

## Hereford's Brand of Fashion

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★ Hustlin' Hereford,  
home of Bruce Hernandez

# The Hereford Brand

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## Chavez-Stribling vote heads Tuesday runoff

A Democratic contender for Precinct One's county commission seat, an opponent for Republican Teel Bivins in the 31st District state senate race, and a Republican challenger for U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen will be decided Tuesday in primary runoff elections.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday in Hereford and across the state as voters make final party choices for the November general election ballot.

The only local race for voters is the

Precinct One battle in the Democratic party between Lupe Chavez and John Stribling Jr. Stribling and Chavez finished one-two in the March 8 Super Tuesday primary, where incumbent commissioner Bill Bradley was a distant third.

The winner of the runoff will face Republican candidate Kim Blackwell in the general election.

Also highlighting the Democrat ballot is the matchup between Mel Phillips and Bryan Poff for the senate seat being vacated by Bill

Sarpalius.

Locally, Phillips and Poff finished second and third behind Nancy Garms. Phillips won a plurality on March 8, and Poff edged Garms for second in the primary.

Topping the GOP runoff ballot is the Beau Boulter-Wes Gilbreath battle for a spot against Bentsen in November.

Gilbreath, a Houston billboard magnate, won a statewide plurality, but Boulter, a two-term con-

gressman from Amarillo, easily swept Northwest Texas.

Other races on the Republican ticket include runoffs between Ed Emmett and P.S. (Sam) Ervin for the Railroad commission and Nathan Hecht and Ronald Block for Place 2 on the Texas Supreme Court.

All GOP ballots will be cast at LaPlata Junior High. Democratic ballots may be cast at the following sites:

Box 1 (Pet. 1), Big Bull Barn; Box 2 (Pet. 2), Commissioners' Cour-

troon, Box 3 (Pet. 3), LaPlata Junior High; Box 4 (Pet. 4), Hereford Community Center.

Box 5 (Pet. 4), Palo Duro Baptist Church; Box 6 (Pet. 4), Ford School House; Box 7 (Pet. 1), Dawn Community Building; Box 8 (Pet. 3), Walcott School; Box 9 (Pet. 4),

Simms Community House.

Persons who voted in a party primary on March 8 may vote only in that same party's primary—cross-over voting is against the law. Persons who did not vote in the March 8 primary may vote in the primary of their choice.



Commission candidates

Lupe Chavez, left, and John Stribling Jr. will meet in Tuesday's runoff to decide the Democratic challenger for the November general election for county commissioner of Precinct One.

## Halting flow of dollars to Panama

## Reagan puts heat on Noriega

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan is turning up the heat against Panamanian strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega by moving to halt the flow of American dollars to the Central American country.

Citing "the unusual and extraordinary threat" of Noriega's continued rule to the United States and the Panamanian people, Reagan in-

voked the seldom-used International Emergency Economic Powers Act. Invocation of the 1977 law puts teeth in the U.S. government quest to freeze Panamanian assets and withhold tax payments by American businesses and their subsidiaries operating there.

"These further steps reaffirm our commitment to democratic govern-

ment in Panama and our belief that Noriega would best serve his country by complying with the instruction of President (Eric Arturo) Delvalle to relinquish his post," the president said in a letter to House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas.

Before Reagan's move, White House chief of staff Howard Baker denied that economic sanctions applied earlier had proved unsuccessful.

"After all, General Noriega is (a) much beleaguered, de facto leader of the Panamanian government," he said. He is certainly not in a comfortable position, nor are the people of Panama, which is unfortunate."

Presidential aides tried to surgically design "imposition of the statute in a way to avoid causing long-term damage and the collapse of the Panamanian economy," said a senior administration official.

It does have a major impact on trade by strangling the financial situation there," said the official speaking on grounds of anonymity. "Our purpose here is to impact on Noriega and not on the Panamanian

economy, and the strangulation of the financial system seems to be the best way to do this."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said that among the steps the president ordered under provisions of the law are:

Blocking assets of the government of Panama in the United States.

Prohibiting payments by all people and organizations in the United States to the Noriega regime.

Prohibiting payments to the Noriega regime by all U.S. citizens and organizations in Panama, including U.S. branches and subsidiaries.

It was the first time the law has been invoked since the administration used it in the mid-1980s to squeeze Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi. Then-President Carter invoked the act against Iran in the late 1970s.

Panamanian assets essentially have been frozen in U.S. commercial banks since late March.

## Local Roundup

### County Commissioners Agenda

The Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court will meet tomorrow, 10 a.m., in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Courthouse to discuss the following items:

Advertise for motor grader bids, permission to cross county road with gas line, appoint a director to the Llano Estacado Water District from Deaf Smith County, accept letter of resignation from LaVerne Kimbell as absentee judge and consider appointment.

Discuss computer bids for the district attorney's office, discussion and possible adoption of guidelines for inmates' medical needs, and consider hiring summer assistance for the Extension Office.

### Police report incidents

The Hereford Police Department reported theft of a \$100 tire from a vehicle parked by Deaf Smith County General Hospital Friday.

Other reports include theft of rear window louvers from a vehicle parked at the Save-N-Gain parking lot; serving alcohol to a minor was reported at the Hereford Community Center, and a loud party was reported in the 600 block of Irving Street.

Fire Marshal Jay Spain said firefighters fought three grass fires Friday night which were all started by lightning, and one vehicle fire was reported.

One minor accident was reported and 17 citations were issued.

### POWER to meet

Members of POWER will discuss the political situation surrounding disposal of nuclear waste at its annual membership meeting tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the east wing of the Hereford Community Center.

The members will also vote on a board of directors.

## Cold front moves into state

By The Associated Press

Temperatures were expected to be cooler the remainder of the weekend as a cold front moved into Texas Saturday morning, the National Weather Service reported.

The front moved into the High Plains early Saturday and extended from near Childress to near Lubbock with scattered showers and thunderstorms tagging along. The rain was over the eastern High Plains, Permian Basin and the lower Pecos Valley.

Temperatures in the Panhandle were expected to reach only the 40s.

Light rain and drizzle in sections of Central, south Central Texas and the middle coastal plains also were reported early Saturday.

Behind the front in the Panhandle, winds were strong from the north at 20 mph to 30 mph with higher gusts. The greater part of the state had generally southerly winds at 5 mph to 15 mph. However, light to nearly calm winds were over East Texas.

Temperatures at 4 a.m. were mostly in the 50s and 60s except behind the cold front in the northern High Plains, where temperatures were in the 40s. Extremes were 43 degrees at Marfa in the Davis Mountains and 67 degrees at Brownsville in the lower valley.

A light dusting of snow was possible Saturday afternoon and Sunday in the Panhandle as the front moved in.

## HB staffers win newspaper honors

The Hereford Brand won two first-

place awards, a pair of third-place plaques, an honorable mention and third place in general excellence. Hereford Brand of Fashion and Saturday at the awards breakfast at the Panhandle Press Association convention in Amarillo.

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## Funding 'cure' may harm local districts

By JOHN BROOKS  
Managing Editor

A court hearing that began Wednesday could have wide-ranging implications for the way Texas public schools are funded, and could lead to the formation of one state-wide school district or several regional districts to ensure that all Texas schoolchildren receive approximately the same education, no matter how rich or poor the district in which the child lives.

Edgewood v. Kirby is the name of the case filed in 1984 by 67 tax-poor Texas school districts, several organizations and some individuals. On April 29, 1987, State District Judge Harley Clark ruled that the current system of financing public schools is unconstitutional because students throughout Texas do not have equal access to funding for their education.

That decision was appealed by the state, which began oral arguments in the Third Circuit Court of Civil Appeals in Austin on Wednesday.

Clark ruled that the state must come up with a more equitable system of financing public schools

by Sept. 1, 1989, meaning the next session of the Texas Legislature will have to come up with a solution that satisfies Clark.

Just as Texas is a state of stark contrasts, there are stark contrasts among the over 1,000 school districts in the state.

Spending levels per student ranged from \$2,112 to \$19,333. The statewide per-pupil spending average for operating expenses was \$3,290.

In the Hereford school district, the spending per pupil is \$3,256—just below the state average.

In the Walcott school district, the average per pupil spending is \$6,250—well above the average.

Bullock's figures show the state's 100 poorest districts averaged a tax rate of 74 cents per \$100 valuation, 63.5 percent more than the 47-cent rate average of the 100 wealthiest districts. The state average was 66 cents, and tax rates for school districts ranged from nine cents to \$1.55.

Hereford's school tax rate is 69 cents, Walcott's is 68 cents—both just above the state average.

Because of the financing inequities, districts with high prop-

erty wealth get more money per student because they have greater access to funds, and that is what Judge Clark wants to stop.

Clark ruled the unequal opportunity to raise funds is worsened because the poorer districts have more poverty-level families, and, therefore, greater educational needs.

The poorer districts are not confined to one area of the state, however.

The Plains region has the greatest number of poor districts, the Border area has the highest percentage of students in poor districts, with 95 percent of the students attending in the poor districts; the Central Corridor has the second highest percentage of poor districts.

The Gulf Coast area has the second highest number of students in poor districts; East Texas has the highest percentage (81 percent) of poor districts; and the Metroplex region has poor districts in all but one county.

Basic state funding is not based on the wealth or poverty of a district, but is based on the number of students who attend the schools. The school's Average

Daily Attendance is determined using attendance data from October. Other funding is doled out in equalization aid to many districts because the district's property value is less than 110 percent of the statewide average.

Almost half of Walcott's \$414,000 budget comes from state dollars. The district, in the 1987-88 school year, has received almost \$200,000 from state coffers. Walcott picked up \$182,000 from local taxes and about \$30,000 in federal funds.

Hereford's \$5.5 million budget is 61 percent state money, 19 percent local taxes, 16 percent federal funds, and four percent derived from fees for classes like driver's education and adult education classes.

The state draws from several funding sources to fund public schools. Each district in Texas will get \$265 per student this year from the Available School Fund, or a total of \$768.9 million. An additional \$116.7 million, or \$40 per student, provides free textbooks. The state also draws money from the Foundation School Fund.

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## Walcott worried state may close doors Hereford concerned about loss of local control

### Education Spending

Hereford  
Tax rate = \$.69/\$100  
Average spending = \$3,256

Walcott  
Tax rate = \$.68/\$100  
Average spending = \$6,250

Poor districts  
\$.74/\$100, \$2,978 average

Rich districts  
\$.47/\$100, \$7,233 average

Hereford's spending is above the "poor" level, and Walcott's spending is lower than the "rich". Both would like things to stay as they are in school finance.



# Page Two

## Pickin's no slimmer for T. Boone

By WENDY E. LANE  
Associated Press Writer

AMARILLO (AP) — Corporate raider T. Boone Pickens may not have hit pay dirt when prospecting for gold-company takeover targets, but he hasn't lost his Midas touch, analysts say.

Last month, Pickens' Mesa Limited Partnership ditched its \$1.88 billion cash offer for Homestake Mining Co. after the company rejected it. And an earlier run at Newmont Mining Corp. spearheaded by the controversial investor also didn't pan out.

"The environment for takeovers and some of the rules have changed, but don't ever shortchange this guy," Bob Hill, vice president for A.G. Edwards in Amarillo, said of Pickens. "He's plenty savvy."

That savvy and a concern for shareholders helped Pickens parlay a \$2,500 investment into one of the nation's largest independent oil companies. It also earned the takeover artist a reputation for making big-business executives squirm in their boardroom swivel chairs.

"Chief executives, who themselves own few shares of their companies, have no more feeling for the average shareholder than they do for baboons in Africa," Pickens once said.

But executives aren't the only people who sometimes bristle at Pickens. Residents here sometimes dislike Pickens' dealings in his hometown, where his moniker is "Attila of Amarillo."

Pickens was a behind-the-scenes mover in a group attacking the Amarillo Globe-News for negative coverage. After the group rallied and pulled advertising from the paper last autumn, the newspaper's general manager, Jerry Huff, announced his departure.

Pickens' forces celebrated their victory by draping a yellow banner reading "Goodbye Jerry" on the side of Mesa's downtown building.

Pickens' multimillion-dollar endowment of West Texas State University's business school and position as board of regents chairman haven't won him many

friends at the Canyon college, either.

Some students and faculty have called for the ouster of president Ed Roach, chosen by Pickens to run the school, and of Pickens himself. Roach and Pickens have been lampooned repeatedly in an underground newsletter published by faculty members.

After the newspaper controversy and amidst unrest at WTSU, reports surfaced that Pickens may move his \$315.3 million company from this Panhandle city of 195,000 to a larger Texas city.

And Pickens' right-hand man, David Batchelder, announced last week he is making his own move: to California, to start his own consulting firm.

"It's a significant sacrifice to live in Amarillo," Batchelder told the Wall Street Journal, comparing the city to "a large truck stop."

Analysts, meanwhile, say that although the 59-year-old Pickens hasn't made stock market killings on the order of those past, he hasn't lost his touch.

"Most of these (recent takeover attempts) for one reason or another have been unsuccessful, and that has I think created this image of Mesa and Boone Pickens being unsuccessful investors," said Dean Witter Reynolds vice president Philip Kehl, who estimated Mesa's 1987 market gains at about \$10 million.

"But I think they've had a lot of small, nice gains which over the course of time will add up," he said.

Nevertheless, Pickens' modest pickings in 1987 pale in comparison to his earlier conquests in the oil industry. And he hasn't had much to say about that: both he and Batchelder refused to return more than a dozen telephone calls from The Associated Press.

After launching a 1982 attack on Cities Service that resulted in a buyout by Occidental Petroleum, Pickens reaped \$31.5 million for Mesa. He followed that with a string of unsuccessful but profitable takeover runs at Gulf Oil, from which he gleaned more than \$500 million in profits; Phillips Petroleum and Unocal.

More recently, Pickens' offer for Dallas-based Diamond



Shamrock in late 1986 eventually forced a drastic restructuring of the company, splitting it into a refining and marketing company, Diamond Shamrock R&M, and an exploration company, Maxus Energy Corp.

Pickens and Mesa pulled down several million dollars' profit on that deal.

Last year, Ivanhoe Partners, a Pickens-led investment group, made a \$2 billion hostile bid for control of New York-based Newmont, a gold and uranium mining concern with interests in oil and natural gas.

A Delaware court thwarted the bid when it refused to rule illegal a "market sweep" in which Newmont's biggest shareholder, Britain's Consolidated Gold Fields PLC, bought enough shares in a two-day September binge to raise its holdings to nearly 50 percent of Newmont and stave off the hostile bid.

San Francisco's Homestake, one of the country's largest gold producers, recently rejected Mesa's offer to obtain the entire equity interest with a negotiated transaction for a price of \$20 per share in cash.

"Admittedly, he hasn't made a major killing in the stock market since Phillips, but they (Mesa) have been very active investors," Kehl said. "Mesa is sort of two companies — it's a gas producer and it's an investment company, and they've been in and out of many different stocks in the last year."

Next on Pickens' agenda is an attempt to win a seat on the board of KN Energy Inc., a company he has thrice tried to buy since 1983.

The results of shareholder voting are to be announced later this week, and whether Pickens is able to gain a seat depends on the number of votes he was able to muster in addition to his own 4.9 percent stake in the Lakewood, Colo.-based gas pipeline company.

Also ahead for Pickens could be an active role in New Jersey-based Singer Corp., the former sewing machine maker-turned-defense electronics firm. Mesa helped finance corporate raider Paul Bilzerian's post-crash takeover of the company by chipping in the last \$150 million needed for the buyout.

But Fortune magazine has reported that Pickens' conditions dictate that Bilzerian must repay Mesa within 15 months or Pickens may take control of the defense electronics firm's board of directors.

Analysts say Mesa's investments in Singer and other companies have contributed to the limited partnership's good financial shape, but Mesa may be stretching to pay its cash distributions this month.

Mesa's cash distributions have exceeded its operating cash flow. The difference has been made up through the partnership's sizable investment holdings and lines of credit, Kehl said.

But other analysts say that cash distributions may be cut soon to ease the burden for Mesa, which had 1987 earnings of \$31.9 million, down 12 percent from 1986, on revenues of \$315.3 million.

While Pickens is still acknowledged as a wily investor, companies have learned to fight back and market conditions are tougher for speculators and takeover artists like Pickens, say market experts.

"After the stock market broke, the stock market players began to realize that you can win — and lose — at this game," said Warren Shimmerlik, an analyst with Merrill Lynch.

## SCHOOLS

which receives money from the state's general revenue, including tax receipts dedicated by law for education.

The state's total tab for the 1987-88 school year is about \$4.6 billion, or \$1,250 per child.

The difference between what the state provides and the district's need is largely made up in local tax dollars, which go to paying teacher salaries, to providing additional equipment, to new buildings. The poorest school district in the state spent only an additional \$900 per student above what the state provided, or a total of \$2,112. The most affluent district in the state spent another \$18,000—a whopping \$19,333 above the state's average dole-per-student.

This is what Clark, and the poorer school districts, want to stop. They want to spread the wealth throughout the state, despite equalization aid and other efforts by the state to enfuse poorer districts with more money while providing wealthier districts with no equalization aid.

Beginning in 1977, the state began pumping equalization aid to the poorer districts—\$1.1 billion between 1977 and 1984. House Bill 72, the educational reform bill, increased the amount of equalization aid and regular funding for poorer districts.

Bullock's figures show the state pumped \$875 million in additional money into the state's public schools, eventually totaling \$3 billion by the 1986-87 school year.

Then came the statewide recession, and the Legislature was forced to raise taxes just to cover existing needs. The 1987 Legislature approved less than \$400 million in additional aid for the 1988-89 and 1989-90 school year.

The cure may be worse than the malady for many school districts, including Hereford and Walcott.

"I really have no idea what is going to happen as a result of Edgewood v. Kirby because I don't know what direction the Legislature is going to take," said Hereford superintendent Charles Greenawalt. "I am worried about the various alternatives because we don't know what will come about."

"They talk about dividing the state into five large districts, and

that's frightening. There is talk all the time about consolidation, and there is consideration of sending all local funds to Austin and distributing them equally around the state.

"The whole thing is that local districts will be losing local control, and we've already lost a lot of local control."

"We're happy where we are right now. We're spending more per student than the average for districts our size, and we have no bonded indebtedness—we are probably one of the few districts without any bonded indebtedness in the state."

"We are pretty happy with the way things are," said Walcott superintendent Dr. Bill McLaughlin. "Consolidation and other things have been mentioned as alternatives, but we're happy with the way things are at Walcott. A district this size has to keep an eye out on consolidation efforts by the state—it's a practicality. But we're happy."

Walcott is at a 12-year enrollment high as of Monday with 64 students enrolled. It's enrollment has been as high as 71 students this year—a nice recovery from a low of 33 students in the late 1970s and up from a high of 52 in the 1986-87 school year.

"Right now we have \$414,000 in property value behind each student going to school at Walcott. That, I suppose, puts us in the 'rich' bracket," McLaughlin said. "Hereford has about \$92,000 in property value behind each student, which puts them kind of on the 'poor' side."

"I'm sure the legislature will look hard at consolidation soon, and they will want to put us in with Hereford, I'm sure. That won't help Hereford much, because we're so tiny—we would only add \$26.5 million to their total value."

"It would be a loss for us if they did away with Walcott. We can do some innovative work that a regular district can't do. We're doing some real good, unique things, some experimental things, out here which we can do because of our size and money."

"This court case is an interesting deal. It's going to be tough to solve to make everyone happy, and we probably won't be happy when they solve it."

## Stocks post another good showing, consumer debt up

By The Associated Press

Wall Street finished the week with a flourish amid hopes for a stable dollar and reports that consumers are still borrowing and spending freely.

The stock market notched its fourth straight gain Friday with a 28.02-point jump that carried the Dow Jones industrial average to a new high since the October crash.

The Dow average of 30 blue-chip stocks closed at 2,090.19, bringing its gain for the week to 102.13 points. The average's previous closing high for the year was 2,087.37 on March 18.

The market continued to draw strength from recent signs that the dollar has steadied in foreign-exchange trading, reducing fears that the Federal Reserve might soon have to tighten credit.

In the credit markets, prices of long-term government bonds rose more than \$5 for each \$1,000 in face value, dropping their yields in the 8.7-8.75 percent range.

The credit report from the Federal Reserve showed that Americans took out \$5.3 billion more in installment debt than they paid off in February for the third consecutive monthly gain.

The Fed said consumer debt increased at an annual rate of 10.3 percent in February, down slightly from the 12.2 percent rate of growth in January. In that month, installment debt had risen by \$6.24 billion following a December increase of \$4.3 billion.

Analysts credited the big increases

to strong auto sales and noted that fears of an imminent recession had faded.

In other economic news, U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter threatened retaliation after Japan blocked a U.S. request for creation of an international panel to resolve a dispute over beef and citrus imports.

The Japanese move came Friday in Geneva at a session of GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The United States had asked GATT to form a panel of independent experts to determine whether the Japanese citrus and beef import quotas were consistent with international trading laws.

In Vienna, ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries gathered for talks on production and pricing. Oil prices slipped on world markets in anticipation of the session, which is not expected to produce any new strategies to reduce the world oil glut.

In 1632, the English crown granted the second Lord Baltimore settlement rights to an area surrounding Chesapeake Bay, most of which would later become the state of Maryland.

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"TY KOONE COUNTRY" first appeared in the official West Texas State University student newspaper, "The Prairie," and has been a regular staple of "The Rest of the Prairie," "the best read newspaper in the Texas Panhandle," according to "Texas Monthly." It has featured a Pickens-like character in the past, but lately has focused on a critique of the administration of WTSU President Dr. Ed Roach.

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## TY KOONE COUNTRY



## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those people who have shown their support and loyalty to our team this past season.

It has been a very special year for us, and we hope that we have represented our fans, our University and this region well.

As a team, we put in many long hours of hard work and dedication to achieve our ultimate goal of becoming National Champions. Although we fell one game short of that dream we will always remember that

special feeling of having such tremendous "super" fans behind us. YOU ARE THE #1 FANS IN THE NATION!

...The 1988 Lady Buffs and Coaches

The television variety series, "Toast of the Town," premiered in 1948. Ed Sullivan was the host.

The United States and the Soviet Union signed an agreement in 1963 to set up a "hot line" communications link between Washington and Moscow.

## Beltram's name used incorrectly

An article in the April 6 issue of The Hereford Brand incorrectly reported that Danny Beltram was arrested with several others on Aug. 24, 1987, on charges of soliciting drugs.

Beltram's name was inadvertently printed from a previous charge. He was indicted Nov. 25, 1986, for delivery of a controlled substance, pled guilty, and has since served time at TDC and been released. Beltram was not involved in the more recent cases. The Brand apologizes for the error.

Pot-Shots BY ASHLEIGH BRILLIANT

GETTING NOWHERE IS WONDERFUL,  
IF YOU ALREADY ARE EXACTLY WHERE YOU WANT TO BE.





BRUCE CLARKE, MELISSA COLEMAN

## May wedding planned

Melissa Coleman of Lubbock will become the bride of Bruce Clarke, also of Lubbock, on May 21, in Waco.

Miss Coleman is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William P. Coleman of McGregor. Clarke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Clarke of Rt. 3, Hereford.

The bride-elect graduated in December, 1987, from Texas Tech

University where she majored in fashion communication. She is employed as a buyer/manager of Razzle Dazzle in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom, a 1986 graduate of TTU, received a bachelor of science degree in entomology. He is employed by Lubbock Health Science Center.



TALLEY R. ALTMAN, DAVID W. FORTENBERRY

## Couple to wed

Talley Renee Altman and David William Fortenberry, both of Amarillo, plan to wed May 21 in First Church of the Nazarene in Hereford.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jack and Annabelle Altman of Amarillo and the prospective bridegroom is the son of Eldon and Nelda Fortenberry of 1202 La Plata.

Miss Altman is presently attending Amarillo College and is employed by

J.C. Penney in Amarillo.

Fortenberry received an associates degree in court reporting from Amarillo College. He is employed by Carolyn Black and Associates, a court reporting firm in Amarillo. He was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and was a member of Alpha Beta Gamma Honor Society.

## Women's organization meets following mass

The monthly meeting of St. Anthony's Women's Organization began with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday evening following mass at St. Anthony's Church.

This year has been declared a Marian Year by Holy Father Pope John Paul II. An icon of the Blessed Virgin, which Bishop Leroy Mattheisen had painted, was hosted by Saint Anthony's Parish from March 27 through April 9.

Celebrant of the mass and benediction was Father Cletus McGorry. Ministers of the word were Sara Gallagher and Linda Briones and Ann Lueb and Sharon Cramer were ministers of music.

Francie Farr conducted the business meeting. Reports were made by Annette Albracht, chairman of the church unit; Ann Lueb, chairman of the unit on family affairs; Janie Banner, chairman of

community unit; Martha Paetzold, chairman of ways and means.

The organization voted to host a birthday party at Golden Plains Nursing Home and to host a reception for the acolytes of St. Anthony's and their parents. A nominating committee for election of officers at the May meeting was appointed.

Ann Meyer introduced Viola Birkenfeld who had arranged a program on cocaine and alcohol. An interesting and informative film was shown and literature was available.

Janie Banner was awarded the prize for most guests and Andra Schlabs won the door prize.

The refreshment table was covered with a blue cloth and an arrangement of daffodils centered with a small icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary formed the centerpiece. Cookies, punch and coffee was served to 35 members, Father Cletus, Father Hector, and guests Patty Pat-

ton, Deby Reinart, Kim Leonard, Lisa Albiar, Emily Knight, and Viola Birkenfeld.

Hostesses were Leona Miller, Jennifer Newton, Barbara Franks, and Adeline Loerwald.

## Makeup should be sexy, soft

The look in makeup this spring is soft and sexy.

The eyes are the focal point of the face and need special attention. The new colors of eye shadow include canary yellow, purples, and green ranging from khaki to leaf to moss. The jewel-tones of seasons past have taken on a softer, gentler intensity. The newest blue is turquoise, the latest take on brown is a muted taupe, and soft gray replaces black. Look for eye shadow in palettes.

The lip shades are rich and intense. The newest pink is raspberry; the newest orange, coral. True red is always a classic, but you will see less of it this spring.

The cheeks look best natural, dusted with just a hint of color. Avoid

over-applying blush, you'll just draw attention to your makeup.

Fingernails should be worn shorter, about one-quarter inch beyond the fingertip. If you love to wear polish, match the color to your lip shade.

As in the past, the natural look is popular this spring. For the best components of the translucent face use soft blushes, lip glosses that add shine rather than color, and tinted moisturizers.

Hair news focuses on texture rather than on length. Soft waves, from the simplest curve over the forehead to free-flowing all over curls, look fresh now. Not in style are harsh lines and blunt asymmetrical angles.

## Betty Crocker Tips

Q. Which foods contain vitamin E?  
R.C. Goodwin, SD

A. Fat soluble vitamin E is found in vegetable and seed oils (soybean, cottonseed, corn), shortening, margarine, egg yolk, butter, milk fat, grains (especially in the germ of grains), liver, nuts and green leafy vegetables such as lettuce and cabbage. Vitamin E aids in formation of red blood cells, muscles and other tissues.

Q. What is Italian prosciutto? P.C., Laurelville, OH

A. Prosciutto is European-style ham that is salted, air-cured and aged at least one year. It may be smoked or unsmoked. It is ready to eat

and often served as an appetizer or used in baked meat, vegetable or egg dishes.

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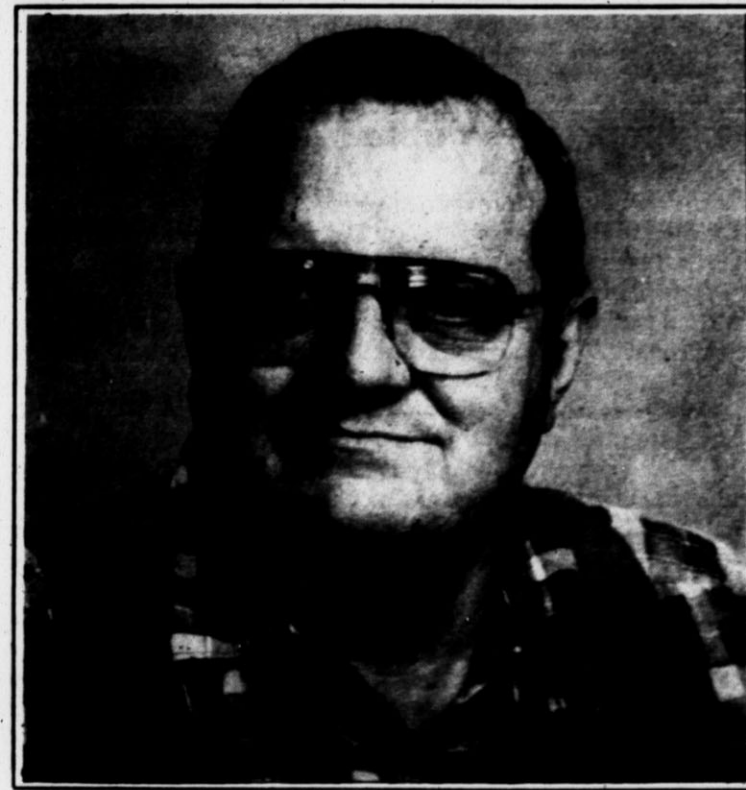
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## THANK YOU

The family of Pearl Strain and Caster brothers and sisters would like to express the appreciation for all the food, flowers and calls during the recent loss of a mother and sister.

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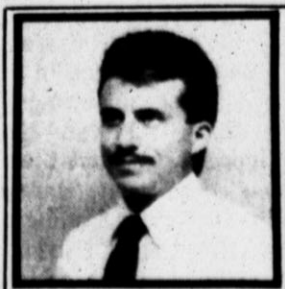
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## Job openings

If you're like the majority of citizens in Hereford, you probably lead a pretty good life. Everything is relative—you may not have as much as you'd like to have but you generally enjoy the necessities of life to the point of taking them for granted.

If you live fairly comfortable and strive to lead a Christian life, you probably regret that not all of your fellow citizens have things quite so good. From time to time, you may wonder how you could put a little back into a community that has been good to you.

There is a way without spending a lot of money. It does require effort, but it can be fun and rewarding. Join a civic club! Become a Kiwanian, Lion or Rotarian. There are also openings in the Pilot Club—a service club for business women.

Membership in these clubs is by invitation to qualified persons, but all are looking for new members. If you'd like to help serve your community in this manner and haven't been approached by a club member, perhaps all you need to do is indicate an interest in getting involved.

There are other volunteer agencies and organizations who are always seeking help, so go to work with your neighbors and friends. All these clubs and organizations do much to make Hereford, and the world, a better place in which to live, work and play!

## Guest Editorials

By The Associated Press

Here is a sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas:

### Don't give North a pardon

The Rev. Jerry Falwell is organizing a nationwide petition drive for President Reagan to pardon Lt. Col. Oliver North for possible crimes committed in the Iran-Contra scandal.

Falwell claims North is a scapegoat. The headstrong Marine officer, now retired, is many things. But he is not scapegoat material.

North is under federal indictment for using his position as a military aide to the National Security Council to arrange the clandestine sale of arms to Iran and to divert proceeds of the sale to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. The transaction took place during a period when a congressional ban on military aid to the rebels was in full force.

According to evidence brought out in last year's congressional hearings, a secret government was in operation deep inside the Reagan White House, supposedly without the president's knowledge, with North and national security adviser John Poindexter at the helm. According to his own testimony before the congressional investigating committee, North was no bystander to the operation, and he certainly was no dupe.

Falwell announced his petition drive during the Sunday morning sermon at his home church in Lynchburg, Va. He promised to hand-deliver the petitions to the president, but apparently is not petitioning in behalf of Poindexter or two other principals in the weapons deal.

The American judicial system is competent to evaluate the charges against North and render judgment accordingly. To excuse North by presidential pardon would be a perversion of justice, before or after his guilt is determined.

—Waco Tribune-Herald, March 30

### Texas ignoring troubled youth

Texas cannot go on forever neglecting its youngsters. A committee of the Mental Health Association of Dallas County reported this week that the Texas Legislature needs to develop and fund a comprehensive state plan for children and adolescents.

Although the Legislature has increased the budget of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in recent years, funds are still so short that care can be provided only in the most severe cases.

The committee said five groups of troubled youngsters need more help — runaways, emotionally disturbed adolescents, abused and neglected children and drug- and alcohol-dependent children.

At present, state and local agencies simply do not have sufficient resources to pay for comprehensive education and treatment programs.

Texas could finance some of its expanded mental health programs if it extended Medicaid coverage to more people. Only one-fourth of those the federal government defines as poor qualify for assistance under Texas laws, but the state could get additional federal funds if the Legislature also put more money.

This is an investment the state can't afford not to make.

—Dallas Times Herald, April 4

### Another weather worry

The hurricane season doesn't begin until June 1, but for those who want to worry about the weather, the tornado season unofficially begins this month — and the chances of getting caught in a tornado are much greater.

Weather statistics from the "Texas Almanac" show that an average of 118 tornadoes touch down in Texas each year, and they can occur anywhere, although the Red River Valley is a favorite place. From 1961 through 1986, the state had 4,252 of them.

Since tornadoes hit with most frequency in April, May and June — 62 percent of the 35-year total — that is regarded as the unofficial season. They begin to taper off in the summer, with very few hitting in the winter.

The average for Atlantic-Caribbean-Gulf hurricanes is six annually, but last year only three developed and none of them threatened this area. Not one named tropical storm or hurricane entered the Gulf of Mexico during the June 1-Nov. 30 season.

Tornadoes frequently hit with little or no warning, while hurricanes are usually tracked for days. Perhaps that is one key to the worry the hurricane season brings. When a storm rises in the Caribbean, or off Africa, or in the Gulf, it is watched and reported on minutely, and everybody has plenty of time to get antsy.

—Houston Chronicle, April 4

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Doug Manning

## The Penultimate Word

### THE PEOPLE OF NOISE

I know I am getting old and crotchety. I hate it when I begin to spout off about how things were in the "good old days."

Hate it or not, I am going to sound off. Whatever happened to quiet? We have become a people of noise. I play the television in case something comes on. The thing is running now in the background while I type this article. I do not even know what the program is about, and do not care, I just need the noise.

I saw a young couple in the airport walking together and sharing the ear phones to a Walkman. One has to wonder about where the ability to converse went. I see young people walking around with a large ghetto blaster on their shoulder. A person must need music awfully bad to carry one of those things around.

I wonder if we have raised a generation that has no ability to entertain themselves. This generation is the first one to have television all of their lives, and the result may well be an inability to stand boredom.

And the level of noise is incredible. I went to a concert recently. The sound actually hurt my ears so much I had to leave. Sitting in my car in the parking lot reduced the sound level just about right. I struck up a

conversation with a young man in the parking lot who was waiting for his sister to leave the concert. I told him how the loud music had run me out of the place. He said, "This is a religious concert, you should be here when one of our groups is playing." I told him if his groups were any louder I could sit in my yard at home and hear it just fine.

I do not want to get philosophical about this deal but I do wonder why we need the constant presence of noise, and especially the constant presence of such intense noise. I would ask my psychologist but he would probably say it was because we did not get to nurse long enough when we were babies, or some such thing as that.

I do not know why we need the noise but I decided to do something about it, at least in my life. I decided to meditate. I got in the lotus position, no mean feat for a man of my years, and tried to drift off into some state of Nirvana.

I lasted three minutes. Then I had to be carried to the chiropractor's office. Fortunately, the waiting room there had some piped in music. I needed a fix.

Warm Fuzzies,  
Doug Manning

### U.S. Chamber Voice of Business

## You're living in interesting times

By Richard W. Rahn

Indeed, we do live in interesting times. The United States has now enjoyed 60 uninterrupted months of economic expansion—a peacetime record. Not only has the current expansion set a record for length, it has proved to be a remarkable robust period of growth. This expansion has resulted in a record percentage of the adult population at work.

What does this mean for American workers and consumers? How has this record period of economic growth affected the "bottom line" of American households? It has had two very positive effects. First, after ten years of stagnation and decline, median family income has turned around and posted solid increases since 1983. Second, the current expansion has been achieved with a considerably lower level of inflation than we saw during the previous comparable period. While the 1975 to 1979 expansion was achieved at the expense of a 51 percent increase in consumer prices, the consumer price index has only risen by 18 percent this time around.

Yet, in the midst of these economic successes, as we all know too well, the stock market collapsed in October and uncertainty about the future prevails. Problems on Wall Street had a global reaction, as all

the major stock markets—Tokyo, Hong Kong, Sydney, London—declined as well. Everyone immediately set about to find something or someone to blame. The finger was quickly pointed at the "twin deficits." But, did the "twin deficits" really cause the stock market crash?

The first "twin" is the federal budget deficit. Almost simultaneously with the Oct. 19 stock market drop, the Treasury announced that the federal budget deficit for fiscal year 1987 was \$148 billion — a \$72 billion reduction from fiscal year 1986. This means that the federal budget deficit burden has fallen from 6.3 percent of GNP in 1982 to 3.3 percent today. The worldwide concern with the size of America's budget deficit ignores the fact that state and local governments have been running partially offsetting surpluses. As a result, the total government sector deficit of the United States is only \$88 billion, and amounts to 2.1 percent of GNP.

The other "twin" is, of course, the U.S. trade deficit. The concern with the intractability of the merchandise trade and current account deficits ignores the fact that there has been a significant turnaround in both exports and imports during the past two-and-a-half years. Real exports of goods and services have been rising steadily since the end of 1984. Import growth peaked in early 1986 and has been decelerating ever since. During the last two quarters, exports grew significantly faster than imports.

Therefore, neither one of the twin deficits seems very guilty, since both the budget and trade deficits were improving when the stock market plunged. Indeed, even if the twins were the cause of the crash on Wall Street, it is not clear why all the world's stock markets collapsed as well.

To find the real source of the stock market's decline it is necessary to look at monetary policy. After growing ever faster during the past two

years, money supply growth slowed markedly in 1987. Just prior to the market's crash, the Federal Reserve Board made even clearer its intentions to pursue a tight money policy by raising the discount rate a half percentage point. Interest rates, which had already been climbing during the first nine months of the year, continued doing so. The reason for the Fed's tightening was the fear that the continued drop in the value of the dollar would reignite inflation in the United States. Yet, there is every indication that the fear of inflation was greatly exaggerated, both here and abroad.

Is the lower dollar translating into higher prices for imports? Indeed, prices of nonoil imported goods have increased, but in the wake of several years of declining prices, the increase is very small. Furthermore, the rate of increase in import prices has recently leveled off. Consumer prices have turned upward this year, yet the increase is minuscule when compared to the sharp declines in the CPI that we have been experiencing since 1980.

And what of the free fall in the value of the dollar? The international outcry over the decline in the value of the dollar is understandable. It means that American goods are much more competitive than foreign products, both in the United States and abroad. To our trading partners it means that they will find it increasingly difficult to stimulate their economies by selling in the American market.

Yet, our trading partners' outcries beg the question of why they have not concentrated on the overvaluation of their own currencies which has resulted from extremely restrictive domestic policies. Indeed, the increase in the value of the German mark and the Japanese yen is the result of their policies of high interest rates and their refusal to reduce tax burdens to spur domestic demand.

Both countries are extremely concerned about inflation. Yet, wholesale prices in both West Germany and Japan have been declining for the past few years. Despite announced reductions in personal income taxes, both countries continue to tax their citizens heavily. The result of these policies has been considerably slower growth than the United States has experienced during the same time period.

This is not to suggest we don't have any economic problems in this country. We need to address the issue of the federal budget deficit. But in order to do so we must clearly understand the problem. Since 1980, the rate of growth in federal expenditures has exceeded growth in revenues and has far outstripped increases in inflation. The budget deficit was not caused by the 1981 tax cuts. Personal income taxes as a percent of GNP reached 9 percent in 1987, a higher percentage than in the 1960s and 1970s.

The key to the deficit dilemma is to bring federal spending under control. Federal expenditures as a percent of GNP have barely declined, from 24.7 percent between 1980 and 1984 to 23.8 percent during the first three quarters of this year, and they remain substantially above the average for the 1960s and 1970s. Some believe their rise results from "uncontrollable" interest payments on the federal debt. But, the trend in federal spending minus payments on the debt is not different from that for total spending.

In the days ahead, we need to provide adequate money growth, reduce the government spending rate, avoid tax increases and refrain from enacting a protectionist trade bill.

Congress, the Fed and the administration must exercise economic responsibility. The economy was fundamentally sound before Oct. 19 and remains so today. Yet the risks from bad policy choices have been multiplied.



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## Bootleg Philosopher

Editor's note: The Bootleg Philosopher on his Johnsongrass farm on Tierra Blanca Creek looks at the uses of a newly discovered chemical.

Dear editor:

Some con men have been putting a strange new chemical on checks. A few hours after the checks are cashed they disintegrate, leaving the bank with a handful of confetti. And the con men with a handful of untraceable cash.

There was an immediate cry to have the chemical banned.

We shouldn't be too hasty about this.

For example, when George Bush eight years ago was campaigning for the Republican nomination for President against Ronald Reagan, he called Reagan's economic ideas "voodoo economics."

When Reagan won the nomination and selected Bush as his running mate, and when reporters began asking Bush if he still thought Reagan was promoting "voodoo" economics," he said he never said such a thing.

But then the networks dug up TV tape showing him saying exactly that.

No serious candidate should be embarrassed like that.

So you can see why that check-disintegrating chemical should not be outlawed. It should be used on TV tape. All tapes of all political statements should disintegrate a few hours after being uttered.

If Mr. Bush becomes President he should immediately ask Congress to pass a bill requiring the use of that chemical on all political tapes.

Congress will readily go along, as where is the politician, Republican or Democratic, who hasn't said or promised something he wished he hadn't?

Has Russia gotten hold of that chemical? Is she preparing to use it on the next arms agreement?

Will it work on promissory notes?

Yours faithfully,  
J.A.





### Making Rag Baskets

Rag baskets will be among the many homemade craft items that will be for sale during St. Anthony's School's Annual Carnival from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday, April 17. Activities planned include a barbecue sausage meal, an auction, numerous

booths and a variety of games. Babysitting will be provided and all proceeds will go to the school to help continue Christian education. Creating the baskets are (from left) Edna Reinart, Sue Urbanczyk, Mary Schlabs, and Rita Reinart.

### One-day workshop set at AC

The Amarillo College Access Division and its Transitional Assistance for Postsecondary Students Program (TAPS) will sponsor a one-day workshop focusing on "Preparing the Learning Disabled Student for College" April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the AC College Union Building, Oak/Acorn Room.

The workshop is designed to assist high school teachers, counselors, and administrators understand the laws which require access to an education for L.D. students. Participants will learn how to identify and understand learning disabled students through simulation exercises as well as how to provide classroom accommodations and support services for these students.

Dr. Jane Jarow, Executive Director of the Association on Handicapped Student Service Program in Postsecondary Education, will direct the workshop.

Further information and registration material is available by calling AC Coordinator of Accessibility Services, Marshall Mitchell, at 371-5436.



### Plant Sale Planned

L'Allegra Study Club's annual geranium sale will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 30, in Sugarland Mall. There will be approximately 1,500 plants available, some in hanging baskets. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the funding for the Hereford Learning Center project. Displaying geraniums are (from left) club members, Dee Ann Trotter, Poppy Head and Patsy Hoffman.

### Notes from Golden Plains

By ELIZABETH HAYES

Activities for the past week at Golden Plains Care Center included exercise, ball, bingo, arts, and gardening. The residents starting clearing a plot of land where they will plant a garden containing several vegetables, and also they will be planting fruit trees.

Some of the residents recently went to the Texas Gallery and were presented with a demonstration of basic ceramics. Afterwards, the residents browsed around, viewing the art works. They were very excited about the outing.

Deaf Smith County Librarian Le-Juan Fowler will be reading to our residents every other day from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The residents held their first Talk Session on April 7, where they talked about "Why are we here at Golden Plains Care Center, and how do we feel about being here?" Responses to the topic were sensational. Residents shared moments of happiness and sadness with each other as tears of joy and sadness fell at the session. The session was an overall success.

Mary Jane Anvik, Director of Nursing asked staff members to nominate six nursing aids and one

LVN to be on the schedule planning committee organizing the monthly work schedule for nurses and nurses' aids.

The visitor registration for the week reads as follows: Sue Coleman, Frances Shaw, Delbert & Virginia Harrison, Estell Burrall, Rhonda & Brihany Reagan, Denis & Fern Fenimore, Alma Coursey, Christopher Croudy, Alta Stephens, Dean Allen, Chester & Tommy Harrison, Edna Mathes, Dorothy Martin, Pat Allen, Carma Thames, Frank & Norene Pannell, Bell Hall, Mildred Morrison, Nita Gilbreth, Melissa & Kevin Bolen, Blanche Mosley, Donnie Owen, Ada Smith, Nancy Burton, Marcia Messenger, Cecil Oglesby, Doug Manning, Irene McKinster, Ann Lane, and Mike Moon.

Everyone at Golden Plains Care Center would like to wish Ethel Knabe a speedy recovery and a rapid return.

Golden Plains Care Center is seeking volunteers to help out with the many activities. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Joeline Swanner, administrator, or Elizabeth Hayes at the Center (364-3815).



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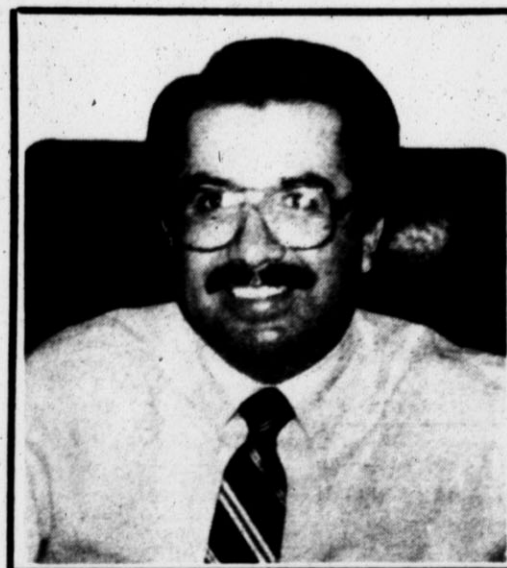
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I am conservative on spending. I have worked within tight budgets in my professional duties for some years. I want every dollar to count. I am ready to do close examination and priority setting in order to allow the county government to operate without raising taxes.

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### Anticipating Pageant

Selecting their wardrobes for the 1988 Little Miss Hereford Pageant are emcees John Stagner, at left, and Judge Tom Simons. The men will be donning tuxedos, glittering pink cummerbunds and bow ties for the annual Women's Division project set for 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the Hereford High School auditorium. Registration is continuing at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce office for girls ages four through ninth grade. Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Rules and regulations are attached to entry forms.

## Volunteers needed for Cancer Crusade

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post No. 4818 met in regular session Monday evening with Ruth Morris presiding. The meeting was preceded by a Mexican food supper for VFW and Auxiliary members. Kee and Fred Ruland were recognized as special guests. Following the meal, Mrs. Ruland, who serves as president of the Deaf Smith County Unit of the American Cancer Society, briefed the auxiliary members on the door-to-door Cancer Crusade to be held in Hereford from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 24. Ruland stressed that additional volunteers are still needed.

### KNOW YOUR OYSTERS

BOSTON (AP) — Although oysters aren't as plentiful as they were, you can still have many chances to show off your oyster knowledge when more than one variety is on the menu.

Here's a quick course in oysters:

Belon oysters are slightly lemon flavored and were introduced to Maine from their native Brittany in 1949.

Cotuit is a fairly briny oyster from Nantucket Sound.

Long Island oysters are pearl colored with a salty taste.

Malpeque are crisp, metallic oysters from Canada's Prince Edward Island area.

Wellfleet are firm, moderately briny oysters, cultivated in Wellfleet Harbor on Cape Cod.

The meeting was called to order per ritual, roll call of officers was taken and minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Also, the treasurer's report was presented and correspondence read.

New officers were elected to serve for the coming year. President will be Marta Williams; senior vice president, Martha Bridges; junior vice president, Ruth Morris; treasurer, Erma Murphey; chaplain, Mable Yocum; conductress, Edith Richardson; guard, Essie Martin; three year trustee, Erma Loving; two year trustee, Terry Rhyne; one year trustee, Betty Boggs; secretary, Darleen Carroll; patriotic instructor, Terry Rhyne; and historian, Leone Buckley.

New officers who will be installed May 2 by Ruth Morris, will take office July 1.

Other members present were Doris Wilson and Marie Goheen.

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## Wednesday deadline to enter pageant

The deadline for girls ages four through ninth grade, to register for the 1988 Little Miss Hereford Pageant is 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce office. Registration fee is \$5 per contestant.

The annual pageant, sponsored by the Women's Division, is scheduled Saturday, April 23, in the Hereford High School auditorium. The event is divided into four divisions: Cutest Miss, preschool and kindergarten; Miss Petite, first through third grades; Little Princess, fourth through sixth grades; and Miss Junior High, seventh through ninth grades.

Due to the increasing number of pageant contestants in previous years, the event will be staged in two segments. All Cutest Miss division

contestants will be presented at 5 p.m. April 23, and the three remaining division contestants will compete beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$2 per person and may be purchased at the Chamber office or at the door.

Serving as emcees will be John Stagner and Judge Tom Simons.

All rules and regulations, including rehearsal times, and information sheets from Anderson's Studio, the pageant's photographer, are attached to entry forms.

Escorts for the event will be David Radford, Cutest Miss; Chuck Lindeman, Miss Petite; Cameron Betzen, Little Princess; and Garrick McPherson, Miss Junior High. The boys will be escorting the 1988 winners as well as the 1987 winners: Miss Junior High, Shantel Cornelius;

Little Princess, Lexi Sciumbato; Miss Petite, Candance Pankey; and Cutest Miss, Trayla Shae Bowling.

For further information concern-

ing the pageant, call the Chamber office at 364-3333; Sue Malamen, 289-5285; Linda Daniel, 364-6631; or Donna Lindeman, 364-1077.

### Advance registration scheduled

Advance registration for Summer Sessions I and II 1988 at Amarillo College is scheduled April 18-22. Academic advisement will be ongoing with a special session scheduled April 21 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building lobby, Washington Street Campus.

Tuition and fees must be paid by May 26 for Summer I registrations and June 30 for Summer II to retain class placement.

Currently enrolled day and evening students should pick up registration forms at the Registrar's Office, Washington Street Campus, or West Campus Business Office for Allied Health, Nursing, and Industrial Tech students. All students, except self-advising students, are required to see an advisor to schedule classes.

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# Sports

Roberto De Vincenzo signed away 1968 championship

## Masters golf tourney filled with memories

By HAL BOCK  
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — On Sunday at Augusta National, 18 holes will decide the Masters. And there are memories wrapped in just about every tee, every fairway, every green and every cup.

Twenty years ago, a piece of golf history was written in a most unlikely place — the scorer's tent at No. 18, which sits in the shadow of Augusta National's antebellum clubhouse. There, Roberto De Vincenzo signed away a birdie and the 1968 championship.

De Vincenzo opened the final round that year with an eagle and a birdie on the first two holes and he covered the first nine in 31 strokes. On No. 17, he got his third back nine birdie and finished the day with 277 for four rounds and an apparent playoff with Bob Goalby.

But Tommy Aaron mistakenly entered a par on his playing partner's card at No. 17 and when De Vincenzo signed it, he automatically endorsed the higher score. It left him with 278, second place and the burden of one of the most embarrass-

ing blunders in sports.

De Vincenzo was inconsolable. With tears in his eyes, he said sadly, "I am stupid."

Thirty years ago, Arnold Palmer won his first major title and the first of four Masters jackets. It was a dramatic 1-stroke victory, sealed only when Doug Ford and Fred Hawkins, playing together, missed birdie putts of less than 12 feet at No. 18 which would have forced a playoff.

Palmer won again in 1960 — using birdies on No. 17 and 18 to erase Ken Venturi's 1-stroke lead — in 1962, when he won the Masters' first three-way playoff, and in 1964 when he was a runaway winner by 6 strokes.

It was also at Augusta that the legions of fans called Arnie's Army first gathered and it was at Augusta that a young player named Jack Nicklaus punctuated his challenge to Palmer's golf supremacy.

Nicklaus won the U.S. Open in 1962 and then, a year later, at age 23, he became the youngest Masters champion. It was the first of six Augusta National triumphs for Nicklaus.

Besides Palmer's victory in 1962, there have been three other three-

way playoffs. In 1966, Nicklaus became the first Masters champion to successfully defend his title. In 1979, Fuzzy Zoeller won the first sudden-death playoff. And in 1987, Larry Mize won the title with one of the most memorable shots ever.

Mize finished 72 holes tied with Seve Ballesteros and Greg Norman. Ballesteros was eliminated on the first extra hole, No. 10, with a bogey. Then, at No. 11, Mize holed a 140-foot chip shot for a birdie that made him the champion.

Zoeller's 1979 win followed one of the worst last-round blowups at the Masters. Ed Sneed had a 5-stroke lead as the final round began but he frittered it away, surrendering the last bit of his edge with bogies on the final three holes.

None of Nicklaus' championships was more emotional than the last

one, two years ago, the 50th anniversary Masters.

As he marched triumphantly down the final fairway, his caddy son at his side, Nicklaus was putting the finishing touches on one of Augusta National's best comeback victories.

He shot a 30 on the back nine, a charge he began at No. 9 with a birdie when he was far off the pace.

With four holes to go, Nicklaus still trailed Ballesteros, the tournament leader, by 4 strokes. But he launched an eagle-birdie-birdie charge, every shot triggering roars from the crowd.

By the time Nicklaus finished with a par at No. 18, Ballesteros had disappeared in the water at No. 15. Greg Norman could have tied but he bogeyed the last hole. And when Tom Kite, needing a birdie for a tie, parred it, Nicklaus had another green

jacket, perhaps, at age 46, the one he savors most.

Perhaps the most famous second-place Masters finish occurred in 1935, when Craig Wood lost a playoff to Gene Sarazen, who was three strokes behind with four holes left.

Wood was in the clubhouse, accepting congratulations, when Sarazen

hit the most famous shot at Augusta, a 220-yard double eagle at No. 15.

When word of Sarazen's 2 at No. 15 reached the clubhouse, Wood was skeptical.

"Don't be silly," he said. "Fifteen is a par 5."

It still is a par 5 today, 53 years after Sarazen made it in 2.

## Late registration set Tuesday by Kids Inc.

Another reminder is given to boys and girls interested in participating in the Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. leagues.

The late registration session is scheduled on Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center, for those who did not attend Saturday's session.

The Kids Inc. leagues are: boys' T-ball, girls' T-ball, girls' softball, boys' minor league, boys' major league, and boys' Babe Ruth League.

The youngest boys and girls registering for the T-ball leagues are those who will turn seven years old

by Aug. 1, 1988. Six-year-old boys and girls should take note of this, because of an error given to the Brand from an organization officer for previous announcements, which indicated the boys and girls in T-ball should have turned seven by Aug. 1 last year.

The oldest boys registering for the Babe Ruth League may not be turning 16 years old before Aug. 1, 1988.

Registration fees are \$20 per child, with a maximum of \$60 for one family. League tryouts are planned on April 15 at 6 p.m., and the seasons begin on May 2.

## Kids Inc. coaches to meet

All coaches and assistant coaches in the Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. baseball, softball and T-ball leagues, plus all others interested in coaching, are asked to attend a meeting on Monday at the Community Center.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Openings are still available for coaches and assistant coaches. Anyone interested in coaching in a

league, but has not signed up with any team, is urged to attend the meeting.

The Kids Inc. leagues are boys' T-ball, girls' T-ball, boys' minor league, girls' minor league, girls' softball, and boys' Babe Ruth League.

For more information on the coaches meeting, contact Nacho Hernandez at 364-8527.

## Cotten hits for the cycle in Herd JV's 23-8 victory

Clint Cotten "hit for the cycle" and batted in eight runs to power the Hereford High School junior varsity baseball team to a 23-8 victory over Dumas on Friday at Dumas.

Cotten tripled in the first inning, hit a three-run homer in the second inning, and later singled and doubled to complete the "cycle."

The victory improved the HHS junior varsity team's season record to 5-6. Hereford's next three games will be at home — Thursday vs. Frenship at 4 p.m., Friday vs. Dumas at 4:30 p.m., and on April 18 vs. Clovis at 5 p.m.

The Herd junior varsity totaled 12 hits in the win over Dumas. J.T. Heaton hit two singles and was the only player other than Cotten with more than one hit.

Glenn Parker hit a solo home run in the sixth inning. Jim Eric Andrews hit an RBI double, and Coby

Kilpatrick also doubled.

Brett Confer hit a two-run single, and Nate Smith and Todd Collier each hit one single.

Dumas held a 5-3 lead after one inning of play. The score was tied 7-7 after two innings, and Hereford led 10-8 after three innings.

The Whitefaces broke open the close game with three runs in the fourth, two runs in the fifth and eight runs in the sixth while pitcher Fidel Ceballos was shutting out opponents in those three innings.

Hereford had five hits in the sixth inning, and six HHS batters walked in that inning. For the game, 21 Herd batters walked.

Ceballos pitched a complete game, striking out eight batters, walking just two, and giving up eight hits. The Hereford defense committed three errors.

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## Dallas Mavericks aim to get out of late-season rut

DALLAS (AP) — Rick Sund is hoping his Dallas Mavericks turn around a recent slide and win their final 10 games, but from first-hand experience, he knows that winning isn't everything.

At least not in the final weeks of the NBA's regular season.

"Look at us last year," said Sund, the Mavericks' vice president of basketball operations. "We finished up one of the strongest teams in the league and it looked like we'd breeze through the playoffs until the Western Conference finals. Heck, we folded like a tent in the first round against Seattle."

"From a selfish standpoint, I want to end on a strong note. But I'll also be the first to tell you I don't care if we're playing Seattle or whoever. Records don't mean squat. Everybody is 0-0 when the playoffs start."

If there's one thing clear about the last 30 days of the season, it's that no one knows for sure if it's a month-long April Fool's joke, or an accurate barometer of a team's chances in the playoffs. Some coaches shrug their shoulders when asked about the importance of peaking.

"I don't know if there's such a thing," the Detroit Pistons' Chuck Daly told the Dallas Morning News. "It's a word used by the media and coaches talk about it. But it's so abstract, who can define it? I haven't found any coach who knows when his team really peaks."

There are several schools of thought: The first goes along the same lines as the famous quote attributed to former Green Bay Packers' coach Vince Lombardi. Another is that it's not whether you win or lose in April, but how you're playing once May starts.

John MacLeod is a graduate of the Lombardi school, where winning isn't everything — it's the only thing.

"It's better to go in with a head of steam in the playoffs," said the Mavericks' coach, whose team lost

four of five games, before defeating the Utah Jazz 118-95 Friday night at Reunion Arena.

"You can't go in sideways, and it's not very good to go in losing a lot of games. I've always believed that you want to go in on an upbeat note. The key is to have everybody clicking, to have everybody in harmony and to go in with a definite purpose."

Everyone sets out to end strongly, but to use the word "peak" implies a premeditated, controllable action. It doesn't work that way: Some coaches just hope that their teams begin showing an improvement in play, and let the wins and losses fall where they may.

"If there was such a real thing as peaking for the playoffs, then every team in this league would be doing it," said Denver coach Doug Moe.

But "it's like when the NCAA Tournament starts and you always hear, 'Geez, now comes the NCAA. Watch these guys because they always peak for the tournament.' Then they get knocked out in the first round," said Moe.

"It's a bunch of bull. Basically, in the playoffs, someone is going to get hot somewhere along the line. Sometimes, it happens with no basic rhyme or reason. The main thing is to do the best you can, try hard, and whatever happens, happens."

Seattle was one of those teams last year that appeared headed for a quick exit, if the Sonics' poor stretch run was any indication. But studying those setbacks, it's clear that they were starting to put something together.

Of their losses at the end, one was to the Celtics at Boston by four points, another was to Detroit by one, a third was by three to the Lakers, and two were to Portland by a total of nine points.

"Even though their record didn't show it, they were playing some decent ball at the time," said MacLeod. "Then, they caught fire at the right time."

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## Babe Ruth rated as the greatest

# Century's top athletes run gamut of sports

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Will Grimsley retired from The Associated Press in 1984 after 41 years as a writer and columnist, although he continues to cover special assignments for the AP. Four times he has been named the country's sports writer of the year by the National Sportswriters and Sportswriters Association. He has written and contributed to several books, including "101 Greatest Athletes of the Century," published only a few months ago and which prompted the following article.

By WILL GRIMSLEY  
AP Special Correspondent

**NEW YORK (AP)** — In physical appearance, he was far from the prototype of a sports idol. He was built like a beer keg with a belly that shimmered like Jello when he circled the bases. He had a round, boyish face with a bulbous nose and his weight ranged from 215 to 250 pounds, depending on the extent of the hot dogs he washed down with his favorite suds.

He rarely trained. He loved life and lived it to the hilt. But there was pure poetry when he strode up to the plate, the bat looking like a toothpick in his chubby hands, waited patiently for the right pitch and then swung with an effortless style. Crowds erupted in wild frenzy as the ball traced a parabola in the sky and fell on the other side of the outfield fence.

It was art and raw drama, a scene that was seared in the consciousness of a sports-minded America.

It was the legacy of Babe Ruth, the greatest of the great athletes who have cavorted over the world's stage in this fading 20th century.

The Babe, a standout lefthanded pitcher before he became baseball's premier slugger, served as the apex when I was asked to provide a personal Top Ten gleaned from The Associated Press' book, "101 Greatest Athletes of the Century."

My list:

- 1. Babe Ruth
- 2. Jim Thorpe
- 3. Babe Didrikson Zaharias
- 4. Joe Louis
- 5. Pele
- 6. Red Grange
- 7. Muhammad Ali
- 8. Jack Nicklaus
- 9. Jesse Owens
- 10. Billie Jean King

Others ranked among the "101 Greatest" included baseball's Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Ty Cobb, Hank Aaron, Stan Musial, Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle; pro football's Jim Brown, Johnny Unitas, O.J. Simpson, Dick Butkus, Roger Staubach and Terry Bradshaw; golf's Arnold Palmer, and Rod Laver of tennis.

Also, Jack Dempsey, Rocky Marciano and Sugar Ray Robinson of boxing; Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, Elgin Baylor, Jerry West and George Mikan of pro basketball, and Olympians Al Oerter, Sonja Henie, Bob Mathias and Mark Spitz.

During this century, even more sports marvels have endlessly passed in review — breaking and re-breaking records, collecting awards in clusters, all running faster, throwing farther, and jumping higher with each succeeding generation. Yet none was able to diminish the imposing shadow of Babe Ruth, the bulbous, good-humored refugee from a Baltimore orphanage who not only changed the face of baseball but proved its savior.

The credibility of the game was tottering after the 1919 "Black Sox Scandal," but introduction of the livelier ball and the Babe's home run pyrotechnics got turnstiles humming again in the 1920s.

The ritual of a Babe Ruth home run was enacted 714 times in a career that spanned 22 years from 1914



The Babe

Turnstiles hummed and cash registers jingled as fans rushed to the ballparks to see Babe Ruth slam baseballs out of the park.

through 1935. His record of 60 home runs in a season lasted 34 years before being broken by Roger Maris in 1961 and it was another 13 years before his career total of 714 was shattered by Hank Aaron.

These records were held so sacrosanct that many fans almost refused to accept them. Both Maris and Aaron were harangued as if they had defiled a national treasure. The Babe's fame spread throughout the world. London newspapers mentioned baseball only when Ruth signed his contract, pointing out with some awe that he made more money than the president \$80,000 to Herbert Hoover's \$75,000.

In World War II, Japanese soldiers taunted their American foes by hoisting banners which read "Babe Ruth — Go to Hell." They considered it the ultimate insult.

Ruth was placed No. 1 in my ranking of all-time sports greats over Jim Thorpe, the legendary Indian who beat out the Babe as the greatest male athlete of the first half-century in an Associated Press poll in 1950.

Thorpe was an athletic phenomenon — a man who excelled in not one but in all the sports he undertook.

In football, he was a devastating ball-carrier, leading coach Pop Warner's Carlisle Indians to a national collegiate championship, by way of a crushing 27-6 victory over an Army team which included an end named Dwight Eisenhower. He later played professional football with the Canton, Ohio, Bulldogs of the American Pro Football Association, forerunner of the National Football League, and as a runner and drop-kicker led the team to three national crowns.

He played major league baseball for six years, mostly as an outfielder for the New York Giants. He was good at tennis, shot in the 70s in golf, and excelled in handball, billiards and gymnastics.

In the 1912 Olympics at Stockholm, he captured gold medals in two of the most grueling events — the decathlon and pentathlon — only to be stripped of the medals because he had once received \$2 a game for playing semi-pro baseball during summer vacations. The entire nation rallied in a crusade to have the medals restored, a campaign which was successful years after Thorpe, virtually broke and disillusioned, had died at age 65 in 1953.

No other male athlete ever managed Thorpe's broad range of sports accomplishments, but a woman did. She was another Babe — Babe Didrikson, later Babe Didrikson Zaharias, a raw-boned Texan who became the human embodiment of the fictitious Wonder Woman.

At age 19, Didrikson competed in eight track and field events in the national Olympic trials, winning five — the 80-meter hurdles, baseball throw, shot put, long jump and javelin, setting three world records. In the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles, she won the gold in the hurdles and javelin and missed winning the high jump on a technicality.

She relished challenging the male sex. In her early years, she donned boxing gloves and tried to get a bout with the brother of heavyweight Young Stribling. She mixed it up with guys in football, threw a baseball 296 feet in a national contest and once fanned Joe DiMaggio in an exhibition game. Taking up golf at a late age, she won the British and U.S. Amateur Championships and three U.S. Opens, the last in 1954 while dying of cancer.

Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali both move ahead of Jack Dempsey, who was voted the greatest fighter of the first half-century and still is revered as the Manassa Mauler. Louis was a combination of ring craftsman and destroyer with both fists. He posted a 68-3 record over 17 years, 12 as heavyweight champion, with 54 knockouts.

His greatest victory came with an avenging first-round knockout of Germany's Max Schmeling on June 22, 1938, after many Americans, mainly in the Jim Crow South, had cheered an earlier Schmeling victory.

The country's mood had changed with the Nazi threat. Louis became the first black heavyweight champion since the arrogant, controver-

sial Jack Johnson. Low key, laid back, he won the respect of the whole country. Many contend his role was more significant than that of Jackie Robinson in lowering racial barriers in sports.

Muhammad Ali, born Cassius Marcellus Clay, later underwent a similar reversal — at first inviting derision as a brash upstart who embraced the Muslim faith and defied the government when called to military service but later becoming one of the world's classiest and most popular fighters.

He was accepted as a puckish showman. He became the first heavyweight to win the title three times. He beat the government on the "slacker" rap. A heady boxer, he twice beat the awesome Sonny Liston, survived the "Thrilla in Manila" against Smokin' Joe Frazier in one of boxing's greatest slugfests and ultimately emerged as one of the most recognized personalities in the world, courted by potentates and kings.

If any other sports personality was held in equal worldwide esteem it was a sleek, ball-finishing whiz out of Brazil named Edson Arantes do Nascimento, renowned as Pele, soccer's "Black Pearl." Soccer, the most universal of all sports, found its color-bearer in this bronzed South American who led the Santos team to six league championships, Brazil to three World Cup crowns and spurred soccer interest in America by signing a \$4.7 million contract with Warner Communications in 1975.

Red Grange set the standard for football ball carriers during the 1920s. A dazzling breakaway runner at Illinois, who made 50- and 70-yard touchdown jaunts appear routine, he

was hired by Chicago's George Halas to put his talents on the road. It was the birth of the pro game.

Although Bob Jones, Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer all gave thrust and new dimension to golf, it was a golden-haired par-wrecker out of Ohio who set standards and records that may never be broken. Jack Nicklaus has compiled 71 tour victories, 20 major championships and more than \$5 million in official prize

money, capturing his sixth Masters in 1966 at the age of 46. His achievements have been mind-boggling.

Jesse Owens, a black man who suffered through Jim Crow indignities, once shattered three world track records and tied a fourth in less than an hour as an undergraduate at Ohio State but reached the peak of his

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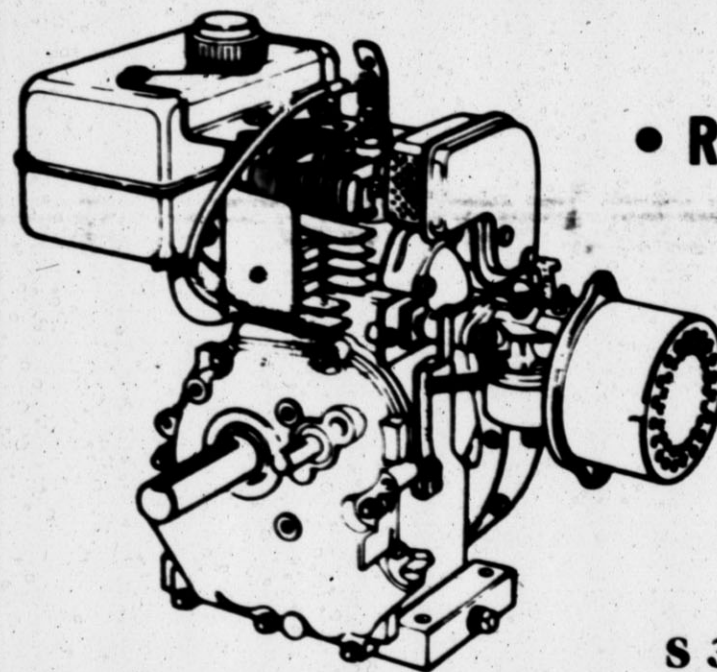
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## At Bottomless Lakes State Park in New Mexico

# Fishing, boating offered in sinkholes

By SUE MAJOR HOLMES  
Associated Press Writer  
BOTTOMLESS LAKES STATE PARK, N.M. (AP) — It's an area of beige dust covered with creosote and native grasses and surrounded by brilliant red bluffs. And in it lie the sinkholes that generations ago earned the name Bottomless Lakes.

The Bottomless Lakes aren't really bottomless, of course.

They are sinkholes ranging in depth from about 17 feet to about 90 feet. The illusion of great depth is created by algae growth.

The story is that the small, cir-

cular bodies of water got their name years ago when early cowboys tried to measure them with lines of rope that never seemed to reach the end.

Now seven lakes are protected in Bottomless Lakes State Park, New Mexico's first state park.

The focus of the park, Lea Lake, was donated to the state in 1932 by the private Fin and Feather Club, which still owns a sinkhole lake nearby.

The park, about 12 miles east of Roswell on U.S. 380, was created in 1934 when an agency known as the State Science Commission recom-

mended to the commissioner of public lands that the area be preserved for its scientific interest.

"Geologically, it's pretty unique," says park Superintendent Ken Britt.

The area is marked by gypsum and salt deposits. The lakes were formed when circulating ground water dissolved the deposits, creating a network of underground channels and tunnels. The roofs of some underground caverns eventually collapsed under their own weight.

The resulting sinkholes filled with water from springs and two separate hydraulic systems east and west of the park.

The water is saline, although three of the lakes are stocked with trout by the state Game and Fish Department during the winter. Several of the lakes have native species, such as the Pecos pupfish and rainwater killifish, which are only a few inches long.

Britt says the pupfish are an attraction of their own. In the summer the males turn bright blue when they go into breeding condition, and look like tiny lines of neon as they swim just below the surface of the water.

A winding asphalt road takes visitors from one lake to another and along an overlooking bluff. Picnic tables are scattered throughout the park, and people swim and boat at one lake.

The first buildings at the park were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression of the 1930s, when the government put thousands of people to work on public projects.

Some of those beige-and-pink stonework buildings still stand at Lea Lake on the south end of the park. The main building includes original rock portals with beams made by hand. The portal shelters picnic tables.

Britt someday would like to make use of the building's four-sided steeple-like tower. It once housed a water tank, but has been empty for years.

The superintendent says he'd like a staircase built to the top to give tourists a view of the entire park and of a nearby Bureau of Land Management waterfowl area. He'd even like to see a small telescope added.

Much of the building has been renovated and additions have been built. The facility houses a snack bar and game room that are open in the summer. New showers nearby also serve an adjacent campground. The campground and bathhouse were done during a \$350,000 renovation project two years ago, Britt says.

Lea Lake, at 90 feet deep and about 250 yards across, is the largest in the chain by far and the only one where swimming is allowed.

"They come swimming and the first time, if you're not prepared for it, you come out licking your lips and you think you're in the ocean," Britt says. "It's that salty."

People also can rent bright yellow 8-foot paddle boards or take out small sailboats. Scuba divers train in the lake.

Britt says Lea Lake attracts several thousand people, both tourists and local residents, on a nice summer weekend.

North of Lea Lake are Pasture Lake, Figure Eight Lake, Devil's Inkwell, Mirror Lake and Cottonwood Lake, the last only a few dozen yards from the park's visitor's center. North of the visitor's center is Lazy Lagoon.

"Each one of the lakes is very different from the other ones," Britt says. "They have different characteristics."

Pasture Lake, the smallest with a depth of 17 feet and a width of 50 to 60 yards, gets its water from runoff. Nearby lies Picnic Dell, a dry sinkhole that illustrates the formation of the Bottomless Lakes.

Figure Eight Lake actually is two contiguous sinkholes in a numeral eight shape. The lake, 37 feet deep, is bordered by salt cedar trees.

In the spring, algae growth turns many of the lakes deep green. One early spring morning at Figure Eight Lake found one side clear, with waterfowl swimming around, and the other a murky pea green with mats of grayish algae floating on the surface.

Devil's Inkwell, Mirror Lakes and

Cottonwood Lake are stocked with fish in the winter.

Devil's Inkwell shows perhaps the greatest sinkhole effect of any of the lakes in the chain. The 31-foot deep hole is surrounded by high red bluffs, and a small rocky beach on one edge of the circle can be reached only by a steep path that seems more suited to mountain goats than to people.

Mirror Lake, shimmering twin pools 50 feet deep, was until recent years separate side-by-side lakes. The water level rose about two years ago, submerging the land bridge that separated them, Britt says.

Cottonwood Lake, 30 feet deep, also shows a sinkhole effect. The bluffs rise steeply on three sides; the fourth is blocked by a beige rock fence.

It's 30 feet down to the lake surface from the fence, but Britt says

oldtimers have told him that back in the 1920s, the water was so high it flowed out of the lake and ran down the slope to where the visitor's center now stands.

The lake is a popular fishing spot and many anglers sit on the fence and dangle down their lines rather than attempt the climb down closer to the surface, Britt says.

"The trick here is to get the fish out of the water before it falls off" as the fisherman reels it up the 30 feet to the fence, he says.

Lazy Lagoon, the northernmost lake, is the one lake that looks shallow — but it ties with Lea Lake as the deepest. What looks like a border of sand around the lake in reality is an alkaline crust covering deep, unpleasant smelling mud. Visitors are warned not to drive near it.

## Bottomless Triathlon scheduled April 30

The 1968 Bottomless Triathlon has been scheduled for April 30 at the Bottomless State Park in New Mexico.

The triathlon, in which cycling and running events have been expanded to present greater challenges, is being organized by New Mexico Military Institute of Roswell. Entry deadline is April 20.

This year's triathlon will be the fourth in the last five years at Bottomless Lake State Park. The other event in the triathlon is swimming, which will be held at Lea Lake.

The cycling competition has been expanded from an eight-mile ride through the park to 12 miles. The running event will be for four miles over a designated course.

Applications for the Bottomless

Triathlon are available from the athletic department of New Mexico Military Institute, one of three sponsors. Other sponsors are Herring Distributing Company and the New Mexico State Parks and Recreation Division.

Contestants from Colorado and Arizona as well as New Mexico and Texas have competed in the Bottomless Triathlon other years.

There will be divisions for men and divisions for women, in these age groups: 14 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, and 50 and older.

For more information on the triathlon, call (505) 622-6250, extensions 216, 267, or 212, or write to: Bottomless Triathlon, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, NM, 88201.

## TOP ATHLETES

fame in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. With Adolf Hitler espousing the supremacy of the Aryan race, Jesse won an unprecedented four gold medals in the 100 and 200 meters, sprint relay and long jump, setting records that endured for years. The fuhrer left the stadium in a huff.

Billie Jean King joins Babe Didrikson Zaharias as another distaff member of my Top Ten. Tom-boy daughter of a California fireman, Billie Jean wanted to be a baseball player but her dad thrust a tennis racket in her hand instead. A fierce competitor, she won a record 20 titles at Wimbledon, in addition to multiple crowns in the United States, Australia, France and Italy.

Her greatest victories, however, came in other arenas, not the least of which was her celebrated triumph over Bobby Riggs in the "Battle of the Sexes" in the Houston Astrodome in 1973. She was a feminist crusader, fighting for equal pay for women, open tennis and the end of the stuffy country club traditions of the game, and she won them all.

Babe Ruth hit only one home run in the minor leagues. It was for Providence of the International League against Toronto in 1914.



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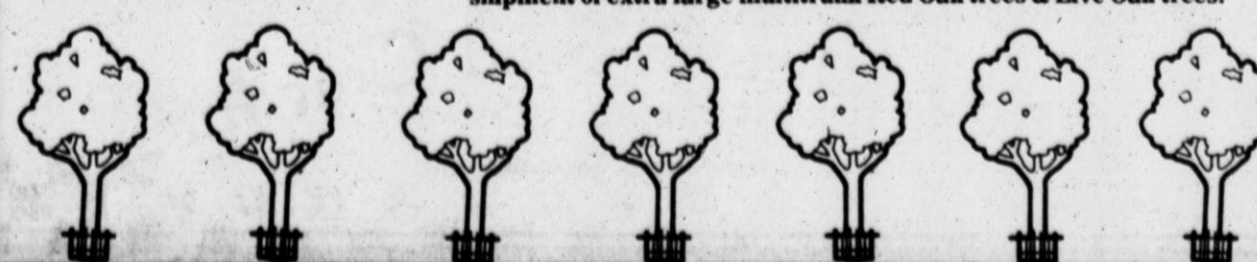
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# Public hearing set here on marketing order for potatoes

The U.S. Department of Agriculture this week announced a public hearing on a proposal for a federal marketing order to promote and to set minimum quality standards for potatoes produced in 21 western Texas and 10 eastern New Mexico counties, an area known as the "High Plains."

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m., April 19 in the auditorium of the Hereford Community Center, with additional sessions there April 20 and 21 if necessary.

The Texas/New Mexico Potato Committee, a grower and shipper association, claims that such an order could improve the position of High Plains potatoes in the marketplace by establishing minimum quality and size standards, by launching informational and marketing promotions, and by

finding more efficient ways to grow potatoes in the 31-county area.

The association has proposed that the order be administered by an 11-member administrative committee patterned on those governing similar orders for other commodities, said J. Patrick Boyle, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. "As proposed, six members would represent growers, four would represent handlers, and one would represent the public at large. The secretary of agriculture would appoint the handler and grower members from a list of peer-selected nominees, and then would select the public member from nominees offered by the ten grower and handler members," he said.

The proposal states that assessments levied on potato

handlers would finance the program, and as practiced in similar orders, the rate would be established by the secretary of agriculture upon recommendation by the administrative committee.

Authority for such an order rests in the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, said Boyle. "Upon evaluating the hearing record, the secretary of agriculture will prepare a recommended decision for public comment. After reviewing that comment, the secretary would issue a recommendation on whether or not to proceed to the next stage, a producer referendum to determine support for the proposed order," he said.

If the secretary recommends issuance of a marketing order, USDA would conduct a producer referendum to determine support for that order. The order would become ef-

fective only if approved either A) by two-thirds of those voting in the referendum, or B) by those producing at least two thirds of the volume of potatoes represented in the referendum, and grown during a period set by the secretary.

The notice of hearing will appear in the April 4 Federal Register. Copies and further information may be obtained from James B. Wendland, Officer-In-Charge, Texas Marketing Field Office, USDA, 320 North Main St., Box A-205-D, McAllen, Texas 78501-4698, telephone (512)682-2833, or from Robert Matthews, Marketing Specialist, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Rm. 2536-S, AMS, USDA, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, telephone (202)447-2431.

# Price renamed as market analyst

Stan Price, a former TCFA market analyst, has been renamed to that position, said Charles E. Ball, executive vice president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

Price, a native of Tahoka, Texas, has worked as a feedyard manager in Texas and Idaho. He has also been the farm manager with a bank and a regional field manager for a cattle investment firm.

Price was first hired by TCFA in 1983 and worked as a market analyst and insurance coordinator until 1986. He returned to the private cattle feeding industry for two years before returning to TCFA.

Price attended Texas A&M University, graduating in 1970 with a bachelor's degree and in 1972 with a master's degree in animal science.

"Stan has a wealth of background and knowledge about the High Plains cattle feeding industry," Ball said. "We're pleased to get him back as a market analyst."

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association, headquartered in Amarillo,

represents cattle feeders and feedyards in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, a region that last year produced 6.1 million fed cattle—24% of the nation's fed cattle production.



STAN PRICE

# China losing rural people, too

WASHINGTON (AP) — China in recent years has been losing its rural

people, despite an overall growth in the country's population, according to a new statistical report by the Agriculture Department.

In 1982, when China reported a population of more than 1.01 billion, a record 803.9 million, or 79 percent, lived in rural areas. By 1985 the total population was more than 1.04 billion, but rural residents were down to 682.9 million people, or 63 percent.

Population figures and many others are included in a new edition of "Agricultural Statistics of the People's Republic of China, 1949-86," by Frederick W. Crook and others of the

department's Economic Research Service.

The new version, which was distributed Thursday, expands greatly an earlier statistical report on China's agriculture issued in 1984, which was the USDA's first since the communists took charge in 1949.

Although not likely to make this spring's best-seller lists, the 158-page report is expected to be in great demand from China watchers and U.S. agricultural traders interested in that potentially huge Asian market. The first edition in 1984 was 71 pages long.

The report relies on "the impor-

tant, although still incomplete, agricultural data that China's State Statistical Bureau reported during 1949-85, with some updates through 1986," the authors said.

Some 126 national and provincial tables of figures are included, along with an introduction, explanatory notes, references and suggested readings.

Various sections include agricultural production; "inputs" such as farm machinery, fertilizer and labor; exports and imports; and consumption and procurement.

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# Net cash income up for farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The long-awaited financial turnaround for U.S. agriculture has been led by a two-year economic boomlet in the livestock sector, according to an Agriculture Department report.

"Since the fourth quarter of 1985, hog and cattle farmers have benefited from generally higher prices and lower feed costs," the report said. "Feed expenses declined by \$2.4 billion during 1985-87, while hog and cattle (sales) receipts increased by \$4.7 billion."

Further, poultry and egg sales increased \$1.5 billion in 1986 before declining last year.

According to USDA economists, the net cash income of farmers — what's left over from gross cash income after deducting cash expenses — rose to a record \$57 billion in 1987 from \$52 billion in 1986 and \$47.3 billion in 1985. Some decline is expected this year to between \$50 billion and \$55 billion.

The report by the department's Economic Research Service was in the current issue of Agricultural Outlook magazine and was written by Gregory Hanson and Richard Kodl.

"More than 80 percent of the \$10 billion increase in net cash income from 1985 to 1987 went to livestock producers," the report said. "Strong growth in net cash income was shared by most major livestock enterprises in 1986, and by hog, dairy

and beef farms in 1987."

The darker side was among crop producers who saw feed grain receipts decline from their 1985 peak, contributing to the recent financial stress on Midwest crop farmers.

"However, the strong rebound in livestock earnings has provided an important offset in this region," the report said. "Five of the top 10 cattle producing states and seven of the top 10 hog producing states are located in the northern plains (from North Dakota to Kansas) and western Corn Belt (Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin)."

The gains in livestock receipts and big increases in government payments translated into increases of 70 percent to 80 percent in the net cash incomes of farmers in the two regions, the report said.

"Farmers used their higher incomes to pay down more than \$6 billion of farm business and household debt annually during 1984-87," the report said. "They are now in a position to reap substantial benefits in 1988 from continued livestock profits and from recovering crop profits."

The overall debt crunch of the early and mid-1980s "has subsided," the report said. "By the end of this year business debt in agriculture likely will have fallen \$55 billion to \$60 billion, or nearly one-third, since 1983."

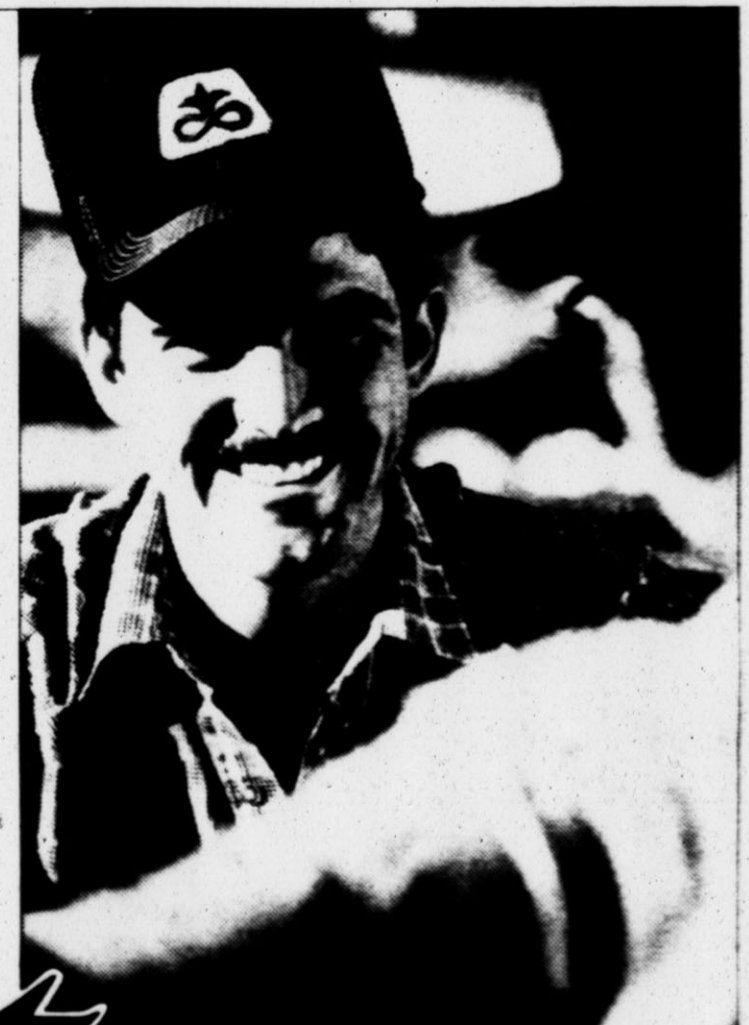
It added: "Farmers' recent financial progress is evident in the closely watched debt-to-asset ratio, which measures the degree of lender security and the farmers' use of their earnings and capital to finance farming operations."

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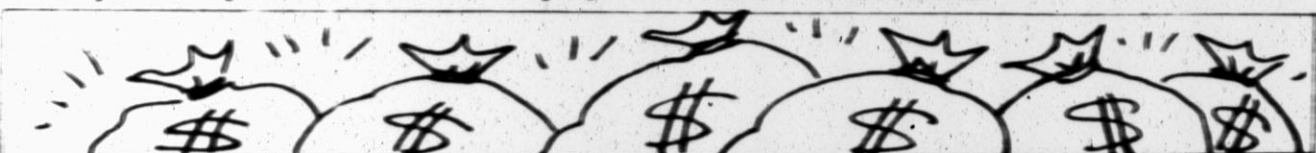




### Library Displayer

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## Between the Covers

By REBECCA WALLS

The Prize Pulitzer by Roxanne Pulitzer is the true story of the scandal that rocked Palm Beach. Roxanne was caught at the center of the most publicized scandalous divorce trial that shocked both Palm Beach and the nation.

She had anything she could have wanted, and then in one fell swoop, everything was lost: the house, husband and most painful of all, her children. Roxanne was an innocent, smalltown girl very much in love with her older, richer, and most powerful husband. Betrayal, physical and mental cruelty soon saw that love destroyed.

Accused of having countless lovers of both sexes, Roxanne lost custody of her two sons because of the overwhelming publicity and power of the other side. Roxanne is a "survivor" and this fascinating, often warm and funny, sometimes chilly story is a lesson in the dangers of living a dream come true. Some dreams can become the worst nightmare ever imagined.

Cynthia Freeman, authoress of the best seller *Seasons of the Heart* has a new novel entitled *The Last Princess*. Lily and Harry love each other and each must pay a great price for the other. Lily sacrifices a family fortune and wealthy fiancé on the eve of her wedding.

Harry gave up his heritage and a brilliant career in the family bank. Lily had always been a disappoint-

ment to her parents, who had wanted a son and heir when she was born and their disappointment was evident to everyone. Years later when Master Charles was born Lily watched as her parents doted over her baby brother.

One day when Lily and little Charles are out horseback riding, Lily gives into the pleadings of Charles, and lets him ride her big horse Sugar. Charles is killed when he falls off Sugar, and Lily is blamed for his death. After spending years in boarding schools Lily finally finds someone she loves and who loves her. This tale of fidelity, betrayal, passion and love is Cynthia Freeman at her best.

Another bestseller available is *Inheritance* by Judith Michael. Laura Fairchild works for the wealthy Salinger family and becomes very good friends with Owen, the eccentric family patriarch. Through this friendship and falling in love with nephew Paul, Laura feels a part of the family. When Owen dies he leaves Laura his Beacon Hill home and part of the valuable Salinger Hotel empire. This giving of family treasures to an outsider does not set well with the Salinger heirs, and Laura finds herself alone as the family, including Paul, sides against her.

When they uncover Laura's secret she loses everything. Overcoming scandal and the loss of the man she loves, Laura works to recapture all

that was taken away.

A true story of courage and love is found in the book *Give Me One Wish* by Jacquie Gordon. This is the story of a mother and daughter relationship in the face of a deadly disease. Jacquie Gordon strives to teach her daughter Christine to follow life's gifts wherever they lead so that she grows up eager to discover the world and her place in it. Chris becomes a popular person in her high school and camouflages her illness so that few people know.

On prom night Chris checks herself out of the hospital and attends the event in white tie and tails that puts the other girls formal to shame. Chris feels that her illness makes her unappealing but finds the joy and romance of a first love. She wins the Headmaster Award for "educating the school in the most profound sense." This enthralling book gives us a model of courage and love, and tells the healing story of a mother and daughter who never stop trying to understand and help each other.

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