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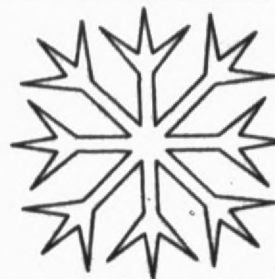
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Discovery astronauts return in triumph

Waiting list for units

School computer lab used by adults

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor

The children, talking, giggling and running like elementary school students are wont to do, enter the classroom and stop briefly at the soap dispenser mounted on the wall.

They each take a small squirt of the antibacterial soap, rub it into their hands, then take a seat at one of the 20 color monitors arranged around the classroom.

The quickly log in their names and begin work. Some start with "Reader's Workshop," while others start with "Math Concepts and Skills." In a few minutes, they will switch to the other lessons.

Throughout it all, Yvette Rodriguez is moving around the room, answering questions, quieting talkers, prodding slowpokes to hurry up and generally riding herd over the fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

After 30 minutes, Miss Rodriguez stops the work and rousts the children out of their seats and out the door for the return trip to their regular classroom.

Right behind that group is another class, ready to wash their hands and take their seats at the computers.

It's just another day in the life of the West Central Intermediate School CCC Lab and its aide, Miss Rodriguez.

This lab is different in many ways from others in the Hereford Independent School District. One is, it's brand new, having been installed just last fall to replace an aging 10-unit lab that was sent to Shirley Intermediate School to double the capacity of that school's CCC Lab.

The CCC in the lab name stands for Computer Curriculum Corporation, the firm that supplies software to all of the district's computer labs.

Last year, the lab was only used by students identified for participation in the federal Chapter I program.

This year, because of the increased capacity, every student at West Central gets three 30-minute sessions per week in the lab, working through lesson plans that emphasize a variety of language and math concepts and reinforce what is being taught in the classroom.

But what sets the West Central CCC lab apart from the others in the district is not what goes on during the day, it is what happens every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The school last year applied for federal funds by proposing the new lab be used for adult education at

night, when the students were not at school.

The adult education program began its first 10-week session last month, with Miss Rodriguez and bilingual teacher Rose Nava hired for \$10 an hour to operate the program.

Their salaries are paid for out of federal funds budgeted within the original grant application.

Currently there are 19 people enrolled in night classes on the CCC lab equipment, plus another 14 who work in the school's regular computer lab on the Macintosh computers, honing their keyboarding skills, working on typing and generally improving their abilities with computers.

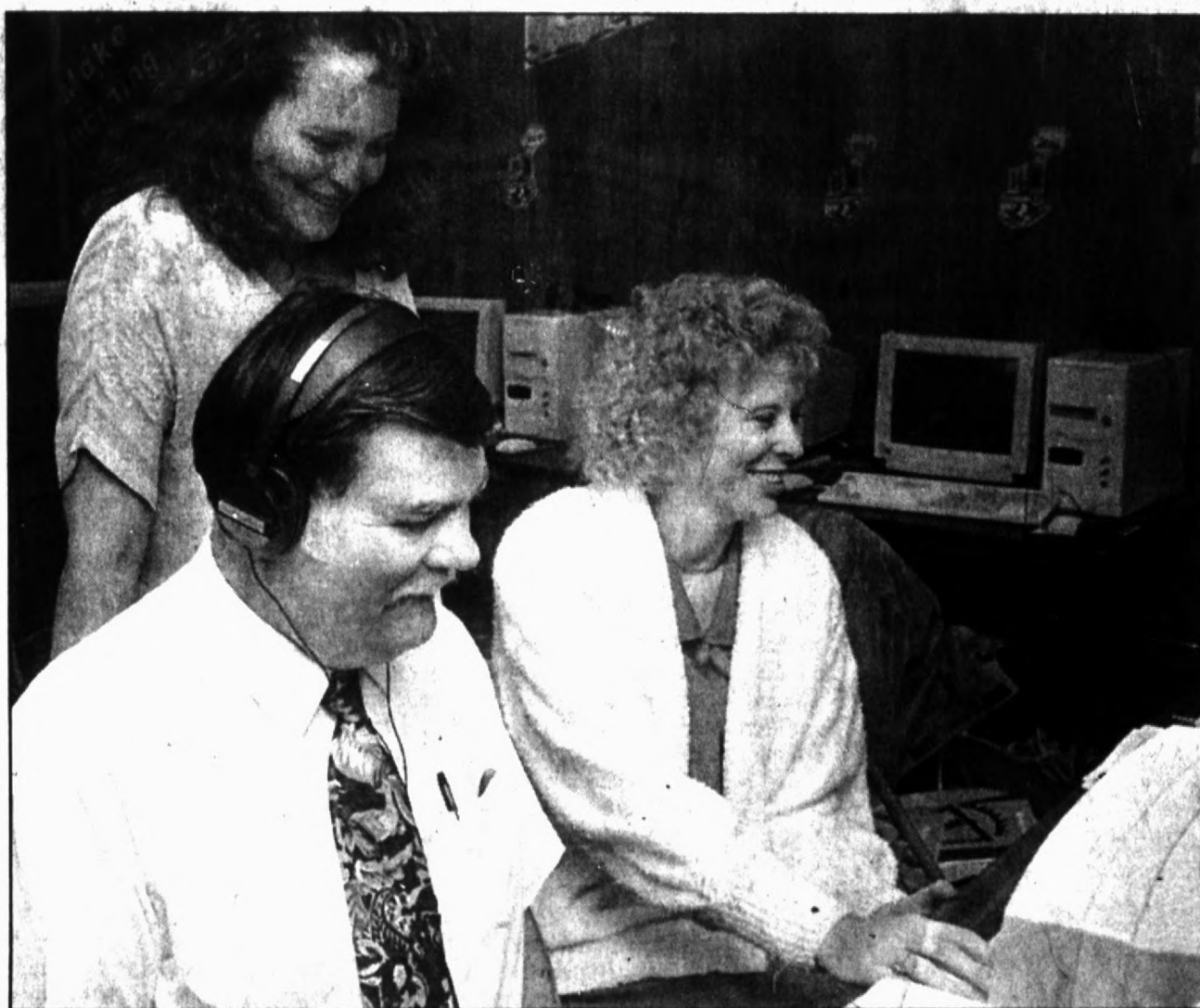
One nighttime CCC lab student quit last week. That seat will be filled by a person currently on the 10-name waiting list.

The classes are offered at no charge, but only to adults affiliated with West Central -- either parents of students or workers at the school.

Special adult education software was purchased by the school district from CCC for use in the West Central system.

Of the adults in the class, Mrs. Nava said, "some of them are working to get their GED (General Equivalency Development high school equivalency certificate). We have some who are Spanish speakers."

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Hands-on training

George Ochs, principal of West Central Intermediate School, listens to instructions through headphones while trying out the school's new CCC lab during training earlier this year. Watching behind him is Yvette Rodriguez, who is lab aide, while at right, Gwenda Hanna, an educational consultant with Computer Curriculum Corp., which supplies software for the CCC lab. The lab not only offers computer education for all students at the school through the 20-work station system, it also provides adults association with the school -- parents of students and some employees -- with a place to attend weekly classes themselves. The classes focus on improving English skills, working on math skills or preparing to take the GED tests.

PSF jobs will require HS diploma or GED

GED class here provides opportunity

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor

Next year, when Premium Standard Farms starts looking for workers to fill spots on their production lines at their new Hereford processing plant, officials will want to know one thing from applicants -- do have a high school diploma or GED.

If the answer to that question is no, Severo Reyna, director of adult and community education for the Hereford Independent School district, wants to talk to you now.

The district -- in cooperation with a number of other agencies -- continually offers classes allowing people who never graduated from high school the opportunity to prepare for and take the General Education

Development tests.

Reyna said people who might apply at PSF need to start thinking about getting a GED now, because it takes about a year to complete the program and successfully take the five tests required to receive a high school equivalency certificate.

Classes are held here during the day and at night, both sessions in the basement of the Deaf Smith County Library.

Reyna said several agencies cooperate on the program -- the county by providing space for the classes; the Panhandle Regional Planning Council and its Jobs Training Partnership Act program by providing instructional computers used to reinforce material taught in the classes; the Region 16 Education

Services Center in Amarillo through instructional materials and, in cooperation with the HISD, in providing Reyna's work on day-to-day administration and supervision of the unit.

Daytime classes are offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., while evening classes are taught from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Monday and Thursday.

There is no cost to attend and prospective student just need to show up for class, as teachers are able to register students and administer placement tests to determine where a person is and what work needs to be done before the GED tests can be taken.

Prospective students must be at least 18 years old and have a valid Texas drivers license or DPS

identification card.

While the GED preparation classes are conducted at no cost, there is a \$10 per test fee -- or \$50 total -- to take the GED exams, which are administered in five basic areas.

In order to get into the GED preparation class, Reyna said, students must be able to read and write at the sixth grade level or better. Those with reading and writing abilities below that are not left out, they are simply referred to other, related, classes.

He said people with ability in the fourth to sixth grade level may enroll in an Adult Basic Education Course, while those below that level take English as a Second Language.

Once student performance reaches (See GED CLASS, Page 3A)

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)-- Discovery's astronauts returned home in triumph Saturday after an eight-day flight that featured a historic rendezvous with the Russian space station.

Commander James Wetherbee guided the shuttle down onto the runway at Kennedy Space Center at 6:50 a.m. Saturday just before sunrise.

About 250 people gathered in the early-morning chill to welcome Discovery home, including the families of the six astronauts.

"Welcome home and congratulations on an outstanding mission," Mission Control told the crew.

The last of Discovery's 3 1/2 million-mile journey took the shuttle diagonally across the United States in darkness: Over Tacoma, Wash., Idaho and Wyoming, down through the Midwest and South and on into Florida. Discovery glided through a clear sky on final approach.

The flight's dramatic high point came when Wetherbee steered Discovery within 37 feet of the 100-ton Mir space station Monday. He described the 245-mile-high tryst as "a truly spectacular and beautiful event."

It was the first U.S.-Russian meeting in space since the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz docking. It also was a dress rehearsal for the June docking of Mir and the shuttle Atlantis.

Seven Atlantis-Mir dockings are planned through 1997, when the United States, Russia and other nations plan to start building an international space station.

"This may be the end of our mission, but you have set the stage for limitless future possibilities as we move into an era of world cooperation in space," Mission Control told Wetherbee late Friday night.

A day after the rendezvous, cosmonaut Vladimir Titov, the second Russian to ride an American shuttle, used Discovery's robot arm to release an astronomy satellite.

The satellite, which contains an ultraviolet telescope, spent two days of free flight focusing on interstellar gas and dust before astronauts hauled it back aboard for the ride home.

Then astronauts Bernard Harris Jr. and Michael Foale ventured out on a spacewalk Thursday to practice moving the 2,800-pound satellite with a handle that looked like a steering wheel. NASA wanted to know how easily future spacewalkers will be able to move massive objects during space station construction.

About 20 science experiments were conducted in a shuttle laboratory, ranging from greenhouse tests on wheat to work with a robot that flips switches and turns dials.

Rookie astronaut Eileen Collins became NASA's first female spaceship pilot when Discovery blasted off Feb. 3. Harris made history as the first black person to walk in space.



EARNEST AND HELEN LANGLEY

Park named in honor of local couple to be dedicated Feb. 26

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

Beginning a program that the City Commission hopes to continue and expand in the future, a Hereford city park will be named officially for a couple who have given much time and energy to the community.

The park, located between E. 14th and E. 15th, at Avenue H and Avenue I, will be called Langley Park, honoring Earnest and Helen Langley.

Dedication of the name will be held on Feb. 26, in a short ceremony at 2 p.m. at the park.

A decision to put names on parks in Hereford was the outgrowth of a park development project initiated by the City Commission last year. Meetings were held in each of the city's parks.

The use of the Langley name for

the park in northeast Hereford was a popular choice among residents of the area.

Hereford Mayor Bob Josseland said the Langley name for the park, commonly referred to as Camp Fire Park, is appropriate for several reasons, and especially because Mrs. Langley has been active in the Camp Fire program in Hereford and at the national level for a number of years, he said.

The couple also lived in the area of the park for many years.

Earnest Langley was attorney for the City of Hereford from 1954 until retiring for health reasons in 1991. He died last August at the age of 74.

Mrs. Langley continues active in community life.

After Langley earned a law degree from the University of Texas in 1951,

the couple lived less than a year in Amarillo, then moved to Hereford. He joined James W. Witherspoon in the practice of law and became a partner in the firm of Witherspoon, Aikin and Langley.

The former city attorney served as a director of First National Bank and was a founder of King's Manor. He served a term as president of the Lions Club and was the 1969 Citizen of the Year in Hereford.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Langley have been active in the work of First United Methodist Church, serving in positions in the church. Mrs. Langley also at one time was a national board member of Camp Fire.

Langley was born at Sweetwater and his wife at Marble Falls but she grew up at Abernathy. They met at

Texas Tech and were married just three weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

Langley enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly afterward and served in Europe. He rose from private to captain during his tour of duty.

The Langley family moved to Hereford when a daughter, Suzanne, was in second grade and another, Barbara, was a preschooler. Two other daughters, Camille and Carolyn, were born in Hereford. All four earned degrees from Texas Tech University.

The mayor encourages residents to join city officials in honoring the Langleys at the Feb. 26 program.

He also said the the City Commission encourages suggestions from citizens for names for other parks in the city.

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Local Roundup

Commissioners' Court to meet

Deaf Smith County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session Monday, beginning at 9 a.m., at the courthouse. Among items of business are opening bids for insurance, approval of grant for juvenile department, review and sign contract for mapping in the county, advertising for bids for insurance for public officials and for a new car for juvenile probation office and dedication of a road in Precinct 2.

20 percent chance of snow Sunday

The weather forecast called for a low near 10 degrees Saturday night, cloudy and breezy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Sunday, cloudy in the morning becoming mostly cloudy by late afternoon. A 20 percent chance of light snow, windy and continued cold. High near 30 Sunday with east to southeast wind 20 to 30 mph and gusty.

Obituaries

JOE P. ROGERS Feb. 10, 1995

Joe Perry Rogers, 76, longtime Hereford resident, died Friday at 6:33 p.m. in Methodist Hospital at Lubbock.

Funeral services are pending at Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Rogers was born Feb. 24, 1918, in Springfield, Tenn. He married Faye Anderson on Dec. 25, 1937, in Dawson County. The family moved to Deaf Smith County in 1948

from Wildorado. Mr. Rogers was a retired auto mechanic. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Faye; two sons, Jack Rogers of Canyon and Joe D. Rogers of Hereford; three daughters, Joan Bookout of Hereford, Donna Ivy of Dallas and Rose Lee Purcell of San Antonio; two brothers, Sam Rogers and Howard Rogers; six sisters, Lucille Vancil, Eva Sheppard, Helen Johnson, Vergie Johnson, Modelle Ashley and Bessie Landers; 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

MANUEL GARCIA Feb. 9, 1995

Manuel Garcia, 74, of Hereford, died Thursday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Rix Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Dionisio Rodriguez of La Iglesia De Dios Del Primogenito officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Garcia was born near Taylor and had lived in Hereford since 1958. He was a farm worker and a member of La Iglesia De Dios Del Primogenito. He married Ofelia Castillo in Taylor in 1942.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Ruben Garcia of Hereford and Roy Garcia of Amarillo; two daughters, Julia Garza and Antonia Garcia, both



of Hereford; a sister, Viviana Guardado of Temple; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Gramm tops GOP presidential poll

WASHINGTON (AP)--Conservative activists, in a limited straw poll, gave overwhelming support to Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas as their choice for the GOP presidential nomination.

The poll of some 421 respondents at the Conservative Political Action Conference gave Gramm 40 percent, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole 12 percent, and commentator Pat Buchanan 11.6 percent.

Vice President Dan Quayle got 8 percent; Rep. Bob Dornan, R-Calif., 6.7 percent, and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, 4.5 percent. The rest of the votes were scattered.

Political analysts give little weight to the poll, which over the years has frequently had no relationship to the eventual outcome of the Republican primaries.

Tierra Blanca school receives grant for parental involvement

A Tierra Blanca Primary School program aimed at including parents in the educational process got a \$5,000 shot in the arm on Friday when they received a grant from the Southwestern Bell Communication Foundation.

Gary Stephens of Southwestern Bell Telephone presented a check for \$5,000 to school counselor Tilli Boozer and Assistant Principal

Sharon Hodges at an assembly attended by students and parents.

The school applied for the grant to develop a program called Parents and Students with Teachers for Excellence, or PASTE.

The grant application was selected as an outstanding winning entry in a grant competition that saw the SBC Foundation award \$200,000 in \$1,000 and \$5,000 grants to 48 public,

'The Milan Miracle' tells story of PSF's huge economic boost

(Editor's Note: Since Premium Standard Farms has selected Hereford as the site for a huge pork processing plant, we are reprinting an article from *Rural Electrification*, about PSF's Milan, Mo., plant and other production facilities. The national magazine granted us permission to use any or all of the article, written by Jill K. Cliburn. It has been edited only slightly in length.)

Milan, Missouri, is coming back, a town recovering from disaster. But the disaster that hit Milan, population 1,750, and the surrounding countryside was not a storm or a fire; it came in the form of economic decline that hit hard and steady year after year for two decades, especially during the farm crisis of the 1980's.

"Two or three years ago, nobody could imagine this turnaround," says Bill Creason, president of the board of directors of North Central Missouri Electric Co-op in Milan. "Now, we're seeing money flowing in and people coming back."

And he credits Premium Standard Farms, a new high-tech pork production company, as the main cause. Since 1989, PSF has invested more than half a billion dollars in new farm facilities, two feed mills, office and training facilities, and a 226,000-square-foot packing plant, creating a total of 1,500 permanent jobs in and near the co-op's service territory. By early this year, PSF's annual payroll is expected to reach \$35 million.

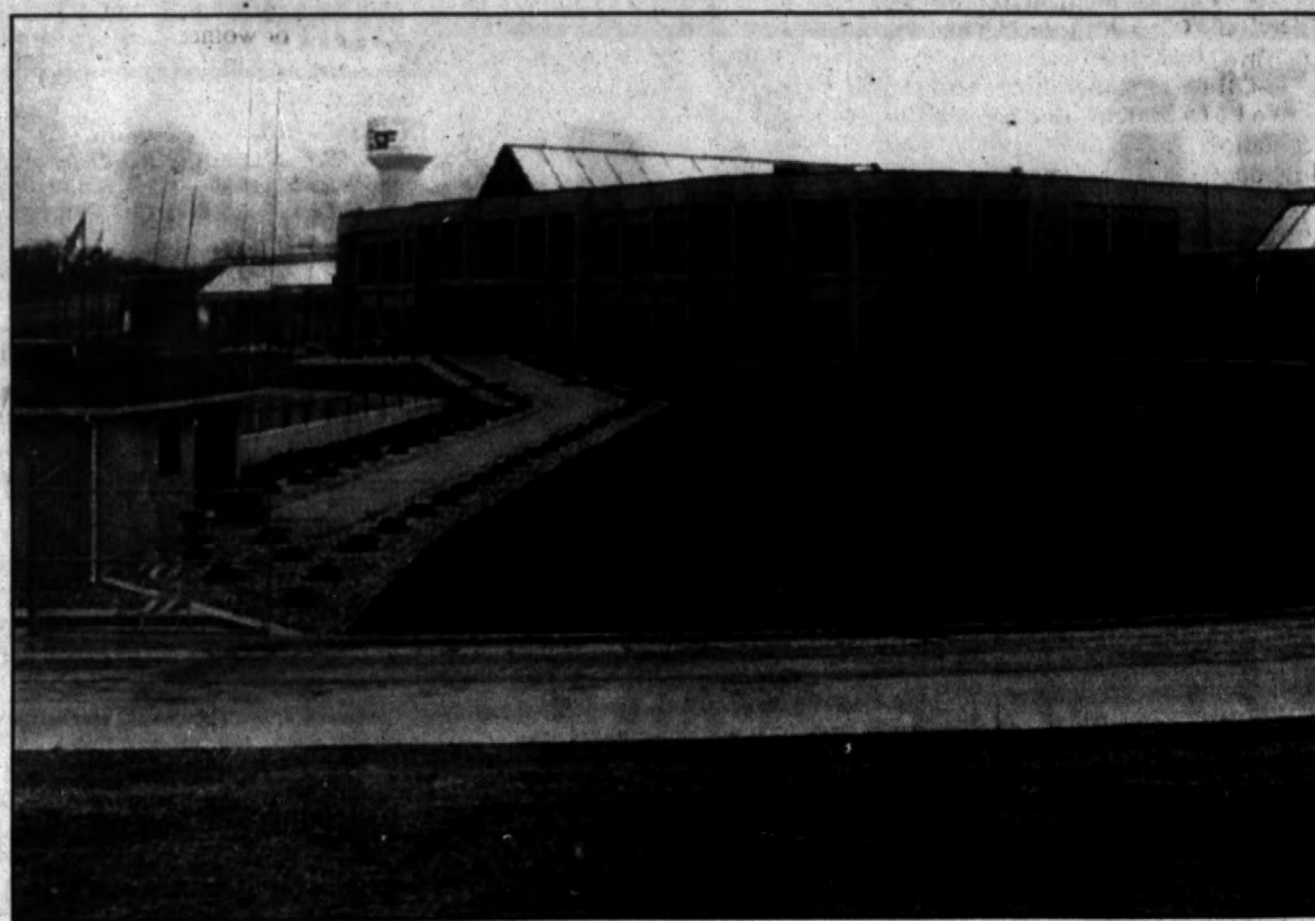
Creason, who struggled through the 1980s on his own farm, adds that Milan wasn't just waiting for this miracle. An economic development effort, started by the co-op about five years ago, revived a dormant community spirit and helped local leaders explore new opportunities.

People had been leaving the area for decades, but the 1980s saw a virtual exodus. Sullivan County lost 15 percent of its population; Putnam County, also served by the co-op, lost almost 17 percent. Parents selflessly urged their grown children to leave for the cities. Businesses, from appliance dealerships to restaurants, disappeared. The chamber of commerce disbanded.

As for the folks who stayed behind, nearly one-third reported household incomes of less than \$10,000 in 1989.

Co-op manager Bill Reeves and the board started an aggressive marketing and loan management effort, launched subsidiary businesses--including satellite television service and an appliance store, and lured Bruce Hensley, a native son who'd been working in real estate and banking in Kansas City, back to Milan to work on economic development.

"I hated that title, 'manager of economic development.' I'd walk down the street and people would ask,



Pork processing plant in Missouri

This photo of Premium Standard Farms' pork processing plant in Milan, Mo., accompanied an article in *Rural Electrification* magazine. PSF has announced plans to build a similar plant just west of Hereford, with construction scheduled to begin later this year. In the foreground is a security entrance office and a walkway to the plant entry.

"Hey how's that economic development going?" It was like I was supposed to create economic development at my desk, by myself," Hensley recalls.

Early on, he changed his title to manager of community and governmental relations, reflecting what he still sees as his main role: sparking, focusing and supporting other people's efforts at the local, state and national level to improve the quality of life in north central Missouri.

Reeves said his first orders to Hensley were to go to Jefferson City (the state capital) and build rapport with the decision makers." He also instructed Hensley to educate himself about economic development by participating in a regional development roundtable sponsored by N.W. Electric Power Co-op and taking advantage of training support offered by NRECA.

In 1991, Hensley asked Don Kammerman, NRECA's manager of economic development, to lend a hand. Kammerman and his staff put together a team of specialists from the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Farmers Home Administration, REA, the Small Business Administration and other agencies who joined local leaders and ordinary folks in a planning process called the Resource Team approach.

The team identified more than two dozen opportunities for community improvements and business development. Large-scale pork production was not on the Resource Team's list. By 1992, Premium Standard Farms had started farm operations in a nearby county, but the small, young company seemed an unlikely candidate for expansion.

Even in Milan, people are curious to know why PSF decided to put its new plant--as stylish and sprawling as a shopping mall--on the outskirts of their town. Before the plant opened last fall, rumors flew through local bars and livestock sale barns that Premium Standard was planning to bring in illegal Mexicans to work for slave wages at the plant.

"Things had been so bad for so long, some people developed a victim mentality," Hensley says.

After the plant opened, a rumor circulated that Premium Standard workers are paid with vouchers and are forced to shop at the company store. Plant workers do frequent a company store--a small counter at the PSF training facility--but it only sells logo T-shirts, coffee mugs and tote bags as gifts for family and friends.

Local leaders fight the rumors, but admit they were pleasantly surprised themselves when PSF chose their town for the plant. Hensley had approached company executives with what he considered a longshot suggestion. Unfortunately, once the company announced that it would expand in the state, towns from several counties scrambled to offer gilded incentive packages, including free land and utilities.

Milan could not afford giveaways. Instead, it offered a team effort by North Central Electric, the City of Milan and Sullivan County, working together to make Premium Standard feel at home. For example, the team secured grants for water and natural gas line extensions to the plant site. It also worked with state legislators to amend a Missouri corporate farming law, clearing the way for the pork producer to get private financing.

The co-op, for its part, offered a low rate, reliable electric service backed

by regional cooperation on improving transmission lines and to try to bring in better housing, recreation opportunities and support businesses.

According to Bill Phillips, an attorney and community activist, "In the long run, I think Bruce (Hensley) just kept at it." Phillips says a lot of other people (including himself) contributed to the effort, but the new PSF plant and the expanded farm facilities are really "a tribute to Bruce's leadership."

Pork processing plants don't necessarily conjure up the image of a business a community can be proud of, but Premium Standard Farms' operation is extraordinary. At full production, the company expects to process 7,000 hogs per day. The hogs are "raised" on standardized farm complexes that look like army barracks, grouped in neat sets of four or eight around waste treatment lagoons and surrounded by acres of rolling, open land.

The farms include 14 sites for breeding and farrowing piglets, and 14 sites for raising the animals to their finished weight. The sites are spread over nearly 40,000 acres in three counties, but buildings cover a tiny fraction of that acreage; most of the land is used for hay farming or as a buffer zone between neighboring farms.

Each farm looks like a cross between a college science lab and a county fair. The workers are young, clean cut and energetic. Every morning before they step into their assigned barns, they shower and don crisp navy jumpsuits. They shower and change again before leaving. They follow procedures to the letter, but they also take initiative to watch for production problems and suggest improvements.

"We're a pretty close group of people working out here," says Jeff Gittings, assistant production manager at one farm site. Gittings, 26, participated in 4-H and Future Farmers of America and earned a college degree in agricultural science, only to find himself trapped in a telemarketing job while he dreamed of working agriculture again near his hometown. Now many of his coworkers are old classmates from Milan High, and he feels good about his future.

At the packing plant in Milan, Plant Manager Calvin Held proudly shows off the whole operation, from the holding pens to the kill floor, to the shipping room where lean cuts of pork--all the same standard size and shape--are boxed for worldwide distribution.

PSF uses work groups, job rotation, cross-training and other new management techniques to keep workers interested in what they are doing and to improve their chances for advancement. A four-day work week helps ease worker stress. Also, production lines move slower than in most plants, improving safety and product quality. This progressive outlook includes concern for animal welfare. The company hired a respected livestock handling specialist to design the slaughter process.

Dennis Harms, president and co-founder of Premium Standard Farms, says consumer demand for lean, high-quality, low-cost pork is the driving force behind large-scale piglet-to-pork-chop operations like his. Harms, who grew up on a farm in Illinois, says he still honors basic values, including worker pride, a

commitment to quality and personal integrity.

He says he likes the quality of life in north central Missouri, though he adds, "There's still a big need for infrastructure improvements, housing and more economic development."

It's tempting the east the relationship between PSF and the communities of north central Missouri as the ultimate "win-win situation," where a promising new company and a region that had nothing to lose got together to build a foundation for an economic future. Not surprisingly, PSF executives, local leaders and at least two University of Missouri economists who have studied the relationship see it that way.

Yet a vocal minority of folks in the region say this kind of development has its price, which they are paying. Rolf Christensen, a local cattle and crop farmer, explains, "People say we need development. They say we need a Pizza Hut, a movie theater, bigger schools... Well, I moved here 10 years ago because this community didn't have those things. I wanted a simpler life for my family."

He admits he might not have spoken out if his land did not border one of the pork producer's farm, which "stinks terrible sometimes." Christensen says he's worried about the smell and the danger of waste leaking from the farm lagoons, especially if PSF should ever leave.

To date, state-sponsored research and agribusiness industry reports have given PSF high marks for waste management. The odors are undeniable, but considering the size of the farms, they are mild. The question of whether PSF--and corporate farming in general--is good for rural America ultimately gets tangled up with questions about everything from land rights to the global economy.

Bruce Hensley says he listens to any concerns about PSF that are raised in the community, and tries to address them--but always with an eye to the future.

He envisions better opportunities for his seven-year-old son and for all the young people of the region. He sees them at PSF today, and he envisions other opportunities, too, rising out of the empty fields along the roadside. He points out where a new subdivision will go, a corner acreage where another might go. "But I think that would really make a better truck plaza," he suggests.

Hensley also has in mind a site for a new lake, both for water supply and recreation. He suggests sites for small industry or for new large-scale farms that might raise dairy cows or specialty crops or who-knows-what.

To this native son who came home to Milan, Mo., to build its economic future, it all comes down to giving people choices of how to make a living.

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Tierra Blanca presentation

Tilli Boozer accepts a check for \$5,000 from Gary Stephens of Southwestern Bell Telephone that represents a grant from the SBC Foundation. The funds were given to the school to implement a parent involvement program at the school. The donation was given during a special ceremony Friday at Tierra Blanca.

Stephens, quoting Texas Tech University football coach Spike Dykes' remarks at Thursday's chamber banquet, praised the Hereford school district, noting that the grant "supports what he said."

School principal Tommy Rosson was ill and unable to attend.

Police, Emergency Reports

Arrests and incident reports at Hereford Police Department Saturday morning included:

--Officers made three arrests; issued 51 citations, one for curfew violation; and investigated one accident.

--A 40-year-old man was arrested for resisting arrest. A 54-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication. A 17-year-old man was arrested for evading detention.

--The fire department answered one call, a structure fire in northern Deaf Smith County.

--Two incident reports concerned injuries to children--one in the 300 block of Ave. J, and one in the 800 block of E. 15th Street.

--A disorderly conduct complaint

was reported at Bradley and Campbell.

--Criminal mischief was reported on E. Hwy. 60, where a subject threw rocks at a vehicle.

--A juvenile was stopped for driving without a license and taken before the municipal judge.

--A sheriff's deputy arrested a 22-year-old male on a city traffic warrant.

Miss Texas wins Miss USA crown

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas (AP)--Miss Texas Chelsi Smith, an education major from Houston, was crowned Miss USA 1995 before a favorable home state crowd Friday night.

Smith, 21, a sophomore at San Jacinto Junior College, said she also works as a motivational speaker for inner city youth.

Miss USA 1994 Lu Parker of South Carolina crowned her successor at the end of the two-hour program televised nationally by CBS.



AUSTIN (AP)--The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

3-2-3 (three, two, three)

CCC LAB

but they want to improve their skills in English.

The adult students work in such areas as language grammar, mathematics (including algebra), reading and GED preparation (including social studies and science).

Miss Rodriguez said the current 10-week cycle is an evaluation period in which the students work in a variety of areas in each subject. After the evaluation period ends on April 27, the computer will determine where they need to be placed for the fall session.

The two teachers said they plan to re-evaluate the program after this cycle is over, to determine ways to improve it.

When classes begin in the fall, those students who have already been evaluated will begin working at the level their previous performance indicated they should start.

So far, the women said, response to the program has been tremendous.

Not only is there a waiting list to get into the class, students also are very dedicated to their work while in the

classroom.

"It's been wonderful," Miss Rodriguez said, noting that the adults get a 10-minute break halfway through the three-hour class, but most of them ignore the announcement, preferring instead to stay at their terminals and work.

In fact, Mrs. Nava said, one parent even asked if she could come to the school during breaks from her day job and work.

"These parents have the desire to get what their goal is," Miss Rodriguez said.

The night classes are broken up into sessions on the computer, with students working on timed lessons based on student needs and desires.

"Every parent has a different goal," Mrs. Nava said. There is one parent studying in the CCC lab in hopes of gaining American citizenship one day.

"We want to make sure the parents feel they are successful," Miss Rodriguez said.

"Our goal is to have these parents be successful in their area they're most interested in," Mrs. Nava echoed.

GED CLASS

of the sixth grade level, that individual is eligible to enter the GED program.

The time required to prepare for the GED tests differs from student to student, Reyna said -- "How far along did you go in your formal instruction and ... how long has it been since you were last in school."

He said students who dropped out recently, but who completed most of their schooling before quitting will require less preparation time that would those in other situations.

Students prepare to take the GED tests in five categories -- writing skills, social studies, science, interpreting literature and the arts and mathematics.

To receive a high school equivalency certificate, Texas requires a score of 40 or better on each test or a minimum average of 45 or better on all five tests.

Students who passed some sections

of the test within the past five years may take those tests they have not passed, Reyna said, without having to repeat those they passed.

The tests are administered through the HISD and are given monthly, on the first Tuesday and first Wednesday of each month.

During preparation for the GED tests, students use class books, Reyna said, with information backed up by a computer curriculum.

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Currently, the program serves "in excess of 125 clients," Reyna said.

For more information on the GED program, call Reyna at 363-7625.

Focus on Your City

By MAYOR BOB JOSSERAND
City of Hereford

"Now is the time we need a few good men or women to take a bat in hand and step to the plate to play on the City team.

Because of his daughter's health problems, Commissioner Dennis Hicks, after serious consideration, has submitted his resignation, effective Feb. 20.

Because your City Commission has so many active projects on the front burner, we have decided that we need input from Dennis' precinct, even for the relatively short period between Feb. 20 and election day on May 6.

Therefore, we would like to appoint someone to take over no later than our first meeting in March, which will be held March 6. This person may stand for election, if so choosing, but our primary goal is to get input from City Voting Precinct 3.

Let me encourage all of you who live in that precinct to consider serving as a City Commissioner. I would ask that any of you interested, please contact me or any member of the City Commission, right away. We need your help.

Before I leave this subject, let me just commend Commissioner Dennis Hicks for all the time that he spent helping on city problems. Dennis did not always agree with all of the actions taken by the City Commission, but he was always a gentleman, explained his reasons for disagreement, and after a decision was reached, helped the city to move forward. Dennis, I really appreciate

your service to the city and we will miss your valuable contribution.

My second cry for help to you is regarding the citywide survey which will be coming to you very shortly. Your City Commission is asking for your ideas as to the direction you want your city to move and what is most important to you.

We truly need each of you to complete the questionnaire and return it to us. I have been told many times that questionnaires of this type can't possibly receive more than a 25 percent response, but my answer to that is "Not in Hereford!"

We have a much more caring citizenry, truly interested in making Hereford a better place for all of us. Please take the time to complete the survey and let us know your wishes.

Back to day-to-day operations. We will open bids on March 6 for drilling of three new water wells for the city as well as a pipeline to get the water into our system. With any luck at all, we should be adding from one to two million gallons of water to our supply. In addition to drilling three new wells, we will quite soon do some revamping of two existing wells.

By the use of a process which I do not understand, we will be pumping carbon dioxide into the wells and consequently improving the water flow from these wells. All in all, we are attempting to live up to our goal of having an additional three million gallons of water in our supply within a three-year period.

Spring is just around the corner and it's time for all of us to start giving some serious thoughts to

improving our own homesteads as well as the land around us to make Hereford a more attractive place to live. Shortly, I hope that a joint meeting of the Hereford Beautification Alliance and the City Commission can be held to discuss short-term as well as long-term improvement plans for our city.

We have had some discussion at our City Commission meetings about re-distributing job assignments so that we can return to Code enforcements and about contacting our citizens asking that property be spruced up, not only to meet Code requirements of the city but also to improve the appearance of Hereford.

We need everyone's cooperation to do this, for I know it's very disheartening for one person to destroy the beauty of a neighborhood by not cleaning up. You'll hear more about this later, but we are really sincere about asking for a continual improvement in our city's looks. Let's all give some serious thought to

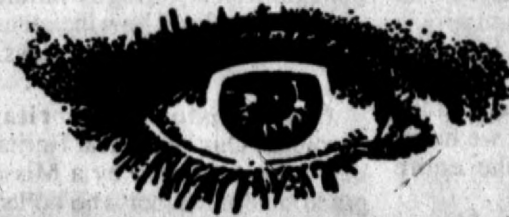
what each of us can do to make a difference.

Since we kind of got through the holidays, it's probably time to reinstate our Breakfast with the Mayor program. We'll set a time for this very soon and will let you know when the next breakfast will be held. However, as always, if you have suggestions or criticisms, I welcome your input. Please don't hesitate to give me a call.

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Singing second graders

Tierra Blanca Elementary School teacher Laura Stephens leads a group of second graders in singing "The Grand Old Flag" during an assembly on Friday during which a \$5,000 grant was

given to the school. The choir also sang "America the Beautiful" during the assembly, which was attended by students, parents, teachers and faculty, as well as local dignitaries.

Hopefuls turning eyes toward Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Bob Dole clearly has a lot on his mind these days: a rambunctious Senate and the balanced budget amendment and a baseball strike-and Darrell Kearney.

Darrell Kearney? For politicians like Bob Dole who have the White House in their dreams, the stocky and mustachioed Kearney is precisely the type of person who commands attention these days.

A veteran GOP activist in a state that one year hence kicks off the presidential primaries and caucuses, Kearney is a prize worth bragging about on national television.

Kearney is a respected Republican organizer, who had headed the Iowa operation for former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp. When Kemp announced he wouldn't run, Kearney became a prize and he was courted by all of the major contenders, before agreeing to be part of Dole's inner circle.

"I'm very, very comfortable with my decision," chuckled Kearney.

"I think there's just a general feeling that it's time to sign on with someone," said Steve Roberts, a Des Moines lawyer who sits on the Republican National Committee. "It's pretty clear who is going to be out there. The race is narrowing and people want to get on the various trains before they leave the station."

It's an odd statement that "the race is narrowing" before any candidates have formally announced, but that's politics in a state where organization is king. While most people are still assessing the last election, political activists are already deep into the next one.

"I think people are really trying to get at the opinion-leader level," said Bob Haus, an Iowa organizer for GOP Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas. "The battle for those people right now is intense. A lot of the key staff people are already committed."

The state's precinct caucuses are tentatively set for Feb. 12, 1996. That night, about 100,000 of the state's 575,000 Republicans will gather in church basements, fire stations and homes for an exercise in democracy: They argue politics, elect local party

officials and express a preference for the presidential nomination.

Because Iowa is the official kickoff, the competition is already intense here and major contenders have the seeds of campaign organizations in place.

"It's going to be an Iowa campaign, run in Iowa," said former Education Secretary Lamar Alexander, another potential contender.

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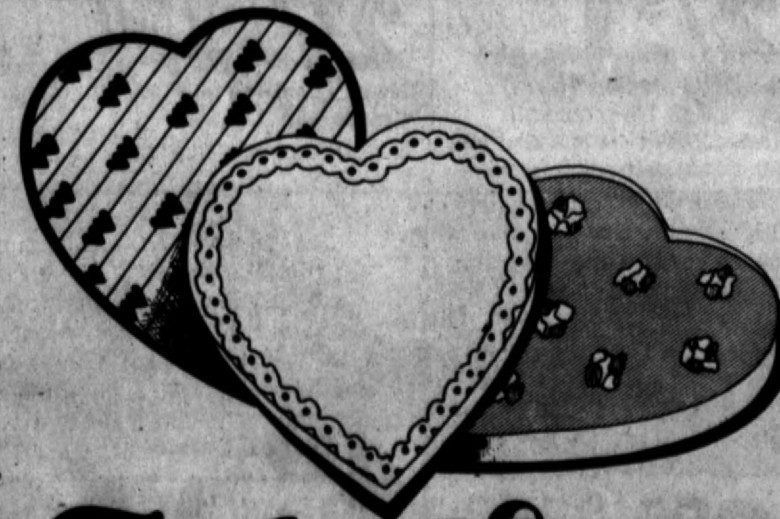
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Sports

Herd to host Pampa in crucial 1-4A game

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

The Hereford boys' basketball team found out in the first meeting with Pampa what it takes to stay close to the powerful Harvesters. The Herd

hopes to find out Tuesday what it feels like to beat Pampa.

The Harvesters come to Whiteface Gym Tuesday for a 7:30 p.m. game that is not crucial to them but is to Hereford.

The Herd must win to guarantee it stays in the District 1-4A playoff hunt. Hereford is tied with Canyon at 7-3 in district, but Hereford remaining schedule (Pampa; at Randall) is tougher than Canyon's (at Borger; Caprock at home).

Borger beat Randall 67-44 Friday, giving both 5-5 district records. Caprock is a tough-luck 2-8 after its surprisingly close 84-73 loss to Pampa Friday in Amarillo.

Pampa (10-1, 24-6 overall) clinched the district title with that win.

Hereford learned some things from the first meeting with Pampa--a 82-57 Harvester win in Pampa that was closer than the final score. Pampa led only 34-27 at halftime.

"In the first half, we had eight turnovers, and only three of them led to points for them," Hereford coach Randy Dean said. "That basically was the difference in the first half. They scored seven points off those turnovers, and we were down seven at the half."

Pampa had several scoring runs in the second half to pull away, including a big one in the closing minutes.

"Hopefully, we'll be a little more prepared for the type of pressure you have when you go against Pampa," Dean said. "We know we have to be more patient and resist the temptation to take a bunch of quick shots."

The Herd players are eager for another shot at Pampa, Dean said.

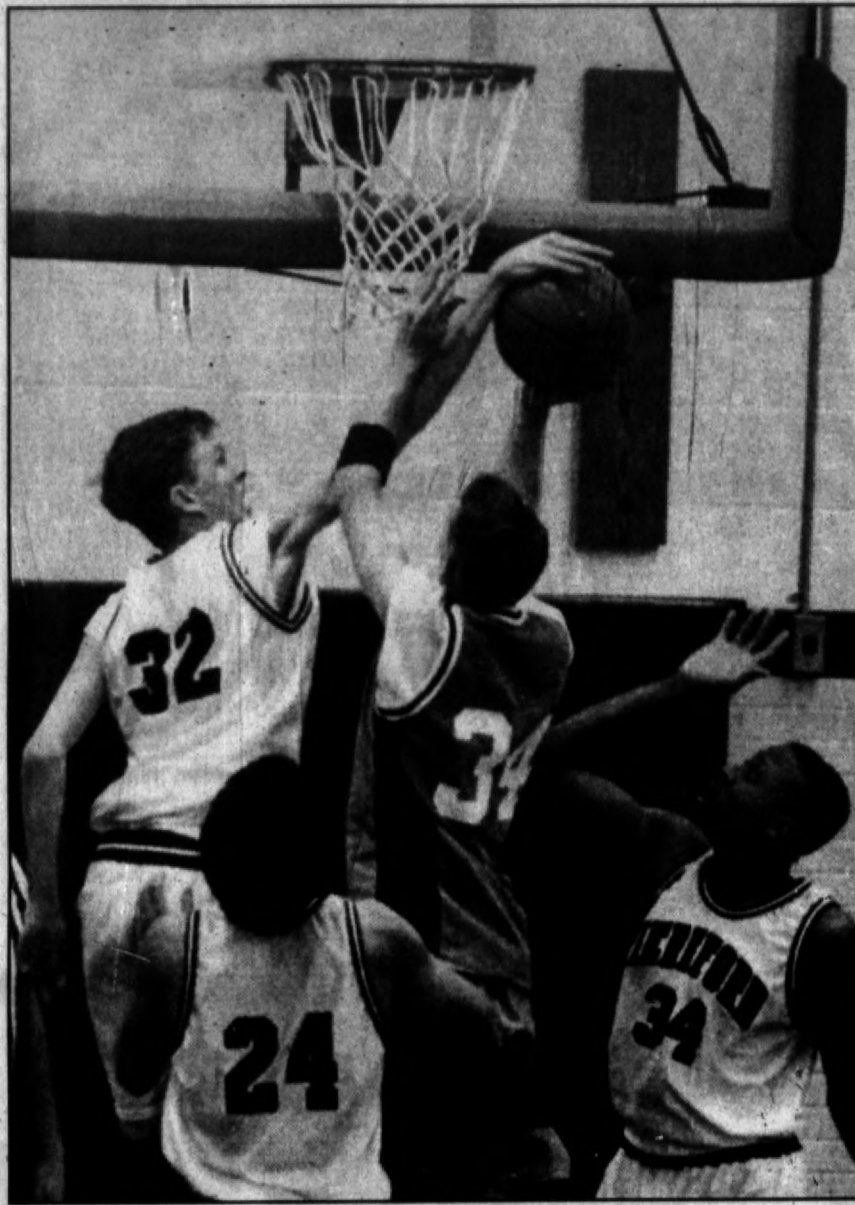
"They're really excited about the opportunity in front of them," he said. "They gained a measure of confidence in the first game, in that we saw some mistakes we made that created the point spread, and those mistakes all are correctable."

(See HERD, Page 7A)

Hereford sophs trample Tascosa

The Hereford sophomore boys' basketball team rolled over Tascosa 67-51 Friday at Hereford Junior High.

Trip Robison led Hereford with 21 points. Eric Ambold added 15 points. Curt Sherrod had 12 and Jeremy Reiter had eight.



Ready for Pampa

Hereford's Benton Buckley (32) blocks the shot of a Caprock player as Isaac Walker (24) and Michael High (34) look on. Hereford takes on Pampa at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Hereford.

Alumni Game postponed

The Alumni baseball game scheduled for Saturday was postponed until next Saturday because of cold weather in the 20s.

The baseball scrimmage between the current Hereford players

and former players will be played at 2 p.m. Saturday at Whiteface Field.

To accommodate the change, Hereford's scrimmage at Dimmitt, originally set for Saturday, will now be played at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Monterey edges Plainview

The Monterey girls' basketball team earned a playoff berth with a 41-38 win over Plainview Friday night in Whiteface Gym.

Hereford hosted a three-team mini-playoff when Monterey, Plainview and Amarillo High finished at 7-5, tied for third place in District 3-5A. In Class 5A, three teams from each district advance to the playoffs. Plainview defeated Amarillo High Thursday night.

Monterey took early leads of 10-4 and 20-8 but saw Plainview come back all night. Plainview cut the lead to 33-27 by the end of the third quarter, then came back as close as 40-38 in the fourth as Monterey hit only 2-of-10 free throws in the quarter.

Plainview had a couple of shots to tie or win with six seconds left, but the Lady Bulldogs turned the ball over.

Tech star to undergo surgery

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech senior forward Connie Robinson will undergo arthroscopic surgery next week on her left knee.

Robinson said tests show a torn ligament and cartilage damage she suffered Wednesday during the No. 4 Lady Raiders' 78-73 upset at Texas A&M.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said she

expects to finish the Southwest Conference regular season without the player who was averaging a team-leading 17.1 points and 7.3 rebounds.

"She's done a great job of handling it," Sharp said Friday. "It's a bad blow for her and the team."

Robinson was wearing an immobilizer on the joint Friday.

District 1-4A

Basketball standings

Boys

	District	Overall
Pampa*	10 1	24 6
Hereford	7 3	18 9
Canyon	7 3	21 5
Borger	5 5	16 11
Randall	5 5	16 14
Caprock	2 8	4 24
Dumas	0 11	7 20

*clinched playoff berth

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Hereford was idle
Pampa 84, Caprock 73
Borger 67, Randall 44
Canyon 60, Dumas 50

Girls

	District	Overall
Canyon*	12 0	26 1
Randall*	10 2	24 5
Dumas	8 4	21 12
Hereford	6 6	18 11
Borger	4 8	11 19
Pampa	2 10	7 21
Caprock	0 12	1 28

*in playoffs

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Hereford was idle
Canyon 60, Dumas 32
Randall 50, Borger 32
Pampa 44, Caprock 34
END OF GIRLS' SEASON

TUESDAY'S GAMES (7:30)

Pampa at Hereford
Canyon at Borger
Randall at Caprock
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FRIDAY'S GAMES (7:30)

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Borger at Dumas
Caprock at Canyon
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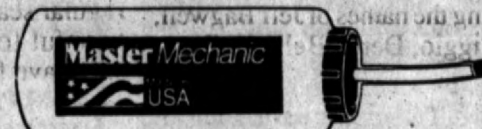
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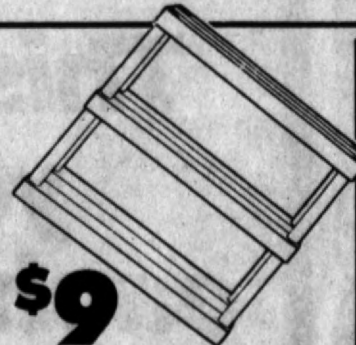


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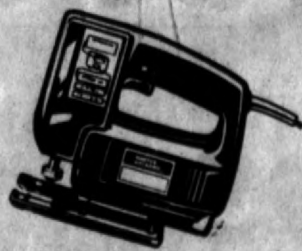
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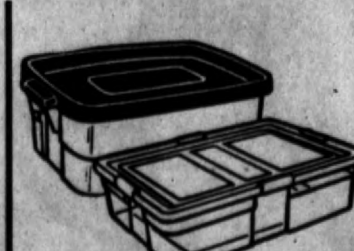
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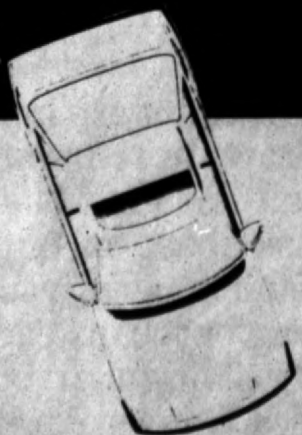


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Rangers start spring with question marks

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - The Texas Rangers start spring training next week with a new general manager, a new manager and team loaded with question marks.

The Rangers won the AL West with a 52-62 record last year in the strike-shortened season and owners were so happy about the first pennant of any kind in franchise history they fired general manager Tom Grieve.

Then manager Kevin Kenney was sacked and immediately picked up by the Boston Red Sox as their leader.

George W. Bush left as one of the Rangers owners when he was elected the new Texas governor and Tom Schieffer became club president. He hired Doug Melvin, a former executive with the Baltimore Orioles to become general manager.

Then Melvin hired Johnny Oates, who was fired as Orioles manager.

If all this wasn't dizzying enough, the Rangers traded slugger Jose Canseco to Boston without getting any pitching help which they direly need.

The Rangers have scrounged up some 100 replacement players for physicals next Wednesday in Port Charlotte. The first day of workouts is scheduled for Feb. 17.

"It's going to be pretty wild down there next week with all the new players and all the uncertainty," said Rangers public relations director John Blake.

New Rangers pitching coach Dick Bosman said "We have Plan A which is for the regular players

and Plan B which is for the wannabes. All I know is we need at least three pitchers who can give us 200 innings plus. It's going to be interesting to say the least."

Bosman replaced Claude Osteen who was on Kennedy's staff. Texas pitching was 13th in the AL last year with a 5.45 earned run average, the second highest figure in the majors.

The Rangers haven't signed ace lefty Kenny Rogers but got some help when they picked up free agent Kevin Gross.

"We'd like to sign Kenny to a longterm contract," Melvin said. "But there has been kind of a freeze on the signing situation. Everything is up in the air because of the strike and whether Kenny is really a free agent or not."

Melvin said the Rangers are looking everywhere for pitching help.

"Any pitching available we will take," Melvin said. "We need to add two relief pitchers and two starters."

Melvin, 42, the sixth GM in club history, has three years to put the Rangers pieces back together again.

He has been in pro baseball since his playing days began in 1972. He has been an executive since the New York Yankees made him scouting director in 1985. He joined the Orioles in 1986.

"Defense and pitching and staying free of injuries are the three areas the Rangers need to improve as a ballclub," Melvin said. "Good defense will make pitching better."

Cowboys solve first big problems

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer
IRVING, Texas (AP) - In only 24 hours, the Dallas Cowboys solved two of their most worrisome off-season problems. There are many more ahead.

Offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese took his name out of consideration for the Los Angeles Rams coaching job and wide receiver Michael Irvin agreed to a five-year contract.

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Dean also hopes the fact that this game will be in Whiteface Gym will make a difference. The Herd boys have won seven home games in a row and eight of nine this season—the only loss was to Estacado, 79-78, on Nov. 29.

"We put together a nice little home winning streak this year," he said. "We need the home court to be an advantage for us. I think it definitely was a big lift for them (Pampa) in the first game."

Pampa fans made a large vocal crowd in the first meeting. They got even more vocal during the Pampa scoring runs.

Pampa is led by guard Rayford Young, who had 43 points in the first

meeting. He is backed up by forward Coy Laury and guard Duane Nickelberry, who had 20 and 19, respectively, against Caprock Friday.

Hereford is led by senior guard Benton Buckley, who is averaging 18.1 points and 5.3 rebounds. Sophomore forward Isaac Walker leads the Herd in rebounding at 6.4 and adds 12.6 points. Senior guard Michael Brown scores at a 10.6 clip, and junior center adds 8.1 points a game.

Tuesday's basketball action starts at 4:30 p.m. with the Herd sophomore team taking on Caprock and continues at 6 with the junior varsity game between Hereford and Pampa.

A five-year, \$15 million contract will make Irvin the highest-paid receiver in NFL history, surpassing the Los Angeles Raiders' Tim Brown.

Irvin, a four-time Pro Bowl selection who has led the Cowboys in receiving the past four seasons, got a \$5 million, upfront bonus in the deal which beats a four-year, \$11 million contract signed by Brown.

Irvin, who signed the contract Friday, said, "It's important we understand the direction this team is going. We are determined to keep everything together and win the championship again."

The Cowboys now have their "big three" - Irvin, running back Emmitt Smith and quarterback Troy Aikman - under longterm contracts.

What about Harper, the Cowboys' deep threat?

"We'll have to see," Jones said. "Alvin wants to be the No. 1 receiver somewhere. But he has a good niche here. Teams double-team Michael so often that it provides good opportunities for Harper."

Irvin, the Cowboys' fourth all-time leading receiver with 6,935 yards, has earned \$1.25 million in each of the past three years.

Irvin will count \$2.2 million

against the salary cap this year. Under salary cap rules, the bonus can be spread out over five years.

"This is my reward for 12 years of going over the middle," Irvin said.

By signing Irvin, the Cowboys were able to save their "franchise" designation, which a team can use on one player to keep him from going to another team.

"Frankly, when you really add up what he's contributed to the Dallas Cowboys over the last six years it's hard to put money, a dollar value on that," Jones said.

"It didn't go like the last one where I had to go right up to the last game," Irvin said. "Jerry stepped up and said, 'We're going to get this thing done and we're going to make sure that everybody understands the direction we're going, and that's back to the Super Bowl and doing everything we can to put a winner on the field.'"

Spokesman Rich Dalrymple said signing Irvin shows that the Cowboys want to be aggressive about holding onto their free agents.

"Jerry feels very confident that we're going to be in a situation to retain several of our key free agents," he said.

Astros' Collins hopes to have real players

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) - Terry Collins isn't playing the replacement game.

Collins is going to spring training with the only Houston Astros lineup that means anything to him - the one containing the names of Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, Derek Bell and Doug Drabek.

"I've got my stuff right here for the first five or six days of spring training with the Bagwells and Biggios on it," Collins said. "The only thing I know is I'm preparing for spring training and ready to make some adjustments."

While other major league teams have held tryout camps to sign replacement players, the Astros plan to field a replacement team of their own minor leaguers should the spring not produce a strike settlement.

"We don't have any interest in signing 45-year-olds who haven't played in 10 years," Astros president Tal Smith said. "You've got a responsibility to put the best possible product on the field under the circumstances and that's what we'll do if we have to."

The Astros could eventually be forced to use replacement players but if they do, the lineup will come first from their minor league system and then from a list compiled by the team's scouts.

"We feel our scouting staff is on top of things and has information about prospective players should we need to supplement those we presently have," Smith said. "We're not going the tryout game."

"I'm not sure how productive they really are. Some of those people have attended hundreds of these camps. They make interesting stories but that's not something we'll do."

The timing of the strike, should it linger into spring games and the regular season, would be especially harmful for the Astros, who likely will have five new starters because of the 12-player trade they made last December with San Diego.

Key losses in the trade were third baseman Ken Caminiti, center fielder Steve Finley, shortstop Andujar Cedeno, first baseman Roberto Petagine and pitcher Brian Williams. An unnamed player also was thrown in.

The Astros acquired outfielders Bell and Phil Plantier, infielders Craig Shipley and Ricky Gutierrez and pitchers Pedro Martinez and Doug Brocail.

The Astros got younger and reduced payroll in the deal.

When the "real" Astros are finally assembled, Collins' lineup card could include three rookies, Phil Nevin at third, Orlando Miller at shortstop and Brian Hunter in center field.

Doug Drabek is the veteran of the pitching rotation that also includes Shane Reynolds, Darryl Kile and Greg Swindell. Stopper John Hudek also returns. Hudek became the fifth player in major league history to start the season in the minors and make the major league All-Star team.

Collins anticipates seeing fans at games, even if he's forced to field a replacement team.

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Spurs' Cummings adjusts to supporting role

By GLENN ROGERS
San Antonio Express-News
SAN ANTONIO - He used to be The Man.

He was that go-to guy down the stretch - his bulky, powerful body planted in the low post, poised to fake, juke, spin around his defender for a lay-up or turn and fire a jumper.

Terry Cummings operated in muscle territory, and for seven years provided buckets of points for first the San Diego Clippers and then the Milwaukee Bucks. He connected on 49.2 percent of everything he powered up during those years, averaging 22.1 points a contest.

He missed only 24 games during that span, five of those because of a contract dispute his first year.

This despite suffering from arrhythmia, an irregularity of his heartbeat for which he still takes medication.

Coach Larry Brown, really no great lover of isolation plays for the struggling gents in the post, still figured he needed a proven scorer, a respected veteran to put alongside his

up-and-coming superstar - David Robinson.

The coach dealt away local hero Alvin Robertson and Greg Anderson and Cummings changed uniforms, but he still was The Man as he and Robinson began their Spurs careers in the 1989-90 season.

Cummings averaged 22.4 points a game and helped lead the Spurs to a 56-26 record and through the playoffs to a seven-game battle with Portland in the Western Conference semifinals.

"He's a real power, so strong and he has all the low-post moves," said Robinson of his mate in the paint. "He certainly has more moves than I do down there."

Says Cummings of that year: "It was the best team we've had here until this season. We had so much confidence, (we) always figured we were going to win the game."

The ordained Pentecostal minister scored 20 or more points in 55 games, including a career-high 52-point outburst Jan. 31, a statement made

when he wasn't named to the All-Star Game.

But then began the periods coaches and players refer to as adapting time.

Brown shifted the offense's emphasis from Cummings to Robinson and Sean Elliott. Cummings, now the third option, would see more to the rebounding and defense.

"It's difficult. I'm used to being the man, but it's something I'll just have to get used to," said Cummings, beginning the litany of explanations of his slide to a subordinate role.

He still averaged 17.6 and 17.3 points through his next two seasons and turned in a commanding performance through the three-game series against the Phoenix Suns in the 1992 playoffs.

Robinson sat out those skirmishes with a torn ligament in his left hand.

"He's a warrior," said Coach Bob Bass, who had taken over the team when Brown was fired Jan. 21.

Cummings' next season, 1992-93, consisted of just the final eight games. He entered the year with a

torn anterior cruciate ligament, having blown out his right knee during a pickup game in Chicago during the off-season.

He has spent the last two seasons scrambling for minutes as one of the backups to Dennis Rodman.

"What's the most difficult thing for me now on court? Well, to tell the truth, it's forcing myself to stretch and get loosened up before the second half begins," Cummings says now with a smile. "I have to be ready to go in at any time and, sometimes, I don't play at all in the second half."

"Actually, I've settled into my role," he says of the 15 minutes per game he is averaging. "I just try to play hard during that span of time I'm on the floor. I can go all-out; I certainly don't have to worry about pacing myself. I want to come off the floor sweating and tired."

Cummings concentrates on rebounding, staying close to the basket for the misses and the occasional putback.

"I don't take very many jumpers anymore, although I'm still confident

I can hit them," he said. "I like to stay on the post. I can still out-quick and out-muscle most guys in that spot. Besides, low-post guys aren't exactly a common commodity on our team," he added with a grin.

Cummings is one of three Spurs captains, sharing the role with Robinson and Avery Johnson. Coach Bob Hill attributes the Spurs' current sense of unity to Cummings and the other veterans accepting their supporting roles.

"Terry's handling of his situation is of tremendous importance," Hill said. "He has been a positive influence all the way through. The bench players are just as vital to the team as the starters; accepting their responsibilities is essential for the overall attitude and chemistry." Cummings goes about his game with a workmanlike approach - boxing out, rebounding, mixing brains with the brawn of his bulky physique.

"It's a long season," he said. "I suppose I'd still like a lot of the playoff pressure and time to fall on me when that time comes, but, otherwise, I feel very comfortable with my role."

This could be Cummings' last season in San Antonio.

The Spurs have the option to cut him loose after this season, paying him \$800,000. If they retain his services, they will pay him \$2.1 million. If the team releases him, the move would create a \$2.4 million salary slot into which the team could slide a free agent, assuming the cap rules are not drastically revised with a new collective bargaining agreement.

"We'll have to see how all that comes out after the season," Cummings said. "I'd like to end my career here, but either way I want to play at least one more year before going full-time with my other enterprises in music and film production."

"And of course, next year is an expansion year, and if the Spurs don't protect me (each team can protect eight players), I could wind up in Toronto or Vancouver. So far I've been blessed. I've been able to play all these years and I still feel capable of playing a few more."

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UT women's hoops going through hard times

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - The fans cheer as loudly as ever, and the championship banners that ripple from the ceiling are still an imposing sight.

But the once-powerful Texas Lady Longhorns are searching for an identity.

Hobbled by injuries this year and costly transfers in recent years, Texas is in jeopardy of missing the NCAA tournament for the first time since the postseason showcase began in 1982.

At 8-10 heading into the week, no Texas team under 19-year coach Jody Conradt has had a losing record this late in the season. The 10 losses already match the most in a Conradt year.

And with a tough schedule remaining, there are murmurs that the unthinkable could happen: a losing season.

Conradt, the all-time victory leader in women's college basketball, is as competitive as she was in 1986, when she celebrated the only national championship won by an undefeated team.

The losses are harder to take than ever before, she says. But she remains positive. She nurtures, teaches,

pushes and prods her freshman- and sophomore-laden team.

"I have been more of a teacher this year than I have in a long time," Conradt said. "There have been times when we put dots on the floor and said, 'You go here and you go there.'"

Conradt is used to building. She is widely credited as one of the modern architects of her sport.

She not only was among the first to successfully use an up-tempo style of play, but also marketed the sport feverishly to anyone who would listen. She demanded the same facilities and other advantages that men's teams had and held her program to the same standards while producing a perennial powerhouse.

The Lady Longhorns' string of 183 straight victories against Southwest Conference foes from 1978-1990 is Conradt's proudest achievement and may never be matched.

"I think it was Jody and (Tennessee coach) Pat Head Summitt who really broke all of the barriers associated with the potential of women's college basketball," said Donna Lopiano, former women's athletic director at Texas and current executive director of the Women's

Sports Foundation in East Meadow, N.Y.

"They proved you could sell out an arena, generate a million dollars with a woman's program and do anything that the men's programs were doing. I credit them with making possible the success of everyone who has followed in their footsteps."

But with the success - an average of 29 victories per season and nine SWC championships - came copycats. As women's college basketball gained prominence, coaches borrowed Conradt's trade secrets and began beefing up their own programs.

Now, Conradt is faced with the reality that competitors have caught up.

"I believe that we did have a major impact on how women's basketball was accepted and played across this country," Conradt said. "Circumstances aren't the same as when we were dominant. But no one is going to be dominant again. We have been talking for years about parity coming and it's finally here."

The refusal to admit partial academic qualifiers at Texas has forced Conradt to be more selective

in recruiting, which she admits has become more of "an inexact science."

And the increased efforts of other top programs to recruit in Texas also has weakened the Lady Longhorns' once overpowering grip on the Lone Star State.

The decision by three players to leave Texas over the past three years also hurt the program. Aside from leaving the team with only one junior and three seniors, the defections were used by competitors who told prospective recruits that there was turmoil in the Lady Longhorns program.

Conradt said the "false reasons" were damaging and unwarranted. She said one of the players, Sonya Brown, left Texas because she had cancer. Brown died recently. The other two, Dee Dee Dobbs and Kim Brandt, transferred for personal reasons.

"Sonya asked that we maintain confidentiality about her illness," Conradt said. "We never revealed why she never enrolled and never played. People used that as an excuse to make

up false reasons and take shots at our program."

Conradt's sophomore class is loaded with talent, including 3-point scoring whiz Danielle Viglione, hard-working rebounder Amie Smith and feisty point guard Angie Jo Ogletree. But injuries to Viglione, Ogletree and senior guard Nekeshia Henderson have caused chemistry problems this season.

The losses have come against teams that used to be easy victims, such as California, Sacramento State and Utah. The reverberations could be felt statewide when new SWC heavyweight Texas Tech handed the Lady Longhorns their worst loss in 17 years, 84-40 on Jan. 28.

"All season I just kept telling myself after each loss, 'We have hit bottom. We have hit bottom,'" Smith said. "And hopefully now we have actually hit the bottom and we're starting to work our way back up."

Erica Routt, the lone junior on the team, says despite the setbacks, Conradt has never come down on the team.

"I know it's hard for her right now," Routt said. "Her being the most

winningest coach, she is not used to having a losing record. But she is being real positive and we are just helping each other through this difficult time."

Despite the losses, fans continue to support the team, perhaps even more than in the past.

"It's interesting to see what's happened with this team," Lopiano said. "Attendance is still up. Austin likes this team and these players. The fans believe that because they are young, they need the support and are turning out."

Lopiano said the continued support is a tribute to Conradt.

"Jody never sold a winning team as a condition for support," Lopiano said. "She said, 'I will give you kids with 150 percent effort, who graduate, who are role models and spokespeople.' That's what she promised and that's what alums want."

"I don't have any doubt that she will get the team back to national prominence," Lopiano said. "She is going to be like a dog with a bone. She's determined, and Jody doesn't like not being good."

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'Voyager' faces more than just the universe

By ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Forget Cardassians, network execs and other bad guys. The fans of Star Trek's earlier incarnations are the real threat to "Star Trek: Voyager."

The fourth live-action series debuted Jan. 17 as flag-waver for the new United Paramount Network. Bets are it will live longer than a Trill.

But only if it avoids ticking off those who, in the course of 30 years, saved the Star Trek universe from oblivion, made it a virtual modern myth, and gettrabid if the cosmic laws are broken.

One fan even turned off the premiere episode because it didn't start with the phrase "to boldly go ...". So much for bold innovation.

"The fans are always in our mind. ... They keep us on our toes," says Rick Berman, who is executive producer of "Voyager" along with Michael Piller and Jeri Taylor.

"We have a whole Star Trek technology," Berman says. "It's all made up, but to the fans it's as real as the rules of science."

"Voyager" is the third TV offspring of the original 1966 series, not counting a long-ago cartoon show.

Piller calls it "back to basics."

Where the recently ended "Star Trek: The Next Generation" had a cushy behemoth of a ship that seated 1,000 and the current "Deep Space Nine" has a space station with a holo-brothel, "Voyager" returns to the small-boat-in-a-big-ocean theme.

The Intrepid-class starship has a paltry crew of 200 that finds itself stretched deep into uncharted space. The mission: to boldly go - home. Which will take 75 years unless "Voyager" can find a mysterious alien to help.

The idea was to keep the show fresh by creating "a new universe, away from Starfleet and away from the Federation," Berman says.

"Voyager" sets are built on the same Paramount sound stages as those for the defunct "Next Generation," among the most popular syndicated shows ever.

The main bridge is all steel and ribbed paneling. It's a Machine Age, no-nonsense look - as different from the plush pastels of "Next Generation's" Enterprise-D as a Borg from a bunny rabbit.

A dedication plaque lists the late "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry as chief of staff.

Majel Roddenberry, his widow, praises the new series for its glossy special effects - easily affordable on a budget of more than \$1.5 million per episode - and its female main character, Capt. Kathryn Janeway.

In the original "Star Trek" series pilot, Ms. Roddenberry was second in command of the Enterprise. NBC rejected the character because it felt audiences would balk at a female in charge.

Now, there's Janeway. "Oh, am I happy," Ms. Roddenberry says. "The only thing that bothers me is it took 30 years to do it. Which means that Gene, once again, was ... before his time."

Actually, "Star Trek: Voyager," like its ancestors, reflects current society more than future prospects.

The "Star Trek" of the 1960s put women officers in miniskirts as the freedom-loving Federation fought a Cold War against the Evil Empire of Klingons.

"Voyager's" world is morally complex. The crew includes the Maquis, a rebel group founded after a Federation treaty ceded their colony worlds to the Cardassians. (Read

Israel's West Bank and you get the picture).

The captain, played by Kate Mulgrew, is a raspy-voiced Supermom of the '90s transplanted to the stars.

Here she is, dealing with renegades, a nasty alien, a warp core breach and a bad hair day all at once (her flowing red locks may become as much a trademark as Jean-Luc Picard's bald pate or James Kirk's sideburns).

She's no powder puff. When Janeway wants a command executed, she snaps "Do it!" instead of using Picard's courtly "Make it so."

Mulgrew says her character is tough but also compassionate, warm and, well, feminine. She also has a fierce curiosity.

"We are lost in space. We may never see home again," she says. "But I think in myself and my deepest being, there's a quickening of the pulse and I'm thinking, 'Oh boy, the planets I'm going to explore ... the stones I will overturn.'"

Mulgrew says she isn't worried about what fans will think of a female captain. More important, at the moment, is dealing with the flu and 16-hour days that keep her away from her two young children.

"I miss my children, I'll be frank about that," she says, but adds, "I'm old enough and smart enough to know that I made a choice."

Cast and crew alike say Mulgrew never complains and is as disciplined as her character. She attributes that to being trained as "second in command" in a family of eight children.

"In a big family, when you're issuing orders and you don't feel so good or you're feeling sad yourself, these things have to be masked, for the job has to get done."

Though she wasn't a Trek fan, she believes in the Trek universe.

"They're not just writing science fiction here; they're writing dreams," she says. "Einstein would have approved."

"Voyager" takes Trek's patented multiethnic crew to its limit. Besides a woman, a white guy, an Asian and an American Indian, there's a black Vulcan and a Hispanic who's part Klingon. That should cover all the bases.

Trek series usually have lesser characters that become breakout hits with fans. "Voyager" candidates

include Doc Zimmerman as the crankiest medico since "Bones" McCoy, and Neelix (Ethan Phillips), a gleeful, spotted chief cook-and-bottlewasher who looks like a cross between a house cat and a Munchkin.

Zimmerman is an emergency holograph pressed - unhappily - into service when the ship's doctor is killed. Actor Robert Picado says he had to get a feel for Trek's techno-babble. "Reconfigure" is every other line," he says. "It's the most popular verb in Star Trek."

Will Trekkies take to this new show? Majel Roddenberry says yes.

"We can keep going forever," she says. "As long as we keep the Prime Directive, as long as we keep the original vision going, the legacy continues."

Numbers bear out voters' message

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst
NEW YORK (AP) - The political message delivered in November is becoming supported now by economic numbers that show American families are hardly as confident as surveys show.

Income for many people hasn't changed much, not in the past year nor in the past 20 years if you measure by compensation per hour. It has risen some, but barely enough to replace the amount lost to inflation.

But the most telling evidence of stagnation in the grand American dream is supplied by the statistics on individual debt. Total household debt, including mortgages, now amounts to about 90 percent of after-tax income. Taxes have risen, while paychecks often

haven't. No wonder credit cards are getting a workout, with usage about 25 percent over a year ago, bringing total installment credit to about 17.5 percent of disposable income. That's halfway back to the late 1980s peak of 18.8 percent.

Why it might even be all the way back if you include car leases, which economists at DRI-McGraw-Hill point out now account for 20 percent of new-car purchases. In terms of monthly payments, leases are very similar to debt.

But, it is often suggested, credit card usage is a sign of confidence in the future, and sometimes that is true. Financially insecure families don't take on debt if they can avoid it. But what if they have little choice?

The case for saying families used credit because they had to may be hard to prove, but there is some evidence.

While credit card usage soared recently, for example, retail sales didn't. Christmas buyers were conservative, buying down in price and product. And, while credit card usage has risen sharply, check writing has barely grown.

These are among the factors that were translated into votes last November, when Congress changed dramatically, and two years ago as well, when an incumbent president was dislodged from a job that had seemed secure.

If people are impatient, you can hardly blame them. It is only in the past year or so that many Americans found jobs again - 3 million jobs were created - and now they are told that

the expansion is beyond its peak and must slow.

It leaves a vast number of people with a sense that somehow they missed out, not just on the most recent economic expansion but on the one before. And to have missed such a financial opportunity has to be distressing.

If change was demanded politically, it might also have a counterpart in labor relations. Collective bargaining is due for a workout this year, with 42 percent of workers in major contracts due for renegotiation.

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Topics to be covered include pesticide laws and herbicide regulations, cotton production economics, cotton grading standards and quality, the 1995 farm program as related to cotton, crop insurance requirements, worker protection standards and compliance, insect identification and control with emphasis on integrated pest management, cotton production and management options, irrigation management and chemigation techniques, and harvest aid chemicals.

Speakers for the event are Texas Agricultural Extension Service Specialist Kater Hake, Cotton Agronomist from Lubbock; Dr. Jim Lesor, Cotton Entomologist; Leon New, Irrigation Agricultural Engineer; and Jackie Smith, Agricultural Economist. Also featured on the program are Ted Peabody, County Executive Director of the Deaf Smith County office of USDA Farm Service Agency,

Students to compete in calf scramble

Justin McDowell and Ian Isaacson of Deaf Smith County 4-H will be competing in the 1995 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble on March 4. This matinee performance also will feature entertainment from Little Texas and Toby Keith.

The pair will be scrambling for one of 320 calves to be awarded at the 1995 Show. In addition to the seven championship rodeo events, the calf scramble is an exciting part of each rodeo performance.

An entertaining event whose net proceeds provide educational contributions to Texas students, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo ranks as the world's largest donor of agricultural scholarships.

Currently, more than 1,500 students are attending Texas colleges and universities on Show-sponsored financial assistance. The Show's educational commitment for the 1994-95 school year exceeds \$3.5 million.

Equally important is the Show's commitment to youngsters competing in the event itself. The calf scramble is one of the Show's major programs benefiting youth, requiring a year-long commitment to the animals project on the part of the winner. The athletic competition that takes place inside the Astrodome is exhilarating for both the exhibitors and the participants.

The actual event involves 28 steadfast, determined youngsters--all of whom are members of Texas 4-H or FFA. Each contender is equally determined to catch one of the 14 calves. But these rugged animals scramble just as hard in an effort not to get caught. For those individuals who manage to capture, halter and bring a calf into the winners' square, the reward is a \$1,000 purchase certificate.

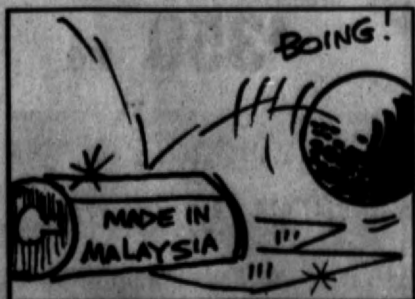
The yearlong project is closely supervised by a county extension agent or agricultural science teacher.

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Rural Hero '94 search starts

WACO -- The search is under way for the rural hero for 1994, according to Ben Bullard president of the Texas Farm and Ranch safety council, which presents the annual rural heroism award.

The 1994 recipient will be announced March 21, at the 56th annual Texas/Southwestern Safety conference and Exposition to be held at the Austin Convention Center in Austin.

Deadline for submitting 1994 entries will be Feb. 17, Bullard said.

Send all nominations to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, Box 2689, Waco, Texas, 76702-2689.

To qualify for the honor, a candidate must have performed an heroic act of human-lifesaving within Texas during 1994. Preferably, it should be related to farming and ranching, Bullard said.

The 1993 winners were James Mashburn and Donnie Thompson, linemen for the Cap Rock Electric Co. of Stanton, who rescued Mrs. Clarice Shafer from her 1991 GMC

Jimmy which was stranded in floodwaters after a 3 1/2 inch flash flood.

A letter of nomination should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany when available, Bullard said.

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Murrah moved far from days in Gruver

By WILLIAM KERNS
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK, Texas - As a youth, David Murrah already had decided that he did not want to eventually take over his dad's farm implement business. But when you grow up in a small Texas town such as Gruver, your options appear somewhat limited.

Oh, Murrah stayed busy in high school. He played in the band. He was involved in Future Farmers of America. He was a lineman on the school's varsity football team, although his most embarrassing moment remains the day when, as a senior at Gruver High, the football coach told him that he'd been beaten out of his starting position by a sophomore. He's never forgotten.

"I did it all in high school because I wanted to, although, to tell the truth, a lot of kids played football just to be socially acceptable. I never developed the necessary killer instinct," said Murrah, who also graduated third in his class. "But I also never shared my dad's interests. I always enjoyed history, and college was going to be my way out. Gruver was a great place to grow up and it's still a great place to go back to."

"But the problem with growing up in a small town is that, if you don't want to farm, you usually wind up having to choose between being a teacher or a preacher."

Murrah made a run at both. What he didn't plan on was marrying too early, suffering the psychological trauma of being the first in his family to be divorced - and then looking for work as a single father after his wife indicated that she didn't wish to be tied down with their young son.

In Gruver, located near the Texas-Oklahoma border, graduating

students chose one of three routes to college. Murrah indicated that many chose West Texas State University in Canyon "because it was close." Others opted for Texas Tech, which Murrah's family decided was "too big." The rest headed to either Wayland Baptist University or Hardin Simmons. Murrah opted for the latter, a college far enough away from home to spark independence but close enough to allow reunions if desired.

He majored in history and minored in Bible, then enrolled at Southwest Seminary for 1-1/2 semesters. "I was headed for a ministerial career at the time," said Murrah, who noted that his unexpected divorce led to a reawakening and a recognition that "God had something else in mind for my life."

Murrah married at 21. "We both were too young," he reflected. At 25, he was divorced and given custody of his 3-year-old son, Jerel.

He loved his son and his parents were supportive, but Murrah still remembers being overcome with guilt and shame, certain that a stigma was attached to divorce in small-town Texas. He quit school. "I couldn't take care of Jerel and work and go to school, so I quit. But it just shows how God can work in your life when you let Him in. I was lucky; I got Jerel without any sort of custody fight. And a few weeks later, when I was feeling down, I just prayed and said, 'I'm wiping the chalkboard clean. Here's the chalk, God. Tell me what you want me to do.'"

"The first thing that came to mind was to teach."

Soon afterward, Murrah was informed of an open teaching position in Springtown, near Fort Worth. With a recommendation from a friend, he landed the job without benefit of a teaching certificate. Murrah recalls being adopted by the entire town. "If

I wanted to go to a basketball game, I didn't need a baby sitter. The cheerleaders couldn't wait to take care of Jerel."

He taught in Springtown for a year, then four more years at the high school level in Morton. Murrah moved to Lubbock in 1969 to study for a master's degree at Tech and his life began falling into place. Almost immediately, he was hired to work at the Southwest Collection, Texas Tech's archive of research and documents focusing on the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.

By 1977, he became only the third director ever to head the Southwest Collection, following a path carved first by S.V. "Ike" Connor and later by Sylvan Dunn.

And in 1973, he found happiness in his personal life when he married again, instantaneously becoming the guardian of four as his son was joined by three more children from his wife's previous marriage.

But for the lack of desired courses at Tech, however, Murrah might never have wound up at the Southwest Collection.

He explained, "The basketball coach at my high school was a fellow named Caddo Matthews. Like a lot of coaches, Caddo wasn't the greatest teacher. But Caddo had served as the personal bodyguard for Admiral Chester Nimitz in World War II. He'd been right there on the battleship Missouri, and he brought those years to life whenever he talked about his war experiences."

"... History really got into my blood and when I came back to Tech in '69, I wanted to major in World War II. The courses weren't available. My second choice was the history of the Southwest."

Mention the term "walking encyclopedia," which a lot of people do when referring to Murrah, and the 53-year-old scholar just shakes his head. "I never felt that my memory was all that good. It's just that, working at the Southwest Collection from the early days, I've been exposed to so much information. And I've lived long enough

to have experienced some of that history."

"Most of my personal research has been about the history of West Texas, from Coronado's time all the way to the present. That research taught me where the sources are hidden. If I have a trade secret, it's knowing where to look."

Murrah is quick to laud the importance of the Southwest Collection. He quotes J.C. McNeil: "Only the past is real. There is no present. The past is the only living reality we have." Murrah was named the director of the facility by the time he earned his Ph.D. and the thought of moving elsewhere was anathema.

"My gosh, to leave I'd have to take a cut in pay and go teach at Angelo State, and besides, I dearly love Texas Tech."

Not that he hasn't suffered burnout a couple of times, usually because of his inability to say, "No," when asked to volunteer. He was involved with many extra-curricular organizations during the Sesquicentennial in 1986.

"I was getting 40 calls a day back then and I felt like hanging it up." He also took a five-month leave of absence in the fall of 1992 to finish writing his book "Oil, Taxes and Cats" and had so much fun that, "Had I been able to retire then, I would have immediately."

And this civic-minded scholar - who also chairs the parade committee for 4th on Broadway, labors as an active board member of the Cactus Theater and has taught Sunday school classes and worked with church missions for the past 25 years - also began to wonder whether anyone would ever notice the cramped conditions and paperwork challenges endured for so many years by the Southwest Collection's staff. Now that funds for a new building have been approved, he's not about to leave before construction is finished.

As for the future, Murrah already has the hours filled. He still has not forsaken thoughts of a pastoral

ministry during his retirement years, but there are at least two more books he wants to write. One is a history of a ranch in Bosque County.

"The other would be my swan song," he said. "I want to write a contemporary history of the Great Plains. This would be a big, monumental retirement project. The definitive book to this date in Walter Prescott Webb's 'The Great Plains,' published in 1935. I want to revise it and update it."

There is more to Murrah than books and the Southwest Collection, of course. He loves movies and is currently introducing a classic film series at the Cactus Theater. When people assume he's deep in thought at his computer, a closer glance might reveal that he's actually deep into a game of Tetris.

He hasn't forgotten the low points of his life, but he now can see that, without the adversities he faced, his life may have taken a different and less successful path.

And if he could change only one part of his life, he doesn't even consider his traumatic divorce or the lonely years spent balancing single fatherhood and job progression.

"I just wish I'd been exposed to more professions early on," he reflected. "I wish I could have come to grips sooner with what the world has to offer. And I really hope that the high school in Gruver now brings in lawyers and doctors and professionals in other fields to talk to students, to let them know there's more than

farming and preaching and teaching. "Kids growing up in small towns often don't recognize their own potential. I know I didn't."

Murrah continued, "I go back to Gruver now and people say, 'You can't imagine how proud we are of you.' I take that as a compliment. It makes me feel good. But what they might be asking under the surface is, 'How did a snot-nosed kid like you land a position at Texas Tech?'"

"Hey, it's true. I was a snot-nosed kid. I guess I got lucky."

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CAPITOL COMMENT
U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan is a case study of how environmental good intentions can go wrong.

The purpose of this plan is to provide more protected habitat for Texas' Golden-Cheeked Warbler. But it will provide that protection at the expense of certain Travis County property owners.

This plan proposes that owners of nearly 400 single-family lots in Travis County, lots which were subdivided before the area was designated a protected habitat, be allowed to apply for a permit to construct a single-family home - for a fee of \$1,500. Developers are expected to pay even more - up to \$5,000 an acre - to build property they own in certain areas of the warbler's designated habitat which hasn't been subdivided yet.

These permit fees are to be used to acquire nearly 10,000 additional acres of wildlife refuge to provide more habitat, to augment 21,000 acres now set aside for that purpose. And the plan was put forward despite the fact that Travis County residents have voted against spending any more money on refuges.

I consider this plan a flagrant violation of the Takings Clause of the U.S. Constitution. If any nongovernmental organization made such a proposal, it would be called extortion.

I am just as disturbed at the way the plan was welcomed in Austin: Landowners and developers there have been so browbeaten by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Interior that they were relieved to reach a resolution of the issue - any resolution of the issue, regardless of cost.

But we shouldn't overlook the fact that the Fish and Wildlife Service plan essentially suspends the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution regarding the taking of property.

For this reason I introduced a bill on January 11 to impose a moratorium on any additional designations of endangered species or critical habitat until Congress rethinks the entire act, which is up for reauthorization this year.

I am not arguing against preserving the habitat of endangered species. There are, however, positive alternatives to accomplish this, such as offering tax incentives to encourage alternative protection initiatives or the designation of alternative habitats.

We should determine what species are worthy of designation and how rigorous their protection should be in a more pragmatic way. The manner in which the Department of the Interior is going about protecting many species now puts unjust limits on the use, market value and transferability of certain property.

If we want to protect the critical habitat of endangered species, we all have to pay for it, not just certain, unlucky property owners.

This debate is no longer about protecting our treasured natural resources from harm, it's about the federal government seizing control of Texans' land. We must put a stop to this, and we must point the Department of the Interior in a new direction.

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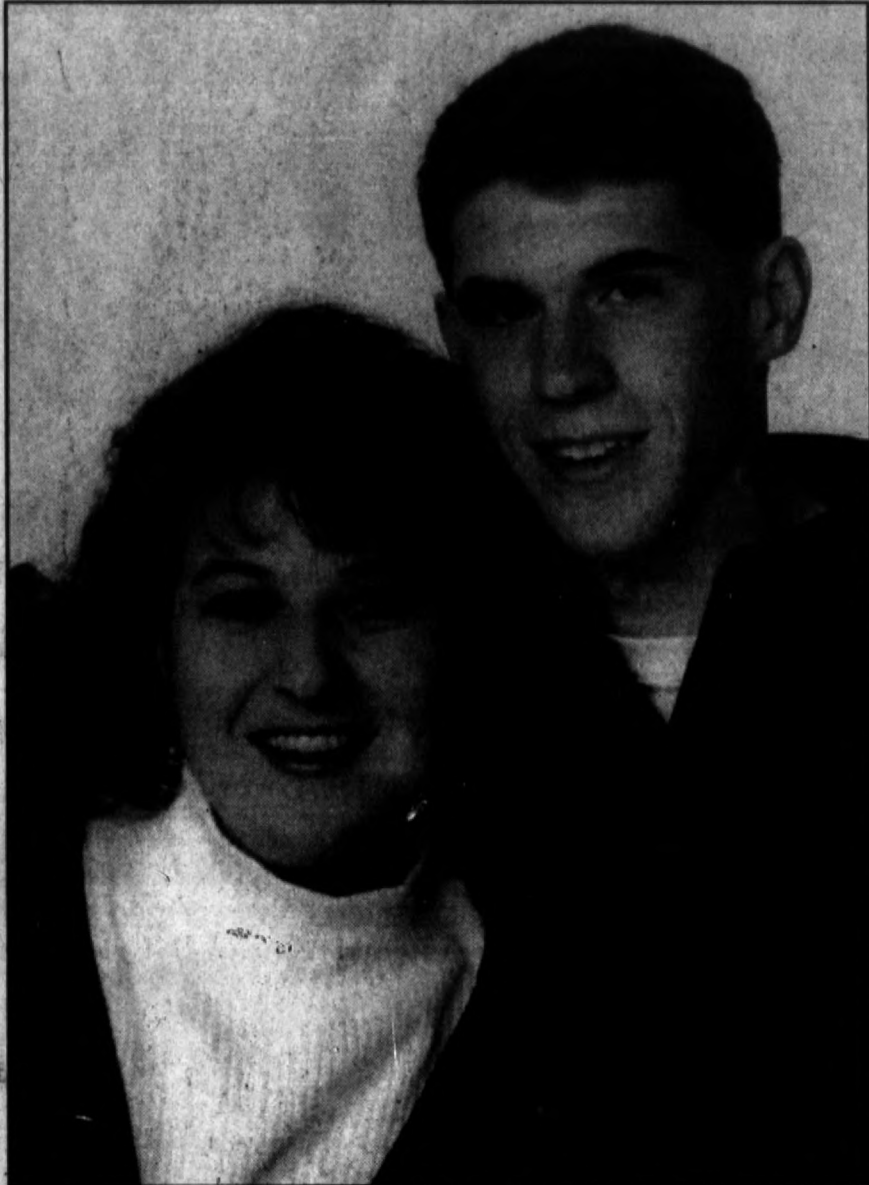
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Lifestyles

Sorority honors sweethearts at brunch



D'ANN HILL, CHRISTOPHER BLAIR

Local couple will wed

Leslie D'Ann Hill and Christopher Michael Blair of Canyon will be united in marriage at the First Baptist Church of Hereford on June 10.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and JoAnn Hill of Hereford. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mike and Treva Blair, also of Hereford.

The bride-elect graduated from Hereford High School in 1991. She plans to graduate from West Texas A&M University in May with a bachelor of science in psychology.

Blair is also a 1991 graduate of Hereford High School and will graduate from WTAMU in May with a bachelor of science in animal science. He is a member of Alpha Zeta and Alpha Chi.

A brunch honoring the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority sweethearts was held Saturday morning at the Hereford Country Club.

Each of the three local chapters recognized their sweetheart selected for 1994-95. They were Marcia Mardis of Alpha Alpha Chapter, Melinda Whitfill of Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter and Jane Meiwes of Alpha Iota Mu Chapter.

The brunch consisted of ham quiche, fresh fruit, muffin, apple streudel, fruit juice and coffee. Tables were covered with red and white cloths and centered with candles and springtime plants, which were presented to the sweethearts.

Following the meal, each sweetheart was presented with a BSP sweetheart pin and gift from her chapter. Presentations were made by the previous year's sweethearts: Jimmie Middleton, Alpha Alpha; Pattie Urbanczyk, Alpha Iota Mu; and Susan Shaw, Xi Epsilon Alpha.

The committee in charge of the brunch consisted of the previously named sweethearts from last year and the sweethearts from the prior year Beverly Redelsperger, Peggy Hyer and Wanda Huseman.

The following biographies of the sweethearts were submitted for publication.

Melinda Whitfill, a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 13 years, serves as corresponding secretary of Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter. She also is the chairman of Rosebud and serves on the ways and means and social committees.

She is a member of Hereford Church of the Nazarene and serves on the council of the women's ministry known as the "Women of Worth". She sings in one of the two praise teams in her church.

Melinda is a member of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, presently serving as a director on the women's board and previously served as the vice president in 1994.

Melinda is the manager of Balfour Optical and is an ABO certified optician. She has enjoyed 18 1/2 years of being in the optical field. She is also a certified Basic-EMT.

Melinda and her husband Gary, who is a license and weight trooper for the Texas Department of Public Safety, have five children: Cody, 21; Tiffanie, 19; Leah, 18; Michah, 13; and Contessa, 11.

She loves to sew, go to the movies, shop, read and go on fishing vacations at Rockport. But most of all she loves to spend quality time with family and friends.

Jane Meiwes has been a member of Alpha Iota Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi since 1989. She is currently serving the office of recording secretary.

Jane has a soft heart and, so far, has one husband, four children, three Great Perenese and three cats, not in any particular order.

She has lived in the Hereford area the majority of her life. With her husband Steve farming north of Hereford, she has participated in all of the typical farming activities such as tractor driving, irrigating, mechanizing, chicken calling, fire fighting, truck driving, etc., but majored in creative plowing.



MELINDA WHITFILL

In the last couple of years, Steve and Jane bought a home in the Dodd Community, moved farming operations forty miles south of Hereford, and have come to realize that you haven't really been anywhere unless you have been to Dodd.

Now Jane spends her time homeschooling her youngest son and doing paperwork under the job heading of creative accountant.

She loves walking with a friend, snow skiing, reading gothic romances, yard work, hiking, cats, spending money (I mean, shopping) and one day dreams of living a laid-back life.

Marcia Mardis is the Valentine Sweetheart of Alpha Alpha Preceptor Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. She became a member of Beta Sigma Phi in 1965 while living in Newcastle, Wyo. and has been active in chapters in Muleshoe, San Angelo and Hereford. As a 30 year member, she has served as every officer and committee chairman several times.



JANE MEIWES

She holds the Preceptor Laureate Degree and is currently serving as the president of Hereford Beta Sigma Phi City Council and is the past president of Alpha Alpha Preceptor Chapter.

A native of Muleshoe, Marcia attended Eastern New Mexico University and Texas Tech University and majored in accounting. Before moving to Hereford, she was employed by General Telephone Co. in San Angelo as the supervisor of the nationwide GTE Direct Marketing sales order entry division.

Marcia and Cecil "Curly" Mardis were married about three years ago and make their home in Hereford. Their extended family includes her son, Mike Henry of Lubbock, and her two daughters, Kristi Di Mattia of Georgetown, Mass. and Kacy Scoggin of Hastings, Neb., and seven grandchildren. Curly's two daughters, Rhonda Bookout of Clovis, N.M. and Sandra Burney of Lubbock, and his two grandchildren complete the family.

Marcia's oldest son, Bobby Henry, was killed in 1985 in a USAF plane



MARCIA MARDIS

crash in the Philippines.

Those times when all the children and grandchildren visit are most special to Marcia who enjoys cooking all their favorite dishes. She especially enjoys spending time with the grandchildren and spends her spare time embroidering a quilt for each of them.

Marcia is employed as the bookkeeper for her husband's business, Stack C Ag, Inc. and enjoys helping him on the farm. She raises miniature donkeys, pygmy goats and Dall sheep and helps him with his sheep, horses, cattle and Border Collie dogs. Their latest farm venture involves breeding Boer Goats and they are anxiously awaiting March when the first three-quarter and half blood Boer goat kids are due to be born.

A positive attitude and happy, loving appreciation of life, family and friends are the things that Marcia believes make her the person she is today. She is very appreciative of having the honor to represent her chapter as their Valentine Sweetheart.

HJH Roundup

By Carolyn Waters

If you keep waiting for just the right time, you may never begin. Begin now! Begin where you are with what you are. (from P.S. I Love You)

Some of our HJHers are having great beginnings this year. We try to involve students in as many ways as possible and we are finding that many of them have talents that have been "resting" for a while.

Look out, HHS, here comes Misti! Our lone twirler, Misti Tice, has done it again! But it was no surprise that she performed so well at the Pep Rally on Monday! We feel that HJH is just the beginning for Misti, as she has really developed poise and self-confidence. good job, Misti!!!

The Pep Rally was great! The students responded well to the cheerleaders, who did a good job; the band did a great job and our basketball teams being honored just topped off the day.

The sixth grade band students attended the Pep Rally. Hey sixth grade, won't junior high be fun?

Our own Marylin Leasure, principal, and Richard Saucedo, assistant principal, even tried to get on the cheerleading squad. With a little more practice.....

The girls' line dancing group also performed on Monday.

Miss Texas, Arian Archer, spoke with the student body on Tuesday. Her routine, singing and speaking, drew an excellent audience. She commented later about our well-behaved students and that made us even more proud! Junior Historian officers and some of their committee members hosted a reception for Miss Archer after the general meeting.

HJH welcomed Mrs. Lisa McGaw to the faculty. McGaw is teaching seventh grade math and has really "fit in."

Emily Curtis, Jenny Artho, Carey Lyles and Matt Irish are still seeking people who remember World War II for interviews for their History Day activities. Emily and Jenny are working on women's role during the war and Carey and Matt are working on a D-Day project. Believe me, you'll enjoy meeting these young people and they appreciate your assistance.

And remember, if you're headed in the right direction, each step, no matter how small, is getting you closer to your goal!

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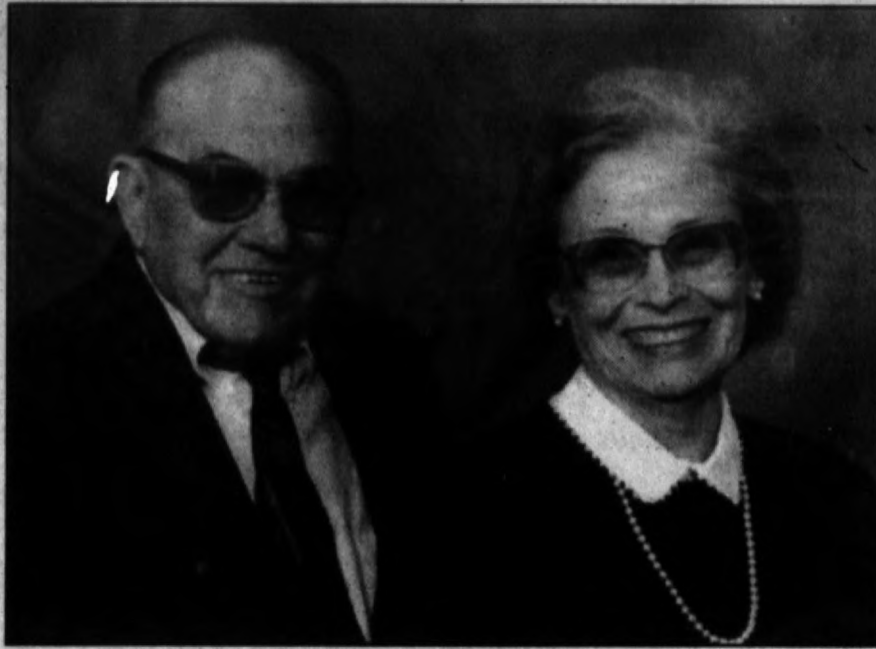
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MR. AND MRS. RICHARD LUPTON

Local couple is honored on golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lupton are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. They were married Feb. 12, 1945, in Pep, Texas. The couple lived and farmed in the Tulia and Nazareth area until they moved to Hereford in 1972. Children include Shelly Diller and Eileen Alley of Hereford, Molly Maddux of Euless, Francy Jackson

of Ruidoso, N.M., and Tony Lupton of Amarillo. Pam Clark and Richard Lupton, Jr. are deceased. The Luptons have 12 grandchildren. The couple is being honored by their children with a reception Sunday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church and a marriage blessing by Msgr. Orville Plum.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have been reading your column ever since I was in high school. I am now a grandfather.

Generally, I think you try to be fair and even-handed, but I believe you are a little too hard on lawyers. Doctors, on the other hand, seem to get a pass. I just read an Associated Press news story about a doctor in Wilmington, N.C., that blew me away. If you really are an impartial observer, as you claim to be, you will print it. I'll be watching and waiting. -J.M., Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

DEAR J.M.: Here's the AP story and my thanks for sending it. (P.S. I, too, was blown away.)

A neurosurgeon's license was suspended after an investigation revealed that he left a patient's brain exposed for 25 minutes while the surgeon got lunch.

The state medical board also said the neurosurgeon, Dr. Raymond Sattler, forgot the names of the surgical equipment during an operation and told a nurse to drill holes in a patient's head and work on the outer brain even though she was not trained to do so. It said he also ordered intravenous fluids to be given to him during a procedure because he thought he was going to pass out.

When Sattler left the brain exposed, no other physician was present to care for the patient, the board said.

The board indefinitely suspended Sattler's license Wednesday. He did not return calls to his office.

A hearing for Sattler, 50, to present evidence on why he should get his license back has not been scheduled, said Bryant Paris, the board's executive director.

And now, dear friends, this is Ann again. Is this bizarre or what? I will depend on my loyal readers in Wilmington to keep me posted on further developments. If I hear more, I will let you know.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I just read your column about children at weddings. I have never written before, but the minister at our granddaughter's church thought maybe a record was set at her wedding.

Our granddaughter was married in a beautiful wedding. She had only one nephew and no nieces. Her 9-month-old nephew was the ring bearer. His grandmother bought him a tuxedo, and his mother was a bridesmaid. She was at the end of the line of bridesmaids and carried him.

A neighbor made a satin, lace-trimmed, heart-shaped pillow to hold the rings. The pillow was pinned to the ring bearer's sleeve so the guests could see it throughout the wedding. The grandparents on the side of the family not directly involved in the wedding sat in a front pew so if there was a problem, they could take the baby.

The bridesmaid got in line--the ring bearer fell asleep in her arms. The bride, the grandmother and the mother were all very pleased that the nephew was able to be in the wedding party.

Thought this might be an interesting story and a different one. -M.D., Columbus Junction, Iowa

DEAR IOWA: Luck was with them. Not many 9-month-old babies could have performed that well. Congratulations!

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Red Cross Update

Special thanks to West Texas Rural Telephone for the donation of pager services for the Chapter. To use the pager, call the Chapters pager number and someone will be back to you as soon as possible. The pager number is on the answering machine number at the office and on a poster in the window at the office. If you would like to keep that number on your list of important numbers, the number is 357-2842.

Sally Walker is in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, room, number 213 and is doing well.

The Health and Safety Committee will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the office. All instructors are asked to attend this meeting. Ronny Sanders is the chairman.

A CPR class will begin Thursday at 7 p.m. at the office. Call to register for this class. The Infant and Child CPR section will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the office.

The Deaf Smith County Chapter of the American Red Cross is a United Way Agency.

Wedding set for June 24

Connie Jackson of Canyon and Christopher Lynn Havis of Amarillo will be united in marriage June 24 at San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford.

Miss Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan B. Jackson of Hereford. Havis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Martinez of Amarillo.

The bride-elect graduated from Hereford High School in 1993. She is presently attending West Texas A&M University, where she is a junior, majoring in bilingual education.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Vernon High School and Vernon Regional Junior College. He attended P.R.L.E.A. Peace Officer Academy, where he received State Certification.



CONNIE JACKSON, CHRISTOPHER HAVIS

Military Muster

Army Pvt. Ismael T. Cantu has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Cantu is the son of Antonio D. and Maria T. Cantu of Hereford.

He is a 1993 graduate of Hereford High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. Lewis Zepeda, son of Domingo Zepeda and Blanca Sanchez of Hereford, recently reported for duty with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Camp Butler, Japan.

The 1992 graduate of Hereford High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1992.

Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand. -George Eliot

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Ballet Theater will perform

Lone Star Ballet will present Ballet Theater of Chicago in "Hansel and Gretel" on Feb. 14 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Co-choreographed by Daniel Duell and Gordon Pierce Schmidt, "Hansel and Gretel" retells the story of two young children, living in poverty, whose parents abandon them out of desperation and discouragement.

The children wander in the forest until a radiant Dew Fairy gives them courage and strength. A mysterious bird leads them to a small cottage, which appears to be made of cakes and sweets. The children begin to feast but are interrupted by a witch. She lures them into her house and prepares to fatten them up, as she plans to eat them both. Gretel uses her wits and is able to trick the witch and free them from her cage.

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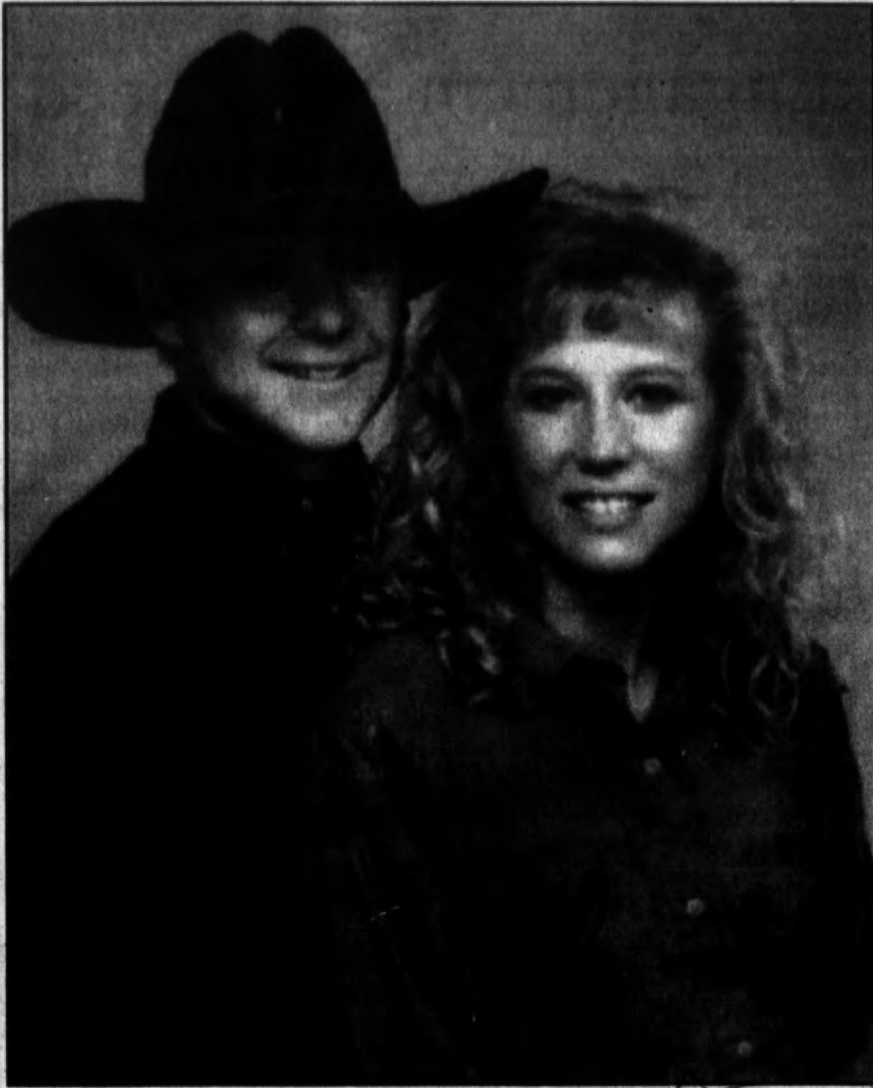
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Calendar of Events



BECKY HASCHKE, CLINT YOUNG

Wedding will be May 13

The wedding of Becky Haschke and Clint Young is planned for May 13 at St. Mary's Church in Umbarger. The bride-elect is the daughter of Sam and Terry Haschke of Dawn. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Tom Young and Pam Jennings of San Angelo.

Hereford High School in 1991. She recently received her B.S. in animal science from Angelo State University and is continuing her studies at ASU for her masters.

Young is a 1990 graduate of Miles High School. He is employed by UPS and Service Merchandise in San Angelo.

Pricey designer wear can be less expensive

By The Associated Press
For the woman who sews, the dictates of fashion are less dictatorial, and usually less expensive, too. Pricey designer wear is less so if it comes off the machine at home.

A.J. Bari, a top design name in the formal-evening wear field, comes across with a new line of outfits for Butterick Patterns. It includes a striking sleeveless column dress, cut long or above the knee, with three diamond-shaped keyholes in the back (3803).

Another designer newly featured at Butterick is Lauren Sara Morgan, who offers an evening separates ensemble (1467) that includes a mandarin-collar jacket and scoopneck cropped top, both with fishtail backs, to be paired with either full pants or long front-slit skirt. Her maternity line, called Lauren Sara M, features a simply cut chemise (1465) or a two-piece dress (1466).

With the success of African-inspired fashions by Emeaba Emeaba, McCall's has added the designs of Twain Revell and Daphne Maxwell Reid.

Revell often uses mudcloth embellished with cowrie shells, beads and buttons in her Afro designs; her first pattern for McCall's (7463) is a collection of accessories, including headwraps, hipwraps and a regal collar.

Reid, an actress who sews, offers career coordinates with an African slant. A long, princess-seamed jacket, two skirts, trousers and a stole (7355) can be interpreted with African prints; her basic coordinates (7353) has a key vest piece with an extended shoulder yoke that can be used to showcase African fabrics and trims.

The pattern also includes a hat and a sash-stole.

Designs inspired by many cultures are included in the Folkwear pattern line, which features authentic copies of museum originals. Among these are the Claire McCardell Cloister Dress, a 1940s-era wedding gown, or Equestriennes (506) a collection of 1920s riding attire, from the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute.

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Domestic Violence Support Group for women who have experienced physical or emotional abuse, 5 p.m. Call 364-7822 for meeting place. Child care is available.

Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.

TOPS Chapter No. 1011, Hereford Community Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Rotary Club, Hereford Community Center, noon.

Planned Parenthood Clinic, open Monday through Friday, 711 25 Mile Ave., 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Nazarene Kids Korner, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:15 a.m. until 5:15 p.m.

AA meets Monday through Friday, 406 W. Fourth St., noon and 8 p.m. For more information, call 364-9620.

Spanish speaking AA meetings each Monday, 406 W. Fourth St., 8 p.m.

Ladies exercise class, First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.

Masonic Lodge, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.

Hereford Music Study Club, 1:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi City Council, Southwestern Public Service Reddy Room, 8 p.m.

Texas Retired Teachers Association, Hereford Senior Citizens Center, 11:30 a.m.

Veleda Study Club, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Problem Pregnancy Center, 505 E. Park Ave., open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and each Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. Call 364-2027 or 364-5299 for appointment.

Kids Day out, First United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Good Shepherds Clothes Closet, 625 E. Hwy. 60, open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. To contribute items, call 364-2208.

Hereford AMBUCS Club, Ranch House, noon.

Social Security representative at courthouse, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Golden K Kiwanis Club, Hereford Senior Citizens Center, noon.

Lone Star Study Club, 2:30 p.m.

Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.

Westway Family Community

Education Club, 7 p.m.
Pioneer Study Club, 10 a.m. for business meeting and luncheon follows

Hereford Pilot Club, 7 a.m.
WEDNESDAY

Noon Lions Club, Community Center, noon.

Young at heart program, YMCA, 9 a.m. until noon.

Al-Anon, 406 W. Fourth St., 5 p.m.

Knights of Columbus at KC Hall, 8 p.m.

Well baby screening clinic for preschool age children, Texas Department of Health office, 914 E. Park Ave., 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

THURSDAY
San Jose prayer group, 735 Brevard, 8 p.m.

Kids Day Out, First United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Kiwanis Club, Community Center, noon.

TOPS Club No. 941, Community Center, 10 a.m.

Hereford Toastmasters Club, 6:30 a.m. at the Ranch House and 7 p.m. at Sirlon Stockade.

Ladies exercise class, First Baptist Church Family Life Center, 7:30 p.m.

Immunizations against childhood diseases, Texas Department of Health office, 205 W. Fourth, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Bud to Blossom Garden Club, 9:30 a.m.

Elkets, 8 p.m.

L'Allegria Study Club, 10 a.m.

Alpha Iota Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, 7:30 p.m.

Wyche Family Community Education Club, 2:30 p.m.

Bay View Study Club, 2 p.m.

Red Cross uniformed volunteers, noon luncheon.

VFW, VFW Club House in Veterans Park, 7:30 p.m.

BPOE Lodge in Elks Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Hereford Study Club, 7 p.m.

Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY
Kiwanis Whiteface Breakfast Club, 6:30 a.m.

Community Duplicate Bridge Club, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Patriarchs Militant and Ladies Auxiliary, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
Open gym for all teens, noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 2-5 p.m. on Sundays at Church of the Nazarene.

AA, 406 W. Fourth St., 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. on Sundays.

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Retail openings help Midland to recover

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer
MIDLAND, Texas (AP) - To appreciate the evolution of this city's economy, consider the candy factory that took over a vacant oil-supply warehouse.

Duo Delights added 14 employees and watched sales grow 27 percent after moving last year into its bigger location.

There - down the road from a cluster of oil tanks - workers are mixing vats of chocolate and sealing batches of bite-sized sweets with red Valentine bows.

"Business is good," declared owner Lee Black. "Midland is coming back. It's the energy you feel in the people."

No one can exactly explain the recent flurry of retail openings and manufacturing expansions. What seems most amazing: The surge didn't originate in oil, the longtime boom-and-bustmaker of the Permian Basin.

Businesses that opened in Midland last year included Best Buy, Office Depot, Outback Steakhouse, Pier 1 Imports and Wal-Mart Supercenter. Those slated to open in 1995 include Black-Eyed Pea, Builders Square, Haverly's and Hobby Lobby.

"When the price of oil goes up, the health of the economy goes up," said Steve Melzer, director of the Petroleum Industry Alliance at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification.

"This clearly is the first time ever that there's been this spurt in economic growth without the price of oil being the underlying cause," Melzer said.

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns calls it a mini-boom and others don't disagree.

The new activity poses a stark contrast to the aftermath of the 1986 oil-market collapse, when prices plunged in a matter of months from more than \$30 per barrel to about \$10.

Construction stopped. Companies folded. Thousands of workers lost their jobs.

"It was the slums. It was horrible," Ms. Black said, remembering that residents drove two hours to Lubbock to shop and eat out. "Everybody was talking about how horrible things were."

Civic leaders say the rebound has been quietly brewing for several years. They like its diversity and steady emergence.

Consider this statistical picture from the state comptroller and Midland Chamber of Commerce:

-Commercial construction fell from \$56.7 million in 1983 to \$2.8 million in 1987. Last year it surged to \$44 million.

-Gross retail sales were \$828 million in 1985, \$670.6 million in 1987 and \$824.3 million in 1993.

-Unemployment peaked at 10.6 in 1986 before settling at 5.1 percent last November.

"We're not having the spikes we used to have," said Tom Stinson, economic development manager for the Chamber. "We're on a solid uptick."

Many observers in the region place credit for the economic surge on the designation last year of Midland-Odessa as one metropolitan statistical area of 241,000 people. They say that the MSA caught the eye of some national retailers who hadn't previously headed two cities just 20 miles apart.

Retailers also likely noticed the median household income for Midland County: \$38,521 last year, compared to \$32,147 on average statewide.

Melzer at the petroleum alliance said the growth can't be explained by one factor.

"It's a stability in the population that has existed in spite of the downturn," he said. "And it's a common belief that the oil and gas industry has sort of seen its bottom."

The '86 bust stunned a city that had been banking on higher - not lower - oil prices. It took three years for businessmen to forge an economic-development group, Forward Midland, that raised \$1.7 million to start marketing the city.

"It is very difficult for people to accept that there's any direction but up, when it's going up," said Chamber of Commerce President Marvin Wynn. "It almost takes a downward trend to make a community or state face reality."

Wynn characterized the city's economy as "leaner and meaner" than it was a decade ago. Overbuilt space for offices and retail has been absorbed, he said.

But oil and gas will remain vital no matter what else pops up.

"We have a strong underlying base of production and drilling," Wynn said. "Without the base, we wouldn't be experiencing what we are experiencing."

"The energy business is not going to go away," concurred Bill Franklin, chairman and president of Midland National Bank. "We will continue to see cycles."

Oil prices have held steady recently at about \$17. That bolsters the upbeat business climate and the faith of those who insist Midland can withstand bad times.

"I never doubted that there was a light at the end of the tunnel," Franklin said, "and I never felt it was a train coming at me, either."

Local agent recognized

Betty Jones of Hereford has been recognized by Allstate Insurance Company with a distinctive "Honor Ring" award, it was announced recently.

For more than 40 years, the Honor Ring has been the symbol of outstanding achievement in customer satisfaction, customer retention and profitability, in addition to being a community leader and top premium producer in auto, property, business and life insurance. The award recognizes Jones' performance and dedication over the past years.

Jones will be recognized by local and regional management at an Allstate banquet to be held in Dallas.

Agency Award is announced

Lone Star Agency of Hereford has been recognized by Allstate Insurance Company with a "Distinguished Agency Award", it was announced this week.

For more than 20 years, the award has been the visible symbol of outstanding achievement, according to Allstate. The award is presented for delivering the ultimate in customer satisfaction, customer retention and profitability, in addition to being a community leader and top premium producer in auto, property, business and life insurance.

Lone Star Agency will be recognized by local and regional management at an Allstate banquet to be held in Dallas.



DANA ZINSER, JEFF WHITAKER

Extension News

by Beverly Harder

If you are like many consumers, chances are that holiday purchasing took a big bite out of your budget. The bills have arrived from your holiday purchase and now, your budget may be in recovery.

For many people, recovery means trying to juggle credit card payments while paying other bills and meeting daily expenses. It isn't easy to make ends meet. The pressure of the holiday season with its gift purchasing and extra spending may be over, but bill paying is just beginning.

Consumers generally make two types of purchases on credit: 1) The items they purchase for holiday gift giving and entertaining before the holidays; and 2) those items purchased on sale after the holidays to take advantage of bargain prices. Credit cards, because of their convenience, are often used to pay for these purchases. The "buy now, pay later" makes us forget that we'll eventually have to pay off our purchases.

How we choose to repay credit card debt can make an enormous difference in over-all cost. Convenience credit card users pay off their credit card debt in full each month, never paying a finance charge. This means that items purchased on sale or at bargain prices remain true bargains. No extra charges or costs clutter the overall cost that you are paying. People who do not pay their monthly credit card bill in full each month are often called "revolvers", because they constantly revolve their balance; they almost always have a balance due and tend to pay only the minimum amount requested by the credit card company. Repaying only the minimum due

on credit card debt can take a real bite out of your money. All those holiday savings are quickly lost because the total cost of buying and owning something is really determined by the cost of the items, plus any additional finance charge. A bargain may not turn out to be one after all. When consumers feel especially strapped, such as in the post-holiday period, they may feel rescued by charging the cost of routine items, like groceries, on their credit cards. But this practice can lead to costly mistakes, especially if the unpaid balance is not paid off quickly. Here's an example of how credit costs can really sting. If you have an 18.5 percent interest rate car, it will take you more than 11 years to pay off a debt of \$2,000 if you only pay the minimum balance due each month. During this time, you will pay interest charges of \$1,934, almost doubling the cost of your purchase. This calculation is based on making a payment which is 1/26th of the outstanding balance or \$20, whichever is greater. To avoid the "sting", try to make the largest monthly payment you can afford. Better yet, pay off the balance in full. Beware of skip-a-month payment offers. Remember, you will still pay interest on your outstanding debt, and your total interest costs will continue to rise.



Leading Mexican poet and essayist Octavio Paz was also Mexico's ambassador to India from 1962 to 1968.

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zinser of Amarillo, formerly of Hereford, announce the engagement of their daughter Dana Christiane to Jeff Davis Whitaker, son of Mrs. H. Reese Greene of Port Aransas and Jerry D. Rawley-Whitaker of Hereford.

The wedding will be July 8 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo.

Miss Zinser graduated from Hereford High School in 1989, the University of Texas at Austin in 1992

with a bachelor of art in government, and Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in 1994 with a masters in legal studies. She is currently a member of the Capitol Area Paralegal Association and the legal assistants division of the State Bar of Texas.

Whitaker graduated from Westwood High School in Austin in 1988. He is attending the University of Texas at Austin and will graduate in May with a bachelor of science in kinesiology/zoology.

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Dolls to be given away

Rosalee McGowen (left) and Bea Noland are shown holding beautiful hand-crafted porcelain dolls that will be given away by the King's Manor Auxiliary. McGowen made the dolls.

King's Manor Auxiliary plans March 17 benefit

Two beautiful hand-crafted porcelain dolls will be given away during a St. Patrick's Day benefit party at 7 p.m. on March 17 in the Lamar Room of King's Manor Retirement Home.

The event, sponsored by King's Manor Auxiliary, will feature soloist Cal Garrett and his accompanist.

Refreshments will be furnished by the Home Builders Sunday School Class of First Methodist Church.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets for the dolls are \$2.50 each or five for \$10 and may be purchased from any Auxiliary member or at the Manor. The purchase of one ticket provides a chance on both dolls.

Older tax regulations effect income taxes

By JOHN CUNNIFF

AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) - There are benefits to attacking from time to time the clutter in the attic and the debris in the cellar.

To cite one, you might actually stumble upon something of value, like a bag of silver dollars or an old Tiffany lamp. But even if you don't, you're likely to get rid of a lot of junk.

Nowhere is there a greater accumulation of clutter than in the archives where old laws and regulations are stored, especially those that apply (or no longer apply) to the incomes of Americans.

Laws and regulations that violate common sense, that are so convoluted one contradicts another, that are so vague they cannot be interpreted the same way by different people, laws that weren't meant to do what they do.

Such as the income tax law that causes many moderate-income married couples to pay thousands of dollars a year more than if they were unmarried. And that even induces couples to put off getting married or to live together out of wedlock.

America relies on marriages as the building blocks of society but, because of unintended consequences of a tax code more intricate than the double-helix molecular structure of DNA, it has penalized marriages since 1969.

That wasn't the intention. To make a long story short, Congress in 1948

sought to help married couples when it allowed income splitting; even if only one spouse worked, the couple were taxed like two single taxpayers.

The result was to lower tax rates for married couples, a subsidy that by 1969 had grown to the point where some single people paid 40 percent more in taxes than married couples with the same income.

That, Congress decided, had to be corrected. It changed the tax schedules, lowering the subsidy to a maximum of 20 percent. But instead of a subsidy, the law as written produced a penalty for some married couples. This unforeseen, unintended, unfortunate result was then compounded in the 1993 tax increase.

Analyzing the situation, Bruce Bartlett, a fellow of the National Center for Policy Analysis, a think tank, wonders if the only sure way to get rid of the penalty is to stop tampering and institute a simple, flat-rate tax.

This and other proposals gain credibility when various aspects of the law are examined.

Consider the elderly. They represent decades of experience and learning vitally needed by generations to follow. They also need income. Those are two good reasons to provide tax incentives to keep them actively involved.

They are taxed instead, discouraging them from contributing to their own welfare or that of the country. The elderly live longer today, but not always more productively.

by Rebecca Walls

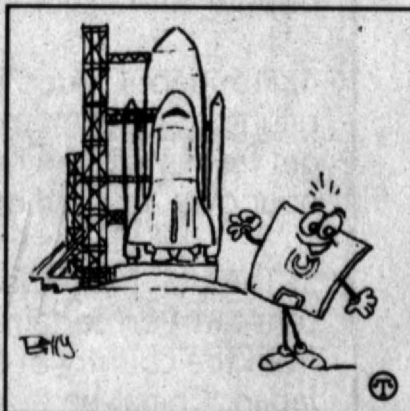
Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken starring Gabrielle Anwar, Michael Schoeffling and Cliff Robertson is the Family Film this month. February 16, 7 p.m. bring the family to see the real life story of Sonora Webster. Sonora a runaway orphan gets a job cleaning up for Doc Carver's traveling stunt show. Sonora's ambition is to become the star "diving girl." Her gutsy determination finally convinces Doc to give her a break. On the brink of stardom a twist of fate threatens to destroy her dream, but with the help of a loving friend Sonora is able to face the biggest challenge of her life. This is a film the whole family will enjoy.

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Watch for other special events that will be coming up during the next few months such as the annual open house. I wish I could tell you the date at this time, but we are waiting to hear from the prospective speaker. We will try to get the announcement out as soon as possible.

Among the new books this week you will find D.R. Meredith's **The Homefront Murders**. Being a native of the Texas Panhandle Meredith uses Texas as the setting for each of her books. Sheriff Charles Matthews of Crawford County attempts to lure a killer out into the open after discovering the remains of a G.I. who was murdered during the time of World War II. The senior citizens, who were the contemporaries of the victim are very tight lipped about the whole event, but Matthews notices the changes in their behavior. Mad Dog Treadwell locks himself inside his house; the public librarian removes pictures from the county history book; and old Judge Dodd's widow wears mourning clothes, even though the Judge has been dead for more than 20 years; even Miss Poole the tart-tongued dispatcher has become quiet and sullen. Sheriff Matthews is determined to find the truth about the body that was stashed in the courthouse basement many years ago.

Bishop Charles Ashworth returns once again in Susan Howatch's **Absolute Truths**. It is 1965 in Starbridge where the great cathedral dominates the physical and psychological landscape. A strong, efficient, no-nonsense defender for the traditions, Bishop Ashworth has faced moments of personal crisis which has led him to deeper levels of spirituality. When his beloved wife dies Bishop Ashworth is over come with grief which leaves him estranged from his sons, colleagues and his



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parishioners. Ashworth knows he must find his way out of the downward spiral and in doing so he will face the most difficult spiritual test of his life. You will find this story deeply moving, "acutely insightful" and a "riveting profoundly impassioned exploration of faith."

Black Cross by Greg Lles begins January 1944. On that cold winter night an American doctor, a German nurse, a Zionist killer and a young Jewish widow were summoned by Winston Churchill. The four strangers were brought together in a small SS-

run concentration camp serving as the incubator for a weapon of unknown, but staggering killing ability. U.S. General Omar Bradley later described the weapon as one that could wipe out the D-Day invasion force on Omaha Beach. What the four strangers are asked to do demonstrates, that at a time when all is at stake, war has no rules.

In Barbara Vine's **No Night is Too Long** Tim thinks he has gotten away with murder. For months there is no word of the murder anywhere in Alaska. No policeman has knocked

on his door to question him. Then the first letter was delivered. At first the letters just seemed to be accounts of historical events, but then the theme begins to emerge quickly and it related directly to murder.

Other books of interest going out this week are:

Roadside History of Texas by Leon C. Metz

Dave Barry's Gift Guide to End All Gift Guides by Dave Barry

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Don Taylor

I KNOW YOU CAN

(First of two parts)

"We must teach our children to lower their expectations," the educational consultant said. "We must let them know that they will not have as good a life as their parents have had. It is cruel to let them believe that they can achieve more and live better than past generations."

At first, I couldn't believe I had heard correctly. Then I heard parts of the interview again on a later newscast and I realized that I had heard every word. It really bothers me that the media passed this person's opinion on to educators, parents and students as if it were the gospel truth. They quoted the consultant's opinion as fact. At best it is just an opinion or a hypothesis.

We will devote this column and next week's to rebutting the idea that we should teach our young men and women to lower their expectations and accept less from life. Certainly the challenges our people face today are real, but opportunities still abound.

This is America and there are no limits except those we impose on ourselves. Henry Ford said, "Whether you think you can or your think you can't, you are right."

Let's teach positives

Let's instruct our people to believe they can. Let's focus on equipping them with skills, knowledge and attitudes so they can overcome adversity and conquer challenges. Everything is impossible to those unwilling to try. Let's encourage our youth to try. Walt Disney said, "It is kind of fun to do the impossible."

We need to teach positive, can-do approaches. Instead of saying, "It can be done," let's say "Maybe there is a way." Rather than condemning a project because it is difficult or complicated, let's say, "I'll be glad to get it done." Positive instruction will turn "I can't's" into "I can's."

Together we can teach our young people the power of positive attitudes. Robert Schuller said, "The good news is that the bad news can be turned into good news when you change your attitude!" I agree with Dr. Schuller. Life is not the circumstances we face but rather how we react to those circumstances. Let me offer additional evidence.

Not just opinion

My proof is in the results that others have or are achieving. From their successes I provide these thoughts:

- When I look into the future, it's so bright it burns my eyes. - Oprah Winfrey
 - It's nothing against you to fall down flat, but to lie there - that's disgrace. - Edmund Vance Cooke
 - I'm a positive person. I believe in the American system and I believe in Americans.
 - We have glorious opportunities to be successful. - Rush H. Limbaugh
 - Nobody gets to live life backward. Look ahead - that's where your future lies. - Ann Landers
 - There is no substitute for hard work. Thomas Edison
 - The greatest achievements are those that benefits others. Denis Waitley.
 - Happiness is inward, and not outward; and so, it does not depend on what we have, but on what we are. Henry Van Dyke
 - Don't confuse fame with success. Madonna is one; Helen Keller is the other. Erma Bombeck
 - All our dreams can come true - if we have the courage to pursue them. - Walt Disney
 - Success is achieved by those who try. If there is nothing to lose by trying and a great deal to gain if successfully, by all means try. - W. Clement Stone.
- If you are a young person (or if you are young at heart), I'll have a special message for you next week. Don't miss "I know you can" part two.

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2) An archeologist claimed a site in Egypt could be the tomb of the most famous conqueror of the Greek age, ...?

3) Baseball owners dropped their demand for (CHOOSE ONE: a salary cap, arbitration) in their ongoing dispute with major league players.

4) President Clinton has proposed raising the minimum wage workers get from \$4.25 an hour to ...?.. an hour over a period of years.

5) The U.S. has imposed a 100 percent tariff on certain goods coming from the country of (CHOOSE ONE: Japan, China) because of that country's alleged "intellectual piracy."

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PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) The new nominee for Surgeon General, ...?.., may face trouble being confirmed by Congress because he has performed abortions in the past.

2) American author ...?.., who wrote "Strangers On A Train" and many other mystery novels, died recently.

3) Breaking O.J. Simpson's record for the game, Indianapolis Colts' running back ...?.. rushed for 180 yards in the AFC's win over the NFC in the Pro Bowl.

4) Golfer and television commentator ...?.. recently won the Pebble Beach National Pro Am, his first win in five years.

5) The former star center for the Milwaukee Bucks and Los Angeles Lakers, ...?.., was elected to the NBA Hall of Fame.

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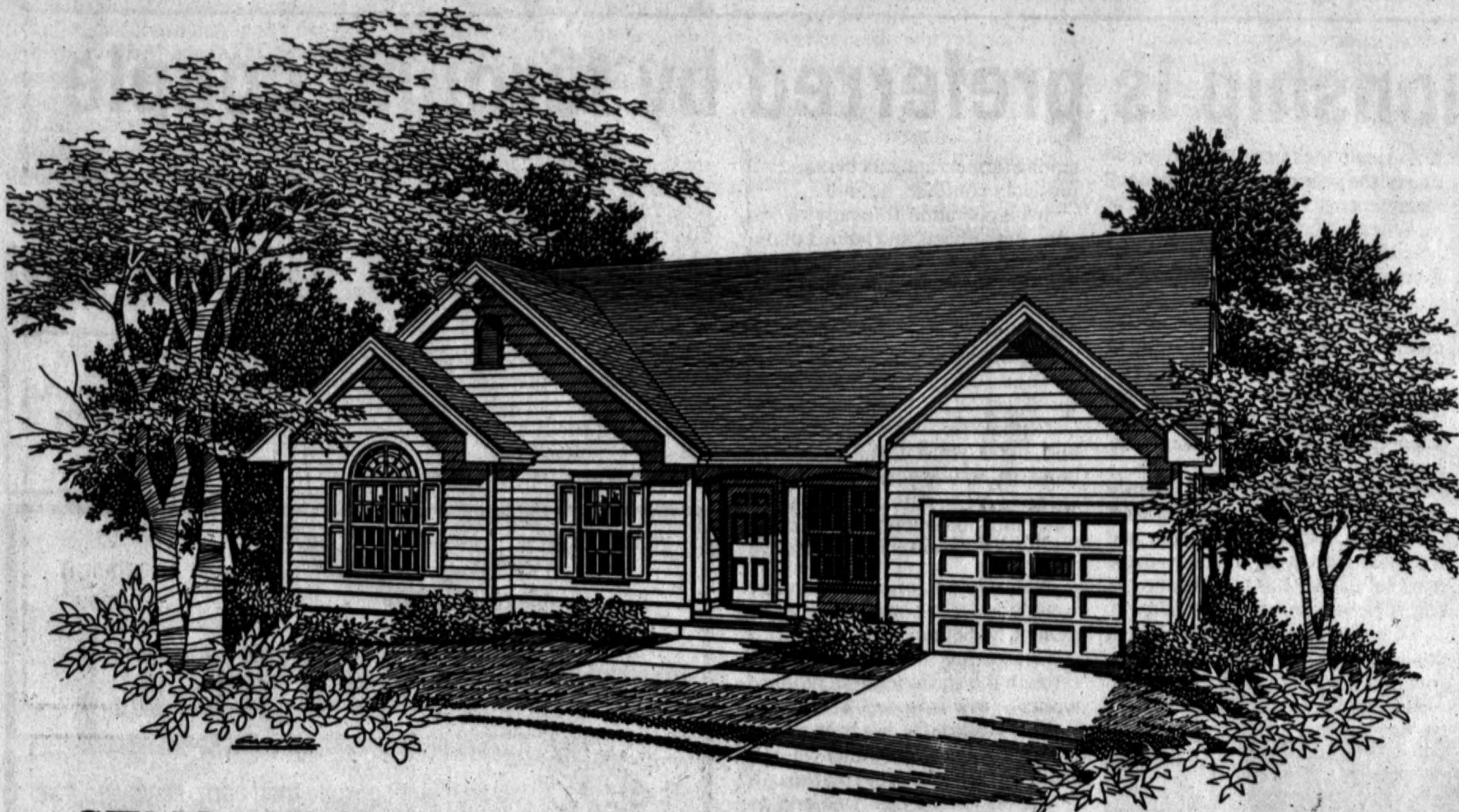


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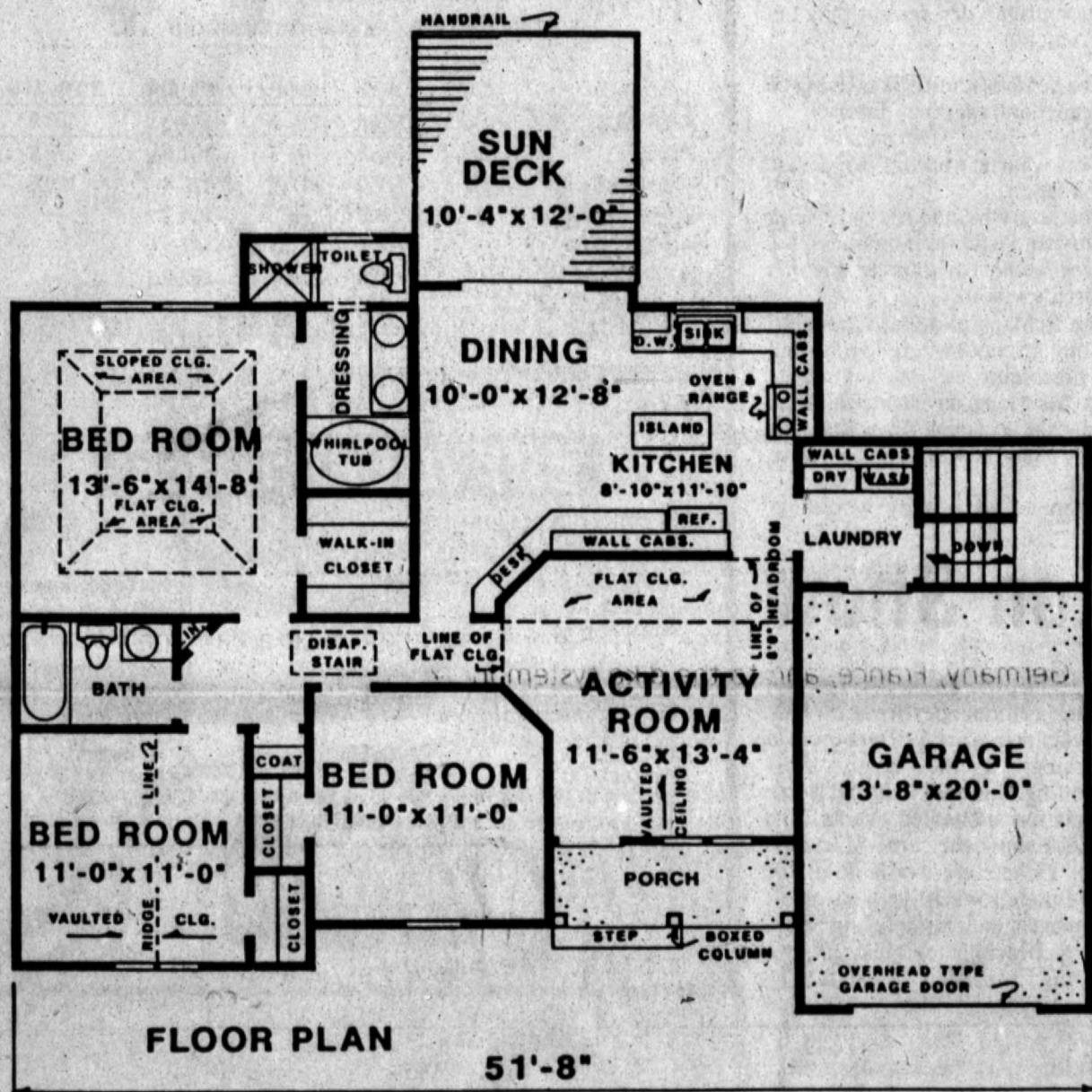
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FEATURE HOMES

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Entrance is from a covered front porch with boxed columns. The Activity room has a vaulted ceiling creating an airy feel immediately upon entering the home. An offset in this room provides the perfect nook for an entertainment center.

The combination kitchen and dining room has an abundance of storage and counter top space, even a desk tucked away in the corner. There is also an island cabinet for meal preparation. The laundry room is adjacent and includes access to the garage, of the basement stair.

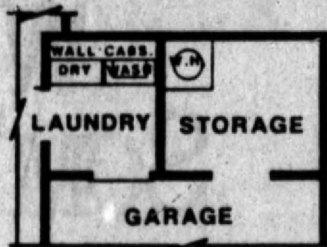
There are three bed rooms, all grouped together, creating a "quiet" zone in the home. The two front bed rooms share a hall bath, and one of these bed rooms includes a vaulted ceiling. A disappearing stair to the attic is indicated in the hall.

The master bed room includes a tray ceiling, a walk in closet and a garden bath with double vanity and separate shower and whirlpool tub.

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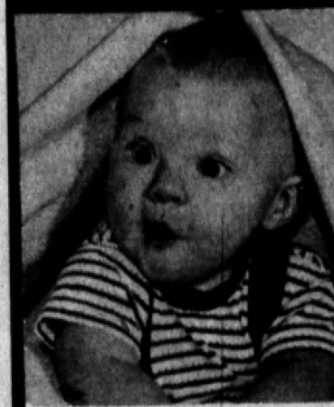
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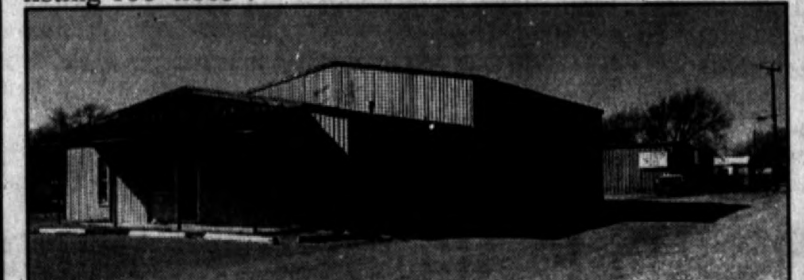
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Farm and Ranch

Close working relationship is preferred by farming couple

By SHELLY SCHILLING
Staff Writer

Working closely with a spouse could be trying for some married couples but not for Tom and Joyce Schlabs.

This couple prefers their close working relationship over the distance some couples experience in their work.

Tom and Joyce farm three miles north of Hereford on U.S. 385.

Their operation is a combined effort with Tom primarily in charge of all physical aspects of the operation and Joyce helping with record keeping and all domestic responsibilities.

The Schlabs have three children, Kelley, 7; Gary, 6 and Kyle, 3.

Farm life is not new to the pair. Tom grew up on a farm near Summerfield and Joyce on the family farm in Nazareth.

Along with three brothers and four sisters, Tom helped his father and grandfather with farming. He started his farming career at an early age and has now been farming for 22 years.

After graduating from Hereford High School, Tom went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant Science from West Texas State University in Canyon.

Joyce received a degree in Medical Technology from WTSU after graduating high school in Nazareth.

She worked in Amarillo for several years as a Medical Technologist before she and Tom married.

"I prefer country life to being in the city," she said. "I guess because I grew up on the farm and that's all that I knew for so many years."

Joyce, along with her brothers and sisters, helped her father with hoeing. Her brothers and older sister did the tractor driving and any heavy physical farming.

Growing up in a family of 12 children Joyce had a lot of responsi-

bilities helping her mother. She helped with the gardening, housework and also watched the younger children for her mother.

"Being number seven in a group of 12, I never had to do much of the farming. I always helped mom," she said.

She still continues growing her own garden and canning and freezing her produce during the summer and fall.

During the summer, when farming is at its busiest, she will occasionally drive a tractor to help out.

Her main duties, however, consist of keeping track of the farm's finances. She accomplishes this by using their personal computer, an IBM, and the Quicken program.

They use the program to write checks and organize their accounts payable and accounts receivable.

They also utilize their computer

to evaluate the operation and to run end of the year reports and financial statements.

When asked if the computer has helped in their farming operation Tom replied, "Yes, immensely."

"I think more and more farmers and ranchers are relying on the computer for their record keeping. It beats keeping a ledger by hand," he said. "Some of the older farmers probably will not change their record keeping system to computers, however."

"We split the job 50-50 when it comes to computer time," he said. "Joyce enters almost everything and I go in and make any changes that I need to make. Mainly I change the categories for some transactions."

Tom is currently enrolled in a computer class that teaches applications for the Windows program.

Continuing education is prevalent

among farmers and ranchers and will probably continue, he said.

In his operation Tom raises wheat, corn, sugar beets and some cotton. He has also diversified and tried his hand at raising pinto beans.

He said that he will probably expand his cotton operation for the next growing season.

Tom currently runs three sprinklers on his farms.

"Sprinklers have helped our business a great deal," he said. "I think that in five years the only way to farm will be with sprinklers. The water situation will make it necessary for everyone to use sprinklers."

Not only do sprinklers conserve water, they also conserve operating money, he pointed out.

"It takes less money to pump water through the sprinkler system than it would to row irrigate," he said.

When asked if he has been running the sprinkler over his winter wheat he said, "Yes, a little. More than usual."

He has recently plowed and has turned up quite a few dirt clods, a sign of insufficient moisture in this area.

Farmers have irrigated more this winter than in past winters because of the extreme dry season they are experiencing.

The Schlabs family likes living on the same land that they farm.

"It's nice having Tom around. I like to know what he's doing," Joyce said with a laugh.

The pretty blonde not only helps her husband with their business, she is very active in church and her children's school.

The Schlabs children attend St. Anthony's School where Joyce is the PTO president.

She has spent many hours with spice sales and the upcoming Krazy Carnival. They enjoy the way of life they have chosen.

When asked if they would do

anything other than farm, Tom smiled and said, "I don't know what else I would do. I've always enjoyed farming. I don't think I would like to do anything else."

"I take the kids on the tractor with me and they usually get a good nap," he said.

Tom said he enjoyed being around the house and taking the children when he's working. Not all fathers can involve their family in their profession the way a farmer does.

Being around one another so much

has been a real asset to this couple.

Their enterprise is a real family affair and they rely on each another to do their part.

Farming is not only a profession that the couple has chosen, but it is a way of life. A life that they love.

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Discussing future plans

Tom and Joyce Schlabs sit down and discuss their farming activities for the day. The couple work together on their farm north of town and make it a real family endeavor. They implement new technology along with age old farming practices.

Local students to compete in Houston Show

Local students will be joining 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for show ring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 17 through March 5 at the Astrodome.

Hereford FFA will be represented by 34 students and Deaf Smith County 4-H will send 20 students to compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show - the junior show division. The other division, the open show, attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry, who are primarily professional breeders and ranchers.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

Representing 900 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 14,000 entries this year. A variety of animals is shown

in the junior show division: market steers, market swine, market sheep, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steers, sheep, swine and poultry) represent animals raised by the exhibitor as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Total money paid in 1994 at the four junior show auctions exceeded \$4 million.

Go Texan festivities officially launch the 1995 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Friday through Sunday, Feb. 10 - 12. Barbecue cooking fans can enjoy the World's championship Bar-B-Que Contest beginning Friday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. in the northwest corner of the Astrodome parking lot. The contest

continues Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11 - 12. Gates open at 9 a.m., and judging takes place Sunday, beginning at 11 a.m.

On Feb. 11, the streets of downtown Houston will fill with hundreds of thousands of spectators for the 57th annual downtown rodeo parade. The parade, featuring more than 6,000 trail riders, marching bands and colorful floats, will begin following the Conoco 10K Rodeo Run. Starting downtown at 9:45 a.m., this year's race is expected to draw approximately 5,000 runners. All entry fees will be donated to the Show's scholarship fund.

All net proceeds from the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo provide funds for scholarships and research projects throughout the state. Currently, more than 1,500 students receive some form of Show-sponsored financial assistance. Since the first scholarship was given in 1957.

More than 11,500 awards have been presented to Texas youth at a cost exceeding \$35 million.

The 1995 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo begins with horse show competition on Wednesday, Feb. 15 followed by other livestock competition beginning Friday, Feb. 17. The first rodeo performance will be held at 7 p.m., Feb. 17.

All events conclude March 5. Saturday matinee performances begin at 11 a.m. and Sunday

performances begins at 4 p.m. All evening performances begin at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 and include admission to the horse show (excluding National Cutting Horse Association sponsored events), the livestock show, the carnival and the rodeo. Tickets are available at the Astrodome Box Office and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Sears, Foley's, Blockbuster Music, Fiesta and Drug Emporium locations.

RECDS to aid disadvantaged

TEMPLE - State Director of Rural Economic and Community Development Service (RECDS), formerly Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), George Ellis said recently that the organization was reaching out to members of socially disadvantaged groups to aid them in obtaining their goals of farm ownership.

Under this program, RECDS will try to find persons in the disadvan-

tagged categories who are interested in farming.

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Producers want to forget low '94 price Livestock Association to meet in Amarillo

COLLEGE STATION--1994 was a year that meat producers may want to forget, and consumers won't likely remember it for bargains at the meat counter either. Even so, Americans ate more meat than ever before. Livestock prices declined for most producers, but consumers saw little difference in the price of the meat they brought home, said Dr. Ernest Davis, economist with the Texas

Agricultural Extension Service. Cattle production is cyclical, and cattle numbers were on their normal upswing during 1994, he explained. Consequently, cattle producers were expecting lower prices last year -- but what they got was worse. "A late-spring wall of heavier-than-normal cattle going to market from feed lots put a glut of beef supplies on the market -- a situation

that lasted through the remainder of the year," he said.

Feeder cattle and calf prices had peaked for the production cycle in 1991, and then dropped about \$6 per hundredweight (CWT) in 1992. A horribly wet winter in 1993 reduced beef production due to large death losses and reduced market weights. Fed cattle prices soared to record levels at \$86 per cwt in 1993, pulling feeder cattle and calf prices back up close to 1991 levels. However, Davis said, cattle producers misinterpreted the price increases and began expanding their herds even faster, leading to more cattle and lower prices.

Producers saw average prices dip nine percent, from \$77 per cwt in November 1993 to \$70 last November.

Additionally, retailers did not reduce consumer prices in proportion to the decline in fed cattle prices. Over this same time period, consumers saw only a 3 percent drop in prices at the meat counter; average retail prices for beef fell ten cents from \$2.88 per pound to \$2.78.

Record supplies of pork and poultry compounded the problem for beef producers. Pork producers also experienced a year of worse-than-expected prices. They began 1994 with expectations of smaller pork supplies and higher market hog prices. At the beginning of last December, commercial pork production was three percent higher than in 1993, but producer prices dropped by an average of 4.7 cents per pound in Texas.

Pork lovers saw the price drop from an average of \$2.01 per pound to \$1.97.

The average retail price for chicken dropped about three cents per pound, and turkey actually increased

from \$1.03 to \$1.05 per pound last year.

Increased supplies of meat means increased consumption; retailers will cut the prices enough in 1995 to clear out excess supplies of meat, Davis said.

Final figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture aren't in yet, but 1994's total meat consumption is estimated at 212.2 pounds per capita, well above the 1992 record of 208.3 pounds and the 1993 total of 207.6 pounds. Consumption figures are calculated using the retail weight of carcasses.

USDA projects that meat consumption in 1995 will be even higher at 219 pounds. Beef will account for 31.1 percent of the total U.S. meat consumption. Chicken's share of the meat market will be 34.4 percent of the total U.S. meat consumption. Chicken's share of the meat market will be 34.4 percent, and turkey will account for 8.5 percent. Pork's share is estimated at 25.1 percent.

Agriculture Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two public hearings have been scheduled in Texas to explain the findings of an environmental assessment for a proposed cooperative boll weevil eradication program in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The Agriculture Department's assessment is that the program "will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment."

USDA officials will accept public comment on the assessment and answer questions at the meetings, both scheduled for Feb. 16 in Westlaco, Texas, the first from 1-5:30 p.m. and the second, 7-10:30 p.m.

The proposed program is a cooperative effort among USDA, the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc. and individual cotton farmers.

Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable. —Elmer-Eschenbach

Panhandle Livestock Association will hold its 80th annual meeting Saturday, February 18 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

Earl Wheatly, President of PLA said the convention will begin at 9 a.m. with registration in the atrium. The Board of Directors will meet at 10:30 a.m. Also at 10:30 a.m. in the ballroom will be a "Bloody Mary Party" and an art exhibit done by Kenneth Wyatt.

Lunch and a general business meeting will begin at 12 noon. Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Red Stegall, western entertainer.

Cocktail buffet and dance will begin at 6:30 p.m. with music by Young Country of Amarillo. Breakfast will be served at 11 p.m. following the dance to end the day's events.

Panhandle Livestock Association funds two scholarships to the Ranch and Feeder Operations program at Clarendon College. Work is now being done to establish a scholarship for an upper classman majoring in agriculture at West Texas A&M University.

To fund the scholarships being offered, a raffle will be held. Items being raffled are: (1) a night in Amarillo for two including two meals at the Beef Rigger and a night at the Ambassador Hotel; (2) a pewter

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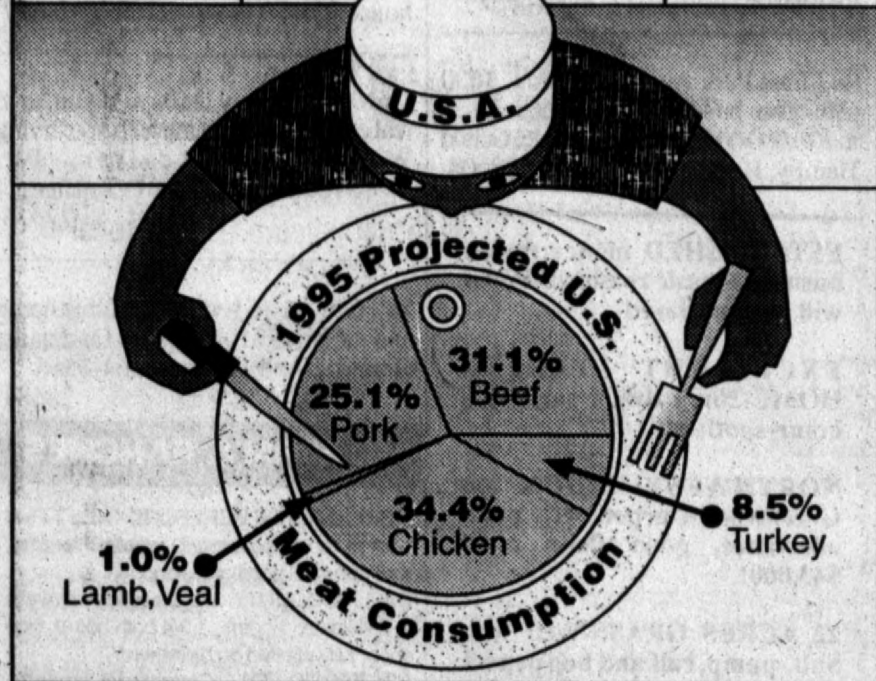
The tickets are \$5 and each ticket is good for all three drawings. If you would like a ticket or would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, contact a PLA member or call (806) 856-5939.

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Iwo Jima face-off between Bushido and Marine Corps

EDITOR'S NOTE - It was the bloodiest battle of the Pacific during World War II. The invasion of Iwo Jima in mid-February of 1945 cost 6,821 American lives, 5,931 of them Marines, all to secure landing strips for American bombers. From the battle also came a picture that endures as a symbol of the Marine Corps to this day.

By SID MOODY

AP Newsfeatures Writer
There was no subtlety in the battle for Iwo Jima. There was no room for it.

On an island one-third the size of Manhattan, two ideologies clashed head-on. One was the warrior code of the Japanese samurai: Death before dishonor, the will a transcendent armor against the material accoutrements of any enemy. Opposed to this was the unflinching tradition of the United States Marine Corps.

Bushido, the way of the warrior, developed over 800 years of incessant fighting among the warlords of Japan. Originally it had left room for honorable surrender. But after U.S. Commodore Matthew Perry jolted Japan into the modern world in 1853 by sailing his fleet into Tokyo Bay, the ancient code was altered.

The Emperor, literal descendant of the Sun goddess, became a rallying point for national patriotism. Death for him was the litmus test of loyalty. Hirohito, emperor during World War II, told his troops "... to be captured means not only that you disgrace yourself, but your parents and family will never be able to hold up their heads again."

In a land where honor and shame are inseparably intertwined, this produced a disregard for death the Americans could only put down as fanaticism.

The Marines, on the other hand, had been shock troops since Capt. Samuel Nicholas led them ashore to capture Fort Montague in the Bahamas on March 3, 1776. But in reaction to the carnage of World War I, pacifism in the United States had reduced the Corps down to only

15,000 men by the 1920s. Marines, however, were the only U.S. troops to see action between the two world wars. They became hardened veterans in jungle fighting and landings in the unruly lands of Central America. This meant the Navy and Army didn't have to do the dirty work and gave the Corps a mission instead of mothballs. The result was a manual for amphibious warfare that became a textbook for the Marines' island-by-island campaign across the Pacific in World War II.

Iwo Jima promised to be no different, only harder. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, for one, decried the Marines' head-down, straight-ahead methods as a prodigal waste of human lives. He used his Army troops instead with strategy and maneuver. The Marines argued their tactics were ideally suited for island warfare. A relentless onrush would save lives in the long run. Besides, the Marines were not trained nor equipped for long battles of attrition.

Tiny Iwo Jima, a volcanic island 760 miles south of Tokyo, was a case in point. The island was relatively flat save for its volcano, Mount Suribachi, at its southern end. It would be a fixed aircraft carrier for emergency landings of B-29s bombing Japan from bases in the more distant Marianas. In fact, 2,251 of the massive bombers were eventually to use Iwo.

Japanese strategists anticipated this. Lt. Gen. Tadachichi Kuribayashi had his 22,000 men turn the island's underlying coral into a maze of tunnels and caves with 800 concealed guns.

"Why dig so many caves? We're all going to die anyway," a colonel asked Kuribayashi. The commander agreed Japan had "reached the end of the road." But, true to the samurai code, he told his troops the Americans had "no desire for the glory of their ancestors, of posterity or for the glory of their family name ... They go into battle with no spiritual incentive

and rely on material superiority." He was right about material superiority. For six weeks B-24 bombers had plastered Iwo Jima. On Feb. 15, 1945, six battleships, five cruisers and planes from 12 escort carriers added their might.

"I can't help thinking nobody can live through this," wrote correspondent Robert Sherrod, a veteran of other Pacific landings. "But I know better."

On Feb. 19, the Marine Third, Fourth and Fifth Divisions began going ashore. Their supplies were immense: enough food to feed Columbus, Ohio, for a month, a year's supply of toilet paper, ammo by the shipload, 100 million cigarettes for the Fourth Division alone. And fingerprint ink to identify bodies among the 20,000 casualties predicted by the land commander, Gen. Holland M. "Howlin' Mad" Smith.

As the Marines came in like an iron wave, only American guns were firing. Kuribayashi had switched Japanese tactics of firing on the landing force from the outset. Instead, he waited until the invaders reached zones pretargeted by his gunners. The first Marine casualties were heavily loaded men who slipped beneath the waves and drowned.

The first Marines wobbled up through soft volcanic ash that also bogged down their tanks and guns. Then the Japanese opened fire, blowing Marines into body fragments scattered all over the beachhead.

"C'mon, you guys," cried Sgt. John Basilone, who had won the Medal of Honor in desperate fighting on Bloody Ridge on Guadalcanal. Then a shell killed him and his men.

Warrant Officer Ennis James Geraghty, 44, had fought in World War I. "Gunner, you don't have to go," he was told. "No, I'd like to see what it's like." He was killed finding out.

Of 1,000 Marines who landed on the right wing that first day, only 150 were left by nightfall. The Japanese would roll guns out of their caves - there were 5,000 of them - fire, then roll them back before naval batteries offshore could retaliate. They rolled

time bombs, even rocks down on the invaders.

Nonetheless, by the fourth day the Marines had clawed their way to the 556-foot summit of Suribachi. Two Japanese were killed charging them as they raised a small American flag on a nearby pipe. Lt. Col. Chandler Johnson called for a bigger flag so everyone could see it.

Joe Rosenthal, a photographer for The Associated Press who had made other landings, heard about it and followed the party taking the larger U.S. Navy flag up the volcano. He snapped off several frames, making sure to get names and hometowns, and sent the film off to Guam for developing in case they might be worth transmitting. One became immortal.

"That flag means a Marine Corps for the next 500 years," Navy Secretary James Forrestal told Smith even before he saw Rosenthal's soon-to-be-famous photo.

By the end of the sixth day, 1,605 Marines had been killed. Medics used 400 pints of whole blood in a single day. The U.S. Pacific commander, Adm. Chester Nimitz, considered using poison gas but decided the Americans would not be the first to break the Geneva Convention against it, although the Japanese had used gas against the Chinese.

The Marines captured the island's two landing strips, bayonet against samurai sword, flamethrower against sniper. On March 4, a B-29 named Dina Might and low on fuel made an emergency landing on one of them while vicious fighting went on nearby.

A week into the battle, Kuribayashi radioed he had lost 50 percent of his men and most of his machine guns. He said the island would fall if he did not get naval support. Instead he got a few kamikaze suicide planes that crippled the fleet carrier Saratoga and sank the "Jeep" carrier Bismarck Sea.

On March 8, some 1,000 defenders made a banzai charge - the word literally means 10,000 years, the attackers surrendering their lives for the Emperor in exchange for 10 millennia of glory. The Marines killed 784.

"We have not eaten or drunk for five days," Kuribayashi radioed. "We are going to fight bravely to the last."

By the 18th day, the Marines reached the northern end of the

island, isolating the surviving Japanese in two pockets. Navy Lt. Toshihiko Ohno counted only five men left of 54 in his anti-aircraft battery.

On March 14, Iwo Jima - "Hell with the fire out" - was declared secure. That day the Fifth Division suffered 134 casualties. Twelve days later 350 Japanese made a final sword charge and were wiped out.

Kuribayashi had gone to the mouth of his cave, bowed toward Hirohito's Imperial Palace, and ritually stabbed himself in his stomach. An aide finished him with a sword to the back of his bowed neck. Only 216 of his men had surrendered, remarkably the

last two giving up six years after the battle.

Iwo Jima, the bloodiest battle of the Pacific, had cost 6,821 American lives, 5,931 of them Marines. Smith's gloomy forecast had been surpassed, a third of his landing force of 60,000 being casualties.

When it was over Pvt. Johnny Lane was waiting on the beach to be evacuated and ran into Minor Dalton, whom he bumped into at the beginning.

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Marine Corps veteran recalls effect of Iwo Jima on his life

By CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN

AP National Writer
STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP)- He was running for his life. During those slow-motion seconds scrambling across the dark pumice-sand of Iwo Jima, Bill Bryan also was thinking.

Could he make it to that shell hole up ahead before being hit by the Japanese machine-gunner's bullets tearing up the ground between his feet? Visualizing his dive into the hole, he reasoned it couldn't be a straight plunge or the bullets would "stitch me all the way up."

So he tried throwing himself sideways as if vaulting a fence, his right arm flying outward. A 25-caliber bullet found the arm, shattering the bone just before he hit the floor of the crater.

And for Marine Pfc. William Jennings Bryan Jr., age 19, that was the end of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Eleven days before, on Feb. 19, 1945, he had landed on the beach during the first morning's assault. Japanese gun emplacements that studded the eight-square-mile island opened up.

"We piled out, and mortars were falling and the machine guns were coming down the beach," Bryan

says. "The whole world was being blown apart."

He was in D Company - Dog Company - 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment, 5th Marine Division. Three days into it, their alphabetical neighbors in Easy Company raised the famous flag on Mount Suribachi. "Morale went up tremendously," Bryan recalls. "But that was when the killing really started."

Americans suffered 26,000 casualties in their yard-by-yard assault against Iwo Jima's dug-in Japanese, an official Pentagon history states. "Throwing human flesh against reinforced concrete" was one apt description, it says.

Bryan will turn 70 this year.

Friends died on Iwo Jima - among them a kid in the landing craft with white "flash-burn powder" on his face whom Bryan would have kidded afterward "but he got killed," and another friend with an Irish name and a wild spark, suddenly extinguished.

"We were taught to move forward, move forward, move forward. That's what we were supposed to do."

Bryan fired at least one fatal shot himself. "I know cause he was there the next day."

Later, as he himself was evacuated for treatment of his wounds, complex emotions arose, mixing the natural question "Why was I spared?" with the Marine code of faithfulness,

Semper Fidelis. "You can't let your buddies down," Bryan says.

He says, "I felt extremely lucky to be 'alive'; 2-1/2 years after enlisting at age 17, he was en route home to a U.S. military hospital.

After his discharge, Bryan drifted for awhile, but "somebody was watching over me," he says. He met his wife, Bobby, and his life gained direction.

The G.I. Bill paid for a college education, something Bryan says he wouldn't otherwise have pursued, and he then worked for the U.S. Forest Service in his native Colorado and around the South for 32 years.

"My perspective is family," he says.

His father was his strongest influence and his wife saved him, he says, but a battle half a world away did as much as anything else to shape his perspective on a puzzling world.

"I see a lot of grays," he says. "There's nothing really black-and-white to me."

Bryan's Purple Heart is packed away. He keeps handy a small library of books and articles about Iwo Jima. Photos show the barren plateaus and cliffs, and the faces of young Marines.

One group photo he has marked with stick-on stars, their different colors denoting those killed, wounded or decorated. Almost every face has at least one.



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LOS ANGELES (AP) - Joe Eszterhas, the former Cleveland reporter who became Hollywood's multimillion-dollar screenwriter, has done it again.

Paramount Pictures will pay him nearly \$4 million for "Reliable Sources," based on his own real-life experiences as a newsman, a source requesting anonymity told the Los Angeles Times. The Hollywood industry paper Daily Variety put the figure at \$3.4 million, basing that on reliable sources.

Paramount Pictures confirmed a deal existed, but a spokesman remained mum on financial terms.

Eszterhas, who wrote the hit 1992 erotic thriller "Basic Instinct" for \$3 million, said the script will focus on an ambitious 22-year-old reporter whose actions while covering a breaking story result in loss of human life.

"The question it asks is, what is the cost of the front-page byline both to the reporter and to those he's writing about?" said Eszterhas, who worked for his hometown paper, the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and was a senior editor at Rolling Stone magazine.

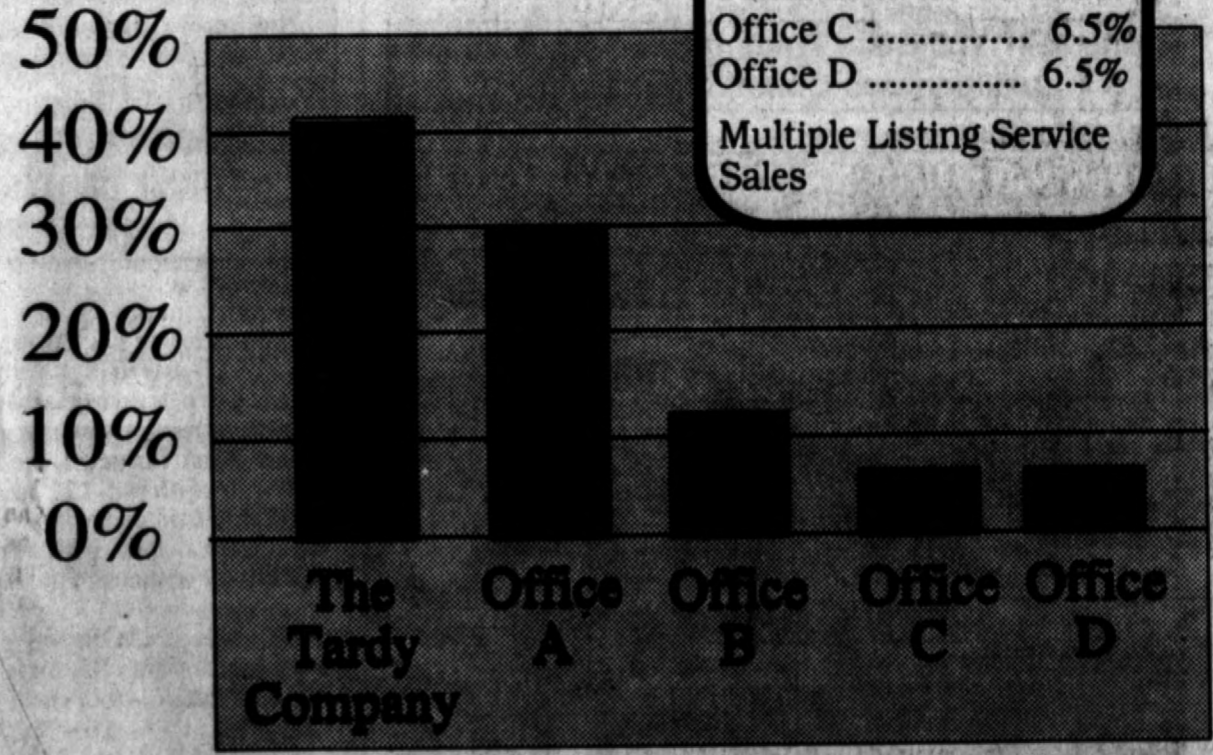
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Good performances make *Texas Justice* a watchable tale



Peter Strauss and Heather Locklear play Texas millionaire T. Cullen Davis and his second wife, Priscilla, in the two-part movie *Texas Justice*, airing Sunday and Monday on ABC. The fact-based drama recounts the couple's infamous divorce case and the murders connected to it.

BY SUZANNE GILL

Viewers who still miss *Dallas* should be sated when *Texas Justice* is done. The four-hour movie, airing Sunday and Monday, Feb. 12 and 13, on ABC, follows the sordid adventures of real-life Texas multimillionaire Cullen Davis, making the machinations of J.R. Ewing look like a boy with a train set.

Based on the 1979 best seller *Blood Will Tell: The Murder Trials of T. Cullen Davis* by Gary Cartwright, *Justice* stars Peter Strauss as Davis, the richest man ever to be tried for murder. Heather Locklear is his good-time gal wife Priscilla; and Dennis Franz plays defense attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes.

"The facts are the facts," says Cartwright, "and I have stuck to them. But had the facts been exactly the same and had the accused been poor, would the trials' outcome have been different? And would that have been as it should be?"

The film opens at a Fort Worth, Texas, stock show, where a trio of good ol' boys assesses the beef on the hoof—both cattle and women. Their eyes fall on miniskirted, platinum blond Priscilla Wilborn, and Davis tells them she is his guest. The once introverted middle son of a self-made millionaire has found excitement with the sort of woman who goes to the highest bidder.

Cullen and Priscilla divorce their respective spouses to marry one another, and Cullen builds them a 20-room mansion. Priscilla takes Cullen honky-tonking. Cullen takes Priscilla to Europe.

But this is no fairy tale. Cullen is given to white-hot rages, and Cartwright's book documents a dozen of their fights. On one occasion he breaks her nose; on another, her collar bone.

Priscilla files for divorce, and the judge freezes Cullen's assets, effectively controlling the huge Davis conglomerate. Priscilla remains in the mansion, which becomes a flophouse for her drug-pushing paramours.

Yet this is merely the prologue to the main events in *Texas Justice*.

One night a man dressed in black enters the mansion, shooting Priscilla's latest boyfriend and her daughter Andrea to death. The man wounds Priscilla and paralyzes another houseguest. The survivors accuse Cullen of being the man in black.

Part 1 ends with Cullen's acquittal, thanks in part to the work of lawyer Haynes. Stepping back from his role, Franz agrees that a good lawyer, rather than a good cause, can win a case.

"(Cullen) paid a great deal of money for this man because of his ability to do what was in his best interest, which was to get him off."

In Part 2 the judge in the divorce case turns up dead, and again Cullen is the prime suspect. An FBI sting operation appears to produce an open-and-shut case of conspiracy. But it is not so simple.

The satisfaction in *Texas Justice* is all in the performances, including Locklear's turn as Priscilla, both strong and suffering.

Strauss plays the crucial role with a mesmerizing poker face. It is impossible to tell what Cullen is thinking, and nearly as hard to turn away.

"The fact is," says Strauss, "that there ... was not a guilty verdict. And I felt it was my responsibility as an actor not to make that choice. It would have been easy to play him guilty."

"But in the end, this is a man who is free."

As they say in Texas, go figure.

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Kristofferson takes on role as Lincoln

By BOB THOMAS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kris Kristofferson as Abe Lincoln? Even the movie and music star himself expressed doubt when offered the role of the Civil War president.

"My first reaction was that I couldn't physically pull it off," Kristofferson recalls. "As I told (producer) Bob Christianson, 'Given more time, I would have gotten thinner and taller.' I'm 5-11-1/2, and Lincoln was 6-4."

"But I had once turned down a film because I didn't feel that I physically matched the guy. That was the Woody Guthrie story, 'Bound for Glory.' And I regretted it. ... So when this happened, I said, 'I'm going to give it a shot.'"

Kristofferson was speaking of the Family Channel's "Tad," which premieres Sunday, Lincoln's birthday, and repeats Feb. 18, 20, 25

and 26. The movie revolves around family life in the White House and centers on Tad, the fun-loving 7-year-old son. The role is played by Bug Hall, who appeared in the feature "The Little Rascals." Jane Curtin portrays Mrs. Lincoln.

"Tad" was filmed last September at historic sites in Richmond and Petersburg, Va.

"I flew in to Richmond, and they dyed my hair and shaved my face and put a beard on me," Kristofferson commented. "The next thing I knew, I looked like Lincoln."

"There were so many points of contact and common ground that I found," he said. "The more I read about him, it seemed like a natural part for me to play. It seemed inconceivable before that, especially his relationship with children. Kids just climbed all over him. They saw in him what older people didn't see."

Kristofferson himself has eight children.

He, wife Lisa Meyers and their five children live at Hana, an idyllic area in the southeast corner of the Hawaiian island of Maui. Getting there from the airport is so tortuous, Kristofferson said, that tourists sport T-shirts declaring, "I survived the road to Hana."

"Going to Maui was the best move I ever made," he said. "It's such a slower pace of life. I can see why people wonder if I don't get bored. With five kids, it's kind of hard to. Also, I've started going over some of the writing I did 30 years ago. I'm getting the itch to start writing something. That would be a great place to do it."

It's understandable that, at 58, Kris Kristofferson would seek a quieter mode of living. Born in Brownsville,

Texas, he spent his youth on the move, as his father, a two-star general, was transferred from one post to another.

A model student and athlete at Pomona College in California, he won a Rhodes scholarship and studied English literature at Oxford University.

Music won out over literature. During a five-year hitch in the Army, he began playing and writing music, country-style. He continued to write in civilian life, most notably such standards as "For the Good Times" and "Me and Bobby McGee."

His musical fame brought movie offers in the early 1970s, and he appeared in such successes as "A Star Is Born" (with Barbra Streisand), "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" and "Semi-Tough." He also notched a few bombs on his

resume, including the classic "Heaven's Gate."

The fast life on the road led to booze and drugs, and crackups. Kristofferson cleaned up his act at 40 after marrying Meyers, his third wife. Two children came from his first marriage, another from the marriage to singer Rita Coolidge.

Nowadays, he tours two or three times a year, adding, "I try not to stay away from home more than three weeks."

His schedule may heat up because his first albums in several years are coming out - "Moment of Forever," with a dozen of his new songs, and another with The Highwaymen, a country-royalty group made up of Kristofferson, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson.



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International Intrigue

You may know a lot about your town, state or country, but how much do you know about the world? Test your knowledge by taking this quiz. Circle the correct answer.

- The world's smallest independent country, it is home of the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.
 - Kuwait
 - Madagascar
 - Vatican City
 - Florence
- Known for its windmills, the main language of this country is Dutch.
 - Holland
 - Denmark
 - Norway
 - Dutchland
- Which one is not a Scandinavian country?
 - Norway
 - Sweden
 - Finland
 - Greece
- The largest of the countries that made up the former Soviet Union, it has been threatened with economic and food supply problems.
 - Russia
 - Cuba
 - Hungary
 - Haiti
- The Dominican Republic and Haiti occupy this island:
 - Dominica
 - Jamaica
 - Hispaniola
 - Trinidad
- Which is the official name for the currency of Italy?
 - Italian dollar
 - Shilling
 - Lira
 - Pound
- A holy land to Jews, Christians and Muslims, the people of this country have seen many wars.
 - Australia
 - Sweden
 - Israel
 - Finland
- A leader in the production of electronics, this long, narrow string of islands makes up a country of more than 120 million residents.
 - Japan
 - Chile
 - Italy
 - Kenya
- The largest and most populous island in the Mediterranean, its capital city is Palermo.
 - Corsica
 - Sicily
 - Venice
 - Tunisia
- This small, wealthy Arab nation was invaded by Iraq in 1990.
 - Greece
 - Tunisia
 - Kuwait
 - Kenya
- The most populous country, its people make up one-fifth of the world's population.
 - India
 - Sweden
 - Cuba
 - China



Presidential Puzzler

In honor of Presidents' Day, match the president to the statement that best describes him.

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. On the U.S. penny. | A. Theodore Roosevelt |
| 2. "Father" of our country. | B. Richard Nixon |
| 3. His Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the country. | C. John F. Kennedy |
| 4. Carried a "big stick." | D. Thomas Jefferson |
| 5. First president to resign. | E. Abraham Lincoln |
| 6. The fourth-president to be assassinated. | F. James Monroe |
| 7. President at the start of the Great Depression. | G. Herbert Hoover |
| 8. Fought in the Revolutionary War at 18. | H. Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| 9. Starred in movies. | I. George Washington |
| 10. Was elected four times. | J. Jimmy Carter |
| 11. His greatest success as president was bringing peace between Egypt and Israel. | K. Grover Cleveland |
| 12. Forty-second president; campaigned via bus tour. | L. Bill Clinton |
| 13. The only president who never married. | M. James Buchanan |
| 14. He was the 22nd and 24th president. | N. Ronald Reagan |
| 15. His grandfather was also a U.S. president. | O. Benjamin Harrison |

Answers: 1.E 2.I 3.D 4.A 5.B 6.C 7.G 8.F 9.N 10.H 11.I 12.L 13.M 14.K 15.O

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The oldest living thing on earth is a bristlecone pine tree in California named Methusala, believed to be 4,700 years old!

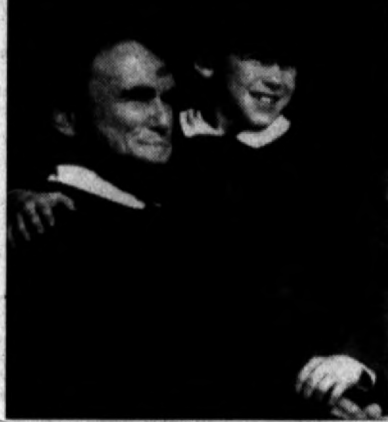


SUNDAY



Michelle Pfeiffer stars as the mysterious Catwoman, one of three villains threatening Gotham City, in *Batman Returns*, airing Sunday on NBC.

IN FOCUS



Kris Kristofferson and Bug Hall (from left) star as Abraham Lincoln and his son in *Tad*, premiering Sunday, Feb. 12, on Family Channel.

The story explores the family life of the former president, their struggles and their triumphs.

Jane Curtin stars as Mary Todd Lincoln, the wife and mother, who suffered greatly when three of her four sons and her husband died.

The two younger Lincoln boys were the first children ever to live in the White House.

- B**
- Back to Bataan** ★★½ (1945) *John Wayne, Anthony Quinn.* An American colonel assembles a team of crack Filipino guerrillas to battle the Japanese. Colorized. 2:05. **February 16 12:25am.**
 - Back to the Future** ★★½ (1985) *Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd.* A modern-day teen-ager is transported back to the '50s where he encounters the teens who will become his parents. 2:30. **February 13 7pm.**
 - Bataan** ★★ (1943) *Robert Taylor, Thomas Mitchell.* During World War II, American GIs and their Filipino allies defend the island from a Japanese invasion. Colorized. 2:30. **February 16 2:30am.**
 - Batman Returns** ★★½ (1992) *Michael Keaton, Michelle Pfeiffer.* Gotham City's Caped Crusader faces double jeopardy when Catwoman joins forces with the maniacal Penguin. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. **February 12 8pm.**
 - Beastmaster 2: Through the Portal of Time** ★½ (1991) *Marc Singer, Kari Wuhrer.* An ancient hero is transported to modern-day Los Angeles where his evil brother is planning to destroy the world. 2:15. **February 17 10pm.**
 - Between Love and Honor** (1995) *Grant Show, Robert Loggia.* Premiere. A photographer-turned-undercover cop falls in love with the stepdaughter of a notorious mobster. Based on a true story. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. **February 14 8pm.**
 - Blind Fury** ★★½ (1990) *Rutger Hauer, Brandon Call.* A blind Vietnam vet's samurai training comes in handy when mobsters try to separate him from the youngster in his care. 2:00. **February 17 11:30am.**
 - Blood Alley** ★★½ (1955) *John Wayne, Lauren Bacall.* The daughter of a slain American convinces a sea captain to help a village of Chinese peasants escape the Communists. 2:30. **February 12 10am.**
 - Bloodfist** ★ (1989) *Don "The Dragon" Wilson, Joe Marie Avellana.* A vengeful kickboxer enters a martial-arts tournament with the hope of facing the fighter who killed his brother. 2:00. **February 13 11:30pm.**
 - Bloodfist II** ★★ (1990) *Don "The Dragon" Wilson, Rina Reyes.* A champion kickboxer is spirited away to a madman's island for a series of gladiatorial death matches. 2:00. **February 14 11:30pm.**
 - Bloodfist III: Forced to Fight** ★½ (1991) *Don "The Dragon" Wilson, Richard Roundtree.* A champion kickboxer is forced into a real life-and-death struggle after he is framed and sent to prison. 2:00. **February 15 11:30pm.**
 - Body Language** ★★½ (1992) *Heather Locklear, Linda Purl.* A troubled secretary attempts to take over her successful boss's professional and personal identity. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. **February 12 6pm.**
 - The Brady Girls Get Married** ★★½ (1981) *Maureen McCormick, Eve Plumb.* Marcia and Jan marry and end up sharing a house in this pilot for the short-lived "Brady Bunch" spinoff. 2:00. **February 13 8pm.**
 - Buffy the Vampire Slayer** ★ (1992) (PA) *Kristy Swanson, Luke Perry.* A high-school cheerleader reluctantly accepts her heritage as the latest in a long line of vampire killers. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. **February 14 7pm.**
 - Buried Alive** ★★½ (1990) *Tim Matheson, Jennifer Jason Leigh.* A man swears revenge upon his wife and her murderous accomplice after he is poisoned and interred. 2:00. **February 18 11:05am.**
 - Carne de Horca** *Jorge Rivero, Yolanda Ciani.* La fuga desesperada de un puñado de presos a través del desierto y en la compañía de una mujer y un niño. 2:00. **February 13 10:30pm.**
 - Caroline?** ★★ (1990) *Stephanie Zimbalist, Pamela Reed.* A family is skeptical when a woman, claiming to be the daughter long presumed dead, appears to claim her inheritance. 2:00. **February 16 3pm.**
 - Carrie** ★★ (1976) *Sissy Spacek, John Travolta.* A teen becomes the butt of a cruel prom-night prank and retaliates against her classmates with a supernatural fury. 2:30. **February 18 11:30pm.**

C

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: The Cat From Outer Space	Ken Berry. ★★½ 'G'	Lillehammer '94: 16 Days of Glory	Movie: The 7th Voyage of Sinbad	G						
4	(5:00) NBA Basketball All-Star Game		Movie: Batman Returns	(1992) Michael Keaton. ★★½					News	(:35) High Tide	
5	Ghostwriter	Ghostwriter	Nature	Creatures Great & Small	Masterpiece Theatre	International Jam	Euro. Jour.				
6	Movie: The Enforcer (1976)	Clint Eastwood. ★★½	National Geographic Explorer	Earth	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.					
7	Videos	Videos	Lois & Clark-Superman	Movie: Texas Justice (1995)	Peter Strauss.	News	Road				
8	Songs	Joy-Music	Sermons	Last Breeze	Common Sense Religion	Rejoice in the Lord	Changed	Lord's Way	"Magnificent"		
9	Hercules-Jrns.	Vanishing Son	Highlander: The Series	News	Replay	Night Court	Road				
10	60 Minutes	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: A Walton Wedding (1995)	Richard Thomas.	News	Golden Girls	Rescue 911				
11	Simpsons	Get Smart	Simpsons	Buggin	Married...	Dream On	Simpsons	Simpsons	Platypus	Pig Sty	Watcher
12	Sr. Golf	Sportsctr.	NHL Hockey	Los Angeles Kings at Detroit Red Wings			ESPN's	Sportscenter			
13	Movie: Tad (1995)	Kris Kristofferson, Jane Curtin.	Country Music Spotlight	In Touch	Ben Haden	Ankerberg	J. Osteen				
14	Movie: Car 54, Where Are You?	'PG-13'	Movie: Cop and a Half	Burt Reynolds. ★★	(:05) Movie: Night Eyes 3	★½ 'R'					
15	Movie: Hot-Citizen X	Movie: Lightning Jack	Paul Hogan. ★★ 'PG-13'	Movie: Flesh and Bone (1993)	Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan.	Movie:					
16	Movie: Ghostbusters II	Movie: The Good Son	Macaulay Culkin.	Movie: Made in America	Whoopi Goldberg. ★★½ 'PG-13'	Movie: Tequila Sunrise 'R'					
17	Racing	Raceday	Rodeo	Fishin'	Fishing	Bassmastr.	Outdoors.	Road Test	Truckin'	(:05) Fishing	
18	Nature of Things	Sanctuaries	Himalayas	Promised Land	Promised Land	Sanctuaries	Himalayas	Promised			
19	Ancient Mysteries	Biography	Civil War Journal	Caroline's Comedy Hour	Biography						
20	Movie: She- A Cry in the Dark (1988)	Meryl Streep, Sam Neill. ★★½	Commish	Barbara Walters	Nite Caller						
21	Outdoors	H.S. Extra	Tennis San Jose Open - Final	Press Box	College Basketball	Dayton at Cincinnati					
22	Movie: Race for Life	Movie: Conagher (1991)	Sam Elliott, Katharine Ross. ★★	Movie: The Master Gunfighter (1975)	Tom Laughlin. ★						
23	Pete & Pete	Roundhse	Brady B.	Brady B.	Brady	Brady Kids	Bradymania: Very Brady	I Love Lucy	Lucy Show	M.T. Moore	
24	Movie: Body Language (1992)	Heather Locklear. ★★½	Tekwar	Silk Stalkings							
25	Hra.-Siempre en Domingo	Camara	Lente Loco	Movie: Amor a la Medida	Los Tigres del Norte.	Titulares Deportivos	Sens.				
26	Machines	Quantum	Connect	Castles	Paleoworld	Archaeol	Human Animal: A View	Connect	Castles	Paleoworld	
27	SWAT Kats	2-Dogs	Moxy Pirate	Top Cat	Flintstones	Jetsons	Father	Father	Tom and Jerry	Popeye	

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Pooh	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Pooh Cmr.	Dumbo	Fraggle	Pony Tales	Tracks	Disney's DTV Romancin'	Jetsons	
3	Today				Jenny Jones	Geraldo			Leeza	Our Lives	
4	Universe	Universe	Sesajie Street	Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Station	Barney	Puzzle Place	High Plains	
5	Gilligan	Bewitched	Happy Days	3's Co.	Little House on the Prairie	(:05) Matlock	(:05) Perry Mason	Movie:			
6	Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Donahue	Little House on the Prairie	News			
7	Worship	Choir	Daily Mass	M. Manning	Life	Message	Cope	Gate-Truth	Bible-Life	Worship	
8	News		Griffith	Griffith	Perry Mason	T.J. Hooker	Geraldo	News			
9	(6:00) This Morning	Jerry Springer	Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News					
10	Bobby	Sonic	Biker Mice	Animal	700 Club	K. Copeland	Murphy B.	Montel Williams	Hunter		
11	Sportscenter	In Motion	Getting Fit	Fitness Pros	Bodyshape	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Auto Racing			
12	Xuxa	Prince Val.	Waltons	700 Club	Health Club	Make a Deal	Name-Tune	Musical			
13	Movie: Sparkie	Philip Michael Thomas. ★★½ 'PG'	Movie: Avalon (1990)	Armin Mueller-Stahl, Aidan Quinn. ★★ 'PG'	Movie: Car 54, Where						
14	Smogglies!	Encyclopd.	Movie: Violets Are Blue	Sissy Spacek.	Movie: The Abyss (1989)	Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. ★★	Movie:				
15	Movie:	(:45) Movie: The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes	Robert Stephens.	Movie: Meeting Venus	Glenn Close. ★★½ 'PG-13'	Movie:					
16	(Off Air)	Videomorning						Crafts	Cookin'	Country	
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Home	Graham K.	Great Chefs	Cuisine	
18	Lou Grant	McCloud	Remington Steele	Police Story	Rockford						
19	Mom-Me	Baby Knows	Sisters	Our Home	Intimate Portrait	Live From Queens	Design. W.				
20	Get Fit	Bodies	Cable Health Club	Tennis San Jose Open - Final	Running	Basketball					
21	Scooby Dooby Doo	P. Panther	Jetsons	Bugs Bunny, Bugs Bunny	Knots Landing	CHiPs	Kung Fu				
22	Weinerville	Gumby	Rugrats	Gnome	Muppets	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Riding Hood	Liti' Bits	Eureka
23	Cartoon Express	MacGyver	Murder, She Wrote	Major Dad	Major Dad	Quantum Leap	Magnum				
24	Carrusel	El Chavo	Cheesprito	Papa Solt.	Candido P.	Llevatelo	Rosa Salvaje	Corazon			
25	Rory and Me	Kitty Cats	Iris the Prof.	Magic Box	Zoobilee	Iris the Prof.	Rory and Me	Kitty Cats	Caprials	Kitchen	Carlo Cooks
26	Josie-Cats	Pebbles	Smurfs	Smurfs	Bul.-Ghost	Scooby Doo	Paw Paws	Shirt Tales	Snorks	Back-Bedro	Nichie Rich

TV PIPELINE

BY TAYLOR MICHAELS

Q: There have been few pleasant surprises on TV of late: *ER*, *Friends*, *Frasier* and *My So-Called Life* come to mind. Yet once again, the powers that be choose to pull the thinking person's shows and subject us to still more of the same lame drivel. What joy to think that there may be, say, a spin-off of *Step by Step*! Or more *Beverly Hills, 90210*. (Dare I dream?) I'd like to write to the cast, producers and directors of *My So-Called Life*. And who are these "powers that be" and where can I write to them? -Annette Zeller, Brillion, Wis.

A: As I write this, ABC Entertainment president Ted Harbert says he loves *Life*, starring Golden Globe winner Claire Danes, and that no final decision will be made on its fate until May. I share your frustration at what succeeds on TV, but in most cases you might need to direct your anger at fellow viewers, not the "powers that be." Don't forget: Networks don't spend money putting on shows they want to fail. That makes no sense at all. But current industry economics make it impossible for a network to keep airing a show that consistently drops in the ratings (as has *Life*).

Three of the four good shows you cite are in no real danger of cancellation - because people are watching them. The sad fact is that viewers seem to be rejecting the exceptional *Life* (at the moment, it is ranked 100th among the season's shows to date in the ratings). Nor can you blame this on a "killer" time slot; *Friends* and *Due South*, both of which I love, are new shows that are thriving in the same time period, as are *Martin* and *Living Single*, which had to withstand a potentially crippling scheduling change. When ABC put *Life* where it did, the series seemed to have as good a chance there as anywhere. Special air-



Claire Danes

ings in other time periods drew no more viewers.

I repeatedly have pleaded with readers to write to the viewer services department at the respective networks to support their favorite shows. These letters can make a difference! The addresses, once again, are ABC Television Network, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Century City, Calif. 90067; CBS Inc., 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90036; Fox Broadcasting Co., 10201 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90035; and NBC Television Network, 3000 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank, Calif. 91523. Also: Viewers for Quality Television, P.O. Box 195, Fairfax Station, Va. 22039.

My heartfelt thanks to you for writing, Annette.

Q: Are James Arness, Clint Walker, Fess Parker and Peter Graves brothers? -Johnnie Henderson, DeKalb, Texas.

A: Arness and Graves are. Their birth name is Arness.

Send questions to TV Pipeline, Features Dept., TV Data, Northway Plaza, Queensbury, N.Y. 12804. Because of the volume of mail received, personal replies cannot be sent.

Chapter Two ***½ (1979) James Caan, Marsha Mason. Based on the play by Neil Simon. Soon after his wife's death, a writer finds himself reluctantly falling in love again. 2:30. **February 14 11:05pm.**

The Color Purple ***½ (1985) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover. Based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about 40 years in the tumultuous life of a Southern black woman. 3:30. **February 18 2pm.**

The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes (1995) Kirk Cameron, Larry Miller. A college student becomes a celebrity when his brain acquires the powers of a super computer. (In Stereo)(CC) 2:00. **February 18 7pm.**

Conagher *** (1991) Sam Elliott, Katharine Ross. Based on the novel by Louis L'Amour. An itinerant cowboy is caught up in the lives of a lonely widow and her children. 2:30. **February 12 7pm.**

Crack in the World **½ (1965) Dana Andrews, Janette Scott. Scientists exploring the Earth's core for an alternate energy source threaten the existence of the entire planet. 2:00. **February 18 2pm.**

Crimes and Misdemeanors *** (1989) Martin Landau, Woody Allen. Woody Allen directed this study of the conflicts arising in the lives of a selfish eye doctor and a neurotic filmmaker. 2:30. **February 17 3pm.**

A Cry in the Dark ***½ (1988) Meryl Streep, Sam Neill. An Australian housewife is convicted of killing her own child, an infant she claimed was carried off by a dingo. 2:30. **February 12 6:30pm.**

D

Day of the Evil Gun **½ (1968) Glenn Ford, Arthur Kennedy. An ex-gunslinger and his pacifist neighbor are thrust together to rescue a woman and her children from the Apaches. 2:00. **February 13 3pm.**

Deadly Lessons ** (1983) Donna Reed, Larry Wilcox. The young students at an exclusive girls school are terrorized by a crazed killer who knows their most intimate secrets. 2:00. **February 18 2am.**

Deaf Smith and Johnny Ears ** (1973) Anthony Quinn, Franco Nero. Two wandering mercenaries uncover a German plot to gain a foothold in the post-Civil War frontier. 2:00. **February 14 3pm.**

Divorce Wars: A Love Story **½ (1982) Tom Selleck, Jane Curtin. A divorce lawyer finds it increasingly difficult to handle his clients' problems while his own marriage is falling apart. 2:00. **February 15 11:05pm.**

D.O.A. *** (1949) Edmond O'Brien, Pamela Britton. The recipient of a dose of time-released poison sets out to locate his killer before time -- and his life -- run out. 2:00. **February 18 3am.**

Dolly Dearest ** (1992) Denise Crosby, Sam Bottoms. An American businessman comes to the frightening realization that his newly acquired Mexican doll factory is haunted. 2:00. **February 18 1:05pm.**

Downpayment on Murder **½ (1987) Connie Sellecca, Ben Gazzara. Business and marital troubles drive a distraught husband and father to hire a hit man to murder his estranged wife. 2:00. **February 18 4pm.**

Dreamscape **½ (1984) Dennis Quaid, Max Von Sydow. A psychic who can project conscious thoughts into sleepers' dreams discovers a plot to kill the president. 2:00. **February 18 12pm. February 15 12am.**

E

Easy Money **½ (1983) Rodney Dangerfield, Joe Pesci. An obnoxious heir reluctantly forfeits his numerous vices in order to claim a multimillion-dollar fortune. 2:00. **February 12 12pm.**

The Enforcer **½ (1976) Clint Eastwood, Tyne Daly. "Dirty" Harry Callahan reluctantly accepts a female partner while tracking the kidnapers of San Francisco's mayor. 2:00. **February 12 6pm.**

F

Falling in Love **½ (1984) Robert De Niro, Meryl Streep. A chance meeting on a commuter train sparks romance between a construction engineer and a graphics designer. 2:00. **February 12 2:30pm; 14 8pm.**

Family Plot *** (1976) Barbara Harris, Bruce Dern. A spiritualist and her unemployed boyfriend search for a missing heir who is a professional kidnapper. 2:30. **February 18 3am.**

Fatal Vision *** (1984) (Part 1 of 2) Karl Malden, Eva Marie Saint. Based on the deaths of the wife and daughters of Green Beret officer Jeffrey MacDonald in 1970. 2:00. **February 16 8pm.**

Fatal Vision *** (1984) (Part 2 of 2) Karl Malden, Eva Marie Saint. Freddy Kassab continues his 10-year battle to bring his son-in-law Jeffrey MacDonald to trial for murder. 2:00. **February 17 8pm.**

Fear ** (1990) Aly Sheedy, Lauren Hutton. A psychic who specializes in serial killers learns that the murderer she is trailing is a more powerful psychic than she. 1:55. **February 18 9:05pm.**

The Fortune **½ (1975) Jack Nicholson, Warren Beatty. Two con men set up house with an heiress and decide to kill her after learning she plans to leave her money to charity. 2:00. **February 13 11:30pm.**

Foxfire ***½ (1987) Jessica Tandy, Hume Cronyn. A man's return to his Appalachian birthplace spurs memories as he tries to convince his mother to sell her land. 2:00. **February 13 3pm.**

Frankie's House (1992) (Part 1 of 2) Iain Glen, Kevin Dillon. A fact-based adaptation of Tim Page's book about his experiences as a war correspondent in 1960s Vietnam. 2:00. **February 16 3am.**

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 13

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
20	Jetsons-Film.	Pooh	Gummi B.	Quack	Fraggle	Umbrella	Kids Incomp.	Mickey	C. Brown	Home	
21	Our Lives	Another World	Gordon Elliott	Oprah Winfrey	Maury Povich	Cope	NBC News				
22	Body Elec.	This is America	Painting	Bus. File	Bus. File	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Magic Bus	Politics	
23	Movie: ** Matlock: The Hunting Party	Tom-Jerry	Planet	Flintstones	Brady B.	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Brady B.	Brady B.	Brady B.	
24	Rush L.	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Am.Journal	Sally	Price	Jeopardy!	ABC News			
25	30 Min.	Christopher	Alive	Parenting	Joy-Music	Robert Clary	Headlines	Goepel	Stage Door	On the Line	
26	News	Quincy	Charles Perez	Flintstones	Flintstones	Samurai	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Charles		
27	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Northern Exposure	Empty Nest	Hard Copy	News	CBS News			
28	Hunter	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Tiny Toon	Taz-Mania	Animaniacs	Rangers	Full House	Fresh Fr.		
29	(12:00) Auto Racing ARCA Supercar 200	Final Four	Scholastica	Shd World	Motoworld	NBA Inside Stuff	ESPY's	Sportscr.			
30	Triv. Purs.	Split Sec.	Make a Deal	Stallion	Punky B.	I'm Telling	Masters	Max. Drive	My Dog	Rin Tin Tin	New Laeale
31	Movie:	Movie: The Treasure	John Weisbarth. **	Movie: Cop and a Half	Burt Reynolds. **	(:15) Movie: Avalon	Armin Mueller-Stahl. *** PG				
32	(12:00) Movie: The China Syndrome 'PG'	Movie: Lonely In America	*** PG-13'	(:45) Movie: Welcome Home, Roxy Carmichael	PG-13'	Whitewash					
33	Movie: Deal of the Century	(:45) Movie: Jack the Bear	Danny DeVito. **½ PG-13'	Movie: The Bear	Jack Wallace. PG'	(:15) Movie: Protocol	PG'				
34	VideoPM					Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance				
35	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Home	Graham K.	Great Chefs	Cuisine	Wild Things	Undersea	Wings	
36	Rockford	Columbo		Columbo		Lou Grant		Police Story			
37	Design. W.	Our Home	Thirtysomething		Movie: Foxfire (1987)	Jessica Tandy. ***½		Supermkt.	Shop-Drop		
38	Women's College Basketball	Award	Fast Pitch	Race Report	English Soccer Teams To Be Announced	Dale Brown	Longhorns				
39	Kung Fu	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West		Movie: Day of the Evil Gun (1968)	Glenn Ford. ***½		Starsky and Hutch			
40	Lasale	Gumby	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice	Muppets	Temple	Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	
41	Magnum	Pyramid	Quicksilver	Fighters	Fighters	MacGyver		Knight Rider		Knight Rider	
42	Corazon	Sirena	Maria Celeste	Cristina		Primer Impacto		Hosp-Risa	Notici.Uni.		
43	Southern	Peasant	Yan Cooks	Great Inns	Cookbook	Caprials	Carlo Cooks	Legends	Furniture	Home Pro	Hometime
44	Flintstones	Down Wit' Droopy D	Augie Dog	Plastic Man	Bond Jr.	Dark Water	Super Adventures	G-Force	Jonny Q.		

MONDAY



Alison, played by Courtney Thorne-Smith, and Billy, played by Andrew Shue, find time to spend together between heavy work loads at D&D, in *Melrose Place* Monday on Fox.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
20	Sinbad	Ocean Girl	Avonlea		Movie: Cleopatra (1963)	Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton. *** G'					
21	News	Ent. Tonight	Fresh Fr.	Blossom	Movie: Sister Act (1992)	Whoopi Goldberg. ***	News	(:35) Tonight Show			
22	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Future	May Family	American Cinema			Adam Smith	Charlie Rose			
23	Boss?	Boss?	(:05) Matlock	(:05) Movie: Matlock: The Thief (1988)	**½		Movie: Perry Mason: Shooting Star				
24	News	Wh. Fortune	Coach	Ballgame	Movie: Texas Justice (1995)	Peter Strauss.	News	(:35) Cheers	Rush L.		
25	1 in Spirit	L' Chayim	Joy-Music	Life Choices	Ethics in America	Methodist Hour	Know	Cap.-News	Ideas		
26	Love Con.	Jeffersons	Movie: Back to the Future (1985)	Michael J. Fox. ***½			News	Night Court	Simon & Simon		
27	News	Coach	Nanny	Dave's	Murphy B.	Cybill	Chicago Hope	News	(:35) Late Show		
28	Rosanne	M*A*S*H	Melrose Place	Models Inc.			Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	M*A*S*H		
29	College Basketball	Providence at Seton Hall		American Sports Awards: The ESPY's				Sportscr.	Basketball		
30	Waltons		Shade	Shade	Rescue 911		700 Club		Father Dowling Mysteries	Bonanza	
31	Movie:	Filmmaker	Movie: Nemesis	Olivier Gruner. *½ R'	Inside	Red Shoe	Love Street	(:05) Movie: The Lover	Jane March. 'R'		
32	Arthur Ashe		Movie: Malcolm X (1992)	Denzel Washington, Spike Lee. ***½ PG-13'					Movie: National Lamp.		
33	(5:15) Movie: Protocol 'PG'	Movie: Mrs. Doubtfire (1993)	Robin Williams, Sally Field.	Movie: National Lampoon's Last Resort	(:40) Movie: Save Me 'R'						
34	American	News	Hot Country Nights	Music City Tonight			Club Dance	News	Country		
35	Bey. 2000	Next Step	Natural World	Black Easter	Promised Land		Natural World		Black Easter		
36	Rockford Files		Biography	Sherlock Holmes	Lovejoy Mysteries		Law & Order		Biography		
37	Design. W.	Design. W.	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Manhunt: Search for the Night Stalker (1989)	Unsolved Mysteries				Mysteries		
38	Get Fit	Press Box	H.S. Extra	NHL Hockey Winnipeg Jets at Dallas Stars				Press Box	Swimsuit		
39	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: The White Buffalo (1977)	Charles Bronson. **	Movie: Picnic (1956)	William Holden, Kim Novak. ***						
40	Rocko's Life	Rocko's Life	Brady B.	Brady B.	Movie: The Brady Girls Get Married (1981)	**½	Newhart	Van Dyke	Dragnet		
41	Dog Day U.S.A.		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show				Wings	Wings	Quantum		
42	Volver a Empezar		Agujetas Rosa	Marimar			Cristina: Edicion Especial	Noticiero	Movie: Carne de Horca		
43	Space	Disasters	Archaeol.	Warriors	Seven Wonders		Great Battles of Civil War	Archaeol.	Warriors	Wonders	
44	Scoby Doo	Scoby Doo	Flintstones	Jetsons	Bugs & Daffy		Tom and Jerry	Scoby Doo	Scoby Doo	Toon Heads	

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18

Table of TV schedule for Saturday, Feb 18, 1995, from 7 AM to 12 PM. Shows include Pony Tales, Care Bears, C. Brown, Marsupilami, Jetsons Meet the Flintstones, and many others.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18

Table of TV schedule for Saturday, Feb 18, 1995, from 12:30 to 5:30 PM. Shows include Zorro, Saga of Andy Burnett, Annette, Movie: Big Red, and others.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18

Table of TV schedule for Saturday, Feb 18, 1995, from 6 PM to 11 PM. Shows include Movie: No Dessert Dad, Earle Ind., Movie: Ghostbusters II, and many others.

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Silkwood *** (1983) Meryl Streep, Kurt Russell. Based on the story of Karen Silkwood, a nuclear-power plant employee who secretly set out to expose safety violations. 2:30. February 12 12pm.

Sister Act *** (1992) Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith. A Reno lounge singer-turned-murder witness transforms a group of singing nuns into an unconventional convent choir. February 13 8pm.

Splendor in the Grass *** (1961) Natalie Wood, Warren Beatty. A young woman, believing she is in love, suffers an emotional collapse when the man stops seeing her. February 15 1:35am.

Stakeout *** (1987) Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez. A routine surveillance case takes an unusual turn when a Seattle cop falls for the woman he and his partner are watching. February 18 3pm.

Stir Crazy *** (1980) Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor. Two unlucky New Yorkers, sentenced to life in prison for a robbery they didn't commit, plot their escape. February 12 2pm.

Suddenly *** (1954) Frank Sinatra, Sterling Hayden. A California household becomes headquarters for three killers awaiting the arrival of the president's train. February 12 10am.

Tad (1995) Kris Kristofferson, Jane Curtin. The Civil War forms the backdrop for this tale of the special relationship between Abraham Lincoln and his young son. February 12 6pm; 18 7pm.

Tall in the Saddle *** (1944) John Wayne, Ella Raines. A ranch foreman changes his negative attitude about women when he meets his two new female employers. February 12 3pm.

Texas Justice (1995) (Part 1 of 2) Peter Strauss, Heather Locklear. A bitter divorce and later murder follow a Texas oil millionaire's marriage to his former mistress. February 12 8pm.

Texas Justice (1995) (Part 2 of 2) Peter Strauss, Heather Locklear. After an FBI sting operation, Cullen is arrested and charged with soliciting the murder of a divorce-court judge. February 13 9pm.

That Was Then, This Is Now ** (1985) Emilio Estevez, Craig Sheffer. Time Approximate. A lonesome teen-ager faces pain and jealousy when his close friend decides to grow up and assume adult responsibility. February 14 9:30pm.

They Were Expendable *** (1945) Robert Montgomery, John Wayne. The bombing of Pearl Harbor gives a fleet of PT boats the long-awaited opportunity to prove their worth. Colorized. 3:00. February 15 7pm.

Thirteen at Dinner *** (1985) Peter Onofri, Faye Dunaway. Hercule Poirot's investigation of an English lord's murder leads to an American actress and her impersonator. February 17 12:05pm.

Tightrope *** (1984) Clint Eastwood, Genevieve Bujold. While investigating a series of grisly murders, a tough New Orleans cop finds he has much in common with his quarry. February 18 10:30pm.

Tobruk *** (1967) Rock Hudson, George Peppard. During WWII, the Allies plan a mission to destroy Rommel's fuel supply in the Sahara. February 18 7pm, 11pm.

Todo por Neda Fernando Almada, Mario Almada. 2:00. February 15 10:30pm.

Turn Back the Clock ** (1989) Connie Sellecca, Wendy Kilbourne. A woman is tormented by events from the past year after killing her husband at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. February 15 2am.

Turner & Hoach *** (1989) Tom Hanks, Marc Winingham. A cop's organized life is turned upside down after a slobbering dog becomes his only link to solving a double murder. February 2:00. February 12 2pm.

12 Angry Men **** (1957) Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb. One man holds out against 11 fellow jurors when faced with deciding an accused murderer's guilt or innocence. 2:00. February 16 7pm.

The Ultimate Solution of Grace Quigley ** (1984) Katharine Hepburn, Nick Nolte. A compassionate senior citizen enlists the aid of a hit man to provide an unusual service for her lonely friends. 2:00. February 17 2am.

Urban Cowboy *** (1980) John Travolta, Debra Winger. A country and western bar is the backdrop for this story of a Texas farm boy's uncomfortable adjustment to city life. 2:30. February 18 9pm.

A Very Brady Christmas *** (1988) Florence Henderson, Robert Reed. As Christmas approaches, individual crises threaten to keep three generations of Bradys from spending the holidays together. 2:00. February 15 8pm.

A Walton Wedding (1995) Richard Thomas, Ralph Waite. Premiere. John Boy becomes engaged to an ambassador's daughter and complications arise that threaten to cancel the wedding. February 12 8pm.

The Washington Affair ** (1977) Tom Selleck, Barry Sullivan. A government agent is threatened with blackmail by an unscrupulous businessman. 1:45. February 16 1:05am.

West Side Story **** (1961) Natalie Wood, Richard Beymer. A Puerto Rican woman's romance with a white gang member leads to tragedy in this retelling of "Romeo and Juliet." 3:15. February 12 11:50am.

Where's Poppa? *** (1970) George Segal, Trish Van Devere. A bachelor lawyer decides that he must "dump" his nagging, elderly mother in order to enhance his sagging social life. February 14 1:30am.

The White Buffalo ** (1977) Charles Bronson, Will Sampson. Wild Bill Hickok and Chief Crazy Horse confront their deadliest adversary -- a gigantic white buffalo. 2:00. February 13 7pm.

Witness for the Prosecution *** (1957) Marlene Dietrich, Tyrone Power. Billy Wilder directed this tale about an accused murderer whose perfect alibi seemingly crumbles when his two-faced wife takes the stand. 2:30. February 16 9pm.

The Women of Brewster Place *** (1989) Oprah Winfrey, Jackie Gloria Naylor's novel inspired this multigenerational story of the lives of several black women who call an inner-city tenement home. 4:00. February 18 5:30pm.

Writer's Block ** (1991) Morgan Fairchild, Joe Regalbuto. Fantasy becomes deadly reality for a writer whose favorite character -- a killer -- appears to have sprung to life. February 16 2am.

Written on the Wind *** (1957) Rock Hudson, Lauren Bacall. Emotional upheavals abound for a rich Texas oil family when their playboy son and his boyhood friend fall for the same woman. 2:00. February 14 3am.

Youngblood ** (1986) Rob Lowe, Cindy Gibb. An aspiring hockey star leaves the family farm for a minor-league Canadian team. 2:30. February 18 12am.

TV CROSSWORD



The identity of the featured performer is found within the answers in the puzzle. To take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks.

ACROSS

- 1. Elliot, for one
- 4. King or Ladd
- 8. Pleshette's current co-star
- 11. Happy ___ clam
- 12. Unexceptional (hyph. wd.)
- 13. Uproar
- 14. One with a talk show (2)
- 17. Ending for Max or Joseph
- 18. Slip up
- 19. Pebbles' pa
- 21. Positive votes
- 24. 1979 Bo Derek movie
- 25. Gore, for short
- 26. Canadian whisky letters
- 27. Initials for the star of *M*A*S*H*
- 28. Earthbound birds
- 30. Holiday and Sheraton
- 32. Author of "The Purloined Letter"
- 34. *Out ___ Limb*; 1987 TV movie
- 35. Newsmagazine show (2)
- 41. ___ *Tin Tin*
- 42. ___ *Million*; 1972-73 James Farentino series
- 43. Modern: pref.

DOWN

- 1. ___ Paulo
- 2. Cleopatra's downfall
- 3. Co-host of *The Osmond Family Show*
- 4. Arthur with a racket
- 5. Depressed
- 6. "___ walked out in the streets of..."
- 7. Number of \$11,000 spots on Pat Sajak's wheel
- 8. With 15 Down, star of *Dave's World* (2)
- 9. Lemony concoction
- 10. Myrna ___
- 15. See 8 Down
- 16. Drescher's role (2)
- 19. *The ___ Mrs. Buchanans*
- 20. ___ 222 (1969-74)
- 22. *Evening Shade* role
- 23. Jacuzzis

BY CANDACE HAVENS

Once again it's that time of year when fans help decide who will win top honors at the *Soap Opera Digest Awards*.

The winners will be announced in a two-hour prime-time special Friday, Feb. 17, on NBC.

John Larroquette serves as host along with Kelly Ripa, Victoria Rowell and Louise Sorel.

This year there are a few changes in the categories.

The outstanding villain/villainess honor has been divided into two separate awards. The outstanding scene stealer category will have male and female winners.

General Hospital is already a big winner. Head writer Claire Labine will be presented with the prestigious Editor's Award during the telecast.

Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall fell in love on the set of *To Have and Have Not* in 1943. He was 44 and she was 19.

SOAP TALK

Soap Opera Digest Awards airing on NBC

Lynn Leahey, editor-in-chief of *Soap Opera Digest*, says, "Claire has introduced new red-hot lovers and re-established beloved characters in breathtaking stories that interweave laughter, tears and suspense."

Here is a select list of the other *Soap Opera Digest* nominees:

Favorite show: *All My Children*, *Another World*, *As the World Turns*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Days of Our Lives*, *GH*, *Guiding Light*, *Loving*, *One Life to Live* and *The Young and the Restless*.

Outstanding lead actor: Grant Aleksander (*AMC*), Tom Eplin (*AW*) and Peter Simon (*GL*).

Outstanding lead actress: Deidre Hall (*Days*), Melody Thomas Scott (*Y&R*) and Robin Strasser (*OLTL*).

Hottest male star: John Callahan (*AMC*), Drake Hogestyn (*Days*) and

Paolo Seganti (*ATWT*).

Hottest female star: Victoria Rowell (*Y&R*), Hunter Tylo (*B&B*) and Kristina Wagner (*GH*).

Outstanding supporting actor: Benjamin Hendrickson (*ATWT*), Randolph Mantooth (*Loving*) and Brad Maule (*GH*).

Outstanding supporting actress: Signy Coleman (*Y&R*), Anna Stuart (*AW*) and Tamara Tunic (*ATWT*).

Send your comments to Candace Havens, Soap World, Features Dept., TV Data, Northway Plaza, Queensbury, N.Y. 12804. Because of the volume of mail received, personal replies cannot be sent.

William Powell and Myrna Loy lead the list of film's romantic teamings with 12 films, including the *Thin Man* series, to their credit.

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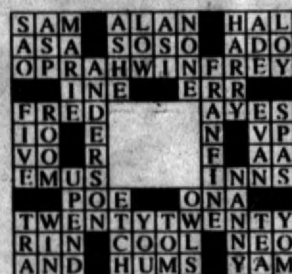
TRIVIA QUIZ

This week's theme: **theme songs**

BY JOHN CROOK

Questions:

- 1. This then-married actor and actress collaborated on the theme song for *The Facts of Life*.
- 2. According to the *All in the Family* theme song, what kind of car did the Bunkers once drive?
- 3. Name the popular rock group who performed the theme song to the sitcom *Get a Life*. (Bonus: name the song).



Solution
Audrey Meadows

- 4. Who sings the closing theme song to *Frasier*?
- 5. What was title of the theme song to *Bosom Buddies*? Who sang it?
- 6. What Oscar-winning composer wrote the instrumental theme song to *Newhart*?
- 7. Where did the *Cheers* theme song suggest that "you want to be"?
- 8. In its early seasons, this CBS comedy opened each episode with a different Motown hit. Name the show.
- 9. The syndicated Bigfoot sitcom *Harry and the Hendersons* had what apt theme song?

- 1. Alan Thicke and Gloria Loring.
- 2. A LaSalle.
- 3. R.E.M. sang "Stand."
- 4. Series star Kelsey Grammer.
- 5. "My Life," sung by Billy Joel.
- 6. Henry Mancini.
- 7. "Where you can see troubles all the same."
- 8. "Murphy Brown."
- 9. "Your Feet Too Big."

Answers:



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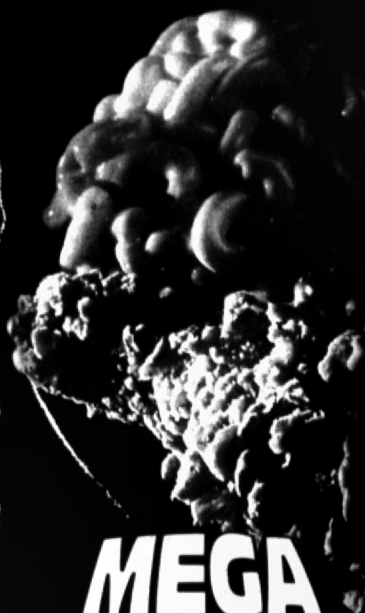
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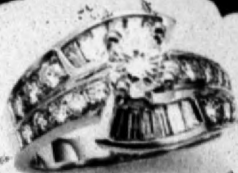
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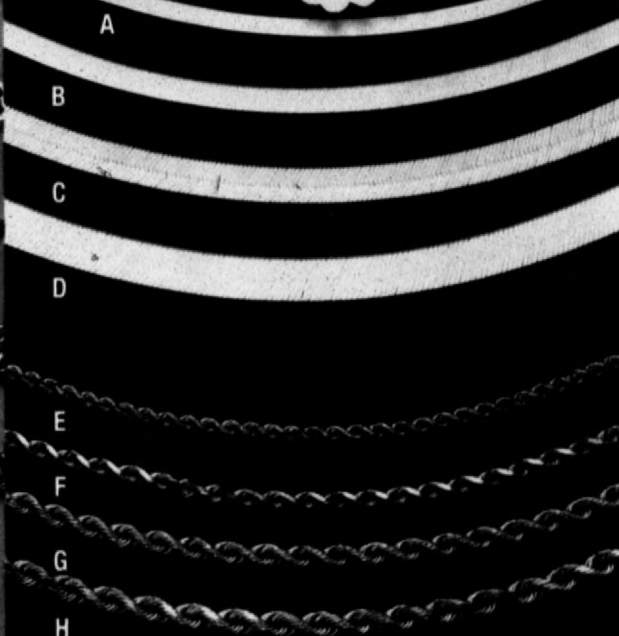
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20"	785407 Reg. \$179.99 \$250†	\$119.97
24"	785393 Reg. \$199.99 \$300†	\$149.97
7"	785385 Reg. \$69.99 \$100†	\$49.97
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18"	785598 Reg. \$249.99 \$360†	\$169.97
20"	785571 Reg. \$269.99 \$400†	\$189.97
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20"	785652 Reg. \$349.99 \$500†	\$249.97
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16"	349151 Reg. \$129.99 \$180†	\$89.97
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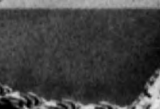
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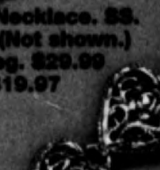
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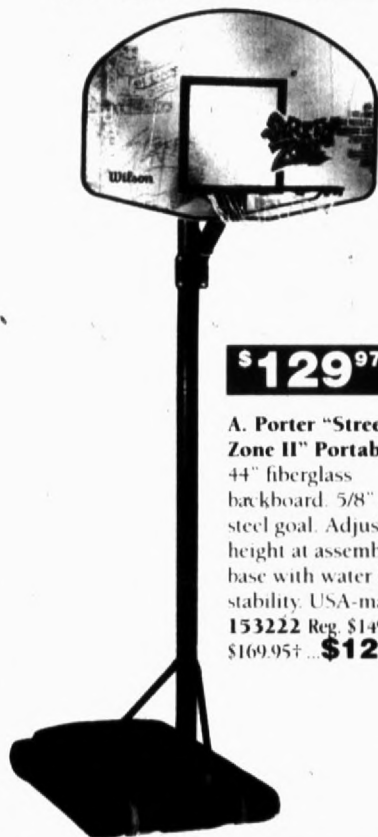
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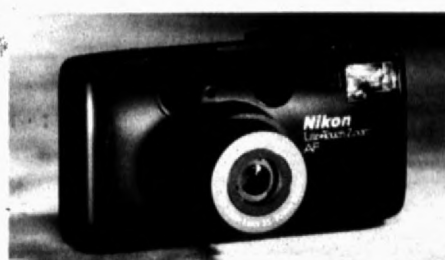


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