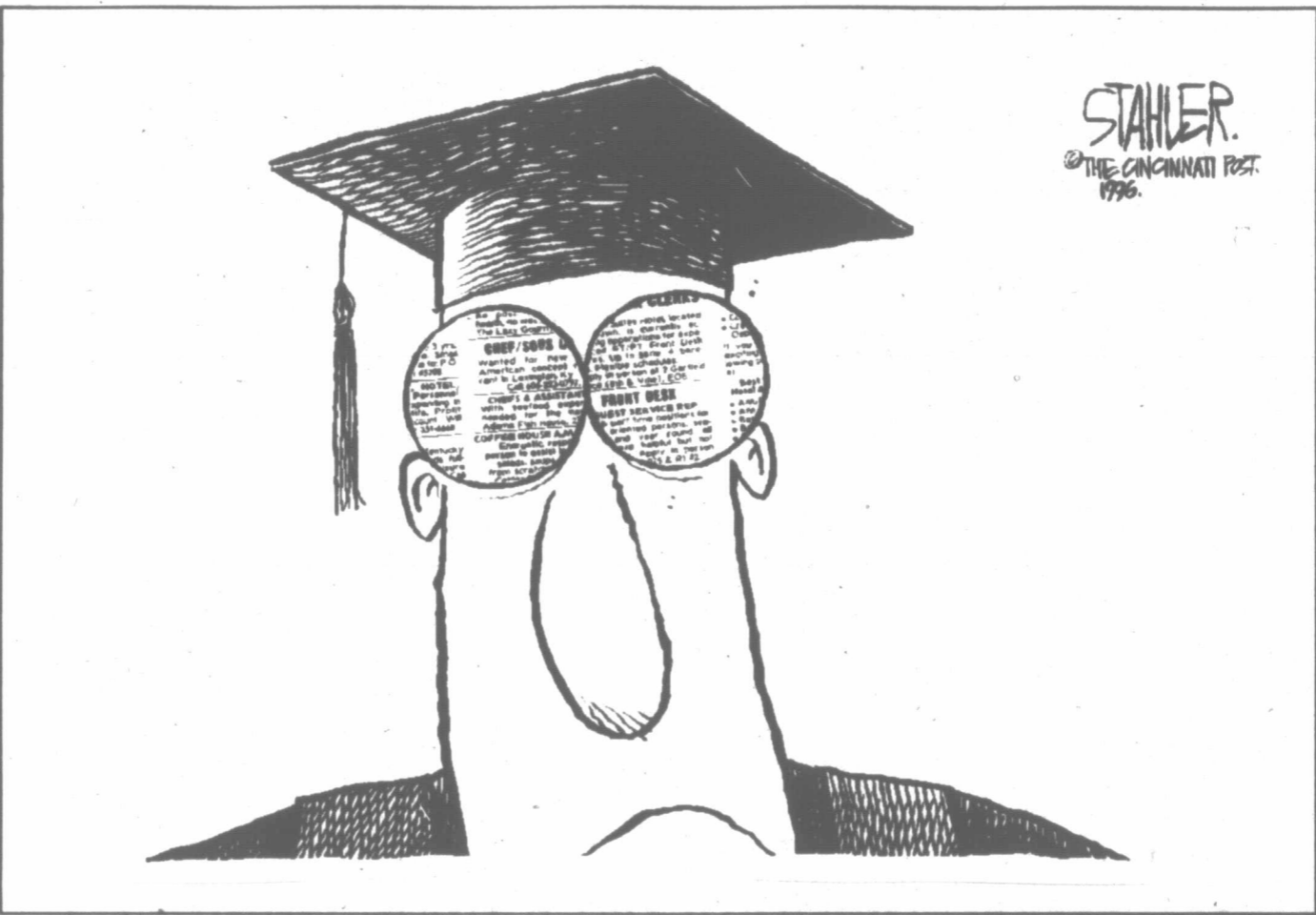
In 1643, delegates from four New England colonies met in Boston to form a confederation.

In 1780, a mysterious darkness enveloped much of New England and part of Canada in the early afternoon.

In 1906, the Federated Boys' Clubs, forerunner of the Boys' Clubs of America, were organized.

In 1921, Congress passed the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.

In 1935, T.E. Lawrence, also known as Lawrence of Arabia, died in England from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash.



A nation out of touch with reality

Charley Reese

It's long been my contention that the United States has become an open-air insane asylum. The evidence is available on both C-SPAN and in the daily news. Just listen to any politician.

Now, I think I know why we went crazy. Too many movies, too much television. Hey, don't laugh. This is serious stuff. Karl Menninger, one of the few psychiatrists who was himself sane, defined psychosis as losing touch with reality.

Reality is that stuff out there outside our heads — the grass we cut, the bed frame we bark our shins on, the beer we drink, the streets we drive on and so forth. We maintain contact with all that stuff through our senses — sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste.

We take the signals from our senses and sort and store the information in our nogginns, often in the form of images. Now, how do we differ significantly from all the generations of people prior to the 20th century? The answer is that we alone have also stored millions of images of unreality in our brains taken from film and videotape.

For thousands of years, humans dealt mainly with reality as interpreted by their senses. The bulk of all visual information was derived from personal observation of the real world. There were poems, myths, stories and, later, plays and novels, but all of those required active brainpower and the use of imagination. Watching motion pictures,

however, is totally passive and requires no imagination. We actually see what appears to be reality.

Now the subconscious mind doesn't differentiate between stored images that are real and stored images that are fictional. For example, if I say to you "Civil War," what image floats up from your subconscious mind to your active mind? For a lot of you, I'll bet, the images triggered by those words will be scenes from movies, perhaps *Gone With the Wind*. What images are triggered by the words, "American West"? Chances are, again, that the images will be from movies. Maybe Clint Eastwood or John Wayne.

So, OK, you say, we weren't around for the Civil War or the American frontier. Fictional images are all we have. True, but we also have stored in our mental basement filmed and videotape images of our current and recent past — a lot of fictional and some actual.

If you are white and have never spent any time in a big-city black ghetto, what images do those words trigger? Chances are they will be fictional images because, while you've never been in a real ghetto, you've seen movies and television shows about ghettos. How about Iranians? How many

real Iranians do you actually know? Probably none. But you have images of Iranians stored in your brain from old TV news shows and movies.

The paradox of the communications revolution is that with instant global transmission of visual and verbal information, it has become more difficult to stay in touch with reality. Communications technology is neutral. False images and untrue words can be spread as far and as fast as real images and true words. Moreover, highly selective images of real people and events can be as effectively false as fictional images.

No TV cameraman, for example, is going to travel house to house in a poor neighborhood in order to present a true, composite picture of the people living there. If he goes at all, it will be to videotape a body or a drug bust. You can define news as an out-of-context report of an unusual event. But if all our "knowledge" consists of a series of out-of-context reports of unusual events, then we will be out of touch with reality.

So, too much visual information is making us all crazy. It pours upon us seven days a week, round-the-clock, a turbulent mixture of fiction, torn fragments of reality, commercial and political and ideological propaganda — literally, a nut-producing potion. That is the only explanation I can think of for a nation of 262 million people deciding its two best potential leaders are Bill Clinton and Bob Dole.

Clinton fans can't tolerate criticism

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

Having just finished writing a 100,000-word book about Our President, and all the research and rewriting that goes with it, I am free at last! Yet, I am not free, I am afraid, of the taint of having written a book. In America today, there is a peculiar opprobrium attached to those who write books. In a word, they are suspect. Why this should be, I am not certain — although, considering some of the prominent persons who nowadays are numbered among the republic's authors, I should be more in sympathy with those who see book writers as hustlers, special pleaders or simply creeps. Think of O.J. Simpson, Howard Stern, Professor Dershowitz and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

At any rate, with the book *Boy Clinton: The Biography* off my hands and some free time before it is released later in June, I am doing some public speaking and making some amazing discoveries. When I speak, I usually address adult, literate, middle-class, professional people, including a hodgepodge of liberals, moderates and conservatives. I naturally tender a few light-hearted caveats about our Boy President. Having been educated by liberal professors, urging their students to Bold Thought, Irreverence and the skewering of Sacred Cows, I always assume that a little levity toward the Presidential Couple will evoke playful snickers. Perhaps not the ribald guffaws that the mere mention of Spiro Agnew, Richard Nixon and Newt Gingrich might elicit, but good-natured laughter nonetheless.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, once again, I am in error. The merest hint at the Presidential Couple's adventures in wonderland triggers colossal indignation. Merely suggest that either of the Clintons is integrity-disabled and one finds oneself being accused by a considerable minority in the audience of zealotry, dishonoring the presidency and perpe-

trating theories of conspiracy. Yes, conspiracy theories! For instance, to question almost an aspect of Vince Foster's death or to ask about the whereabouts of Hillary Rodham Clinton's billing records during the two years they were under subpoena before appearing miraculously in her residence with her fingerprints on them is to believe in conspiracies, according to the Clintons and their friends.

Actually, the word "friend" does not do the Clintons' apologists justice. They seem more like idolaters. They appear to be incapable of reasoned discourse or of tolerating any criticism at all. The other night, before a well-educated and apparently civilized audience, I mentioned my involvement in publishing the Troopergate pieces by David Brock and Danny Wattenberg. I specifically noted that what made the pieces important to me was not President Bill Clinton's satyrism but his readiness to abuse his office, corrupt state officials and use state property (for instance, credit cards) for his own amusement. Repeatedly, a couple of Clinton idolaters asked me why I was so interested in Clinton's sex life. Repeatedly, I reminded them that I had clearly stated that I was not so much interested in his sex life as in his abuses of power. Then, they would charge me with failing to answer the question that I had obviously just answered, to wit, why I showed such interest in Clinton's sex life.

It was H.L. Mencken who boldly stated decades back that there is no arguing with a fanatic. The irritable supporters of the Clintons who will not

accept any of the evidence adduced against them — not any — are fanatics. The only way to appease them is to admit magnanimously that you have been wrong. There is no evidence that Clinton and his wife, the authoress, have lied, have engaged in shady real-estate deals, bank loans and conflicts of interest, have politicized federal offices hitherto non-political, have scapegoated federal employees, have used federal agencies in cover-ups and to suborn obstruction of justice, and — incidentally — have failed in every major legislative initiative from health care of welfare reform. And, by the way, is there ever going to be any way I can make up for all these untruths I have alleged against this remarkable couple?

Some years ago, the liberal academic James MacGregor Burns wrote an influential book, *The Deadlock of Democracy*. Our government, he said, just was not responding to the people's needs. For a couple of decades now, we have suffered a Deadlock of Debate. Our culture is not responding to reasoned disagreement. It has codified certain beliefs and false pieties, and all the evidence that critics heave up to refute these beliefs and false pieties is either ignored or misrepresented. Thus, conservatives who have played a major role in American life since at least the early 1980s are now suddenly being slandered as enlisting in "the radical right," a term relevant to the 1950s but obsolete for years. A welfare state that has rendered the lives of most of its clients more wretched than the poor have been in generations remains beyond reform and occasionally even beyond criticism. There are scores of issues and beliefs that endure merely because of the herd instinct of the so-called cultured. They embody almost every stupidity they claim to oppose.

Letters to the editor

Another side of the story

To the editor:

As parents of children who attend Lamar Elementary in Pampa, we would like to convey our deepest concerns regarding the recent media attention Lamar is receiving. Our concerns, however, are not directed toward the method of isolation now being referred to as "The Box," but rather what we feel to be irresponsible journalism.

It was our understanding that the job of a responsible journalist is to research a story and show all sides, so that it may be better understood; however, we do not feel that both sides of this story have been represented fairly. The details available are very selective and biased. This type of sensational reporting will simply propagate fear and anger, rather than understanding.

In order to understand the situation at Lamar, it is imperative to have more information. For instance, it is important to know that this type of isolation is not used as punishment, but rather as a way to keep a child from harming himself or others. The isolation room is used at Lamar, as well as at other schools, in a very few extreme cases of behavioral problems when the child is unable to control his rage or frustration. The isolation room gives the child a place to vent his anger and regain his composure without being a threat to himself or others. We have witnessed the outbursts of these children on many occasions and know of several children who relieve their frustrations by throwing themselves to the ground, kicking and screaming, disregarding any harm they may inflict on themselves, and still others who strike out at the nearest available teacher or authority figure, both physically and verbally.

We are quite certain that anyone viewing the scene of the young boy being carried down the hall, kicking and screaming, to the isolation room, would be deeply troubled. Be assured that it is equally troubling to the teachers having to carry him, often being kicked, slapped, scratched and even bitten. Certainly this is not what they had in mind when they chose to become teachers. However, there does not seem to be many options. It has been suggested that the teachers should physically restrain these children without the use of the isolation room, but we do not believe this would be any easier to watch or more humane.

Perhaps the most logical option was eliminated when it was decided that mainstreaming these children into regular classes would be more sensible and cost efficient than providing them with individualized classes and teachers who have been trained especially to work with these children, and are able to give them the one-on-one attention they need.

Although we are not experts on the subject of child behavior, and would not presume to have all the answers in this case, we have had the opportunity over the years to observe the staff at Lamar firsthand. What we have witnessed during this time are very professional and loving people who take a genuine interest in all of the students.

One last point that should be made, is that many of Lamar's students are transfer students and remain there by choice; this suggests something about the spirit of Lamar.

We would like to draw this letter to a close by saying thank you to the teachers and staff of Lamar Elementary. Through all of the adversity you have continued to do your jobs with a great deal of integrity and grace; and we think that we speak for the majority of the parents and students at Lamar when we say we are extremely proud of you.

Brenda Langley, Cathy Jones, April Brummett, Sonya Longo, Juliet Dean, Beverly Scott and Elizabeth Woods
Pampa

Love, guide your children

To the editor:

I would like to praise Joyce Potter for her letter last week for telling it like it is concerning the woman upset with her child being placed in the isolation box.

But I cannot agree completely with another woman who in her letter last week upheld the mother for standing up for her child, dismissing the child's actions as simply being because he is a child.

Now let me say, a parent's first responsibility is to love and guide their children. In Pampa, Texas, evidently, many parents are not doing that for their children, and also apparently across the nation. Just recently, for example, there was a story in another state about 10- and 12-year-old boys breaking into a lady's home and beating her up. Perhaps such actions are the consequences of not raising a child with proper guidance.

As the saying goes, spare the rod and spoil the child. Apparently there are way too many spoiled children today.

And now too many parents would want to take more authority away from our school teachers. Let me bring to mind that our school teachers have to discipline their students to keep control in the classrooms. But today much of that authority is being taken away from our teachers by parents who don't exercise proper discipline over their own children.

In my days, I remember a teacher of mine who would draw a circle, a small ring, on the chalk board and then have an unruly student put his nose in it and stand there. Maybe that type of discipline would not go over today, but there has to be some means of discipline maintained in our classrooms if we expect our students to have an atmosphere in which they can learn. Unruly students can upset the learning experience for others.

On another matter, I would like to tell our policemen that we give you deep consideration for the watchful care and protection that you give over our lives each day. We thank you so kindly for your protection. But we can't help but think that so much of your work wouldn't be needed if parents had raised their children with discipline and control.

I would like to let the woman who has made all this fuss over the box know that she has been out of order to criticize our school district for the use of the box, especially in so public a manner. And without giving permission for the school officials to be able to respond properly to her charges.

What consequences will occur if more and more parents, perhaps not meaning deliberately to do so, continue to undermine respect for authority and to raise their children without any self-control over their actions? I'll tell you what will happen: Our society will suffer greatly the consequences of parents who fail to love and guide their children.

Noel Southern
Pampa

Bible verses on discipline

To the editor:

Lately in our beloved Pampa there seems to be so much talk about children, their behavior and what kind of correction is appropriate. Since God has a great deal to say about that subject in the book of Proverbs, I thought that it might help us to be reminded what He has to say.

3:11-12 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. 13:24 He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him. 19:18

Man arrested in strangulation death of his teacher mother

TYLER (AP) — A Tyler man was arrested Saturday in the strangulation death of his mother, a popular middle school teacher and former police officer who neighbors said criticized her son for freeloading.

Margaret Hewes Lout, 50, was found dead early Friday in her Tyler home. Police said her sports car also was gone.

Karl Anthony Smetana, 26, was arrested on a capital murder warrant early Saturday after he ran out of gas in his mother's car in Wood County, about 40 miles north of Tyler. Smetana was taken to the Smith County Jail in Tyler. Bond on the warrant was set at \$1 million.

The eldest of Ms. Lout's three sons, Smetana had been living with his mother since separating from his wife about two years ago, friends and neighbors said.

Police said Ms. Lout and her son were known to argue frequently over Smetana's freeloading habits.

"She was so nice and he was always cussing her," said one neighbor, Eura Mae Clyburn.

Ms. Clyburn said she recently

heard Ms. Lout tell him, "Karl, you've been here two years now and you haven't done a thing."

Ms. Lout was last seen alive at Boulter Middle School on Thursday, police said.

Police were called to Ms. Lout's home at 10:36 a.m. Friday, after the woman's body had been discovered by her 19-year-old son Jason Hewes, said Sgt. Terry Morrow, police spokesman.

The teenager was alerted by Boulter officials after Ms. Lout failed to show up to teach her math classes Friday, police said.

Signs of a struggle were found in the house, but there were no signs of forced entry, Morrow said.

Neighbors reported seeing him drive away from the house Friday morning in Ms. Lout's purple 1995 Nissan 200-SX, Texas license plate VVS50F.

Ms. Lout appeared to have been strangled, but the official cause of death is pending an autopsy, Police Chief Bill Young said.

Ms. Lout had been a Tyler patrol officer from 1977 to 1979 and was the third female officer on the force.

Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death. 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old and will not turn from it. 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him. 22:13-14 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death. 29:15 The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother. 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.

According to the Bible, the reason punishment is so important in the lives of children is that if they do not learn obedience when they are young, then the following verses will apply to them when they are older.

10:13 Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment. 19:29 Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beatings for the backs of fools. 26:3 A whip for the horse, a halter for the donkey, and a rod for the backs of fools! 29:19 A servant cannot be corrected by mere words; though he understands, he will not respond. 17:10 A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a fool. 20:30 Blows and wounds cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the inmost being. 15:10 Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path; he who hates correction will die. 19:25 Flog a mocker, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke a discerning man, and he will gain knowledge.

God seems to feel quite strongly about rebelliously disobedient children and their need for sufficient punishment. Maybe we ought to feel the same.

Mike Sublett
Pampa

Deputy a hero to citizen

To the editor:

On Friday, May 10, 1996, Gray County Deputy Paul Sublett stopped to investigate a stalled vehicle in the 1500 block of Hobart Street. After learning from the hapless driver that the car had run out of fuel, and that a service station attendant was en route with emergency gasoline, Deputy Sublett donned an orange safety vest and set out traffic cones to direct cars around the stalled vehicle. By himself, Deputy Sublett then pushed the disabled car off Hobart Street and onto Randy Matson. The service attendant arrived, and before the unfortunate driver could thank him, Deputy Sublett was gone.

Deputy Sublett will not receive a citation or medal for his act of kindness on May 10, 1996. His colleagues will not revere him for being brave or courageous.

Nevertheless, on Friday, Deputy Paul Sublett was a hero to one citizen of Gray County.

Gene Thompson
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Edwards Aquifer levels continuing to plummet

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Edwards Aquifer water level plummeted to its lowest level since 1990, prompting more stringent water conservation measures and raising prospects of a watering ban.

The 1.7-foot drop in the level in San Antonio's index well brought the aquifer down to 639.7 feet above sea level, 26 feet below the historical May average and the lowest level since 1990, when it reached 622.7 ft.

The Friday drop was the greatest of the year so far and cut the city's allowable lawn-watering days by 25 percent, prompting water officials to warn that a ban could come next.

The measures allow landscape sprinkling only three times in two weeks, about once every five days. The Stage II measures in effect since April 19 had allowed sprinkling twice a week.

"People are going to have to continue to watch the amount of water they use, not only outdoors, but indoors," said Joe Aceves, president of the San Antonio Water System.

The city's average daily pumping goal drops from 214 million gallons a day under Stage II to 161 mgd under Stage III. The average for the first 16 days of May was 165.3 mgd, Aceves said.

The Stage III measure was aimed at reducing water consumption by 40 percent from normal levels, or 1.2 times the winter monthly average.

Most San Antonio-area cities and unincorporated Bexar County areas follow San Antonio's rules on outdoor watering.

The lowest level to which the aquifer level at San Antonio's well has ever dropped was 612.5 feet in August 1956. The record high occurred in June 1992, when it reached 703.3 feet.

Stuart Henry of Austin, attorney for the state chapter of the Sierra Club, criticized the San Antonio City Council for allowing sprinkling at all under Stage III. The council earlier this year had raised the Stage III trigger from 620 feet to 640 feet, but voted last week to allow limited sprinkling in Stage III instead of only watering by hand.

Five years ago, the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit that forced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to set minimum spring-flow levels that would protect five federally protected aquatic species that depend upon springflows from the aquifer.

The club has threatened to file lawsuits against major pumpers in an effort to force pumping cutbacks that would maintain those minimum springflows.

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Extension agent receives food safety certification

Donna Brauchi, Gray County Extension Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, has been certified to train area food service managers in food safety.

Brauchi was one of more than 190 County Extension Agents certified as a trainer through the Food Protection Management Training Program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the National Restaurant Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and the Texas Department of Health.

The training in the trainer program is designed to bring the latest in food safety information to food service establishments.

As a certified instructor, Brauchi will be offering this information to food managers, who in turn will train their employees on

food safety practices. Once managers have completed the 15-hour course, they will receive a certificate from the National Restaurant Association. They will also be eligible to join the Industry Council on Food Safety and to receive a decal to place in their window, which lets customers know the manager is certified in food safety.

In addition, food service operations under the Texas Department of Health's jurisdiction that have managers who complete the course will receive a 10% reduction in license fees each year while the certification is in effect.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 24 to 81 million people get sick and more than 10,000 related deaths occur due to food poisoning in the United States each year. In most cases,

food borne outbreaks can be prevented if people receive food safety training and learn to follow simple food safety practices.

For years the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has been providing consumers with information on food safety precautions to take when handling food at home. Now they are joining the food industry to train those who are providing meals away from home.

Training materials for the course are being provided by the SERVSAFE Program from the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association.

For more information on the Food Protection Management Training Program, call the Gray County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 669-8033.

Texas Agricultural Services Company names general manager

WACO - Greg Perkins has been named General Manager of the Texas Agricultural Services Company (TASCO), a service affiliate of the Texas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization. His appointment is effective as of May 1, 1996.

Perkins, a native of Rexburg, Idaho, has more than 12 years experience in the wholesale and retail tire business. His background includes retail tire sales for Sears, beginning at age 17. He joined Wholesale Tire Distributors in 1989, based in Logan, Utah. He worked in the American Car Care Centers Division of WTD.

Of his appointment as TASCO General Manager, Perkins said, "I am really excited about the potential of our company. There are many opportunities for growth and TASCO is well positioned to compete in the Texas market."

Perkins has worked in TASCO since February as Account Systems Manager, overseeing the company's computer operation. In making the appointment, Texas Farm Bureau and TASCO Executive

Director Vernie Glasson said, "We are pleased to have someone of Greg's experience and skills at the helm of one of our service affiliates. He has the knowledge, background, and proven track record to lead TASCO in a very competitive market. TASCO is committed to providing exceptional service to our tire dealer customers across the State of Texas."

Glasson also announced that TASCO's operations would be streamlined by consolidating the company as a dual city warehouse operation from the current four. From distribution centers in Houston and Waco, Glasson says the company can better serve the Texas tire market.

"This consolidation is designed to improve our customer service and efficiency," Glasson said. "Distribution from the Dallas and San Antonio warehouses will be handled by the facilities in Waco and Houston. The consolidation will improve inventory management and direction of TASCO's dealer delivery system." Glasson said that other improvements in service are planned to

insure top quality service to dealers.

TASCO has been a service affiliate of the Texas Farm Bureau for more than 30 years, selling passenger tires, farm tires, batteries and tillage tools to Farm Bureau members. In 1995, TASCO products were made available to the general

public, with special warranty programs for Farm Bureau members only. TASCO expanded in 1995 by acquiring the tire division of the Strauss-Frank company. The company is also the member distributor of the American Car Care Centers within Texas.

Pampan wins KAMR give-away

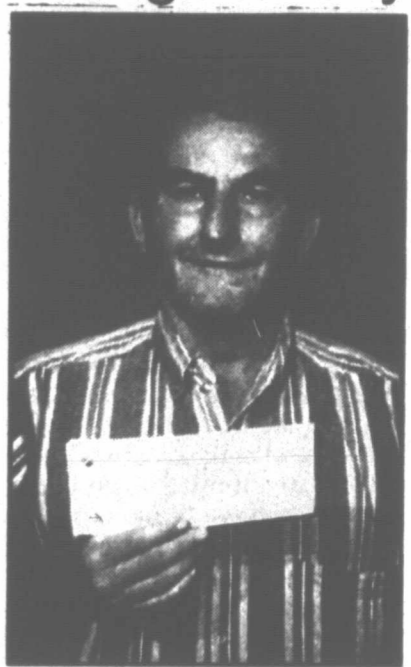
Maynard Applegate, of Pampa, won \$1,000 in the KAMR-TV \$100,000 Sweepstakes! The Sweepstakes began April 25 and has made viewers from all over the High Plains a little richer.

Game pieces were inserted into Sunday papers or mailed to homes in the area. Viewers sent in a card from the game piece with their name and address filled in. Then, all they had to do was watch and win!

Their names were shown on the screen during News 4 at 5, 6 and 10 p.m., and "Entertainment Tonight" at 6:30. They then had ten minutes to call in and claim their \$1,000!

The game piece also includes a number on the front that could be worth \$5,000 to lucky viewers. The numbers are shown on the screen every Thursday during News 4 at 10 p.m. until May 16.

Could you be a lucky winner? Keep watching to find out dur-



Maynard Applegate

ing the KAMR-TV \$100,000 Sweepstakes, you can be sure of it.

Seminar offers businesses Internet tips

A seminar on using the Internet for economic development of entrepreneurs and small business owners is scheduled in Amarillo.

The seminar is being sponsored by The High Ground of Texas, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Southwestern Public Service and South Plains Association of Governments.

The seminar will be held at the Ambassador Hotel beginning on Thursday, May 30.

Guest speaker is M.L. DuBrow, CED. He will share insights on helping existing businesses expand their markets via the Internet.

For more information and registration forms contact Pampa Economic Development Corporation, 301 N. Ballard, 665-5554. Registration must be received by May 24.

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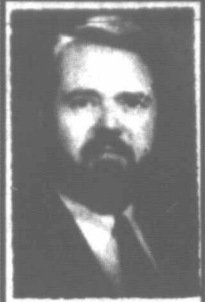
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Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



The big boxes came

John Horton stood on the corner of the lot. The building under construction there was going to be huge. This new super store would be four times as large as his own. How could he compete?

John wouldn't quit, he had always been a fighter. He had taken over his father's business when he was only 22. He had worked hard, reinvested in the store and had enjoyed steady profits. His business was one of the largest, best run in the entire trade area.

Five years ago, John had built a brand new, state-of-the-art store. He sank every penny of his savings in it, and bet his future on it. Now, as he stood staring at the concrete foundation of his community's first super store, he felt fear. His livelihood would soon be under attack.

As he turned back toward his own store, John muttered to himself, "Why here, why now?" He didn't know where to turn to for help.

A Familiar Story

This story has a familiar ring doesn't it. Many newspapers and business publications have run stories just like this in the last five years.

However, this story goes back a little further in history. Nearly 80 years in fact. Although fictional, John Horton's story has a basis of fact. As early as 1912, big boxes were invading the grocery industry. The media called these mega stores "Super Markets" and these big boxes brought unprecedented change and fear to grocers of the day. Piggly-Wiggly was one of the first self-serve supermarket chains. This aggressive competitor began in 1916 and opened a whopping 2,700 stores by 1928!

Some independents barely survived, while others grew and prospered. Some threw up their hands and quit before the supermarket opened. The same situation is still occurring today.

This year, on the average, five new super stores opened every day. Companies like Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Auto Zone and Best Buy are rolling out hundreds of new stores and their actions are causing quite a stir.

A few weeks ago, I had the experience of appearing on the Phil Donahue television show opposite a group of anti-big-stores, anti-free-enterprise panelists. One of the group, a small business owner who went broke a few years after Wal-Mart opened in his community, blamed his failure on the world's largest retailer. "Wal-Mart put me out of business," he said "no one can compete with them."

While I have sympathy for any business owner who goes broke, this gentleman was wrong on both counts. Wal-Mart hasn't put anyone out of business and millions of small business owners are competing every day.

The Death of Small Towns

While Wal-Mart takes the media heat, those guilty of causing the death of many downtowns go unrecognized. Actually, it was Henry Ford, President Eisenhower, Congress and the American consumer who changed this country's shopping patterns.

Ford built inexpensive cars while Ike and Congress invested heavily in interstates and better highways. American consumers became more mobile and suddenly had more choices.

Malls, supermarkets and later companies like Wal-Mart gave consumers better choices. It was these fickle, self-interested consumers who quickly put inefficient, poorly managed businesses out of business.

In the early 1900s, not all grocers failed when the supermarkets came to town. Many made changes and regained their competitive edge. The same is true today. Millions are prospering after the big boxes come to town.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P. O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Chamber Communique

Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage and Commissioners Jeff McCormick, Jeff Andrews, Faustina Curry and Robert Dixon will present the program at the May 21 Chamber Luncheon.

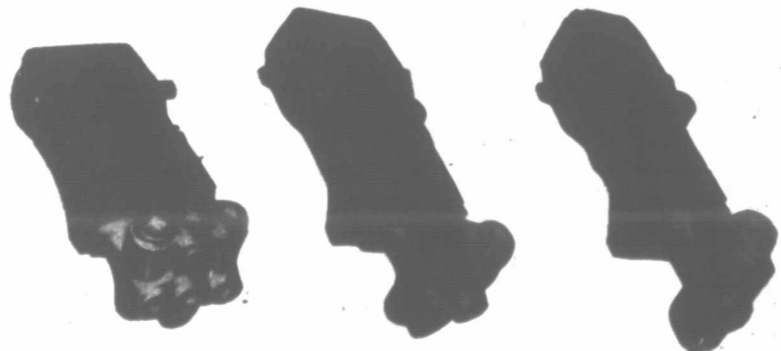
Sirloin Stockade will begin serving at 11:45 a.m. and reservations will be accepted until 9 a.m. on May 21 by calling 669-3241. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Thursday, the 1996 Country Fair Steering Committee, chaired by Joe Lowry, M.D., will meet to begin organizing their committees for this year's Chamber fund-raising event in October.

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ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.E. RED DEER Upper Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #8083 Lois Webb (640 ac) 965' from South & 991' from West line, Sec. 83,B-1,H&GN, 10 mi NE from Miami, PD 11350'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & SOUTH PARSELL Lower Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #2104 James B. Waterfield 'C' (640 ac) from South & 2092' from East line, Sec. 104,C,G&M, 9 mi west from Canadian, PD 12500'.

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HEMPHILL (N.W. GLAZIER CLEVELAND) Philcon Development Co., #2 Kelly (480 ac) 1980' from North & East line, Sec. 20,43,H&TC, 8 mi NE from Canadian, PD 8700'.

Oil Well Completions
MOORE (PANHANDLE) J.W. Resources, Inc., #1 Julie, Sec.

365,44,H&TC, elev. 3657 kb, spud 1-14-96, drlg. compl 1-24-96, tested 5-10-96, pumped 23 bbl. of 38 grav. oil + 117 bbls. water, GOR 1000, perforated 3497-3640, TD 3747', PBTD 3734' —

MOORE (PANHANDLE) J.W. Resources, Inc., #2 Julie, Sec. 365,44,H&TC, elev. 3656 kb, spud 12-24-95, drlg. compl 1-12-96, tested 5-6-96, pumped 57 bbl. of 38 grav. oil + 15 bbls. water, GOR 1544, perforated 3576-3676, TD 3766', PBTD 3714' —

MOORE (PANHANDLE) J.W. Resources, Inc., #4 Julie, Sec. 365,44,H&TC, elev. 3659 kb, spud 2-10-96, drlg. compl 2-24-96, tested 5-8-96, pumped 71 bbl. of 38 grav. oil + 110 bbls. water, GOR 1085, perforated 3531-3677, TD 3780', PBTD 3742' —

OCHILTREE (PERRYTON-Meramac) Midwestern Exploration Co., #2 Neufeld, Sec. 49,11,W. Ahrenbeck & Bros., elev. 2951 gr, spud 2-20-96, drlg. compl 3-5-96, tested 4-23-96, pumped 32 bbls. of 41 grav. oil + 25 bbls. water, GOR 3594, perforated 8000-8782, TD 8840', PBTD 8811' —

WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Myriad Resources Corp., #22 Harlan 'A', Sec. 49,24,H&GN, elev. 2517 gr, spud 4-6-96, drlg. compl 4-12-96, tested 5-3-96, pumped 55 bbl. of 39.6 grav. oil + no water, GOR 455, perforated 2299-2709, TD 2709' —

Gas Well Completions
HANSFORD (SHAPLEY Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #2 Crowe, Sec. 5,P,H&GN, elev. 3191 gr, spud 2-7-96, drlg. compl 2-19-96, tested 4-15-96, potential 900 MCF, rock pressure 1591, pay 7876-6892, TD 7100' —

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Hydrocarbon Management, Inc., #2 J.W. Campbell, Sec. 9,1,I&GN, elev. —, spud 3-25-96, drlg. compl 4-3-96, tested 4-23-96, potential 6300 MCF, rock pressure 2992, pay 11290-11672, TD 12330', PBTD 11877' — Plug-Back

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Cook 'A', Sec. 226,C,G&MMB&A, elev. 2835 kb, spud 1-16-96, drlg. v. compl 1-27-96, tested 3-21-96, potential 4700 MCF, rock pres-

sure 1140, pay 7530-7565, TD 7713', PBTD 7669' —

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) Mustang Oil & Gas Corp., #3R Yake 'B', Sec. 2,M-26,TCRR, elev. 3051 gr, spud 4-5-96, drlg. compl 4-11-96, tested 4-22-96, potential 380 MCF, rock pressure 163.56, pay 1834-1858, TD 3230', PBTD 1908' — Plug-Back

LIPSCOMB (KIOWA CREEK) Amoco Production Co., #1 C.T. Duke, Sec. 903,43,H&TC, elev. 2734 gr, spud 12-7-95, drlg. compl 2-25-96, tested 3-15-96, potential 580 MCF, rock pressure 207, pay 6486-6528, TD 3650', PBTD 7317' — Plug-Back

LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB Atoka) Midgard Energy Co., #14 Ola O. Piper, Sec. 630,43,H&TC, elev. 2437 kb, spud 3-13-96, drlg. compl 3-31-96, tested 4-23-96, potential 1310 MCF, rock pressure 2238, pay 9036-9052, TD 9300', PBTD 9285' —

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) Mesa Operating Co., #10R Thompson, Sec. 25,26,EL&RR, elev. 3485 gr, spud 4-1-96, drlg. compl 4-15-96, tested 5-1-96, potential 6121 MCF, rock pressure 315.7, pay 1650-2070, TD 2070' —

OCHILTREE (ELLIS RANCH CLEVELAND) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Pshigoda '38', Sec. 38,13,T&NO, elev. 2937 kb, spud 4-23-96, drlg. compl 4-24-96, tested 4-27-96 potential 80 MCF, rock pressure 1068, pay 6602-6632, TD 7000', RBP 6743' —

OCHILTREE (ELLIS RANCH CLEVELAND) Sonat Exploration Co., - MCR, #746-3-C D.C. Wilson, Sec. 746,43,H&TC, elev. 2853 gr, spud 11-30-96, drlg. compl 12-20-95, tested 3-20-96, potential 630 MCF, rock pressure 1270, pay 6832-6854, TD 8800', PBTD 8699' —

SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGO-TON) Midgard Energy Co., #39 Price 'D', Sec. 52,2-B,GH&H, elev. 3520 kb, spud 2-28-96, drlg. compl 3-14-96, tested 4-22-96, potential 720 MCF, rock pressure 59.88, pay 2832-3200, TD 3200' —

SHERMAN (TEXHOMA Upper Morrow) Courson Oil &

Gas, Inc., #1-104 Thomas, Sec. 104,1-C,GH&H, elev. 3499 gr, spud 3-26-96, drlg. compl 4-5-96, tested 4-8-96, potential 2500 MCF, rock pressure 1808, pay 6411-6727, TD 6900', PBTD 6772' — Plug-Back

Plugged Wells
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Kaari Oil Co., Inc., Future, Sec. 133,3,I&GN (oil) — for the following wells:

#1, spud 6-15-82, plugged 4-17-96, TD 3473' —
#3, spud 10-2-82, plugged 4-12-96, TD 3428' —

HANSFORD (HITCHLAND Novi) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Twogood, Sec. 31,P,H&GN, spud 10-18-78, plugged 4-24-96, TD 7306' (gas) —

HANSFORD (TEXAS-HUGO-TON) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Sammy, Sec. 196,2,GH&H, spud 7-26-45, plugged 4-26-96, TD 2977' (gas) —

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas & CANADIAN Lower Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #1-U & #1-L Frank Shaller 'A', R.A. Moody Survey, spud 3-13-72, plugged 3-6-96, TD 13857' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock - Dual Plugging

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) Sandia Operating Corp., #2711 Barton, Sec. 271,43,H&TC, spud 6-23-95, plugged 3-6-96, TD 10290', PBTD 10275' (gas) —

LIPSCOMB (DUKE-MAY Tonkawa) Tom McGee Corp., #1 Miller, Sec. 1169,43,H&TC, spud 1-6-83, plugged 4-19-96, TD 6500', PBTD 6469' (oil) — Form 1 filed in May Petroleum

LIPSCOMB (WEST FOLLETT Cherokee) Samson Hydrocarbons Co., #1 Sam Scheer Unit, Sec. 99,10,HT&B, spud 10-27-63, plugged 3-21-96, TD 8037' (gas) — form 1 filed in Mobil Oil

SHERMAN (TEXHOMA Des Moines) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Schafer 'B', Sec. 77,1-C,GH&H, spud 3-26-96, plugged 4-9-96, TD 7025' (dry) —
SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGO-TON) Phillips Petroleum Co., #3 Lee 'F', Sec. 31,1-C,GH&H, spud 4-13-51, plugged 3-14-96, TD 3183' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Kerr-McGee Corp.

Oversupply of onions results in unsuccessful valley harvest

McALLEN (AP) — An oversupply of onions in the Northwest and from Mexico have resulted in a unsuccessful harvest for Rio Grande Valley growers, who said they stand to lose millions of dollars.

"The die was cast" from the season's start, said John Bearden, vice president of Plantation Produce Co. in Sharyland. "We were going to have a cheap, cheap price no matter what."

With a 50-pound bag going for \$3 to \$3.50, growers said they aren't even making enough money for packing prices this season, which ends this week. Bags usually go for \$6 to \$7, Bearden said.

The problem is growers in the Northwest over planted, eagerly anticipating a repeat

of the 1994 season, when sales to Pacific Rim nations boomed, said Mike Gower, president of fresh commodity sales for the marketing company representing grower Griffin & Brand.

A steady supply of onions from Mexico added to the woes of Valley growers. As of May 11, 6,346 truckloads, or 139,612 tons, of Mexican onions were shipped into the Rio Grande Valley, said Desiree Shaw, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's marketing service here.

Mexican shipments have been constant through the South Texas season, which begins on March 1, about four weeks later than Mexico's.

Even the super-sweet, super-sized 1015 onions did not pay off this year, growers said.



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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Robert Hale Camp of Champs 1996 Team Camp will be held June 10-14 at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Registration is scheduled for Monday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at McNeely Fieldhouse. The camp is for youngsters from the second through ninth grades.

The camp will be divided into two divisions. Division One will be for youngsters in the second through fourth grades and the small goal will be used.

Camp times are from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Division Two is for fifth through the ninth grades and they will use the regulation goal. Camp times are from 12:30 to 4:30 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 7:30 to 11:30 Tuesday and Thursday.

The first 50 campers signed up will receive autographed spirit towels from the state championship team members. Campers will also receive green and white striped basketballs and t-shirts.

TENNIS

PAMPA — A tennis camp for all levels will be held June 3-7 at the Pampa High School courts.

Signup deadline is May 25. Call Chuck Quarles at 665-6028.

TRACK & FIELD

LUBBOCK — Wendell Palmer of Pampa will be on hand for the last Southwest Conference Track and Field Championships this weekend.

Palmer, a USTAF member, will work the discus event at R.P. Fuller Track in Lubbock.

BASEBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — An RBI single by Clint Kiemsteadt in the bottom of the seventh gave Texas an 8-7 victory over host Texas Tech Saturday, sending the Longhorns into the championship game of the Southwest Conference baseball tournament.

MacGregor Byers hit a grand slam in the second inning that got Texas off to a 6-0 lead, but the Red Raiders came back.

After a short break, the Longhorns (38-21) returned to Dan Law Field to play the Rice Owls, the only undefeated team in the double-elimination tournament.

Rice needed a victory to win the last SWC tournament title outright.

A Texas victory would force one more game on Sunday to decide the championship.

Texas Tech (37-13) was eliminated from the SWC tournament, but both Texas Tech and Texas are guaranteed spots in the NCAA post-season tournament.

Both have been named hosts in next week's first round games.

Texas relief ace Eric French (2-1) pitched three scoreless innings of relief to pick up the victory. Zack Stewart (1-1) was the loser.

Rightfielder MacGregor Byers provided the big blow for the Longhorns with a grand slam homer in the second inning.

Tech rallied for five runs in the top of the third behind Dion Ruecker's 3-run homer. It was his SWC-leading 20th homer of the year and came despite a fractured bone in his left hand from being hit by a pitch during Tech's victory over Baylor Saturday morning.

Reserve catcher Josef Klam and shortstop Tim Harkrider each had two hits to pace the Longhorns attack.

Mediate leads by one stroke at Colonial

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Rocco Mediate, under pressure from Corey Pavin, shot a 2-under-par 68 Saturday and retained the lead after three rounds of the MasterCard Colonial.

Mediate showed little evidence of 1994 back surgery as he withstood the wind and heat for a 54-hole total of 202, one stroke ahead of Pavin, the reigning U.S. Open champion.

Mediate was leading by two shots going to the 18th hole, but he missed the green and took a bogey-5.

Pavin fired a 67 for 203 and was two shots ahead of Fred Couples entering

Sunday's final round on the troublesome 7,010-yard Colonial course known as "Hogan's Alley."

Ben Hogan won the Colonial five times and is serving as honorary chairman of the 50th anniversary tournament.

Couples eased into contention with a 68 and was alone at 5-under 205.

"I don't think the course is going to bother (Mediate)," Couples said. "We're gonna have to catch him."

Jeff Sluman (70) and David Duval (68) were at 206 and remained in pursuit of the \$270,000 top prize.

Duval, seeking his first tour title, opened the third round with an eagle at No. 1, a par-5.

"It was nice to jump into the mix of it,"

he said.

He said the hot winds, gusting to 35 mph, added an element of mystery to the course.

"I think I have a chance because of the weather," he said. "The wind and the way the golf course is playing is very difficult, and there are a lot of high scores just waiting for you out there."

Gil Morgan (70), Mike Hulbert (66), Emlyn Aubrey (71), Brett Ogle (67) and Jeff Gallagher (71) were at 207 and five strokes off the lead.

Mediate, 33, who won a pair of PGA titles before removal of a fragmented disc two years ago, shared the second-round lead with Wayne Levi but wasted no time taking charge Saturday.

While Levi was stumbling to a 74, Mediate birdied Nos. 1, 2 and 9 for a 32 on the front side and was 9-under and three shots ahead of Pavin at that point. He got to 10-under before making his first bogey at the par-3 13th.

Three top-10 finishes this year helped raise his 1996 earnings to \$251,430, 32nd on the PGA money list.

Pavin is looking for his first victory since the 1995 Open but has earned \$309,589 in nine events this year, 21st among the money leaders.

"I didn't get off to a good start today," he said, referring to a bogey at the easy par-5 first hole. "I never like to start with a bogey, but I birdied two right back and kind of got back on track after that."

First round completed in Pampa Partnership

PAMPA — The first round of the Pampa Partnership was held Saturday at Hidden Hills with 148 golfers teeing off in the two-day event.

The team of Jud Burkett and Ryan Palmer shot an opening round 66 to take a four-stroke lead in Zone A, Flight One. Neal Ray Davis and Champ Davis are second at 70.

The second round of 18 holes will be played today at the Pampa Country Club.

Pampa Partnership leaders after one round are as follows:

Zone A, Flight One: 1. Jud Burkett-Ryan Palmer, 66; 2. Neal Ray Davis-Champ Davis, 70; 3. (tie) Merle Terrell-Barry Terrell, 71; Richard Lundy-Butch Turner 71.

Zone A, Flight Two: 1. (tie) James Stavenhagen-Harold Salmon, 75; John Kaplan-Jim Thurmond, 75; James Thompson-Scott Randolph, 75; 4. (tie) Bill Simon-Ace Meason, 79; Rick McAlpine-Scott Perry, 79.

Zone B, Flight One: 1. Drew Watson-Bobby Brown, 73; 2. (tie) Dwight Case-Jody Chase,

74; John Darby-Ed Dudley, 74; Terry Hall-Bill Heuston, 74; Roy Don Stephens-Bill Allison, 74; Hank Jordan-Eddie Kelly, 74; Fred Simmons-Tommy Hill, 74.

Zone B, Flight Two: 1. (tie) Lehmer Dunn-Duke Pepper, 79; Lyndall Flowers-Red Flowers, 79; Sam Cambell-Bill Hammer, 79; 4. Willie Nickelberry-Terry Holt, 80; 5. Ralph Baker-Joe Cree, 81.

Zone C, Flight One: 1. Buster Kelly-Scott Harrelson, 73; 2. Garry Erdman-Robert Bolton, 74; 3. Elmer Wilson-Hath Parker, 76.

Zone C, Flight Two: 1. Gary Cudney-Bob Banner, 82; 2. Frank Henderson-Glenn Meharg, 83; 3. (tie) Robert Neslage-Dick Dunham, 84; Bud Murdock-Ron Wood, 84; Jeff McCurdy-Jim Pemberton, 84.

Zone D, Flight One: 1. Mike Voss-Buddy Reames, 77; 2. Larry Schnieder-Buddy Epperson, 78; 3. T.B. Moore-Pat Montoya, 79.

Zone D, Flight Two: 1. (tie) Richard Abbott-Oscar Sargent, 85; Jim Honderich-J.C. Beyer, 85; Michael Hargus-Sandy Carroll, 85; 4. Dennis Jordan-B.J. Robinett, 86.

Lukas' streak comes to an end at Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Trainer D. Wayne Lukas' streak is over. Jockey Pat Day's streak is very much alive.

Day rode Louis Quatorze to a wire-to-wire victory at the Preakness on Saturday, giving the jockey his third straight win in the second leg of the Triple Crown. He also ended Lukas' remarkable streak of six straight Triple Crown victories.

"I'm sorry his streak ended," Day said. "I'm glad my streak continued."

The victory was particularly satisfying for trainer Nick Zito, who had three horses finish second during Lukas' string.

"I've been on such a great run, but I knew it wouldn't last forever," Lukas said. "We took a healthy cut at it. I've been blessed on this whole run. Now we'll get to work at Belmont and see if we can do it again."

Day had ridden Lukas' Prince of Thieves in the Kentucky Derby. But Lukas replaced him in the Preakness with Jerry Bailey, who became available after Grindstone was retired last week because of a chipped bone in his right knee.

"I felt bad about being taken off Prince of Thieves, but I was only too happy Nick gave us the chance to ride this horse," said the 42-year-old Day, who won the Preakness for Lukas on Tabasco Cat in 1994 and on Timber Country last year.

Prince of Thieves, third in the Derby, finished seventh Saturday, as Louis Quatorze, 16th in the Derby, won by 3 1-4

lengths over Skip Away, who was three lengths ahead of the Lukas-trained Editor's Note.

Cavonnier, the Derby runner-up and Preakness favorite, finished another 2 1-2 lengths back in the field of 12 3-year-olds.

"You trade a guy, and the next time you look up, he's beating you with a touchdown pass," said Lukas, a former high school and college basketball coach, who often talks about racing in coaching terms. "That happens in sports."

Louis Quatorze led all the way in winning the 1 3-16 mile classic on a sunny day at Pimlico as Lukas-trained horses lost a Triple Crown race for the first time since the 1994 Kentucky Derby.

"It was probably one of the highlights of my training career," said Zito, 48, who won his first Preakness and has two victories at the Kentucky Derby. "Wayne gave me a hug and said, 'Congratulations. I'm glad if my streak was broken, you broke it.' That was really nice of him to do that."

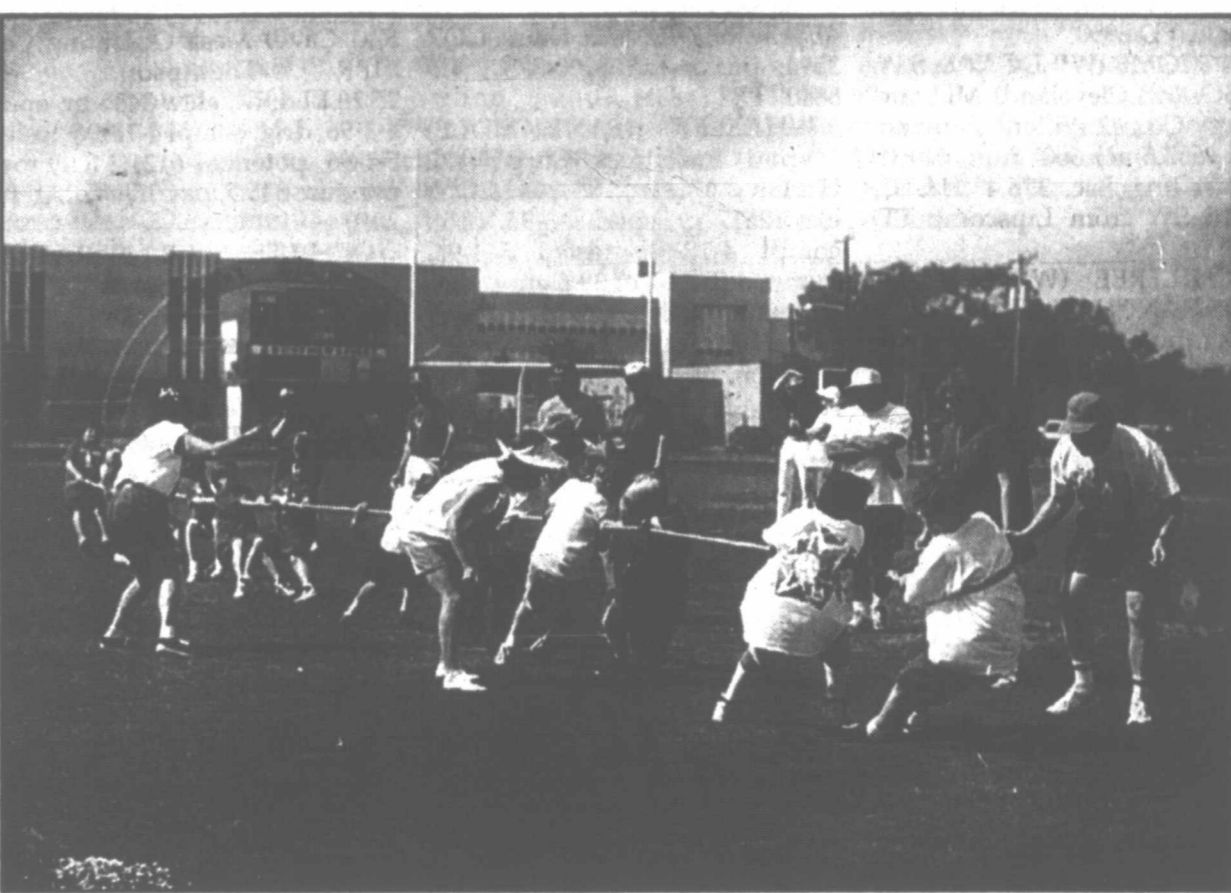
Before the race, Zito told Day he had a wish list. "Excellent" would mean the colt got the lead and kept it. "Good" was that he would lay second, and "fair" was that he would lay third.

"Obviously, he went for 'excellent,'" Zito said.

The race nearly ended early for Louis Quatorze when Secreto de Estado broke badly and stumbled.

"I was afraid he might stumble into us, but we got clear," Day said.

Tug of war



Fourth graders from Wilson and Austin are involved in a tug of war Friday during the Pampa Elementary Grade School Track Meet at Randy Matson Field.

Kristi to carry Olympic torch for Pampa

PAMPA — Kristi Fatheree of Pampa will be among a group of Olympic torchbearers taking part in a relay race Monday in Fort Worth.

Fatheree, a 1985 PHS graduate, is scheduled to carry the torch one kilometer, starting at 6:45 a.m. at the Stockyards. It will be run through Fort Worth into Arlington and then to the Dallas West End Marketplace for a 2 p.m. ceremony.

Among the others participating are Fort Worth Mayor Ron Kirk and Bob Richards, the three-time Olympic pole vaulter who was the first Olympian to be pictured on a Wheaties box. Fatheree was a state contender in the long jump while in high school and she was also the Texas gymnastics champion.

Before the run begins, the group will be treated to a chuck wagon breakfast at the Stockyards.

Fatheree will receive a uniform at the end of her run and she can also purchase the torch she carries for \$275.

At the end of the day, the torch will arrive in Indian Springs at 10:27 p.m. The United States softball team, in town for a double-header against Baylor earlier Monday, will be among the crowd at the arrival ceremony.

The Texas torch run will end around 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Louisiana state line after going through Orange.

The Olympic Torch arrives in Atlanta July 19 for the opening ceremonies of the Games. It will

continue burning for the 16 days of the Olympics, bringing the total number of day on United States soil to 100.

Other facts and figures about the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay in the United States:
Total Torchbearers: 10,000
Total Miles: 15,000
Total Days: 84
Transportation: Runners, bicycles, horseback, boat, plane and 19-car Union Pacific train

Torch Size: 32 inches, 3 1/2 pounds
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BASEBALL				
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East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	24	15	.615	—
Baltimore	22	17	.564	2
Toronto	18	22	.450	6 1/2
Boston	15	24	.386	9
Detroit	12	32	.273	14 1/2
Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	27	13	.675	—
Chicago	23	18	.561	4 1/2
Milwaukee	18	20	.474	8
Minnesota	18	21	.462	8 1/2
Kansas City	18	24	.429	10
West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	27	15	.643	—
Seattle	21	19	.525	5
Oakland	20	20	.500	6
California	19	22	.463	7 1/2

Friday's Games
 Boston 5, Oakland 3, 11 innings
 Kansas City 4, Toronto 2
 New York 5, California 5
 Chicago 11, Detroit 6, 10 innings
 Milwaukee 12, Minnesota 1
 Cleveland 12, Texas 10
 Baltimore 14, Seattle 13
Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
 Texas 6, Cleveland 3
 Oakland 6, Boston 5, 10 innings
 Chicago 18, Detroit 4
 New York 7, California 3
 Seattle at Baltimore (n)
 Milwaukee at Minnesota (n)
 Toronto at Kansas City (n)
Sunday's Games
 Texas (Witt 4-2) at Cleveland (Nagy 6-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Wengert 1-1) at Boston (Sele 1-3), 1:05 p.m.
 California (Finley 4-2) at New York (Karnienicki 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
 Seattle (Hitchcock 3-2) at Baltimore (Mussina 6-2), 1:35 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Spario 2-4) at Minnesota (Robertson 0-8), 2:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Hanson 4-5) at Kansas City (Gubicza 3-5), 2:35 p.m.
 Chicago (Alvarez 3-3) at Detroit (Gohr 2-5), 8:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Oakland at Boston, 6:05 p.m.
 California at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
 Only games scheduled

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East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	27	15	.643	—
Atlanta	26	16	.619	1/2
Philadelphia	20	20	.500	6
Florida	21	23	.477	7
New York	16	23	.410	9 1/2
Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	21	22	.488	—
Chicago	20	23	.465	1
Cincinnati	18	20	.474	3
Pittsburgh	17	24	.415	3
St. Louis	17	24	.415	3
West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	26	16	.619	—
San Francisco	20	19	.513	4 1/2
Los Angeles	22	21	.512	4 1/2
Colorado	17	21	.447	7

Small fry go fishing

FRITCH — The Fritch-Lake Meredith Small Fry Fishing Tournament held earlier this month at Cedar Canyon was attended by 118 youngsters from the surrounding area. The participants came from Pampa, Fritch, Amarillo, Borger, Stinnett, Sanford, Dumas, Bushland, White Deer, Big Bend, Forgan, Okla. and Capulin, New Mexico.

There was a total of 98 fish caught among all the young anglers.

Tournament winners included: smallest fish caught, Joshua Rigo, Fritch, 6-8 age category; Kori Norris, Dumas, second place; Kira Smith, Dumas, third place; Ross Herriman, 9-11 age category, first place; Brandon Whittington, second place; Olaf Alexander, third place; Justin Stevens, Fritch, 12-14 age category; first place; Andrew Mettham, Amarillo second place; Scott Wampler, Fritch, third place; Charlie Clark, Amarillo, grand prize winner for the largest fish; James Watson, Borger, second largest fish; Scott Wampler, Fritch, and third largest fish, Kassie Christian, Fritch. Two of the participants caught Lake record fish.

The Small Fry Fishing Association will have its annual meeting in July to start planning for next year. Contact Janet Roberts at 857-2458 if you are interested in becoming a part of the Association.

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Phil Everson and Melinda Randall were named the Most Valuable Players on the Pampa boys and girls golf teams this season. They were voted on by their teammates.

Life goes at Indy 500race

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — One day after the pole-winner was killed on a practice run, rookie Dan Drinan survived a crash during practice for the Indianapolis 500.

Drinan, a former mechanic in the crew of Scott Brayton who died Friday, suffered a concussion, broken left hip and left foot and a bruised lung during the Saturday morning run. He was hospitalized in stable condition.

Three other rookies, Brad Murphy, Fermin Velez and Billy Boat joined the tentative lineup, which will be finalized Sunday. Veteran Johnny Parsons also qualified for the first time since 1986.

Brayton's crew, Team Menard, still had not decided whether to withdraw his car or to substitute another driver and start from the rear of the 33-car field in the May 26 race.

Murphy, a 40-year-old former rodeo cowboy who hasn't raced in seven years, was the fastest of the three rookie qualifiers Saturday, joining Hemelgarn Racing teammates Buddy Lazier and Stephan Gregoire, who qualified a week earlier. His four-lap average of 226.053 mph gave him a tentative spot on the outside of the ninth row.

Velez became the first Spaniard to earn a starting spot at Indianapolis. Boat won 11 straight midget car races last year, a U.S.

Auto Club record for any division of racing.

Parsons, 51, the oldest driver in the race for the 124th time. Driving a 3-year-old Lola that was repaired after he crashed before qualifications a week earlier, Parsons turned in the four fastest laps he has had all month and qualified at 223.843 mph.

As one of the top 25 point-getters in the first two Indy Racing League events at Orlando and Phoenix, he is locked into the lineup and can't be bumped.

"Oh, man. I can't tell you the many years of heartbreak," said Parsons, the son of 1950 Indy winner Johnnie Parsons.

"Ten years. I can't tell you how much pain it is to miss this race when you know you're capable and just don't have the opportunities. And sometimes you do have the opportunities, as we have had in the past."

Parsons suffered severe leg injuries in a crash in practice in 1987 and couldn't get an Indy ride again until 1994, when he practiced 114 laps but did not make a qualification attempt.

Rangers snap Indians 13-game winning streak

By RUSTY MILLER
 AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Texas Rangers stopped Cleveland's 13-game home winning streak, beating the Indians 6-3 Saturday behind Damon Buford's two-run single in the seventh inning.

Darryl Hamilton led off the game with a home run, and Texas went on to end the Indians' six-game winning streak.

Albert Belle hit his 17th home run, tying him for the major league lead with Barry Bonds, and extended his hitting streak to a career-high 19 games for Cleveland.

Darren Oliver (3-1) pitched 6 2-3 innings for the win. Reliever Jeff Russell struck out Belle with runners at first and second to end the seventh, and Mike Henneman pitched the ninth for his 11th save.

Hamilton homered off Brian Anderson (0-1), making his first start for the Indians since being acquired from California in the spring.

The Rangers added an

unearned run in the second. Buford singled and stole second, then moved to third when Anderson's pickoff throw to second was wild. He came home on Kevin Elster's sacrifice fly to center.

Belle hit a solo home run in the second inning. He tied Oakland's Jason Giambi for the longest hitting streak in the majors this year.

Cleveland took a 3-2 lead in the third on Julio Franco's two-run single.

Singles by Dean Palmer and Mark McLemore put runners on second and third with one out in the Texas seventh. Buford lined a single to left for a 4-3 lead. Buford had three hits, matching his career high.

The Rangers added two more runs in the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Palmer and Rusty Greer's double off the foot of first base umpire Tim Welke. The ball ricocheted into short right field instead of going into the corner, with one run scoring.

Anderson worked seven innings, giving up seven hits and three earned runs. He struck out four and walked one.

Warriors open football season Sept. 6

MIAMI — The Miami Warriors kick off the 1996 Six-Man football season Sept. 6 against Follett.

Scrimmages are scheduled Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at home against Lefors and Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. at Samnorwood.

Miami picks up two new district opponents in Groom and Fort Elliott. Groom moves from 11-man to six-man and Fort Elliott is fielding a football team for the first time.

The first District 1-A game is Oct. 11 against Groom.

The Warriors were district runners-up in 1995, finishing with a 9-

2 record.

Miami Schedule

Sept.
 6 — Follett, 7:30 p.m. away; 13 — Silvertown, 7:30 p.m. home; 20 — Hedley, 7:30 p.m. away; 27 — Higgins, 7:30 p.m. home.

Oct.
 4 — *Amarillo Christian, 7:30 p.m. away; 11 — *Groom, 7:30 p.m. home; 25 — *Follett, 7:30 p.m. home.

Nov.
 1 — *Fort Elliott, 7:30 p.m. home; 8 — *Lefors, 7:30 p.m. away;

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FBI and Colorado lawmaker talk with Montana Freemen as standoff continues

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — FBI agents and a Colorado lawmaker met with the anti-government Freemen again on Saturday, sitting around a card table set up on a muddy farm road.

There was no word of any progress toward ending the standoff. Under a beefed-up security presence, the two sides met for two hours and 15 minutes.

Their only break was a 15-minute spell midway through the session.

Two carloads of FBI agents stood watch a few hundred yards up the road as the seven negotiators sat around the folding table on the dirt road inside the gate of the 960-acre property.

After the talks ended for the day, negotiators left without speaking to reporters.

The two sides met for 90 minutes on Friday, and the Colorado legislator, state Sen. Charles Duke, was taken alone into the farm compound while the agents waited outside.

After Friday's session, Duke said that some progress was made in the talks, which involve "probably 30 or 40 major issues," and they are "horribly complex."

Duke is a leader in his state's "patriot" movement, a loose confederation of groups that feel established government has gone beyond its legal or constitutional boundaries.

The Freemen group, believed to be heavily armed, says it is not subject to state or federal laws. The standoff began March 25 when the FBI arrested two members of the group.

Coke vs. Pepsi: Cola wars now in a space race

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The cola wars take on a new dimension with Sunday morning's planned launch of space shuttle Endeavour with a soda dispenser.

Endeavour is loaded with 50 4-ounce servings of Coca-Cola products for the drinking pleasure of six astronauts assigned to the science mission. For the record, NASA considers it a study of two-phase (liquid and gas) systems.

Over at the Russian space station Mir, Pepsi Cola is hawking its own beverages and, what's more, is about to film the first commercial in space with the help of two spacewalking cosmonauts.

It's shaping up to be quite a fight.

"For years, the cola wars have been raging on every corner of this planet between Pepsi and Coke," Pepsi spokeswoman Geri Schachner said. "And after an 11-year hiatus, we're going to be renewing the cola wars in space."

The space cola war began in 1985 when NASA flew Pepsi and Coke aboard Challenger in what was described as an engineering evaluation of space beverage cans. As far as the astronauts were concerned, it was a dud. For one thing, the soda was warm.

Coca-Cola flew its canned product in space again in 1991 aboard the Russian station and, in 1995, sent a soda dispenser into orbit on shuttle Discovery. Aside from too much foam, the chilled, dispensed drinks got generally good reviews.

This time, Coca-Cola is flying a new dispenser designed to keep the soda even colder and produce less foam. The Endeavour astronauts will have their choice of Coke, Diet Coke and a non-carbonated orange Powerade. The beverages will be dispensed in small plastic bottles for use with straws.

Both the Coke and Diet Coke will have less carbonation than the earthly variety. Astronauts evidently have trouble burping in space and if there's too much carbonation, well, you get the picture.

Endeavour astronaut Daniel Bursch would just as soon have a pizza or a "nice, greasy hamburger" in orbit.

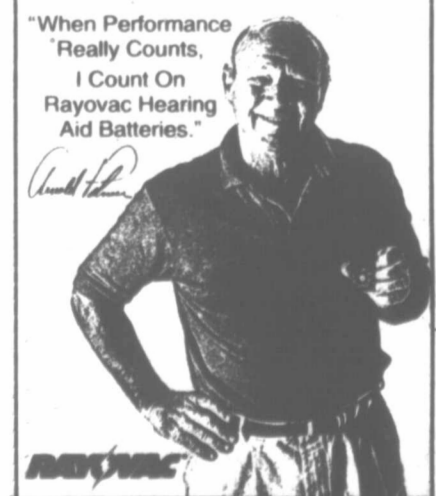
"I don't think I've actually really craved a soda" in space, he said.

This is not — repeat not — a publicity stunt, Coca-Cola officials say. The company, in fact, cannot use any shuttle soda-drinking scenes in advertising since that's against NASA policy.

"It's research and it also addresses a market. It's not a high-volume market, but it's a market," said Michael Myers, a Coca-Cola engineer in charge of the project. "Our corporate goal is to refresh people with non-alcoholic beverages wherever people are, and as space becomes more of an issue with space station and projects beyond that, we want to be the soft drink that's there."

Coca-Cola spent \$1.5 million developing the dispensers, which the company hopes to fly one day on the planned international space station. NASA contributed another few million dollars toward the experiment.

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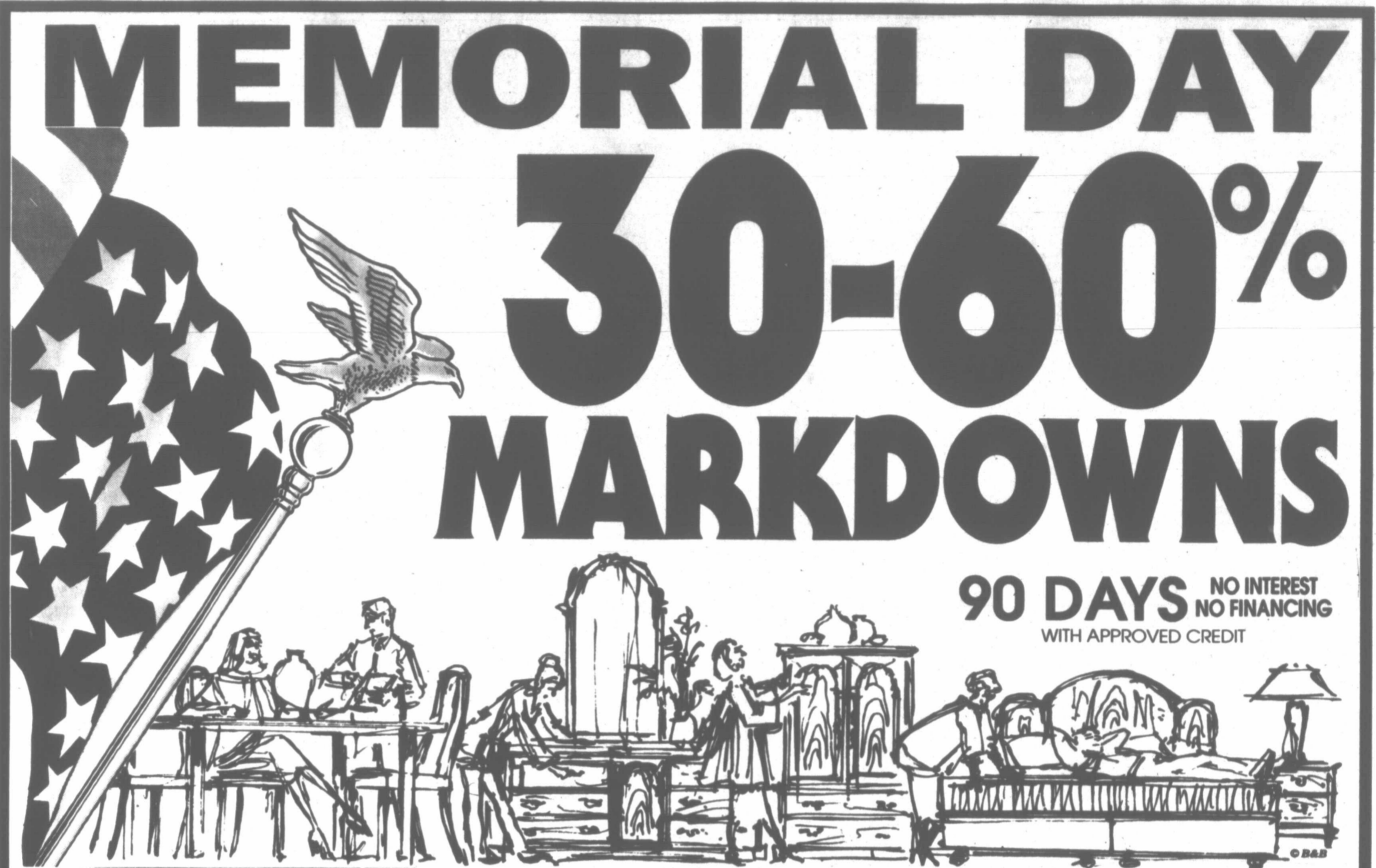
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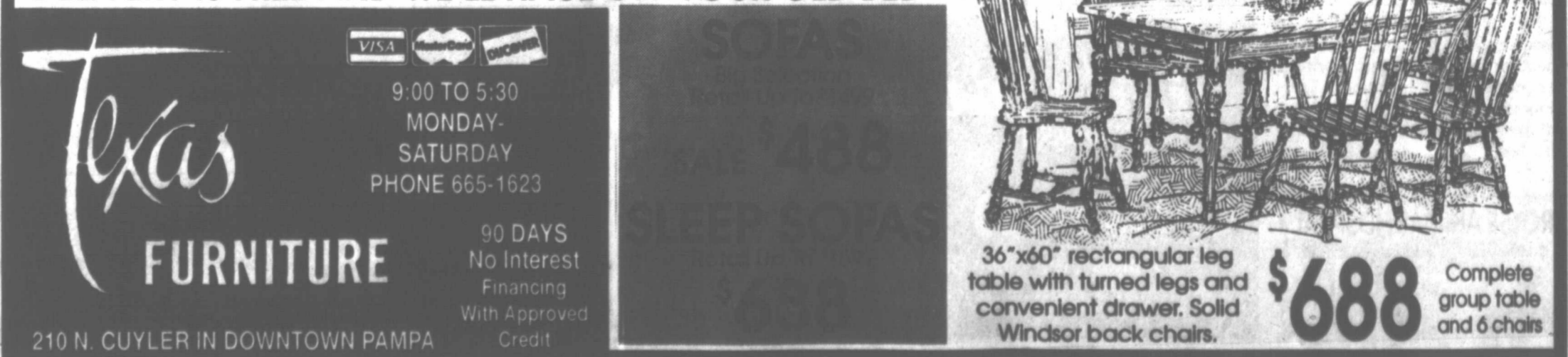
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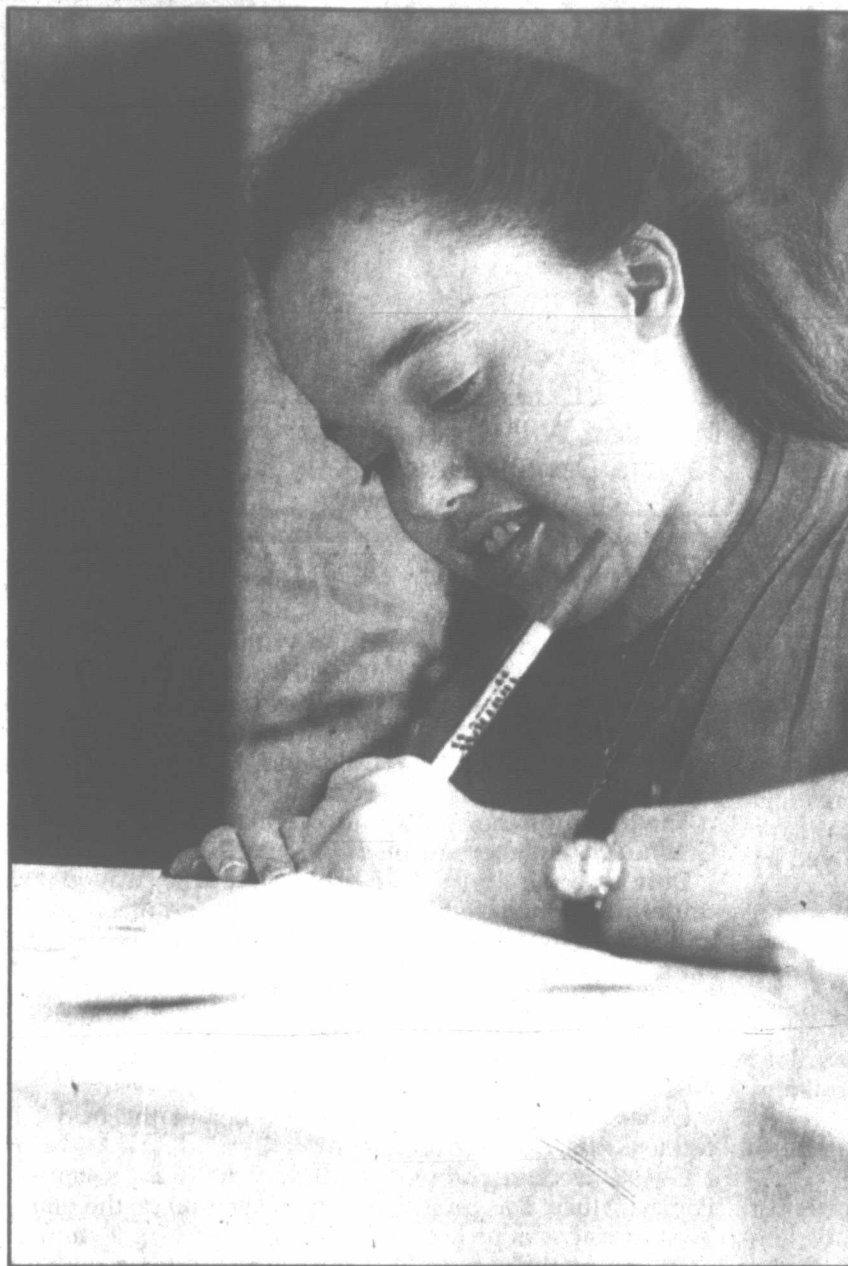
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It continues through Accelerated Reading and Johnny Can Spell to reading the classics of literature.

The road concludes in a flurry of activities in their senior year — mailing out college applications, enlisting in the armed services, attending banquet after banquet, addressing graduation invitations, dancing at the prom, tossing mortarboards at graduation.

Far left: Misty Adams finds an acceptance letter and \$4,000 scholarship offer from Angelo State University. Adams will major in sociology.

Left: Salutatorian Edith Osborne addresses a stack of invitations to the May 24 graduation ceremony. The ceremony, scheduled for 8 p.m. at Harvester Field, will honor 235 graduates. Osborne will attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University and major in biology and chemistry.



Above: Mary Helen Rivera, the only graduating senior in the high school's senior development class this year, receives a certificate of appreciation during the SDC banquet. Students in all grades attended a number of end-of-year banquets, honoring achievements in areas from band and choir to basketball and football to academics. Rivera works in the First Baptist Church day care center, folding laundry.

Right: Zindi Richardson helps daughter Shaylee Richardson preparing for the May 18 prom. The younger Richardson is the class valedictorian and will attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and major in accounting and finance.



Above: Junior class mothers Debbie Cagle, Gayle Curtis and Sandy East begin preparations for today's vesper's tea. The tea follows the vesper's service for seniors beginning at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Junior class mothers traditionally host the tea.

Right: Brian Phelps and Trey McCavit have both decided to attend Texas Tech University, but must first accept their diplomas at Friday's commencement. Phelps has yet to decide on a major, but McCavit will major in either architecture or mechanical engineering.



Photos by Chip Chandler



Julie Anna Hendley and Tommy Bowden

Hendley - Bowden

Julie Anna Hendley and Tommy Bowden, both of Amarillo, plan to marry July 6 at The Wedding Chapel, Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Robert and Janet Cooper, Amarillo. The groom-to-be is the son of Diane Bowden, Cross Plains, and the late Kent Bowden.

She is employed by the law firm of Peterson, Farris, Doores and Jones, Amarillo.

He is a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by United Parcel Service.

Chambers - Lambert

Cassandra Lynn Chambers, Oklahoma City, and Dennis Paul Lambert Jr., Kingfisher, Okla., plan to marry June 22 at Chisolm Heights Baptist Church, Mustang, Okla.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim and Carol Chambers, Mustang, Okla.

The prospective groom is the son of Dennis and Joy Lambert of Kingfisher, Okla., formerly of Lefors. He is the grandson of Ben and Mary White of Lefors.

She is a 1991 graduate of Mustang High School and December 1995 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, where she earned a degree in exercise fitness management. She is employed at the Santa Fe Club as membership/marketing director.

He is a 1988 graduate of Kingfisher High School. He is a May graduate of University of Central Oklahoma where he earned a bachelor of science in education degree in health and physical education. He plans to coach and teach physical education and health.

'Trash to Treasures' set for May 31, June 1 and 2

Celebration of Lights is promoting its second annual city-wide garage sale to be held the first weekend of June as a fund raiser for improving Christmas holiday light decorations.

The "Trash to Treasures" garage sale is scheduled for May 31 and June 1 and 2. Those participating in the city-wide sale will pay Celebration of Lights \$5 to have their addresses included on all the advertising and publicity.

Participants keep all the money they make from their garage sale, and Celebration of Lights raises money from advertising the sale.

Celebration of Lights will also hold its own garage sale June 1.

The weekend of events will be promoted throughout the Panhandle area, and organizers hope to bring thousands of people to Pampa for the weekend sale.

The city-wide garage sale is being held the same weekend as the band carnival and other activities.

Downtown merchants, mall merchants and other businesses are planning special sales in conjunction with the weekend activities.

Registration forms are available at Culberson-Stowers, M.K. Brown Auditorium or Chaney's Cafe.

Deadline for registering is Friday, May 24.

Nursing honors



(Special photo)

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's nursing division held its awards/pinning ceremony May 10. Receiving awards included from left, Luci Schuelke Gabehart, Ackerly, Winters Award for Outstanding Junior; Ann Garrison Scholarship nomination and Winona Madison nursing scholarship; Tara Charles, Booker, Charlene Carrol Dopson nursing award; Michelle McNinch, Grapevine, Who's Who Among Nursing Students, SOSUNSA scholarship, National Collegiate Nursing Award, and president of SOSUNSA; Elizabeth Stiles, Wheeler, National Collegiate Nursing Award; Erin Chandler, Amarillo, ONA District 5 Service Award; and Celia Sigala, Pampa, SOSUNSA scholarship.

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Mrs. Jon Will Greene
Tamara Danette Bruce

Bruce - Greene

Tamara Danette Bruce and Jon Will Greene, both of Pampa, were married Saturday, May 18 at Briarwood Church with the Rev. Gene Allen and the Rev. Lynn Hancock of the church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Teresa Bruce, Pampa. She is the granddaughter of Dale and Elnora Haynes, Pampa, and Wallace and Doreen Bruce, Pampa.

The groom is the son of Hunky Greene, Pampa, and the late Ann Greene. He is the grandson of Bill and Ruth Greene, Pampa.

Doretta Tolar, aunt of the bride, Cleburne, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Wendy Gray, Abilene, Stacie Johnson, Borger, and Julie Massick, Amarillo. Jacklyn Cargill, daughter of Ken and Dana Cargill, Pampa, was flower girl.

Standing as best man was father of the groom, Hunky Greene. Groomsmen included William Sharpton, Pampa, Keith Avent, Amarillo, and Justin Collingsworth, Lubbock. Corben Reid, son of Ben and Amie Reid, Amarillo, served as ring bearer.

Ushers included Wade Bruce, brother of the bride, Pampa, and Jackie Gross, Albuquerque, N.M.

Guests were registered by Tammy Didway, sister of the groom Pampa. Music was provided by Susie Wilson on the piano and organ. Vocal music was provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Hancock.

Following the service, the couple was honored with a reception in the home of the bride's grandparents. Guests were served by Tracy Bruton, Christy Harris and Brooke Mahlar, all of Abilene; Kim Buchanan, Red River, N.M.; Tammye Martindale, Pampa; and Jennifer Ward, Wichita Falls.

The bride attends West Texas A&M University majoring in business management. She is employed with Farmers Insurance Group, Amarillo.

The groom is employed by Halliburton, Pampa.

Following a honeymoon to Pagosa Springs, Colo., the couple plans to make their home in Pampa.



Mrs. Nathan Mark Leazer
Rhonda Lea Patton

Patton - Leazer

Rhonda Lea Patton and Nathan Mark Leazer, both of Oklahoma City, were married April 20 at North MacArthur Church of Christ in Oklahoma City. Rory Faulkner, cousin of the groom, Chickasha, Okla., officiated at the ceremony and stood as best man.

The bride is the daughter of Nelda Patton, Pampa, and the late Ronal C. Patton.

The groom is the son of Russell and Joy Leazer, Crescent, Okla.

She was given in marriage by her brother, Rick Patton, Oklahoma City. Rebecca Scott, Oklahoma City, was maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Susan Stewart, Oklahoma City, and Priscilla Oglevie, Fort Worth.

Flower girls and their escorts were Melody Thompson, niece of the groom, and Caleb Thompson, nephew of the groom, and Kailie Patton, niece of the bride, escorted by Nicholas Thompson, nephew of the groom, all of Oklahoma City.

Groomsmen included Dell Van Leazer, brother of the groom, Piedmont, Okla., and Russell Leazer, father of the groom.

Keelan Patton, nephew of the bride, Oklahoma City, was ringbearer.

Tim Thompson, brother-in-law of the groom, and Daina Wilburn, both of Oklahoma City, were ushers.

Guests were registered by Carol Hawthorne, Oklahoma City. She was assisted by Kelsey Thompson, niece of the groom, Oklahoma City. Vocal music was presented by Amy Hardiman, Oklahoma City.

Following the service, the couple was honored with a reception in the church. Guests were served by Jana Patton, sister-in-law of the bride, and Lisa Thompson, sister-in-law of the groom, both of Oklahoma City; Rhonda Faulkner, cousin-in-law of the groom, Chickasha, Okla., and Joyce Leazer, sister-in-law of the groom, Piedmont, Okla.

She is a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School. She graduated from Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts and is employed by KFOR-TV, Oklahoma City, as human resources coordinator.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts. He is employed as a courier by Federal Express, Oklahoma City.

Following a honeymoon to San Francisco, they are making their home in Oklahoma City.

Writing contest sponsored during Tri-State Fair

AMARILLO - The Tri-State Fair writing contest is open until Aug. 1. Best of Show, first, second and third cash prizes and honorable mention certificates will be awarded for prose and poetry. For information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Cleo Smith, Box 31087, Amarillo, 79120-1087.

Lifestyles policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements, or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding, and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wed-

ding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more, and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198



Charity McCullough and Lesley Montgomery

McCullough - Montgomery

Charity Dawn McCullough and Lesley Lawton Montgomery, both of Canyon, plan to marry June 15 at First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Stephen K. McCullough, Albuquerque, N.M., and Debi J. Love of Sedona, Ariz.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary K. Montgomery, Pampa. He is the grandson of Joe McNutt, Howardwick, and the late Dortha McNutt and Jim and Melba Montgomery of Wheeler.

She is a 1992 graduate of Pampa High School and is a senior at West Texas A&M University majoring in English. She is employed as accounting assistant at Drug Emporium in Amarillo.

He is a 1993 graduate of Pampa High School and is a junior at West Texas A&M University majoring in mass communications and public relations.

Montgomery is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, a senator for College of Fine Arts and Humanities, and Buff Branding Counselor. He is news director of 91.1 KWTS at the university, and is employed as a disc jockey for 96.9 KMML.

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WHERE THE ELITE MEET TO EAT AND GET A SEAT Nino Osti, maitre d' at the Polo Lounge in Beverly Hills decides diners' food fates.

By DENNIS ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

Spago. The Ivy. The Polo Lounge. Even just the names of the restaurants making up the inner circle of power dining spots conjure up visions of Hollywood glamour, power deals, expensive champagnes and market price caviar.

How to get a table among the swells or the mighty? Be a regular, one of the known rich and famous. Have a hot movie. Or, failing all else, it helps to be pregnant.

"If you're Kevin Costner, of course you're going to get a great table. But if you're not, you need a strategy," advises a junior studio executive who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Leave my name out, please. I'd like to make a movie of my own some day."

The self-effacing junior exec is sometimes called on to arrange luncheon bookings for more senior studio honchos.

"If you've got a hot movie, hey, it helps. But if you're not Costner, sometimes you can't get the time or the table you want."

One boss wanted a booth and had a recent movie credit with good marquee recognition, but the can-do assistant still couldn't get that elusive 8 p.m. seating. So he made an appeal to the com-

passion of the maitre d': The producer's bride was pregnant.

In Hollywood, everything is negotiation. The producer got the booth, but 9:30 p.m. was the earliest seating.

And forget about something as crass as trying to grease the palm of the doorman with a large-denomination bill. Money may talk in other realms of Hollywood life, but the junior executive and others say trying to bribe a maitre d' would get you only a blank stare.

On Sunset Boulevard, a blue tour bus slowly passes the pink layer-cake confectionery of the famous Beverly Hills Hotel, where celebrities hold court at the Polo Lounge. The wide-eyed tourists look like space travelers inspecting an exotic planet from orbit. And, in a way, they are.

The out-of-towners live in another world from the stars that chart a course in the Polo Lounge's constellation of white linen and gleaming silver.

Still, with the right polo shirt, the right slacks or dress and a little poise, even an outer-orbit visitor could get a decent table.

"You really must be nice to everyone," says Nino Osti, maitre d' at the Polo Lounge. "You never know when someone walking in might be the next Howard Hughes."

Osti knows. The billionaire recluse lived at the hotel off and

on for 30 years, consuming pineapple upside-down cakes at 3 a.m. and searching for a roast beef sandwich he ordered to be kept hidden in a tree.

During the nearly 30 years Osti has worked at the hotel, he has shaken hands with five astronauts, hand-carried Sir Richard Attenborough's gold Oscar statuettes for "Gandhi" and seated countless combinations of celebrity and royalty.

But not all Osti's customers are celebrities. Regular customers who aren't famous get special handling. Hotel guests who pay anywhere from \$275 to \$2,750 per night for their rooms or secluded bungalows purchase a status of their own while they wait for baby lettuce with truffle oil or crab meat ravioli.

"Buzz Aldrin, a Caesar salad," Osti confides.

Not all celebrities head for the

Polo Lounge. Jackie Collins, Charlton Heston and Jaclyn Smith like the pink stools in the hotel's Fountain Coffee Shop and its homier fare.

In the coffee shop, the banana leaf wallpaper looks just like it did more than 50 years ago when

Darryl F. Zanuck and Spencer Tracy actually played polo nearby.

Adjusting his elegant black dinner jacket, Osti looks like he just stepped out of Rick's American Cafe in Casablanca.

"It's Hollywood! Everybody comes here," Osti says.

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Unusually dry season threatens many animals and worries Arizona residents

By CAROL SOWERS
The Arizona Republic

PHOENIX (AP) — No one knows how many miles the parched Herefords walked before they found water.

But when they reached the all-but-dry Twin Hill Tank near Slaughter Mountain, it was too late. The three cows became stuck in the thick mud, too weak to pull themselves out, too mired to be pulled out by Apache cowboys.

They would die soon, joining the 10 or so cattle dying each day in the high desert of the San Carlos Indian Reservation.

Arizona is in the grip of one of its most severe dry spells of the past century.

Creeks and springs are drying up, and swimming holes are growing stagnant and warm. Major rivers, such as the Salt, have been reduced to trickles, discouraging rafters.

Ferocious wildfires, which usually rip through Arizona's deserts and forests in the summer, instead started in April, scorching tens of thousands of acres.

In some rural communities, water no longer is running in some homes and businesses, and bottled water is being used to flush toilets.

As if that weren't enough, there is no rain in sight. No moisture is

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— Judith Rugo,
Arizona resident

expected until the mid-July monsoon season, if it comes this year. The rains failed to materialize last year.

"We can expect things to get a little worse before they get better," said Dan Evans, a hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey in Tucson.

The rivers give some of the most dramatic testimony to the lack of rain and snow.

Flows on the upper Salt River, between U.S. 60 and Roosevelt Lake, peaked in February, and the river was so low recently that you could walk through it and barely get a chill.

In the Phoenix-area, the Salt River Project is expecting the lowest runoff ever into the Salt and Verde rivers. SRP officials are gearing up for a major water-conservation campaign in the coming months.

The creek through Tucson's Sabino Canyon ran dry in early April, two months ahead of normal.

The dry spell is especially unforgiving for Arizona ranch-

ers, forcing them to haul water, sell livestock and look for better pastures.

The San Carlos Apache Reservation may be the hardest hit.

"This is the worst since the 1970s," said Marland Norton, general manager of two of the seven tribal-run cattle associations on the reservation northeast of Globe.

The tribe typically runs about 17,000 head of cattle on its ranges, but the numbers are dwindling.

At San Carlos, the lively cattle operation usually brings in about \$3 million a year, which helps fund educational and other programs. This year, that amount could plummet to \$1 million, a serious blow to the already financially struggling tribe.

Stockmen who oversee the tribally owned herds are selling cattle when they can, buying hay with a \$900,000 grant from the Tribal Council and herding cattle strong enough to walk to scarce watering holes and better grass.

Sometimes, cowboys use more heroic lifesaving measures, lifting weak cattle into trucks so they can be hauled to greener pastures.

Usually, the reservation's man-made earthen basins serving as water tanks are full. But at Twin Hill and dozens of other tanks, the water is gone, exposing foot-deep cracks in the hard earth.

The normally grass-rich ranges are barren, chewed down to dust by ravenous cattle. The starving cows have turned to bitter, thorny cholla.

Near Slaughter Mountain, Norton's truck splashed through a half-hearted stream that should have been a gusher. A mile away, a scrawny cow stumbled through the rocks. A calf, all backbone and ribs, trailed behind her dry udder.

"That cow won't be with us much longer," Norton said, pronouncing the fourth death sentence that day.

Udall Pike, who runs one of the tribe's cattle operations, is worried that if there is no rain, "next month will be worse."

That worries Judith Rugo and her neighbors in Strawberry, a small community just northwest of Payson.

Rugo, a retired rehabilitation worker, said water pressure in the tiny community on the Mogollon Rim is so low that some neighbors are flushing toilets with bottled water.

"People (tourists) need to know there is a real crisis here, and they may want to make other plans for the summer," she said.

Pete Weinel, wilderness specialist for Tonto National Forest, said backpackers and hikers should carry extra water because marked streams and springs may be dry.

Springs in the Mazatzal Mountains, including the Four Peaks region that has been ravaged by fire this week, began drying up early last month.

Elsewhere, dry springs have resulted in lower flows on popular rafting rivers such as the Salt. As a result, rafting permits in March dropped to less than a third of last year's level, and many who received permits didn't go, Weinel said.

At Roosevelt Lake, where local officials recently celebrated the enlargement of Roosevelt Dam, the water level is 56 percent below capacity. The level is expected to drop to 25 percent by the end of June, said Scott Harleson, an SRP spokesman.

"The winter runoff season,

January through May, is forecast to be the driest on record," Harleson said.

Seasonal runoff into the Salt and Verde rivers and their reservoirs is expected to be 129,000 acre-feet this year, well below the previous low of 135,000 acre-feet recorded in 1955. Average runoff is 650,000 acre-feet, enough water to serve all 2.5 million people in the area for a year.


This year's dryness is in stark contrast to the record high runoff of 4.1 million acre-feet set just three years ago, when Arizona experienced statewide floods.

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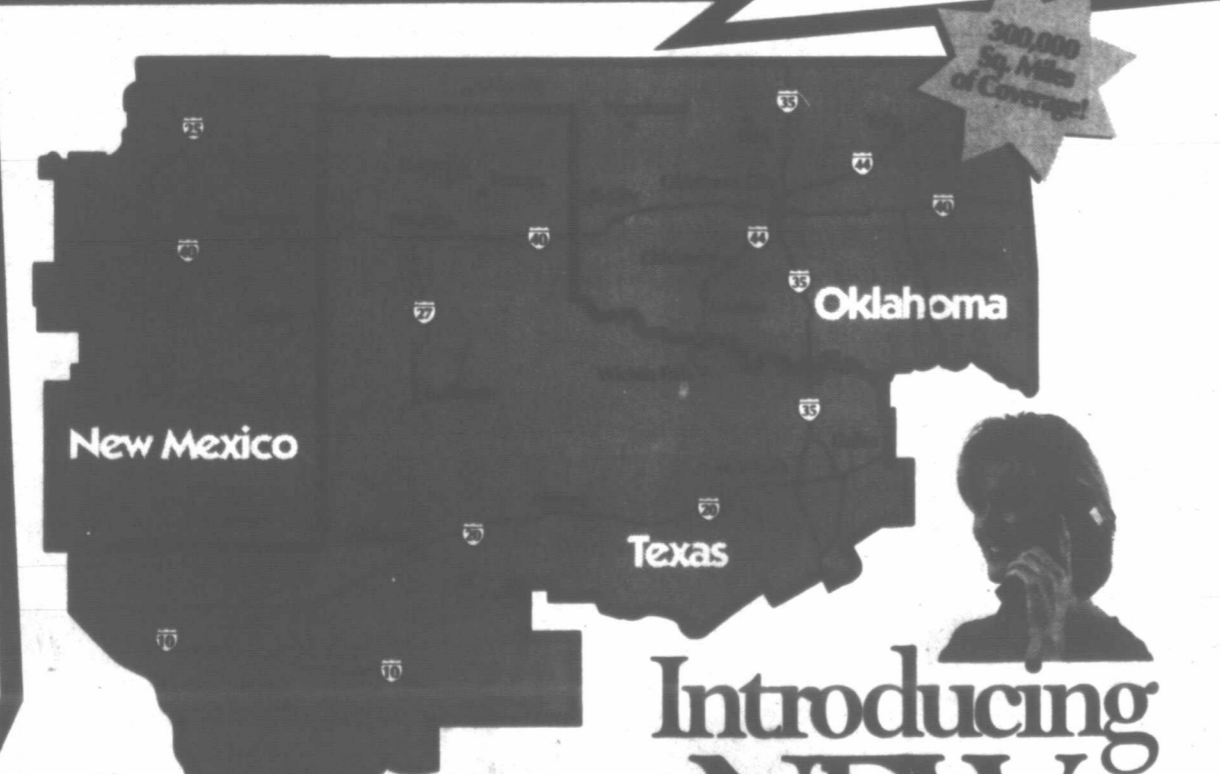
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(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

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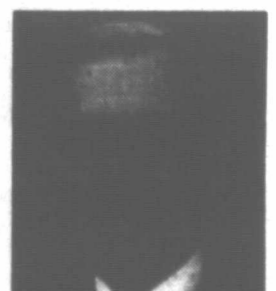
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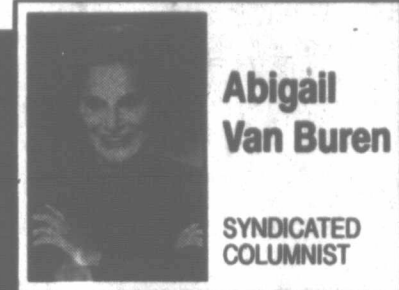
Any two people can make a baby, but it takes special people to raise and nurture a child to adulthood. These are parents.

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You may use my name.
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DEAR ABBY: I have been a devoted reader of your column for many years. Your advice is usually right on target.



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DEAR ABE BROWER: Thank you. You were right on target. Perhaps one of my readers will know who the author is. It's well worth space in my column.

THE TONE OF VOICE
(Author Unknown)

It's not so much what you say
As the manner in which you say it;
It's not so much the language you use
As the tone in which you convey it.
"Come here!" I sharply said,
And the child cowered and wept.
"Come here," I said —
He looked and smiled
And straight to my lap he crept.

Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The costliest investments might turn out to be the least fun today. Try to find inexpensive and pleasurable pursuits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ambitions will be easily aroused today, but you might focus on the wrong objectives. Do not waste time on goals that have little value.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A misunderstanding can only be resolved if it is brought out into the open today. Silence will only keep the issue smoldering.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you don't have anything nice to say about a friend today, remain silent. Any abusive comments will identify you as the source.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A friend who has cooperated with you in the past might not continue to be helpful if you fail to give him or her appropriate acknowledgment today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Guard against the tendency to blame others for your mistakes. If this pattern persists

today, it could create serious problems with co-workers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone with whom you'll be involved today might try to exploit your resources. He or she might try to maneuver you into an undesirable commitment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, do not make a major decision before considering all of its ramifications. Your judgment might not be sound. Take a second look.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) People who usually support you when you need it might not be available today. You should try to fend for yourself when faced with important assignments.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In an attempt to improve your financial situation today, you might be tempted to take a risk that goes against your better judgment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually you treat associates in a cordial, considerate manner. Regrettably, these splendid qualities might not be expressed today.

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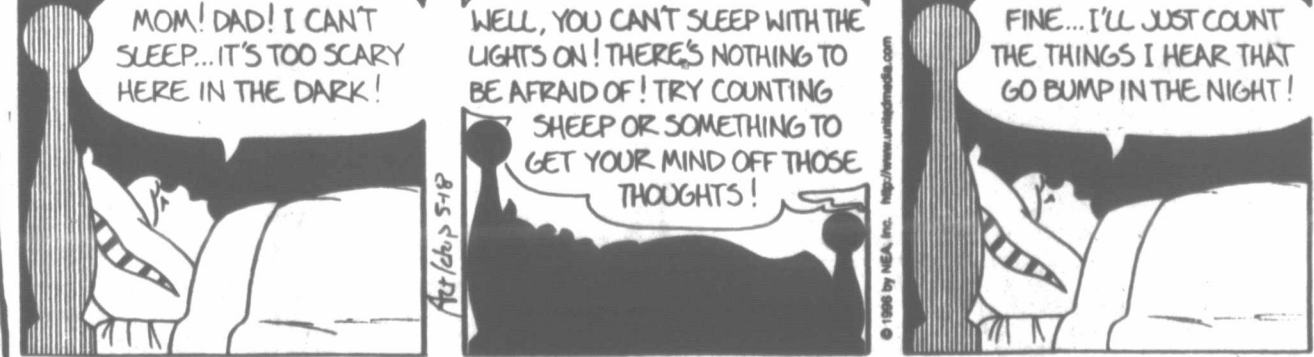
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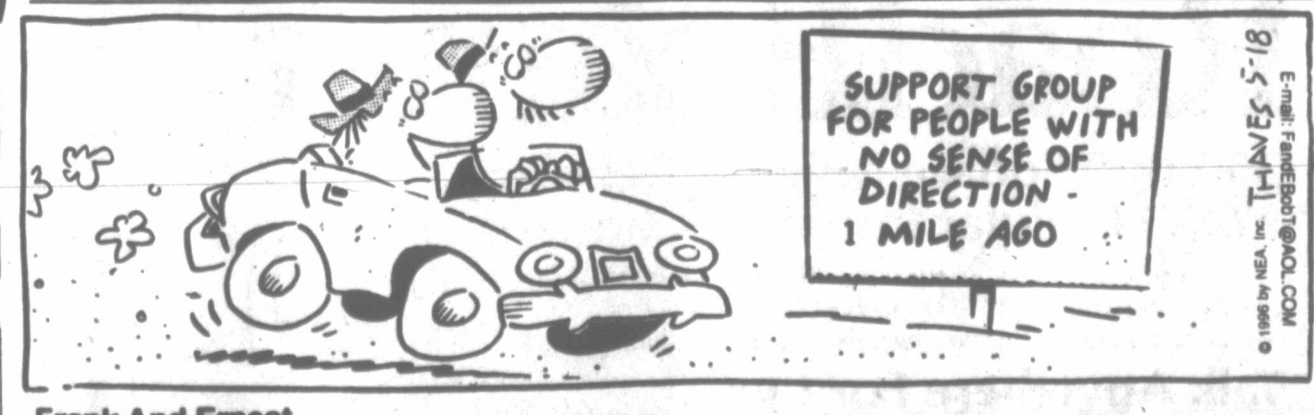
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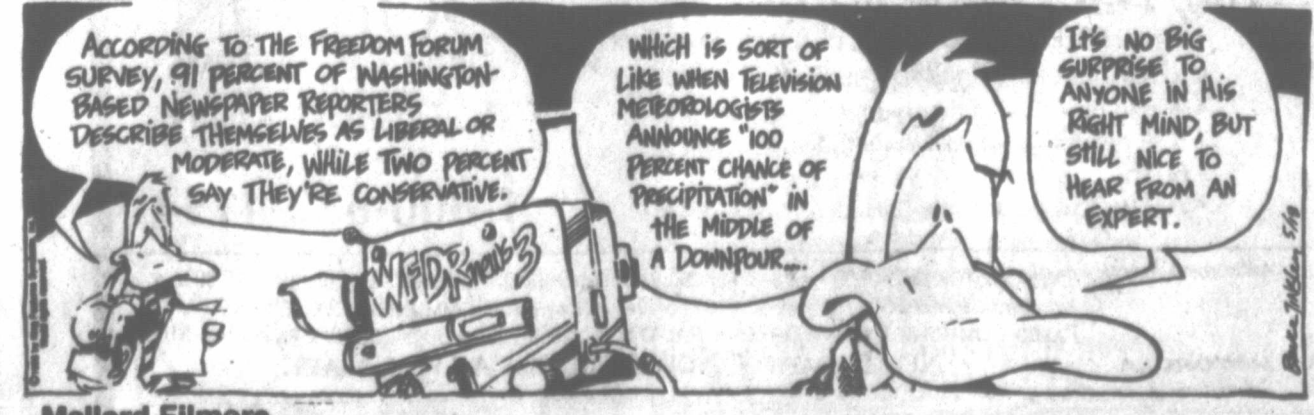
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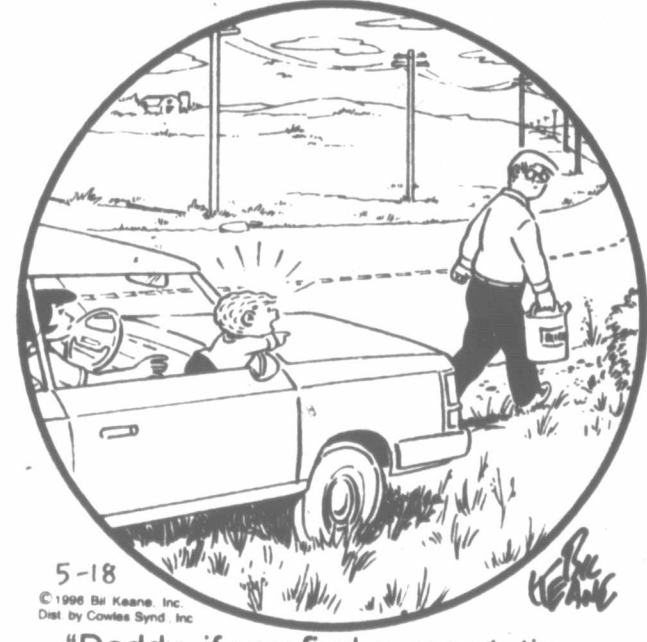
Horoscope



Monday, May 20, 1996

In the year ahead, you may benefit from some interesting changes in financial or social arenas. These changes will be initiated by friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, you may have to contend with someone you dislike immensely. Do not demean yourself by going out of your way to patronize this person. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill



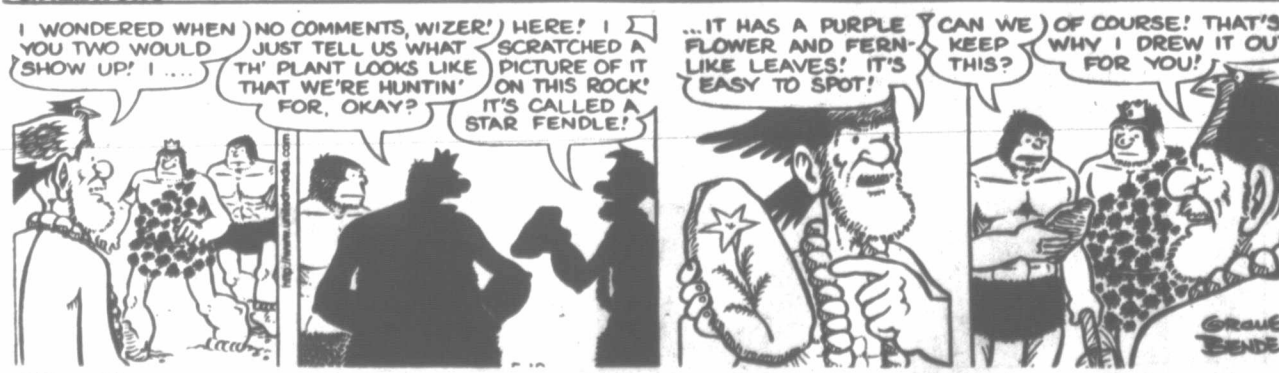
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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT - (BULL)

Outlook: The story remains the same. Tight supplies. Poor crop. Record high prices. How high can it go?

Guideposts to watch are the recent contract highs [717 in the May Chicago futures, 710 in Minneapolis, 636 in the July Chicago, 695 in the Kansas City]. Watch how the market reacts when it tests these recent highs. Can it exceed them? If so, how does the market action appear? Are we able to slice through these highs and march upward, or does the market find trouble here? Do we actually register new highs only to retreat and fall back [indicating a top?]

It is my belief the fundamentals support higher prices. How high, no mortal can predict. The market will tell us, so be a student of the market.

Strategy: Hedgers: Based on previous recommendations, we hedged up to 75 percent of anticipated production in July Chicago Futures at an average price of \$5.33. Last week, we suggested you roll out of futures into at the money put options. The rationale for this has to do with the strength of this market. Put options will guarantee a floor price at current excellent prices, yet reopen your upside potential.

We'll work with last Monday's closing price of 557, which would result in a modest loss in the futures of about 25 cents. The 560 puts cost approximately 30 cents

at that time. We'll continue to gamble on the remaining 25 percent. Spring wheat farmers own the \$6 September puts to hedge at least a portion of anticipated new crop production as well.

Traders: Gamblers look to buy July Chicago at 606 on a stop. If filled, risk to 567 for an objective of 675.

CORN - (BULL)

Outlook: Corn prices remain high, but demand seems to still be good. High hog prices do nothing to ration demand in that important sector. Exports remain very strong. Ethanol production is down significantly, but chicken placements are only down a tad.

It remains the job of price to ration demand so the market has an adequate carry-over supply. There is not a whole lot of evidence this has yet occurred to a degree which will keep prices down for too long. I still look for July futures to exceed the \$5 mark before contract expiration.

Strategy: Hedgers: Old crop: We currently own the July 450 call options purchased for approximately 25 cents. This is a replacement of previous old crop cash sales and this 25 cents now represents the maximum downside risk.

We've also cashed in on previous paper profits this year amounting to over \$1.30. Add these profits to your cash sale price to determine your ultimate selling price. Look to roll out

450s up to the July 500s if July futures trade at 500 or above.

New crop: We're currently 50 percent hedged in the December with an average price above \$3.20. The balance remains unhedged.

Traders: Last week, you were easily able to buy July futures at our new entry point - 469 or better. You can now raise the stop point to 443. Look for 510 on this trade.

CATTLE - (BULL)

Outlook: Well, just when the herd seemed to throw in the towel on this cattle market [present company excepted] we got an impressive \$8 rally off the lows. We told you this market was over-sold, too many green cattle were being sacrificed which would limit supplies just as demand started to pick up for Memorial Day. Now that the first leg of the rally is over, the market could trade much more erratically.

While I believe the annual lows have already been registered in the futures, do not be surprised if we see a test of the lows. This could be brought about by another grain rally. It will be a buying opportunity, in my opinion.

Strategy: Hedgers: On previous advice, feeders own the June 64 puts and August 63 puts for longer term protection. Hold until you market your cattle.

Cow/calf operators: Now that it appears the feed grains are starting to rally again, it appears protection is warranted in feeder futures and put options. Selective hedgers should look to cover shorts near the recent lows.

Traders: You were easily able to take profits on our June futures [purchased at 5807] at our recommended price of 5950. This represents a profit of \$572/contract minus commissions. Now look to buy August at 5795 or less, risking 150 points on a closing basis for a longer term trade.

Popular Mexican cooking show takes lessons on preparing beef Texas style

AUSTIN - Mexican consumers recently received a week-long TV lesson on preparing economical cuts of U.S. beef thanks to a collaboration between Mexico's No. 1 cooking show personality and the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF).

Chepina Peralta, star of the Mexican TV program *Chepina en su Cocina*, and her TV crew recently visited Texas as USMEF's guest to film how U.S. beef is used by Texas chefs. The visit was coordinated and partly funded with checkoff dollars by the Texas Beef Council.

Chepina, as she is fondly known throughout her country, is generally considered Mexico's answer to Julia Child. She has been doing her daily TV cooking show for almost three decades. It appears on TV Azteca and impacts 15 million viewers throughout the republic of Mexico. In addition, she has a daily radio show that reaches 250,000 listeners.

"Chepina's viewers and listeners generally fall into the middle-class category," says Bruce Cobb, USMEF-Mexico director. "This

social group in Mexico wants value for its dollar. For this reason, each of the chefs that Chepina interviewed introduced low-cost, high-value cuts like the clod, top butt, brisket and knuckle. These are exactly the kinds of cuts the beef industry needs to move during this period of high supply."

Among the chefs Chepina interviewed were Stephen Pyles of Dallas; Jay McCarthy and Michael Bomberg of San Antonio; David Garrido, Elmar Pramps, Jeff Blank and Dan Haverty, all of Austin; Mark Miller of Austin and Sante Fe, N.M.; and Tom Perini of Buffalo Gap. Each of these chefs is prominent for a style of cooking that has become known as new Texas cuisine or some similar name. This cooking style focuses on traditional ingredients such as beef and indigenous spices.

Many of the chefs were in Austin to attend the Texas Hill Country Wine and Food Festival, an annual event that focuses on the best of Texas cuisine.

"American beef was a new experience for me, and I think it

is excellent," Chepina said. "I feel that the trip was only an introduction to U.S. beef and made me eager to learn more about it."

Besides interviewing the chefs, the film crew traveled across Texas to film footage about the industry and the state of Texas. Among the stops they made were Steiner Brangus Ranch near Elgin, Capitol Land & Livestock Co. at Schwertner, Littlefield Feedyard at Littlefield and Freedman Foodservice at Dallas.

The *Chepina en su Cocina* production team reports that the U.S. beef show ran as five consecutive 30-minute segments on U.S. beef from May 6 to 10. Each daily show included interviews and beef cooking demonstrations from the featured chefs, clips from Texas and information about the U.S. beef production system.

"This type of event brings us closer together as people and countries," Chepina said. "When we broaden our knowledge we achieve a better understanding and foster professional and personal relationships."

USDA forecasts 6 percent more cotton this year

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. cotton production is expected to rise to 19 million bales this year, a 6 percent increase from 1995.

The Agriculture Department's first official cotton forecast of the year estimates 15.2 million acres will be planted to cotton, but only about 33 percent has been planted so far. That compares with a

five-year average of 37 percent at this point in the growing season.

But since that estimate was prepared on May 5, significant progress has been made, with Arizona, California and the Carolinas ahead of the usual pace.

USDA projects a yield of 650 pounds per harvested acre.

Cotton prices remained strong

in April, with the average received by upland producers reaching a season high of 79.4 cents a pound. A year ago the average was 77.6 cents.

The upland spot price for base-quality cotton rose to 84.7 cents a pound, best since September. The spot price for extra long staple cotton was \$1.60.

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George Kleinman is president of Commodity Resource Corporation (CRC), a licensed brokerage firm which specializes in marketing strategies using agricultural futures and options. CRC welcomes questions - they can be reached at 1-800-233-4445.

Bad weather slams winter wheat crops

WASHINGTON (AP) - Even with prices at record highs, U.S. farmers will leave 27 percent of their winter wheat crop to rot in the fields this spring. The reason: bad weather.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.36 billion bushels, the lowest in 18 years.

The Agriculture Department estimates the crop of hard red winter wheat at 664 million bushels, lowest since 1964, and soft red at less than 400 million bushels, which would be below the last four years. On the other hand, white winter wheat is projected to top 300 million bushels, close to the record set in 1981.

In its May crop production report, USDA noted that the main winter wheat area, the Southern Plains, was dry at planting time last fall; the winter was unusually cold but included some unseasonably warm days that resulted in extensive winterkill; and some fields were hurt by high winds and blowing topsoil.

Kansas, the No. 1 wheat state, is expected to harvest the smallest crop in 39 years - 36 percent

less than last year and 58 percent below 1994. Oklahoma's harvest will be the worst in 25 years; Texas' production is smallest in 11 years.

Winterkill was blamed for huge drops in production of soft red wheat. Illinois is expected the worst crop since 1986; Missouri, the lowest since 1987. Arkansas farmers will increase harvest because they missed most of the killing temperatures.

Production of spring wheat, including durum, is forecast at 710 million bushels, representing an unusually high one-third of total U.S. wheat this year.

The total wheat crop is projected at 2.07 billion bushels, a decline of 5 percent from 1995. Only six times in 20 years has the crop been under 2.1 billion bushels, but in all but two of those years, the acreage planted in wheat was smaller than for 1996.

"This year is an example of how producers can respond to high prices with increased area, but achieve reduced production because of unfavorable weather," USDA concluded.

About those prices: The report foresees the season average price received by wheat farmers will range from \$4.70 to \$5.30 a bushel, up from the record \$4.50 forecast for 1995-1996. July futures contracts indicate prices at the start of the 1996-1997 crop year will be over \$5 in most areas.

However, USDA projects a price decline if three factors materialize: the spring crop meets expectations, corn prices decline seasonally during the fall harvest and competition for wheat exports increases as Canadian and European supplies become available.

High as those prices are, they are expected to have little effect on U.S. wheat use. After all, wheat accounts for less than 10 percent of the cost of a loaf of bread, USDA likes to note, and "U.S. consumers are affluent enough that small price increases do not affect purchasing patterns as much as changing tastes and preferences."

The United States is expected to cut wheat exports by 25 percent this year, to the lowest in 11 years.

Flies help poultry

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) - A small, shiny fly that feeds on house flies may help Florida's poultry producers save thousands of dollars and help prevent complaints from their neighbors.

The black garbage fly could rid poultry houses of the common house fly, reducing the need for pesticides and helping the environment, said Roger Jacobs, a poultry specialist with the University of Florida.

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Lucy Pearson, a 70-year-old great-grandmother, holds one of the hubcaps that is part of her collection of 140,000 hubcaps in Pearsonville, Calif.

California grandmother is queen of the hubcaps

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
Associated Press Writer

PEARSONVILLE, Calif. (AP) — When Lucy Pearson looks at hubcaps, she sees beauty. She doesn't know why. They just speak to her.

"They're just all so pretty," she says from behind the counter of Pearsonville Auto Parts in downtown Pearsonville.

There is no traffic light here, no school, no supermarket and, as of two years ago, no post office. Heck, there's barely a Pearsonville.

Surrounded by desert, rising up from U.S. Highway 395 about 100 miles north of Los Angeles, is a parts store, a gas station, a Burger King and about 50 people, many of them Pearsons.

The government closed the post office a few years back. "They said we wasn't big enough," sighs the 70-year-old great-grandmother. "When they took the post office, Rand McNally took us off the map."

That still rankles Lucy. She and her husband, Andrew, founded Pearsonville 35 years ago.

Post office or no, people still flock here to see Lucy's hubcaps. She's got 140,000 of them. "The Hub Cap Capital of the World," reads careful white printing on a cinder-block wall fronting the highway.

It even earned her a spot in the Smithsonian. Last year, Lucy's fine, weathered face was part of a Harvey Wang photography exhibit chronicling elder Americans at work.

Magazines from all over send writers here. She displays glossy publications in French, Arabic and German. She can't read a word of any of them, but that's her in the photos, no doubt about it, sporting her trademark bonnet and V-necked apron, smiling sweetly surrounded by silver-colored discs.

Need a hubcap for a 1936 Dodge pickup? Lucy just found

Things look up for U.S. cattle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cattle producers' financial prospects have improved in recent weeks and the lowest prices of the season probably have already been reached, the Agriculture Department says.

The department credits sharply higher acreage planted in corn, an improvement in pasture growth because of recent rains and an expected moderation in the expansion of beef production.

"Fed cattle prices declined from the mid-\$60s (per 100 pounds) last fall to the mid-\$50s in late April-early May before rising to the low \$60s in mid-May," the department's Economic Research Service said in its most recent outlook report.

The report also had some good news for consumers. "The lag in retail prices is likely to continue through much of spring as large quantities of beef have been purchased to be specialized (sold at special prices) through Memorial Day and early summer," USDA said.

Retail prices for choice beef averaged \$2.85 a pound through much of the last half of 1995, dropped to \$2.79 last quarter and

one for a guy in Kansas. "It's not in the best shape," she said. "I like to send them in good shape."

How about a Rolls-Royce wheel cover? Hard to come by and not cheap. She just sold a pair for \$350 to a man in Florida. "I'm going to specialize in those," she says.

She sells hubcaps for about what they cost her.

She likes helping people. She'll call all over God's green acre to find a hubcap for a customer. Since she started collecting 20 years ago, she has built quite a network buying, bartering and trading.

Lucy finally moved her inventory indoors when the yard filled up, stacking her treasures in neat rows that nearly touch the ceiling of the auto parts warehouse.

Lucy and Andrew Pearson built this town with their bare hands. They married when Lucy was 18 and a new resident of Dayton, Ohio. She had crossed the Ohio River two years before, fleeing the poverty of her daddy's Kentucky farm and carrying a twang that coats her voice even today.

The Pearsons and their two kids drove west. Driving up 395 one bright day, they saw a sign and took it as such.

"Land for Sale," it read. They bought 40 acres. Built a 12-by-12-foot shack, lived without running water and electricity for two years, scraping money together to buy more land.

They were going to build a steak house. Since it was situated between Lone Pine and Los Angeles, just about the midpoint of nowhere, stranded motorists kept coming for help at all hours of the day and night.

Andrew, who was a mechanic, decided he might as well go into business as one.

"Our steak house became an auto parts house," Lucy says. And a towing yard. Which is where the cars come in. Wrecked cars bearing hubcaps, with which Lucy fell in love.

are likely to average \$2.75 this spring. Higher prices are expected in the fall, and they should average around \$2.84 in 1997.

Because of record high grain prices, fewer cattle are being placed on feed. USDA says that trend is likely to continue until prospects for the 1996-1997 grain crop are more certain.

The federal government has intervened to prop up the farm price of beef, making advance purchases of meat for school lunches; relaxing grazing rules on restricted acreage; and boosting export promotion.

Beef production rose 7 percent in the first quarter, compared to the same period of 1995. Slaughter of steers and heifers was up 6 percent; beef cow slaughter increased by 16 percent.

For all of 1996, USDA estimates production will be only about 1 percent above last year. And in 1997, production is forecast to exceed this year's level by about 2 percent, due mostly to an improving stock of grain in the second half. Slaughter weights should remain near record high levels.

Young Civilian Community Corps workers find new experiences in the wilds of Texas

By DAN PARKER
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

AUSTWELL, Texas (AP) — Howard Hogan was driving through Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, explaining why he and 10 other young people were doing hard labor in the wilderness, when he hit the brakes. An armadillo waddled across the gravel road in front of Hogan's idling truck.

"That," Hogan said, "is one of the more normal things we've seen. We've seen snakes, alligators, feral hogs, javelinas, even coyotes."

Hogan and his compadres come from all over the country, but most never had visited Texas before joining the National Civilian Community Corps.

The corps is a government program in which 1,000 young adults travel the nation each year working on a wide range of service projects — including renovating community centers, finding and referring children in need of immunizations, and building homes for low-income families.

The National Civilian Community Corps is part of AmeriCorps, a network of service programs established by the federal government as part of the National and Community Service Act of 1993.

During a 10-month stint in the National Civilian Community Corps, members earn a \$6,000 stipend and \$4,725, at least half of which must go toward their college tuitions or student loans.

AmeriCorps was the brainchild of President Clinton, who modeled the program after the Peace Corps.

AmeriCorps was launched in September 1994. The U.S. House and Senate voted to eliminate the program during the debate over the 1996 budget, but Clinton vetoed the bill.

Talks between legislators and AmeriCorps Chief Executive Officer Harris Wofford led Congress to vote AmeriCorps \$402.5 million — 85 percent of what the federal government gave the organization the previous year. Clinton signed the bill. But some in Congress remain opposed to AmeriCorps, saying it is a waste of taxpayer money.

The young people working at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge say they appreciate AmeriCorps not only for the stipends and college tuition, but for the simple joys of working in nearly pristine wildlands, meeting new people and being good citizens.

"It's everything from the pride in seeing a house you worked on where you know a person will have a better place to live; to seeing a child light up with a piece of knowledge you've taught them; to seeing that you've improved chances of one of the planet's most fragile residents — the whooping crane," Hogan said.

The workers arrived at the wildlife refuge seven weeks ago, and they wrap up their work today. They have slept in two buildings — one a small, simple house where past refuge employees have lived, and the other a remodeled garage.

They have been comfortable. But even when indoors, they could not forget they are in the middle of a wilderness.

"Never before have we had to check our beds for brown recluse spiders every time we get into them," Hogan said. "We're not used to having alligator pits a stone's throw from the house."

They have driven 35 miles to Rockport and 35 miles to Port Lavaca to buy groceries.

The group has worked 8 to 10 hours a day, five days a week. They have removed 500 old tires from a shoreline and disposed of them. To add to a nature trail, they have cut hundreds of mesquite trees and hammered together a boardwalk. Recently, they ripped out a 2-mile-long, 9-foot-tall chain link fence



Larry Merritt, left, Christina zur Lippe and Tom Dillow pulls down an old fence in the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge as part of a work project by the National Civilian Community Corps.

erected about 30 years before. Refuge officials were afraid whooping cranes might fly into it.

It took 30 minutes of driving along gravel roads through thickets of live oak trees for Hogan and a recent visitor to get to the area where Hogan's fellow corps members were taking down the fence.

During the drive, Hogan explained why he got involved in the National Civilian Community Corps.

"I was raised with an ethic of service by my parents, who are both social workers," said Hogan, 24, of Ridgmont, Conn. "As I was getting out of college, I was looking for a way to serve my country."

Hogan applied for AmeriCorps after he graduated in 1994 from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., with a bachelor's degree in international relations. He said he still is not sure what career he will pursue.

"Whatever I do, it will be to help serve my fellow man."

Hogan's fellow workers also described themselves as dedicated to community work.

Although they are only 18 to 24 years old, they have resumes full of volunteerism. One worked in a community anti-crime initiative. One worked in a women's shelter. One helped in a mentoring program. One was a camp counselor.

"If all the young people in the country were like this group, we wouldn't have any problems," said Brent Giezantner, manager of the refuge.

The group dubbed itself "The Outcasts" when members learned of their assignment.

"We were heading to a place where none of us had ever worked or lived before, a place with no phones and a much closer relationship to the animal kingdom than any of us had ever had before," Hogan said.

Hogan's pickup truck pulled up at the work site and stopped. Dozens of yards of fencing lay stretched out on the ground, down one hill, over the top of the next hill and out of sight. Under a bright sun, Hogan's sweating co-workers slogged through the sandy soil, ripping decades of plant growth from the fence, cutting the fence into sections and rolling them up. Kory Koneazny, 23, of Milwaukee, Wis., worked with her T-shirt sleeves rolled up and her long hair in a bun. Her face was smeared with dirt. But she said she enjoyed the manual labor.

"I guess I've been kind of brought up to do

service," she said. Like Hogan, Koneazny was raised by parents who were deeply involved in social work. Koneazny's parents took in refugees from Cuba and Africa. They volunteered in a church meal program. Not all of the workers pursued community service work because of their parents. Marquis Jelks, 22, of Houston, got into it at the behest of an older friend. He kept at it because it gives him an emotional charge.

"It's just that burning feeling inside," he said. "Once you feel it, you just can't put it out."

Just being at the refuge is a great reward, said Tom Dillow, 24, of Burke, Va., a recent Ohio State University graduate.

"The refuge is awesome," he said. "I've never had an experience like this. Just riding to work — it's like a safari." Christina zur Lippe said she became interested in community service after seeing volunteers in her community flock to her mother's aid when she was stricken with breast cancer about eight years ago.

The American Cancer Society donated a wig when Lippe's mother lost her hair to chemotherapy. Members of her mother's Lutheran church cleaned her mother's home and cooked for the family. Her mother's co-workers donated money.

Lippe's mother survived the cancer, and Lippe hasn't forgotten the help that came her mother's way.

"I know what it felt like to be in need," said Lippe, 22, of Lynchburg, Va. "I feel like I should kind of return that." Nicole Nagato's parents enrolled her in the YMCA for recreation. But Nagato, of Honolulu, Hawaii, got a lot more out of the organization than recreation.

Witnessing the humanitarian work of the YMCA made Nagato want to get involved. She ended up teaching sign language to hearing-impaired children and taking on other volunteer activities. "Every little thing we do adds up," Nagato said, a pair of wire snippers slung over one shoulder. "It helps everyone in the big picture."

Hogan said he is proud to lead such a group.

"It's hard to express how wonderful it's been to meet and work with such fabulous people," he said. "It's the refusal to accept the prevailing cynicism in America and to reaffirm ... that America can be made a special place for every generation."

Exotic feline ownership not for the fainthearted

By MELISSA WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Gene von Reitnauer has three questions for people who think an \$800 tiger cub would make a fun pet.

Are you self-employed?

Are you childless?

Have you given up traveling?

"If they say no, I say, 'You have no business owning a cat,'" says Reitnauer, president and founder of the Texas Exotic Feline Foundation, a shelter northwest of Fort Worth and home to more than 60 big cats.

Reitnauer takes in animals that are confiscated from unauthorized settings like the ranchette near Midlothian in rural Ellis County where Robert McDonald kept five tigers and two lions.

On May 7, one of the tigers mauled a 6-year-old girl, who survived the attack. The animals were removed a few days later and the lion cub brought to the foundation.

Like Reitnauer, some state and local officials say big-cat owners like McDonald pose a growing problem in Texas, largely because unrealistic ideas about the animals' upkeep produce inadequate care and supervision.

A tiger can cost \$240 a month to feed, on top of \$1,000 in medical expenses in the first year and \$10,000 for a proper enclosure, Reitnauer says.

Owners must comply with state or federal regulations prescribing such things as living conditions and veterinary care,

and obtain a license or permit depending on the animal's use.

In Texas, the legislature began requiring "restricted wild animal" permits in 1990 after several attacks on humans. The law applies to exotic animals, such as lions, tigers, bears, elephants, rhinoceros and apes, that are not covered under breeding or exhibitors' permits.

Statewide, 165 restricted wild animal permits have been issued, said David Sinclair, assistant commander game warden for the state Parks and Wildlife Department.

Applications and permits granted this year are on track to surpass totals last year, when officials received 90 applications and approved 21, an average of 7 1/2 applications and 1 3/4 permits per month. This year, the pace has averaged more than 8 applications and 2 permits per month.

"If you take the numbers, there are a lot of those out there," Sinclair said. "The potential for there being danger certainly exists."

Tom Harvey, a spokesman for the department, is less guarded in his assessment: "This is a big, big problem with people keeping exotic wild predators of this type."

A veritable menagerie of wild beasts growls, paces and lazes in approved private cages across the state. Figures show 244 animals owned by permit holders in 84 counties. That's 147 cougars; 42 lions; 42 tigers; seven

leopards; two hyenas; two timber wolves; one liger (lion-tiger cross) and one chimpanzee. Most live in rural settings outside the boundaries of cities, where they are commonly prohibited.

One such big-cat fancier is a Dallas lawyer who owns two cougars, a lion, a tiger and two wolf-dog hybrids in Kaufman County. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he does not want owners who are tired of their exotic cats to dump them on his property.

The lawyer and his wife, who are childless, bought a baby cougar from a breeder four years ago after successfully raising the wolf hybrids, he said.

The animals have been worth the sacrifices of time and money it takes to properly care for them, he said.

"A tiger is the ultimate kitty cat," the lawyer said. "They bring you so much joy. I would never say you should go and capture them out of the wild, but this baby was born in captivity and she has a right to a good home and care in captivity."

"I can give that to her."

The lawyer said he's thought about the potential civil and criminal liability — not to mention injury to himself — that comes with big-cat territory.

"The rewards are so great that I assume the risk," he said. "It's an enormous responsibility, but if you provide the security that you need and supervise it like you should, then things like

what happened down in Midlothian shouldn't happen."

As an exhibitor, the owner of the Ellis County cats fell under federal provisions, said Cindy Eck, a spokesman in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bethesda, Md., office.

Because he apparently invited people to view the animals, he should have obtained the same USDA license required of zoos, circuses and nature preserves under the Animal Welfare Act, she said.

Records show that USDA inspectors visited the site in January, December and September, and denied a license each time because of inadequate housing facilities. Inspection reports show comments like "bottom of lion fencing needs to be secured" and "tiger box must be made structurally sound."

Ownership of the animals changed from James B. Garretson of DeSoto to McDonald sometime this year, said Regional Cmdr. Jerry McRae of the state Parks and Wildlife Department.

State officials did not pursue Garretson for lacking a state permit because he was trying to get the federal license, McRae said.

Ellis County is considering a census of exotic animals by means of voluntary registration, said sheriff's deputy Capt. James Martin. The information would help firefighters or other emergency workers called to a site where dangerous animals live, he said.

U.S. imports of goods, services hit record high

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. trade deficit soared to \$8.92 billion in March as imports into the country of both goods and services hit all-time highs.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that the March deficit was 26.8 percent higher than a revised February imbalance of \$7.04 billion.

The big jump in imports came despite the fact that two of the biggest categories, oil and cars, both showed decreases in March. U.S. purchases of foreign semiconductors, heavy machine tools and chemicals were up.

The March imbalance was much worse than the \$8 billion gap many economists had been anticipating. However, the February deficit was revised sharply downward from the original estimate of \$8.2 billion.

For the year so far, the U.S. deficit in goods and services is running at an annual rate of \$103 billion, a slight improvement from last year's \$115.5 billion, which had been the worst showing in seven years.

Cheryl Katz, an economist at Merrill Lynch in New York, said that the March deterioration in the deficit did not change her belief that the deficit for the entire year will show a modest improvement but gains will be uneven.

Financial markets took little notice of the bad March trade figure with the Dow Jones industrial average up 46.54 in late morning trading.

Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor dismissed the March deterioration as a temporary departure from a trend of improving

trade figures that has been evident since the last half of 1995.

"Today's figures are consistent with other recent data demonstrating the overall strength of the American economy," he told reporters, insisting that more than 100 trade agreements negotiated by the administration are paying off for American workers.

America's international competitiveness has become a major election-year issue. GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole charged last month that President Clinton's policies with Japan represented a "spectacular failure, a fiasco."

While Clinton took office insisting he would make trade a top priority of his foreign policy, Republicans contend the president's strategy is not working.

The administration insists that the worsening deficit last year reflected economic forces the government cannot control, such as a steep recession in Mexico and weakness in other major U.S. export markets.

They contend that Clinton's market-opening agreements are beginning to pay off, pointing in particular to a jump in U.S. exports to Japan.

For March, the U.S. deficit with Japan rose by 5.5 percent to \$4.11 billion even though U.S. exports climbed to a record \$6.1 billion. For the first three months of the year, America's deficit with Japan was \$11.8 billion, the lowest quarterly total since the year of 1992.

America's second largest deficit in March

was a \$1.81 billion imbalance with China. This figure, the lowest monthly deficit with China in nearly a year, reflected a 25.5 percent improvement from February as imports of Chinese toys and games, clothing, shoes and telecommunications equipment all fell sharply.

The Clinton administration this week targeted \$3 billion in Chinese products for punitive tariffs, which would be the largest trade sanctions in history, in a dispute over copyright piracy.

The U.S. deficit with Mexico, America's third biggest export market, narrowed to \$1.13 billion. That is an improvement of 13 percent from February as American exports to Mexico climbed to \$4.5 billion, the highest level since November 1994 - the month before Mexico was forced to devalue its peso and set off an economic crisis in the country that sharply depressed its ability to purchase foreign goods.

America's foreign oil bill fell to \$4.29 billion in March, a drop of 5.4 percent from the \$4.54 billion in petroleum imported in February. Crude oil imports fell to 6.13 million barrels per day, the lowest monthly average in four years. The average price per barrel rose sharply to \$17.33, compared to \$16.18 in February.

Imports of cars and parts dropped 6.9 percent in March to \$10.02 billion. U.S. automotive exports were also down, dropping to \$4.84 billion, a decline of 11.3 percent from February.

President Clinton inks sex offenders notification law

WASHINGTON (AP) - Adding to his election-year defense of his anti-crime record, President Clinton Friday signed legislation that requires telling neighbors when sex offenders move in.

The measure is called "Megan's law," named for a slain New Jersey youngster. Surrounded by families who have lost children to violence, Clinton said, "The law named for one child is now for every child."

He said the new law will "tell a community when a dangerous sexual predator enters its midst. There is no greater right than the right to raise children in peace and safety."

The bill was passed by the House earlier this month 418-0.

The measure strengthens requirements in the 1994 anti-crime bill by requiring states not only to notify local law enforcement officials when a convicted sex offender moved into a neighborhood but also to make that information available to the community.

The bill was sponsored by

Rep. Dick Zimmer, R-N.J., following the 1994 rape and murder of Megan Kanka, a 7-year-old New Jersey girl.

A convicted sex offender who lived across the street from her - whose record was unknown to her Kanka family - was charged with the crime.

Megan Kanka's parents were present at the White House signing ceremony.

"This gives parents the information every parent has the right to know, which is whether there is somebody who can hurt their children living in their neighborhood," Zimmer said.

"It's a common-sense workable way to reduce the incidence of crime," he said. "It is Megan Kanka's legacy, and it is a real legacy for her parents ... who experienced the worst thing that can happen to any parents."

Zimmer said he does not believe the notification law will lead to lynch mob justice against people who may not have committed any new crimes.

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MARY KAY COSMETICS - Treat yourself to a new spring look with our Colorseal System. Deliveries. 669-9435, 669-7777.

5 Special Notices

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TOP O Texas Lodge 1381, 50 Year Award and meal, at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday May 21st.

PAMPA Lodge #966, Thursday 23rd-Past Masters Night, all Past Masters welcome. Saturday 25th Golden Trowel Award Meal served at 6:30 p.m. for both meetings.

13 Bus. Opportunities

OPERATING Garage, body shop, wrecker service for sale. Call 665-2387 or 669-1241.

Best Home Based Business Investment-\$5950-Full/Part Time Free Package. 800-273-5012 24 hours

PAY PHONE ROUTE
35 Local and Established Sites Earn up to \$1500 weekly 1-800-696-4980

14b Appliance Repair

RENT TO RENT
RENT TO OWN
We have Rental Furniture and Appliances to suit your needs. Call for estimate.
Johnson Home Furnishings
801 W. Francis

14d Carpentry

Ralph Baxter
Contractor & Builder
665-8248

Bullard Service Company
Home Repairs, Free Estimates
665-6986

JERRY Reagan's Remodeling (formerly of J&K Contractors). 669-3943.

BUILDING, Remodeling and construction of all types. Deaver Construction, 665-0447.

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PANHANDLE HOUSE Leveling
For all your home repair needs interior and exterior - concrete - paint - plaster - tile - marble floor leveling. No job too big or too small. Call 669-6438 - 669-0958.

T. Neiman Construction
Free Estimates-Cabinets, etc.
665-7102

OVERHEAD Door Repair. Kidwell Construction. 669-6347.

14e Carpet Service

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town. 800-536-5341. Free estimates.

BTS Carpet Cleaning & Restoration. Carpet/Upholstery. Free Estimates. Call 665-0276.

14h General Services

COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. 669-7769.

14i General Repair
IF it's broken or won't turn off, call the Fix It Shop, 669-3434. Lamps repaired.

14n Painting
PAINTING and sheetrock finishing. 35 years. David and Joe, 665-2903, 669-7885.
PAINTING reasonable, interior, exterior. Minor repairs. Free estimates. Bob Gorson 665-0033.

14j General Services

CALDER Painting, interior/exterior, mud, tape, blow acoustic ceilings, wall texture. 34 years in Pampa. 665-4840, 669-2215.

PAINTING, sheet rock and minor repairs. Acoustic and texturing. 669-3635.

CLASSIC IMAGE
883-2681
PAINTING (Interior & Exterior) WALLPAPERING
COMPETITIVE RATES FREE ESTIMATES
"Honest, Dependable" "Quality Service"

14r Plowing, Yard Work

FLOWER beds, air conditioner cleaning, yard work, tree trim, 20 years experience. 665-3158.

LAWNMOWING and edging. Reasonable rates. Call Sean 665-9556.

Troybilt Rototilling
Call 669-0372
Free Estimates

14s Plumbing & Heating

BUILDERS Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning Service Company. 535 S. Cuyler. (806) 665-3711.

JACK'S Plumbing Co. New construction, repair, remodeling, sewer and drain cleaning, Septic systems installed. 665-7115.

LARRY BAKER PLUMBING Heating Air Conditioning Borger Highway 665-4392

MCBRIDE Plumbing. Sprinkler system, water, sewer, gas, re-lays, drain service. Hydro Service. 665-1633.

LEE'S Sewer & Sinkline Service. After Hours and Weekends. 669-0555.

Bullard Plumbing Service Electric Sewer Rooter Maintenance and repair 665-8603

14t Radio and Television

Johnson Home Entertainment
We will do service work on most Major Brands of TV's and VCR's. 2211 Perryton Pkwy. 665-0504.

Wayne's Tv Service
Microwave Ovens Repaired
665-3030

21 Help Wanted

NOTICE
Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

DO YOU HAVE NEWSPAPER TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE?
The Pampa News would like to keep its files current with the names of available individuals living in this area who are interested in full or part-time employment and who have credentials in all areas of newspaper work including editing, reporting, photography, advertising, production, presswork and circulation. If you are a QUALIFIED newspaper professional, please send your resume, including salary requirements, IMMEDIATELY to: Wayland Thomas, Publisher The Pampa News P.O. Drawer 2198 Pampa, TX. 79066-2198

\$35,000/YEAR. Income potential. Reading books. Toll free 800-898-9778, extension R-2308 for details.

EARN 1000's weekly stuffing envelopes at home. Be your boss. Start now. No experience. Free supplies. No obligation. Send self addressed stamped envelope to Prestidigit Unit 21, P.O. Box 195609, Winter Springs, FL 32719.

FULL-Time LVN. Excellent Benefits, Competitive Salary, Call Karen at (806) 826-3505.

*** POSTAL JOBS***
Start \$12.08/ hour plus benefits. For exam / application information, 219-794-0010 Extension TX 295 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7 days.

\$40,000/YEAR. INCOME potential. Home typists/PC users. Toll free 800-898-9778, Extension T-2308

NURSES Aide position open immediately, long weekends, evenings available. Uniform allowance. CNA Certification after 2 months work experience. Apply in person. 1321 W. Kentucky, Pampa Nursing Center, 669-2551.

LVN- nights, weekdays and long weekend shifts needed. 2 years long term experience preferred, excellent salary, benefits, uniform allowance. For interview call 669-2551.

Must be willing to relocate temporarily to Tulsa, Ok., during training. Financial aid available for those who qualify. Plus housing and job placement assistance during and after training. For your interview date and time. Call 1-800-331-1204 extension 615. We have more aircraft mechanics/electronics jobs than we have graduates. Now accepting applications for July. Spartan School Aeronautics

21 Help Wanted

TAKING Application for Janitor work. Hammon's Janitorial. 665-2667.

RN House Supervisor needed every or every other weekend, 3 years long term care experience needed, excellent salary, benefits, uniform allowance. Call for interview 669-2551.

SUMMER WORK
High School seniors and college students. \$10.25 starting. Scholarships, internships. Interview in Amarillo. Work in Pampa. Call 806-358-2559.

OPERATE Fireworks stand just outside Pampa June 24-July 4. Make up to \$1500. Must be responsible adult. Phone 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 210-429-3808.

HOME TYPISTS PC USERS needed \$45,000 income potential Call 1-800-513-4343 Extension B9737

WALMART - PAMPA
Is hiring for temporary remodeling help. Apply in Layaway.

CHURCH Nursery Attendant needed, must have references, prefer 25 or older, to take care of infants thru age 3. 665-5941.

NEEDED GM/Chrysler technician, minimum 2 years experience. Top pay. Call Kelly 669-3233 or 800-299-6699.

NOW Hiring Waitresses at La Fiesta.

COOK
Cal Farley's Family Program has an opening for a person responsible to prepare and serve meals, and keep kitchen and cafeteria areas clean. Must have a high school education or GED, be willing to work a varied schedule, and have previous food service experience. Respond with cover letter and resume to:
Cal Farley's Family Program Personnel Administrator P.O. Box 1890 Amarillo, TX. 79174 Or submit application at Cal Farley's Family Program between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

NEEDED experienced air conditioning and heating service technician. Must be willing to relocate to Dumas with good schools. Call 1-800-658-2168 or send resume to Dumas Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc. P.O. Box 1022, Dumas, TX. 79029

21 Help Wanted

CNA's needed-full and part time positions available on 3-11 and 11-7. Great benefits including car expense, insurance, retirement plan, and meals furnished. Apply in person at St. Ann's Nursing Home-Panhandle, TX.

NEED Babysitter in my home for 2 young children. Great hours. Good pay. Own transportation and References required. 669-1354 after 2 p.m.

QUALIFIED Mechanic. Own tools. Computer and fuel injection experience. 665-8151, 669-6439.

NEED reliable/responsible part time merchandiser to do UPC/Price Scanning in major grocery chain. Must be able to work on Wednesdays. \$7 hour plus mileage. Respond to Merchandiser, 313 W. Platt, Yukon, Ok. 73099.

21 Help Wanted

WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sanders Sewing Center. 214 N. Cuyler. 665-2383.

50 Building Supplies
White House Lumber Co. 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

HOUSTON LUMBER CO. 420 W. Foster 669-6881

54 Farm Equipment
1968 95 series John Deere combined. Good shape. 665-8427 after 6 p.m.

60 Household Goods
SHOWCASE RENTALS
Rent to own furnishings for your home. Rent by phone. 1700 N. Hobart 669-1234 No Credit Check. No deposit. Free delivery.

JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS
Rent one piece or house full Tv-VCR-Camcorders Washer-Dryer-Ranges Bedroom-Dining Room Livingroom Rent By Hour-Day-Week 801 W. Francis 665-3361

FOR Sale. Hotpot washer and dryer set. Excellent Condition. \$175. 669-2300.

60 Household Goods

SIGHTLY Used sofa and Entertainment center. Very good condition. 665-4268.

68 Antiques
WANTED: Antique furniture and anything western. Call Jewett 665-8415 or at 302 W. Foster.

69 Miscellaneous
CHIMNEY Fire can be prevented. Queen Sweep Chimney Cleaning. 665-4686 or 665-5364.

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CLEARANCE Sale- Laketon Ceramics, 40% glazes, 25% bisque. Call 665-9612.

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DAYTON 8 horsepower rear tire tiller for sale. Excellent condition. Call for viewing 665-0190, 665-5132 or 669-2958.

FOR Sale. Tv and water cooler. Good condition. At El Capri Motel. Hwy 60 East, 321 E. Brown

ANTIQUE Clock, also Grandfather Clock Repair. Call Larry Norton. 669-7916 after 5 p.m.

FOR Sale Baby bed and other baby equipment. C J 's 207 N. Cuyler. 665-2288 or 665-3384.

60 Household Goods

Garage Sale 1901 N. Dwight Saturday, Sunday 8-5

GARAGE SALE AT THE BULL BARN
Wednesday 12-6, Thursday, Friday 9-6 May 22nd - 24th OVER 5000 Items AUCTION Saturday May 25th 9-4 Sunday May 26th 1-7

YARD Sale. Saturday 9 - 5:30. Sunday 10 - 5:30. 420 Wynne.

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69 Miscellaneous

NICE Bar size pool table for sale. \$400. Spalding Treadmill \$50. 665-7800

TV and water cooler. Good condition. El Capri Motel, 321 E. Brown.

BRAND new diamond gold wedding set. Warranty. 665-0836 after 5 p.m.

ABOVE ground pool, 24 ft. diameter, filters, deck and all accessories, \$1500. Call 669-0780

69 Miscellaneous

MOVING Sale and 5 bedroom house for sale, \$21,000- 702 S. Swift, 883-2604, White Deer.

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ESTATE / Garage Sale. Antiques, household items, furniture, tools, linens, dishes, 444 Tignor, Friday and Saturday May 24th, 25th, 8 am - 7

70 Musical

PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 6 months of rent will apply to purchase. It's all right here in Pampa at Turley Music. 665-1251.

75 Feeds and Seeds

BRITTANY FEED & SEED Hwy 60, 665-5881

APPROXIMATELY 300 bales of 1995 crop Alfalfa hay in the barn, 5 miles east of McLean. 806-779-2751.

76 Farm Animals

FOR Sale: 14 year old gelding kids horse and 14 year old wech pony. \$1400 for both. 665-7807

77 Livestock & Equip.

BLACK Angus bulls serviceable age. Contact Thomas Angus. 405-655-4318.

CATTLEGUARD 6x18, \$400 or best offer. 669-7060

2 year old red dun Gelding, started, \$950. 2 years old red dun Gelding. Doc's Mahogany, X Rocker Wrangler breeding, started, good barrel or roping prospect, \$1500. 2 year old blue Gelding, started, really nice. \$1200. 669-0636 after 6 p.m.

HORSE Breaking \$250/month. 669-0636 after 6 p.m. leave message.

FOR Sale 10 year old Welch mare. Very gentle. Does barrels and poles. \$600. 669-3890.

80 Pets and Supplies

CANINE and Feline grooming. Boarding. Science diets. Roysse Animal Hospital, 665-2223.

Grooming and Boarding Jo Ann's Pet Salon 669-1410

QUALIFIED professional cat grooming/feline/pet or show grooming. Alvade Fleming, 665-1230.

Lee Ann's Grooming All Breeds 669-9660

PET Boarding - Greene's Stables & Kennel-1308 E. Frederic, Pampa, Tx. (3 blocks East of Black Gold Motel). We pamper your pets and keep their kennels extremely clean. Dogs - \$6 per day. Cats - \$4 per day. Livestock stalls also available. 669-0070 or 663-3427.

KITTENS - 1/2 Persian \$10. Indoor homes. Please. 883-8500.

AKC Rottweiler Puppies. Great looks, personalities, excellent bloodlines. 883-2727.

FREE to good home, 1/2 Red Heeler pups, only 3 left. Call 848-2536.

80 Pets and Supplies

CFA Persian kitten-male, for sale. Call 335-1552.

TO Give away 6 toed kittens. 665-3384 or 665-1206.

BRITTANY Pups. 8 weeks. Parents excellent hunters. \$100. 835-2781, 835-2746.

89 Wanted To Buy

WILL pay cash for good used furniture, appliances, air conditioners. 669-9654, 669-0804.

AIR conditioners, clean appliances, furniture, lawn mowers, will pay cash. 669-7462, 665 0255

95 Furnished Apartments

The Pampa News will not knowingly accept any advertising which is in violation of the law. It is our belief that all rental properties advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

BEAUTIFULLY furnished 1 bedroom starting at \$365. 6 month lease, pool, laundry on site. Caprock Apartments 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149.

DOGWOOD Apartments - 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator. Deposit/references required. 669-9952, 669-9817.

ROOMS for rent. Showers, clean, quiet, \$35 a week. Davis Hotel, 116 1/2 W. Foster. 669-9115 or 669-9137.

96 Unfurnished Apts.

1,2,3 bedrooms. 6 month lease. Pool, fireplaces, washer/dryer hookups in 2 and 3 bedrooms. Caprock Apartments, 1601 W. Somerville, 665-7149.

DOGWOOD Apartments - 2 bedroom unfurnished. Stove, Refrigerator. Deposit and Reference required. 669-9952, 669-9817.

LARGE efficiency, newly remodeled. Bills paid. Washer / Dryer included. Call 665-3634 after 3 p.m.

1 bedroom, covered parking, appliances. 883-2461, 663-7522, 669-8870.

ALL BILLS PAID Furnished or unfurnished 1 & 2 BEDROOMS Short Term Lease Courtyard Apartments EHO 1031 N. SUMNER, 669-9712

98 Unfurnished Houses

1,2, and 3 bedroom houses for rent. 665-2383.

For Lease 1824 Dogwood \$800 month 1716 Fir \$695 month 1701 Holly \$750 month 711 1/2 N. Gray \$195 month Deposit/references required Action 669-1221

KIT 'N' CARLYLE © by Larry Wright



98 Unfurnished Houses

CLEAN 3 bedroom, 1 bath, single garage, fenced yard. \$325 month. \$350 deposit, 625 Carr. 669-8110/622-9549 weekends, after 7 p.m.

2 bedroom, plumbed for washer/dryer, appliances, 1321 Coffee, \$275 month, \$150 deposit. 883-2461, 663-7522, 669-8870.

HOUSE for rent. 1120 Williston. 3 bedroom. \$400 per month. Reference required. Call 915-683-3390.

1 Bedroom \$195 2 Bedroom \$225 669-3842, 665-6158 Realtor

4 bedroom, 2 bath. Good location. 806-358-4468.

3 bedroom/2 bath/double garage 669-7320, 665-1131

2 bedroom, 2 bath, 731 N. Wells. \$320 month plus deposit. Call 665-9306.

2 bedroom, corner lot, carpet, 1032 E. Francis, \$285. 665-6604, 665-8925.

2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home, ice box and stove, paved street, quiet neighborhood. Couple would consider small child. Call 665-5593.

99 Storage Buildings

CHUCK'S SELF STORAGE Some commercial units 24 hour access, Security lights 665-1151

TUMBLEWEED ACRES SELF STORAGE UNITS Various sizes 665-0079, 665-2450.

Econostor 5x10, 10x10, 10x15, 10x20 and 10x30. 665-4842.

Yes We Have Storage Buildings Available! Top O Texas Storage Alcock at Naida 669-6006

Babb Portable Buildings 820 W. Kingsmill 669-3842

B & W Storage 10x 16 10x24 669-7275 669-1623

102 Bus. Rental Prop.

NBC PLAZA Office Space 665-4100

Cumbe-Worley Bldg. 1 Month Free Rent Office Space 669-6841

103 Homes For Sale

1814 Charles, \$92,000. 2 or 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath. Very nice, great neighborhood. 665-9457.

2 bedroom, extra large living room and kitchen, utility room, 1 bath, central heat/air, carpet and drapes, attached double garage, concrete cellar, 3 lots, fenced, paved street, completely remodeled, in Skellytown. 857-9090, if no answer please leave message.

4 choice burial spaces-Memory Gardens. Front entrance \$1600. Muehleisen, 12700 Arrowhead Dr., Oklahoma City, Ok. 73120, 405-751-1397.

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TWILA FISHER REALTY 665-3560

Pampa Realty, Inc. 312 N. Gray 669-0007 For Your Real Estate Needs

Jim Davidson Pampa Realty, Inc. 669-1863, 669-0007, 664-1021

ASSUMABLE Loan, 3 bedroom brick, 1 3/4 baths, double garage, 2 storage buildings. 669-2401, 1519 N. Wells.

Bobbie Nisbet Realtor 665-7037

BY Owner, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, tile entry, whirlpool bath, all amenities, storage building on slab, great street appeal. 2408 Dogwood Ln. 669-7421.

BY Owners 1028 Crane Road. 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 baths, 1 car garage, living room, kitchen, Tv room, utility room. \$30,000 requires new loan. Across from Travis Elementary. 669-3006.

FOR Sale by owner, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Priced to sell. 669-6548.

GENE AND JANNIE LEWIS Action Realty, 669-1221

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSED homes for pennies on \$1, delinquent tax, repos, reo's. Your area. 1-800-898-9778 extension H2308 for current listing.

IN Panhandle. 4 Bedroom, 2.5 bath, basement, 1002 Country Club Road. (806) 537-3763.

JoAnn Shackelford-Realtor First Landmark Realty 665-7591 665-0717

NEW 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in lovely Chaumont Addition. Now ready for occupancy. Approximately 4000 feet under roof. Everything top quality and priced at \$239,000. 669-6881 or 665-6910 for appointment.

PRICE REDUCED!! 100 W. 26th A beautiful 3 bedroom home, corner lot, hot tub, large rooms. Quentin Williams Realtors Call Roberta Babb 665-6158 Susan Ratzliff 665-3585

104 Lots

FRASHER Acres East-1 or more acres. Paved street, utilities. Claudine Babb, 665-8075.

CHOICE residential lots, north-east, Austin district. Call 665-8578, 665-2832 or 665-0079.

1 acre plus tract at Walnut Creek Estates. Action Realty. 669-1221.

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BEATTIE BLVD. © by Bruce Beattie



"I paid \$50 each for these seats... And he's more interested in the blimp than the game!"

104 Lots

2 Lots at Memory Gardens. Section A, Lot 331, Space 5. Lot 332, Space 10. 806-592-8710.

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NASA prepares for shifting shuttle program to private business sector

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — It's 4 1/2 months and counting to the biggest change ever in space shuttle history — the shift of shuttle operations from government to private business.

Trading cards featuring astronauts made their debut at a local space-industry conference late last month, as well as postcards depicting NASA shuttles and USA emblems. That's short for United Space Alliance, the company that will take over day-to-day shuttle operations from NASA this fall.

"Every mission improves your world," the postcards read.

And USA's top official is talking about running the shuttle program like an airline business.

Chief executive officer Kent Black envisions more shuttle flights a year, more military and even commercial customers, fewer shuttle pilots flying more often, just about anything to cut mission costs without jeopardizing safety.

"We've let many of our programs become so costly and inefficient that we're losing the support of the American public," Black said at last month's conference.

"If we don't get these costs under control, I believe we could lose the manned space program altogether," he warned.

With additional budget cuts looming, NASA no longer can afford to spend some \$3 billion a year to fly its four space shuttles. So it will begin handing over day-to-day operations on Oct. 1 to USA, a joint venture of Lockheed Martin Corp. and Rockwell International Corp., which already perform most of the shuttle work.

NASA is counting on USA to eventually reduce the cost of shuttle operations by up to \$1 billion a year. The space agency will retain oversight and ownership of the shuttles under the restructuring plan.

"We at USA have begun to talk about the analogy between what we are doing for the manned space flight program and the air-

line industry," Black says. "So if you think of NASA as the FAA, the Federal Aviation Administration, think of United Space Alliance as an airline-operating company and the orbiter as a commercial airliner."

NASA's new shuttle honcho, George Abbey, director of Johnson Space Center in Houston, welcomes USA's innovative ideas.

"But these things take time," Abbey says.

"Kent's ideas, I think you have to put them in perspective," says Abbey. "That's probably the direction that you want to go to ultimately, but it's going to take us a while to get to that point."

It's also going to take a while for everyone to get used to such an about-face, after 15 years and 76 shuttle flights.

USA also expects to eliminate some shuttle jobs, probably in 1997. The Houston-based com-

pany is negotiating those staffing numbers with NASA, which wants a few hundred more jobs cut than USA does, says Black.

"I've been reassured by NASA management in Washington that they do not want us to sign up for something that's risky, and we will not," Black says.

Some NASA employees fear reduced government involvement will lead to the loss of another shuttle and crew.

If too much money and too many people are cut, schedule will suffer, Black says. NASA currently flies its shuttles seven or eight times a year; it's crucial this flight rate be maintained as NASA spearheads construction of an international space station.

Black would like to increase the shuttle flight rate to 12 a year, thus lowering the cost per mission. The current tab is nearly \$500 million per mission.

"CONSENT THOU NOT"

"My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." (Prov. 1:10.) We hear and see a lot about gang activity, especially in the larger cities. From this verse in Proverbs, we can understand that gangs are nothing new.

What the father is trying to instill in his son is the courage and conviction to say "no". More and more it is apparent that saying "no" is very difficult for some to do. Yet, from the beginning of creation, saying "no" would be very far better than the consequences of sin. If the man and the woman had staunchly said "no" and refused to yield to the temptation, things would have been much better for them and for the rest of us who followed them.

In the passage in Proverbs 1:10-19, we can visualize the young person being tempted with all the promised results of the gang's activity. Verse 13 reads: "Thou shalt cast thy lot among us; we will all have one purse." Sin always promises great and wonderful things, but the end result is always the same (Rom. 6:23.) James writes: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be

tempted with evil, and He Himself tempteth no man; but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin when it fullgrown bringeth forth death" (Jas. 1:13-15.) The beginning place in overcoming sin is to withstand the temptation. The young son is exhorted to say "no" to the temptation.

Concerning drinking and drunkenness, the writer of Proverbs said: "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it sparkleth in the cup, when it goeth down smoothly: at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." (Prov. 23:31-32.) The advertisements of the liquor industry are such as to lead one to believe there is nothing but pleasure connected with drinking. Yet, what they don't show in their advertising are the poor derelicts on skid row, hopelessly alone and abandoned in drunken stupors. How many of them would now wish they had said "no" to that first drink. Truly, when we are tempted, it is very far better to "consent thou not".

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