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Man faces similar charges in two cases

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A man held in Gray County jail on a charge of aggravated sexual assault was free on bond on a similar charge at the time of his Wednesday arrest. He is also serving a probated misdemeanor sentence for assault causing bodily harm, in connection with a May incident in which a local woman was injured.

Bernard Koelzer, 26, 225 Canadian, is accused of aggravated sexual assault in connection with an attack on a woman Wednesday morning in a South Sumner home. Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge set his bond at \$20,000 Thursday.

Koelzer was arrested March 18, 1993 on a charge of aggravated sexual assault alleging he raped a woman outside the city limits of Pampa. He was free on \$20,000 bond in connection with the attack when he was arrested on the most recent charge.

Sheriff Randy Stubblefield said Koelzer's bondsman surrendered his March 1993 bond Friday and a new bondsman would be needed to post surety on both charges before Koelzer could be released.

Koelzer pleaded nolo contendere in county court to a May 23 charge of assault with bodily harm. He was assessed \$100 fine, \$135 court costs, one year deferred adjudication probation and \$204.75 restitution.

His 1993 case has not been presented to a grand jury, said Assistant District Attorney Tracey Blades. Her office is awaiting the result of DNA testing before presenting the case, she said.

On Friday, Blades said, she checked with Gary Stallings, chief criminalist with the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab in Lubbock, who told her he expects to issue a preliminary report on DNA results early this week.

If the preliminary report meets her expectations, Blades said, Koelzer's 1993 case will go the grand jury on Aug. 18.

"Based on what we have now, we feel like we've narrowed it down by taking the blood specimens and that kind of thing," Blades said.

The Lubbock lab serves 36 Texas counties. Waiting time for DNA test results is six to 18 months, she said, though the test itself takes only a matter of days.

"In this case, DNA will be just one more piece of evidence," Blades said.

Court ruling could alter war on drugs

HOUSTON (AP) — A recent state appeals court ruling could silence one of law enforcement's biggest guns in the war on drugs.

The 14th District Court of Appeals said last week authorities cannot seize assets of suspected drug offenders if they already have been convicted and punished for the same crime.

The court concluded such actions violate double-jeopardy provisions of the U.S. Constitution.

Don Strickland, Harris County first assistant district attorney, said Friday his office would appeal the opinion and will continue to file forfeiture suits until told not to by higher courts.

If the opinion is upheld, he told The Houston Post, prosecutors might drop forfeitures altogether, or face choosing between putting someone in jail or taking his assets.

According to the district attorney's office, the state seized just more than \$4 million in 425 Harris County cases last year.

The opinion issued Thursday in Danny Fant vs. State of Texas relied on three U.S. Supreme Court rulings to determine that asset forfeiture and criminal sentences are both punishments.

The justices ruled that unless both punishments are doled out in the same proceeding, it would violate the constitutional prohibition against double jeopardy.

Justice George T. Ellis dissented, writing that forfeiture was not a punishment.

Rwandan refugees fight to live until U.S. aid arrives

By MICHELLE FAUL
Associated Press Writer

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — A wave of U.S. food and medical help for anguished Rwanda refugees was on the way Saturday, but aid workers say filth and famine will give death the upper hand in the refugee camps for at least another week.

Cholera is spreading quickly and ferociously through the camps, killing at least 3,000 refugees since Wednesday, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Others are dying of other diseases and malnutrition.

The camps — where the air reeks of excrement, decomposing corpses and the smoke from cooking fires — are so miserable that thousands of refugees massed at the Rwandan border, hoping to return home. But Zairian troops stopped them, apparently until the border area can be cleared of abandoned weapons.

The United States sent a big C-141 cargo plane to Goma and another to a staging base at Entebbe, Uganda, to launch an around-the-clock airlift mission expected to last months and involve as many as

2,000 American troops.

By Sunday, 300 airlift specialists were to be at a staging base in Uganda to unload incoming aircraft, said Gen. George Joulwan, who is in charge of the operation.

President Clinton on Friday authorized more than \$100 million for airlifts of medicine, food and water, bringing total U.S. aid for the Rwandan crisis to \$250 million since April.

"One hopes if the U.S. puts in all its muscle, things will start to change fairly dramatically by the end of next week," said Rupert Colville, a spokesman for the UNHCR in Geneva.

Much more help was needed with sanitation, Colville added.

Cholera spreads through contact with contaminated feces and the refugee camps need at least 60,000 latrines for adequate sanitation, Colville said. But no government has offered to provide or maintain latrines.

"It's no good purifying the water if there's feces lying all over the place," he said.

The refugees, members of the Hutu ethnic group, have crammed

into sprawling, pestilential camps in Zaire to escape feared reprisals from the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front, which last week defeated the government army after three months of battle.

The rebels launched their offensive in April after extremist Hutu militias started slaughtering Tutsis and others believed to oppose the Hutu regime.

The militias killed more than 500,000 Rwandans — some estimates say as many as 1 million — with axes, guns and machetes before they were driven into hiding by the RPF.

The refugees, mostly Hutus and numbering as many as 1.7 million in the past 10 days, were scared into flight by radio broadcasts from the former government saying the RPF planned to kill them.

U.N. special envoy Shaharyar Khan said there have been no reports of civilian abuse at the hands of the RPF.

Radio Rwanda, once the propaganda weapon of the Hutu government and now the voice of the RPF, has been airing hourly broadcasts promising the refugees security and urging them to return home.



U.S. Air Force personnel at Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany unload a shipment of medicine Saturday that is destined for Rwanda. (AP photo)

But those who tried met a baffling roadblock.

Thousands of refugees walked back to the border Friday, but were stopped by Zairian authorities who closed the border for an unknown reason, UNHCR spokesman Ray

Wilkinson told reporters in Goma.

French troops manning the humanitarian protection zone were believed to have ordered the border closed while they cleaned the area of hundreds of hand grenades and small weapons scattered along the road.

Pickin' in the old town



Gathering for some pickin' under a tent at the Old Mobeetie Bluegrass Festival Friday evening are, from left, Earl Niemeyer of Lubbock, Frank Bonner of Balko, Okla., Roger Dossey of Tatum, N.M., Jody Grubb of Sulphur Springs and (back to camera) Paula Dossey of Tatum. The festival continues Sunday morning until noon with gospel bluegrass. (Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Fans celebrate rhythm and song in Old Mobeetie

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Tapping feet and humming voices celebrated an evening of bluegrass under the wide Texas sky Friday in a tiny Panhandle town known for its hospitality and fine music.

Old Mobeetie, located in western Wheeler County, 5 1/2 miles east of the Gray County line, hosted the 15th annual Old Mobeetie Bluegrass Festival to the appreciation of about 1200 cheering, clapping fans.

The strains of guitar, banjo, mandolin and fiddle, accompanied by voices raised in the songs of the common man, filled the air both on stage and off.

Camping spaces, all 130 of them, were claimed by early Friday evening, said Mary Ann Gifford of Lefors. Gifford said she expected to sell 2,000 to 3,000 tickets to the event sponsored by the Panhandle Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association and the Old Mobeetie Association. The music association boasts a 500-person membership roster, claiming adherents from Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Arkansas and New Mexico, Gifford said.

"The people are always important," said a sun-burned Gifford. "If it weren't for the people, we couldn't have a bluegrass festival."

The Stevens Family of Hampton, Tenn., were an exciting addition this year, Gifford said. This is the first year to have a road band play for the festival, she explained.

Topics of love, death and religion were delivered in the tight harmony of the bluegrass genre. Shade tree pickers taught one another new tunes, polished old ones and sang until their voices were hoarse and their fingers sore.

Rick Dyson of Sayre, Okla., who plays with Avalanche Bluegrass, brought his trusty mandolin and joined a group of shade tree musicians in old favorites like "Lonesome Fiddle Blues."

"I like shade tree picking," said Dyson, a six-year veteran of the Old Mobeetie festival. "Performing pays our way — this (shade tree picking) is the bonus."

Dyson, who also plays banjo, fiddle and guitar, traveled with his wife Darlene, a bass player, and their four children to Old Mobeetie.

He calls bluegrass a wholesome, family hobby. "We can allow 'em to go play with other kids in the park," he said.

Another group expecting to benefit from hungry, thirsty music lovers is the Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Department.

The department, with about 15 volunteers, uses the festival food sales as its primary fund raiser for the year, said Bill Ridgway, a 30-year veteran of the department. Sixty-six Mobeetie families were asked to contribute three freezers of homemade ice cream for hot music lovers, said Mary Edwards, a Mobeetie resident who volunteered for supper duty Friday.



Rick Dyson

Principal wants to improve discipline, learning

First of two parts

By JEFF CARRUTH
Staff Writer

Making children more responsible for their own actions, creating a stronger learning environment and more parental involvement are some of the things Tim Powers wants to accomplish during his first year as principal of more than 900 students at Pampa Middle School.

Tighter guidelines for student discipline and attendance, a newsletter for parents, talks with the school's neighbors and a program called Partners In Education are some of the tools Powers intends to use "toward the ultimate goal of successful students."

A 13-year administrative veteran in Pampa schools, he also wants to strengthen the connection between school

and community.

Powers, who unveiled his changes in PMS policies at last week's PMSD Board of Trustees meeting, said Saturday that the greatest change in the new behavioral management plan is more specifics.

"When it's more specific, you can communicate those expectations to the community, the parents and the students, and when you follow through, it makes it easier to enforce," he said.

The plan corrects what teachers expressed to him was a lack of direction and clear communication on discipline which, in the more severe cases, affected their control of the classroom.

Terminology, guidelines for the disciplining principal, categories of serious offenses, punishments laid out according to the number and type of offenses, ways to document each student's case and guidelines that



Tim Powers is beginning his tenure as principal at Pampa Middle School. (Pampa News photo by Jeff Carruth)

will carry from classroom to classroom are spelled out in the 31-page draft plan.

Less serious offenses, such as verbal assault or vandalism of desks, fall into "Category A." Offenses like fighting and stealing fall into "Category B" while the most serious offenses such as assault of a teacher and drug possession fall into "Category C."

"We have children that are afraid to come to school. That's inappropriate and unacceptable," Powers said to underscore the need for rules against physical and verbal threats.

Sanctions on students range from one day of detention hall

for the first "Category A" referral to the office on a minor offense to in-school suspension and expulsion for more serious offenses even on a first referral. Punishment increases in severity and duration with the number of repeat referrals and can include a suspension from extracurricular activities.

Two important parts of the discipline plan are parent conferences early on in a repeat referral situation and a definite, terminating point to behavioral problems, namely expulsion. Students who are expelled will be able to keep up with their

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60th ANNIVERSARY TRI-STATE SENIOR ASSOCIATION

The Pampa News celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament with a special section insert today.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No funeral services to be held today or Monday were reported to *The Pampa News* as of press time Saturday.

Obituaries

NEWTON ELMO HELTON

FAIRVIEW, Okla. — Newton Elmo Helton, 87, the brother of a Groom, Texas, resident, died Thursday, July 21, 1994. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Roselawn Cemetery at Okeene, Okla., with the Rev. Tim Johnson officiating. Arrangements were with Haigler Funeral Home of Canton, Okla.

Mr. Helton was born in Jack County, Texas, and later moved with his family to Brice, Texas. During World War II, he worked for Phillips Petroleum Co. in South America. After the war, he returned home and started a propane business with his brother in Farwell, Texas.

Mr. Helton married Ethel Jones in 1950. They moved to the Okeene, Okla., community, where they owned and operated a propane and anhydrous ammonia business. They also owned propane businesses in the Oklahoma cities of Fairview, Ames, Nash, Alva and Enid.

Mr. Helton was a Methodist, a Shriner and a member of the Okeene Masonic Lodge. He and his wife moved in 1992 to the Fairview Fellowship home.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1992. Survivors include five brothers, Allen Helton of San Antonio, Texas, Carrol Helton of Borger, Texas, Nath Helton of Texico, N.M., and Tom Helton of Richland, Wash.; and a sister, Nettie Fields of Groom.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

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

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

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

12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP

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

T.O.P.S. #41

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

HIDDEN HILLS

LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association plays golf every Monday evening at the course north of Pampa. Tee off time is 6 p.m. All ladies are welcome. For more information call the Hidden Hills pro shop, 669-5866.

Hospital

Coronado Hospital did not make Friday's hospital report available before press time Saturday.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 36-hour period ending at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, July 22

12 p.m. — Toni Kay Reed, 1916 Lynn, reported burglary of a motor vehicle.

4:17 p.m. — Doug Boyd Motor Co., 821 W. Wilks, reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle/theft of a motor vehicle.

9:56 p.m. — Hazel Montgomery, 716 E. Albert, reported a theft.

10 p.m. — Hoza Moreno, 619 Carr, was contacted for information.

10:20 p.m. — Adriana Estrada, 1916 N. Wells, reported criminal mischief.

11:57 p.m. — Regina Annette Howard, 940 E. Frederick, reported an assault.

SATURDAY, July 23

12:05 a.m. — Sexual assault of a female was reported in the southeast part of the city.

3:50 a.m. — Gay Matthew McKissick, 624 N. Somerville, reported an attempted burglary of a habitation.

4:07 p.m. — John Leroy Orfan, 1100 Starkweather, reported a hit and run.

Arrests

FRIDAY, July 22

1:16 p.m. — Brandon H. Taylor, 18, 926 Mary Ellen, was arrested on Department of Public Safety warrants from the Childress DPS office.

SATURDAY, July 23

3:39 a.m. — Abel Rodriguez, 22, 405 Davis, and Pablo San Miguel, 19, no address listed, were arrested at Buckler and Somerville for attempted burglary of a habitation.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 36-hour period ending at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, July 23

Allie Tate, 109 N. Warren, reported a theft.

Arrests

FRIDAY, July 22

Donald Joe Williams, 420 Wynne, was arrested on charge of driving while intoxicated.

SATURDAY, July 23

Kevin Lynn Boyd, 857 Locust, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, fourth offense.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls in the 36-hour period ending at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, July 23

9:21 a.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a false alarm at 420 N. Ward.

1:36 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a tripped fire alarm at 107 W. 30th. There was no fire upon arrival.

Ambulance

No ambulance report was available from American Medical Transport.

Senate votes to give more to border states

By JIM DRINKARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted Friday to give \$350 million to border states to reimburse them for the cost of incarcerating illegal aliens convicted of crimes, taking the money away from U.S. peacekeeping dues paid to the United Nations.

"Taxpayers in our states should not have to bear this federal burden," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who is running for re-election this year. Her colleagues agreed on a vote of 52-44.

"We do tend to step up for people in emergencies in other states," Mrs. Hutchison said, citing federal disaster aid for California earthquakes, Florida hurricanes and floods in the South and Midwest. "This, too, is an emergency crisis."

The money would flow to states like Texas, California, Florida and Arizona, which incur costs of jailing aliens who cross borders illegally and commit crimes in the United States. It would be paid for by cutting a proposed \$2 billion payment to the United Nations for the U.S. share of current and past peacekeeping operations.

Opponents said the action was premature because the federal gov-

ernment cannot identify which foreign-born prisoners are in the country illegally, and who thus represent a federal responsibility.

"We should not get into the business of doling out federal monies on the basis of disputed evidence," said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

But, said Hutchison: "Our schools, our hospitals, our social services and our prisons are being overwhelmed by the federal government's failure to control our borders."

She estimated that Texas alone spends some \$1.2 billion a year providing services to some half a million undocumented aliens.

Texas is among states preparing to file lawsuits against the federal government to recoup the costs of caring for illegal immigrants. Florida, Arizona and California already have filed similar lawsuits.

Hutchison said the vote "breaks a major deadlock over who is responsible for the costs of illegal aliens. The federal government has now taken responsibility."

The Clinton administration earlier this year proposed setting aside \$350 million to help ease the costs of illegal alien incarceration. But House appropriators took the \$350 million and shifted it to a Justice Department program providing

grants for local drug task forces. Hutchison spokesman David Beckwith said the senator will fight to retain her measure when House and Senate negotiators meet to iron out differences in their respective bills.

Action on her amendment came as the Senate worked on a \$27.8 billion measure paying for operations of the departments of Commerce, State and Justice over the year that begins Oct. 1.

The bill's primary feature is a huge increase in funding for the Justice Department to begin paying for the Clinton administration's anti-crime program.

The measure is a first installment payment on a six-year, \$30 billion anti-crime bill that is now the subject of House-Senate negotiations and is due to be completed in the next few weeks.

Among its spending provisions: — \$1.3 billion for community policing, aimed at helping states and localities put 100,000 additional officers on the beat. The move would be a step toward fulfilling a promise Clinton made during his 1992 campaign.

— \$299 million for an immigration initiative, including hiring 700 new Border Patrol agents and constructing new border stations and a new computer database for aliens.

Clinton warns of media blitz against health care reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warning about a pending "media blitz" aimed at derailing health care reform, President Clinton today told Americans to keep their focus and renewed his goal of universal health care coverage.

Clinton, in his radio address taped Friday and broadcast today, compared the arguments against universal health coverage to the debate against Medicare, which President Johnson signed 29 years ago next week.

"The American people made it clear then that they wanted reform and today, the pen President Johnson used to sign that legislation is mount-

ed in a position of honor in the White House," Clinton said. "If you tried to repeal Medicare, members of Congress would never let it happen."

Historic floor debates soon will begin in the House and Senate on health care because both houses have voted bills out of committee "that will guarantee coverage to all Americans," Clinton said.

"Still, at this moment of decision you are going to be bombarded with a last-ditch special-interest media blitz aimed at derailing reform and frightening you," Clinton said. "That's why it's so important right now that you keep your focus on

what matters most: How are we going to guarantee health security for all Americans."

Special interest groups have already spent \$100 million trying to frighten Americans into backing away from reform, Clinton said.

"Fortunately, I think most people see through these ad campaigns," he said.

Clinton said critics are trying to convince Congress to approve "modified half-measures," such as insurance reforms, but he said those measures would only create a vicious cycle that would make things worse.

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Principal

work through a special liaison instructor.

One of the overall themes of the plan is consistency. Powers explained. Without that, students are unclear about their responsibilities and what the limits are. "Then you begin developing a lack of respect for adults and authority and that's where you have a lot of problems," he said.

In middle school classrooms, a common warning and rule posting system will be in place. All discipline problems will be referred to the office and teachers will no longer assign D-hall or have the option of adjusting grades for behavior that is directly related to academic participation. Powers said these things are being done to increase time for the teachers to teach.

"There's an expectation there that when (students) come to school, they

are to respect authority and focus on instruction.

"We're going to do our best to help the child and help educate them. But it's the parents' responsibility ultimately for the outcome or success of the student," Powers said.

Powers said he felt it was unfair to lay many parental responsibilities on to the schools, but avenues are available to help students and parents in problems situations. "There's a lot of services we can render..." he said.

City briefs

A PERFECT 10 Nail Salon, 107 W. Foster, 669-1414. Adv.

TOTAL PACKAGE - Coronado Center. Going Out Of Business Sale, Saturday, July 23, 12 to 5. Comics 50% off, fixtures and cards. Adv.

ANNIVERSARY SALE: 25-50% off at Copper Kitchen. Adv.

OPEN HOUSE 1312 Charles, Sunday 2-5 p.m. Approximately 1900 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, isolated master, living, den, study, breakfast area, updated kitchen with Jenn Aire cooktop, built-in oven, central air/heat, large patio, privacy fence, storage room behind garage. Adv.

GIP GIPSON is back to work! Tuesday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. Combs-Worley bldg. 669-6721. Adv.

JOANN'S PRESENTING Manicurist Karen Lee at 615 W. Foster. Call for appointment 665-4950. Adv.

ROCKS; WINDSHIELDS Anyone can buy a repair kit! 9 years of experience stands behind my repair work! I fix those problem chips and cracks. Thanks for your calls. 665-5696. Adv.

THE LONE Ranger Rides Again! Adv.

CLASSIC, 1971 Olds Cutlass S, excellent condition, 52,000 miles. \$2995. 665-7967. Adv.

MARY KAY Cosmetics, Deb Stapleton consultant. Facials, supplies, deliveries, 665-2095. Adv.

VACATION BIBLE School: Highland Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks, July 31st-August 5th, 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Children 4 years old-5th grade. Information call Jackie Brown 669-6700. Come Celebrate Jesus! Adv.

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

SCHOOL BOARD, Dawson Orr. People still working off the clock at Middle School? Exploitation Perhaps? T. Hembree 7/21/94. Adv.

MINI GOLF coming soon! Hawaiian Shave Ice now open! 900 Duncan. Adv.

"PLANET EARTH - 2000 A.D. 25 years after "Late Great Planet Earth" and the startling realization that it's all coming true, new by Hal Lindsey. The Gift Box Christian Bookstore. Adv.

JO ANN'S Creations, 12 inch Golfer Bears on a stand, for that Special Golfer. 1200 Mary Ellen, 669-2157. Adv.

EPPEPERSON GARDEN Market, Hwy. 60 East, 665-5000. Open 1-5 p.m. Adv.

HAIR BOWS 50% off, The Hobby Shop. Adv.

LAWNMOWER CHAINSAW Repair - all makes. Pick up, delivery. Radcliff Lawnmower Chainsaw Sales & Service, 519 S. Cuyler, 669-3395. Adv.

SUNDAY DINNER: The Coronado Inn Coffee Shop will be serving Sunday Dinner Buffet tonight and every Sunday night from now on, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Adv.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Great Sunday Buffet at the Coronado Inn Coffee Shop, today and every Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adv.

BEACHES TANNING Club 1 month unlimited \$29. 669-7263. Adv.

CLEAN COMFORTABLE beige loveseat \$30. Rabbit with new cage and accessories \$30. 669-1439. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of late afternoon thunderstorms, a high in the upper 90s and southwest winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Tonight, a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, otherwise becoming mostly cloudy with a low in the middle 60s. Monday, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high near 90. Saturday's low was 70. Saturday's high was 100.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Today, partly cloudy. A chance of late afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in upper 90s. Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. A good chance of thunderstorms. Lows in mid 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Monday night, a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in mid 60s. South Plains: Today, partly cloudy. Highs around 100 to 105. Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70 to mid 70s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs 95 to around 100. Monday night, fair. Lows 65-70.

North Texas — Today, partly cloudy east, sunny west and central. Highs 94 east to near 102 south and west. Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms north and west. Lows 72 to 76. Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms north and west. Highs 94 to 100. Monday night, increasing cloudiness with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows 72 to 77.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Today, sunny and very hot. Highs near 100 to 103. Tonight, fair skies and warm. Lows in the 70s. Monday, sunny and continued very hot. Highs from 100 to 103. Coastal Bend: Today, mostly sunny and hot. Highs from near 100 inland to near 90 coast. Tonight, fair skies and warm. Lows in the 70s to near 80 coast. Monday, mostly sunny and continued hot. Highs from near 100 inland to near 90 coast. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Today, mostly sunny and hot. Highs from near 90 coast to near 105 west. Tonight, fair skies and warm. Lows from the 70s inland to near 80 coast. Monday, mostly sunny and hot. Highs from near 90 coast to near 105 west.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Today and tonight, fair to partly cloudy in the morning and late night hours with widely scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening, mainly north and west. Highs today 70s and 80s mountains with 90s to near 100 at lower elevations. Lows tonight 40s and 50s mountains with 60s to near 70 at lower elevations. Monday and Monday night, a little cooler northeast with scattered afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms. Partly cloudy elsewhere with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs Monday 70s and 80s mountains and northeast with 90s to near 100 elsewhere. Lows Monday night 40s and 50s mountains with 60s to near 70 elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Today and tonight, partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms mainly northern Oklahoma. Highs today around 100 southwest Oklahoma, 90s elsewhere. Lows tonight from upper 60s to mid 70s. Monday and Monday night, partly to mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Highs from upper 80s north central Oklahoma to near 100 southwest Oklahoma.

Red River project expects \$16 million boost

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

TRUSCOTT, Texas (AP) — Briny creek water spews 3,000 gallons a minute along a salt-encrusted path through this wilderness of rattlesnakes and juniper.

The water moves through a fiberglass pipeline some 23 miles to the Truscott Brine Lake, a murky depository for chlorides that otherwise would empty into the Red River.

Yet the \$51.5 million Truscott project represents just one aspect of a mammoth federal endeavor intended to improve the river by diverting brine.

That endeavor — the Red River Chloride Control Project — was stymied for years by skeptics in Washington who questioned its feasibility. Critics asked why the federal government should foot the bill.

But for all its holdups since 1957, the Red River Chloride Control Project claimed a \$16 million appropriation in President Clinton's 1995 budget.

Supporters say it hasn't been easy attracting attention.

"There won't be a magnificent edifice when they're through," said Ron Glenn, general manager of the Red River Authority of Texas. "There are not going to be many fireside chats over this one."

The remediation focuses on remote places like Guthrie, Estelline and Crowell in the vast terrain east of Lubbock, north of Abilene and west of Wichita Falls. It calls for building barriers in eight spots — seven in Texas, one in western Oklahoma — where salt deposits formed millions of years ago.

Planners say those barriers will keep brine from winding up in the Red River, thus making the water more potable.

"In essence, what we're doing is buying time until somebody comes up with a better way to desalt the river," said Dennis Duke, manager

for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Truscott, about 80 miles southwest of Wichita Falls.

The project was launched by a 1957 U.S. Public Health Survey that measured about 5,400 tons of natural and manmade salts flowing into the river each day. Chloride contamination made the water mostly unusable for cities, industries and farmers in the four states beside its path, Glenn said.

Slowly the salt is subsiding. State officials in Texas and Oklahoma helped in the 1970s by agreeing to remove chlorides that polluted the river from industrial sources like abandoned oil wells. That agreement, as of 1993, had cost Texas and Oklahoma \$116.75 million — \$6.7 million per year to eliminate 85 percent of the manmade salts, Glenn said.

"We're more than getting our money's worth," said Gordon Thorn, engineer with regional planning and projects for the Texas Water Development Board in Austin.

"It'll be some time in the future before we get the real benefits, and that's after the flow of salt water has been stopped long enough for the river beds to clean themselves out," Thorn said.

The federal government, meanwhile, has spent \$91.25 million on the Truscott lake, a dam and pump station near Guthrie and an earthen dike at Estelline. Those phases are removing about 411 tons of salt per day, documents show.

Officials expect to need another \$210 million to finish what in the '60s carried a total \$186 million price tag.

Estimated completion date now is 2001. Glenn said it shouldn't have taken 15 years.

"What's taken so long for the most part is the project for many years went unfunded, and it was necessary to suspend all work," said project manager Dean Englund of Tulsa, Okla. "It hasn't been until the last couple of years that there's been

enough renewed interest by Congress to secure funding."

Planners say their next step is construction of a brine lake north of Crowell.

That lake would function like the sophisticated setup in Truscott, where digital readouts in a control room monitor the pipeline. The Truscott lake, finished in 1987 with a 100-year lifespan, is getting deeper and saltier, Duke said.

"The best thing ... one of these ranchers downstream mentioned that his cattle are drinking out of the creek," he said. "They've never done that before."

Knox County Judge David Perdue said he heard some people wonder why federal groundwater-protection rules forced the county to close its landfill, at the same time the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was collecting brine nearby.

But Perdue says he doesn't recall any hard feelings among Knox County ranchers.

"I think all in all, the comments I've heard have all been very positive," he said, mentioning the lake's early fishing opportunities. "We have a whole lot of wild hogs that have enjoyed it probably more than the people have."

Facts from the Red River Authority of Texas in Wichita Falls about the Red River Chloride Control Project:

— Purpose is diverting much of the 3,600 tons of natural salt that pollute the Red River daily

— Scope includes eight salt sources — seven in the eastern Texas Panhandle and Rolling Plains, one in Oklahoma

— Operational phases (a dike near Estelline, dam and pump station near Guthrie, lake near Truscott) remove 411 tons of salt daily

— Federal cost so far of \$91.25 million

— Projected future costs of \$210 million

— Should be completed by 2001

Panel selected in 10-year-old Aylor murder-for-hire trial

DALLAS (AP) — A jury of nine men and three women has been selected to hear murder-for-hire charges against Joy Aylor, who fled the country as her first trial started four years ago for the murder of her ex-husband's lover.

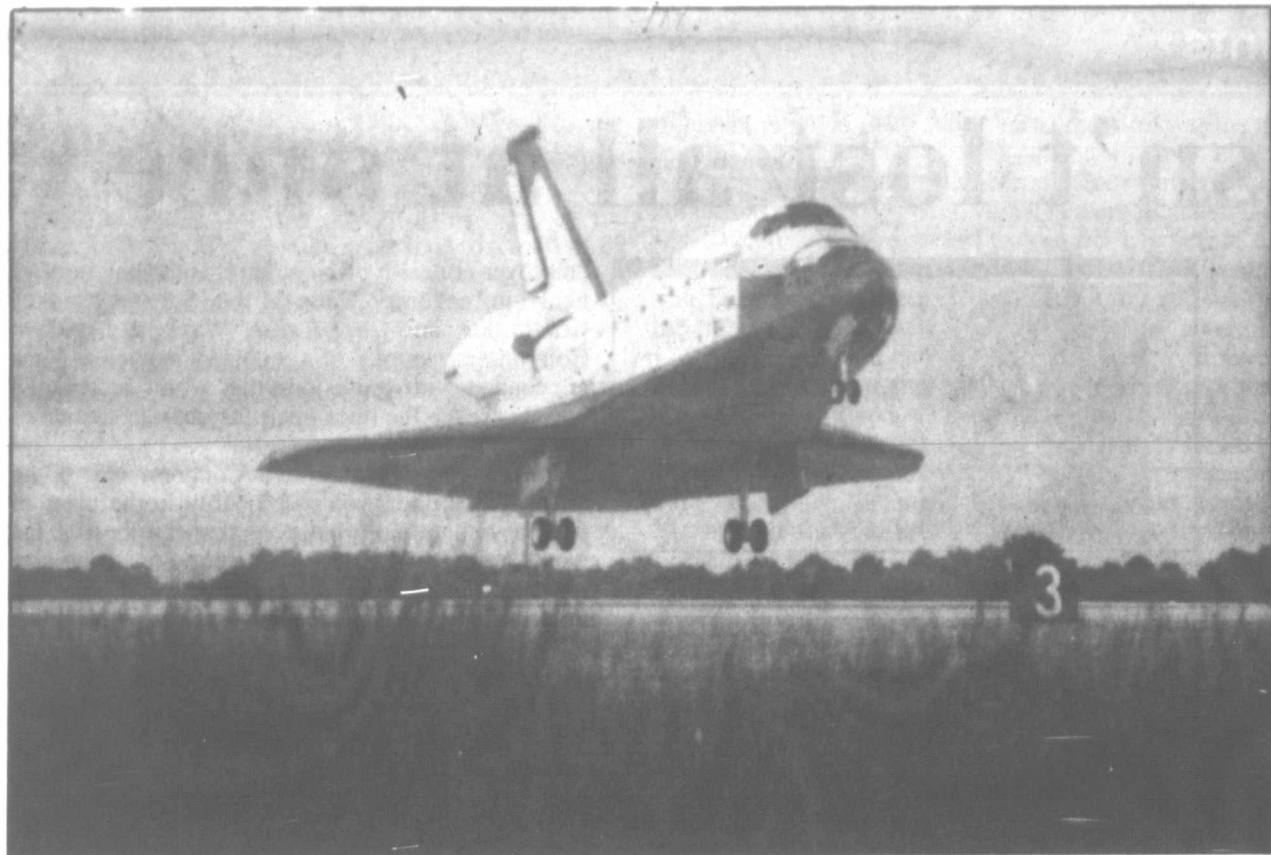
Testimony is scheduled to begin Aug. 1 before state District Judge Pat McDowell, who described the panel as a "good mix" of blue- and white-collar workers.

The panel, which was seated Friday, includes one black and one Asian but no Hispanics. Most are in their

30s or 40s. The youngest is a 26-year-old man, the oldest a 62-year-old woman.

Prosecutors allege Ms. Aylor arranged and paid for the Oct. 4, 1983, killing of Richardson homemaker Rozanne Gailunas. She was having an affair with Larry Aylor.

The first attempt to seat a jury in the capital murder case was aborted in May 1990 when Ms. Aylor fled the country. The process resumed this summer when Ms. Aylor was extradited from France.



Space Shuttle Columbia lands at the Kennedy Space Center Saturday. (AP photo)

Columbia home safely; animals wanted dead and alive for study by researchers

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA hustled thousands of little animals off Columbia on Saturday after the shuttle's smooth sunrise landing concluded America's longest space flight in more than 20 years.

It was the end of the line for the two surviving adult newts — dissections were planned by researchers eager to see the anatomical effects of 15 days of weightlessness.

A longer, brighter future awaits the four guppylike Japanese Medaka fish. They are headed back to Japan in a few weeks to live out their lives and mate to their hearts' content, under scientific scrutiny, as biologists look for any lingering effects of space flight.

"This is the important part of the mission, where the scientists get their samples," said NASA mission scientist Robert Snyder.

A one-day landing delay caused by offshore storms Friday gave Columbia and its crew of seven the space shuttle endurance record — 14 days and nearly 18 hours. The previous record was 14 days, 13 minutes, set by another Columbia crew last fall.

It also made Japanese astronaut Chiaki Mukai the world's female space-endurance champ. The all-time records of 84 days on NASA's Skylab in 1973-74 and 366 days on

Russia's Mir space station in 1987-88 — as well as the runners-up — are all held by men.

"Excellent, excellent job," Mission Control told commander Robert Cabana and his crew after Columbia's wheels came to a stop. "Your record of 15 days on orbit for the shuttle has brought us closer to the next giant leap for humankind, when we live permanently in space aboard the international space station."

"It's been a great flight. I regret having to give it up," Cabana said before crawling out of the shuttle.

Mukai, a little weak and wobbly from 15 days of weightlessness, described the trip as "a wonderful memory." The heart surgeon and first Japanese woman in space was applauded by dozens of Japanese when she walked into a press conference room and again when she left.

"Definitely, this is my best day," Mukai said, smiling.

Besides biological experiments on the newts, Medaka, six goldfish, 126 jellyfish, 11,200 sea urchins, 180 toad eggs, 500 flies and millions of cells, the mission featured metal melting, radiation monitoring, fluid analyses, plant growth and medical tests on the astronauts themselves.

Scientists want to see how the animals develop and behave in weightlessness so they can better understand how humans might adapt to much longer stays in space, such as on a trip to Mars.

Two of the four adult newts carried by Columbia died during the mission. But researchers awaited their arrival with as much anticipation as the live ones, maybe even more, to see what they could learn from their deaths.

Other in-space casualties: more than 90 newt embryos, about 100 Medaka embryos and a few flies. Japanese biologist Ken-ichi Ijiri feared a newborn Medaka may have been eaten by an adult Medaka, but was pleased to find 11 babies hiding in a corner of the tank, the missing one hopefully among them.

Like their parents, which were named by Japanese schoolchildren, the baby Medaka will be kept alive.

"They (children) would kill me if I kill them," Ijiri said.

The goldfish are to meet their demise after a week of observation. More than 200 scientists from around the world participated in the mission, and all but one of the 82 experiments were accomplished.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's next shuttle mission, an Earth-monitoring flight by Endeavour, is scheduled for next month.

Columbia doesn't fly again until September 1995. It will be sent to Rockwell International's shuttle assembly plant in Palmdale, Calif., this fall for routine maintenance. This trip added 6.14 million miles to the ship's odometer.

Cotton, other crops desperately in need of rain on South Plains

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer

LAMESA (AP) — Day by scorching day on cotton farms across the South Plains, about the only thing growing is gloom.

The cotton — after enduring hail, 116-degree heat, high winds and the burns of blowing sand — faces yet another menace: Lack of rain.

Non-irrigated cotton across the region looks scrawny and wilted. Experts speculate at least half a million dryland acres already have failed.

Sometimes it rains in August, farmer Dave Nix pointed out.

"I don't know how much it's going to help," said Nix, who planted about 2,000 acres of cotton in Dawson and Gaines counties this spring. "I think a lot of this cotton is already through."

But Nix said folks around Lamesa, about 60 miles south of Lubbock, aren't abandoning their crops yet.

"You talk about it. You mention it, then you talk about something else. You can't just dwell on bad news."

Lack of rain also has hurt corn, sorghum, oats and peanuts in various parts of the state.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports very short moisture levels in parts of the South Plains, far West Texas, West Central Texas and Southeast Texas. Moisture conditions are short from the Panhandle to North Texas, East Texas, Central Texas and the coastal bend.

Around Lubbock, the world's largest cotton patch, with 3.5 million acres sown, fields were drier than nor-

mal at planting. Besides some spotty thunderstorms, it hasn't rained significantly since May.

"We're hurting," acknowledged Cochran County extension agent Sam Field.

Field said the areas near Morton, about 60 miles west of Lubbock, finally received almost 1 inch of rain last week.

"This little drink might help it survive, but I don't know how it's going to help out the yield," he said.

Thirsty cotton starts shedding bolls to survive. Dan Krieg, professor of crop physiology at Texas Tech University, expects an average harvest of 100-150 pounds per acre on non-irrigated fields this year. Average is 250-280 pounds, Krieg said.

Irrigated cotton, meanwhile, should remain in good shape as long as water wells hold out through the summer, he said.

"If we don't get a rain real soon," Krieg said, "we won't have enough water to keep up."

Inches of rainfall in Texas cities drier than normal this year, according to the National Weather Service. Figures compare the 1994 totals for the year to date (through Thursday) with average for the year-to-date:

	This Year-to-Date	Average Year to Date
Amarillo	10.80	11.03
Austin	11.62	18.36
Brownsville	09.58	11.75
El Paso	02.87	03.22
Houston	19.39	25.15
Midland	05.63	07.15
Wichita Falls	12.20	16.54

Four inducted into Aviation Hall of Fame

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The man who founded and led the first squadron of black U.S. aviators in World War II is joining the Wright brothers, Amelia Earhart and others in aviation history.

Benjamin Davis Jr., leader of the Tuskegee Army Airfield, and three other aviation pioneers were to be inducted Saturday into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

The others are Collett Everman Woolman, who founded Delta Air Lines; Robert Gilruth, who served as director of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center; and Carl Norden, who developed gyroscopic instruments used in flight control and weapons systems.

Davis and Gilruth, the only inductees still living, were not expected to attend the ceremony because of poor health, organizers said. Davis, 81, lives in Arlington, Va.; and Gilruth, 80, lives in Charlottesville, Va.

Reached at his home Saturday, Davis said he was surprised by the

aviation honor.

"It means just about everything to me," Davis said. "I never expected it to happen. Obviously, I'm delighted and very honored by my selection."

Davis' Tuskegee Army Airfield was a group of over 900 blacks who trained at Alabama's Tuskegee Army Flying School before the armed forces were integrated in 1947 by order of President Truman.

About 450 Tuskegee fighter pilots fought over North Africa, Sicily and Europe in World War II. Sixty-six were killed and 32 others were shot down and captured as prisoners of war.

Davis was also the first black graduate of West Point and the nation's first black three-star general. After his retirement from the Air Force in 1970, he became the first director of the Civilian Aviation Safety Board and later served as an assistant U.S. secretary of transportation.

Woolman founded the world's first aerial crop-dusting service in 1924. In 1927, he secured the rights to mail

routes in South America and became the first airline operator south of the equator in the Western Hemisphere. Two years later, he founded Delta Air Service, which later became Delta Air Lines.

Gilruth, an aeronautical engineer, headed the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston. The manned flights of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs were launched under his leadership.

Norden created bomb-sighting systems that were so precise that some hailed the "Norden Bombsight" as the single biggest factor in neutralizing the Axis powers during World War II.

The National Guard Bureau also was to be honored as the recipient of the Milton Caniff Spirit of Flight Award, for its contributions to U.S. air power in all major wars, including the Gulf War.

The hall of fame, founded in 1962 and officially designated as the nation's aviation hall of fame two years later by President Johnson.

Four gunned down in Kilgore bar lounge

KILGORE (AP) — Three suspects were held Saturday in the deaths of four people gunned down as they played pool in a neighborhood bar, police said.

Ray Don Mosely, 31, and Daroyce Lamont Mosely, 19, were arrested on capital murder charges and were being held in the Gregg County Jail, Kilgore police spokesman Jerdy Wolverson said in a statement.

Both men are from Kilgore. A juvenile also was apprehended and was being held at the Gregg County Juvenile Center, Wolverson said.

The adults, suspected of committing the East Texas town's second multiple murder in a little more than a decade, were arraigned and bond was set at \$1 million each, Wolverson said.

In Thursday night's killings, gunmen burst into Katie's Lounge, killing four people and critically injuring a fifth.

A waitress who had been shot five times alerted police when she

crawled to a telephone to call 911, according to a former bar employee and family friend.

The dead were identified as Luva Stevens Congleton, 68; Patricia Slack Colter, 53; her husband Duane Ray Colter, 44, all of Kilgore; and Alvin Lewis "Buddy" Waller, 54, of nearby Henderson.

Sandra Kay Cash of Kilgore was in critical condition at a Longview hospital Saturday, Wolverson said. Ms. Cash was doing "as good as can be expected," but that the hospital wasn't revealing her name.

The victims were frequent patrons of Katie's, a quiet bar beside State Highway 135 in the oilpatch town of 11,000.

The bar had reported only minor disturbances in the past, but on Thursday night, police were called to Katie's a few hours before the robbery "on a suspicious-person call," Wolverson said.

"They talked with him, and that was it," he said.

Wolverson said police have not

determined whether that incident had any link to the shooting and robbery, in which an undetermined amount of cash was taken from the bar.

Mary Jane Albritton, a former employee of Katie's and friend of Mrs. Cash's family, said she visited the wounded woman Friday in the Longview hospital.

"She was hit five times, so she was in pretty bad shape. She managed to crawl to the phone and called police," Ms. Albritton told The Dallas Morning News.

Katie Moore, who has owned the bar for seven years, could hardly speak about the tragedy.

"I'm just devastated," she said in a brief telephone interview. "I am just tore up all to pieces. I lost four of my best friends, and my waitress is not expected to live."

"These folks are like the rest of the crowd that went to Katie's, mainly older people that's been around Kilgore for years and years and years. Most of them watched me grow up," Ms. Albritton said.

Frank Zappa asteroid

PHOENIX (AP) — Many thought Frank Zappa's music was from another planet. Now one's been picked out for him.

Besieged by letters and e-mail, a Cambridge, Mass., astronomy organization on Friday named an asteroid that orbits between Mars and Jupiter "Zappafrank" after the late musician.

"I don't recall a lobby quite as extensive as this one," said Brian G. Marsden, director of the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planets Center.

Zappa died in December at age 52 after battling prostate cancer for two years. Outrageous and irreverent, he fused jazz, classical and rock music behind lyrics that often tested the limits of free speech.

Zappa's best sellers were usually parodies, like 1982's "Valley Girl" that spoofed the mall crowd and 1979's "Dancin' Fool," that made fun of the disco craze.

The asteroid-naming was appropriate, Zappa fans thought, because the planet was discovered in 1980 by a Czech astronomer and Zappa symbolized artistic freedom to youngsters growing up in Communist Eastern Europe.

Shoes for School applications this week

The Salvation Army will be signing up children for the Shoes for School program this week.

Applications for children to receive money to purchase shoes and socks will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. at The Salvation Army office, 701 S. Cuyler.

Lt. Anthony Housley, corps commanding officer, said parents must bring the requested information to qualify for the program.

Parents should bring the following items when making the applications: proof of income, rent receipts, utility bills and other monthly payments. Each child must have a birth certificate, Social Security card and last year's report card. This includes children from kindergarten through fifth grade.

The Salvation Army in Pampa sent more than 300 children to school with new shoes and socks last year, Lt. Housley said.

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"I marvel that ye are so quickly removing from Him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel; which is not another gospel; only there are those that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema. As we have said before, so say I now again, if any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be anathema. For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? If I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ." (Gal. 1:6-10.) The word of God is the truth of God (Jn. 17:17) and that is the word which Paul preached (1 Thess. 2:13.) A perversion of the gospel, therefore, would be anything contrary to the apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:37.) And, of necessity, a perversion of the gospel would be anything other than that which Christ authorized the apostles to teach (Gal. 1:11; Matt. 28:18-20.)

Today, by comparing doctrines of various religious groups to the gospel of Christ, we can readily determine that the doctrines of men are perversions of the gospel of Christ. Jesus taught that it is vain worship to worship according to the doctrines and precepts of men (Matt. 15:9.) It is also a perversion of truth to affirm that a religious body built upon some man's doctrine or idea is pleasing and acceptable to God. Jesus promised to build His church upon the truth that He is the Son of God (Matt. 16:18.) Paul affirms that Jesus is the Head of the body, the church, and that He purchased the church with His blood (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; Acts 20:28.) He also declared that there is one body (Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 12:20.) Conclusively, then, if there is only one body, there is only one church acceptable to God.

It is a perversion of the gospel to say that baptism has nothing to do with a person being saved. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned." (Mk. 16:16.) Therefore, those who teach that a person is saved before, and without baptism are teaching a perverted gospel.

- Billy T. Jones

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Opinion

An unnecessary gay-rights law

To the best of our knowledge, there has been no reported rash of employment discrimination against people because of their private sex lives. Probably few, if any, workers are losing jobs because of who they sleep with — in or out of wedlock, monogamous or promiscuous, same or opposite gender — and job applicants generally aren't being asked about such things in the first place. Nor have there been many credible reports or lawsuits suggesting workers are losing promotions or raises because of such personal predilections.

That's not necessarily because more controversial lifestyles, such as homosexuality, are approved of or even accepted in general society; it's more likely because most employers, not surprisingly, don't care. They want the most qualified person for the job and, by and large, aren't interested in titillating details of their employees' private lives.

Then, why is Congress even bothering to take up a proposal that would bar employment discrimination on the basis of "sexual orientation" (gay, straight or otherwise) in hiring, firing, promotion and pay? As a practical matter, it would be a nationwide gay-rights law, though limited, at first, to employment.

At its best, the effort — co-sponsored in the U.S. Senate by Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and John Chafee, R-R.I. — is another naive attempt by worshipers of government to solve a negligible problem with federal overkill. Viewed less charitably, it's a drive by a handful of social engineers to re-educate Americans as to the latest thinking on what many people still consider to be unchanging moral standards. The Senate bill, which has 30 co-sponsors, and similar legislation championed in the House of Representatives by Reps. Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, D-Mass., likely lack the support to pass this year. Still, it's troubling that the Senate version, for example, could muster even as much support as it has; perhaps that's because its backers can rationalize it as a response to some polls showing many people oppose discriminating against homosexuals in the workplace.

But opposing employment discrimination against homosexuality when (as usual) it's irrelevant to a job description, and barring such discrimination by law are two very different things. The former, already embraced by most employers, is simply common sense because discrimination typically serves no rational purpose. The latter, however — making "sexual orientation" a protected class under anti-discrimination laws — would wreak havoc.

It would open up employers to a new wave of lawsuits for the myriad of potential cases where a homosexual alleges his or her dismissal, demotion, etc., was the result of sexual orientation. It also could provide a pretext, for lawmakers and courts alike, to legislate and mandate ever-broader anti-discrimination protections for sexual preference.

Whatever the biological origins of sexual orientation (gay, straight or otherwise), it still manifests itself essentially as an activity, not a persecuted minority. And it's an activity that in various forms (again, gay, straight or otherwise) can and does offend various people. Historically, Americans have rightly been able to steer clear of people whose behavior they find offensive. That's as it should be.

For the vast majority of secular workplaces, sexual orientation simply isn't an issue. Apparently, Congress has decided to make it into one.

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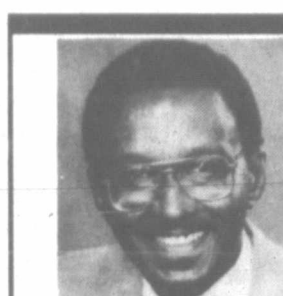
"Oh, I got out of the lemonade biz yesterday."

Liberty isn't lost all at once

Philosopher David Hume said, "It is seldom that liberty of any kind is lost all at once." The "why" is easy. Tyrants know they'd meet stronger resistance that way. When you're trying to get something over on somebody, it pays to do it in degrees. And that's what the recent Senate Finance Committee socialized health bill agreement is about. Thinking of Bill Clinton's alleged strategy in another setting, we should name that agreement "just kiss it," JKI for short. But before I'm accused of being overly cynical, let's have a little history about "just kiss it" strategy.

During the 1913 legislative debate on the income tax, Congress promised that the top tax rate would never exceed 7 percent, and that was on incomes over \$500,000 (over \$5.5 million in today's dollars). Their personal exemption for a single person was \$3,000 (\$34,400 in today's dollars) and for a married couple \$4,000 (\$45,900 today). In 1913, only 4 percent of the American population earned enough to file a tax return. The Sixteenth Amendment would never have been ratified had Congress sought the tax code we have today back then. It was a JKI.

How about Social Security taxes? Back in 1933, during their legislative debates, congressmen promised that no one would ever pay more than \$60, or \$120 tops, a year in Social Security taxes; moreover, a person's benefits would be tied to what he put



Walter Williams

in. Now, Social Security taxes are higher than income taxes for the average wage earner. Another JKI.

When cigarette prohibitionists started out, they didn't call for bans on smoking in airplanes, restaurants, offices, factories, sports arenas and restrooms. Neither did they call for confiscatory taxes on cigarettes. They did a "just kiss it" and demanded no-smoking sections on airplanes.

That brings us back to the health care bill. The Senate Finance Committee's agreement says, "No employer or individual would be forced to buy insurance, although universal coverage is a national goal." That's a "just kiss it."

It goes on to say, "If insurance reforms, subsidies and other measures fail to cover 95 percent of Americans by 2002, the national health commission would recommend action." Another "just kiss it."

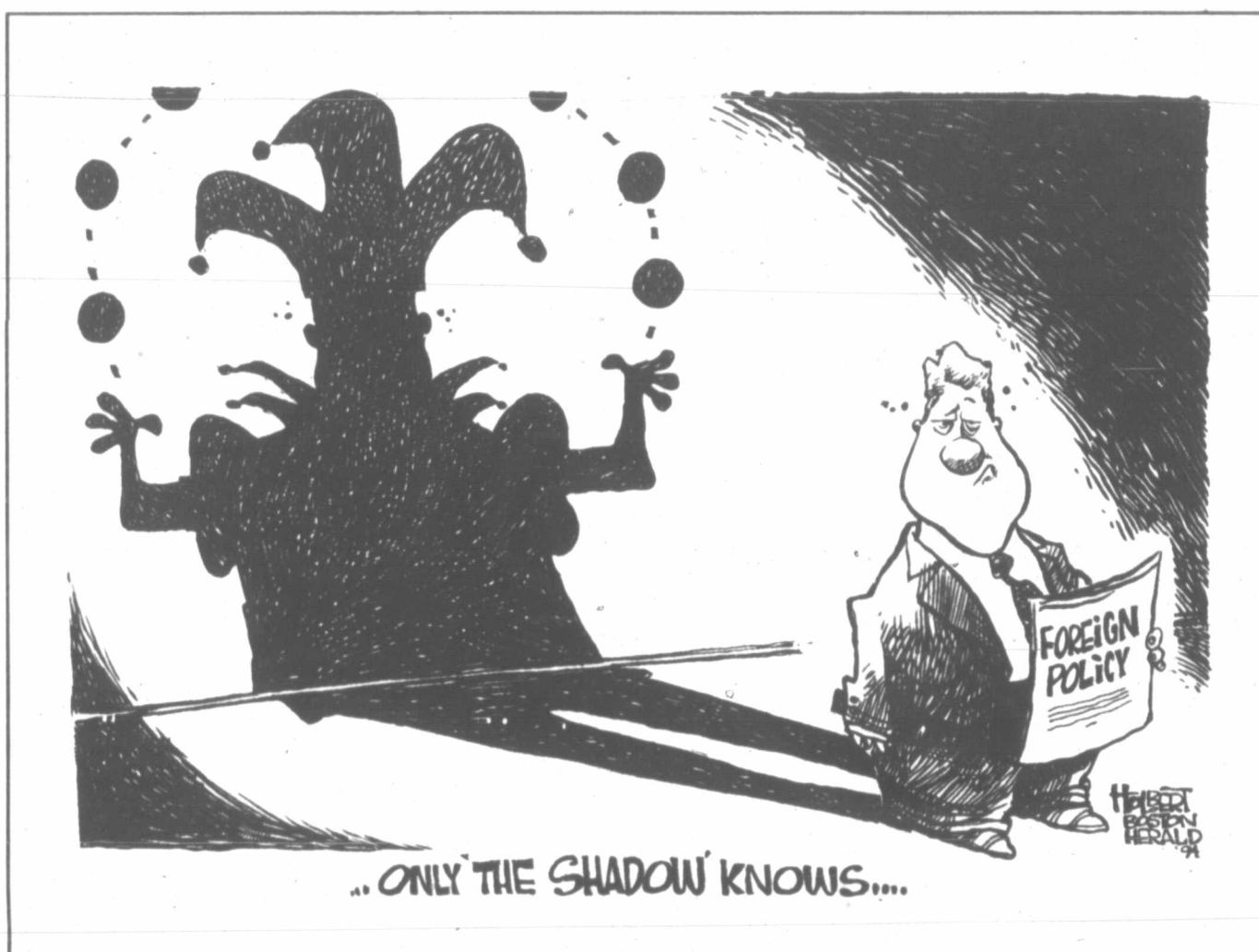
"Standard plans would include abortion, but any

employer or health plan could refuse to buy or offer abortion coverage." Both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee versions of socialized medicine plans are loaded with provisions that won't be enacted now but leave the door open for onerous mandates later.

And if you don't believe Congress will come through that door, you're probably in the class of people who actually believed that the income tax would never be more than 7 percent. Social Security taxes wouldn't exceed \$60 or \$120 a year, cigarette prohibitionists only wanted no-smoking sections on planes and the World War II Victory Tax, mandating withholding of income taxes, was just a temporary measure.

If Republican members of Congress had one scintilla of sense or courage, they would back away from any measure that socializes and hence damages a medical system that leads the world in innovation, education and delivery of services. We do have problems in our medical system. But most of them stem from one form or another of government intervention. We solve those problems by reducing government's role, not by enlarging it.

In any case, we should be at least as smart as Paula Jones. When somebody asks you to "just kiss it," you know that person has more in mind. So if you don't want to go all the way, run like hell.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 24, the 205th day of 1994. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

Twenty-five years ago, on July 24, 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1847, Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived at Great Salt Lake City in Utah.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1929, President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, which renounced war as an instrument of foreign policy.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against five black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

An indefensible defense policy

Charley Reese

It is the official policy of the United States that the armed forces shall be sufficient to fight two regional wars simultaneously without the assistance of allies.

It may be official, but it's nuts.

In the first place, even before present cuts in defense, the United States was not able to fight a regional war — the Persian Gulf war — without the assistance of allies. George Bush had to go begging with a tin cup to get allies to help pay for it. And that was a war against an exposed expeditionary force of a Third World country with a total population of about 19 million. Not to take anything away from the pilots and soldiers, but the gloating by the politicians and the big brass was a bit unseemly, given what a one-sided affair it was.

There seems to be two things the Establishment cannot get through its pointy head. One, the United States is broke. Two, the American people have no desire to be the world's policeman.

Being world cop is what it's all about, of course — that and maintaining big bucks expenditures in the defense sector. A regional "enemy" by definition cannot be a threat to the United States. And if a country is not a threat to the United States, the United States should not go to war against it.

The military-industrial complex is ticked off, you know, that the Cold War is over. The American

Establishment did everything it could to prop up the Soviet Union — lending it billions, never directly challenging it — and it still collapsed. So they are now desperately seeking new enemies.

Instead of real threats, of which they've run completely out, they give you political baloney such as "an interest in the stability of" whatever place they wish to meddle in. But what is stability and what difference does it make to us if some distant place is stable or unstable? I'm sure King George III was concerned about the stability of North America, but our revolutionary forefathers made it unstable. There is always stability under the heel of a tyrant. Eastern Europe was very stable under the iron control of Stalin and the Red Army.

Talk about our alleged interest in stability is just 100 percent dog breath to justify meddling where we have no legal or moral right nor any legitimate reason to meddle. Banks and businesses with seizable, burnable assets may have an interest in stability, but it's no concern of ours. If you invest your money overseas, then take your chances. Need muscle? Hire your own mercenaries.

The American people have a national interest in freedom of navigation in international waters. They have a national interest in voluntary trade with other countries. They have a national interest in not being invaded by foreign forces.

Well, nobody is challenging our freedom of navigation or freedom to engage in trade. The only invasion is by Mexicans, Haitians, Cubans, Jamaicans and other immigrants. Oddly enough, the politicians who want to be policemen for the world show no interest at all in stemming that invasion.

Americans should not allow propagandists for intervention to confuse them by blurring the distinction between humanitarian assistance and political-military interference. It is one thing to feed hungry people or supply medicine to the sick; it is another to send in military forces to take sides in a civil war or tribal or ethnic conflict.

Somalia is a good example. When we took sides in its internal political disputes, we became hated, and Americans and Somalis started killing each other.

The American people are being cheated out of the fruits of victory. We have a chance for peace. We have a chance to divert funds from war machines. But it will not happen unless the American people rout the internationalists from the temple of government.

The hidden issues of the O.J. case

At the height of the escalating tensions in Los Angeles, Rodney King plaintively asked: "Can't we all just get along?"

No, we can't. And the O.J.-Nicole Simpson tragedy is the cruelest evidence of a society that has become so hardened to human destruction that we are losing our reciprocity of civility.

The day Nicole Simpson was murdered, an estimated 65 persons were also murdered in the country. In a Camden County, N.J., steakhouse that same Sunday evening, a patron inexplicably killed a police officer, a waitress and himself.

But only Nicole's death made Page One around the country. The lives of the poor and the unknown have always been cheaper than the lives of the rich and famous. The murder of a celebrity's wife and the indictment of that celebrity are a thousand times more intriguing than the murders and indictments of 1 million ordinary wives and husbands.

All over America, 2.5 million women are victimized by the same degrading spousal abuse that O.J. inflicted on his wife for most of the years of their marriage. The issue was not so much Simpson beating his wife as his cynical manipulation of a lapdog media that complicitously helped him get away with it.

As *The Washington Post's* distinguished media critic, Howard Kurtz, reported in an analysis, newspapers downplayed, ignored and covered up Simpson's brutal behavior. The *L.A. Times* buried the story on Page 8 of the sports section when Simpson was charged in 1989 with beating his wife and yelling, "I'll kill you."



Chuck Stone

Three months later, when he pleaded no contest to beating her up, the story was buried again as a five-paragraph item in a "Metro Desk" item. The self-described apostle of objectivity, *The New York Times*, buried Simpson's no contest plea on Page D26.

Clearly, the media was protecting a cherished gladiator in the macho-land of sports.

Already, Nicole's long-suffering life has been forgotten. And few are expressing any sympathy for the two little kids who lived in the glare of the national spotlight, only to learn on Father's Day that their celebrity father is charged with murdering their mother.

Now that this real-life version of Horatio Alger looks more like a Jekyll-and-Hyde street thug, Americans are refusing to purge their sick fantasies.

Pundits and legal scholars are already speculating that he has a good chance of beating the murder charge. Crowds of crime-loving groupies lined the freeway, shouting encouragement to O.J. — a

variation on the idiots who stand under a skyscraper, exhorting an intended suicide to jump. When do we grow up and accept our sports heroes and our popular entertainers as humans instead of gods and goddesses?

Simpson may have married the blonde-tressed upper-class goddess, Nicole, because her trophy-wife appearance symbolized everything his ghetto existence had denied him. Although race was omnipresent, Simpson has been an authentic crossover hero. Transcending race, he leaped over barriers like his television sprints through airports, achieving in sports, movies and broadcasting, while failing in marriage.

If his race was forgotten, *Time* magazine wanted to remind us. *Time's* "photo illustration" cover, in which Simpson's light-brown features were darkened to exaggerate his blackness, is a throwback to the decades when the blacks were regarded as the cultural antithesis of good.

"The black man and his appurtenances," explained sociologist Lewis C. Copeland in 1939, "stand as the antithesis of the character and properties of the white man. The conception makes of the Negro a counterrace."

Germany did the same thing by using stereotypes to portray Jews as their nation's "contrast conception."

O.J. Simpson, for whom I have absolutely no sympathy, is obviously a sick man. He has diminished our lives by magnifying his violence. A conviction will restore our faith that a tortured and murdered woman did not die in vain.

Letters to the editor

Drug counseling helps

To the editor:

I am an inmate at the Jordan Unit here in the Panhandle of Texas. I've been sentenced to a total of 32 years in penal institutions, and I've never experienced any rehabilitation until recently. I can honestly say I've spent most of my life locked down.

I've been isolated, alienated, spilt my blood, and none of that made me a different person, or taught me anything. I've been released bitter, angry, confused, and only tried but have failed to stay free for any length of time at all.

I am writing this letter desperately hoping it will be read with an open mind. It has been said that over 80 percent of the people in prison were high when they got busted. Perhaps I can break it down a little.

What are drugs? Drugs are medication for pain. Ms. Brenda Wilkinson, treatment specialist here at the Jordan Unit, is helping as many people as she can to break the chain of addiction. She approaches us rejects from society with knowledge of recovery and spiritual cleansing.

Recovery is a process that can be learned, if taught. With recovery, spiritual cleansing and God's help, we are not hopelessly bad. We are sick and can get better! I believe that God works through people, and Ms. Wilkinson is one of His tools. She pours her heart into the program, and is deeply appreciated. Through her guidance, she has helped many to learn to live. By helping us to heal, I believe she has made the world a safer place to live, and is saving many lives.

I believe that incarceration is pain and pain is why many use drugs. I do not believe pain cures pain. It has been said that society is going downhill, and there is a need for more prisons than ever before. I just pray that we realize God does not make junk! Where the great need lies is in the area of rehabilitation. The drug and alcohol abusers need more people who care enough to work with them and help them prepare to live in the free world. We need more Substance Abuse Treatment Programs in our prisons. And we need counselors who want to work with us and help us.

I pray for the light of recovery to shine on every suffering addict. I pray for understanding rather than being understood. A life is a terrible thing to waste on hate. We need more counselors like Ms. Wilkinson, not more prisons. Rather than curse the darkness, perhaps, with you the people's help, we could shine the light of more recovery in the penal institutions throughout the state.

Roger Gibbs
Rufe Jordan Unit

Speak up on abuse

To the editor:

As a citizen of Gray County, I'm concerned about the

rights of women who have been and are victims of spousal abuse.

These women have no rights and they suffer under conditions such as physical, verbal and emotional abuse. My concern is a woman has to lose her life before the Judicial System will grant any rights. The man who commits these assaults against these women have "more" of the rights that the Judicial System has to offer.

Thanks be to God there "is" justice through Him. My plea is to all women to report any type of abuse, whether it be from your spouse or boyfriend, please report it whether it be physical or verbal, because the more we stand together, hopefully we can put these people behind bars where they belong. These men should be held accountable for their actions, to let them reap the consequences.

Women's self esteem, and self worth and most definitely physical appearances are being damaged and scarred for life from these abusers. As I write, I speak for many women, for my fight has just begun, for this is not the end of this victim's story for justice — for true justice will prevail.

Speak up for the rights of all women.

M. Brown
Pampa

Know your judges

To the editor:

After watching the recent Breyer confirmation hearings, my wife, a high school government teacher, raised an interesting question: Why do we allow strangers to control our lives?

Each year she quizzes her students on the names of our elected leaders. Apparently, few have problems recalling their mayor, state representative, senator, governor or president. Many can even list some county commissioners, city council members and school board trustees. Yet, when it comes to naming members of the judiciary, there's generally nothing but silence.

To test whether this lack of information was restricted to school students, I conducted my own little survey. The results were quite amazing. Upon being asked to name at least three members of the Texas Supreme Court or Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, most adults, regardless of age, could not. Nor could they generally recall who sat on their regional court of appeals or district and county courts.

This was truly disturbing given the power judges wield. Excluding the numerous lobbyists and special interests involved, it takes 21 senators, 76 representatives and one governor to make a law, but only one judge to throw it out. More importantly, judicial decisions escape public debate or critique before they are rendered. Indeed, a judge is prohibited from so revealing potential rulings. Thus, whether to strike down a school finance law, release a convicted murderer into

our community, create new grounds to sue someone, interfere in the operation of the public schools and prisons, deprive parents of their right to raise children, or do anything else is generally up to each judge's personal view of the law.

Admittedly, the independence courts enjoy is important, but that very same independence creates a chance for abuse. So, the risk must be minimized. The easiest way of doing this is through the exercise of care in selecting judges. At the very least, we should find out who they are. The extent of their real life experience, legal intelligence and integrity are also important factors to investigate.

Texans are wary nowadays of strangers. Unlike Isaac, in the Bible, we shouldn't let people trick us into believing they are something they are not. Nor should we allow strangers to control our wallets, our taxes, our jobs, our families, our homes and our freedom.

Brian Quinn
Lubbock

Editor's Note: Brian Quinn is the Republican candidate for the 7th Court of Appeals.

Thanks for the aid

To the editor:

One Monday night, July 18, Mr. Richard Downey of Pampa, who owns the La Fiesta Restaurant in Pampa, and his sister Theresta Downey of Tucumcari, N.M., rescued Mrs. J.B. (Joy) Askew from her patio on Janet Street in Amarillo.

Joy had fallen at 10 p.m., and after lying for five and a half hours, her screaming was finally heard. A special thank you for such a kind deed.

Mrs. Askew was bruised but not hospitalized, and expressed her opinion that all apartment complexes should be equipped with security. There are numerous apartments where she lives lives at the Merri Wood.

Thank you.
Joy Askew
Amarillo

A new school tax plan

To the editor:

As all of you know, the tax appraisers have raised all property taxes at least 50 percent more than it is worth. The reason for this is to get money for our schools. Taxing property owners is a method of raising money that has been used ever since we have had public education.

It is time to look at a new way to raise taxes so that everyone in the state will pay some school taxes. Put a 2 percent State School Tax or Sales Tax into effect now. You will raise plenty of money for our schools. You will not need to add any new employees. All tax collecting points are at least 40 percent overstaffed. All you would have to do is print up School Tax envelopes and have it

come due every month between the 5th and 15th.

You would have to be sure that no one group touches this money for any reason but for schools. Every school district should be allotted an equal amount of this money collected from this 2 percent tax. If after the first two years, if a school district has more capital than it needs, then the county commissioners should decide which school district will receive the excess money.

Tom Stringer
Pampa

P.S. There are thousands of people in Texas that don't pay any School Tax. Their kids take a free ride.

What a congressman!

To the editor:

I would like to answer Bill Sarpaulis' response to my letter about him and set the record straight.

Nowhere in our conversation and most certainly nowhere in any letter to me has he stated that he believes local problems should be solved locally. If he believes in states' rights as strongly as he stated, then why in the world is he supposedly representing us as a U.S. congressman? Apparently, Sarpaulis is so mixed up or dumb he doesn't even know what his job is!

Of course, some of you may come to the conclusion that either he or me isn't telling the truth.

To those readers who don't subscribe to the *Amarillo Daily News*, a story appeared in that paper 7-19-1994 in which some Childress residents were complaining about their police department and asked Sarpaulis to help via the federal Justice Department. His response to a reporter was: "I've done that with several agencies where you have a pattern of complaints. When you get a series of complaints, there may be a problem there." He stated that the Justice Department replied about two months ago, saying the complaints would be investigated.

However, Joe Krovitsky, a spokesman for the Justice Department, said he could find no listing of an ongoing investigation into the Childress police department!

Now, I know when Sarpaulis said to me that he had contacted the FBI about what happened to Mom and that I would be contacted shortly by them was probably a lie! Most politicians have a problem with actual facts and the truth, and Sarpaulis is no exception!

And, if he believes that local problems about some of our constitutional rights being trampled can be solved satisfactorily in Pampa, he should live here a while! Apparently he doesn't want the status quo, or even he can't get permission to get a federal investigation initiated locally.

What a U.S. congressman! What a representative! What a joke to his constituents!

Ray Velasquez
Pampa

Meals on Wheels assistance



From left, R.H. Dyson, Meals on Wheels board president; Ann Loter, Meals on Wheels director; and Ken Metzger, First United Methodist Church pastor, look at the check for \$1,100 to Meals on Wheels as proceeds from a golf scramble benefiting the service agency. This is the seventh year for the golf scramble benefit. Dr. Joe Donaldson chaired this year's scramble. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Valuable violins stolen

NEW YORK (AP) — Two violins were swiped from a Rolls-Royce on a Manhattan street — possibly by someone who had no idea they are worth \$2 million.

The instruments — a Stradivarius and another rare violin being kept in one carrying case — were stolen Friday from a Japanese collector after he was lured from the car he was riding in by an apparent con man, a police spokeswoman said.

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Convicted Zapata County sheriff quits his post

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A state district judge never had a chance to remove Zapata County Sheriff Romeo Ramirez from his post.

Instead, Ramirez did it himself. The embattled lawman abruptly resigned Friday, less than an hour before a San Antonio judge was to begin a hearing that could have resulted in Ramirez being removed from office.

Ramirez was to have appeared in court to answer a suit brought by former Zapata County Judge Angel Flores demanding Ramirez's removal after his guilty plea on a money-laundering charge last April.

Ramirez's plea bargain included a promise to resign upon his sentencing. With his sentencing expected by mid-August, his brother Renato Ramirez said, there was no need for legal action to remove him.

"My brother made a serious mistake in the sting operation, and he will pay for it," said Renato Ramirez, president of the Zapata International Bank of Commerce. "But you shouldn't kick a fighter when he's down. There has been political war between the Ramirez and Flores families for the past 30 years."

Romeo Ramirez was beaten by Flores by a scant 100 votes for the Zapata County judge's post in 1970.

The former sheriff was arrested in February after being named in an indictment out of Houston that followed a two-year federal investigation into official corruption in the border county.

Acting Zapata County Judge David Morales said no replacement for Ramirez likely would be named until county commissioners meet Monday.



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Business

Amarillo phone directory to be placed in more area counties

AMARILLO — Responding to numerous requests for copies of the Southwestern Bell directory serving Amarillo, Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages Inc. has announced it will expand distribution of the book to include 16 Texas Panhandle counties.

Lew Bradshaw, the company's sales manager in Amarillo, said the next edition of the directory, to be published in February 1995, will be distributed free to households and businesses in the counties of Armstrong, Carson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts and Sherman.

"We're making this change because of the many requests we've received from those wanting a copy of our Amarillo directory," Bradshaw said. "This will benefit those who need the directory as an informational and shopping resource, and will provide an expanded customer base for directory advertisers."

Bradshaw said surveys of consumers in the expanded area indicate that, while they do most of their shopping locally, they often make major purchases in the Amarillo area.

"We're just delighted with the decision by Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages to expand the directory's distribution," said Sharon Patrick, membership development coordinator for the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. "We've received at least 5,000 calls a year from folks wanting us to look up information. What Southwestern Bell is doing is a fine community-service effort."

Meanwhile, chambers of commerce in the expanded area have been supplied additional copies of the current Southwestern Bell Amarillo directory. Those who would like to order a copy by phone can call a toll-free number, 1-800-261-8269.

Bradshaw stressed that the expanded distribution of the Amarillo directory will not affect the publication and distribution of other Southwestern Bell directories in the area.

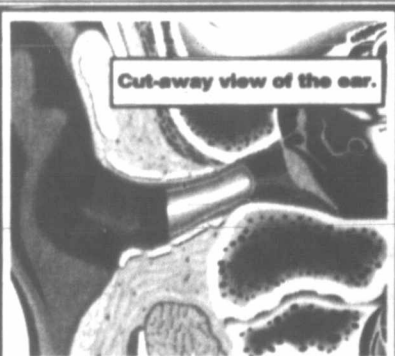
Chamber Communique

Welcome new chamber members! CDI STUBBS-OVERBECK, Michael Herring; and THELMA BRAY!

Tuesday, July 24, Coronado Hospital, the Chamber Health Task Force and Legislative Task Force will be hosting a 7 p.m. health care information meeting in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building.

Richard Hoeth, Texas Hospital Association in Austin, will be discussing present health care issues and what legislative bills are current in Congress and if certain bills are passed, what effects they will have on businesses. This will be the first of a series of informative meetings to be held in Pampa. The public is cordially invited.

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— 7 p.m. — Public informational meeting on Health Care



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Parrish Graumann, left, assistant manager at the Pampa Wal-Mart Discount Cities store, presents a check in matching funds to John McDougald, senior district executive for Boy Scouts of America, Santa Fe District, in Pampa. Wal-Mart provided the funds as a community service. The money will be used for the Boy Scouts programs in the Santa Fe District area. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Creative Graphics gains Smart Jobs money

The Texas Department of Commerce awarded Smart Jobs Fund money to Creative Graphics of Pampa recently. The company received \$12,863 in worker training and retraining funds.

Creative Graphics is the only printing company in the Pampa region (50 mile radius) offering graphic communication services. Owner Nolene Hawk wants to train four employees for high-skill positions in the full-service printing and desktop publishing business.

Creative Graphics will continue its in-house typesetting, printing and desktop publishing services, while expanding into service areas such as toner cartridge remanufacturing, ribbon renewal and voice mail. By creating a multi-skilled work force, Creative Graphics employees will understand all areas of operations, enabling them to make efficient and appropriate decisions in their respective duties.

All Texas employers are eligible for Smart Jobs money. Sixty percent of the Smart Jobs funds must go to existing Texas businesses that have been established for at least one year. Forty percent should go to new businesses. Of that 100 percent, at least 50 percent of the grants will go to small businesses of less than 100 employees, and at least 20 percent of the money will be awarded to minority businesses.

Members of Congress join to form oil and gas caucus

DALLAS (AP) — Congress members from Texas and other oil-producing states said Thursday they hope to form a bipartisan oil and gas caucus within the next few months.

The working group, led by Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., said it will continue encouraging the Clinton

administration to consider industry reforms.

Last month, 75 members of Congress attended a private meeting with President Clinton to discuss tax incentives and regulation relief for the troubled domestic oil and gas industry. Clinton has not made any specific

pledges, but still is considering a "safety net" in the form of a tax credit, Boren said.

"If the administration can eliminate \$3 or \$4 (per barrel) in oil production costs ... we can keep oil in production and keep those wells flowing," he said.

Business owners needing more information about the Smart Jobs Fund Program or obtaining an application should call 800/888-0511.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., #3-1 Flowers (640 ac) 1450' from North & 1000' from East line, Sec. 1, B&B, 4 mi SW from Canadian, PD 8000' (Box 36366, Houston, TX 77236)

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., #7210 Isaacs (629 ac) 660' from South & 1132' from West line, Sec. 210, C.G. & MMB & A, 4 mi SW from Canadian, PD 8000'

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & SOUTH MAGOUN Lower Morrow) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Parsons (640 ac) 467' from North & East line, Sec. 966, 43, H&TC, 7 mi SE from Follett, PD 9900' (Nine East Fourth St., Suite 800, Tulsa, OK 74103)

Applications to Plug-Back
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & CIRCLE DOT Atoka) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #1 Circle Dot Ranch (640 ac) 2000' from South & 990' from East line, Sec. 84, M-1, H&GN, 5 mi NW from Gageby, PD 13475' (Box 21468, Tulsa, OK 74121)

HEMPHILL (WEST WASHITA CREEK Upper Morrow) Gala Resources, Ltd., #1 Alexander (640 ac) 990' from North & West line, Sec. 1, J. Poitevent Survey, 8 1/2 mi NW from Allison, PD 20700' (Drawer 1260, Graham, TX 76450)

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STEVENS Marmaton) Oklahoma Marlin Oil Corp., #1 Lasley (480 ac) 660' from North & West line, Sec. 201, 1-C, GH&H, 1/2 mi SE from Stevens, PD 6700' (Box 14630, Okla. City, OK 73113)

Gas Well Completions
LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB Cleveland) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #2 Fry '338', Sec. 338, 43, H&TC, elev. 2630 gr, spud 5-18-94, drlg. compl 6-4-94, tested 7-1-94, potential 4800 MCF, rock pressure 2278, pay 8330-8414, TD 8500', PBTD 8492'

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1AR C.H. Jones 'G', Sec. 171, 3-TT&NO, elev. 3494 rkb, spud 4-26-94, drlg. compl 5-3-94, tested 6-21-94, potential 810 MCF, rock pressure 22, pay 2950-3178, TD 3510', PBTD 3412'

Plugged Wells
COLLINGSWORTH (EAST PANHANDLE) Meridian Oil, Inc., #4-A Laycock, Sec. 96, 12, H&GN, spud 7-17-67, plugged 7-1-94, TD 482' (swd) — form 1 filed in El Paso Natural Gas Co.

HEMPHILL (ALLISON-PARKS Upper Morrow) Samson Resources Co., #2-13 Glisan-Steen, Sec. 13, M-1, H&GN, spud 11-23-91, plugged 5-23-94, TD 14950' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Dycos Petroleum

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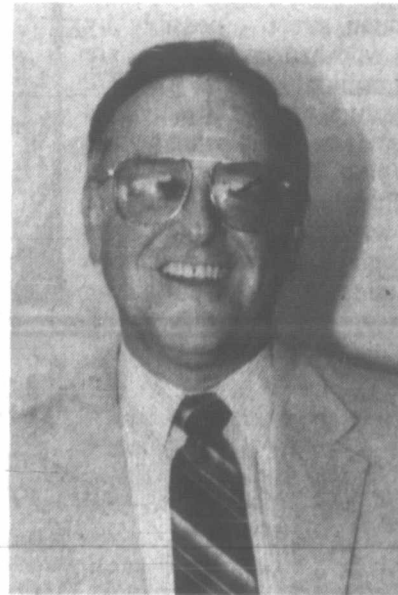
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Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Saddling a nightmare

(Last of two parts)

Government growth and the ever-increasing avalanche of regulations and regulatory agencies is the single biggest threat to the health of our economy. Last week, we cited some government regulations that would not pass a stupidity test. We also provided examples of how industries are overrun with bureaucratic rules written and enforced by unnecessary agencies.

We pointed out how the additional rules and regulations provided job security for government employees. Nearly every new government job is nonproductive. Though many government workers are diligent, and work long hours, we should never confuse activity with productivity.

Let me illustrate this concept with a true story from my farm days. Once we had a cow that was barren. The cow worked as hard as the other cows eating grass, digesting it and producing a proper amount of waste. (I hope you're following the analogy here.) The cost of care and feeding continued, but no calf was born. Without hope of profit or added value, the farm could not support the cow. So, we ate it.

Over regulation

Good examples of pervasive government regulations are found in the areas of protecting our environment and increasing the safety of workers. Both are worthy objectives. NO small business owner I know wants to foul the air or see his or her employees injured. However, the rules written to ensure employees' safety contain some pretty stupid aspects.

For example, companies are required to provide "Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)" on all hazardous materials used in the business. These lists include harmful substances such as acids and poisonous materials. However, they also include some pretty silly things.

I have a copy of a four-page form one company uses to meet federal requirements for hazardous materials. The form I have is for sand — crystalline silica. You probably never suspected that when you're walking barefoot on the beach enjoying the cool ocean breeze that you're exposing your feet to a "hazardous material" covered by government regulation.

Sand is pretty safe. It has no boiling point, does not evaporate, is not soluble in water and is not toxic. It is stable and compatible with all other materials, is not flammable and won't explode. So what is the hazard? From what I can tell, you shouldn't eat large quantities or suck it up your nose.

What else does government protect us from? Dishwashing soap. Yes, it's on the list. You should not put Joy liquid in your eyes according to the Procter and Gamble's MSDS. It may cause stinging, tearing, itching and redness. The company also recommends against ingestion. That's right, drinking Joy may cause "transient gastrointestinal irritation." (The upside is you'll have really clean bowels.)

Reining in the nightmare

How do we slow the growth of bureaucracy and stop the nightmare? Four easy steps. First, become informed. Learn about specific laws that have a negative impact on your business and future.

Second, join organizations like your local Chamber of Commerce or the National Federation of Independent Business and get active in the process. Many silly rules and regulations are swept through Congress because no one cares enough to stop them.

Third, write to your elected officials. Be specific about the laws that need revision. Most want to help, but they need our direction. Let them know you've had enough. It won't hurt to let them know you're registered to vote.

Fourth, be an informed voter and vote. Get the voting records of your elected officials. If they have a history of "going along to get along," help them get along. Get a long vacation, that is.

We can still run the government. But to do so we must move from passive to active mode.

Rig count up by six

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of working oil and gas rigs nationwide rose by six this week to 779, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

The total during the same week last year was 725.

Of the rigs running this week, 420 were exploring for natural gas, 344 for oil and 15 were listed as miscellaneous.

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TEC utilizing pilot project on volunteer workers

The Amarillo Region of the Texas Employment Commission (TEC) has been chosen as one of the two TEC pilot project areas to utilize volunteers in its operations to serve the state's labor force.

The TEC has a multitude of volunteer opportunities that should be able to accommodate most interests, schedules and skills, Donald L. Nicholson, Volunteer Coordinator, said. The program can allow interested people in Pampa, Dumas, Hereford, Borger, Childress, Tulia, Muleshoe, Plainview, Floydada, Littlefield, Levelland and Brownfield the opportunity to help

the state's labor force and employer community.

The TEC program can help volunteers get work experience that will provide potential employers proof that the applicant can apply skills.

"Most employers will take volunteer work in a specific area as an indicator that the applicant can do the job for which they are applying and have work maturity skills to be an involved, dependable and valuable employee," Nicholson said.

Presently, Irma Leal is gaining work experience in the Pampa office. She is doing data entry, filing

and reception work. Volunteers may also interview clients, build and maintain files, answer questions and work with the public.

The TEC is working with departments of West Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Lubbock Christian University to provide intern programs for students. A few volunteers are completing needed college or certificate credits with TEC.

The program allows some volunteers to explore employment opportunities in new career directions, and also helps people out of work to keep up to date.

"Individuals who have taken time

out of their career to raise a family or recover from an illness can utilize volunteer opportunities as a way to maintain their network contacts and keep abreast of the trends and information in the labor and human resource markets," Nicholson said.

The TEC can also offer the retired individual an opportunity to work with people and contribute to their community, Nicholson said.

For additional information about volunteer opportunities with the Texas Employment Commission, contact Donald L. Nicholson at 358-7481, or contact the local Texas Employment Commission Office.

Desk and Derrick Club to meet in Borger for July meeting

The Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa monthly meeting will be held at the Borger Country Club in Borger on Tuesday. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., with the dinner and program following at 7 p.m.

Thomas L. Edmonds, P.E., J.D., of Edmonds & Associates, attorney of law of Borger, will be the speaker. He will speak on the "CRMWA: Confidential or Not by a Dam Site" for the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

Edmonds is a native of Borger and attended

school in Borger. His parents came to Borger in 1926. His father, Cline Edmonds, was in charge of gas development and measurement for Gulf Oil Corporation, and his mother opened a ladies fashion store for her father, who was in the mercantile business.

Edmonds holds degrees in engineering and law from Texas Tech University, Lubbock. He is licensed as a professional engineer and an attorney, having interests in the areas of intellectual property, corporate law, environmental law,

municipal law and alternate dispute resolution (ADR).

Edmonds is married to Virginia Leon Edmonds, a graduate of the University of Kansas, and they have one daughter.

For reservations, contact Scena Snider, 669-0742, at Empire Operating Co., before noon on Monday. All prospective members and visitors are welcome and invited to attend. Those planning to attend will meet at W.O. Operating Office at 7 p.m. on the Borger Highway and go as a group.

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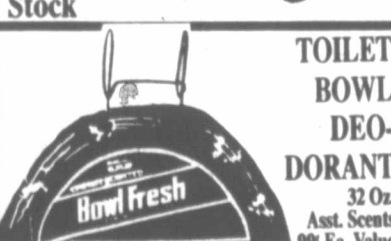
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HARVESTER HOEDOWN

PAMPA — The "Harvester Hoedown," a hamburger fry and dance to raise funds for the Pampa High School multi-purpose facility, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 6 in the parking lot behind the west-side stands at Harvester Stadium.

Preliminary plans call for the building to be situated between the current athletic offices and the football stadium. Free architectural services will be provided by Steve White, an Amarillo-based architect with Caprock Engineering.

The 100-foot by 120-foot building will be used for athletic programs as well as other school and community-related activities.

STONE HONORED

PAMPA — Former Pampa High athlete Cory Stone was named to the WJAC all-conference golf team at Western Texas College this past season. Stone will be a sophomore at the Snyder junior college.

TENNIS SCHOLARSHIPS

PAMPA — Pampa High School's Stefan Bressler and J.B. Horton will continue their tennis careers at Tarleton State University in Stephenville for coach Jason Hooten.

Bressler, a three-year letterman, was a combined 44-21 in singles and doubles this year. He was a District 1-4A doubles champion and Region 1-4A bronze medalist in doubles.

Horton, a four-year letterman and two-time captain, was the District 1-4A singles champion this past spring. He had a combined record of 48-19 in singles and doubles this past year and posted well over 100 victories in his PHS career.

Tarleton State competes in the NAA Division II level this year after moving up from NAIA.

Bressler and Horton join Aaron Witt, who signed with Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan., as Harvester tennis players who will play collegiately this coming year.

The three players were coached by Larry Wheeler.

USGA TOURNAMENT

MIDLAND — For the third consecutive year, the Pampa All-Stars have reached the finals of the United States Girls Association (USGA) softball tournament.

The Pampa girls played Big Spring Saturday in the finals of the 16-19 year old division. Pampa has defeated Lovington twice and Andrews twice. In earlier rounds, they lost to Big Springs twice, 6-3 and 5-3. Big Spring has lost to Lovington.

Pampa won the USGA title two years ago. Last season, they finished second.

Pampa's All-Star team in the younger division was eliminated earlier.

SALARY CAP DISPUTE

NEW YORK (AP) — Phil Simms believes the only reason he won't be quarterbacking the New York Giants this season is the NFL salary cap, regardless of what commissioner Paul Tagliabue says.

"I was coming off a Pro Bowl year, I had a great season, but I had a high salary and then I was let go suddenly," Simms told the New York Times. "How can you say that it had nothing to do with the salary cap when it had everything to do with it?"

In a telephone news conference Thursday, Tagliabue said he doesn't believe the salary cap would cause teams to be cutthroat or cold.

"In Phil Simms' case," Tagliabue said in answering a direct question about the former Giant, "the fact he ended up with ESPN rather than seeking to continue his career with another team suggests rather strongly he concluded it was time to retire and start a good second career in television. It wasn't only the effect of the cap on the Giants that produced Phil Simms' retirement.

Simms' reaction was strong. "He has no idea what the hell he's talking about," Simms told The Times for a story in Saturday's editions. "He should be tested for drugs."

Tagliabue would not discuss the matter further. "It's unproductive for me to speculate further about the Giants" — or any other individual club's — player personnel moves or about an individual player's own career plans," he told the Times in Sunday's editions.

The Giants, when they cut Simms and his \$2.25 million salary, admitted the salary cap was a key factor in view of Simms age — he's 38 — and the fact he is coming off shoulder surgery.

Joe Browne, NFL vice president of communications and development, on Saturday said "Phil Simms was a great Giant quarterback and was one of the most intense NFL competitors of all time."

Simms, usually soft-spoken and placid, was incensed about the commissioner's remark.

"How silly is that?" he asked. "I was not let go because of the salary cap? That's one of the stupidest things I have ever heard."

RAMS SIGN GANDY

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Rams on Saturday signed first-round draft pick Wayne Gandy to a five-year contract reportedly worth about \$5.1 million.

The 6-foot-4, 290-pound offensive tackle from Auburn was the 15th overall pick in the draft. He is projected as an immediate starter at left tackle for the Rams, who raised their offer on Friday to avoid a lengthy holdout.

By the time Gandy takes the field Sunday morning, he will have missed just three days of camp and four practices. He did, however, sit out the Rams' offseason conditioning program in June and miss their seven-practice advance camp.

"I don't think the time he's missed is that significant," line coach Jim Ertgenbeck said. "We wish he'd been here for the offseason work and the start of camp, of course, but we just have to take it from here and go on."

"The fact he was the only holdout helps us, too. We'll be able to focus on him and get him caught up."

Negotiations ran into a snag prior to camp because Gandy's agent, Neil Schwartz, wanted a four-year deal. The Rams were willing to do any length but four years, which would have left Gandy an unrestricted free agent.

Sheehan takes lead in Women's Open

Alfredsson collapses, slips to third going into final round

By HARRY ATKINS
AP Sports Writer

LAKE ORION, Mich. (AP) — The pain was almost too much for Helen Alfredsson. This was the worst kind of hurt, an ache of the soul.

"Right now, it's hard to see any light at the end of the tunnel, actually," the native of Sweden said. "Hopefully, I can relax tonight and find out what happened and find some strength for tomorrow."

She'll need it. Alfredsson's unexpected and total collapse Saturday left gritty veteran Patty Sheehan with a one-stroke lead over Tammie Green after the third round of the U.S. Women's Open.

Alfredsson, who shattered Open records for the first two rounds, lost eight strokes to par over the final 10 holes. She finished with a 5-over-par 76 and dropped to third place with a 208 total.

"It hurts right now," said Alfredsson, who was given 15 minutes to compose herself before meeting the media. "To be 13 under and lose eight shots coming in. I'm still really not that far out of it, even

though it feels like I lost everything today."

The steady and unflappable Sheehan, seeking her fifth major title and second Open championship in three years, curled in a 10-foot birdie putt on 18 for a 69 and the lead at 206 for three trips around the Old Course at Indianwood Golf and Country Club.

"I think I'm a little surprised at this point," said Sheehan, who broke Alfredsson's year-old 54-hole Open record. "But I should know better than anyone that anything can happen in an Open. There are 18 holes left and there is a lot of golf left to play."

Sheehan twice experienced late disappointments before finally winning an Open. She battled Betsy King for three rounds in 1989, the last time the Open was held at Indianwood. But Sheehan's collapse in the final round gave King an easy four-stroke victory over Nancy Lopez.

In 1990, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Duluth, Ga., Sheehan lost the Open by one stroke to King after leading the field by eight strokes and King by 11 early in the third round. She finished 75-76.

"By no means is this tournament over," Sheehan said. "There are a lot of people left in it, now. Helen let a lot of people back in this tournament."

Green, who started the day at four under, six shots behind Alfredsson, made a late run and got to seven under with a birdie at 16. But she gave a stroke back with bogey at 17 and shot a 69.

"I'm really surprised where I'm at, after being nine shots back after seven holes," Green said. "Saturday is the day where you do your moving and try and get into position to win. I feel like I'm playing well and I have a lot of confidence right now."

Donna Andrews had a third-round 70 and was alone at 209. Pamela Wright, 71, and Alicia Dibos, 73, were at 210, while Pat Bradley, 70, and Laura Davies, 75, were another stroke back.

There was never any real charge in the third round. The story of this day was the collapse of Alfredsson, whose only victory since joining the LPGA Tour in 1991 came last year in the Dinah Shore.

She started the round at 10 under and with a four-shot lead over England's long-hitting Davies. That cushion was courtesy of an opening-round 63, which matched the lowest round by a male or female in a

major tournament, and a 69 on Friday that gave her the women's Open 36-hole scoring record.

And it appeared that Alfredsson would turn the 49th Open into a rout when she ran off birdies at Nos. 5, 6 and 7 to go 13 under for the championship — a score unheard of in Open play.

The most strokes under par at any point in a men's U.S. Open was 12 under by Gil Morgan during the third round at Pebble Beach in 1992. The USGA media information guide doesn't provide the same statistic for the women's Open, but USGA officials believe it had never been done before.

But that was the last one-putt green for Alfredsson.

She bogeyed three of the next four holes to slip to 10 under. Alfredsson continued to struggle, but managed to make par at 12 and 13, then she lost it completely. The gory details:

— Her tee shot on 14 landed in Indianwood's distinctive brown fescue and her second shot went sideways, across the green onto some trampled rough behind the spectator ropes. Bogey, nine under.

— On 16, her second shot from short rough didn't reach the green. A 10-foot putt to save par slid by on the right side. Bogey, eight under.

— At 17, a 188-yard par-3, her tee shot went left onto hard,

packed-down grass. Her second shot plugged in thick greenside rough. The next took a wicked hop and rolled about 40 feet past the hole. Double-bogey, six under.

— Her tee shot at 18 went right into a swale at the knee of the dogleg right. Her approach was too hot and rolled into the second cut of grass on the back of the 24,000 square-foot putting surface, one of the largest in the United States. Using her putter, she rolled the ball four feet past and below the hole. It took her two more putts to finish. Bogey, five under.

"Today was one of those experiences that happens, I guess," Alfredsson said. "I'm just going to go to the driving range and the putting green and try and find out what went wrong."

A collapse is nothing new for Alfredsson. Last year, she set an Open record with a 54-hole total of 207. But she shot 74 in the final round at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., and finished second as Lauri Merten birdied two of the final three holes.

Sheehan was playing in the threesome just ahead of Alfredsson. When her putt dropped, a huge roar went up from the gallery ringing the green and she merrily whipped off her visor and waved it at the fans.



The Pampa American League All-Star Team in the 9-10 year-old division consists of (front row, l-r) Dane Ward, Chase Babcock, Randy Tice, A.J. Smith and Aaron Keller; (second row, l-r) Luis Gonzales, Nathaniel Hill, Ryan Nash, Michael Galloway, Robbie Dixon, batboy; (third row, l-r) Kyle Francis, Adam Rodgers, Max Simon and Matt Driscoll; (fourth row, l-r) coaches Doug Youree, Robert Dixon and Randall Tice. The Pampa Americans host an El Paso team Friday in the first round of the Southwest Regional Tournament at Optimist Park. (Courtesy photo)

Pampa will host Southwest Regional Bambino tourney for 9-10 year-olds

State champions from Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas converge on Pampa this week for the Southwest Regional Bambino Tournament for 9-10 year old players.

Including the Pampa American and Pampa National League All-Stars, there will be nine teams entered in the double-elimination tournament.

Pampa Americans play their first game at 6 p.m. Friday against an El Paso team representing El Paso. This game will be followed by the host team, the Pampa Nationals, playing the Oklahoma state champion.

The Pampa Americans won the West Texas State Tournament by defeating Tulia, 20-3, Thursday night.

The Pampa Nationals are automatically entered in the tournament since they are the host team.

The tournament ends on Wednesday with the championship finals at 8:30 p.m.

Cowboys' star recalls one of most memorable games

Despite separated shoulder, Smith helped carry team to NFC East title against Giants

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — It was one of the most memorable games in the career of Emmitt Smith and the history of the Dallas Cowboys.

Playing despite a separated right shoulder, Smith rushed for 168 yards and caught 10 passes for another 62 yards against the New York Giants on Jan. 2 to carry the Cowboys to the NFC East title with a 16-13 overtime victory.

"My shoulder will never be the way it used to be because of that game," Smith said.

But, he quickly adds, his shoulder is "close to being 100 percent."

"I've taken some hits in training camp and I know I can play with it this year," he said. "I'm not worried."

Smith will be shooting for a fourth consecutive NFL rushing title. Jim Brown has a record five in a row from 1957 to 1961.

At the same time, the Cowboys will be playing for a record third consecutive Super Bowl title.

"We'll have to be fortunate and blessed to win another Super Bowl and for me to win another rushing title," said Smith, who spotted the league two games last season and still won the crown with that gutsy performance in New York.

"I'd just like to duplicate the season we had last year. We've got to want it in our heads and in our hearts."

Smith, the Super Bowl MVP with 132 yards rushing and two touchdowns, said he doesn't believe the coaching switch from Jimmy Johnson to Barry Switzer complicates the season.

"Barry has a more laid-back approach than Jimmy," Smith said. "Jimmy would really jump on your butt no matter if you were on the first string or the second string. It didn't matter who you were."

"I've got a lot of respect for my ex-coach and it's unfortunate he can't be here. But I've also got a great deal of respect for Coach Switzer."

"Barry Switzer didn't cause coach Johnson to lose his job. He just inherited the team. You can't fault him for that. You have to give the man a chance. Besides, football games are won by the players. A coach doesn't play."

Smith said drawing comparisons between the two coaches is unfair.

"We don't analyze or compare the two coaches," Smith said. "We just don't want to lose no matter who is the head coach. The players have to play."

The third one will be the toughest Super Bowl for the Cowboys to win, he said.

"Nobody has ever done it and for that reason alone you know it's going to be tough," Smith said. "I think you can say we're a little tired after winning back-to-back Super Bowls."

"We've played more games than anybody in the league except Buffalo for the last two

years. It takes its toll. Last year was hard. This year will be even harder."

Smith won't use the word "lucky," because coach Johnson hated it. But he said the Cowboys must be "fortunate."

"Because of free agency we don't have much depth and an

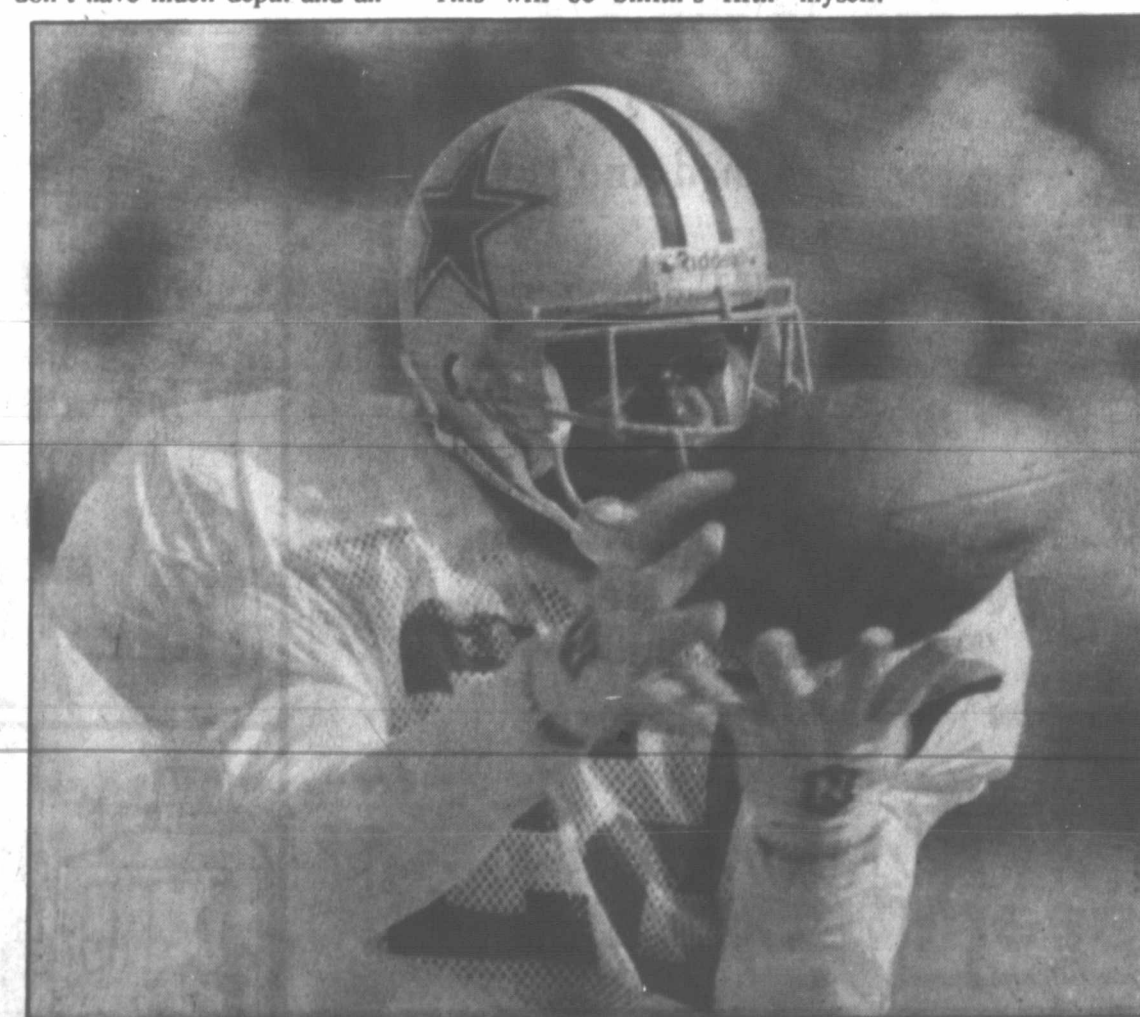
injury here or there can just knock you off the tracks," he said. "Health is a major factor for this team."

"We can handle everybody gunning for us if we can just keep all of our players on the field."

This will be Smith's fifth

NFL season. He has no idea how many more there will be.

"Injuries will probably decide how long I play," he said. "I'm enjoying the game and I've been lucky to play for the team I'm playing for. I'm curious how long I'll play myself."



Emmitt Smith catches a pass during a practice session earlier this week in Austin. Smith will be shooting for a fourth consecutive rushing title this season. (AP photo)

Amarillo's Sanders is no stranger to Pampa course



Mickey Piersall, Pampa Country Club pro, presents the 1993 runnerup trophy to Bob Sanders (right) after last year's Tri-State Tournament. (Pampa News photo)

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Amarillo attorney Bob Sanders will be on familiar ground when the 60th annual Tri-State Seniors Association Tournament gets under way Wednesday at the Pampa Country Club.

"I've played the Pampa course ever since I was a kid," Sanders said. "It's always played well, but if you don't watch what you're doing, you can shoot some high numbers. But I've always liked the course, especially the greens."

The PCC course was good to Sanders last year as he posted a three-round total of 220 to finish in the runnerup position, five strokes behind winner Jake Broyles. His 72 was the best round shot on the final day of the championship flight.

"I've been playing since I was 10 years old and that's long enough to be shooting better than I do now, but I have been playing some pretty good golf this year," he said. "I played in the Amarillo County Club Tournament this summer and lost the first match, won the second and lost the third, but it was a pretty fast field. I was 13th seed with a four handicap in a 16-man championship flight."

Sanders with partner Steve Rogers is a past winner of the Ross Rogers Budweiser Partnership in Amarillo.

Right now, Sanders is trying to overcome a painful burn injury after

Seniors Golf

boiling water from a broken automobile heater coil spilled onto his foot two weeks ago.

"It's kind of slowed me down, but I hope in another week or so I'll be

fine," he added.

Sanders is a relative newcomer to Tri-State, this being his third year to participate. His first year he won the President's flight before making a run for the championship last summer.

If Sanders fully recovers from his

injury, he could challenge for the Tri-State crown again. However, he's not making any predictions.

"At this point in time I never know exactly how I'm going to end up until I go out and play," he said.

Tri-State champions, runnersup

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1935 - B. J. Holmes, Shamrock	1976 - Web Wilder, San Antonio
1936 - Bob Skaggs, Clovis, N.M.	1977 - Harold DeLong, San Antonio
1937 - B.F. Holmes, Shamrock	1978 - Roy Peden, Kermit
1938 - Bill Galtner, Carizozo	1979 - Bob Giese, Amarillo, 1979
1939 - Bob Skaggs, Clovis, N.M.	1980 - Bob Giese, Amarillo
1940 - Byron Clancy, Carter, Okla.	1981 - J.R. Ferguson, Dallas
1941 - John Payne, Edmond, Okla.	1982 - Jack Williams, Plainview
1942 - Roy Allen, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1983 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
1943 - Harrison Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1984 - J.R. Ferguson, Dallas
1944 - Red Guber, Austin	1985 - Bob Giese, Amarillo
1945 - Red Guber, Austin	1986 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
1946 - Red Guber, Austin	1987 - Ken Bailey, Amarillo
1947 - Chick Trout, Lubbock	1988 - Jim Kirk, Ardmore, Okla.
1948 - Red Guber, Austin	1989 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
1949 - Paul Dickinson, Ardmore, Okla.	1990 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
1950 - Chick Trout, Lubbock	1991 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
1951 - Chick Trout, Lubbock	1992 - Dick Alexander, Lubbock
1952 - Frank Day, Plainview	1993 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
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1954 - Red Covington, San Angelo	
1955 - J.R. Brown, Amarillo	
1956 - George Hale, Albuquerque, N.M.	
1957 - J.R. Brown, Amarillo	
1958 - A. Pete Edwards, Amarillo	
1959 - J.R. Brown, Amarillo	
1960 - Lofton Burnette, Lubbock	
1961 - Low Lacy, Oklahoma City	
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1963 - Lofton Burnette, Lubbock	
1964 - Lofton Burnette, Lubbock	
1965 - Raymond Marshall, Lubbock	
1966 - David Goldman, Dallas	
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1968 - Frank Sparks, Pasadena	
1969 - Raymond Marshall, Lubbock	
1970 - David Goldman, Dallas	
1971 - Harold DeLong, Shawnee, Okla.	
1972 - Web Wilder, San Antonio	
1973 - Harold DeLong, Shawnee, Okla.	
1974 - E. Doug Roush, Amarillo	
1975 - J. Carroll Weaver, Sinton	

Runners-up	
1935 - Joe Storey, Dalhart	1976 - Hart Brooks, Grand Prairie; Bud McKinney, Dallas
1936 - Red Guber, Clovis, N.M.	1977 - Web Wilder, San Antonio
1937 - Wallace Clark, Canyon	1978 - Web Wilder, San Antonio
1938 - Paul Carey, Guthrie, Okla.	1979 - Harold DeLong, Shawnee, Okla.; Web Wilder, San Antonio
1939 - Byron Clancy, Carter, Okla.	1980 - J.B. White, Lubbock
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1942 - Charlie Mahone, Hobart, Okla.	1983 - J.R. Ferguson, Dallas
1943 - Don Bothwell, Tulsa, Okla.	1984 - Jack Williams, Plainview
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1945 - Frank Day, Plainview	1986 - Jack Williams, Plainview
1946 - Roy Allen, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1987 - Jake Williams, Lamesa
1947 - Bill Jenkins, Amarillo	1988 - Dick Alexander, Lubbock
1948 - B.F. Holmes, Shamrock	1989 - Jim Kirk, Ardmore, Okla.
1949 - Dr. C.D. Moore, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1990 - Dick Alexander, Lubbock
1950 - Paul Dickinson, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1991 - Jim Kirk, Ardmore, Okla.
1951 - C.D. Moore, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1992 - Jim Kirk, Ardmore, Okla.
1952 - Red Covington, San Angelo	1993 - Bob Sanders, Amarillo
1953 - Tom Davis, Petersburg	
1954 - Frank Day, Plainview	
1955 - N.D. Hartz, Oklahoma City, Okla.	
1956 - J.R. Brown, Amarillo	
1957 - Beigh Black, Oklahoma City, Okla.	

1958 - J.R. Farmer, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1970 - Don Eisenhart, San Antonio
1959 - Low Lacy, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1971 - Frank Sparks, Pasadena
1960 - J.R. Brown, Amarillo	1972 - Bill Coffey, Fort Worth
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Defending champions coming on strong

Jays win seventh straight with 9-1 rout of Rangers

TORONTO (AP) — Expect to see Randy Knorr's name in the Toronto Blue Jays' lineup more and more.

Knorr homered twice and drove in four runs Saturday to lead Toronto to its season-high seventh straight victory, a 9-1 rout of the Texas Rangers.

"I really can't explain it," Knorr said of the club's 19-7 record when he's catching. "I do know when I get out there I like to get on the guys to try and keep them loose. I hustle, the guys see that and, maybe it rubs off."

Knorr followed run-scoring singles by John Olerud and Darnell Coles with a two-run single in the first, and Domingo Cedeño capped the six-run inning with a two-run triple.

Knorr led off the fourth with his sixth home run, a solo shot to left off loser Hector Fajardo (5-7), then homered again off Rick Honeycutt to start the eighth for his first career multi-homer game.

"He's just fun to work with," said winning pitcher Al Leiter (5-5). "His Vince Lombardi talk when he comes to the mound becomes rather soothing for me."

"In my last start he called for a changeup and the guy smacked it up the middle for a hit. So he comes out to the mound and says, 'nice change-up.'"

"Today he came out to the mound and said, 'Don't guide the ball or we're going to have a little fight. He's got a great sense of humor and it really helps keep me loose.'"

Leiter scattered four singles over seven innings and tied his career high with 11 strikeouts. He walked three.

"I think I'm finally accepting the fact that I can be a dominant pitcher," Leiter said. "Today I had an overpowering fastball."

Joe Carter hit his 21st home run, a solo shot, for his 89th RBI.

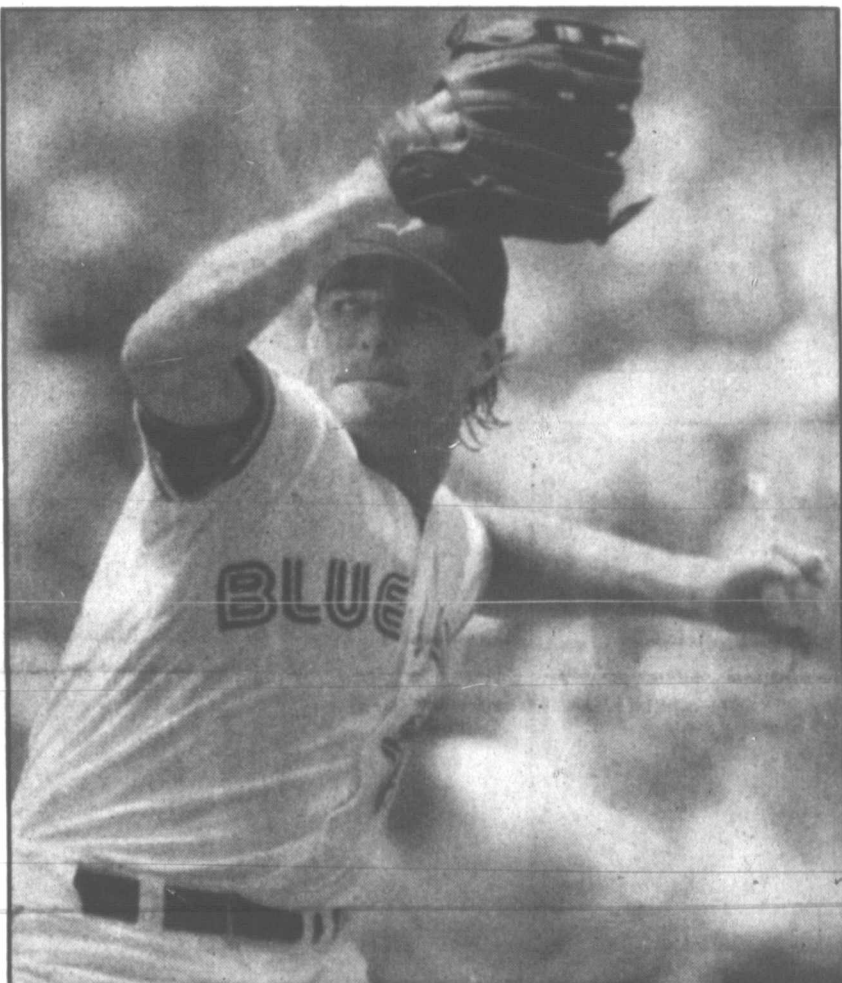
Juan Gonzalez had two of Texas' hits, including a run-scoring single in the sixth that spoiled Leiter's shutout.

The Rangers, who lead the AL West despite a 46-51 record, lost

their third straight, but Rangers manager Kevin Kennedy said his team came up against a team on the rebound.

"I think you're starting to see the real Toronto Blue Jays," Kennedy said of the two-time defending World Series champions, who got to within four games of .500 (46-50). "They won two World Series with a lineup that isn't much different than the one that beat us today."

Notes: Texas infielder Jeff Frye left after the first inning with a slight pull in his left hamstring, the same injury that had him on the disabled list from June 9-23. ... Rookie pitchers have started 31 of 96 games for Texas this season, most in the American League. No other team had used more than 18 prior to Saturday. ... Will Clark has gone a season high 11 games without an RBI. ... The Blue Jays are 6-0 at SkyDome since the All-Star break. That matches the best second-half start (6-0 in 1982) in club history. ... Devon White returned to the starting lineup Saturday after missing five games with a strained left Achilles tendon.



The Blue Jays Al Leiter was the winning pitcher Saturday against the Rangers. (AP photo)

Major League standings

National League					Florida 4, Colorado 0					Detroit 43 53 448 16					
All Times EDT					Philadelphia 4, San Diego 3, 1st game					Central Division					
					San Diego 7, Philadelphia 4, 2nd game					West Division					
W	L	Pct.	GB		Saturday's Games					Chicago	W	L	Pct.	GB	
					Late Games Not Included					Cleveland	58	38	604	—	
					Atlanta 8, St. Louis 5, 12 innings					Kansas City	56	38	596	1	
					Sunday's Games					Milwaukee	49	47	510	9	
					Los Angeles (Gross 7-5) at Montreal (Rueter 5-2), 1:35 p.m.					Minnesota	45	51	469	13	
					San Diego (Ashby 4-9) at Philadelphia (Jackson 12-4), 1:35 p.m.					West Division					
					San Francisco (Black 3-1) at New York (Jones 10-7), 1:40 p.m.					Texas	46	51	474	—	
					Cincinnati (Schourek 5-1) at Chicago (Bullinger 4-2), 2:20 p.m.					Oakland	43	54	443	3	
					Pittsburgh (Lieber 5-4) at Houston (Kile 6-5), 2:35 p.m.					California	42	52	462	4 1/2	
					Florida (Gardner 3-3) at Colorado (Nied 9-5), 3:05 p.m.					Seattle	39	55	415	5 1/2	
					Atlanta (Glavin 11-8) at St. Louis (Tewksbury 10-9), 8:05 p.m.					Friday's Games					
					American League					Seattle 6, Boston 3					
					East Division					Cleveland 9, Chicago 8					
W	L	Pct.	GB							Toronto 3, Texas 2					
New York	58	36	.617	— <th colspan="5"></th> <th>Detroit 5, Kansas City 2</th> <th colspan="5"></th>						Detroit 5, Kansas City 2					
Baltimore	54	40	.574	4 <th colspan="5"></th> <th>Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 5, 13 innings</th> <th colspan="5"></th>						Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 5, 13 innings					
Boston	46	49	.484	12 1/2 <th colspan="5"></th> <th>New York 12, California 3</th> <th colspan="5"></th>						New York 12, California 3					
Toronto	46	50	.479	13 <th colspan="5"></th> <th>Baltimore 5, Oakland 4</th> <th colspan="5"></th>						Baltimore 5, Oakland 4					
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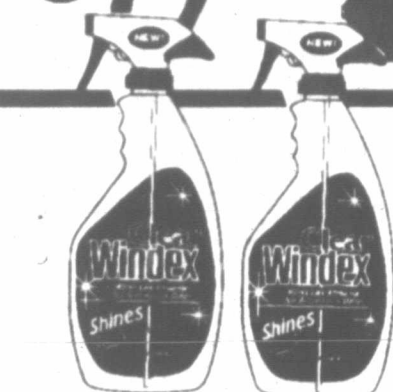
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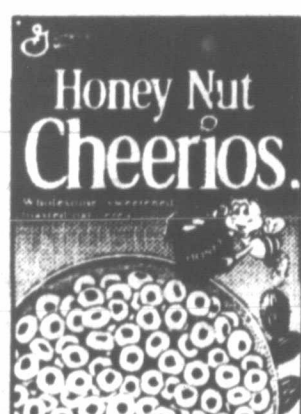
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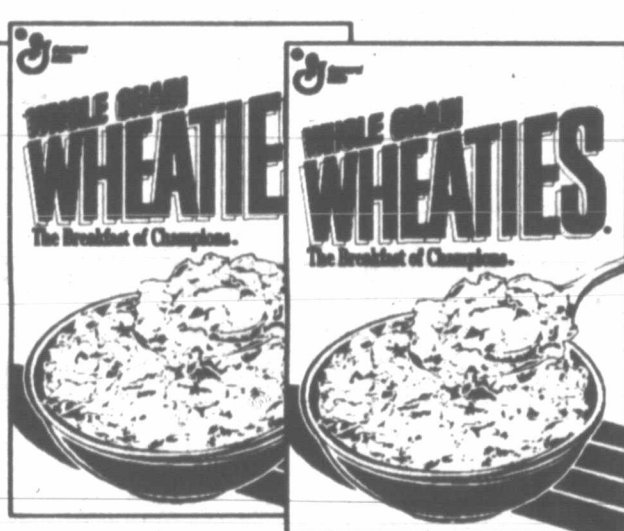
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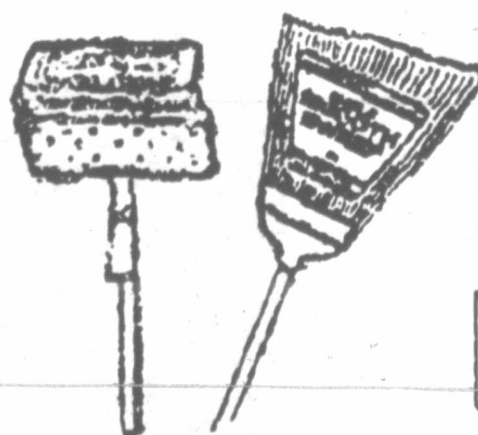
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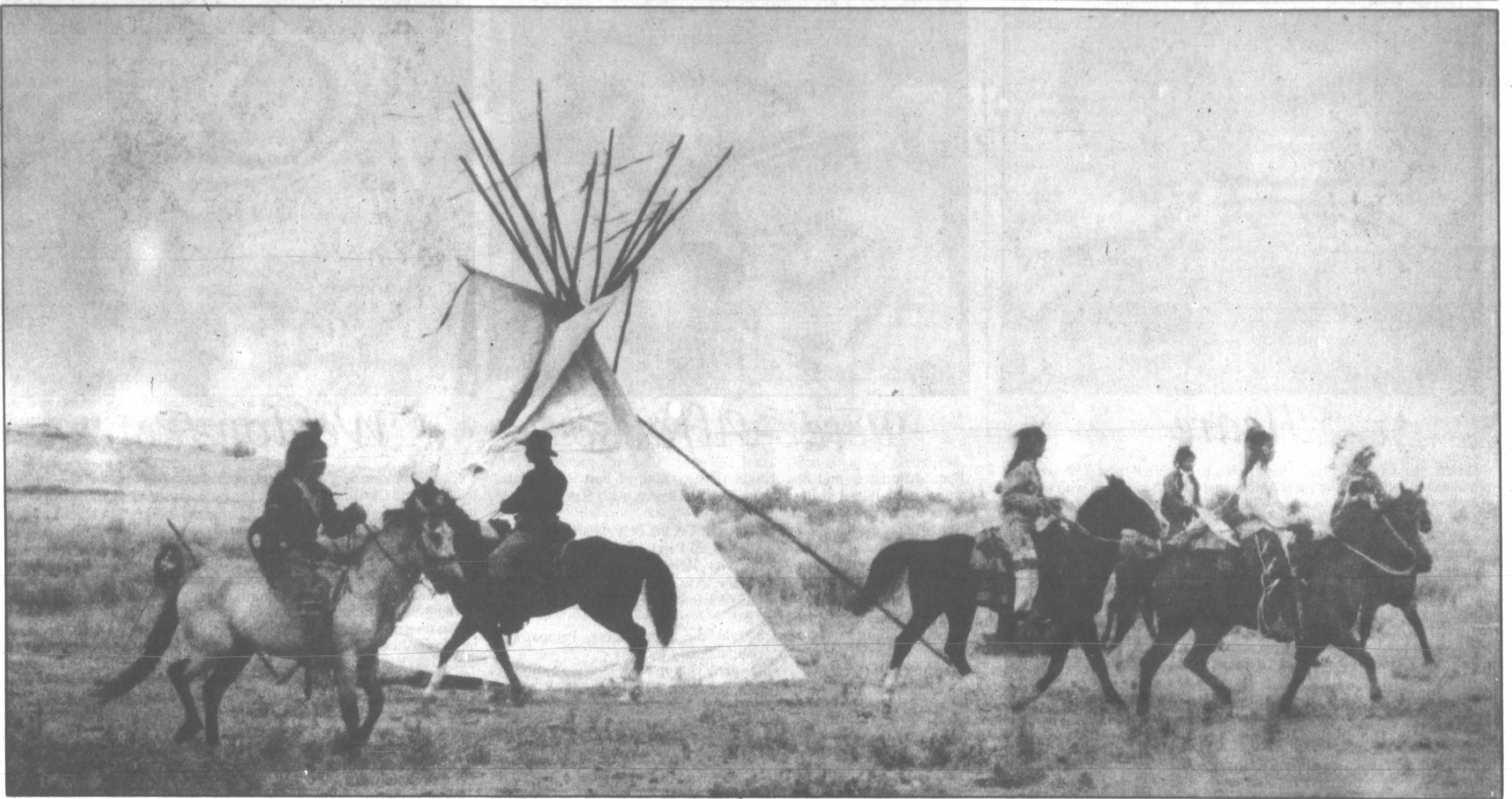
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The filming of Gray County's history

We are going to take you on an adventure in Gray County ... but first let us recount some of the highlights from our Panhandle history — before Gray County was organized.

... We know that Indians lived in our area as far back as 11,000 years ago because we have found pottery and flint tools scattered about.

... The first written records date back to 1541 when Coronado reached the Panhandle hunting the seven cities of gold called Cibola to find the fabulous city of Quivira. All Coronado found was an Indian village glistening in the golden sunlight.

... Coronado is credited with naming our grassy plains Llano Estacado or Staked Plains, probably because the explorers had to mark their route through the sea of grass.

... The Spaniards gave up the area — because of no water or gold. Later, we discovered the valuable water supply, the Ogallala Aquifer many feet below, and the black gold — oil!

The Spanish left written records — and horses, which multiplied and became important to the Indian ... for transportation, hunting, and fighting. Traders began to cross through the area. Then came the map makers. The first maps of Gray County were done by a corps of the U.S. Army engineers who came to the Hoover and Lefors area in 1845 with leader J.W. Abert.

... June 16, 1852 Captain Randolph B. Marcy with George B. McClellan found the source of the North Fork of the Red River in the present-day Lefors area. Marcy carved the name of the expedition on a cottonwood tree and placed a note in a bottle he buried, but neither have been found. After mapping the Canadian Red

Rivers, the expedition turned south and according to Marcy's journal on June 20, 1852 they reached the "valley of a beautiful stream." Marcy named McClellan Creek for his partner George McClellan. McClellan later became Marcy's son-in-law, and was a commander in the Civil War Union Army and a presidential candidate against Lincoln. He invented the McClellan saddle which is displayed at the White Deer Land Museum.

... Marcy described the area as an "endless meadow that has been recently mown..." He believed that building a railroad through the area to the Pacific would be impossible because of the lack of water. Time proved him wrong!

By the 1870s the buffalo hunters began making their way south after slaughtering off thousands of buffalo further north. The Indians were angry with the slaughter because the buffalo meant food, and the hides were needed for clothing and tents. Several skirmishes took place between 1872 and 1874.

One battle in Gray County was 14 miles northwest of present day McLean. On Sept. 29, 1872, Col. Ranald S. MacKenzie found an Indian village of 262 teepees. The 231 U.S. cavalry and infantrymen routed Chief Mow-Way's warriors in half an hour, and they captured the squaws and horses. Later that night the Indians sneaked up and captured their horses. This taught Col. MacKenzie a lesson — always to destroy the enemy's horses.

By 1874 in desperation the Indians were combining forces. A medicine man, Isatai, claimed to have unusual powers, such as a paint that would turn away the white man's bullets. The combined Indian

group included Cheyennes, Kiowas, and the Comanches, who were led by Quanah Parker. Parker's white mother, Cynthia Ann, had been captured by the Indians as a child in central Texas. These Indians gathered to plan a surprise attack at Adobe Walls.

Adobe Walls, located near present day Stinnett, was a mile and a half north of the crumbling old Adobe Walls of trader Bent's frontier fort where Kit Carson battled Indians in 1864. Ten years later the buildings of picket and sod were a place to buy supplies and sell buffalo hides. Twenty-eight men and a merchant's wife were at Adobe Walls before the Indian attack June 27. At 2 a.m. a noise was heard which was believed to be a crack in a cottonwood ridge pole supporting a roof. After repairing it, some of the men were preparing to leave camp when they noticed movement in the distance. Suddenly there was a bugle sound, and 700 brightly painted, yelling warriors descended on Adobe Walls. The buffalo hunters were crack marksmen, and survived each charge. The Indians finally left, only to reappear four or five days on the horizon to taunt the hunters, left with no horses. It was then the "show of the century" took place. Billy Dixon raised his big 50 Sharps rifle, aimed, and fired, knocking an Indian off his horse — about 7/8 of a mile away. The Indians left, but so did buffalo hunting. Today Billy Dixon is among those buried at Adobe Walls.

Two of the youngest men fighting at Adobe Walls, Billy Dixon and Bat Masterson, took jobs as scouts for the U.S. Army troops under Col. Nelson A. Miles who was launching an offensive against the Plains Indians in the Panhandle.

The battles that followed were known as the Red River War, from August 1874 to June 1875. Col. Miles was stationed at McClellan Creek in September waiting for a supply train, when he sent Scout Billy Dixon in search of it. Capt. Wyllis Lyman was headed south to meet Col. Miles with 36 wagons loaded with supplies when Indians attacked in present day Hemphill County. For five days 100 men held off 400 Indians.

During that same time Scout Billy Dixon and two companies of U.S. troops spotted Grey Beard's tribe of some 110 teepees. The company of 88 soldiers and 26 civilians along with 23 six-mule teams put the lone mountain howitzer into action in the surprise attack. The Indians left in haste, leaving most of their supplies and teepees.

Suddenly one of the soldiers noticed something move under some blankets, and discovered the two younger sisters of the German family, Julie and Adelaide German, trembling in terror. They were half starved from their six-week ordeal. They were taken captive in western Kansas after Indians scalped their parents, a brother and two sisters as they were headed west in a covered wagon. The two girls had been abandoned by the Indians and had existed on wild berries and grass until recaptured by the Indians the day before the surprise attack.

Soldiers were encamped here from Feb. until June, 1875, in this area of eastern Gray County. The soldiers then moved eleven miles northeast where Fort Elliott was established near Sweetwater Creek. The soldiers gave the name Cantonment, meaning quarters, to this Gray County creek, and we also have found a few nails,

coat buttons and shells they left behind.

Fort Elliott gave a boost to the buffalo hunter's settlement called Hidetown later named Mobeetie. Two other towns were founded just after Fort Elliott. They were Tascosa, 1876, and Clarendon or Saints' Roost, 1878. The rough town of Tascosa, which means "boggy" in Spanish, was a contrast to the non-drinking religious colony at Clarendon, founded by Methodist minister L.H. Carhart. All three towns faded when the railroads missed them. Clarendon and Mobeetie rebuilt near the railroads.

The State Act of 1876 created 54 counties, including Gray, named for Peter W. Gray. He was a patriot who moved to Houston in 1837 and served as a member of the first Texas legislature in 1846. He was a member of the Confederate Congress during the Civil War, and a judge of the Texas Supreme Court in 1874.

Gray County was first attached to Clay County, then Wheeler County for 14 years. For seven years Gray was attached to Roberts County and was organized in 1902. Law and order finally came to the Panhandle with the first courthouse erected in Mobeetie in 1880 and the arrival of the District Judge Frank Willis. One of the early district attorneys was Temple Houston, son of Sam Houston. Temple was later elected state senator.

The Texas Legislature in 1854 gave 16 sections of land in West Texas to the railroad companies for every mile of railroad they built. These lands were sold to land companies. One big sale was made to Francklyn Land and Cattle Co., organized in 1882. Col. B. B. Groom became manager of the new ranch,

the Diamond F. Groom was inexperienced as a cowboy — even had to have his bath tub on the range!

Blizzards, drought and reckless management by Groom and his son led the company into bankruptcy in four years.

*The above photos are some of the scenes from the Gray County video which was filmed at Adobe Walls. The video, filmed by Glen Ely of Forest Glen TV Productions, Inc., is being funded by the Gray County Heritage history book sales and the McCarley Foundation.

Top photo: Cast members of the outdoor play, "Texas" in Palo Duro Canyon portrayed the Indians. Members of the 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment of Amarillo portrayed the historical cavalry and buffalo hunter in the production.

Left photo: Mike Phillipus, Robert Rawley, Heidi, 7, and Melissa Stallings re-enacted the rescue of the German sisters from the Indians.

Top right photo: Bill Faubian portrayed Capt. Randolph Marcy, leader of the expedition of topographical engineers of the U.S. Army who mapped McClellan Creek in Gray County and who carved the name of the expedition in a Cottonwood tree.

Bottom left: Darlene Birkes, chairman of the Gray County Historical Commission, shows the Stallings sisters and their mother Tina a layout of Adobe Walls as Bob Izzard, who is a narrator of the film, stands by.



Heare

Frank and Evelyn Heare, Miami, plan to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary July 31 at the United Methodist Church in Miami with a reception hosted by their children Gary Guill, Miami; Anita Guill Haiduk, White Deer; Rita Guill Tregellas, Perryton; Leeann Guill Heard and Stephen Heare, Pampa; and Terri Heare Keeling, Canyon.

She is the former Evelyn Guill. They were married July 27, 1969 in Miami. They are members of the United Methodist Church.



Washington-Vasquez

April Washington and Emilio Vasquez, both of Pampa, were married June 25 at Faith Advent Christian Fellowship in Pampa with Rev. Grant Johnson of the church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Hortensia Vasquez, Pampa, and the sister of Daniel Martinez, Pampa, who gave her in marriage. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Cabrales, Pampa.

The maid of honor was Olivia Castillo, niece of the bride, Cedar City, Utah. The flower girl was Bobbie Chavarria, niece of the bride, Cedar City, Utah.

Standing as the best man was Vincente Martinez, cousin of the groom, Pampa. The ring bearer was Freddie Campos, cousin of the bride, Pampa. Serving as the usher was Diego Vasquez, brother of the groom, Pampa.

Registering the guests was Ruben Castillo, nephew of the bride, Cedar City, Utah.

Providing music were Rebecca Lewis, pianist, and Joyce Fields, soloist, both of Pampa.

A reception followed at the Sunday school annex of the church.

Serving the guests were Edna O'Neal and Violet Johnson, both of Pampa.

The bride and groom both attended Pampa High School and plan to reside in Pampa.



Perez-Alfonso

Spc. Susie Perez and Spc. Hugo Alfonso, both of Fort Riley, Kan., were married July 2 at the Hobart Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Fox, Pampa, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Cecilia Perez, Pampa, and the groom is the son of Gladys M. Alfonso, El Paso.

Serving as the matron of honor was Tamara Chairez, Pampa. The bridesmaids were Irene Cortez, Mary Irvin, the bride's sisters; Misty Perez, the bride's sister-in-law, all of Pampa; Renee Turner and Spc. LaVerne Holmes, both of Fort Riley.

The flower girls were Jessica Irvin, the bride's niece, Pampa, and Savannah Alfonso, the groom's daughter, El Paso.

Standing as the best man was Bernard Simon, New Jersey. Serving as the groomsmen were Andy Cortez, the bride's brother-in-law, Robert Perez, the bride's brother, both of Pampa; Spc. Troy Turner; Sgt. Brian Mainor; and Spc. Kevin Washington, all of Fort Riley, Kan. The ring bearer was Christopher Perez, the bride's nephew.

The ushers were Michael Chairez, Pampa, and Spc. Kyle Ruether, Fort Riley.

Registering the guests was Debbie Kilcrease, Pampa.

Providing music were Johnny Platt and Cindy Platt, both being pianists and vocalists.

A reception followed at the Pampa Community Building.

Servers were Fina Gonzales, Wyvonne Fly, and Mary Miranda, all of Pampa.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Pampa High School and is a specialist in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Riley. The groom is a 1991 graduate of Bel-Air High School in El Paso and is a specialist in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Riley.

After a honeymoon cruise in the Bahamas, the couple plan to reside at Fort Riley.



VanNatta

Chester and Leah Bell VanNatta, Pampa, celebrated their 50th anniversary July 23 at the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Borger. She is the former Leah Bell Kreger. They were married July 26, 1944, in Dodge City, Kan.

A reception was hosted by their children, Sherry Sullivan and Alice Garrard, both of Sunneth; Mary Davis, Pampa; Ronnie VanNatta, Gore, Okla.; Chester VanNatta, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.; Vicki Lynn, Borger; Jackie VanNatta, Lufkin, Neb.; and Patty Kennedy, Hooker, Okla.

The couple has resided in Pampa for 20 years. Mr. VanNatta is retired from Curtis Well Service and Mrs. VanNatta is employed with Outreach services.

They have nineteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

The reception was followed by their 14th family reunion.

How pension works

By The Associated Press

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., created by Congress in 1974, insures the benefits of 32 million employees and retirees enrolled in 65,000 single-employer, defined-benefit retirement plans.

In 1993, it paid \$722 million and was responsible for benefits of 346,000 people in 1,858 pension plans.

But PBGC guarantees are limited. In 1994, its maximum monthly payment is \$2,556.82 — or \$30,681.84 a year — for participants in terminated plans. Thus, some retirees whose failed plans had promised larger benefits would not receive what they had been expecting.



Weldon-Perez

Misty Weldon and Robert Perez, both of Pampa, were married June 25 at the Highland Christian Church in Pampa with Rev. Dwight Brown officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Weldon and Bobby Weldon and the groom is the son of Robert and Cecilia Perez, all of Pampa.

Serving as the maid of honor was Brooke Hamby, Pampa. The bridesmaids were Michelle Patton, Cherokee, Okla.; Missy Payne, Hugaton, Kan.; and Brande Freiderich, Leavenworth, Kan.

The flower girls were Lacy Kilcrease and Gracie Dudley, Pampa.

Standing as the best man was Joe Reed, Overland Park, Kan. The groomsmen were Justin Reed, Overland Park; Jerrod Wheeler, Greensburg, Kan.; and Jaime Vasquez, Emporia, Kan.

Serving as the ushers were Scott Gallert, Winfield, Kan., and Troy Smith. They also lit the candles.

Registering the guests were Amanda Kilcrease and Christy Heuston, Pampa; and Alli Moore, Wheeler.

Providing the music was Grace Edens, Pampa, who was both the vocalist and the pianist.

A reception followed at the Pampa Community Building.

Serving the guests were Shala Link, Rolla, Kan.; Christy Heuston, Princess Baggett, and Melody Oliphant, all of Pampa.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., for two years and will be attending West Texas A&M this fall. The groom is a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School and graduated magna cum laude from Southwestern College in May. He is employed as a teacher by the Pampa Independent School District.

After a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple plan to reside in Pampa.

Tax issue with federal retirees

By LARRY O'DELL
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia has ended a five-year-long dispute with federal retirees by agreeing to refund \$340 million in illegal taxes on their pensions.

The federal retirees who have been fighting to recoup state income taxes they paid from 1985-1988 called the settlement a good deal.

"I think generally we're happy with it," said Oscar J. Honeycutt, past Virginia president of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Gov. George Allen on July 13 signed into law the bill to grant the refunds to the illegally taxed federal retirees.

With more than 175,000 retired military and civilian federal workers, Virginia faced the largest liability of any of the 23 states affected by a 1989 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that it was unconstitutional for states to tax the pensions of federal retirees while exempting retired state and local workers.

Almost all the states have agreed to compensate the federal retirees. In Virginia, the process began with a lawsuit the retirees filed after the Supreme Court ruling.

Allen said the settlement with the retirees was a better bargain than waiting for a court ruling that could have forced the state to pay more than an estimated \$700 million in refunds and interest.

"The problem of illegally taxed federal retirement benefits had gone dangerously neglected for five years," said Allen, who had promised during his campaign last year to settle the issue.

The refunds to federal retirees will cost the state \$340 million over five years. The state tax department will mail notices Aug. 1 telling federal retirees how much they are owed; retirees will have 90 days to accept or challenge the amount.

Other provisions of the deal:

—If retirees who collectively are owed more than \$20 million choose not to accept the settlement, the deal will be voided unless the Legislature approves it again before March 1, 1995.

—If claims exceed \$340 million, each retiree's share will be reduced proportionately.

In addition to granting refunds to the federal retirees, the Legislature agreed to increase pension benefits by 3 percent for state workers, teachers and some local officials. This will cost the state about \$70 million annually.

Also, a tax break for retirees 62 and older will be sweetened by \$112 million over four years by eliminating a policy critics said amounted to a tax on Social Security benefits.

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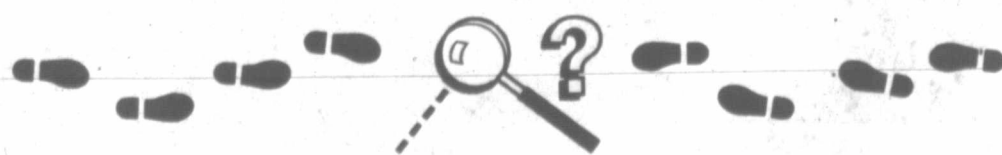
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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR READERS: "Sitting" wrote from his hospital bed to say his doctors had told him he would never walk again. In an effort to encourage him, I replied: "You will never walk again" is indeed a devastating verdict. However, I would like to hear from readers who were told they would never walk again, but with determination, therapy and the grace of God, they did."

Did I get letters! Among them were several surprises. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Sitting," who was told he would never walk again: My father was also given that bad news.

Dad worked on the shipping docks, and nine years ago, he suffered a near-fatal accident when a load of steel fell off the skids. It bounced onto both his feet, crushing them so badly that they had to be reconstructed with pins.

The doctors said he'd never walk again, but he didn't buy that hopeless verdict. With determination, therapy, and the support of his family and friends, he was up and walking at the end of three months!

Please don't give up. Ever! I am rooting for you!

SOMEONE IN TORONTO, CANADA

DEAR ABBY: In March 1968, en route to my job at Northwest Airlines, I was hit head-on by a drunk driver. I suffered a fractured skull, a broken jaw, and both arms and legs were also broken.

The doctors said I'd never walk again. I said I would. With therapy, hard work and prayer, I not only walked again — I danced.

LUCKY IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR ABBY: Please pass this on to the person who was told that he would never walk again.

I had a friend who was in a plane crash, and when he regained consciousness, his physician told him he would never walk again.

Several years later, he was attending a charity ball, and he bumped into that physician, "Hello, doctor," he said. "Do you remember me?"

The doctor looked at him, and gasped, "Why, you're walking!"

My friend replied, "No, Doctor. I'm dancing!"

My best regards to you, Abby.

B.J. PETERSON, LOS ANGELES

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in regard to "Sitting." My grandpa was in World War II. After the war, he returned to marry the girl who became my grandma.

After five kids and taking over his father's construction business, Grandpa was stricken with polio. His doctors told him he would never be able to walk again — or have children.

Well, it wasn't long before he was walking, working in his father's construction business, and chasing seven kids around.

This November, we will celebrate his 75th birthday. I'm lucky that my grandpa is the stubborn, hardworking, determined man he is, or I wouldn't be here — considering that my mom was born after the doctors had told Grandpa that he could never father another child.

PROUD GRANDDAUGHTER

TOMORROW: Letters from readers who didn't walk again, but nevertheless went on to lead productive lives.

Young musician plays blues at B.B. King's Beale Street Club

By WOODY BAIRD
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, 9-year-old Brody Buster is definitely not in Kansas anymore.

The fledgling blues harmonica player is spending the summer at what his mother calls "Blues Camp 101," sharing a stage whenever he can with the big boys on Beale Street — and at B.B. King's nightclub no less.

"I'm learning a lot here," he said before a recent performance. "I've learned licks and stuff like that."

And while he couldn't explain what a "lick" is, it was clear when he launched into a harmonica run with the club's house band that he has begun to feel what it means.

Brody began playing the harmonica two years ago and his family is going all out trying to make him a star.

"I never had any lessons. I just listened to records and people on the street," he said. "I want to become famous and get a recording contract and everything."

His mother, Janet, and sister, Jodie, 8, are spending the summer with him in Memphis where he hangs around for hours at a time waiting for a chance to sit in with

the King B's or other Beale Street bands.

"They might call me up. They might not," the sandy-haired youngster said.

His father, Curtis, is back home in Paola, Kan., a stop in the road near Kansas City, but comes down on the weekends when he can.

"We're dedicated to seeing how far he can take this," Mrs. Buster said. "There are nights I would just as soon stay home, but he wants to be on Beale Street every night."

While Beale Street is Brody's stop for the summer, he also has made his way on stage to jam with various groups in Nashville, Branson, Mo., and the Kansas City area, according to a publicity packet his mother had on hand in case anybody wanted to know.

Bob Harding, manager of King's club, said he often gives young blues musicians a chance to perform.

"Anytime you've got a street based on entertainment, there's got to be a certain amount of street characters and street entertainers who may not be the most professional and polished, but they're entertaining and they're fun," Harding said.

And age isn't all that important anyway when it comes to playing the blues, Harding said.



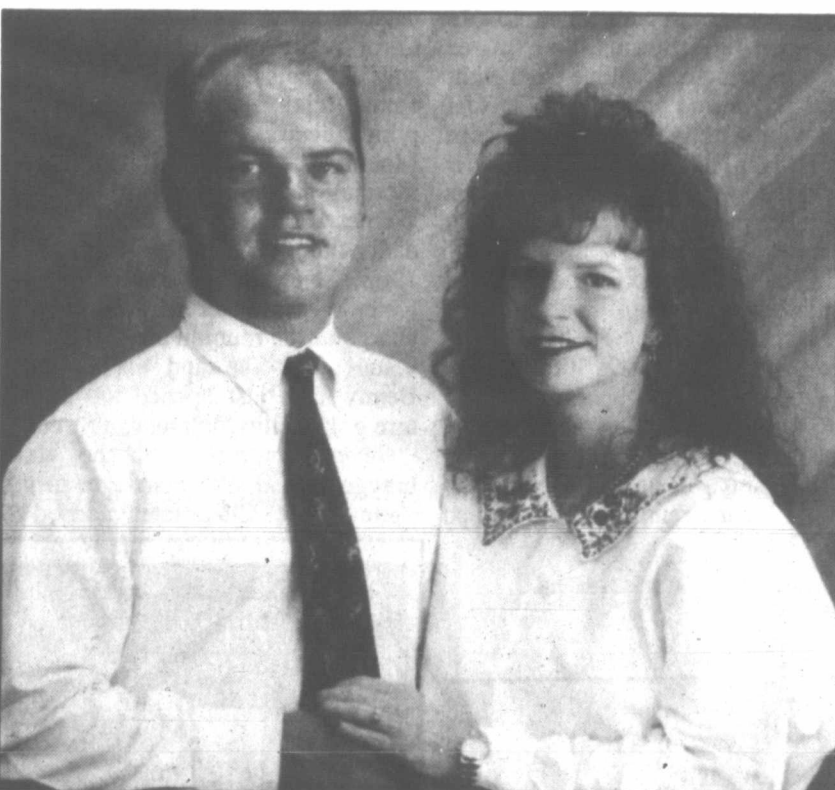
Savage-Langdon

Angela Denise Savage, Pampa, and Jerry Byron Langdon, Demopolis, Ala., plan to marry Aug. 6 at the First United Methodist Church in Aliceville, Ala.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Savage, Pampa, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cook, Pensacola, Fla., and Mrs. Janie Savage and the late Mr. Clyde Savage, Chato, Ala., and the groom-to-be is the son of Mrs. Larry Sparks, Aliceville, and Mr. Jerry Langdon, Reform, Ala.

She is a graduate of Washington County High School and is a senior at the University of Alabama. She is employed by Dr. C. Daniel Propst, Northport, Ala.

He is a graduate of Pickens Academy and attended Shelton State and the University of Alabama. He is employed by Demopolis Packing Company in Demopolis, Ala.



Smith-Patterson

Robin Lynn Smith and Troy Dale Patterson, both of Amarillo, plan to marry Sept. 10 at the Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Cindi Smith, Muleshoe, and the groom-to-be is the son of Dale and Linda Patterson, Pampa.

She attends West Texas A&M University in Canyon and is studying pre-pharmacy. She is a pharmacy certified technician and is currently employed at United Pharmacy in Amarillo.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School and attended West Texas A&M. He is employed by Castleberry Investments as a restaurant manager in Amarillo.

Let the robot vacuum

By 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine
For AP Special Features

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Tuesday

Oven fried chicken or ham salad; mashed potatoes, squash, breaded tomatoes, beans; slaw, tossed or Jello salad; butterscotch icebox pie or applesauce cake; cornbread or hot rolls.

Pampa Meals on Wheels

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Chicken nuggets, potato salad, pork and beans, and candy.

Tuesday

Cabbage rolls, green beans, squash, and pears.

Wednesday

Ham, hominy casserole, yam patties, and Jello

Thursday

Beef patties, sliced potatoes, tomatoes, and pudding

Friday

Fish, macaroni/tomatoes, Brussel sprouts, and peaches.

4-H Futures & Features

DATES

25 — Crescent Roll Workshop, 1:30 — 4:00 p.m., Annex

26 — District Recordbook judging — Amarillo — Prime Swine meeting, 7:00 p.m., Annex

27 — Sign up for Bready Bears Workshop in Pampa and Dollars and Sense Workshop in McLean

28 — Bready Bears Workshop, 1:30 — 4:00 p.m., Annex

STATE DOG SHOW

Terra Hembree, Gray County Paws Plus Dog Project member, participated in the State 4-H Dog Show in Deer Park last weekend. She placed first in the graduate novice junior class in obedience, second place in confirmation, and fifth place in showmanship. Leader for the Paws Plus group is Lynn Ledford. The State 4-H Dog Show will be in Amarillo next year.

CAR WASH THANKS

Special thank yous to everyone who came by the Gray County 4-H car wash last Saturday and had your car washed. The money raised will go toward 4-H award jackets. Thanks, too, to all 4-Hers, parents, and leaders who spent their Saturday washing cars!

BREADY BEARS WORKSHOP

Boys and girls are invited to

sign up for the Bready Bears workshop which will be conducted Thursday, July 28, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Gray County Annex. Participants will make yeast bread shaped into bears. Cost is \$1.00 per person. Those interested should sign up by calling the Gray County Extension Office by noon on July 27.

4-H RECORDBOOK SUPER STAR

Special congratulations to the 34 Gray County 4-Hers who completed a 4-H recordbook this year. It takes extra effort and time to do a recordbook. All juniors and intermediate 4-Hers recordbooks plus nine senior recordbooks will compete in District 4-H recordbook competition on July 26.

4-H recordbook superstars include: Clay Banner, Andrea Shank, Heath Story, Sean O'Neal, Cory Jackson, Cody Reeves, Lindsay Hampton, Thomas Davenport, Lori Stephens, Britteny Street, Nathan Banner, Jared Story, Barry Brauchi, Justin Hampton, Jessica Fish, Angie Davenport, Alan Parker, Terra Hembree, Adam Stephens, Brent Story, Jennifer Bliss, Colby Street, Richard Williams, Brian Brauchi, Nonnie James, Jessica Dawes, Shawn Dawes, Grace Sutton, Shelly Davenport, David Kludt, Jason Bliss, Tori Street, Amanda Kludt, and Kim McDonald.

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Pampans were busy buzzing around

Buzz ... Buzz ... Buzz ... Busy ... Busy ... Busy ... The two words repeated over and over best describe the middle of July. The busy buzzing went like this.

Belated 70th wedding anniversary wishes to Joe and Ruby Key, who were married on July 20, 1924. Their ages are 93 and a half and nearly 91. Joe and Ruby are the parents of Theresa Maness and Joe Wayne Key of Houston, grandparents of six and great-grandparents of eight. During their first 25 years in Pampa Joe worked like a house afire in dirt construction work until his retirement in 1970 at the age of 70. He has the distinction of being the only World War I veteran still living in the area. He served as the grand marshal of Pampa's July 4, 1991 parade. Until this year Ruby was a gardener to compete with no one for excellence.

The anniversary celebration was a quiet dinner for Joe, Ruby and Theresa and Archie at the Maness home.

Joe and Ruby live independently and Ruby does most of her own grocery shopping with Theresa or Archie as chauffeur. Archie claims Joe is a great father-in-law and father, barring none. A lovely tribute!

Jim and Deb Erwin combined business with pleasure when they visited Amber, Ryan and Madison in Galveston a week or two ago. While playing with Madison was the primary source of entertainment, they did take time to tour some historical mansions.

A few days later Amber and Madison came to visit their parents Deb and Jim, Patsy and Danny Strawn with a purpose of helping Patsy pack up for a move to Lake Brownwood where fishing will take place from their own dock just outside their back door. There will be plenty of time for golfing, too.

Patsy and Danny made the big decision to move after Amber moved to Galveston and their son Brandon, who has been living in Amarillo, accepted a work assignment in Montana. Cutting travel time to

Galveston in half may have been a guiding factor, too! Patsy was born and raised in Pampa and together they lived here for 25 of their 27 years of marriage. She and Danny will move in a few days with the best wishes of their many friends.

Vicki Hambright organized a birthday luncheon at Danny's Market to celebrate Amber's birthday last Tuesday.

Vicki brought sand pudding as a birthday cake replacement. Lunch, dessert, gift opening and extra visitation took a full two hours. Others attending were Rita Sewell, Bethany Knowles, Lisa Clifton with plans to visit Amber within the next few weeks, Sherri Griggs, Retha Jordan, Dana Hargus, Susan Furgason, Karen Hedrick and Patsy Strawn. Lynn Kurtz, Ruby Adcock and Diane Hammer dropped by to say "Hi!" Retha gave Amber a ruby ring she had worn as a young girl and Patsy one of her favorite bracelets. Yes, there were some teary eyes, as the three silently remembered close, long time family ties.

Jennifer Bentley celebrated her ninth birthday last week with a different type of slumber party with all-frills femininity as its theme, or, by name, a primp party.

It began with breaking of a pinata followed by party fare. The punch was cold, the cherry cheesecake tasty and the theme was set for an all-night slumber party without any promise of sleep. One station was set up for nails and another for self-applied makeup. Individual hairstyles were up to a group discussion and decision with lots of twisting and high-piled styles with an occasional wisp of hair swept loosely over a pretty little face. The party reached its zenith with a fashion show from Jana's wardrobe. Participating were Jill Crawford, April Taylor, Lacy Blythe, Shayla Winegart and Allison Bates of Amarillo. Jana's eyes opened wide as she read the descriptive cards, written by each model, with make-believe designers with peculiar, unheard-of names and prices running from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000 per garment as each little

model walked down a make-shift runway. By secret ballot Jill Crawford won first place and the right to wear Jana's wedding veil. Jennifer, Allison and Lacy winning first, second and third runners-up. At

High School class of 1964. Of the 63 classmates still remaining in Pampa, 19 were joined by 65 other classmates and spouses from across the country for a fun packed two day affair. Returning from furthest away

each other were Eddie and Carol Enloe Barnes, Albuquerque, N.M., and Eddie and Terry Edmondson Langwell, Amarillo.

The class contains: an optometrist; two lady telephone "linemen," Kathy Smith Cannon and Maurine Stuart Warr; an astrophysicist; a recently retired U.S. Army officer, Col. Ralph Bradford; six nurses, two of which are male; a pharmacist; an astrologer, Sandy Tomson Bryan of Albuquerque; several police officers; a Baptist minister, Dr. Charles Price, Canyon; 14 teachers and almost as many lawyers. Barry Peterson, Amarillo attorney, was named chairman for the fortieth reunion.

Tonja and Dennis Stowers took a carload of young boys to Sky Ridge Christian Camp in New Mexico. She was a little uneasy that Trevor might get a little homesick. Sometimes moms get homesick while the kids are at summer camp.

John and Vicki Winegart of Lubbock visited John's mother Mary Lou and grandparents Noel and Edna Southern.

Lois Eller and son Tim of Missouri City were in Pampa last weekend for two reasons. Lois did lots of visiting and Tim attended his class reunion.

Linda Bigham of Carlsbad visited her mother Clorene Moore at the same time. A penny says she attended the class reunion, too.

Daryl Miller, youth minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ took 15 boys to Colorado near the Royal Gorge where they met other groups of boys headed for church camp.

Kelly and Melody Baker and children spent a long week-end at Red River. Melody's sister Robin Nelson did pet-caring duties while they were gone.

Roy and Dorace Guin of Birmingham, Ala., Ed and Mary Caldwell of Tucson, Ariz., Nita and Ernest James of Plainview and David Caldwell of Pampa chose the Senior Golf Tournament time in Pampa for a family get-together of the original Caldwell clan. The tournament has been a "don't miss" event to Foy for more than 15 years.

A warm Pampa "Welcome!" to all the golfers and their wives as they make Pampa their home for a week or so. Pampans love to have them, and they love to be here. The 1994 tournament marks the 60th anniversary for the big event, which at one time was on a rotating basis until Pampa hospitality and a good golf course brought out a decision to make Pampa the permanent site. "Welcome!" Kind words of appreciation to Floyd Sackett, who has been general chairperson for several years. Belated birthday wishes to his little granddaughter Lindsey, too!

Hazel Rose hosted a reunion of friends of former faculty member Barbara Baker Austin of Snyder. In attendance were Dixie Sims, Jo Ann Fenno and Norma Lantz. Visitation and refreshments were enjoyed by the group.

Guests of Bill and Freddy Cody were Bill's sister Jessa Partridge, of Costa Mesa, Calif.; his nieces, Louise Wilkinson and Vicki Christianson, of Quilcene, Wash.; his nephew, Matt Wilkinson, of Victorville, Calif.; and Bennett and Bobbie Marie McCathern and grandson, of the Malaysian Islands.

RW and Dortha Beck went to Eunice, N.M. to visit son Bill and wife Sherri. They all went to Ruidosa to the races where they spent a rainy Saturday and Sunday and returned to their homes on Monday.

Evelyn Henry returned her great granddaughter, Stacy, to Jones, OK. on Thursday.

Word has been received of the death of Luella Ayers Travis, a Lefors High School graduate who lived in Colonia, N.J.

A little correction on Dick and Cristi Archer, parents of Arian Archer, now the reigning Miss Texas. They are from Borger and not from Stinnett as previously stated in last week's column.

See you at the Farmers' Market on the parking lot of M.K. Brown Auditorium on Wednesday and Saturday mornings and back here next Sunday. Katie.



Peeking at
Pampa
By Katie

2:00 a.m. the girls painted sun visors and played until 5:30 a.m. Sleeping hours were from 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. with an extra 40 winks being preferred over a breakfast offering of French toast. The party, one the young guests will long remember, was tailor made for nine-year-old prissy misses.

Belated second birthday wishes to little Brooke Chance, daughter of Steve and Seleta! At her party Brooke and her little peers chomped away on tiny dog biscuits. Correction! Cookies shaped like dog biscuits.

Local members of Altrusa, Int., are deep in plans for their upcoming fall fashion show on August 13 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium with a promise of breath-taking decorations, lovely afternoon refreshments, door prizes and a showing of fashions from eight local shops and stores, and special entertainment by several members of the Pampa High School Choir under the direction of Fred Mays. Tickets may be purchased from any club member.

If you see Kerrick Horton smiling while breathing long sighs of relief the last few days, please believe she has good reason. The 30th reunion of the Pampa High School Class of '64 was a big success, and as she puts it, "It's OVER!"

The Pampa Country Club was the setting for the reunion of the Pampa

The car winners



Floye Christensen, president of the Pampa Gray County Citizens Activities Association, presents Brad Land, Amarillo, with the instruction manual to a miniature replica of a car that ran in the Indy 500 back in 1992 while his children Brett, 4, and Casey, 2, sit in and stand next to the vehicle. The car was donated to the group to raffle off during the Top O' Texas Rodeo by Vernon and Jo Bell. (Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

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Edna Land

A birthday celebration

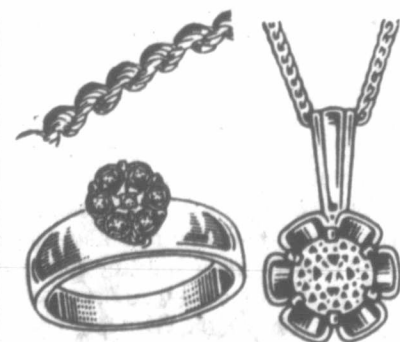
Edna Land, born July 24, 1904, is celebrating her 90th birthday with a birthday reception today at the First Christian Church parlor. Her husband was the late Rev. Herbert Land who was the pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at 500 N. West Street from 1949-1954.

The hosts of the reception are her four children: Leroy Land, Kirbyville; Kenneth Land, Chula Vista, Calif.; Nelda Wall, Pampa; and Lynda Boardman, Decatur, Ala.

She has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

JULY SAVINGS SALE

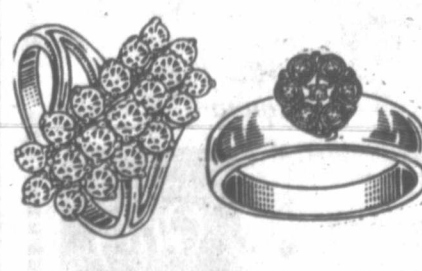
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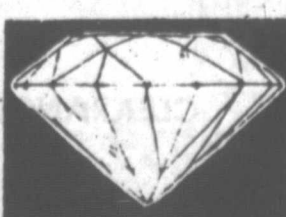
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YEARS AFTER 'GUNSMOKE' Dodge City rides again

By MATT TRUELL
Associated Press Writer

DODGE CITY, Kan. (AP) — It's been years since the fictional Marshal Dillon rode off into a television sunset, but the gunsmoke is still thick along Front Street.

This southwestern Kansas town was the inspiration for the long-running — but also, long-defunct — TV show "Gunsmoke."

"You mention 'Gunsmoke' to anyone 25 and under and they think that's something that's left in the air after a drive-by shooting," said Mike Armour, executive director of Boot Hill Museum and Front Street.

The old TV show may not be much of a drawing card for the younger crowd, but today's Dodge City remains a magnet for anyone attracted to the romance of the old western frontier.

A two-block section along Front Street re-creates the storefronts of the Dodge City of the 1870s, when the city was a wide-open cowtown. Showgirls dance and sing on the stage, visitors drink sarsaparilla and pretend it's red-eye whiskey.

There are even gunfight re-enactments, stagecoach rides and chuck wagon meals, and tourists love it. Last year, Boot Hill Museum and Front Street drew 115,000 visitors, making the area one of the most popular tourist attractions in Kansas.

And Armour says the eventual opening of Denver International Airport will bring plenty of foreign travelers to tourist attractions in the Plains states, including Dodge City.

Foreign tourists make the New York, Los Angeles and Washington, rounds their first trip to America, and look for something off the beaten path the second time, he said.

"There's more interest, especially the second time around, in the heartland," Armour said.

Dodge City, and the romance of the American West that surrounds it, qualifies as off the beaten path.

"We're a pass-through stop," Armour said. "We realize we're not a destination point."

Germans and Japanese are particularly fascinated by Western folklore, Armour said.

That does not surprise Loren Alexander, associated professor of German and foreign language education at Kansas State University.

Germans hold festivals in their country celebrating the American West, complete with cowboys and Indians, roping and riding, he said.

"They're very enthusiastic about it," Alexander added from his KSU office. "It's amazing. Open spaces and open possibilities are exemplified by the American West."

Dodge City, the most famous cowtown in America, was in its heyday during the 1870s, when the likes of Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson walked its streets. It was the watering hole for buffalo hunters and cowboys who brought cattle north from Texas, and at one point had 17 saloons.

Even back in those days, Armour said, Dodge City was famous for its lawlessness, attracting East Coast journalists and pulp writers. The town made Boot Hill famous as the place where troublemakers and penniless drifters were buried without ceremony.

Front Street recaptures that feel. Using old photographs and historic research, workers built an assortment of stores, including a barbershop, two saloons, a pharmacy, a dry goods store and a blacksmith's shop.

Hollywood has long had a love affair with the dusty town. Even before "Gunsmoke" became a staple in the early American television diet, Dodge City played a prominent role in westerns, Armour said.

This year, one of Front Street's visitors was Dennis Weaver, the actor known for playing a cowboy policeman in the TV series "McCloud." Weaver visited the Long Branch Saloon, a replica of one of old Dodge City's more popular saloons.

Today's Long Branch even includes a painting that hung in the old Long Branch. "Cowboy's Dream" shows a topless woman being drawn in a chariot by a white horse.

Armour said while interest waned among Americans in the Wild West in recent years, he believes it is picking up, citing the recent movies "Tombstone" and "Maverick."

"We think it's going to be a real good year," he said.

Former Austin concert hall prepares for reunion

AUSTIN (AP) — "Remember the Armadillo" says Eddie Wilson's bumper sticker.

And with any luck and a little good weather, music fans across Texas will remember the Armadillo World Headquarters, a renowned former Austin music hall that became a favorite touring spot for acts like Bruce Springsteen.

"Everybody seems to be real anxious for some version of a class reunion," said Wilson, who ran the Armadillo in its heyday in the 1970s and since has become the owner of Threadgill's Restaurant.

"Now that it's the year of the Woodstock revival effort, nothing quite sums up that spirit in this part of the world like the Armadillo."

The first Armadillo Homecoming Concert is planned over the Labor Day weekend, Wilson said.

Among the Armadillo-associated acts booked for the three-day event are Commander Cody and the Lost Planet Airmen, the New Riders of the Purple Sage, Leon Russell and Austin mainstays Joe Ely, Marcia Ball and Lou Ann Barton.

Opened in a former armory during the summer of 1970, the Armadillo quickly established itself as a symbol of Austin's uniqueness, presenting acts that transcended musical category.

It saw its fame spread as a favorite club for live recordings by acts from Commander Cody to Frank Zappa to Freddy King. The Armadillo also became a favorite touring spot for artists ranging from Van Morrison and Springsteen to Little Feat.

Hollywood deals with bad guy drought

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood is in the middle of a drought, and it's not a shortage of bottled mineral water. The town is running out of bad guys.

With the Cold War's end and increasing opposition to ethnic villains, filmmakers are under new pressure to craft politically correct criminals.

"Screenwriters are struggling to find new villains," says writer-director Phil Alden Robinson. "It's hard to find in this sensitive age villains you can love to hate."

Some movies still fall back on predictable thugs with a foreign accent: In "True Lies," Arnold Schwarzenegger's rivals are Arab terrorists, in "The Client," Susan Sarandon is up against an Italian wise guy and his goons, and last year's "Rising Sun" cast the Japanese as public enemy No. 1.

Then there's the standard full-throttle psycho: Tommy Lee Jones' bomber in "Blown Away" may be Irish, but he's more crazy than anything else. That insane character works across all genders — witness Glenn Close in "Fatal Attraction" or Kathy Bates in "Misery."

But another wave of stories — from "I Love Trouble" to "The Fugitive" — is exploring fresh territory for villains, and finding many malefactors in our professional midst. The new breed of ne'er-do-wells are homegrown inventors, doctors, lawyers and the like. Their artillery is not limited to guns and knives: It includes disk drives, test data and the patent office.

Turntable Tips

By the Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in this week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission.

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Top Singles

1. "I Swear," All-4-One (Blitz) (Gold)
2. "Stay (I Missed You)," Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories (RCA)
3. "Fantastic Voyage," Coolio (Tommy Boy) (Gold)
4. "Any Time, Any Place-And On and On," Janet Jackson (Virgin) (Gold)
5. "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," Elton John (Hollywood)
6. "Regulate," Warren G. & Nate Dogg (Death Row-Interscope) (Gold)
7. "Don't Turn Around," Ace of Base (Arista) (Gold)
8. "Funkdafied," Da Brat (So So Def)
9. "Back and Forth," Aaliyah (Blackground) (Gold)
10. "Wild Night," John Mellencamp & Me'Shell Ndegeocello (Mercury)

Top Albums

1. "The Lion King" Soundtrack, (Disney)
2. "Voodoo Lounge," The Rolling Stones (Virgin)
3. "The Sign," Ace of Base (Arista) (Platinum)

4. "Purple," Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic)
5. "August & Everything After," Counting Crows (Geffen) (Platinum)
6. "Regulate...G Funk Era," Warren G (Violator-RAL)
7. "Forrest Gump" Soundtrack, (Epic)
8. "Superunknown," Soundgarden (A&M) (Platinum)
9. "Not a Moment Too Soon," Tim McGraw (Curb) (Platinum)
10. "Who I Am," Allan Jackson (Arista)

Country

1. "Summertime Blues," Alan Jackson (Arista)
2. "Thinkin' Problem," David Ball (Warner Bros.)
3. "Every Once in a While," Blackhawk (Arista)
4. "Lifestyles of the Not So Rich & Famous," Tracy Byrd (MCA)
5. "National Working Woman's Holiday," Sammy Kershaw (Mercury)
6. "I Wish I Could Have Been There," John Anderson (BNA)
7. "Be My Baby Tonight," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
8. "Foolish Pride," Travis Tritt (Warner Bros.)
9. "Dreaming With My Eyes Open," Clay Walker (Giant)
10. "One Night a Day," Garth Brooks (Liberty)

R&B

1. "Any Time, Any Place-And On and On," Janet Jackson (Virgin)

2. "Funkdafied," Da Brat (So So Def-Chaos)
3. "I Miss You," Aaron Hall (MCA)
4. "Back & Forth," Aaliyah (Blackground) (Gold)
5. "Sending My Love," Zhane (Illtown)
6. "Willing to Forgive," Aretha Franklin (Arista)
7. "Always in My Heart," Tevin Campbell (Qwest)
8. "Your Body's Callin'," R. Kelly (Jive)
9. "The Right Kinda Lover," Patti Labelle (MCA)
10. "I'm Not Over You," Ce Ce Peniston (A&M)

Modern Rock

1. "Come Out and Play," Offspring (Epitaph)
2. "Fall Down," Toad the Wet Sprocket (Columbia)
3. "Vaseline," Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic)
4. "Prayer for the Dying," Seal (Sire)
5. "Black Hole Sun," Soundgarden (A&M)
6. "Girls & Boys," Blur (SBK-ERG)
7. "Stay," Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories (RCA)
8. "Basket Case," Green Day (Reprise)
9. "Labour of Love," Frente! (Mammoth-Atlantic)
10. "Einstein on the Beach," Counting Crows (DGC-Geffen)

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ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,525,000
Interest-bearing balances	1,975,000
Securities:	
Held-to-maturity securities	3,974,000
Available-for-sale securities	3,350,000
Federal funds sold	1,650,000
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	15,987,000
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	357,000
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	15,630,000
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	879,000
Other real estate owned	217,000
Other assets	364,000
Total assets	29,564,000
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	29,564,000

LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	26,711,000
Noninterest-bearing	4,685,000
Interest-bearing	22,026,000
Other liabilities	156,000
Total liabilities	26,867,000

EQUITY CAPITAL	
Common stock	1,250,000
Surplus	1,250,000
Undivided profits and capital reserves	221,000
Net unrealized holding gains (Losses) on available-for-sale securities	(24)
Total equity capital	2,697,000
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	2,697,000
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Gladys Vanderpool
July 12, 1994

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20 Gravel ridge
21 Cincinnati team
23 Russian emperor
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34 Kate
35 Nelligan movie
36 Having flaps for hearing
37 Part of shoe
40 Game played on horseback
41 Overpraise

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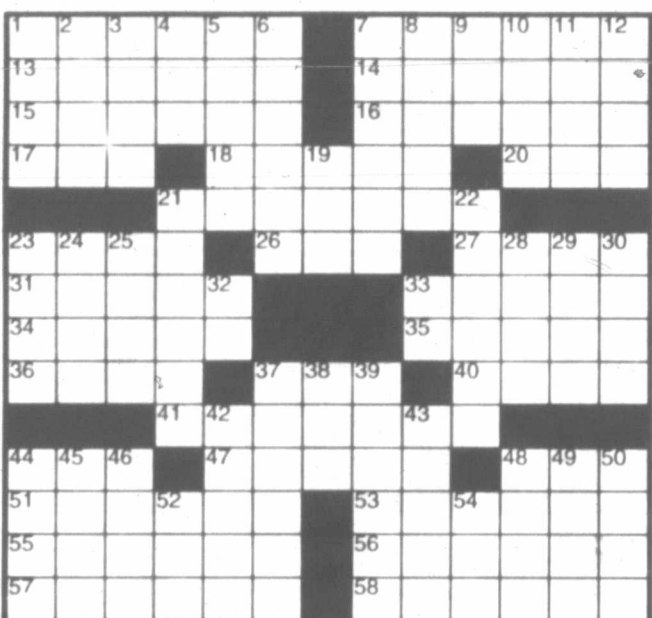
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25 Solar disk
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29 Ship — bottom
30 Opposite of ecto
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33 Hebrew letter
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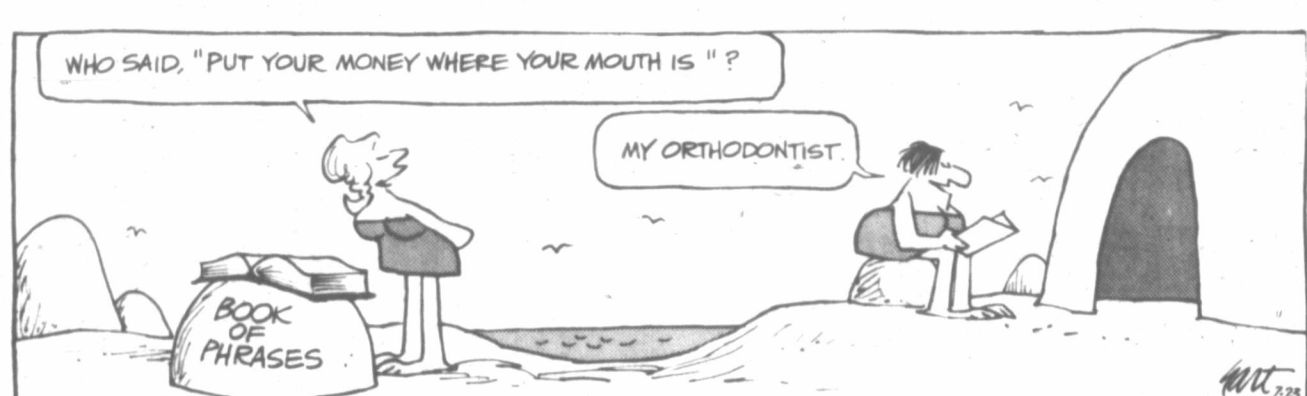
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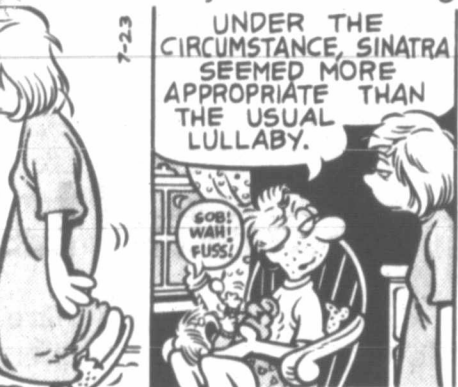
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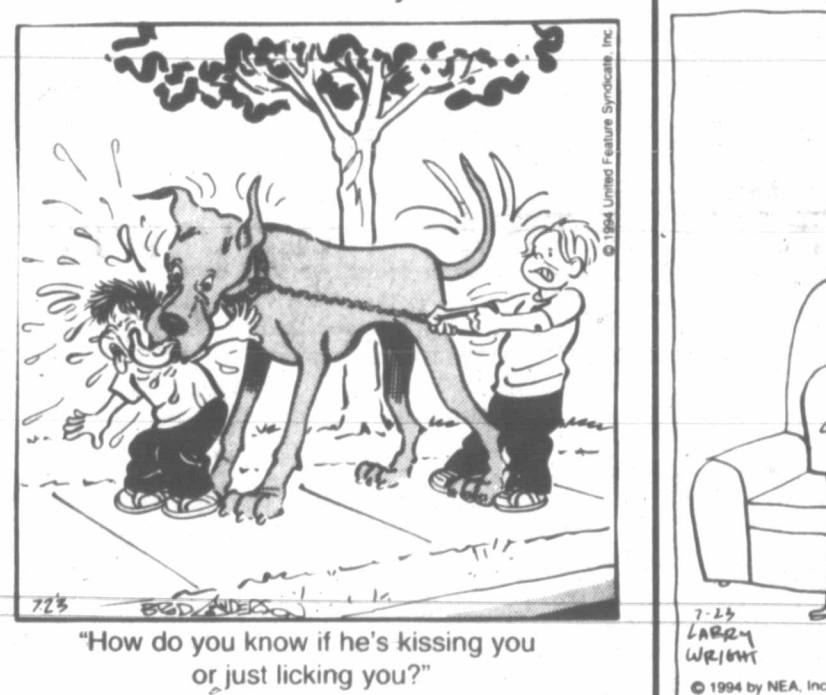
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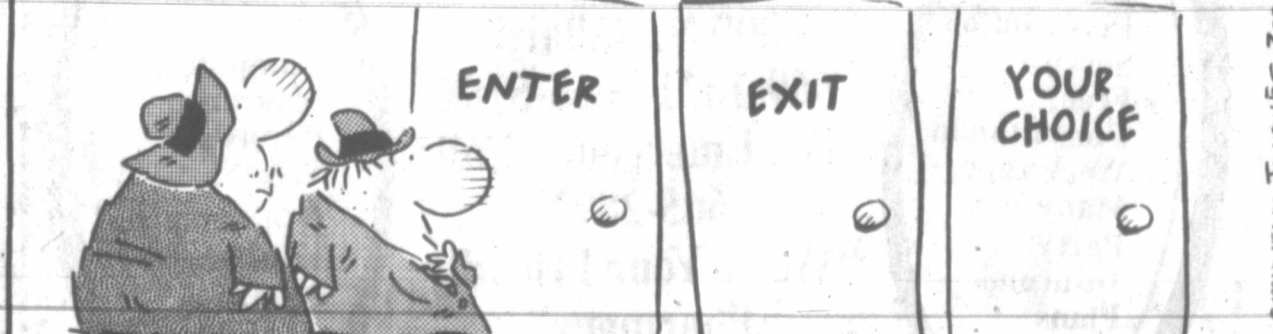
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't be fearful about assuming more responsibilities today where your work is concerned. You're capable of doing what you'll be asked to do, and your efforts will be acknowledged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you should be popular with persons from all walks of life. However, you are likely to be more popular with friends and contacts who have clout. One might do you a substantial favor.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Currents are now stirring that could provide you with justification for some hopes you've been entertaining. A lucky break might come through a pal you helped.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's important today that you elevate your sights where objectives are concerned so that even if you fall short of your mark, something will be gained.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have a wealth of past experience upon which to draw and today two important lessons you've learned the hard way will have beneficial applications. Knowledge makes life easier.

Trial reveals Exxon Valdez spill's economic costs — and immeasurable losses

By DAVID FOSTER
Associated Press Writer

CHENEGA BAY, Alaska (AP) — For Eddie Lavshakoff, it's the bleak silence of a bay once clamoring with ducks. For John Totemoff, it's the empty ledge where he used to hunt seals. For Gail Evanoff, it's the ominous oddities — herring with lesions, a worm-infested salmon — that make her doubt the waters she once trusted to sustain her.

The residents of this Aleut village say they don't need scientific studies or economic models to know that Prince William Sound still suffers from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

They keep their own watch, and for them the greatest losses are impossible to measure.

"Everything's just wrong since the oil spill," villager Mary Kompkoff said. "I was brought up eating food off the land and water, and we never thought twice about things when we ate them. Now, I'm thinking."

Chenega Bay's 70 residents are among 14,000 Alaska Natives, commercial fishermen and others suing Exxon Corp. for up to \$16.5 billion in the wake of the Exxon Valdez.

It's been five years since the biggest oil spill in U.S. history smeared 11 million gallons of North Slope crude across Alaska's wild southern coast. Now, the biggest environmental lawsuit in U.S. history is taking stock of the disaster's economic and ecological impacts.

The trial is in its third month and far from done. But already it is clear to Chenega Bay residents that some costs can never be tallied.

"This is our lifestyle, our culture," John Totemoff said, standing on his small fishing boat, just in from an early morning trip that netted 16 salmon for his family's use next winter. "How could I put a price tag on this?"

He's not the first to ask. Lawsuits started piling up against Exxon just four days after the Exxon Valdez tanker struck Bligh Reef on March 24, 1989.

Two weeks into the spill, Exxon took out full-page newspaper ads, promising to "meet our obligations to all those who have suffered damage from the spill."

That broad promise soon required qualification. As the oil spread, ultimately fouling 1,500 miles of coastline, the spill's economic repercussions reached even further across Alaska.

There were some winners, such as the fishermen "spillionaires" who chartered out their boats to Exxon during the \$2 billion cleanup.

But there also were many victims — from the coastal fishermen who claimed they were ruined by lost fishing seasons, to the homesteader far inland who grumbled that his moose-hunting suffered because of cleanup-related traffic on the Glenn Highway.

The homesteader was among the few who didn't sue Exxon. By last winter, the plaintiff's roster included tourboat operators and fishing guides, sea-otter researchers whose oiled subjects had died by the thousands, and thousands of net menders, boat builders, cannery workers and seafood wholesalers dependent on the fishing fleet.

Many plaintiffs were dismissed in March, when U.S. District Judge H. Russell Holland in Anchorage ruled that onshore businesses had no legal claims if they hadn't suffered direct physical damage from the oil.

"There is no question but that the Exxon Valdez grounding impacted, in one fashion or another, far more people than will ever recover anything in these proceedings," Holland wrote.

The claims remaining are complex enough. Attorneys for 10,000 commercial fishermen and 4,000 Alaska Natives have been arguing their case before a federal jury in Anchorage since May 9, seeking more than \$1 billion in actual damages and up to \$15 billion in punitive damages from Exxon and tanker Capt. Joseph Hazelwood.

A few blocks away in a state courtroom, attorneys for six coastal towns and six Alaska Native corporations are seeking \$100 million in a trial that began July 5.

Exxon lost the first phase of the federal trial in June, when jurors

decided that recklessness on the part of Exxon and Hazelwood led to the spill. The plaintiffs had argued that Hazelwood was drunk the night of the spill and that Exxon had known about his drinking for years.

Next, the jury considered claims by commercial fishermen that not only did the spill ruin salmon and herring harvests by disrupting Prince William Sound's ecological balance, it depressed prices for fish caught by tainting the reputation of Alaska salmon.

Exxon argued that the ecological damage was not as severe as the plaintiffs claimed, and that world market conditions and competition from farmed salmon were to blame for falling fish prices.

For three weeks, dueling scientists, economists and other expert witnesses debated the spill's biological and economic fallout.

The plaintiffs' attorneys drew upon state and federal studies to portray a marine environment torn apart by oil.

Government scientists estimate 300,000 to 645,000 birds were killed outright by the oil, and some devastated bird populations, including common murre and harlequin ducks, are failing to reproduce in areas that were oiled. Young sea otters are dying in unusual numbers in western Prince William Sound, possibly from feeding on mussel beds where oil remains trapped.

Most important to fishermen, runs of pink salmon returning to Prince William Sound have plummeted the last two summers, after strong showings in 1990 and 1991. Likewise, springtime herring harvests, strong in 1991 and 1992, were cut short this year and last year when too few fish showed up. Many herring had organ damage and lesions.

But Exxon's experts say blaming all the sound's problems on a spill that happened five years ago is overly simplistic. Herring and salmon populations fluctuate naturally because of changes in ocean temperature and food supply, they say.

They also contend that Exxon's cleanup efforts, combined with winter storms, have scoured nearly all the oil from Prince William Sound beaches. Even in 1989, one scientist testified, the dissolved oil in most areas did not reach levels toxic to fish.

In the state air of the windowless courtroom, attorneys have struggled to keep the working-class jury's attention.

"Let me bring up another chart that will help explain this," an Exxon lawyer said during one tedious session on fish forecasting. Two jurors traded tight smiles. Another tilted her head back and yawned. The judge rubbed his eyes. It was 9:30 a.m.

The jury started deliberating the fishermen's claims July 12 with a verdict form that looked like a Chinese menu. Year by year, species

by species, area by area, they had to decide whether the oil spill caused poor fish runs or reduced the prices paid to fishermen. Then, they had to calculate a dollar amount for damages.

The fishermen sought \$895 million in compensation. Exxon suggested about \$100 million.

For all the imponderables involved, the commercial fishermen's claims at least dealt with a market commodity. The trial's next phase, dealing with claims by Alaska Natives that the oil spill kept them from their subsistence hunting and fishing, plunges the jury into more nebulous territory.

Natives do not sell the wild foods they harvest, so how does one calculate their value? What price the loss of seagull eggs or seal livers, of herring roe on kelp?

Judge Holland ruled the Natives could not sue for losses to their cultural heritage. He limited their damage claims to the economic value of their lost harvests, using equivalent store-bought foods as a guide. He

did not mention what those equivalents might be.

Soon, the jury will face the greatest imponderable yet: How do you punish, if you punish at all, one of the world's largest corporations, a company with sales of \$111 billion and profits of \$5.3 billion last year?

Exxon points to its efforts after the spill — the \$2 billion it spent on cleanup, the \$900 million settlement it reached with state and federal agencies to compensate for damage to natural resources, the \$300 million in damages it paid voluntarily to fishermen and others.

"We don't need any punishment," said Exxon attorney James Neal. "I think we've been punished enough."

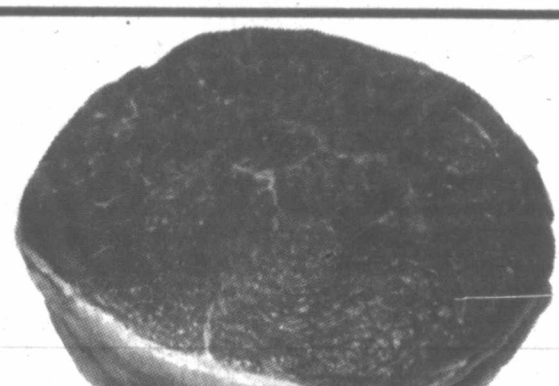
In Chenega Bay, Mary Kompkoff had another view. "No money in the world will change what Exxon did to us," she said. "No money in the world will ever make it the same."

EDITOR'S NOTE — David Foster is the AP's Northwest regional reporter, based in Seattle.

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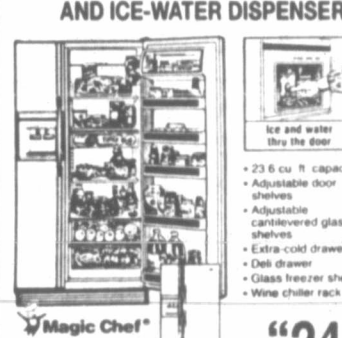


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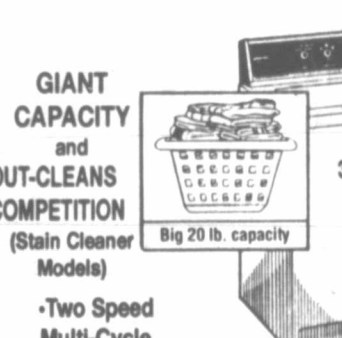
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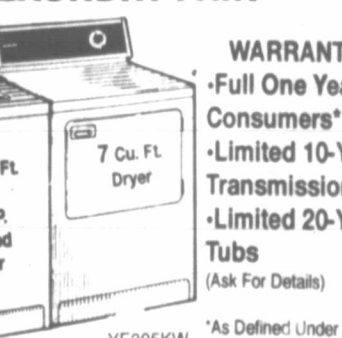
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Agriculture

Diversity issue stalls bills, appointments for U.S. Department of Agriculture

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The case of an Agriculture Department manager reassigned because of his views on homosexuality has gummed up Senate efforts to approve nominees and reform crop insurance.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has taken up the cause of Karl C. Mertz, who was reassigned in March after telling a television reporter: "We need to be moving toward Camelot, not Sodom and Gomorrah, and I'm afraid that's where our leadership is taking us."

Mertz, 49, didn't hold just any job with the department. He was a senior manager in a 10-state regional office in charge of equal employment opportunity, the office that protects workers against discrimination.

The department said Mertz's statement proved that he could no longer carry out the department's civil rights policy. It gave him an unrelated job, took away several perks, but preserved his salary.

Soon after taking office last year, Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy issued a new Civil Rights Policy

Statement saying the department would "reach out" to groups that previously had been discriminated against. The department would "create a work environment free of discrimination and harassment based on gender or sexual orientation."

Mertz's very public remarks were made March 4 after a departmental conference in Biloxi, Miss. Mertz said he was expressing personal views as a Christian and acting on personal time.

"This is not coming from hate," Mertz, a Methodist pastor who once preached against segregation and opposes the death penalty, said in a telephone interview from his office in Athens, Ga. "This is coming from a genuine concern."

Mertz says what he was talking about wasn't existing policy, but rather a direction the department appeared to be taking based on internal meetings he attended.

Mertz said he spoke out because he thought the department was moving toward making unmarried same-sex partners eligible for life and health insurance.

Since taking up Mertz's cause, Helms has blocked four appointments to related agencies such as the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which regulates the commodities markets. He also has blocked a bill reforming crop insurance unless Mertz is reinstated.

Last week as the Senate debated a \$68 billion spending bill for the department, Helms also complained that the department officially sanctioned a rights group known as Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Employees, which means it can use government equipment for its activities. No one from the organization would talk for this story.

In a letter issued during the debate, Espy told Helms that "there is no gay rights 'agenda' at the department and there will certainly be no seminars or 'sensitivity training' sessions to promote acceptance of alternate 'life styles.'"

Espy said the department has not allowed gay couples the same family benefits as traditional couples, and noted that "some changes will be made" in how employee groups are chartered.

But Espy held firm on the Mertz reassignment, meaning his future and the future of some other jobs and bills remains unclear.

Before voting to pass the spending bill for the department, the Senate added a pair of amendments intended to appease Helms. His office has yet to comment on whether the changes did the trick.

One amendment said the department could spend no money to "embrace, accept, condone, or celebrate homosexuality as a legitimate or normal lifestyle."

Another said the department could not remove people from their assignments for personal opinions, expressed on personal time, on policies or proposed policies without a hearing.

"I am troubled that someone is transferred or demoted because he expressed an opinion," said Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., head of the appropriations subcommittee that controls the department's budget.

The free speech amendment, Bumpers said on the floor, would also protect people who privately criticized policies on women and minorities as well. The amendment passed 100-0.

Official: RDA loans to create, save jobs

TEMPLE — More than 19,000 jobs will be created or saved in rural areas this fiscal year through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Administration (RDA) Business and Industry Program, according to RDA Acting Administrator Wilbur T. Peer.

"The RDA Business and Industry program is helping to provide new jobs in rural areas by working with banks to make financing available to new or expanding businesses," Peer said. "Thousands of jobs are also being saved by helping companies that would have to go out of business without additional financing."

"The administration is emphasizing the Business and Industry Program as part of its commitment to participate with the private sector to help create jobs and improve the rural economy," Peer said.

Nationally, RDA has invested \$114,942,250 for 81 loans this fiscal year, which began last October first. Nearly \$135 million remains available for the rest of the fiscal year which ends Sept. 30, 1994. In Texas, RDA has

invested \$2.5 million this year in rural areas to create and/or save 230 jobs.

Under RDA's Business and Industry Program, guaranteed loans are available for such purposes as the start-up or purchase of a business, working capital, conversion from one type of business to another, expansion and modernization.

"The RDA guarantee helps small businesses find credit that otherwise may not be available. Banking regulations have been tightened over the past few years and some banks, especially small rural banks, may be hesitant to lend to emerging businesses," Peer said.

"Even smaller banks, however, can make loans with the RDA guarantee because the guarantee reduces their risk. And the guaranteed portion of the loan does not count against their reserves," he said. "In addition, banks can sell the guaranteed portion of the loan on the secondary market. Also, these loans help lenders fulfill their obligation to the community in accordance with the Community Reinvestment Act."

Companies of any size can apply for guarantees on loans of up to \$10 million. The amount of the federal guarantee depends on the size of the loan. A maximum 90 percent guarantee is available for loans under \$2 million, an 80 percent guarantee on loans of \$2 million to \$5 million, and a 70 percent guarantee is available on loans over \$5 million up to \$10 million.

"The Business and Industry Loan Program is one of the least costly to the American taxpayer," Peer said. "Since the federal government only guarantees the loan, there is no direct outlay of federal dollars unless there is a loss on the loan."

The RDA Business and Industry Loan Program is administered at the local level by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and is available through FmHA state offices around the country.

Further information may be obtained from the state office at the following address: Farmers Home Administration, 101 S. Main, Suite 102, Temple, TX, 76701, or by phone at (817) 774-1307.

Texas winter wheat crop expected to be down

AUSTIN — The 1994 Texas winter wheat crop is currently forecast at 78.0 million bushels, down 10 percent from the June 1 level. The July 1 estimate was 34 percent below last year's production and 40 percent below the 1992 crop.

According to a July 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield was expected to average 26 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage, at 3.0 million acres, was unchanged from June.

Harvest moved rapidly across the High Plains where yields were turning out lower than earlier expected. Production on the Northern High Plains was forecast at 35.0 million bushels, down 36 percent from last year.

Harvest in the Low Plains and Cross Timbers was winding down by late June. Yields continued to

be disappointing. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains decreased 15 percent from last month to 11.2 million bushels, 57 percent below last year. The Cross Timbers was estimated at 5.3 million bushels, down 44 percent from last year.

Production in the Blacklands was forecast at 17.0 million bushels, 4 percent above the 1993 crop.

United States winter wheat production was forecast at 1.66 billion bushels, down 1 percent from June 1 and 6 percent below last year. Yield was expected to average 40 bushels per acre compared with 40.3 bushels a year ago.

Acreage to be harvested for grain was expected to total 41.5 million acres, 5 percent less than a year ago.

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Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	3,524,767.00
Securities	127,573,956.00
Federal funds sold	5,300,000.00
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	34,503,232.00
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	1,489,333.00
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	33,013,899.00
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	672,678.00
Other real estate owned	822,387.00
Other assets	2,062,490.00
Total assets	172,970,177.00

LIABILITIES

Deposits:	
In domestic offices	142,228,168.00
Noninterest-bearing	16,722,351.00
Interest-bearing	125,505,817.00
Other liabilities	826,536.00
Total liabilities	143,054,704.00

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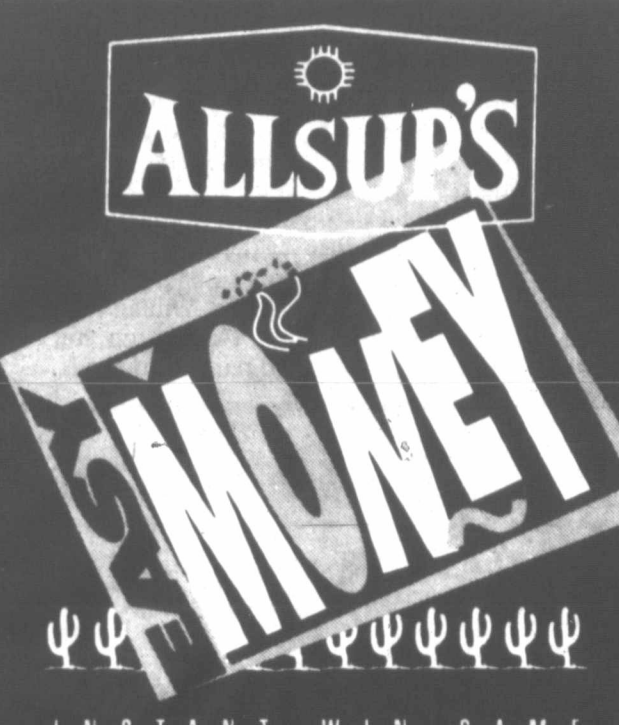
Common stock	4,000,000.00
Surplus	4,000,000.00
Undivided profits and capital reserves	22,782,396.00
Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	(866,923.00)
Total equity capital	29,915,473.00
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	172,970,177.00

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Greg Brown
July 18, 1994

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Man prefers oxen to machines; now he just needs a farm

By AL BRUMLEY
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — You certainly can't accuse Bill Dougherty of putting the cart before the ox.

In fact, the 42-year-old Dallas man is probably the best-prepared farmer without a farm in the state of Texas.

Dougherty completed two classes at Tillers International in Kalamazoo, Mich., to learn how to drive oxen. His dream is to one day own a small farm and to work it with nothing but ox power.

"I've often thought I was born in the wrong century that there was some sort of cosmic slip, and I should have been born in 1852 instead of 1952," Dougherty said.

"I've always had an intense interest in low-tech, sustainable agriculture. I'm a graduate of the college of ox-driving knowledge."

Low-tech agriculture means using animal power instead of machinery to work the fields, he said.

In Dougherty's case, oxen are the animals of choice.

"Oxen are like overgrown puppy dogs," he said. "They're very calm, very attentive to the trainer, and they're very, very smart, too. The intelligence level is incredible, really."

An ox is nothing more than a castrated bull calf that has been deemed to have the proper temperament to work in a yolk, Dougherty said.

"When a bull calf is castrated, it becomes a steer," he said. "That's done between six months and a year old. They're usually slaughtered for meat. If a steer is fortunate enough, he's picked as a potential ox."

"A four-year-old steer that's been trained to work as a teammate in a yolk becomes an ox."

Dougherty owns a small company in Dallas that does design work for businesses. He grew up in New Jersey and moved to Dallas about 20 years ago.

"We always had chickens for meat, rabbits for meat," he said. "My grandmother had a milk cow. I grew up on the rural fringe. I think we come from a very self-reliant stock."

Dougherty said he always thought he would like to own a farm someday. That feeling began to crystallize when he read an article about oxen in Smithsonian magazine.

"It was about how the founding of this country was based on hard-working teams of oxen," he said.

When he heard about Tillers International, he knew he had to go. The first class lasted four days; the second was a full week.

"This is not a 'City Slickers' type of thing," he said. "A lot of the students are learning these skills to take to developing countries. This is very serious stuff; it's not a dude ranch."

Tillers International was founded in 1981 by Dick Rosenberg, whose work in the Peace Corps had led him to help farmers in developing countries learn to work with oxen.

The nonprofit school is funded by student fees and donations, Rosenberg said. Most of the students eventually will take their skills to other countries.

Others, like Dougherty, are doing it for the sheer love of farming and of the animals.

Rosenberg said American farmers who use oxen and there aren't many have to grow high-profit vegetable crops to be competitive. A team of oxen in a wheat field simply cannot compete with a farmer on a combine, he said.

"They would have to be dealing more in vegetable farms for direct marketing to urban people and things of that nature," he said.

Dougherty said there are many advantages to working with oxen. The animals are able to work longer and harder than horses, they're more predictable than horses, and they're more resistant to disease.

And for farmers on a budget, a young team of oxen

can cost about \$40,000 less than a new tractor.

"Oxen live a very good life," Dougherty said. "They get all the food they could possibly want, and the more love they get, the harder they work."

A well-trained team responds instantly to voice commands:

"Gee" means go right; "haw" means go left; "come up" means forward. "Back up" and "whoa" are self-explanatory.

And while it sounds easy on paper, Dougherty said it takes a lot of training to make a 3,600-pound animal do what you want it to do.

Rosenberg gave his Dallas student a glowing report. "He did very well," Rosenberg said. "He's certainly able to handle a team of oxen, plowing a field and doing many farm tasks."

For now, Dougherty is content to use his new skills at Samuel Farm in suburban Mesquite. The facility is owned by the city of Dallas and has a variety of classes, children's activities and a working farm.

But Dougherty is also determined to turn some earth on his own farm someday.

"As far as I know, I'm probably the only person in the state of Texas driving oxen," he said. "I think I'm definitely a frustrated farmer."

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT — (BULL)

OUTLOOK: As of this writing, the low prices made in early July remain intact. This corresponds with the seasonal tendency for wheat to bottom at harvest time.

It also should be noted that wheat held above its recent low price while corn and beans were making new seasonal lows. This is called bullish relative strength. In fact, one of the favorite trades this time of year of the floor traders at the Chicago Board of Trade is the following spread — buy wheat and sell corn against it.

If you had bought December wheat and sold December corn in mid-July, and held this position till the end of September, in the past 15 years you would have shown a profit in 13 of them. That's over 85 percent and not bad odds. On average wheat's gained about 20¢ per bushel over corn during this period. (Data courtesy of the Moore Research Center)

Of course, to get a sustained rally, exports will need to pick up and I'm assuming they will, but this is somewhat dependent on the government. Bottom line, I remain bullish wheat.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* Our recommendation is to first sell cash wheat which will generate cash to pay off debt (or earn a positive return) and eliminate storage costs. For example, if you have 25,000 bu. and locally can get \$3.00, this generates \$75,000 in cash flow.

Second, to still own wheat, buy 5 December call options for about 15¢ each (total cost about \$4,000 including commissions for this ex.) Take the \$70,000 left over and pay off an operating loan. If you pay 8 percent interest, you would pay almost \$4,000 in interest over the life of the

options. *Interest saved pays for the options.*

The options will increase in value if cash wheat goes up. If wheat goes down, your risk is limited to the cost of the option (which is not the case with wheat in storage). Plus there are no storage costs with paper wheat. Look to buy December at the money options when Dec. wheat trades either above \$3.40 or below \$3.20.

Traders: New recommendation: buy December Minneapolis wheat at \$3.35 or better. The Mpls. variety could benefit incrementally if weather in the Northern Plains causes disease problems like last year. Risk to \$3.20 for an eventual objective of \$3.60.

CORN — (BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: There's the potential for a corn crop which will tip the scales the north side of 9 billion bushels — the second biggest crop on record. A number like this makes it hard to think there will be any kind of sustained price rally in the near term.

Rallies in the corn market will probably be short lived, at least until something changes. On the positive side, prices have fallen about 50¢ from the highs in less than a month and this has discounted, to a major extent, the big crop. I wouldn't be surprised if this year the market bottoms well before harvest. Low prices will stimulate exports which could at some point wear down supplies and result in a meaningful winter rally.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* Based on previous recommendations, we're 40 percent hedged in the new crop via the use of September puts at an average price just under \$2.70. The corn crop is close to made and I would leave this protection on plus expand it above \$2.35 in the December.

Traders: Still on the sidelines. The

market appears too cheap to sell, and I see a small short covering rally coming, but the psychology appears too bearish to make this a high potential trade.

CATTLE — (BEAR)

OUTLOOK: Crazy market, these cattle. First they collapse about 20 percent this spring and then rebound about half that amount in the course of a few weeks. My gut says the price problems aren't over yet. Perhaps somewhere in the mid-sixties is a real value area for this summer.

Excellent growing conditions this winter and heavy placements have resulted in a near term supply glut. Prices can certainly trade both sides of real value, however. The collapse to 61 last month was an overreaction to the downside, and my opinion is August cattle at 70 is an overreaction the other way.

If the recent rebound holds through mid-August, then I'm wrong, but for now I would consider hedges and short sales in August cattle close to 70.

STRATEGY: *Hedgers:* "True" hedgers own the 74 August puts and the October or December 68 puts, all purchased at 250 points or less. Selected hedgers were able to buy the October and December 70 put options at 250 or less last week. Puts give you downside protection, while allowing for upside potential. Futures hedgers can look to sell August above 69.

Cow/calf operators: Hedgers own the September 72 puts at under \$2/cwt. Puts have been the way to go for protection, since they still allowed us to benefit from the \$8 up move in the feeders (minus the \$2 cost). For now, I like selling the October 78 calls to gain incremental income at 250 points or higher. This gives you \$1250 extra profit per load (under 78); however, you need to be willing to forego additional profits above the equivalent of 8050 October futures.

Traders: Last week we took a loss of 240 points on our short August; however, we also were able to realize a profit of 460 points on our long October for a combined profit of 220 points or \$800 per contract. Short term traders can sell August above 69 for a break of at least \$2. Risk a close over 7040.

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Wasps put to work in battle with fruit fly

By KIMBERLY A.C. WILSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists are enlisting an army of parasitic wasps in the battle against the pesky — and noisy — Caribbean fruit fly that plagues Florida citrus groves.

As part of a four-year pilot study, scientists found that carnivorous wasps can detect the chewing sound fruit fly maggots make as they nibble fruit pulp, according to an article in Agriculture Research, journal of the USDA's Agriculture Research Service.

So scientists are using the wasp to find and destroy maggots hiding inside citrus fruits.

The hunt is simple — but gruesome.

The female wasp "fertilizes" individual maggots by poking them with her egg-depositing ovipositor and laying her eggs inside the tiny insects.

"Within a short time, the maggot leaves the fruit and develops into a pupa," the report said. "Later the wasp egg will hatch into a larva that will begin to eat the maggot pupa."

Researchers say the wasps are safe alternatives to the hit-or-miss use of sterile fly infestations or the spraying of the fumigant ethylene dibromide, or EDB, which has been found to be carcinogenic.

Scientists created buffer zones in urban areas near commercial groves by releasing huge numbers of wasps to drastically cut back fruit fly numbers. Then fewer flies migrate from neighborhood guava, loquat, cherry and other fruit trees to commercial citrus groves, they said.

"The flies infest grapefruit only at low levels — preferring ... backyard fruits that can be separated from commercial areas by maintaining the fly-free zones," the article said.

Between 50,000 and 150,000 wasps are released per square mile each week. Fruit fly populations in

Florida have been slashed by 90 to 95 percent.

But scientist John Sivinski said despite great reductions in their numbers, the pests remain a serious problem.

"Often the fly larvae are so deep in the fruit that the wasp's ovipositor can't reach them," He said the Caribbean fruit fly multiplies faster than its wasp predators.

Sivinski said "releasing millions of wasps at a time when fly populations are starting to build up," gives the wasps a better chance of finding and killing off fruit fly larvae.

He has helped develop 15 different species of the diachasmimorphia longicauda biocontrol wasps. They have proven to be one of the more effective hunters of fruit fly maggots.

Managing fruit flies is crucial to U.S. citrus growers since fruit grown in an unfested zone can be exported to places that refuse fruit not grown in fly-free zones.

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- the name and certificate or license number of the applicator or applicator's supervisor

For more information about the USDA record keeping program, contact your local Texas Agricultural Extension Service office. For information about pesticide applicator licenses or pesticide use training, contact TDA's Pesticide Programs Division at (512) 475-1657.

Wheat trials confirm yields are down

AMARILLO — Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists are confirming what many producers were expecting — grain yields are lower this year compared to records set in 1993.

Variety trials conducted in the Texas Panhandle by TAES wheat breeders, Drs. Mark Lazar at Bushland and David Worrall in Vernon, show yields dropping 38 percent in dryland wheat and 20 percent in fully irrigated crops.

While yields are down this year, producers should keep in mind that 1993 was an exceptional year, with higher than usual yields, especially for dryland, says Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Amarillo.

"There are several reasons this year's crop came in below average,"

Bean said. Wheat yield potential was first hurt by an early, hard freeze in late October causing the wheat to turn dormant earlier, which stopped the plant from producing tillers.

Many parts of the Panhandle were unusually dry throughout the winter, resulting in poor soil moisture going into spring. This was followed by three late-season freezes after the wheat began jointing, which resulted in fewer viable wheat heads at harvest, Bean said.

Poor weather conditions, diseases, greenbugs and finally the high temperatures and high winds in late May and early June helped deliver the final blows to this year's crop.

The good news is that even under rather tough growing conditions, Drs. Lazar and Worrall have found that a few varieties are averaging yields above the rest.

In Experiment Station trials using TAM 200 as a standard, three varieties — Larned, Ogallala and TAM 105 — performed as well or better in dryland tests.

Larned, an older variety developed by Kansas State, is similar to Scout, and Ogallala is a new release from AgriPro.

"Things seem to be coming out in 3's," said Bean. Under irrigation, three varieties yielded at least 3 bushels more than TAM 200. The three top yielders were TAM 201, a variety maturing several days earlier than TAM 200, and Quantum 588A, a hybrid wheat from Hybritech, and, once again, Ogallala.

Details about this year's variety trials have been released recently and are available through Dr. Brent Bean at (806) 359-5401 or local county agents.

TFB official: Warbler habitat designation poses problems

WACO — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife's proposed designation of 33 Texas counties as "critical habitat" for the golden chequered warbler has more serious ramifications than even the spotted owl in the Northwest, according to a spokesman for Texas Farm Bureau.

"The plan, if adopted, would require all federal agencies operating within the designated area to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service before any activity that might harm the species or its habitat," said Ned Meister, TFB commodity and regulatory director.

Meister's comments were made following a news conference called by State Sen. David Sibley of Waco, who stated his opposition to the wildlife agency's plan.

Sibley charged that the plan is an "unconstitutional taking" of land from private property owners, adding that designating the 33-county area as an endangered species locale for the warbler would devalue property and lower tax revenues.

Once property taxes have been decreased, it would put a "cloud over the title of land" for those wanting to

sell their property due to the endangered species designation.

Sibley said he will be in contact with U.S. Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison to thwart the proposal.

Meister said the wildlife agency's proposed 20.5 million acres of land in Texas for the warbler constitutes the largest block of land chosen for a critical habitat in the nation's Endangered Species Act.

Meister sees the proposal as a "wake up call" to all citizens as it relates to full implications of the Endangered Species Act.

Ag briefs

AUSTIN — The deadline for submitting applications for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program is Aug. 15, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

The ceremony in January 1995 will mark the 21st anniversary of the program, which recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous production by the same family for at least 100 years.

"It is a great honor to be able to recognize our long-standing farm and ranch families," Perry said. "The program has been a testament to the endurance and tenacity of the Texas agricultural producer."

Applications for the program are available through county judges and historical societies, as well as the department. For a farm or ranch to qualify for the program, it must be a minimum of 10 acres or have sales of at least \$250 a year.

More than 2,800 operations have been honored by the department since the program began in 1974. "These are families that not only represent the history of agriculture but the history of Texas as well," Perry said.

Additional information or applications may be obtained by writing Family Land Heritage Program, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas

78711; or call (512) 463-7653.

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture warns Texas consumers that out-of-state pesticide distributors are selling products that are not properly licensed for purchase and use in Texas.

These companies are telemarketing their products and seem to be focusing on farmers, local governments and school districts. Allegedly, the companies are recommending uses of their products that are inconsistent with label direction.

TDA has classified several pesticide products containing certain active ingredients as "state-limited-use pesticides" because they could affect other plant and animal life if not properly used. To use state-limited-use pesticides, an applicator must be licensed by TDA.

TDA reminds consumers to always read and follow the instructions on pesticide labels to ensure safe use of the product.

To report suspected misuse of pesticides or unauthorized sales, call a regional TDA office or toll free 1-800-835-5832 (TELL-TDA).

PHILADELPHIA — FMC Corporation's Agricultural Chemical Group has announced that the Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) granted a specific exemption under provisions of Section 18 of FIFRA for the use of Capture 2EC insecticide-miticide to control mites on field corn and popcorn in these Texas counties: Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lamb, Lubbock, Moore, Ochiltree, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Sherman and Swisher.

The Section 18 exemption will expire on Sept. 15, 1994.

Farmers and ranchers deciding to use this pesticide are asked to closely follow the label directions for use.

Also, a buffer zone of 150 feet must be maintained between treated fields and streams, ponds, lakes, rivers, springs, swamps or other water land sources. Applications of this product may not be made when the wind speed is greater than 10 miles per hour.

Onion production up in spring, but down for summer

AUSTIN — Spring onion production in South Texas is estimated at 4.7 million hundredweight (cwt), an increase of 70 percent from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Preliminary yield is estimated at 280 cwt per acre, up 75 cwt from last year. Texas total harvested acreage is up to 16,800 acres from 13,500 acres a year ago.

Texas summer onion production in the High Plains and Trans-Pecos is forecast at 868 thousand hundredweight (cwt), down 7 percent from the 1993 crop.

According to figures by TASS, yield is estimated at 280 cwt per acre compared with 260 last year.

Harvested acreage is expected to decrease 14 percent from a year ago to 3,100 acres.

In the High Plains some early varieties were hampered by a cold spring. Later varieties look good.

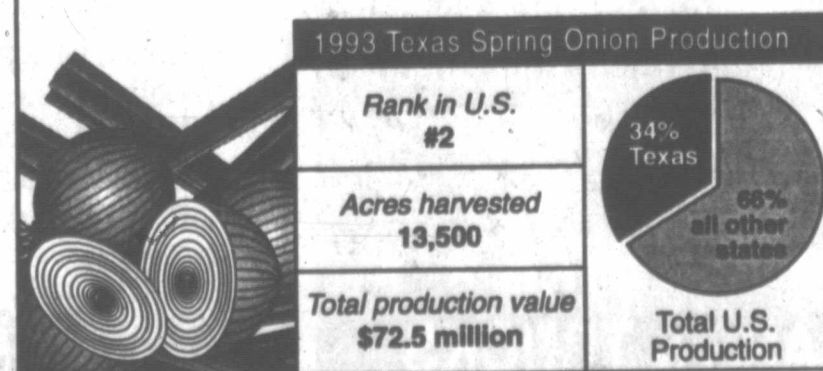
United States production of non-storage summer onions is projected at 5.01 million cwt, down slightly from last year, but up 16 percent from 1992.

Harvested acreage is expected to total 13,000 acres, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Average yield is forecast at 386 cwt compared with 376 cwt last year.

AGRIFACTS

SPRING ONIONS

Onions produced in Texas are the first "fresh" onions in the market each spring. Producers concentrate on sweet onion varieties, such as the Texas 1015 Supersweet. Texas annually produces about a third of the U.S. spring onions harvested from April through July.



Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System

Remap problems

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Louisiana's latest congressional district plan was declared unconstitutional because of racial gerrymandering on Friday, one week before candidates were to sign up for October's primary.

Judge Jacques Wiener said the court will hire a special master to draw a plan and that incumbent congressmen will continue to serve until the plan is drafted and elections can be held.

The state plans to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. If the court does not step in, there will be no congressional elections in October.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE GOING BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given that after July 1, 1994, the business of WILLIAMS AGENCY, Pampa, Texas, will be conducted without change of firm name by RJ WILLIAMS INCORPORATED, a Texas Corporation, at Pampa, Gray County, Texas. This notice is given pursuant to Article 1302.202 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act.

B-46 July 10, 17, 24, 31, 1994

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: August 4, 1994

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Pampa will conduct a Public Hearing at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 1994 at the Pampa City Hall, located at 201 W. Foster street, Pampa, Texas, on the 3rd Floor, in the City Commission Chambers. This will be a meeting of the City Commission to conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments concerning the following:

A) Affixing a permanent zoning classification of Commercial to a 31.56 acre tract of land located in Section 100, Block 3, I & GN Survey, Gray County, Texas. The tract of land lies west and southwest of the Coronado Medical Complex Subdivision. Current zoning is Agriculture. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

B-57 July 21, 24, 1994

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed bids for Concrete Work until 3:00 p.m., August 8, 1994. The work to consist of approximately 3,950 square feet of new sidewalk at four locations.

A Pre-Bid Conference for all interested bidders will be held Thursday, July 28, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. in the Environmental Services Office at 1440 Charles, Pampa, Texas.

Bids are to be addressed to Pampa ISD Business Office, Attention: Anita Patterson, Purchasing Director, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. Specifications may be obtained from the same address or by calling (806) 669-4705.

The Pampa Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities.

B-61 July 22, 24, 1994

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p.m., August 8, 1994, for Athletic Lockers to be installed at Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School.

Bids are to be addressed to Pampa ISD Business Office, Attention: Anita Patterson, Purchasing Director, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. Specifications may be obtained from the same address or by calling (806) 669-4705.

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B-60 July 22, 24, 1994

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., August 8, 1994, for Re-roofing of the Pampa Middle School Gymnasium.

Bids are to be addressed to Pampa ISD Business Office, Attention: Anita Patterson, Purchasing Director, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. Specifications may be obtained from the same address or by calling (806) 669-4705.

The Pampa Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities.

B-59 July 22, 24, 1994

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed bids until 3:00 p.m., August 9, 1994 for a 1-Ton, 15 Passenger Van.

Bids are to be addressed to Pampa ISD Business Office, Attention: Anita Patterson, Purchasing Director, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065. Specifications may be obtained from the same address or by calling (806) 669-4705.

The Pampa Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities.

B-58 July 22, 24, 1994

In Card of Thanks

TANNER DALE WOODRUFF Little did we know the day you were born; How bad a heart could be crushed and torn; God chose to take you on to your heavenly home; We were left here to wonder why? Empty and alone.

God, we know not to question the decision you made; and forgive us for any selfish prayers we've prayed; We'll never get to hold and cuddle him in our arms; Instead, we will cuddle him in our heart, with everlasting charm.

We will watch him grow every day through your grace; Our beautiful son's face will never erase; God, just help mend our broken hearts; Show us how to live in this life, with us apart.

Wanda Wright (Grandmother)

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who in any way helped during the recent loss of our baby. Thank you for all the beautiful flowers and food and cards, but most of all your love and prayers. A special thanks to Dr. Moss Hampton, Dr. Ann Harrell and the O.B. Nurses at Coronado Hospital. Your care will always be remembered.

Thanks to Rev. Gene Allen and Rev. Lyndon Glaesman for their dedication and comforting words, Gail Smith for the beautiful song, and Carmichael Whitley for the beautiful job they did. Most of all, Thank you God for your Promise that our Baby will have everlasting life and thank you Jesus for holding his hand.

We love you Tanner. We'll see you in heaven. The Family of Tanner Woodruff

In Memorials

ADULT Literacy Council, P.O. Box 2022, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

AGAPE Assistance, P. O. Box 2397, Pampa, Tx. 79066-2397.

ALZHEIMER'S Disease and Related Disorders Assn., P.O. Box 2234, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

AMERICAN Cancer Society, c/o Mrs. Kenneth Walters, 1418 N. Dwight, Pampa, Tx.

AMERICAN Diabetes Assn., 8140 N. MoPac Bldg. 1 Suite 130, Austin, TX 78759.

AMERICAN Heart Assn., 2404 W. Seventh, Amarillo, TX 79106.

AMERICAN Liver Foundation, 1425 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009-9990.

AMERICAN Lung Association, 3520 Executive Center Dr., Suite G-100, Austin, TX 78731-1606.

AMERICAN Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, Pampa.

ANIMAL Rights Assn., 4201 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79110.

BIG Brothers/Big Sisters, P.O. Box 1964, Pampa, Tx. 79065.

BOYS Ranch/Girls Town, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174.

FREEDOM Museum USA, P.O. Box 66, Pampa, Tx. 79066-0066.

FRIENDS of The Library, P.O. Box 146, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

GENESIS House Inc., 615 W. Buckler, Pampa, Tx. 79065.

GOLDEN Spread Council Trust Fund for Boy Scouts of America, 401 Tascosa Rd., Amarillo, Tx. 79124.

GOOD Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, Tx. 79065.

HIGH Plains Epilepsy Assn., 806 S. Brian, Room 213, Amarillo, TX 79106.

HOSPICE of the Panhandle, P.O. Box 2782, Pampa, Tx. 79066-2782.

LION'S High Plains Eye Bank, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

MARCH of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, 2316 Lakeview Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109.

MEALS on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

MUSCULAR Dystrophy Assn., 3505 Olsen, Suite 203, Amarillo, TX 79109.

PAMPA Area Foundation for Outdoor Art, P.O. Box 6, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

In Memorials

PAMPA Fine Arts Assoc. P.O. Box 818, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

PAMPA Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa.

PAMPA United Way, P.O. Box 2076, Pampa, Tx. 79066-2076.

PASTORAL Counseling Center of Pampa, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, Tx. 79065.

QUIVIRA Girl Scout Council, 836 W. Foster, Pampa, Tx. 79065.

RONALD McDonald House, 1501 Streit, Amarillo, Tx. 79106.

SALVATION Army, 701 S. Cuyler St., Pampa, TX 79065.

SHEPARD'S Helping Hands, 2225 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Tx. 79065.

ST. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 300, Memphis, Tenn. 38148-0552.

THE Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

THE Opportunity Plan Inc., Box 1035, Canyon, Tx. 79015-1035.

TOP O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center, P.O. Box 2097, Pampa, Tx. 79066-2097.

TRALEE Crisis Center For Women Inc., P.O. Box 2880, Pampa.

WHITE Deer High School Book of Remembrance, P.O. Box 656, White Deer, Tx. 79097.

WHITE Deer Land Museum in Pampa, P.O. Box 1556, Pampa, Tx. 79066.

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5 Special Notices

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

NEW Diet Tea. Easy, simple and guaranteed. I've lost 12 lbs. in 10 days. 665-3437.

TOP O Texas Lodge 1381, Certificate Degree practice, Monday and Tuesday, 7:30.

PAMPA Masonic Lodge #966, meeting, Thursday, July 28, 7:30 p.m. for Entered Apprentice Degree.

10 Lost and Found

FOUND: Bicycle, call and describe. 665-7306 after 5.

REWARD for lost female Chinese Pug. Call 665-1716.

13 Bus. Opportunities

Small Motel For Sale 669-3221, 669-3245

VENDING Route Established. Immediate cash flow. Must sell \$2500/week potential. 800-566-7380.

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RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN

We have Rental Furniture and Appliances to suit your needs. Call for estimate. Open for business in our warehouse.

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ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. No job too small. Mike Albus, 665-4774.

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14e Carpet Service

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost... It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341. Free estimates.

14h General Services

COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. 669-7769.

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CONCRETE work, free estimate. Driveway, sidewalk, foundation, etc. 669-9453, 835-2262.

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14i General Repair

IF it's broken or won't turn off, call the Fix It Shop. 669-3434. Lamps repaired.

QUALITY Computer and printer repair reasonable rates free tech phone support. Call 800-886-7451 or 665-4001.

14m Lawnmower Service

PAMPA Lawnmower Repair. Repairs on all makes of mowers and chainsaws. Pick up and delivery available. 665-8843, 501 S. Cuyler.

We have batteries for most makes and models of hearing instruments. Our prices can't be beat!

Call 1-800-753-1696 or 665-6246 for more information

NEW LISTING

4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 yns. old, 3 bedrooms, 2 living areas, 2 baths, double garage, 4 bedrooms, 2 living areas, deck and patio, storage building, MLS 3164.

NEW LISTING - JUNIPER - Steel siding on eaves, 2 living areas, 3 bedrooms, carpet with extra storage. Close to Travis schools, MLS 3159.

NEW LISTING - SEMINOLE - 3 bedroom home has been completely redone. Lovely home, double garage. MLS 3162.

NEW LISTING - CHESTNUT - Lovely home with tile and walkways, sunroom, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living areas, landscaped yard with hot tub, office area, shop area off garage, corner lot, OE.

Russ Park G.R.I. 665-9919

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Exile Vardine 665-9919

Debbie Middleton 665-9919

Bobbie Sue Stephens 665-9919

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3 bedroom, 2 bath with large double garage on 4 acres, 25 miles east of town. \$385 month. 669-6881, 779-3229.

99 Storage Buildings

CHUCK'S SELF STORAGE
Some commercial units. 24 hour access. Security lights. 665-1150 or 669-7705.

100 Storage Units

Action Storage
10x16 and 10x24
669-1221

TUMBLEWEED ACRES SELF STORAGE UNITS

Various sizes
665-0079, 665-2450.

101 Storage Units

Econostor
5x10, 10x10, 10x15, 10x20 and 10x30. Now Vacant. 665-4842.

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Office Space, 600-1150 square feet. Call Randall 806-293-4413.

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Babb Portable Buildings
820 W. Kingsmill
669-3842

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MINI-MAXI STORAGE
5x10-10x10-10x15-10x20
20x40 & Office Space For Rent
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NBC PLAZA
Office Space 665-4100

RETAIL or warehouse building for lease, over 6000 square feet, on S. Cuyler. 806-355-3590.

CUTE historic office in downtown Pampa. Six rooms. Central heat and air.

Hottest corner in Pampa. Hobart at Foster. New interior paint, carpet, heat/air units. 1600+ feet. ACTION REALTY 669-1221.

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KELLER Estates: Approximately 5000 square foot home. 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2-1/2 baths, basement, exercise room, large utility room, Jenn-Air appliances, Sub-Zero refrigerator, Pool/Entertainment house, 3700 square feet, living area, kitchen, bath, indoor pool, dehumidifier system and spa. 6 acres, 60 trees, all enclosed-white pipe fence. 319M. 669-2920.

3 bedroom split level home, large fenced yard, 1109 Charles. 669-2346.

MOVED Must Sell Nice 2 bedroom house, \$3000 down or best offer. Non-qualifying assumable loan. 665-3025.

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For Your Real Estate Needs

3 bedroom, attached single garage, neat and clean, freshly cleaned up and ready to move in to. ONLY \$18,000 total price. 404 Doucette. Shed Realty 665-3761.

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BY owner 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, on Cherokee, fenced, great storage, sprinkler system, \$66,900. 665-9228.

3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, brick, Austin district, 2 lots. Small down payment and assume loan. 669-0266.

EASY to buy 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 living areas, large utility room, single car garage and shop. \$21,500. 669-3027 leave message or after 6.

2 or 3 bedroom house, 1 bath, 1 car garage, large fenced yard, 308 Onohunduro, White Deer. 915-520-2743.

103 Homes For Sale

Bobbie Nisbet Realtor
665-7037

BY Owner 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, fireplace, sunroom, double garage. 2726 Comanche. \$65,000. 669-2815.

3 bedroom, 2 bath, with fireplace, garage with attached office or shop. South Faulkner. \$25,500. 669-6207.

2629 Dogwood. Custom built 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, 1757 square feet, fireplace, special ceilings, fans, built-ins, custom drapes, sprinkler system, brick storage building. \$99,500. 665-9781 or 665-5600.

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IT Was ours, then hers, now its mine and I want it to be yours! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, single car garage, storm cellar, 6 foot fence. Excellent first or rent property. Will sell well below tax valuation. Call for more 669-0956.

2100 square foot brick, 3 bedroom and hobby room or 4 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, large kitchen with Jenn Aire cooktop, family room with fireplace, double car garage with opener, central heat/air. Large covered patio, split level yard with basement and storage building in lower yard. Sprinkler system in front and back yard. Austin district. 2118 Chestnut. 665-4153, leave message.

4 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, den with fireplace, new kitchen, utility room, large cellar. Great Price! 669-6157.

MUST Sell 2 bedroom house, Austin school district, central heat/air. \$18,000 firm, \$9000 under appraisal. 1509 Williston. 665-2157.

1009 Terry. 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, central heat/air. Assume. First homeowners loan. Lease to purchase. Rent with option to buy. MLS 2908. Call Audrey 883-6551 or 883-6122 First Landmark.

2 or 3 bedroom house, quiet neighborhood. Must sell. No reasonable offer refused. 1131 Farley. 665-1280.

THREE bedroom brick, one bath; single car garage. 2709 Navajo Rd. \$31,000. 669-3075.

BY Owner brick 3 bedroom 2 bath, single garage, fenced backyard, storage building, 2334 Navajo. Owner will carry note for qualified buyer. 665-6257.

2 bedroom house, washer/dryer hook-up, cooktop and oven, carpeted, fenced back yard. \$6000 cash. 842 S. Sumner. 665-0579.

MUST Sell! Miami-400 Wichita. 3 bedroom. 323-9246.

104 Lots

FRASHER Acres East-1 or more acres. Paved street, utilities. Claudine Balch, 665-8075.

CHOICE residential lots, north-east, Austin district. Call 665-8578, 665-2832 or 665-0079.

NEW LISTING
Nice home in Travis School District with large living room, three bedrooms, attached garage, central heat and air. MLS 3143

2121 N. WELLS
Owner is anxious to sell this neat home. Three bedrooms, attached garage, central heat and air, storage building. MLS 3045

DUNCAN STREET
Good starter home or investment property. Two bedrooms, attached garage, convenient to schools. MLS 3144

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185 ft. frontage on Amarillo Highway. 50' x 100' ft. building with three offices. Large shop area has two 16'x16' overhead doors. 2.43 acres. Call Jim Ward for further details. MLS 3090C.

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America's candid, controversial space chief: 'I y'am what I y'am'

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Hundreds of people clustered around the TV in the lobby of New York's LaGuardia Airport that Sunday in July, watching as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon.

Dan Goldin sat there, transfixed, as his flight to Boston left without him.

Goldin was so proud to have had a small part in Apollo 11. His company built the engine of the lunar lander that carried the astronauts to the surface that day — July 20, 1969. He made a pact with himself right there: Someday, somehow, he would be part of a Mars mission.

Today, 25 years later, Goldin has that chance.

Twenty-seven years ago, Goldin, then a junior engineer, left NASA for TRW Inc. He's back, but now he's in charge of the entire space agency — and battling the bureaucracy that drove him away.

NASA's candid and controversial chief of two years is rocking the agency's boat hard, to the disgust of many oldtimers.

He's ousted longtime officials, rearranged the hierarchy, cut the work force, shaved the budget, insisted on "faster, better, cheaper," fought for Russian participation in the planned space station and, at least for now, won.

Apollo 16 commander John Young, who holds the record with six space flights, says that despite his rough edges, Goldin's heart is in the right place. Apollo 10 commander Thomas Stafford, who circled the moon but never landed, considers Goldin the best NASA administrator since Jim Webb, who laid the foundation for Apollo during the 1960s.

John Pike, head of the Federation of American Scientists' space policy project, also is impressed.

"Walks on water," Pike says of Goldin. "He's been extremely effective in formulating a post-Cold War political rationale for NASA that does not require industrial-strength mendacity."

Nominated by President Bush and retained by President Clinton, Goldin is receiving much of the credit for last month's stunningly large House victory for the space station.

It was the 15th time he'd had to weather a space station vote in Congress.

All these votes are "enough to make you want to puke," he blurted publicly last spring.

He admits he got carried away that day, but quickly asks, "Doesn't it bother you?"

If he's blunt at times, even brash, then so be it.

"As Popeye says, I y'am what I y'am," Goldin said during an interview in his large, top-floor office at NASA headquarters in Washington.

"I haven't changed," he insisted. "I decided I would be myself, and that I will do the very best I can. I don't know if I can try harder, because I put in a good 15-hour day. I was doing it seven days a week and I now have it down to 5 1/2."

Goldin, who turns 54 this week, eased his maniacal schedule so he could train for a triathlon, a swimming, biking and running competition. Unfortunately, a bicycle accident in late April wrecked his training plans.

For Goldin, who just never seems to stop, it's NASA versus the NFL, space research versus taco chips and beer.

"We are talking about \$14 billion out of a \$5.5 trillion economy," he says of NASA's budget. "Give me a break! One-hundred-forty million people now watch the Super Bowl. I don't want to demean professional football, but is that what life's about?"

"We consume taco chips and we consume beer. We have to have two cars and sometimes three. We have to have vacation homes. How come

people don't criticize those that have three cars and two vacation homes, yet they say, 'How come when people are starving you go and do a space program?' It rips my heart out."

And he's just warming up.

"I'm not worried about the space program. I'm worried about America," Goldin says. "Our nation has become a nation of consumption. Entertainment and recreation are the most important things for the future. God help us!"

Goldin became interested in space while growing up in the New York City borough the Bronx. His Uncle Joe taught him how to build model airplanes and rocketships, and he devoured science fiction.

After college in 1962, Goldin applied for a job at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, because it was working on a mission to Mars. TRW lured him away in 1967, and he soon was managing secret military spacecraft programs.

Goldin was vice president and general manager of TRW Space and Technology Group in Redondo Beach, Calif., when Bush offered him NASA's top job in March 1992. Ex-astronaut Richard Truly had been pressured to resign by the White House; he'd helped to lead NASA back from disaster after the 1986 Challenger explosion, but refused to go along with changes to reform NASA's old boy network.

Goldin was considered the medicine NASA needed.

Within months, George Bush was out and Bill Clinton was in. Goldin prepared to leave, but was asked by the incoming administration to "hang in there" — one of the few agency heads who survived the sea change in administrations. He stayed, even though he says it cost him millions in pay and real estate investments.

He harbors frustrations, but no regrets.

"Every day I wake up and I say,

"There are thousands of millions of very rich people and executives, but I'm only the ninth NASA administrator. I have the best job, because if you're the NASA administrator during good times, you're not being tested," he says.

Goldin is being tested all right.

When he took over NASA, for example, he was shocked to learn there was no single person in charge of the crucial Hubble Space Telescope repair mission. He put Randy Brinkley at the helm and ordered extra training and practice

spacewalks. The result was last December's spectacularly successful mission and, universally, the praise was for the training that preceded it. Brinkley is now managing the international space station program office.

Goldin's overriding concern, for now, is keeping the station on track; construction in orbit is supposed to start in 1997. Once the station is completed in 2002, Goldin says, it will be time to plan international expeditions to the moon, Mars, maybe even an asteroid.

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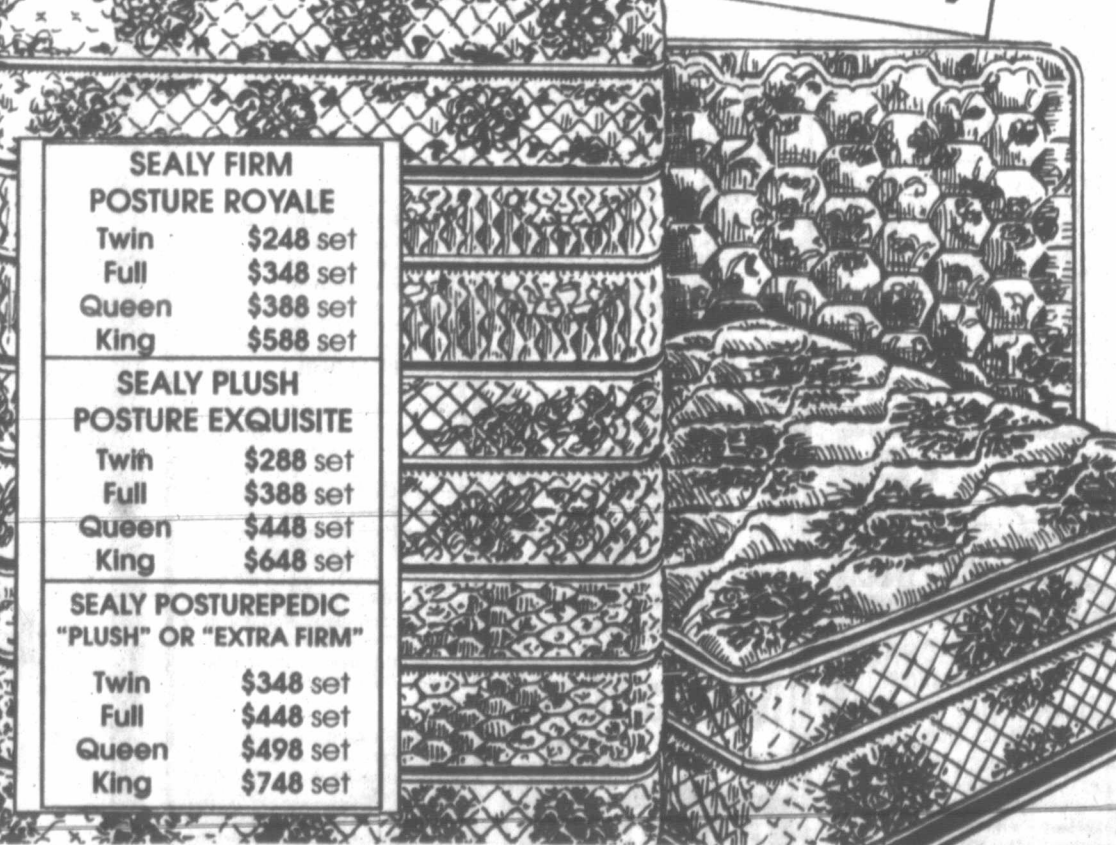
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