

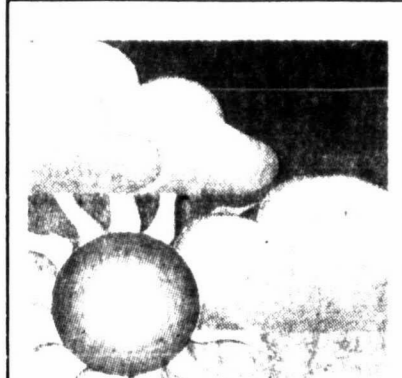
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PAMPA — The Gray/Roberts County Relay for Life will be held Friday, February 26 at noon. Anyone interested in participating in the event to raise money for the American Cancer Society should contact Vivian or Ottolene at 669-6522 or 669-7662 by Tuesday, February 23.

CAPE CAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA was forced to rearrange its entire shuttle flight schedule Friday because of trouble with an X-ray telescope and Russia's inability to get a crucial piece of the international space station into orbit. That will mean five shuttle flights in 1999 instead of six. That's fewer than the seven or eight per year desired by NASA. The X-ray telescope was supposed to soar aboard space shuttle Columbia in April. But NASA on Friday postponed the launch until July because it takes weeks and perhaps months to replace the four bad circuit boards. NASA said that instead of Columbia, Discovery will be the next shuttle to lift off, ferrying supplies to the international space station in late May.

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Skinner's execution date postponed

■ Defense lawyer didn't show up in court Friday

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A frustrated Hank Skinner was back on death row today after a quick trip to Pampa to have a date set for his execution in the 1994 New Year deaths of a mother and her two sons.

Henry "Hank" Watkins Skinner, 36, appeared before Judge Steven R. Emmert in 31st District Court Friday afternoon in Pampa to hear the date when he will be executed for the murders of Twila Busby, 40, and her two sons, Elwin Eugene "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Melvin Randolph Busby Jr., 20.

Skinner sat alone at the defense table as Judge Emmert entered the courtroom Friday. Skinner's attorney, Steve Losch, was not present.

Skinner explained to the judge that Losch, a Longview-based lawyer, was involved in a case in Austin. When Judge Emmert announced he was going to appoint Pampa attorney John Warner to assist Losch, Skinner objected.

Judge Emmert had to order Skinner to sit down and be still before rescheduling the hearing for 10 a.m. Feb. 26 to set an execution date. Skinner repeatedly interrupted the judge.

Following the brief hearing Friday afternoon, Skinner was whisked from the court house to Gray County jail where he was loaded into a patrol car and returned to death row at Huntsville. He had been brought from death row on Thursday.

John Warner, late Friday afternoon, said he had conferred briefly with Skinner at the jail.

District Attorney John Mann said that his office had heard nothing from Losch, but had notified him of Friday's hearing. An order from Judge Emmert was being typed late Friday afternoon to be sent registered mail to Losch notifying him of the new hearing date, officials said.

"I'm not surprised," Mann said of Losch's absence. "They've tried everything all along to manipulate and maneuver the system. It takes a little bit longer, but you have to keep the faith and be patient. We've won every step of the way, and we'll continue to win in the future."

Mann said Losch had been notified of Friday's hearing.

"We know that he knew," Mann said. "Mr. Losch's respect for the court, I'm sure, will be taken up by the judge in due time."

Mann said the setting of an execution date is a formality. There is nothing for a lawyer to do.

"The books and the rules say you have to do it in open court," Mann said. "You bring the person in. You stand him up and say you're going to die on

such and such a date and such and such an hour. That's the end of it. You really don't have a need for a lawyer, although out of an abundance of caution, you'd better have a lawyer there for them."

Mann said that while he sympathized with Twila Busby's family, who was in the court room Friday, he said that Skinner's case has moved through the legal system quickly compared to other cases.

"This thing's on fast track," Mann said. "This case by comparison to all the death penalty cases that have come

down prior to this one is on the fast track."

Skinner was convicted in 1996, of the beating death of Busby, his girlfriend, and her two sons. Busby's daughter, who was staying with Busby's mother and stepfather New Year's Eve, 1993, was unharmed.

"My children were murdered," Twila Busby's mother, Beverly Clark, said earlier last week. "They were slaughtered."

She said she called them her children because she

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Henry "Hank" Skinner was charged and later indicted for the murder of Twila Busby and her two children in 1994. In Pampa Friday to hear his execution date, Skinner found himself without a lawyer.

Family battles over oilman's legacy

AUSTIN, Texas — Herman Heep, wisecracking, straight-talking, millionaire oilman, insisted that anyone who came out to his 5,000-acre ranch in southern Travis County call him Herman.

Heep, who could have walked right off the set of "Giant," was as hospitable as he was quick-witted and sharp-tongued.

Maybe that's why, at the height of his wealth in the early 1950s, the man known for driving through his oil fields in his shiny new Cadillac convertible had friends that included the lowest of ranch hands and the most powerful of politicians.

He was what Texans like best: a character who worked hard and played just as hard.

Heep's strong and willful spirit has reached down through two generations

and is playing itself out in a quintessential Texas family saga involving his three granddaughters, who have spent the past 30 years fighting each other over his legacy.

The saga could end this year in a Travis County court, where the family trusts are being dissolved and what's left of the money is being divided among Heep's heirs.

Before he died in 1960, Heep amassed a fortune worth somewhere near \$50 million in today's dollars from oil, ranching and other ventures. What's left today is the 5,000 acres of prime undeveloped land near Onion Creek and \$4 million remaining from trust funds that amounted to \$20 million in 1989. Lawyers have received millions from the tunds in legal fees as family members sued each other,

attorneys and business associates.

Always at the center of the fight has been Heep's eldest granddaughter, Hatty Heep Shaffer, who, perhaps more than anyone, carries on the blustering spirit of her grandfather.

Shaffer is now engaged in her toughest battle of all, fighting in an Austin court to keep her share of Heep Ranch.

Hatty Heep Shaffer, 51, sits at a table in the stone-tiled lobby of the Four Seasons hotel. It is December 1998, almost four decades after Herman Heep died of liver failure.

Shaffer has one cell phone to her ear, another on her lap, a table stacked high with legal binders and taxes. She has a shock of short blond hair and amber eyes that flash like those of a lioness stalking her prey.

Through the cell phone, Shaffer barks commands to the latest attorney in the army of lawyers she's hired and discarded.

Shaffer, who lives in New Orleans, is determined to stave off attorneys seeking to use her share of the ranch to pay off debts they say she owes.

"They just don't seem to understand they don't have 'Heep' in their name," she says of the lawyers seeking to disinherit her.

With the death of their mother in May, the remaining money in the trusts and the ranch are to be divided among Herman Heep's three granddaughters — Shaffer and her two younger half-sisters, Betty Urban of Dallas and Kathleen Henderson of Houston.

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Sunday Snapshot



Name: Mayah Cash
Occupation/Activities: third grade student
Birth date and place: 6-26-90, Pampa
Family: Cynthia, Jeremy, Devin,

Dy'mon
When I grow up I want to be: A Doctor or Lawyer.
My personal hero: My Mom.
The best advice I ever got was: Go to church.
My classmates think of me as: Sensitive and friendly.
The best word or words to describe me: Best friend.
People will remember me as being: Nice, talkative.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Shania Twain, Reba McEntire, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey.
My hobbies are: Soccer, basketball, karate, art, reading and math.
My favorite sports team is: Any NWBA team.
My favorite author is: Judy Blume.
The last book I read was: "Schoolhouse Mystery" by Gertrude Chandler Warner.

My favorite possession is: My dog, Coffee.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: Making the all "A" honor roll.
My favorite performer is: Shania Twain.
I wish I knew how to: Drive.
My trademark cliché or expression is: "Poof" or "Talk to the hand!"
My worst habit is: Not cleaning my room.
I would never: Do drugs.
The last good movie I saw was: "Woo" with Jada Pinkett-Smith.
I stay home to watch: Rugrats.
Nobody knows: That I'm afraid of the dark.
Someday I want to drive a: Volvo.
My favorite junk food is: Reeses.
My favorite beverage: Surge.
My favorite restaurant is: China Dragon.
My favorite pet: My dog Coffee.
My favorite meal is: Mexican cheese-

burger, fries, surge, buttermilk pie.
I wish I could sing like: Shania Twain.
I'm happiest when I'm: With my little sister Dy'mon.
I regret: Fighting with my brother Jeremy.
I'm tired of: Cleaning my house.
I have a phobia about: Rattlesnakes.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: My TV.
My most embarrassing moment: My basketball coach said I tripped over a line painted on the floor.
The biggest waste of time is: Standing in line.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Share the money with my family.
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Daily Record

Services today

BLACKMAN, William Everett, "Blackie" — 11 a.m., Brown Funeral Directors Chapel of Fountains, Borger.

Obituaries

WILLIAM EVERETT 'BLACKIE' BLACKMAN

BORGER — William Everett "Blackie" Blackman, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Brown Funeral Directors Chapel of Fountains with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman of New Orleans, La., officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Mr. Blackman was born in Canadian. He had been a Borger resident for 73 years. He was an electrician for Colonial Pipeline and Phillips Petroleum prior to retiring. He was a member of Fairlanes Baptist Church and BPOE 1581.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Florene Blackman, in 1954; and by his second wife, Hazel O. Blackman, in 1992.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Miser of Pampa and Linda York of Seattle; a son, Jim Blackman of Borger; a stepson, Gene Guyer; a stepdaughter, Kay May of Skellytown; a sister, Velma Warren of Lebanon, Mo.; a brother, James Blackman of Lebanon; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association Panhandle Chapter, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo TX 79106.

VIOLET 'VI' FULLER

AMARILLO — Violet "Vi" Fuller, 92, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999. Services were Saturday in Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel. Graveside services were in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa. Burial was under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Fuller was born at South Portsmouth, Ky. She married Charles Edgar Fuller on June 23, 1924, at Pawhuska, Okla.; he died in 1983. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1989, moving from Pampa where she had lived since 1929. She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. She was an avid gardener, raising prize-winning irises.

Survivors include a son, Larry K. Fuller of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Downtown Women's Shelter or to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo TX 79176.

PEARL ANN LANGLEY

Pearl Ann Langley, 62, of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999. The body was cremated. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Langley was born March 23, 1936, at Marble City, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1950. She married Richard C. Langley on Oct. 29, 1959; he died March 2, 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a brother, Charles Land of Amarillo; and a sister, Alien Yazel of Centerton, Ark.

MARCELENE NACHLINGER

Marcelene Nachlinger, 77, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 5, 1999, at Canadian. Services were Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Tom Moore, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Groom, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Nachlinger was born Oct. 12, 1921, at Wellington. She married Leon K. Nachlinger on April 10, 1945, at Sioux Falls, S.D.; he died Aug. 10, 1990. She had been a Pampa resident since 1952, moving from Lefors where she had lived since 1945. She was an engineering assistant for Cabot Corporation for 37 years and belonged to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Pat Rogers of Canadian and Carol Kiker of Allison; a son, Kenny Nachlinger of Katy; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Hemphill County Hospice in Canadian.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, February 2

A yellow pickup collided with a 1990 Honda owned by Dona Jean Kitterman, 39, 1109 Garland. The driver of the pickup got out and gave the name of his father and then drove off. The driver was later identified by police as Leo Francis McMahon, 41, 305 S. Henry. Charges are pending.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Friday, Feb. 5

A theft was reported at 600 S. Cuyler. Fighting was reported at Pampa High School. Fighting was reported at Pampa Middle School.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Friday, Feb. 5

Mark Allen Haynes, 30, 628 Roberta, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault. Marcus Shawn Doss, 27, White Deer, was arrested on charges of a second DWI. Randall Keven Eldridge, 35, Lefors, was arrested on charges of public intoxication. Vicky Gale Elkins, 36, Lefors, was arrested on charges of public intoxication. Timmy Max Kellison, 20, Lefors, was arrested on charges of DWI.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Friday, Feb. 5

8:31 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to 1811 Dogwood on a medical assist call.
11:50 a.m. — Three units and five personnel responded 5 miles west on Highway 152 on a false alarm.
2:23 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to 612 Red Deer on a structure fire. The cause was a cigarette and fire officials estimated \$5000 worth of damage.
7:10 p.m. — Three units and three personnel responded to a grass fire six miles southwest of Pampa.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

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

T.O.P.S. #41

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

AL-ANON

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

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Clarendon College. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS

Chicken pot pie, mixed greens, sweet potatoes, dessert.

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GRAY CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Gray County Genealogical Society will meet on Feb. 15 instead of Feb. 22.

LADIES HEART-TO-HEART BRUNCH

Ladies Heart-To-Heart Brunch will be Saturday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church located at 203 N. West Street in the Fellowship Hall. Speaker will be Miss Amarillo Area, Laura Jaye Johnson. Invite your daughters, friends, and mothers, then scout the land for others. Cost is \$4 at will be catered by Fred and Crew. Reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 17, call 669-1155.

CORONADO HEALTHCARE CENTER

The Activity Department at The Coronado Healthcare Center is having A Country Music Concert, Sunday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m., in the dining room at the center.

The public is invited to come and join the residents, staff and their families. There will be good country music and gospel music for the entire family. Come join us in the fun and spend the afternoon. For information call 665-5746 and talk to Jennifer or Jeanette.

Emergency numbers

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Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

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Skinner

raised not only Twila, but also Twila's children. "Twila was 40 years old, and we made her decisions for her because she was divorced and had three children," Clark said. "I raised them so I call them my

children. I had Lisa here with me. She had been living with me because I had talked her into going to a private school for one year. That was the reason she was living with me, or she would have been gone, too." She said Skinner was only in their lives four months.

"He told my husband, a couple of months before he did this, that he was going to marry Twila and be in our family," Clark said. "We didn't allow him to come into our house. Melvin said, 'You will never be in our family.' Now he's here, and he'll never leave."

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Don't get Shaffer started talking about her half-sisters, who she says have tried to deprive her of her birthright. They declined to comment for this article.

Attorneys for her sisters, however, have questioned in court Shaffer's mental competence. They say she is unusually litigious, as evidenced by the number of court cases she's initiated over 30 years — about a dozen lawsuits, plus bankruptcy and several divorces.

Shaffer has sued two fund trustees, her mother's legal guardian, her sisters and a Houston law firm. She, in turn, has been sued by her children, her mother's legal guardian and a Virginia couple that contends she owes them \$1 million for a house she bought but never paid for. (Shaffer says she never set foot in the house except to tour it and that her name on the contract is a forgery.)

Shaffer moved to Richmond, Va., to get away from the fighting, she said. But even there, she found herself at the center of controversy.

She took on Big Tobacco as a star witness in a 1996 class-action lawsuit against Phillip Morris, providing research papers indicating the company knew nicotine was addictive and manipulated the amount of it in cigarettes.

The short version of the story is that her then-fiance was a former Phillip Morris executive who filled her basement with boxes of research papers. When the relationship went sour, she kicked him out, then marched down to the attorneys' offices and turned over a truckload of papers.

For her troubles, Shaffer says she was practically run out of town by Phillip Morris supporters.

She challenges anyone to question her mental competence. She says two psychiatrists have signed sworn affidavits attesting to her sanity. She used those affidavits to fight a judge's ruling that she was incompetent and couldn't manage her financial or legal affairs.

Go ahead and ask to see the papers. She'll be happy to show you.

Then she'll laugh, shrug and blast her naysayers with language that can make the most thick-skinned lawyer blush.

Shaffer has sent more than one attorney scurrying for cover. One lawyer is reported to have said after she swept out of his office, "Lord help us, Herman Heep has come back as a woman."

Shaffer takes this as a compliment. Drama and controversy have followed Shaffer since her birth. She was the first daughter of Mary Lou Heep Henderson, Herman Heep's only child, who was not married at the time. Shaffer's mother

later married John Henderson, the father of her younger half-sisters.

Shaffer was the misfit, a tall, fair-haired girl (now 6 feet in heels) who looked nothing like her darker-haired, shorter half-sisters. She recalls a close relationship with her mother and grandfather (Granddaddy, she called him). She left the family ranch before she reached her teen years to attend boarding school in France.

At age 10, she blew off a chunk of the ranch-house porch with a double-barreled shotgun while trying to shoot an armadillo. "Every Texas girl who grew up on a ranch knows how to shoot a double-barreled shotgun," she says breezily.

Granddaddy clapped her on the shoulder, laughed and said, "Don't worry about a thing." He scooped her up, and they went for a daylong drive in his Cadillac, top down, that ended with a jaunt along the dirt roads in his oil fields in Conroe.

"Herman Heep was affluent, influential, gregarious. . . . He was a man's man," said William J. Murray Jr., 83.

Murray served on the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the oil industry, between 1948 and 1963, the period when Heep was most prosperous.

Heep was a classic wildcatter, going out with only a drill rig and a bit of determination. Oil and gas provided his third fortune. He acquired his first when he married the daughter of a wealthy rancher from South Texas. His second came from extensive real-estate investments.

The ranch was originally 870 acres, dating back to the 1820s when the Heeps came to settle on part of Stephen F. Austin's original land grant.

Today, the ranch house sits vacant, a far cry from its heyday in the '50s, when Herman Heep would invite Texas' elite and powerful, including Lyndon B. Johnson, to visit for dove hunting and socializing. The land surrounding the house is leased for ranching.

Murray remembers Heep as a generous man but one with a stubborn streak and the tenacity of a bulldog.

That lingering cantankerous spirit is what family members and others say has made splitting his fortune such a struggle.

"I think the best thing that my family could do is go out and get a damn job," says Kevin Shires, 28, Shaffer's second-eldest son and a lawyer in Birmingham, Ala. "None of the sisters work. They have plenty of time to sit around and grumble and moan. If they had a job, they'd have better things to think about."

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunday, sunshine with a high of 70 and a southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph. Monday, mostly mild with a high between 75 and 80 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Sunday, mostly sunny. High around 70. Southwest wind 5-15 mph. 3 to 5 day forecast, Monday, mostly clear and mild. Low in the mid 30s. High in the mid 70s. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Sunday, sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Sunday night, clear. Lows from the upper 30s to upper 40s. Extended forecast, Monday through Tuesday, mostly sunny days and fair nights. Lows in from the upper 30s to near 50. Highs in the 70s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Sunday, sunny. Highs upper 60s to lower 70s. Sunday night, clear. Lows in the 40s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Sunday, sunny. Highs from the upper 60s to lower 70s.

Sunday night, clear. Lows in the mid to upper 40s. Far West Texas — Sunday, sunny. Highs 65-70. Sunday night, fair. Lows from the upper 30s to mid 40s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs 60s mountains to upper 70s along the rio grande. Sunday night, fair. Lows from the upper 30s to around 50.

NORTH TEXAS — Sunday, scattered showers ending early in the east, otherwise decreasing cloudiness. Mostly sunny central and west. Highs 65 to 72. Extended forecast, Sunday night, clear with lows in the 40s.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Sunday, becoming mostly sunny and pleasant. Highs in the 70s. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the 30s Hill Country, 40s south central. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Sunday night, clear. Lows in the 50s. Extended outlook, Monday, fair skies. Highs in the 70s. Coastal Bend

and the Rio Grande Plains — Sunday, decreasing cloudiness. Highs in the mid to upper 70s. Sunday night, partly cloudy and cooler. Lows in the mid to upper 50s. Extended forecast, Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to near 80. Deep South Texas — Sunday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance for showers or thunderstorms. Highs from the mid 70s along the coast to the lower 80s inland west. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s.

BORDER STATES — Sunday and Sunday night, partly cloudy north. Fair skies south. Warmer in the afternoon. Highs mid 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest, Upper 50s to low 70s east and south. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest with 30s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s to near 70. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s. Extended forecast, Monday, mostly clear. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s.

NEW MEXICO — Sunday and Sunday night, partly cloudy north. Fair skies south. Warmer in the afternoon. Highs mid 40s to mid 50s mountains and northwest, Upper 50s to low 70s east and south. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest with 30s elsewhere.

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Benefit dance



(Community Camera photo)

Shown are a few of the many items up for auction during the Rodney McCulloch Benefit Dinner and Dance on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room. Starting at 7 p.m. there will be a barbecue dinner and a silent auction, then at 8:30 p.m. is the live auction. The dance is to follow with "Hot Mix" playing. The cost is \$25 per couple and BYOB set ups provided. Donations accepted at National Bank of Commerce. Sponsored by friends and neighbors of Rodney McCulloch. For more information, contact Neil Fulton at 665-5121 or 669-2190.

ANRC developing analytical tools for plutonium storage containers

AMARILLO — ANRC researchers at Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University are conducting research aimed at developing and validating a set of analytical tools that will be used to evaluate new plutonium storage container designs. The research will provide data regarding the effectiveness of pit storage techniques and give scientists information on how best to improve pit storage containers.

The analytical tools are being developed for the Department of Energy's Pantex facility near Amarillo and the State of Texas. Pantex is the DOE plutonium pit storage site.

Pantex and DOE are investigating the feasibility of employing ALR8-SI containers for future plutonium pit storage. Plutonium pits are presently stored in ALR8 containers. The ALR8-SI is a two-step storage container. The pit is first placed into

a sealed insert (SI). The sealed insert containing the pit is then placed into a modified ALR8 container.

To evaluate the integrity of pit storage, TTU researchers recently devised a new system that will enable them to experimentally measure the thermal characteristics of the ALR8 and ALR8-SI.

In the new system, a thermal simulator is used to replicate the heat generated by a plutonium pit; thermocouples measure the temperature distribution throughout the container.

The thermal simulator consists of a hollow, stainless steel sphere — about the size of a bowling ball — equipped with a resistance heater capable of delivering a variable heat load of up to 30 watts. The simulator is placed inside an actual ALR8-SI container from Pantex. The ALR8-SI container is equipped with thermocouples.

Combined, these components allow researchers to investigate several thermal performance parameters including temperature variations as a function of fill gas type and pressure, and temperature variations as a function of horizontal or vertical location.

Collaborating researchers are Dr. David Boyle (TAMU) and Dr. Darryl James (TTU). ANRC is a research consortium of the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University and the University of Texas System. Its mission is to serve the Texas Panhandle, the State of Texas, and the U.S. Department of Energy by conducting scientific and technical research; advising decision makers; and providing information on nuclear weapons materials and related environment, safety, health and nonproliferation issues while building academic excellence in science and technology.

WTAMU, Canyon Chamber to sponsor business seminars

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center, in combination with the Canyon Chamber of Commerce, is gearing up to present a series of seminars focusing on strategies to strengthen businesses.

The four-part series will be conducted in Canyon's Cole Community Center beginning Feb. 11 with "No Business Plans to Fail - It Just Fails to Plan." This first session — scheduled from 7-9 p.m. — will focus on

the fundamentals of business planning.

Subsequent seminars in the series will be:

—"Minding Your Money" (financial management for small businesses), March 9, 2-4 p.m.;

—"Eagles Don't Flock" (how to hire good people), April 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., lunch included; and

—"Getting People To Do What You Want Done" (effective leadership), May 6, 7-9 p.m.

Cost of each seminar is \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for non-members, although an additional \$5 charge will be added for all participants on April 9 to cover the lunch.

Cost for the four-part series is

\$35 for Chamber members and \$55 for non-members. For more information about the series, contact the Small Business Development Center at (806) 372-5151, or the Canyon Chamber of Commerce at (806) 655-1183.

Pianist to perform for PCCA Tuesday

Jan Gottlieb Jiracek, German pianist awarded top prize at both the Busoni and Maria Canals Competitions in 1996, will present a piano concert at 7:30 Tuesday, Feb. 9, in M.K. Brown Auditorium, for Pampa Community Concert Association. After winning his first prize at the Steinway Competition in Hamburg at age 10, he made his formal recital debut the next year on his hometown, Hanover. He has performed extensively in Europe. Recent engagements include recitals at the Herkulessaal in Munich Steinway Hall, London, as well as orchestral appearances with the Berlin Philharmonic, the Munster Philharmonic and the St. Petersburg Philharmonic.

Attendance is by concert tickets \$25 adults, \$10 students, \$60 family or by membership in PCCA and, by reciprocal agreement, membership in Borger,

Hereford and Plainview associations. For more information, call (806) 665-0143.

After Jiracek was a finalist in the 10th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, he was asked to join community concert's touring roster.

Jiracek has been featured on several European radio and television stations including ZDF, SFB Berlin, Radio Stockholm and Radio France, and on NDR as soloist with the NDR Symphony Orchestra.

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911 is for emergencies!

It's not too often that I call someone a stupid idiot! (Is that redundant?). But this is one of those times.

Can you believe the people during last weekend's storm who actually called 911 to report their cable television service was out? That's not what 911 is for — it's for an emergency.

I mean, if we're going to go into a major panic over having cable TV off for a while chances are we need to think about something else. Like getting a life!

And if one is such a television junkie, then you should know all about 911 and what it's for ... all those emergency, trauma, etc., television shows should have taught that much.

Now, I admit I like television. Probably a little too much. And I love my remote control. Maybe love isn't the right word, addiction probably comes closer to meeting the definition.

I know that because I get the same panicky



Kate B. Dickson

Associate publisher/editor

feeling when I can't find the remote that I used to get years ago when I still smoked and couldn't immediately find my cigarettes.

... But I didn't call 911.

By misusing the 911 system in such a way, you could be responsible for grandmother not getting the medical help she needs right away. And, believe me, I know about grandmother's illnesses. I hear about them pretty often.

Usually, I hear about her sickness as it

relates to the police news we carry in the paper. Just hang on. This will make sense in a minute.

The Pampa News has a policy that if you are arrested we put your name in the police news. It doesn't matter if you own a business in town, work at the newspaper, are a preacher or a monkey's uncle. We treat everyone the same. We think that's only right. (And we've lost advertisers, too, because we wouldn't take a name out).

OK. Back to grandmother.

It's not unusual for someone, usually male, to call and tell us his grandmother will have a heart attack if she reads his name in the arrest record. Therefore, his reasoning is, we should take the name out.

My reasoning is he should get to grandmother's paper before she does, and, if not, hope some idiot is not tying up the 911 line with something stupid!

Opinion

Prison system needs reform

Hopefully a federal judge who is trying to decide whether to maintain his jurisdiction over the TDCJ will continue his oversight and, at the same time, do something to correct a mistake.

That mistake has been the state's proliferation of maximum security solitary confinement single-man cells where prisoners stay locked up all but one hour a day and have virtually no contact with others.

While we don't advocate coddling them or turning violent criminals loose, this system of imprisonment serves only to make those housed more angry, psychotic and violent. Just what we want when they get returned — and most do — to our streets and neighborhoods.

The judge has heard testimony from the chairman of the University of California-Santa Cruz psychology department who has been studying high-security prisons for 25 years.

And, the expert says the solitary confinement cells are among the most inhumane he has seen. "The level of despair is unparalleled in my experience," he testified.

In a visit in December to the Estelle, Beto and Eastham units in Texas, the expert said he saw inmates smeared with feces; urine puddles in cells and hallways; and apparently mentally ill inmates screaming and banging their heads against the wall. Others were sullen and withdrawn.

Texas has 8,000 solitary confinement, or "administrative segregation" cells and state officials need to rethink this experiment. It's not working. It's only making the criminals each of us could face one day, more violent.

From our files ...

40 years ago

Wednesday Feb. 4, 1959
McLEAN — A car and Rock Island Passenger train collided at an intersection in McLean Tuesday, with the motorist, Margaret Fay Treat, 15, miraculously escaping serious injury.

Wednesday Feb. 4, 1959

The Pampa Harvesters racked up their 35th victory here Tuesday in routine fashion, as they toyed with the Monterey Plasmensmen for 56-46 triumph.

Sunday Feb. 8, 1959

One and a quarter million dollars worth of 14 school bonds changed hands in the Pampa Independent School District when the school board met with representatives of some 35 investment companies.

25 years ago

Tuesday Feb. 5, 1974

Effects of the nationwide truck strike are beginning to be felt more directly in the Panhandle and elsewhere in the state as violence connected with the shutdown increases.

Wednesday Feb. 6, 1974

The flu situation in Pampa schools has not reached the stage it has in some area towns where the schools have been closed because of the number of pupils absent. Pampa school Superintendent Dr. James E. Malone said this morning.

Thursday Feb. 7, 1974

The Pampa Rotary Club gave a special recognition to former Pampa Mayor Milo Carlson Wednesday night during the travel film showing of M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

10 years ago

Monday Feb. 6, 1989

Former Pampa News senior staff writer Paul Pinkham has been honored with the prestigious Texas Gavel Award by the State Bar of Texas.

Wednesday Feb. 8, 1989

Officials with the Texas Department of Health have said no cases of measles have been reported in the Pampa area, in spite of a statewide epidemic that seems to be moving slowly northward.

Thursday Feb. 9, 1989

Students from Pampa High School are joining with vocational education students all over the nation to recognize this as National Vocation Educational Week and National Distribution Education Week.



'Prince of Egypt' is must see

"The Prince of Egypt" is a lavish spectacle. It's hard to beat the Bible for high drama, and this film is smart enough to let the story tell itself. With skillful animation, fine acting and music that advances rather than interferes with the plot, the film achieves an emotional depth that must be some sort of first for a children's movie. It will stun those who have despaired of Hollywood producing anything but cultural sewage.

It is the Exodus story, told with poetic license. The movie overdoes the "changeling" aspect of the tale a lot, apparently taking Cecil B. DeMille as an authority on the matter. Like DeMille, "Prince" presents Moses' childhood as a "lie" in which he is brought up to believe that he is a true son of Pharaoh's daughter and brother to Rameses (who was not the Pharaoh at the time of the Exodus, but never mind). Only as a young man does he discover that he is actually a Hebrew, the son of a slave.

The biblical account does not suggest that Moses was ever in doubt about his identity and actually provides a telling detail: Miriam keeps watch over the basket in which her baby brother floats down the Nile. When Pharaoh's daughter plucks him from the water, Miriam approaches her and asks if she would like a wet nurse for the baby. Pharaoh's daughter agrees, and Miriam fetches Yocheved. Moses is thus nursed by his mother, presumably to an age at which he could comprehend his origins.

There are other deviations from the text, but



Mona Charen

Syndicated columnist

they neither offend the sensibilities nor detract from the story. The creators of this film clearly trust the power of the biblical narrative. Three millennia have not dulled the emotional wallop these stories deliver. What mother can watch without tears the scene of Yocheved placing her infant in a basket, knowing that he is likely to die in the river?

Unlike most of the recent Disney productions, "The Prince of Egypt" (a product of the Dreamworks studio) has a certain dignity about it. There is comic relief but without the antic, hysterical edge so many of the recent kids' films seem to favor. Though the story contains inevitable violence and could easily lend itself to gore, there is nothing in this film that would frighten or upset even the youngest viewer. The scene in which Moses' serpent swallows the two serpents of the Pharaoh is rendered tastefully, in shadow. The pace is also more even and less jerky than the usual fare — though the action scenes are very impressive.

Moses is one of the greatest figures in human history. In Judaism, Abraham is considered to be the first Jew, but Moses is the "teacher" and the law giver. Moses is so important in Jewish history that no one knows where he is buried, lest the spot become a shrine. And both Christianity and Islam revere him as a prophet.

His very first act as an adult may seem intemperate but was surely evidence of his hatred for injustice. He sees an Egyptian flogging a Hebrew slave and kills the oppressor. (Before the Bible, there was no basis for the ancients to consider cruelty to slaves immoral.) The next day, he attempts to make peace between two quarreling slaves. Later, he saves the daughters of Midian from marauders at the well.

"Prince of Egypt" captures the nobility of the man and also manages to strike the right tone about the disasters that God visits upon the Egyptians. Like the Torah, the film makes clear that Pharaoh's stubbornness brings down the wrath of God. Nevertheless, the slaying of the first born is rendered sensitively and sadly, and the film, like the Jewish religion, does not gloat at the suffering of the Egyptians. Each year, at the Passover seder, as they have done for 3,000 years, Jews pour out a drop of wine from their cups for each of the 10 plagues that struck Egypt. While celebrating their deliverance from slavery, Jews are exhorted not to rejoice in the pain of their enemies.

"Prince of Egypt" takes many liberties with details, but it gets the spirit very right.

State of the Union isn't very good

The first thing to keep in mind when assessing Bill Clinton's laundry list of promises, made in his State of the Union speech, is that Clinton is a proven liar.

As any misled wife can tell you, the practical problem in dealing with liars is deciding when, if ever, they are telling the truth and when they are lying. Lying is far more serious than liars would have you believe.

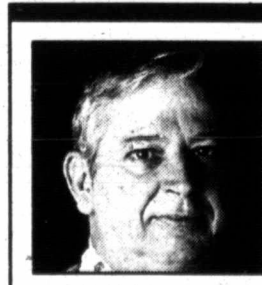
Two main lies underlie his speech.

One is the lie that Social Security needs saving. Well, only from politicians. The present tax brings in more than enough money to keep the Social Security Trust Fund solvent, but Congress and presidents use the surplus to offset deficits in other places in order to promulgate the second lie — that the budget has a surplus.

Both Republicans and Democrats are co-conspirators in this con job.

So starting with two lies, Clinton then proceeds to spend a nonexistent surplus stretching 15 years into the future. Even if this year's surplus were real, there is no way to predict that the surpluses will continue for 15 years into the future. That is pure fantasy.

Clinton's promising this and promising that, all financed by a nonexistent future surplus, is a perfect example of demagoguery. Furthermore, everything Clinton proposed, except spending more on defense (again with the mythical sur-



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

plus money) is unconstitutional.

Yes, I know that nobody pays any attention to the Constitution except lawyers trying to get around the democratic process, but nevertheless, if you will just read the document, you will notice that nowhere is the federal government authorized to get involved in local land planning, health care (long or short term), child care, urban sprawl, education or discouraging kids from smoking tobacco. (God knows they've done a poor job of discouraging them from smoking dope.)

It's dismaying that more people can't see through this thinly disguised con game Washington politicians are playing. They do polls. They find out what folks are worrying about. They promise to fix it. They pretend they can fix it, despite a deplorable record of failure (\$5 trillion and the feds lost the war on poverty, \$40 billion and they lost the war on drugs). They

pretend they can do it at no cost. This year, they will all be spending the mythical surpluses which, like psychics, they know will come in the future.

All this amounts to is blatant vote-buying, as corrupt as if they were standing outside the voting booths stuffing \$20 bills into people's pockets. It amounts to robbing Jane to buy the vote of Betsy.

Why should one working mother, who pays for her own child care, be taxed to provide free child care to someone else?

The low-life, unprincipled politicians have turned government in America largely into a racket, and it appears that many Americans have become so corrupt themselves that they don't care as long as they get a piece of the booty.

Well, from the point of view of a paid observer, watching a society collapse is probably more interesting than watching one that is running smoothly, but nevertheless I don't recommend it. I don't know of any greater civic sin a people could commit than taking this great country, created and preserved at such a great price in blood, sweat and tears, and tossing it away just because Americans have become too damned lazy, timid, greedy and irresponsible to preserve it for posterity.

Despite what you hear, the state of this union isn't very good.

National flu network to track influenza outbreaks in Texas

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The National Flu Surveillance Network, an emerging tool for detecting, monitoring and tracking outbreaks of all known strains of influenza, recently announced the activation of live surveillance sites in Texas.

"The NFSN is a first in the medical field, offering physicians and consumers alike a national view of the spread of influenza in real-time," stated Robert Hudson, MD and medical director of ZymeTx, a biotechnology company specializing in viral disease management.

The network is based on using the advanced technology of ZstatFlu, the first rapid point-of-care diagnostic test capable of detecting both Influenza A and B. Developed by ZymeTx and cleared by the FDA late in 1997, ZstatFlu enables physicians to rapidly determine the presence of flu in their practices.

The NFSN is comprised of an organized network of doctors located around the country who are geared to timely report the presence of flu. The physicians report positive test results to the national flu center in Oklahoma City. After confirmation of the real-time test occurrence, results are posted on the NFSN's Internet flu alert website at www.flu-alert.com.

"This is the first network of its kind to provide doctors a clear picture of the spread of flu across the country," commented Hudson. The network, because it can be easily and quickly accessed via the Internet, is expected to become a popular tool for frequent travelers. "Travelers can either avoid areas with flu outbreaks or take precautions to reduce their risk of getting the flu," Hudson explained.

The four active surveillance sites in Texas bring the total number of sites nationwide to 61 covering all the regions of the country. The NFSN continues to expand and expects sites in most states before this flu season is over. The network is expanding internationally with plans to add sites in Canada and Hong Kong this flu season.

NFSN categorizes the spread of influenza into three outbreak classifications: Influenza Watch is issued when the first two confirmed cases of flu are detected in a site in one week; Influenza Alert is issued when cases of influenza occur at a site every other day; and Influenza Warning is issued when daily positives occur at a surveillance site.

Influenza is a potentially fatal illness, especially among individuals most at risk for complications including the elderly, children, individuals with chronic illnesses and compromised immune systems and pregnant women. It is estimated that more than 20,000 influenza-associated deaths occur on average each year in the U.S. In 1994, an estimated 30 million people contracted influenza nationwide and cost nearly 70 million lost workdays.

In the U.S., influenza season typically runs from November to April. It is spread by simple casual contact and is most contagious in its early stages, before infected individuals are even aware they are carrying the virus. The incubation period for influenza is a short 1-4 days. Symptoms include fever, cough, headache, muscle aches and weakness.

For a full list of symptoms see www.flu101.com.

Angus juniors eligible for \$15,000 scholarship

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The American Angus Auxiliary is offering \$15,000 in scholarships to Angus juniors who will graduate from high school in 1999. This is an increase from recent years, according to Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson Yvonne Hinman.

Ten scholarships will be awarded to five young men and women who are currently high school seniors. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,800 to \$1,200. The awards will be presented at the National Junior Angus Show to be held in July at Tulsa, Okla. All applications must be post-marked by May 25. Applications are available through state Auxiliary chairpersons. For more information or to request a scholarship application, contact Hinman at (406) 285-6755.



The cast of "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" includes, front row, Shawn Walsh, Laura Barton, Ken Bender, second row, Cara Johnston Kee, Art Lynch and Treva Bradford.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School to host upcoming ALT presentation

St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, with the local sponsorship of M&H Leasing Co. Inc., will be bringing the Amarillo Little Theatre's 1999 touring presentation of the brand new innovative musical "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." The performance will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.

Based on the award-winning series of books by Robert Fulgham, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" has been called a "revue in the key of life." Six storytellers take the audience through the entire life-cycle from Kindergarten through adolescence to adulthood, old age and even death. Sometimes whimsical, often poignant and generally hilarious, the play combines some of Fulgham's best stories with innovative staging along with a rhythm and blues score.

"Little nuggets of wisdom," are there to be found inside this production. From

"Norman," the outsider who decided he would be a "pig" in his kindergarten class production of "Cinderella," to teenagers complaining about the "disgusting gunk" at the bottom of their mother's sink strainer to one of the most memorable weddings in the annals of history to the zany older couple that celebrates Christmas in July and even February. "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" offers inspiring lessons in love, loss and life.

ALT has gathered an ensemble cast of stage veterans and relative newcomers for the production including Shawn Walsh (remembered for performances in numerous ALT productions such as "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"), Cara Johnston Kee, a fourth grade teacher at Lamar Elementary School in Pampa (last seen in ALT's 1998 touring production, "Smoke on the Mountain"), Treva Bradford (also a "tour-

ing veteran" from many ALT productions like "Beehive" and "Once on This Island"), Ken Bender (last seen in ALT productions of "Oliver" and "Shadowlands") and two first-timers, Art Lynch, a Church of Christ minister from Dumas, and Latra Barton, a versatile performer from Brigham-Young University, new to the Amarillo area.

"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" is produced by ALT managing/artistic director, Allen Shankles with ALT music/associate director, Loren Strickland, serving as artistic director. ALT staff members Gregg Dunlap and David D. McKnight, Jr. will provide technical direction and choreography is by Walsh.

Tickets for the Pampa show are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and may be purchased at St. Matthew's Day School office, 727 W. Browning, or by calling 665-0703. All tickets sold will benefit St. Matthew's Day School.

West Texas political science students rate Clinton

CANYON — Almost 65 percent of West Texas A&M University political science students surveyed believe President Clinton should resign. Dr. Dave Rausch, assistant professor of political science, surveys his students each semester about their views of civil rights and civil liberties as well as current political issues. This semester, the president's recent legal battles provided the political questions. The students were surveyed Jan. 25.

"In order to determine my students' opinions of their president, I asked two questions," Rausch said.

The first, yes or no inquiry, "Bill Clinton is doing a good job as president," was intended to roughly estimate presidential approval.

"Only 42 percent agreed that the president is doing a good job, a number that is not sur-

prising considering the politics of the local area," Rausch said.

With the second statement, "Bill Clinton should resign as president," 65 percent of the students agreed.

Rausch also checked responses via party lines.

Eighty-six percent of the students who identified themselves as Democrats believe President Clinton is doing a good job.

Only 23 percent of the Republicans agreed, while 48 percent of the independent identifiers are satisfied with the president's performance.

Republicans want the president to resign (84 percent) while independents also would like him to leave office (55 percent).

"Democrats, not surprisingly, think Bill Clinton should not resign," Rausch said. "Only 23 percent

agreed that he should resign." Rausch also surveyed the students about term limits, political participation and old and new media usage.

While the responses on the questionnaires were given confidentially and anonymously, the sample of students should not be considered representative of all students at WTAMU because the respondents were a "captive audience."

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Husband--"Ah, sure I do!"
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Husband--"How about a Snicker candy bar?"
Wife--"Honey, I didn't know you loved me so much!"

LATER.....
Husband--"I can't keep it a secret any longer, I want us to attend "A Biblical Portrait of Marriage" at Barrett Baptist Church, then I want to take you out for a romantic dinner."
Wife--"Umh, that sounds wonderful."

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Place: Clarendon College, Pampa Campus, Room 103
Instructor: Tex Buchhaults Cost: \$25 CEU Credits: 1.0

Date and Time: Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m., March 4, 11, 25 and April 1 & 8
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I don't even know how to turn a computer on! What is that thing they call a "mouse"? Can I really touch a mouse without getting germs? And even if I did touch it, what would I do with it? If these are statements you make when someone mentions the word "computer," then this class is for you! Taught in a fun, informal and non-threatening environment, this class will get you ready to jump into the computer age in no time!

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Letters to the editor

Plan ahead - there will be a next time ...

To the editor,
I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the SPS workers for all of their hard work that they have put in since Thursday. I know that they all work hard every day, but they have done more than their share this past weekend with our weather storm.
I have several friends that work for them and I know that their own families have not seen them hardly at all each day. There is still so much to be done due to the extensive damage that we had. I hope that all in Pampa will see the dedication that they have. They have literally put their lives on the line for us. Imagine getting out in the freezing cold and rain putting up new lines, fixing broken lines and transformers. We are fortunate that they are trained and willing to do such a job.
I also understand that there have been many complaints about people not having electricity. Imagine over 85,000 homes in the whole surrounding area besides Pampa that were and still are without electricity. SPS called in for support from Lubbock, Amarillo, Borger, Dumas, and Roswell, N.M., that I know of for sure.

People should not complain but make the most of the time. We are the ones that should be more prepared for times like these, not them. We are at home and should always take safety precautions for any type of disaster. They are there to take care of the situations as they come. Have a plan for your own home and family. Anything could knock out electricity, we just happen to have the winter ice storm this time. Next time it could be another tornado.

We all as a community need to thank these workers. Not just SPS, but the telephone workers and the cable workers. They can only do their best and it is one job at a time.

Pray for them that they will not be tired and be able to finish cleaning up the damage that has been done.

And for all of you that called and complained to these companies because your life was not comfortable, put yourself in their shoes for a little while. How many of you would like to be the one out there working? I can assure you that not too many of you would do it, but you sure didn't mind complaining.

Be thankful for what you do have and plan ahead for the next time because there will be a next time.

Dona Cambern
Pampa

Never take electricity for granted!

To the editor,
What a fantastic job was done by Southwestern Public Service personnel during and after the worst ice storm to hit this area in many years!

Hundreds of electric poles fell down as a result of heavy ice on the transmission lines. Many power take-off points were knocked out by ice. Hundreds of crossbars carrying cable broke.

SPS crews restored lines and poles day and night, around the clock. Most Pampa people lost power for less than one day at most two days.

I didn't know how much I had missed my electrical service! It was a forgotten pleasure to see light every time I flicked the switch after the power came back!

Instead of grumbling about some make-believe wrong that I thought had been done to me, I write this letter to thank our electric company for their service this time of Pampa's need.

Curt Beck
Pampa

Education in Texas facing a crisis

To the editor,
Texas school children may soon be asking "Where is my teacher?" or "Who will be my teacher?" Education in Texas is facing the worse crisis in the history of the state. Teachers are leaving the classroom to pursue careers in which they are paid salaries that will enable them to support their families as well as receive insurance benefits. College students, who would truly love to teach, cannot afford to pursue a teaching degree knowing they will not be able to provide for their families.

Texas ranks 35th in the nation in teacher's salaries and Texas ranks 50th in the nation in its

contribution (6 percent) to the teacher's retirement fund. Although the state pours huge amounts of money into ERS retirement fund (raising it again in the last legislative session), it ignores the TRS which has not been improved in 22 years! Also, teachers are not provided with any insurance benefits unless their local district picks up the tab.

On March 1, Texas teachers are having a legislative rally in Austin. Teachers, your superintendents received letters in January of 1998 requesting that this day be set aside on your 1998-99 school calendar to enable you to attend this rally. Hopefully they did this. If you are not being given this day like many schools are, please take a personal day and be in Austin to help your fellow educators make Texas legislators aware of the crisis school children and teachers are facing. Contact your legislators and set up a meeting with them March 1 to discuss these vital issues. Impress upon your legislators that the state must fully fund any increases and not keep putting the financial burden on the backs of the local school districts. Parents, come and help us rally, too. Please write letters, as well as call, your legislators to support your children's teachers.

Let's have a great rally on March 1 at 10 a.m. on the South steps of the capitol. See you there! If you need more information about this rally e-mail <http://www.lcc.net/~penpals/> or call (254) 968-3662.

Becky Copeland
25-year first grade teacher
Stephenville

Trustees do good work in Pampa

To the editor,
Just notice the nice jobs the Jordan Unit inmates have done around our town, these young men are not dangerous, they are trustees. When you see them working, honk, wave or roll

down the window and say "great job!" Or better yet, a dozen warm donuts or some homemade cookies would sure make them know, maybe God loves them too.
C.L. Farmer

Sunday Snapshot interesting

To the editor,
I enjoyed yesterday's (Jan. 31) "Sunday Snapshot" feature about the lady who was born in Rall's. Somehow it brought to mind your story of a week or so ago about Lefors. I eagerly await reading something about Kansas or perhaps Dallas.

G.W. Dingus
Pampa

Volunteer fire department lifesaver ...

To the editor,
On Jan. 26, the fierce south wind was helping carry a grass fire through an area 10 miles north of Pampa and would have quickly engulfed several homes had it not been for some very unselfish and caring people.

Sam Condo reported it quickly to the Hoover Fire Department while Richard Gattis, Merl Smith and Bill Wilson, fervently tried to wet down buildings and fences as best they could before the fire department arrived.

Because we were at work at the time of the fire, we were not aware of what awaited us as we turned onto our road - what a blessing to arrive at our house and see these men and the members of the volunteer Hoover Fire Department quickly extinguish the fire.

We were very astonished at the dedication each person had to complete the task, and although we know several of you personally, we want to publicly thank each of you for allowing yourself to be a servant to the community. Knowing that you give of your

time unselfishly and completely, leaving your families when that time could have been spent relaxing, we say a hearty "thank you." Without this department of volunteers, people that live outside of town, would loose everything once a fire started. If everyone would look at the world and see where they could help like you do, what a wonderful place this world be.

Lonnie, Marilyn and Traci Shelton and wonder dog Doodles

Railroad procedure dangerous

To the editor,
We would like to commend you on your Sunday, Jan. 24 article about Sheriff Carmella Jones here in Claude. It is a wonderful tribute to her and the work she does. We would like to elaborate on a statement in this article in which you said, "It was during the same time frame that two young volunteer firefighters died when a train crashed into their firetruck as it crossed the railroad."

These two firemen were Marcus King and Jared Wright and the date was Jan. 31, 1995. They were fighting a fire on the right-of-way that was started by the railroad. As they attempted to leave the right-of-way, they proceeded west in the ditch through weeds and debris for approximately 450 yards. This was the only way out. It was dark and a farmer's pickup truck was parked at the private crossing, obstructing the view. The farmer's truck crossed over in front of the firetruck, and then the firetruck approached the crossing at 2 to 3 miles per hour. The brakes had been applied several times. The gear shift lever was in reverse. The AM/FM radio was off. The 2-way radio was on with a volume set at medium. The front tires of the fire truck touched the edge, but did not proceed onto the platform of the crossing. The right front bumper of the firetruck was struck by the train, pivoting the firetruck against the train and throwing it upside down into a 6-8 foot ravine.

At 6:40 p.m., when the railroad notified the Armstrong County Sheriff's Office of the right-of-way fire, the train involved in the accident was traveling at 18 miles per hour. Forty minutes later, at 7:20 p.m., this same train was traveling at 47 to 48 miles per hour, when the accident occurred. This is 69 to 70 feet per second. It is only 1 to 2 miles per hour less than the maximum speed allowed for this area of the track. They never decreased their speed, in spite of the fact that they discussed "the possibility of there being fire hoses across the track." They never decreased their speed, in spite of the fact that they could visually see firetrucks at the scene.

The train crew testified that the emergency lights of the firetruck went out at some point. Each time they testified, this time varied. Regardless of the time, even when the lights were still on, the train crew never reduced their speed.

The farmer who crossed the track immediately before the accident occurred was asked by the defense attorney "And do you know at any time whether you heard the horn of the train?" His answer, "No." The defense attorney asked, "At that time could or any time?" And this "witness shakes his head side to side." The plaintiff attorney asked, "Could you hear the train sliding? It was in emergency. Did you hear anything?" The farmer said, "No. I didn't notice a thing."

We are concerned for the safety of firemen and other emergency personnel working in close proximity to railroad right-of-ways. There is no pending litigation, nor is it possible for any future litigation to arise out of it with this tragedy. Instead, we can now move forward.

Trains are required to proceed at a restricted speed if their own employees are in the right-of-way. We are asking that they give emergency personnel at least this same consideration.

We have testified at the Texas Railroad Commission Public Hearing in Fort Worth on Oct. 17, 1997; the Texas House of Representatives Committee on General Investigating in Fort Worth on April 15, 1998; and at the Texas Conservative Coalition Public Hearing with state senators and representatives in Amarillo on June 18, 1998.
See LETTERS, Page 7

NOTICE TO PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

NOTICE TO FILE RENDITION STATEMENTS, PROPERTY REPORTS, APPLICATIONS FOR QUALIFIED OPEN-SPACE LAND VALUATION, APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS, AVAILABILITY OF FORMS AND PROCEDURE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE QUANTITY OF PROPERTY HELD IN INVENTORY.

TO ALL PERSONS OWNING OR CONTROLLING, AS AGENTS OR OTHERWISE, ANY PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO APPRAISAL BY THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, I, W. PAT BAGLEY, CHIEF APPRAISER FOR THE SAID GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 11.44 CHAPTER 11, SECTION 22.21 CHAPTER 22, SECTION 23.43; AND SECTION 23.54 CHAPTER 23, TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE ON BEHALF OF GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, WHOSE PROPERTIES ARE APPRAISED BY THE CHIEF APPRAISER FOR THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, TO SAID OWNERS AND AGENTS TO FILE ALL RENDITION STATEMENTS, PROPERTY REPORTS, APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED OPEN-SPACE LAND VALUATIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WITH THE SAID CHIEF APPRAISER ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 1999 AT 815 NORTH SUMNER, POST OFFICE BOX 836, PAMPA, TEXAS 79066-0836. ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE SAID ADDRESS.

THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT HEREBY ESTABLISHES A PROCEDURE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE VALUE OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY ON JANUARY 1, 1999 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 23.12 CHAPTER 23, TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE. THE VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SUCH AS INVENTORY, SUPPLIES, FURNITURE & FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, TOOLS AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DETERMINED BY RENDITION, OBSERVATION BY THE APPRAISERS, COMPARISON OF LIKE PROPERTIES, PERTINENT RECORDS OF THE BUSINESS AND ANY OTHER REASONABLE APPROACH THAT WILL ACCURATELY REFLECT THE MARKET VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

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NOTICE OF DEFERRED COLLECTION OF CERTAIN TAXES CHAPTER 33, SECTION 33.06 TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE

AN INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED TO DEFER COLLECTION OF TAXES OR ABATE A SUIT TO COLLECT A DELINQUENT TAX ASSESSED AGAINST HIS/HER RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD IF HE/SHE IS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND OWNS AND OCCUPIES THE RESIDENCE AS HIS HOMESTEAD. TO OBTAIN A DEFERRAL, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST FILE AN AFFIDAVIT WITH THE CHIEF APPRAISER STATING THE FACT THAT THE PERSON HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 65 AND OWNS AND OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY AS HIS RESIDENCE.

TO OBTAIN AN ABATEMENT, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST FILE IN THE COURT IN WHICH SUIT IS PENDING AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE PERSON HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 65 AND OWNS AND OCCUPIES THE PROPERTY AS HIS RESIDENCE.

AFFIDAVITS FOR DEFERRAL ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE AT 815 NORTH SUMNER - PAMPA, TEXAS, PHONE NUMBER 665-0791.

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LETTERS

At the Texas House of Representatives Committee on General Investigating, the Union Pacific Railroad executive testified before the committee that they would be more than willing to work toward a policy with regard to emergency personnel on their right-of-way. When the Chairman of the Committee, Pete Gallego directly asked Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad for their response to the emergency personnel safety issue, the executive testified that "we will not go there."

United States Sen. Phil Gramm has opened a congressional inquiry with the Federal Railroad Administration, and after almost four years they have acknowledged facts pertinent to this accident. Burlington Northern Railroad started the right-of-way fire, reported the fire, asked for help from the Claude Volunteer Fire Department to extinguish their fire, and then increased their train speed from 18 to "47-48 miles per hour."

Burlington Northern has testified that in the future, if they saw emergency lights and they believed there might be fire personnel at or near the track and hoses at or across the track, that they would proceed and run over the hoses unless otherwise instructed. Hopefully, this attitude can be changed.

The drug screens on the volunteer firemen were clean (negative for drugs). No drug screens are performed on railroad personnel involved in accidents with the public. Why?

On Nov. 29, 1997, another accident occurred in Armstrong County. John R. Kennedy, 69, and his sister Maxine Hodges, 66, were killed when the car in which they were riding was hit by a train. They were crossing the track en route to the Claude Cemetery to visit the grave site of Kennedy's wife, Peggy, who had been buried earlier that day. Since that accident, County Judge Hugh Reed worked diligently toward obtaining crossing arms at this site.

To stop, look and listen at a railroad crossing is an essential component for crossing safety. But, we can also go beyond that. We can look at the angle of the crossings, the grade of the crossings, the quality of the crossing, the visibility and the speed of train. We can look at signage at crossings — often it is non-reflective. According to the Texas Railroad Commission, 23 percent of the 1997 collisions involved a motor vehicle driving into the side of a train. And yet a train is not required to have reflective strips along the side of its cars.

After Jared's death, we were denied state benefits because he had no dependents. As a result, we asked that an amendment be added to Texas Senate Bill 1107, and now state benefits are awarded to parents of public service employees (without dependents) who die in the line of duty. Although this change in policy would not help us, it would help parents in the future. On July 11, 1997, we traveled to Austin and met Gov. Bush and watched as he signed this bill into law.

In addition, we invited Fire Chief Joe Rice, chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Texas

Firefighters' Pension Commission, to come to Claude where he presented information with regard to this fund which provides retirement benefits, on-duty disability benefits and lump sum death benefits for both firemen and emergency medical services personnel. As a result of his presentation, the City of Claude chose to participate in this fund which will now benefit both the Claude Volunteer Fire Department and the Claude Emergency Medical Services volunteers.

Firemen and emergency personnel provide an essential service to their communities, and we want to help promote their safety and well-being in any way possible.

Randy C. Wright, Kim C. Wright and Jami R. Wright (parents and sister of Jared Wright) Claude

Inmates should quit complaining

To the editor, I would like to respond to the letters the inmates of TDCJ wrote.

First you were right when you said you are criminals. You have been convicted of a crime. So as citizens are we supposed to slap you on the hand and say don't let it happen again?

I know some of the stuff you have said is wrong.

First off, the shoes — so you get your feet wet walking to get your clothes? (That the state provides and other inmates wash.) Just because they are not designer shoes, live with it. As for the toilet paper (which the state provides) feel lucky, some people don't even get that.

You talk about how a non-violent offender should feel when denied parole four times. Well, in my opinion, there is no such thing as a non-violent offender. And how should the victim feel when they are afraid to be by themselves or have the lights out or even worse — when they bury a family member? So stop and think of them and not of yourself. If you have been denied four times, there must be a reason behind it.

You speak of ignoring the medical restriction. You get your medical paid for and a doctor and nurse at a drop of a hat, your medicine is free — when most people can't even afford cold medicine. And as for the food you are served. You get special meals on all holidays and three meals a day. You inmates have more rights than the guards.

You talk of grievances. The guards get grievanced on everything. Like the tone of their voice, to if your coffee is late or not hot enough. But you inmates can call the guards everything in the book, threaten them and make a harsh statement about their family members. So in my opinion I feel my taxes are going too much to you inmates and not enough to the prison guards.

So stop whining and be thankful you have three meals a day, a bed to sleep in and clothes and a roof over your head and lets not forget the TV.

Most law abiding people don't have that much.

LaDeana Dudley Pampa

Canadian Area Singles open to all

To the editor,

Our Canadian Singles would appreciate you placing something about our organization in your newspaper. I guess it should be Canadian Area Singles because it includes the surrounding area. We meet at the Canadian YMCA in Canadian on the second Saturday of each month, come rain or snow. We have a covered dish supper beginning at 7 p.m. and a dance from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. There are some really good bands in this area. It is always country western music.

We have been going strong for over four years. We started in October 1994. We have had as many as 140 people attend and lately 50 to 60. What is so unique about our organization is that there is no smoking or alcohol allowed at the YMCA. We serve water, tea and coffee, although there is a coke machine there.

There are door prize drawings at the bands' break. There are hosts and hostesses and greeters to help make everyone as comfortable as possible. This is available to all adult singles. It doesn't make any difference how old you are. There are games such as cards and dominoes available for those who do not dance. Some people just sit in the foyer and visit. We always have a great time.

All the small towns in the panhandle are represented here. There are sometimes only one or two people from each town but there have been as many as 47 people from Pampa at one time and 49 people from Woodward. You never know who might show up.

Borger, Fritch, Groom, Lefors, Balko, McLean, Mobeetie, Pampa, Shamrock, Wheeler, Perryton, Vici, Fargo, Beaver, Woodward, Buffalo, Cheyenne, Liberal, Sublett, Dalhart, Amarillo, Kress, Hereford, Jean, Olney, Plainview, Laverne, Higgins, Miami — are just some of the towns which are sometimes represented.

In the past, we have made a few trips. We have been to Remington Park in Oklahoma City several times. We have merged with the Plainview Singles and met at Palo Duro Canyon to see the production of "TEXAS." We have several things in the making in the near future.

There are a lot of dancing fools

out there that have not been out in years and we would like to extend an invitation to come join us for an evening every month for a lot of fun, great food and fellowship.

Canadian is a great little town with big hearts. On the second Saturday of each month, it is a bigger little town with lots of wonderful people in it. Please feel free to call (806) 323-9717 for more information.

Glenda Gourley, president Canadian

Missionary work is rewarding

To the editor,

You had an article in the Sunday 1-10-99 paper under Life Styles. It was about Hi-Land Christian Church and Eric Hupp and his family. Eric is a missionary for Casas por Cristo in El Paso and Mexico. It was a wonderful article. My niece Elizabeth Seay and her fiancé are also missionaries for Casas por Cristo. They have been missionaries for more than two years.

They welcome any church groups or any other groups such as Scouts. Scouts can earn a badge for this. They had a troop of Scouts this summer and Elizabeth, who is the team leader, was afraid they wouldn't want to do all that hard work. They pitched right in and all of them worked very hard to finish their house and get it up. Elizabeth said you should have seen their faces when the family came to move in. There were grins all over the place.

They have never had any trouble or problems down in Mexico or El Paso so your group would be perfectly safe going back and forth working on a house. They can usually put up a house in a day and a half. It is very rewarding work.

Last year Casas por Cristo put up 175-plus houses. Each year they put up more houses. If your church or organization is interested in something like this, Elizabeth will see to it that at least two missionaries come to talk to your group and answer any questions you have. You can contact her at: Elizabeth C. Seay, Casas por Cristo, 2416 Gold, El Paso TX 79930 or call (915) 565-7800.

Kathy Logan Pampa

Local electric company to be commended

To the editor,

In these times of severe weather, it is a blessing to have such hard working people at Southwestern Public Service. I know that some people were without power far longer than others, but most of us had it restored within 24-hours.

I find this unbelievably good service given the magnitude of the damage. If you add the weather conditions and the hours that each SPS worker endured, it becomes more of an accomplishment.

I have heard that many people thought that SPS should have responded quicker and had more people on the job. Quite the contrary is true.

SPS employees were on top of it the moment the ice storm began. They began implementing plans in staffing and resources before the problem was a problem. The first line of support was in place immediately.

Within a short period of time, other supplemental resources from Lubbock, Amarillo and Hobbs were brought in. I saw many electric companies such as OG&E and others I didn't even recognize. It really is commendable that all the electric companies have an emergency reaction plan in place to come to each other's aid. We all benefit from it and most people take it for granted.

The next time you see a SPS employee, stop and take the time to say, "Job well done!"

Mikeal Long <mlong@pan-tex.net>

Hats off to brave SPS workers

To the editor,

We want to express our sincere gratitude to each SPS employee who worked so diligently to restore power after it was disrupted by the ice storm. Our hats are off especially to those brave men who worked all hours in freezing temperatures to perform difficult and potentially dangerous jobs.

May God bless you each and every one.

Bill and Elaine Ledbetter Pampa

I no longer care to vote after debacle

To the editor,

I never thought I would see the day when our Democratic senators would vote in lock-step to keep the testimony of witnesses secret and not available to us Americans.

What has happened to the rule of law in this county? What has happened to open government? What is going on when 100 percent of our Democratic representatives are vigorously defending our president when he has committed adultery, lied to all of us, committed perjury, obstruction of justice and who knows what else?

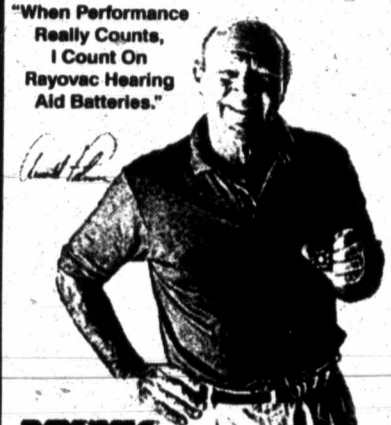
I am very disappointed. As a result of my deep concern and sorrow, I have decided to rescind my voter's registration and never vote again. I cannot vote for anyone who defends adultery, lying, perjury and obstruction of justice.

I am also upset with the Republicans for an absence of backbone in this situation.

The way to end this matter is to remove William Jefferson Clinton from office. He should not occupy the oval office for two more hours; certainly not two more years.

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SOCCER

PAMPA — Pampa Soccer Association will hold signups for the 1999 spring season on Feb. 19 from 10 to 5 and Feb. 20 from 10 to 3 at T-Shirts and More, 111 W. Kingsmill.

Cost is \$30. For additional information, call 669-1273.

PAMPA — Pampa soccer teams kicked off the District 3-4A season by splitting matches with Randall on Thursday.

Pampa won the girls match 2-1 and is now 3-4-0 for the season. The Lady Harvesters are the only 3-4A girls' team without a district loss.

Randall defeated Pampa 3-2 in the boys' match. The Harvesters are 2-6 for the season.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Harvester Football Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in The Ready Room.

The public is invited to attend.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Steve Kerr and Mario Elie came to San Antonio with championship experience and a mission to give the Spurs reserve strength.

They did their job and pleased coach Gregg Popovich in the process in the Spurs' 101-83 opening-night victory over Sacramento on Friday night.

"We're always going to be really pleased when the bench can come in like that and maintain things," Popovich said. "I definitely felt good seeing those guys come out and spread the floor and knock down the shots they were brought here to



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa junior Casey Owens (51) goes up for a shot against the Palo Duro defense.

PD beats Pampa in 3-4A contests

AMARILLO — Top-ranked Palo Duro continued its run through the District 3-4A opposition by defeating Pampa 67-42 Friday night.

The Dons are now 27-1 for the season and 7-0 in district play. The Harvesters are 10-17 and 1-6.

Kenneth Brown led PD's scoring attack with 19 points while Phillip Wilson added 11.

Bobby Holmes paced Pampa in scoring with 13 points. Colby Hale and Shawn Young followed with 8 points each.

Palo Duro led by 15 (32-17) at halftime after jumping out to a 15-0 lead.

Others scoring for Pampa were Russell Robben 5, Kevin Osborn 4, Jesse Francis 3 and Kirk George 1.

Pampa's leading rebounders were Robben, Osborn and George with 4 rebounds each. Marques Loftis had 9 rebounds to go with 8 points for PD.

The Harvesters were missing junior inside player Jeremy Silva, who was side-

lined with an arm injury.

Pampa hosts Berger at 7:30 Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Casey Jackson scored 28 points and Julianna Morrison added 16 as Palo Duro defeated Pampa 65-31 in a District 3-4A girls' game Friday night.

Palo Duro, ranked No. 14 in Class 4A, is now 26-6 for the season and 8-1 in district play. PD's only district loss was to Dumas.

Pampa is 1-8 in district and 9-15 overall.

Charity Nachtigall, Kelsey Yowell and Anne Gaddis had 6 points each to lead the Lady Harvesters in scoring.

The Lady Dons held a 29-16 lead at halftime.

Also scoring for Pampa were Jordanna Young 4, Emily Waters 4, Lisa Dwight 2, Vaughn Evans 2, and Chasity Nachtigall 1. Dwight led Pampa in rebounds with 7.

The Lady Harvesters host Berger at 6 Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Rockets' NBA opener spoiled by Lakers, 99-91

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The abbreviated NBA season had barely begun when Los Angeles Lakers coach Del Harris faced a question he's likely to hear often.

When is Kobe Bryant going to become a regular starter?

"There's going to be better stories than is Kobe going to start," Harris said. "Please don't ask me that all year. There should be better stories, you know. 'When will the coach be fired.' Don't ask me

(that) one either."

Bryant, the 20-year-old swingman who recently signed a six-year, \$71 million contract extension, had 25 points and a career-high 10 rebounds in the Lakers' 99-91 victory over the Houston Rockets on Friday night.

Bryant, a projected sixth man, collected his first career double-double starting in place of Rick Fox, who sat out with a sore right foot.

"I feel big," Bryant joked, then

added that it's best for him to come off the bench when Fox returns.

"Everybody still has to be patient. My time will come," he said.

Bryant guarded Scottie Pippen, who left the NBA champion Chicago Bulls for Houston on Jan. 22. Pippen had 10 points, nine rebounds, seven assists and five steals in his Rockets debut, but he was just 4-for-18 from the field.

"It was kind of weird for me, I've never been in this situation before," Pippen said. "I knew all eyes were on me and things just didn't go as well as I would have liked."

That was also true for Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon, who didn't score in the second half and had 11 points before fouling out.

"It can only get easier now," Olajuwon said about having to face O'Neal right away. "Even

when they're hitting 3s, you can't leave Shaq one-on-one, so we had trouble."

Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers with 30 points and 14 rebounds.

Charles Barkley had 31 points and 15 rebounds for Houston. He drew the ire of the sellout crowd of 17,505, which shouted peldowns at him after he taunted them with hand gestures.

"I want us to go 49-1, so we got to win the rest of them," he said.

The last of the independent stays that way

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

College football's biggest dog wagged its tail, in London of all places. Fortunately, it hit nothing but air.

With a century-old tradition at stake, Notre Dame's Board of Trustees met to decide whether the school should pursue membership in the Big Ten Conference or continue going it alone.

Independence won. Had anyone but the Irish taken this vote, the matter would have been worth a few paragraphs on a sports page or an article in an education journal. But had those trustees made the wrong call on this one, had they taken away Notre Dame's independence and removed the last little bit of romance from the college game, thunder wouldn't have been the only thing they shook down from

the sky.

"If I had a vote," former Notre Dame coach Dan Devine said before the vote, "I'd say stay independent."

"When you grow up playing sports, you love the idea that a team would go any place and play anybody at any time. That was what Notre Dame always stood for. I don't think it should change now."

Had the trustees aligned Notre Dame with the Big Ten, even though the Irish wouldn't have played a conference game until the 2007 season, some dominoes would have fallen almost immediately.

For starters, every other football-playing conference in the country would have had to start thinking seriously about bumping up its glamour quotient. For most, that would have meant raiding other conferences for the kind of

high-profile programs that would make them as attractive to the TV networks and bowl committees as the Big Ten would suddenly have become.

That wasn't the most important consequence.

Ever since Knute Rockne took over the Irish program in 1918, Notre Dame has occupied a special place on the American sporting landscape.

Back then, under Rockne's guidance, the small Catholic university in rural Indiana became the first real national football program. Back then, Notre Dame was a poor man's school, its roster packed with sons of Irish, Italian, Polish and German ancestry, a focal point for a country fast filling up with immigrants and just beginning to fall in love with sports.

Free from the constraints of a conference schedule, the Irish were free to challenge the giants of the game — Army, Nebraska and USC — and did. They rode the trains to both coasts and any point in between. They might be in Yankee Stadium one weekend, Soldier Field the next, and the Coliseum the weekend after. In the days before television, a cheap ticket and a subway ride — hence the term "subway alumni" — was usually all it took to cheer, or boo, the Irish in person.

Times, obviously, have changed.

Notre Dame rarely goes anywhere as an underdog anymore. If anything, just the opposite.

The school pretty much has its pick of recruits every year, and it's the only program with its own television contract. Notre Dame conducts business pretty much the same way that all football powerhouses do — taking the occasional gamble on an athlete, hiring and firing coaches based on performance, looking for the best bowl payout.

That sharp business sense was one of the reasons Notre Dame considered affiliating with the Big Ten in the first place. When its basketball program began floundering as an independent a few years ago, the Irish joined the Big East in that sport and others. But it held the football program out of the equation.

This time around, sports weren't the only consideration. The academic benefits Notre Dame would have gained by joining a conference packed with top-flight graduate schools were considerable.

What the trustees did not forget was how Notre Dame gained the prestige it enjoys today. For all the university stood to gain, few people doubted the tradition of excellence it has established would suffer if they continued going it alone.

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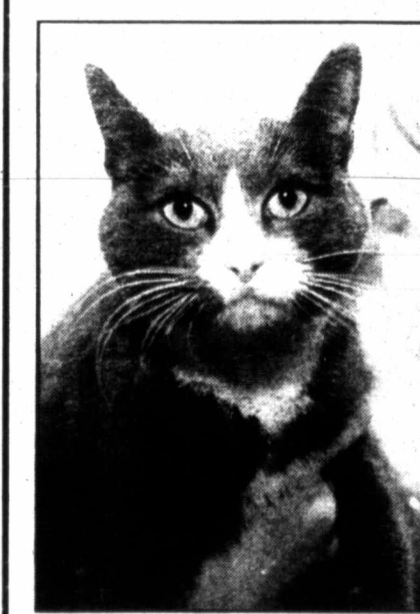
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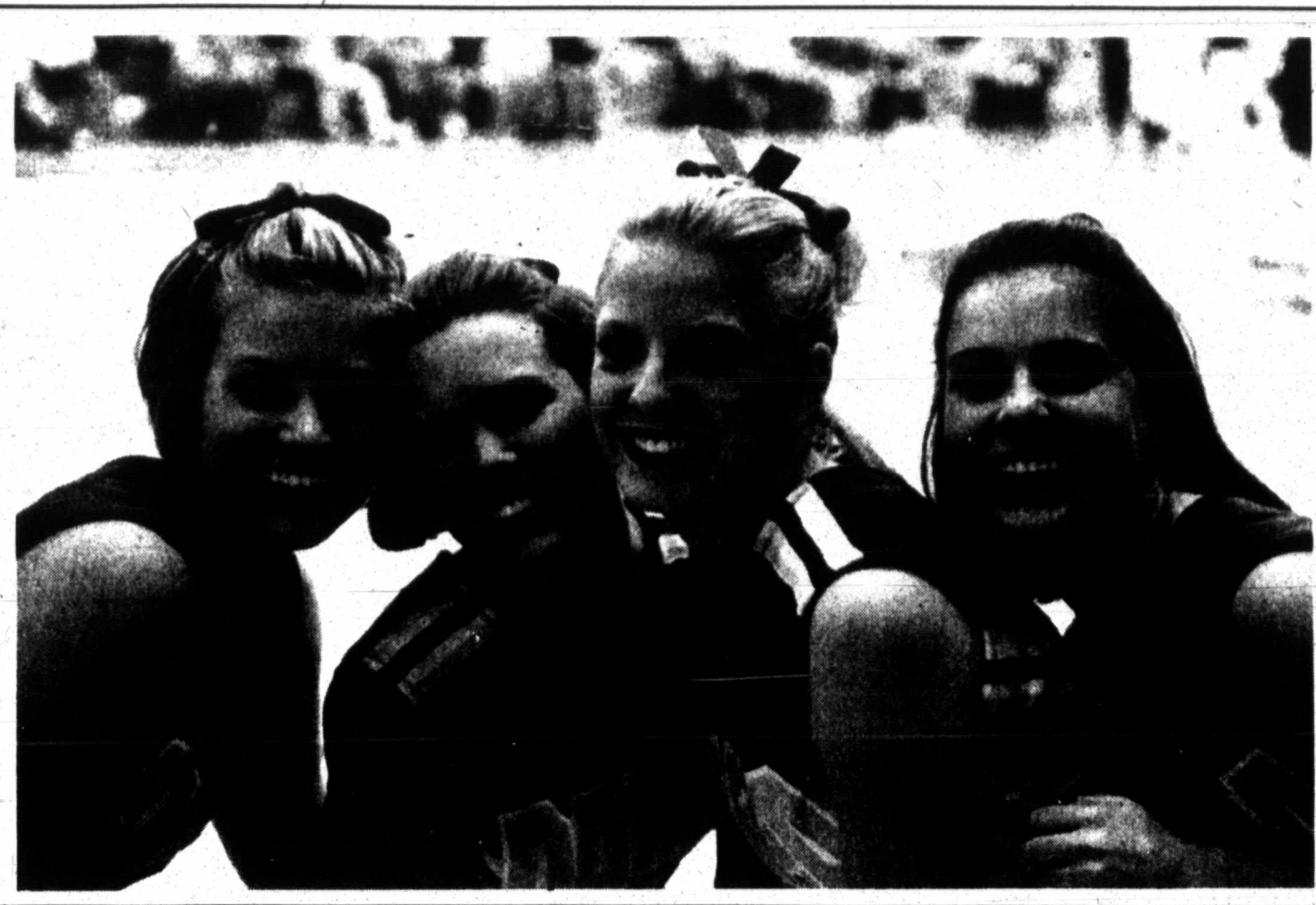
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Dee Henry winner



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Pampa junior Tandi Morton (third from left) will receive the Dee Henry Memorial Award at the Panhandle Sports Hall of ceremonies today, starting at 2 p.m. in Ordway Auditorium at Amarillo College. The Dee Henry Memorial Award goes to an Amarillo-area athlete who has overcome physical hardship to continue competing in sports. Morton is on the cheerleading squad and also participates in volleyball and track. Other PHS cheerleaders (from left) are Alison Piersall, Courtney Lang and Beth Buzzard. Morton is only the second Pampan to receive the Dee Henry Memorial Award since it was instituted in 1961. Swimmer Clay Douglass, who overcame a hearing problem, received the award in 1980. Last February, Morton had to undergo major surgery to have a plum-sized tumor removed from behind her left eye. Tests disclosed the tumor was not cancerous. Within a month, Morton had returned to her activities. Dee Henry was a former coach who died of cancer.

Mavericks lose in OT

SEATTLE (AP) — The Key Arena was jam packed and as noisy as ever. All is forgiven — even popular coach George Karl's departure.

And Karl's firing had nothing to do with the long NBA lockout that deprived Sonics fans from watching All-Star point guard Gary Payton.

Led by Payton, the Sonics brought 17,072 screaming fans to their feet in beating the new-look Dallas Mavericks 92-86 in overtime Friday night.

"The adrenaline I got from the fans was incredible," Vin Baker of the Sonics said. "These fans are the greatest in the world."

New coach Paul Westphal and the team's ticket buyers went home happy because Payton scored 14 of his 28 points in overtime and the fourth quarter. He scored six points in the five-minute overtime.

Payton, one of the league's premier defenders, helped hold the Mavs to 1-for-11 shooting in the extra session. Steve Nash and Samaki Walker of Dallas each was 0-for-3 in overtime.

"Gary was sensational," Westphal said. "He showed why he's one of the best players in the league. I'm already taking him for granted."

Payton scored on an 18-footer 41 seconds into overtime to snap a tie at 84, made two free throws after being fouled by Steve Nash with 3:04 left and then spun around Cedric Ceballos for a reverse layup with 2:13 on the clock for a 90-84 lead.

Said Payton: "Coach said to keep the ball in my hands. They couldn't decide whether to double-team me or not and that gave me some openings."

Baker added 18 points, while Olden Polynice, Seattle's new center, had 11 points and 13 rebounds.

The 7-foot, 250-pound Polynice gave the Sonics a force in the middle that they didn't have last season when they exited meekly in the playoffs against the Los Angeles Lakers.

They traded unproductive Jim McIlvaine to New Jersey and signed Polynice as a free agent.

"You saw exactly why we brought him here," said Westphal, noting the Sonics had a 67-49 rebounding advantage. "He contributed in a large way."

For Dallas, which lost 62 games last season, Ceballos led the way with 16 points.

The Mavs' only basket in overtime came on an offensive rebound by Hot Rod Williams with one minute left.

Coach Don Nelson thinks the Mavs have vastly improved themselves.

"I was real proud of the way the team hung in there," he said. "It feels great to competitive."

Nash, Dallas' new starting point guard who was acquired in a draft-day trade from Phoenix, didn't like starting the season against Payton.

"Gary's probably the best point guard in the world, and we compounded that with a couple of miscommunications on switches that gave him easy layups," he said. "Those are back breakers."

White Deer girls down Wellington

WHITE DEER — White Deer came from behind to defeat Wellington 55-49 in a District 6-2A girls' basketball game Friday night.

Cassie Salzbrenner and Rhonda McClendon paced White Deer in scoring with 19 points each.

Krista Spillman had 12 points to lead Wellington in scoring.

Wellington won over White Deer 65-38 in the boys' game.

Jason Wischkaemper and George Shrubbs had 14 points each to lead Wellington in scoring.

Nick Mckean had 9 points and Joe Mize 8 to lead White Deer.

Flutie joyful at being a Pro Bowler

HONOLULU (AP) — Doug Flutie knelt so he could talk to the young girls at eye level.

He patiently listened to their questions, and as they each scribbled furiously, he gave them the quotes they needed for a school project.

Flutie hasn't shunned a single autograph seeker, or fan wanting to have a photo snapped with him, or ducked a reporter all week.

One of the most accommodating all-stars, the 36-year-old Pro Bowl rookie has more reason than most to appreciate being here.

"It's very special, an acceptance from the other players," said Flutie, whose selection to the game provided a final stamp of validity to his amazing return to the NFL.

"Most guys who are in the Pro Bowl for the first time are 24 or 25. It's just an interesting twist to my career, and I'm very thankful."

The Buffalo Bills quarterback obviously has enjoyed the week leading up to the Pro Bowl, particularly the company of his all-star teammates. He teased John Elway about getting the AFC No. 7 jersey. That's also Flutie's number

with Buffalo, but he'll wear No. 6 in the Pro Bowl.

"Have you done anything to deserve it (the No. 7)?" Elway asked with a grin. Flutie replied, "Just hanging in there, riding along."

Flutie was in Hawaii about a year ago for a quite different reason, joining several other former Heisman Trophy winners, including Texas A&M's John David Crow and Michigan's Desmond Howard, who were honored at the Hula Bowl.

Flutie, who spent most of the '90s playing in the Canadian Football League, found out while he was in Hawaii that the Bills were interested in him.

Flutie, whose 5-foot-10 stature has long been seen as a drawback by most NFL teams, told some of his fellow Heisman winners he wanted to give the NFL another try, and, he said, "They thought I was crazy."

Crazy or not, he was determined.

"As soon as I learned Buffalo wanted to sign me, my competitive juices started flowing because I knew this year was going to be something different," Flutie recalled.

His long journey to the Bills wound through a year with the New Jersey Generals of the now-defunct United States Football League, and one season with the Chicago Bears before being traded to New England, where he spent most of three seasons.

He went to Canada in 1990 and had a very successful eight years there, including being selected the CFL's Most Outstanding Player six times.

He signed with the Bills on Jan. 20, 1998, and went to camp as backup to Rob Johnson.

"I didn't feel real comfortable going in. It was like being a rookie all over again," Flutie said. "I just was in a position where I was fighting for a job, trying to get a chance to get on the field."

When Johnson went down with an injury, Flutie got his chance and was outstanding, completing 202 of 354 passes for 2,711 yards and 20 touchdowns and leading the Bills to the playoffs.

"I believed all along that I could do it in the NFL, that I just needed an opportunity," Flutie said. "The way things turned out was fantastic."

Happy birthday to home-run king

ATLANTA (AP) — Twenty-five years after Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's career record, President Clinton led a celebration of the home-run king's 65th birthday Friday and baseball named an award for Aaron.

Aaron was honored at a gala dinner that included Clinton, who hugged the graying slugger after arriving shortly after 8 p.m.

The president stayed until the end shortly after 11 p.m. when a dozen former players, including Hall of Famers Reggie Jackson, Frank Robinson and Phil Niekro,

plus Sammy Sosa, escorted a huge birthday cake to the dais and singer Charlie Pride led the group in singing "Happy Birthday."

"All of us honor him (Aaron) tonight not only for the power of his swing, but for the power of his spirit, and not only for breaking records but for breaking barriers," Clinton said in a five-minute tribute to Aaron.

The president then introduced Aaron, who shook hands with Clinton and waved to the sellout crowd of 1,400, which stood and cheered for a full minute.

"I had dreams, but never did I dream that the president of the United States would be at my birthday celebration," said Aaron. "This evening is just beautiful. I just hope it is real and not a dream when I wake up tomorrow morning and find out it never happened."

Aaron will have his name on an award presented to the best hitter in each year.

In 1999, the award will go to the hitter with the most hits, home runs and RBIs, commissioner Bud Selig said.

Bowling

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Team	Won	Lost
www.p2net.com	55	29
Ward's Tree Service	49	35
Chaney's Cafe	49	35
Schiffman Machine Co.	48	36
Holmes Sports Center	45 1/2	38 1/2
Knowles Auto Center	42 1/2	41 1/2
Hall's Construction	42	42
Jernigan Tax Service	41 1/2	42 1/2
Southwest Collision	40 1/2	35 1/2
K B Machine	37	47
Regional Eye Center	31	41

Team
Week's High Scores
Team
High game: Ward's Tree Service 502; High series: Ward's Tree Service 1,365; High handicap game: Southwest Collision 648; High handicap series: Southwest Collision 1,801.
Individual
High game: Andre' Roberson 196; High series: Jernigan 494; High handicap game: Elizabeth Johnson 251; High handicap series: Michelle Burrows 632.

College Basketball

Friday's Women's Basketball
Major Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST
Brown 78, Columbia 67
Dartmouth 77, Penn 62
George Washington 67, Dayton 54
La Salle 62, Duquesne 55
Massachusetts 64, Temple 60
Princeton 55, Harvard 42
St. Francis, N.Y. 60, Fairleigh Dickinson 55
St. Joseph's 68, Rhode Island 49
Yale 78, Cornell 74

SOUTH
American U. 69, Va. Commonwealth 66
Old Dominion 74, James Madison 50
Richmond 68, N.C.-Wilmington 53
Virginia Tech 61, Xavier 60
William & Mary 77, East Carolina 57

MIDWEST
Michigan 88, Minnesota 65
Michigan St. 88, Indiana 69
Northwestern 76, Illinois 73
Ohio St. 70, Iowa 66
Penn St. 73, Wisconsin 71, OT
Saint Louis 65, N.C. Charlotte 58

SOUTHWEST
North Texas 70, UC Irvine 67
South Florida 63, Houston 61

PACIFIC
Boise St. 67, Nevada 43
Idaho 75, New Mexico St. 51
Montana 53, Idaho St. 50
Pacific 76, Cal Poly-SLO 58
Stanford 77, California 67

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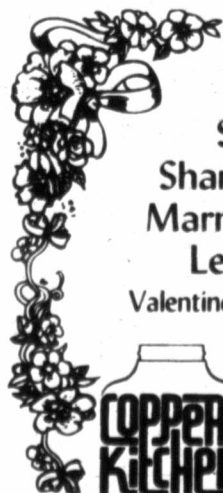
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Jokes & Ridding

LEOPARD

The leopard is a large cat that lives in southern Asia and Africa. It is very dangerous, but very beautiful. It has soft, yellowish fur with black spots on it. Some leopards are all black and are called black panthers.

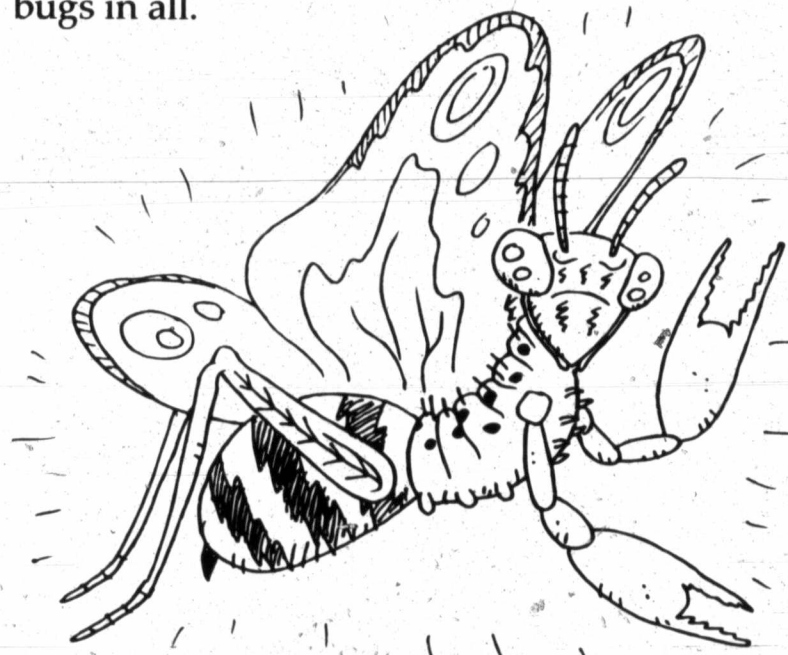


Leopards are usually about eight feet long and weigh about 100 pounds. They are so powerful they can leap more than 10 feet in the air, and can run up and down trees very easily. Because of their strength and speed, they can easily attack their prey. Their spotted coats make it easy for them to hide in the bushes, and they jump out at just the right time to surprise their victim.

Leopards will eat almost any animal, but prefer to eat antelopes. They sleep during the day and hunt for their food at night. Leopards live in the forest, bush or on rocky hillsides—anywhere they can easily hide.

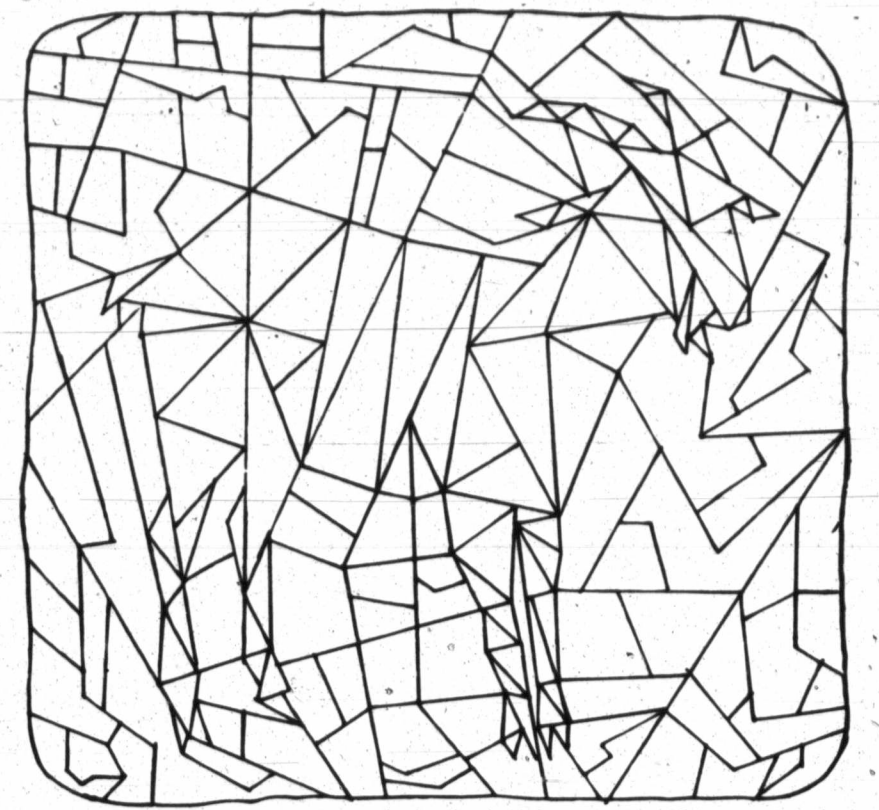
WHAT KIND OF BUG?

This mixed-up bug is made of lots of different parts. Can you tell what kind of bug each part came from? There are six different kinds of bugs in all.



FIND THE HIDDEN PICTURE!

Shade in the triangles below and find the hidden picture.



Not Quite Alike?

Which of these ties is not quite like the others?



z-z-z

The koala is the laziest animal in the world, sleeping an average of 22 hours a day! Your pet cat sleeps an average of 13 hours a day.

z-z-z

The ostrich is the biggest bird in the world. Ostriches weigh around 350 pounds and can run up to 40 mph.

Why did the cat with the black spots win the race?

Because he was a "cheetah"!

Solve The Puzzle!

It's a rebus and a riddle, too! A rebus uses pictures instead of words. This rebus is also a riddle that you can solve. First, solve the rebus. Then, solve the riddle!



All Dressed Up And Ready To Play!

Johnny's mixed up. He's ready to go play, but he couldn't make up his mind which sport to play. Can you name the sport that each kind of ball belongs to?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Puzzles are provided by Kidsville Publishing.

There are twice as many chickens in the world than there are people, and there are more cows than the population of China.

Answers:

WHAT KIND OF BUG?
Butterfly wings, praying mantis head, scorpion claws, caterpillar chest, bee abdomen, grasshopper legs.

Not Quite Alike?
4

Solve The Puzzle!
Riddle: What do you call a million moms?
Answer: A Mom-A-Rama!

FIND THE HIDDEN PICTURE!
A goat

All Dressed Up And Ready To Play!

- Pool
- Golf
- Soccer
- Hockey
- Bowling
- Football
- Baseball
- Volleyball



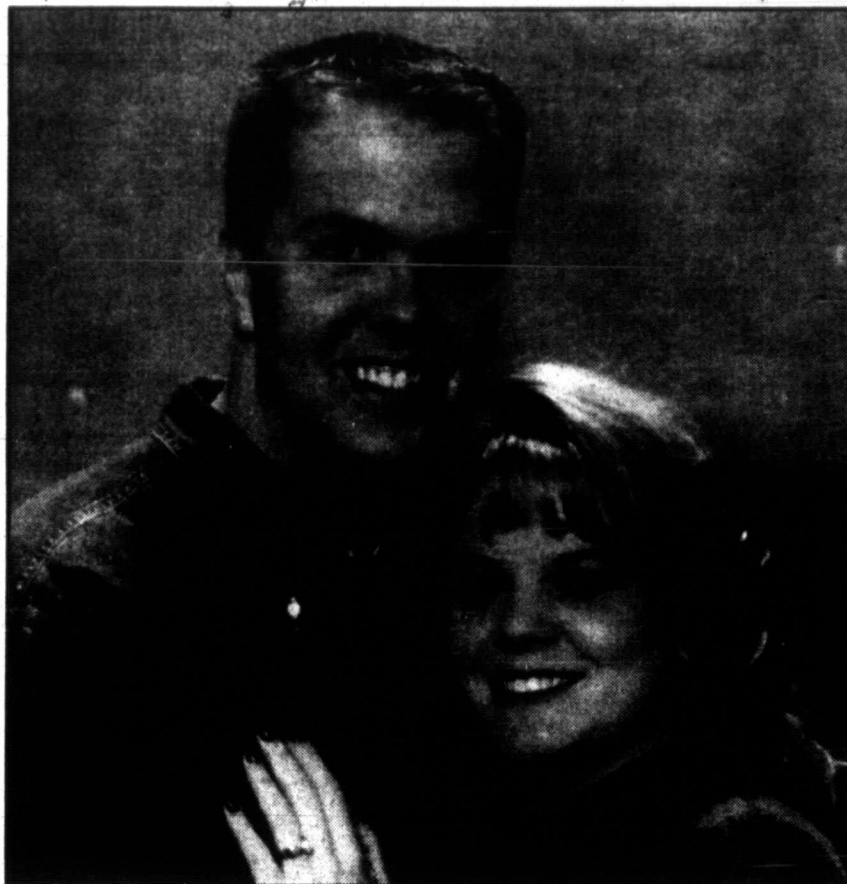
Leslie Kristin Bridges and Ove Fladberg

Bridges-Fladberg

Leslie Kristin Bridges of Norway and Ove Fladberg of Krakstad, Norway, plan to wed April 2 in First Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bill and Karen Bridges of Pampa. She graduated from Baylor University in 1997 with a bachelor of education degree. She currently teaches kindergarten at International School in Oslo, Norway.

The prospective groom is the son of Arvid and Reidun Fladberg of Krakstad. He is currently completing his master's degree in business at the Business Institute of Norway.



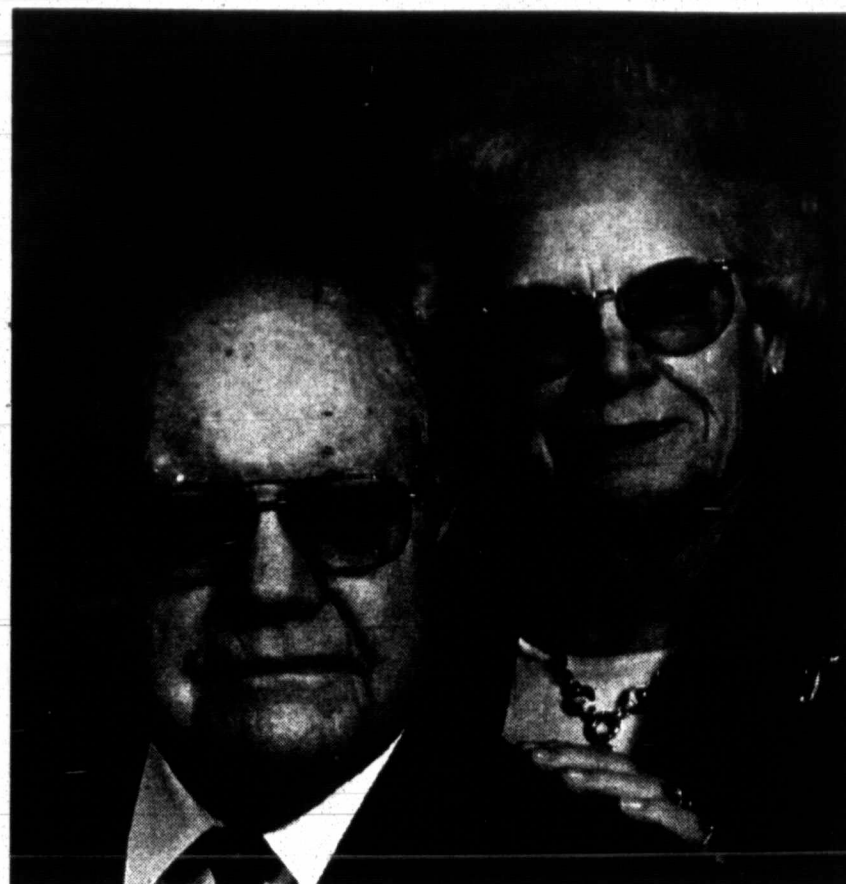
Shawn Laurie Hunter and Thomas Lee Wilson

Hunter-Wilson

Shawn Laurie Hunter of Dallas and Thomas Lee Wilson of Irving plan to wed April 17 at Coachwood Estate in Hot Springs, Ark.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Doyle and Connie Hunter of Hot Springs. She graduated from Lakeside High School at Hot Springs and the University of Central Arkansas. She is an allied member of American Society of Interior Design and is an alumni of Delta Zeta sorority.

The prospective groom is the son of Bud and Debbie Dueling of Amarillo. He graduated from Amarillo High School and Dallas Christian College. He currently serves as youth minister at Story Road Christian Church.



Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Slagle

Slagle anniversary

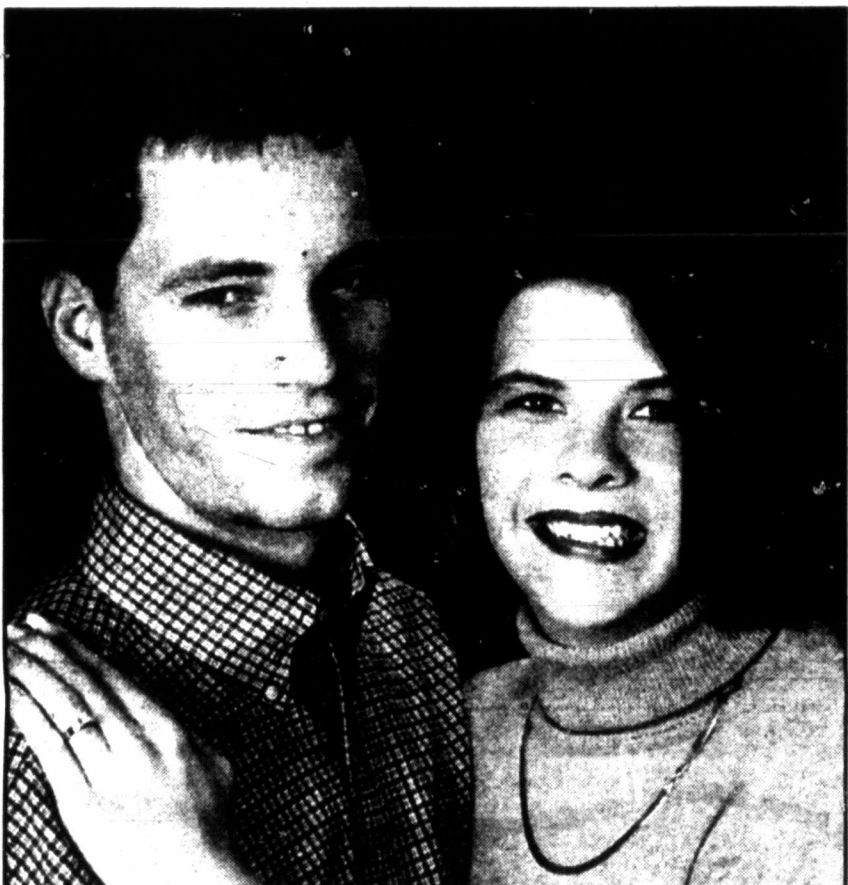
Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Slagle of White Deer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-5 p.m. Feb. 13, 1999, at White Deer Community Center in White Deer. Children of the couple will host the reception.

F.H. (Slitsy) Slagle and Joyce Wiley were wed Feb. 12, 1949, at Panhandle. The couple have been White Deer residents since 1962, living at Panhandle and in various towns in Texas and New Mexico before settling in White Deer. They are members of United Methodist Church and are charter members of White Deer Senior Citizens Center.

Mr. Slagle was an ironworker in the construction industry and farmed and ranched near White Deer prior to retiring in November 1983. He is a charter member of James McCaskey VFW Post #6972 in Panhandle and formerly belonged to White Deer Lions Club. In addition, he has served on numerous farm and ranch association boards. He is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, serving in the Construction Battalion with the 23rd Seabees.

Mrs. Slagle helped establish Carson County Appraisal District in Panhandle and worked for the appraisal district until retiring in August 1986. She also worked at First Bank and Trust in White Deer for 13 years and for the City of White Deer. She is a member of Daughters of Pioneers of White Deer.

Children of the couple are Johnny and Rebecca Slagle of Wimberley, Wiley Kim and Dobbie Slagle of Bandera and John and Fran Slagle Leiss of Austin. They have nine grandchildren.



Keri Bigham and Kyle Barbour

Bigham-Barbour

Keri Bigham and Kyle Barbour plan to wed July 17 at Central Church of Christ in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Robert and Katrina Bigham of Pampa. She graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's of science degree in environmental science. She is currently regional manager at Ana-Lab Corp., Panhandle Division.

The prospective groom is the son of Ed and Donna Barbour of Sunray. He graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's of art degree in elementary education. He is currently a teacher at N.W. Elementary School at Hereford.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates

Feb. 8 — 4-H Consumer Project meeting, 7 p.m., Annex; Sew Fine 4-H meeting, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Thrift Store; 4-H Shooting Sports Project, 7 p.m.

9 — 4-H Fabric and Fashion Design Project, 4:30 p.m., Annex; 4-H Stock Show Project meetings: 6 p.m. (San Antonio), 7 p.m. (Houston)

Swine Exhibitors

We will be having a planning meeting for those of you sending pigs to San Antonio or Houston. We will make decisions about feed, trailers, help and who's attending, etc.

The meeting on San Antonio will be at 6 p.m. and the Houston meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the Annex. If you are not at the meeting(s), I will assume you and your pig will not be attending.

Remember, if you are sending a pig, and you do not plan to attend until after the sift, it will cost you \$20 per pig to send him. This money will go towards helping pay for gas and food for those who can go and help! You need to bring your money on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Also, those of you planning to attend Brenham need to let me know at this meeting if you're planning to stay in the rooms being furnished.

Fabric and Fashion Design Project

The Fabric and Fashion Design Project is beginning from 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the County Annex Building. We are extremely fortunate that this year Carol Wade, a professional fashion designer, is teaching this project. She has several exciting things planned for the project group.

The first meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 9. Call the Extension office at 669-8033 if you would like more information.

Clothing and Textile Project

The Clothing and Textiles Project is in gear to begin this month. Project leaders are still nailing down times and places, so call the Extension office or your 4-H leader if you are interested in participating and for exact times.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come first serve basis due to limited space. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas) though this deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

El Progreso Club

El Progreso Club met Jan. 26 with President Carolyn Smith presiding. The meeting was hosted by Maxine Hawkins. Ten members and one guest were present.

Hawkins reviewed "The Archko Volume: The Archeological Writings of the Sanhedrin and Talmuds of the Jews." These official documents — translated by Drs. McIntoch and Twyman of Italy from manuscripts in Constantinople and records of senatorial dockets taken from the Vatican — were made in the courts in the days of Jesus Christ. The book, first published in 1887, includes official reports to Caesar from Caiaphas, Herod, Pontius Pilate and others.

The next meeting will be Feb. 9 with Ruth Riehart serving as hostess.



Audra Annette Shelton and Kevin Lee Tibboel

Shelton-Tibboel

Audra Annette Shelton and Kevin Lee Tibboel plan to wed July 3 at Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Lonnie and Marilyn Shelton and is the granddaughter of Gene and Ernestine Cade and L.C. and Joy Shelton, Jr., all of Pampa. She is a 1995 Pampa High School graduate and is currently a senior at Oklahoma Baptist University. She will graduate in May with a degree in early childhood education and intends to teach in the Commerce area.

The prospective groom is the son of Larry and Alice Tibboel of Amarillo and is the grandson of Don and Fern Patz of Albuquerque, N.M., and Martha Tibboel and the late Ted Tibboel of Gallup, N.M. He graduated from San Jacinto Christian Academy in Amarillo in 1996 and is currently a junior at Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in pre-med. After completing pre-med, he intends to attend medical school.

The couple plan to reside in the Commerce area.

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Credit fraud, in particular, is hazardous to everyone's financial health and well-being. Credit fraud raises interest rates, increases financial service fees and even puts homes at risk. According to the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Response Center, consumers write, call and e-mail the FTC with more questions and concerns about credit and credit fraud than any other topic. Realize it can take a fraudulent actor only minutes to destroy a solid credit record that may have taken an honest consumer years to build.

Whether consumers are in the red or in the black, they must be alert to the possibility of credit fraud. That is not as easy as it sounds. Credit fraud can be difficult to detect because transactions can be complicated and essential information may be hidden or

Joan Gray



undisclosed. Credit fraud appears in many forms: abusive lending practices, stolen credit cards, hijacked credit identities, advance-fee loan scams and "guaranteed" credit repair flim-flams, to name a few.

The FTC and other federal agencies, national, state and local law enforcement and advocacy organizations, and private sector companies have banded together to promote a variety of education and media activities. Ultimately, the most important tool is information. That's why consumers should know the rules, use the tools.

Community Calendar

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA, 600 North Hobart, Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represented.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will present a month long exhibit of Martin Luther King and Civil Rights Movement. Open to the public Tuesday-Sunday, 112-116 South Cuyler from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 669-8041.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-7501.

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Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

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THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC Program nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP if interested call Connie at 669-9364.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th

and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get acquainted. Under aged school children can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please call 665-1188.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings on Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and one on Thursdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information call 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

FEBRUARY 6-7-8- ACT I will present a "Romantic Comedy" directed by Debbie Hartman in the Heritage room of the M.K. Brown Auditorium at 7 p.m. For more information call Kayla Pursley, 665-8848.

7 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546.

8 - PAMPA MEALS ON WHEELS "Garage Sale" 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 800 East Foster in the Oddfellows Lodge. For more information call 669-1007.

9 - ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCO-

PAL CHURCH will have the Saint Stephens Episcopal Madrigal Singers at 7 p.m. No charge. For more information call the church office, 665-0701.

9 - PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL BAND "Spaghetti Supper" in the school cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. For more information call Renee Garrison, 665-1331.

9 - PAMPA COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION 98-99 season, 3rd program "Jan Gottlieb Jiracek" at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Lilith Brainard, 665-4579.

11 - GRAY COUNTY AMERICAN RED CROSS Adult CPR class at 6 p.m., 108 North Russell. For more information contact Stephanie Guest, 669-7121.

11 - BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA District monthly meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, 525 North Gray at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Doug Cooper, 669-2959.

12 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

14 - VALENTINE'S DAY 14 - FIRST PENTECOSTAL "Singing", 2 p.m. through 4 p.m. at 1700 Alcock. For more information contact Mina Towery, 665-8529.

14 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546.

15 - PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meeting at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 West Francis at 2 p.m. For more information call 669-7546.

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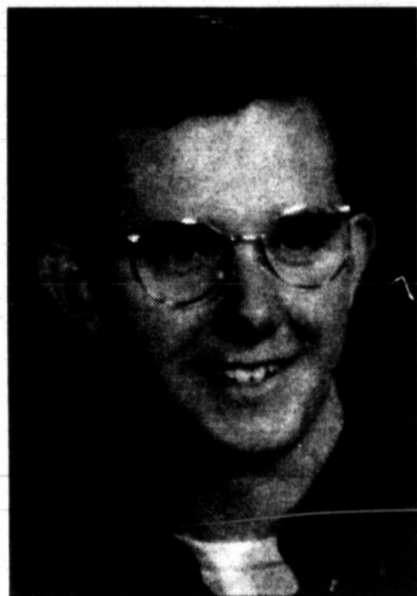
Newsmakers

DALLAS — Marine Sergeant Santiago Alvarado, son of Rachel Alvarado of Shamrock, recently reported for duty at Marine Corps Recruiting Station at Dallas.

Alvarado, a 1990 graduate of Patterson High School at Patterson, Calif., joined the Marine Corps in September 1990.

MCALESTER, Okla. — Braedon Oquin, son of Lorri Jackson of Canadian, Okla., and Alvin Oquin of Pampa, recently joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station at McAlester.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.



Jonathan D. Jackson

The recruit qualifies for an \$11,000 enlistment bonus.

Oquin, a student at Canadian High School, Okla., will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training May 27, 1999.

DENTON — The University of North Texas awarded 1,600 degrees at the close of the 1998 fall semester.

Students receiving diplomas included: Kathryn Elizabeth Green, daughter of Kent and Linda Olson of Pampa and Kent and Barbara Eireen of Plainview; and Teryn E. Scoggin, daughter of Terry and Jennifer Scoggin of Pampa.

Green received a bachelor of arts degree from the university. Scoggin received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude.

DENTON — The University of North Texas recently announced its Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars for the 1998 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor a student, must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the honor roll include Jonathan D. Jackson, 1997 Pampa High School graduate and son of the Rev. and Mrs. Terry Jackson of Pampa.

Menus

Feb. 8-12

Pampa Schools

MONDAY
Breakfast: Pancake-and-sausage on a stick.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, vegetarian beans, potato wedges, applesauce, hot rolls.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Toast, jelly.
Lunch: Turkey French fryz, whipped potatoes, corn, mixed fruit, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, biscuits.
Lunch: Enchiladas, tamales, pinto beans, rice, sliced apples, cornbread.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.
Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, French fries, tossed salad, peaches, cookies.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, pears, harvester cup.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Beef stew, grilled cheese sandwiches, cornbread, coleslaw, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Toast, eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, rolls, green beans, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Rolls, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic toast, cottage cheese, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Mini corn dogs, tator tots, beans, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches, Fritos, pickles,

Meals on Wheels

MONDAY
Chicken chow-mein, hominy, egg rolls, sugarless cake.

TUESDAY
Hamburger, tator tots, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY
Chili baked, pinto beans, cornbread, graham crackers.

THURSDAY
Sausage, gravy, hash browns, green beans, pudding.

FRIDAY
Chop sirloin, mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, English peas, pears.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken leg quarters, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, northern beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, banana cake or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Salmon patties or beef enchiladas, cheese grits, fried okra, cauliflower, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, butter pecan cake or cherry creme pie, jalapeno cornbread, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, black forest cake or lemon ice-box pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Stir fry chicken with rice or ham with fruit sauce, sour cream potatoes, green beans, blackeyed peas, slaw, tossed or jello salad, strawberry or tapioca, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Fried cod fish or beef stew, potato wedges, broccoli, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, lemon pound cake or chocolate sundae cups, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Lifestyles Policies

- The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
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Register to win a bottle of Brighton "Love" Fragrance.
- Laugh:** Wednesday February 10
Register to win a Brighton Amanda Belt.
- Dream:** Thursday February 11
Register to win a Brighton Fairfax Timepiece.
- Brighton:** Friday February 12
Register to win a Brighton Amanda Wallet.
- Valentines:** Saturday February 13
Register to win a Brighton Corazon Handbag.

Gift With Purchase

Ask how you can receive this exclusive Brighton Sunflower Heart Tee-Shirt with every Brighton Purchase made during National Brighton Week.



Even New Furnaces Can Give Off Deadly Fumes

DEAR ABBY: If this letter can save one person's life, it will be well worth it.

I was experiencing headaches for quite a long time, and my husband was sleeping in his chair quite a bit of the time. The day of our grandson's birthday last November, I could hardly think because my head hurt so bad. In spite of it, I drove to the party and started to feel better. I told our son about my headache, and he said he would check our furnace for us.

Because our furnace was quite new, we never gave it much thought. The automatic damper was shut, and the furnace was emitting carbon monoxide fumes!

Our beautiful kitty, Yvette, had died some time before, and we never knew why. However, she had slept in the furnace room.

I always opened the window at night, and we have a large home, so this is probably what saved us.

I hope you'll alert your readers to have their furnaces checked — even if they're new. I cannot stress enough the importance of this.

PATRICIA IN PORTLAND, ORE

DEAR PATRICIA: Your letter gives new meaning to the phrase "wake up and smell the coffee." Carbon monoxide is a deadly killer, and every year the news reports deaths because of improperly vented heaters. Having one's furnace checked in the fall, before the cold weather hits, is a wise precaution. Since the winter sea-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

son is now upon us, I hope my readers will heed this warning immediately.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 37-year-old mother of three. Until recently, I had a wonderful relationship with my mother. She's a beautiful lady who adopted me when I was 5. Mother is a teacher, author and political activist.

However, as she begins her 82nd year, our relationship has taken a nosedive. For years, she has been strong-willed about discussing her political views at every gathering and conversation. Guests have literally run out of the house after being badgered by her, and quake at the thought of visiting us. I finally gathered enough courage to tell Mom that her outspokenness was embarrassing me and my friends.

My reprimand worked for about a year. However, during the past three months she has been avoiding me. She refused to attend the family holiday parties and asked to see my children without me. She flatly

states that my demand that she stop talking politics all the time is "unfair."

Her behavior is starting to me, and I'm unsure how to handle it. I hope you'll have some insight on how I can mend this fence.

PUZZLED
IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PUZZLED: Given her professional background and her age, I'm sure your mother feels that the world wants her opinions. She's punishing you for not being receptive to her ideas. You aren't going to succeed in "muzzling" your mother, so apologize. Be grateful that she cares enough to have a viewpoint — and tease her about it if she becomes a bore.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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★★★★ You're focused and goal-oriented, but the rest of the world isn't! Don't buck trends. Plan on doing your work independently. Be careful with all dealings, especially financial. Friends provide distractions and are a lot of fun. Tonight: Socialize. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Expect interruptions, distractions and a general feeling of malaise. Concentrate on work. Worry less about personal issues. Take a walk, get some exercise, relax frayed nerves. Make a resolution to take better care of yourself. Tonight: In the limelight. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Detaching might be the only way to get past an immediate hassle. Establish ground rules. Realize that another has good intentions and you could be overreacting. Take some time for yourself. The key to success is to take an overview. Tonight: Answer your e-mail.

BORN TODAY
Actor Nick Nolte (1941), actor Gary Coleman (1968), actress Mary Steenburgen (1953)

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Horoscope

MONDAY, FEB. 8, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have your hands full trying to clear up misunderstandings. Bad communication impacts partnerships and funds. You wonder if others are listening. Perhaps the same words have a different meaning to another. Try a different approach. Tonight: Let off steam.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Upward affects work, interactions and relationships. Which way leads out of this maze? Rise above it. Don't let yourself be triggered. For now, permit others to have their way. You can't change their opinions, anyway! Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Jump into work, despite interference. Others are definitely out of sync, reaching an agreement proves difficult, at best. Focus on solo enterprises and being successful. Take a break, go to the gym or take a brisk walk. Exercise helps you focus. Tonight: Turn in early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Recognize where others are coming from. Your attempt to help a partner past a self-imposed restriction proves futile. Don't insist on barking up the wrong tree. Use your creativity to open new doors and manifest what you want. Tonight: Ever

playful, aren't you? LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Good intentions get you nowhere right now. Take some time to really look at a situation. Tensions mount, and you might be powerless to change the trends. Detach and think about choices. Play the waiting game. Defer judgment, rather than being reactive. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Resist pressuring others to further your goals, especially at work. Handle your own projects independently. Make calls and seek out information, but don't fret over others' lack of response or overreaction. Tonight: Do something you love on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Money matters remain a source of tension. Avoid risks. Be more realistic about your finances. Don't count on promised funds until they arrive. Detach and eye the long term. A course or seminar may increase your job desirability. Tonight: Pay bills and balance your checkbook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use your magnetism to settle a domestic or personal issue. Others seem mired in chaos. Recognize what you want and what direction to take. An attraction could be building to more. Others do not respond as you wish. Give up being controlling. Tonight: Shop for clothes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ Assume a low profile. You are easily misunderstood. Don't put yourself in the line of fire. Be careful with communication, confirm appointments. Confusion could easily mark your day. Concentrate on one task at a time. Screen calls and get work done. Tonight: Do your own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Strong pink
- 6 Prepare for surgery
- 11 Texas landmark
- 12 Worth of acting
- 13 Bogs down
- 14 More pleasant
- 15 History items
- 17 Stable particle
- 18 Mideast export
- 19 Rapacious
- 22 Anti vote
- 23 How some drugs are taken
- 24 Pretentious
- 25 Like old streets
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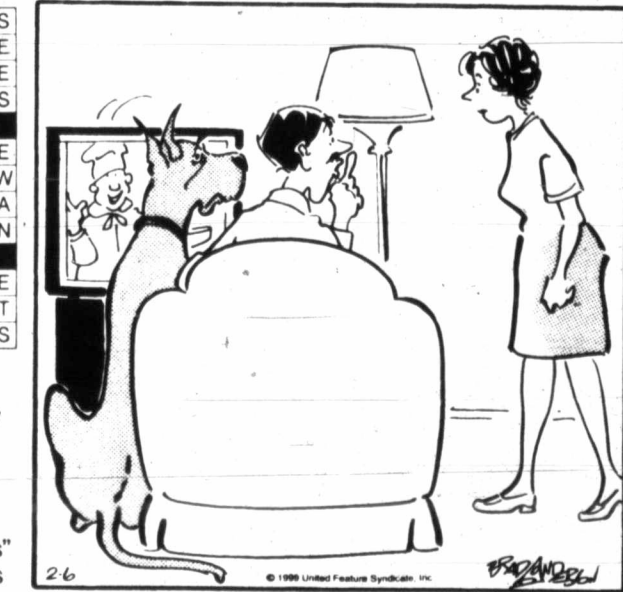
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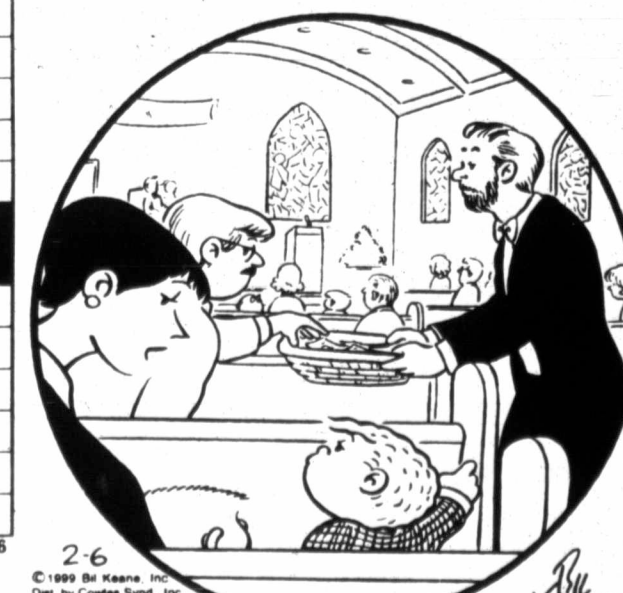
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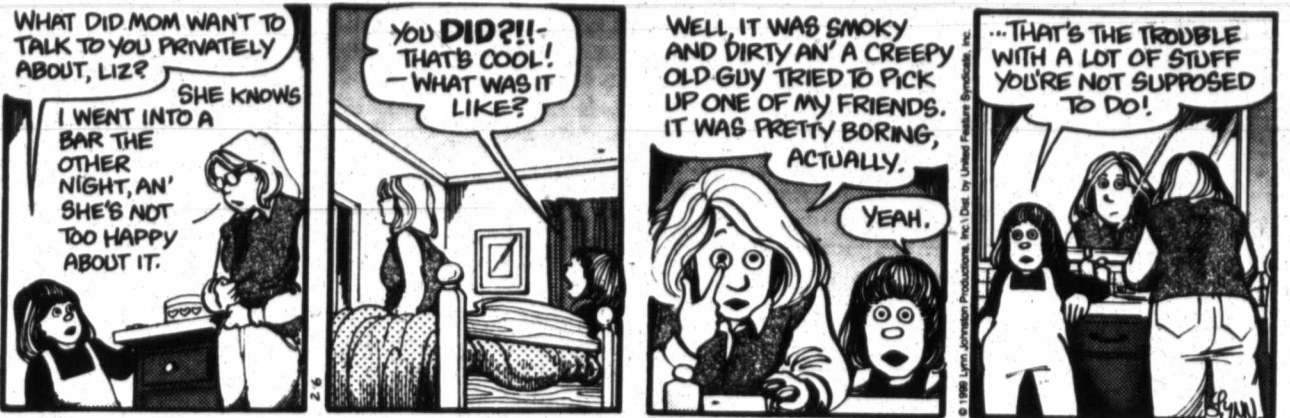
"Shhh... He's discovered the food channel."

The Family Circus

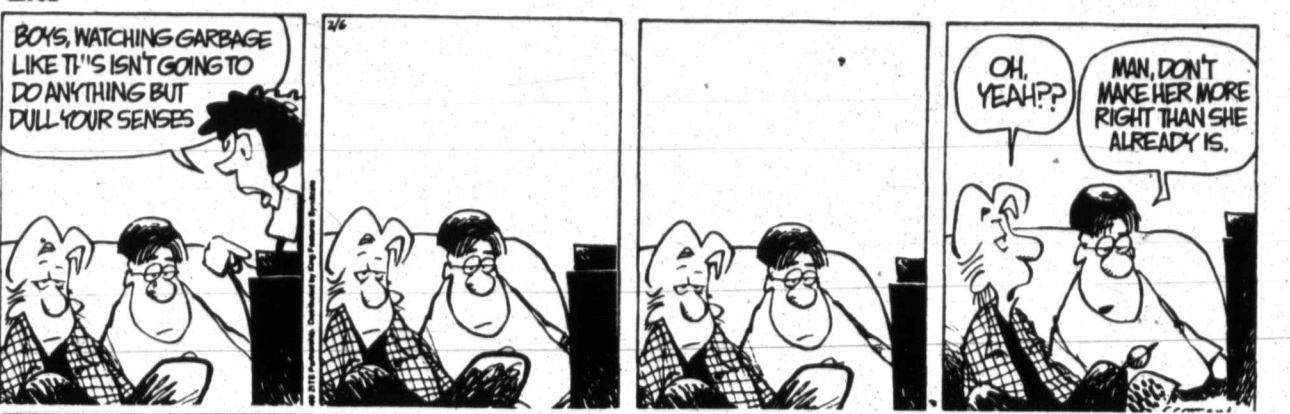


"He's not a beggar. He's collecting money for the church."

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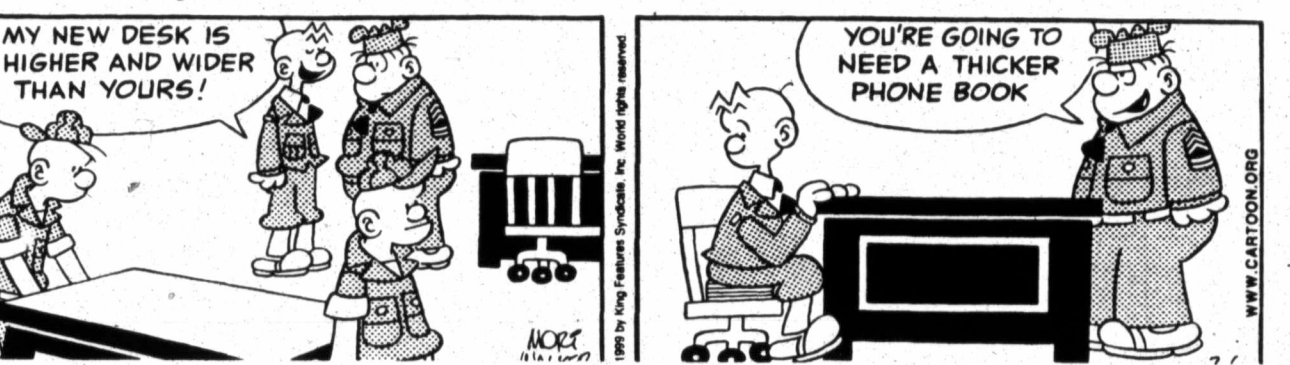
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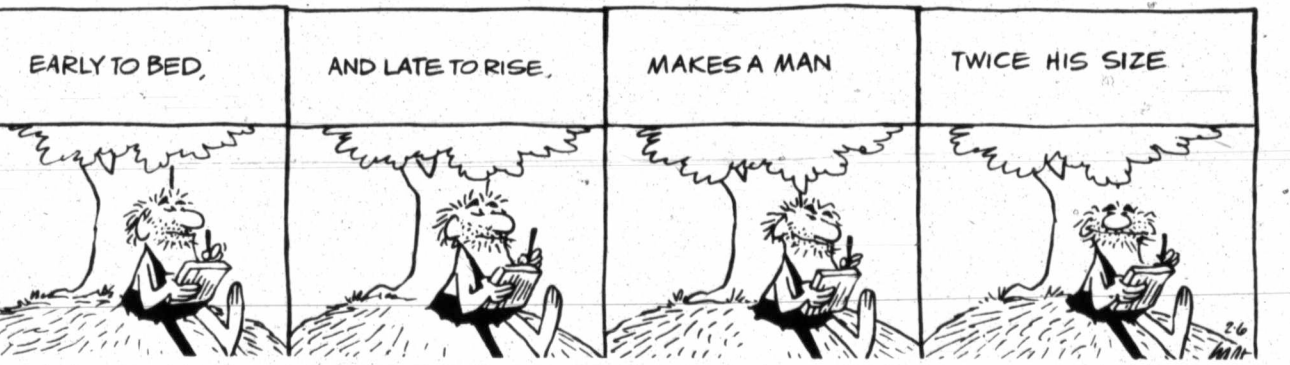
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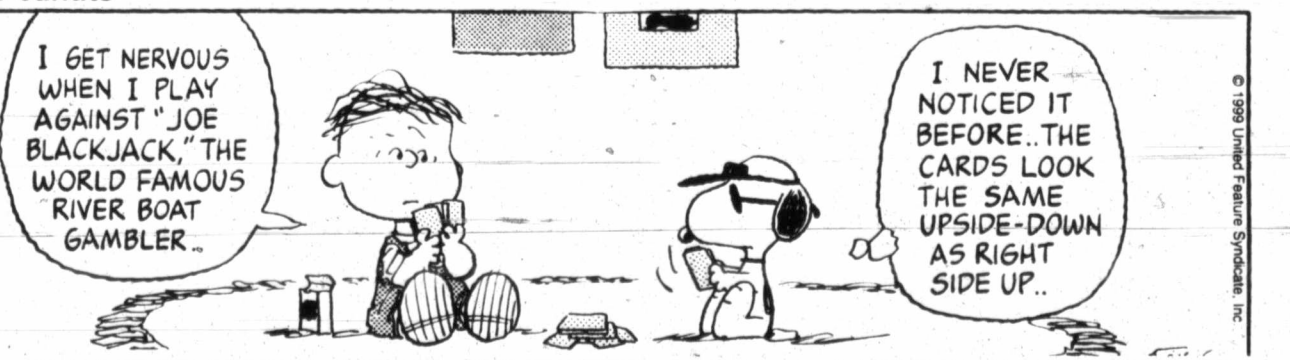
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ENTERTAINMENT

Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Angel Of Mine," Monica. Arista.
2. "... Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive. (Platinum)
3. "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here," Deborah Cox. Arista. (Platinum)
4. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros.
5. "Have You Ever?," Brandy. Atlantic.
6. "All I Have To Give," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
7. "Heartbreak Hotel," Whitney Houston. Arista.
8. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
9. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Arista. (Gold)
10. "Jumper," Third Eye Blind. Elektra.

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Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "I'm Your Angel," R. Kelly & Celine Dion. Jive.
2. "True Colors," Phil Collins. Face Value.
3. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.
4. "When You Believe," Whitney Houston. DreamWorks.
5. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Warner Sunset.
6. "Written In The Stars," Elton John & LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
7. "Faith Of The Heart," Rod Stewart. Universal.
8. "I'll Never Break Your Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
9. "I'll Be," Edwin McCain. Atlantic.
10. "Hands," Jewel. Atlantic.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
2. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
3. "Turn The Page," Metallica. Elektra.
4. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
5. "Fly Away," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
6. "Kickin' My Heart Around," The Black Crowes. American.
7. "Whiskey In The Jar," Metallica. Elektra.
8. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
9. "Got You (Where I Want You)," The Flys. Delicious.

10. "Dragula," Rob Zombie. Geffen.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
2. "Every Morning," Sugar Ray. Lava.
3. "Never There," Cake. Capricorn.
4. "Fly Away," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
5. "Malibu," Hole. DGC.
6. "Leech," Eve 6. RCA.
7. "Got You (Where I Want You)," The Flys. Delicious.
8. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
9. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
10. "Blue Monday," Orgy. Elementree.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Stand Beside Me," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
2. "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing," Mark Chesnutt. Decca.
3. "For A Little While," Tim McGraw. Curb.
4. "Unbelievable," Diamond Rio. Arista Nashville.
5. "Hold On To Me," John Michael Montgomery. Atlantic.
6. "Wrong Night," Reba. MCA Nashville.
7. "No Place That Far," Sara Evans. RCA.
8. "Spirit Of A Boy, Wisdom Of A Man," Randy Travis. DreamWorks.
9. "You Were Mine," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
10. "That Don't Impress Me Much," Shania Twain. Mercury.

Top Country Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
2. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
3. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol. (Platinum)
4. "Faith," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
5. Soundtrack: "Hope Floats." Capitol. (Platinum)
6. Soundtrack: "Touched By An Angel: The Album." 550 Music. (Platinum)
7. "I'm Alright," Jo Dee Messina. Curb. (Gold)
8. "Evolution," Martina McBride. RCA.
9. "For The Record: 41 Number One Hits," Alabama. RCA. (Platinum)
10. "Everywhere," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)

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'The '60s': Not much to dig in this miniseries

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The '60s, according to "The '60s," began with JFK and ended, right on cue, with love and peace and a backyard barbecue. What a long, strange trip it isn't: It's a miniseries for the February sweeps.

Any TV drama that tries to shrink-wrap into just three hours (minus the commercials) a complex, still-argued-over era — well, such an undertaking is almost certain to prove shallow, self-conscious and, worst of all, safe.

"The '60s" is all that and less. Airing today and Monday from 9 to 11 p.m. EST on NBC, this is not so much a drama as a survey course: The '60s for Dummies. Soundtrack album optional.

A simple view of the 1960s is: bad war, social wrongs, revved kids, alarmed adults. Plus rock music, and drugs and sex to go with it. So put that in your bong and smoke it. Which "The '60s" does. It just doesn't inhale.

Safe for children, reassuring for grownups, "The '60s" is network TV at its most patronizing. (Brace yourself for this sanitized version of the '60s battle cry: "Up against the wall, mother!") Nothing we believe is challenged or enlarged upon, just reiterated. Can you dig it? "The '60s" will probably be a hit. Maybe spawn a sequel.

As noted above, "The '60s" begins its rote journey with a glimpse of 1960 presidential candidate John F. Kennedy. Then it skips to 1962, hooking up with the about-to-be-shattered Herlihy family.

In their working-class Chicago neighborhood, Bill (Bill Smitrovich) and Mary (Annie Corley) are scandalized when their 16-year-old daughter dances the Twist at her Catholic high school prom. Branded a libertine, Katie (Julia Stiles) will drop out and turn

on in the Summer of Love. Football hero son Brian (Jerry O'Connell) joins the Marines — "Ahhh, that's OK, Ma, we're not even at war with anybody." Then he'll return from 'Nam a husk of

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his former happy-go-lucky self. And soft-hearted Michael (Josh Hamilton) eases into the civil rights cause. Then, much to his father's disgust, he embraces the anti-war movement — and, by the way, a chaste romance with Sarah (Jordana Brewster), a fellow student activist.

No less schematic is the B-story, which centers on the Rev. Willie Taylor (Charles Dutton), an almost saintly black minister preaching nonviolence in segregated Greenwood, Miss. After his church is torched, he takes his family to the Watts community of Los Angeles for a fresh start, where, of course, more trouble awaits.

A long, strange trip? "The '60s" is connect-the-dots history with hopscotch locales, populated by a miserly clutch of extras (which makes The Movement seem oddly small-time) and patched together with archival footage.

Then, paving the way for that much-hyped soundtrack album, "The '60s" grooves to the music of its day.

When President Kennedy is killed, Simon & Garfunkel's "Old

Friends/Bookends" telegraphs the nation's sense of loss. The 1965 Watts riot becomes a music video for Bob Dylan's "Like a Rolling Stone." Draft induction? The Moody Blues' "Tuesday Afternoon." Chicago, 1968? "Break on Through" by the Doors.

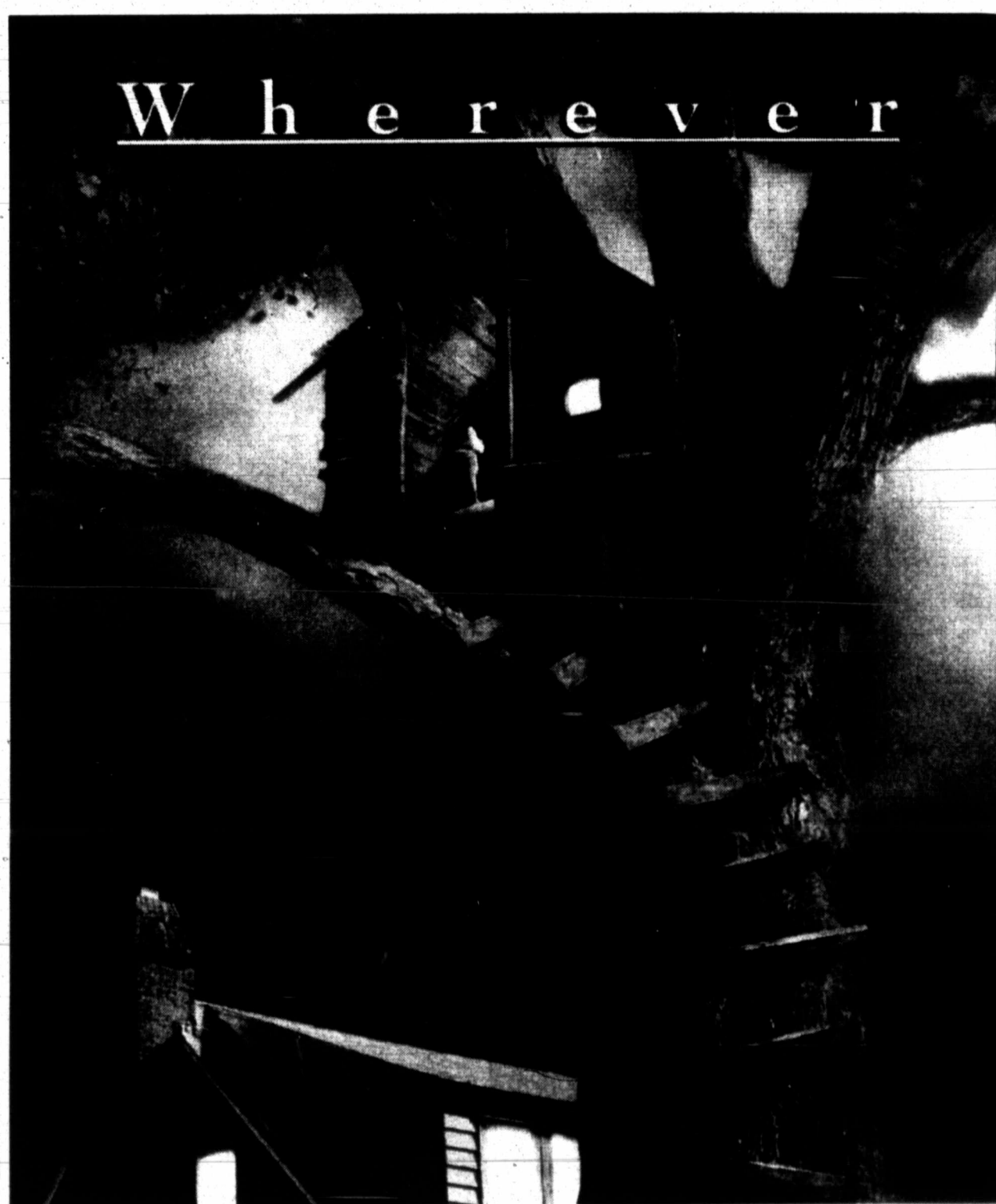
Music is always in the air, rushed to the scene to substitute the ready-made appeal of those anthems for what the film fails to dramatize with any authenticity: the events that inspired those songs. Despite the producers' talk of "reappraising" the decade, "The '60s" settles for a pop-culture trip down memory lane.

And the final destination? On a gentle afternoon in 1969, family and friends munch hot dogs and play touch football at the Herlihy's, where all is forgiven. The film aims to leave us satisfied that, with the end of both the '60s and "The '60s," everyone lived happily ever after. And that whatever future bums loomed — like, say, the Kent State shootings in May 1970 — they need not concern us. That's for some other TV show.

In a cramped auditorium on Dec. 1, 1969 — smack within the purview of "The '60s" — Selective Service representatives plucked 366 dates from a large glass bowl, then posted each card in order on a board.

In college dorms and living rooms across the land, young men huddled before TV sets to learn where fate would rank their birthdays in this, the first draft lottery since World War II. For anyone who wondered, here was proof: The '60s weren't about to end.

There is no consensus, even today, on when it did. But this much is clear: What we call the '60s conforms to no calendar. And if "The '60s" had chosen to do otherwise, maybe it wouldn't be quite such a cop-out.



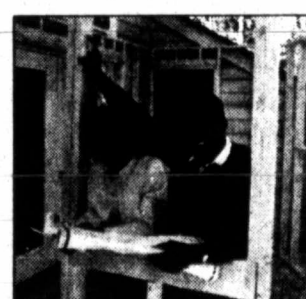
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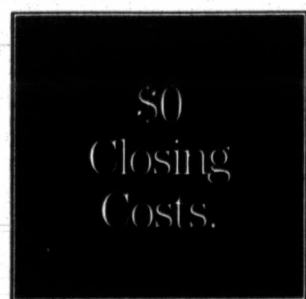
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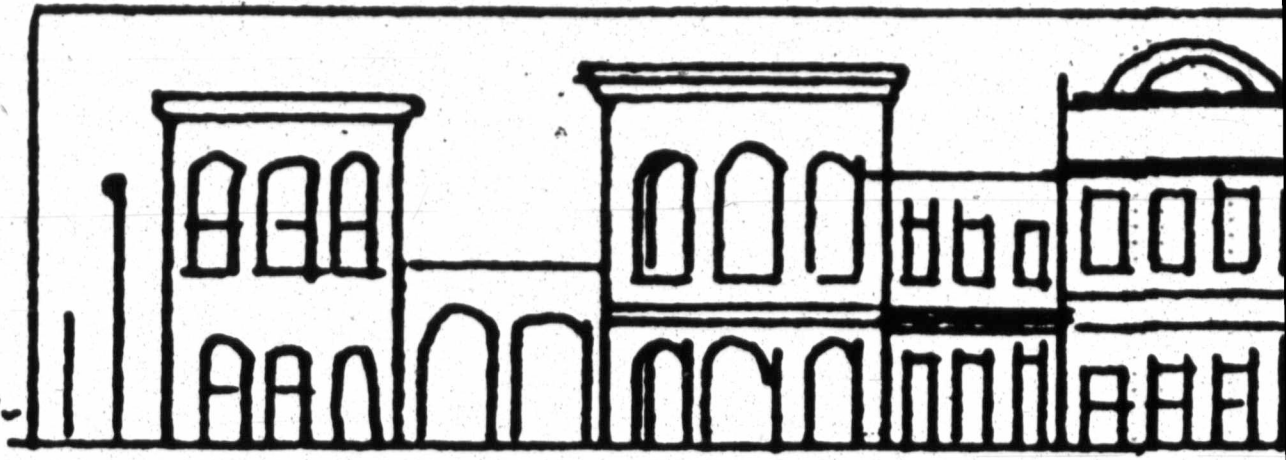
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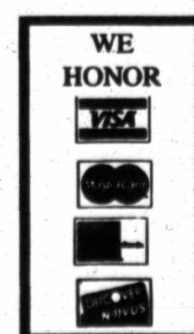
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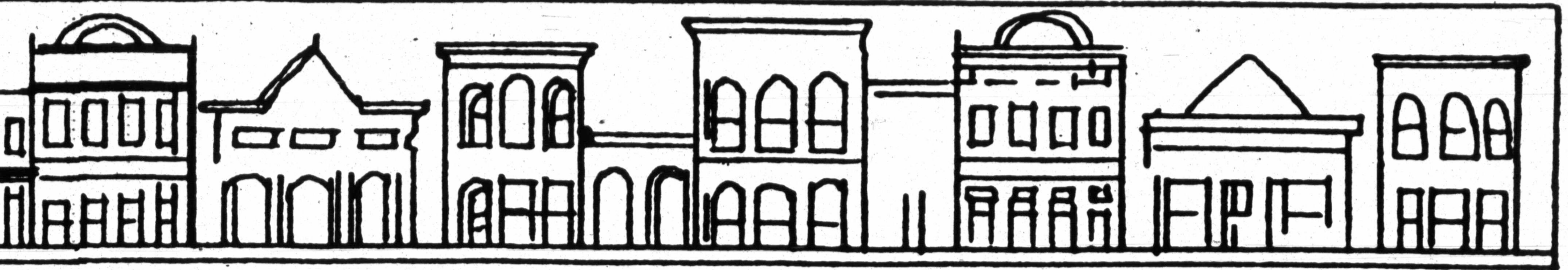
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AGRICULTURE

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: Last week, the USDA announced the first shipments of wheat to Russia will finally begin this month. Readers know I have felt this development will be (or more to the point would have been) very bullish to the wheat market. The problem is that based on government announcements, we were looking for these shipments to begin in October, four months ago. With the smallest supply of wheat on hand since World War II, the Russians can use a lot of our surplus wheat. In fact this demand alone could make the difference between a burdensome US carryover of old crop stocks, and a normal carryover. With the world wheat supplies projected to fall this coming year, the market could turn from bearish to bullish in a flash. However, with the program starting so late in the crop year (only four months left) much of the bullish potential has been lost. Not all of it, but still this could have been handled better for the American wheat farmer. Looking ahead, new crop yields will still be watched closely since the US farmers planted only 43.4 million acres of winter wheat this year, down seven percent. To date, the crop is looking good. Look for this market to stabilize at current price levels.

Strategy:

Hedgers: Continue to hold call options as a replacement for previous cash wheat sales. The calls leave your upside potential open, but limit your risk to an absolute pre-determined level (which is not the case when holding cash grain).

Traders: Last week we were filled on a buy recommendation in the Minneapolis May futures at 361 1/2. Risk 10 cents for an ultimate profit objective of 390.

CORN (BEAR)

Outlook: The corn market is technically 'oversold' and could experience what are termed short covering rallies. Without some sort of major weather problem in one of the world's major growing regions however, I do not look for these rallies to go very far. The South American crop is looking pretty good, US corn suppliers are more than 10 percent above a year ago, and feed demand is expected to decrease in 1999. There is a lot of farmer owned corn yet to move onto the cash market and traders know there

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is historically huge overhanging carryover supply. Bottom line, the market is cheap, but look for a 'slow weakening price bleed' over the coming months.

Strategy:

Hedgers: If you took our long held advice, you have previously turned your stored corn into cash. We can always replace this corn on paper (in futures) if we wish to maintain ownership, but at this juncture there does not seem to be any reason to do this.

Traders: Loom to go short a possible short covering rally above 220 in the March. Risk to 227 for a profit objective at new contract lows (under 210).

SOYBEANS (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: With the recent timely and generous South American rains many people are saying the Brazilian and Argentinean crops are already 'made'. Well, they are not made yet, and crop problems could still develop, but if their crops experience no major problems for the rest of the month of February it will probably be out of danger. I can't remember the last time we had a good old-fashioned weather rally emanating from Brazil. They have had good crops now for about a decade I believe. Meanwhile, the futures have collapsed to new contract lows. They do look cheap to me, and despite the large projected carryover, it seems there is absolutely no risk premium built into the back months (and particularly the new crop). Any unexpected news will still most likely be bullish, nevertheless I do not recommend fighting the trend. The trend is currently bearish and well established. It might make sense, however, to start looking for some sign of a bottom.

Strategy:

Hedgers: Selective hedgers are out. If you wish to maintain ownership, consider a purchase if the tend turns back up; using a buy stop (lower it now to 533

March). **Traders:** Gamblers and long term traders consider a 'bottom pick' in the November at 525 or lower. Be prepared to risk a close under 515.

CATTLE (BULL)

Outlook: The last time the cattle had a major price break (November into December) this was due to in large part to a sympathetic reaction to a collapsing hog market. The hog market has had a nice rally since early December, and no doubt this has also helped the cattle. I now believe the hog futures have gotten ahead of themselves and could break back a bit. The question is, will this hurt the cattle market at this time? I don't believe so. The cattle market has independently bullish supply fundamentals, and should start to exhibit independent strength. On the recent Cattle on Feed report I was particularly impressed with the marketing (out of feedlots) figure. A lot of cattle were moved over the past month or so, yet prices still continued to climb. What happens when the numbers start to fade if demand remains good? Don't forget, the nation's cattle numbers are the lowest since 1991.

Strategy:

Feeders: At current prices, with a bullish outlook, no hedges are recommended at this time for selective hedgers. 'True' hedgers who can lock in a profit using put options can look to do so now. Remember that puts protect your downside but never limit your upside potential. They are an excellent marketing tool in what we believe will be a bullish environment.

Cow/calf operators: Cattle feeders are buy-hedged at an average price in the 68-69 range basis the March futures. Hold these until you buy your replacement feeders.

Traders: If you took our previous recommendation, you remain long February futures from under 60. The risk point is now a 'break-even', and the profit objective is 65 or better.

Kansas farmers plant 1,000 acres of new white wheat

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — By the year 2000, Kansas farmers expect to bring to market their first bushels of hard white winter wheat, which they hope will help maintain the state's reputation as the world's breadbasket well into the next century.

For now, just 1,000 acres of the new crop — in two varieties and all destined for use as certified seed — have been planted in eight locations around Kansas. About half of that acreage is irrigated, according to the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

By comparison, Kansas farmers have planted 10 million acres of hard red winter wheat, the crop that won Kansas its top ranking as a wheat state.

Kansas has been preparing for years to make the shift to hard white wheat — which is increasingly preferred in the global marketplace, particularly in Asia.

"White wheat will become the majority wheat in Kansas between five and 10 years," said Ron Madl, director of the Wheat Research Center at Kansas State University.

This coming harvest is critical because it marks the first time the two white varieties, dubbed Betty and Heyne, left the research fields after their public release last fall. Farmers will be watching carefully how well the foundation seed does under real field conditions, and how well grain elevators are able to keep the white separate from the red wheat.

Madl said the state hopes to harvest between 50,000 and 70,000 bushels of registered seed come spring. That seed would be planted next fall, producing enough crops for both certified seed as well as for market consumption.

"We are talking year 2000 harvest for when we will have initial market introduction," Madl said. "The 2001 harvest will be the first harvest in which a significant portion of Kansas wheat could be white wheat."

By 2001, between 10 percent and 20 percent of Kansas's wheat crop will be white wheat, he said.

Kansas State University's new varieties reportedly can survive better in the Plains states because of their winter hardi-

ness, drought and heat tolerance and resistance to disease and insects.

A smaller quantity of the foundation seed was made available to Kansas farmers because of storm damage to some of the growing fields in the spring of 1998, the growers association said.

Most of the white wheat this year was planted by seed growers in western Kansas, west of Great Bend, although at least one planting was put in near Wellington in central Kansas, said Brett Myers, the association's executive vice president.

That is because the new varieties seem especially well-suited for growing conditions in western Kansas.

Industry leaders have been holding informational meetings statewide on white wheat, attended so far by more than 800 producers.

Of prime concern at the gatherings has been how to keep red and white wheats separate when farmers start taking their crops to the grain elevator. The best way to do that, Madl said, would be to designate certain elevators or silos for this harvest for white wheat only.

Extension In Progress

Ag Day Program

This year's Gray County Ag Day program will be held Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Gray County Annex. The program will be worth 5.0 CEUs for private, non-commercial applicators. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

This year's emphasis will be on a few opportunities created by incoming dairy producers and a few new programs that are happening in the area. Below is a schedule of activities for the day:

- 8 a.m., registration
- 8:30 a.m., pesticide rules and regulations
- 9:30 a.m., alfalfa hay possibilities
- 11:15 a.m., dairy waste management and air pollution concerns
- 11:45 a.m., Playa Lake management and demonstrations
- 12:15 a.m., lunch on your own
- 1:30 p.m., ensilage possibilities with corn, sorghum and wheat
- 2:30 p.m., Agni-Partner demonstrations
- 3:30 p.m., farm assistance program opportunities.

This should be a very informative program. I hope you will make it a point to attend. In Case You Missed It Section



Danny Nusser
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I believe that this would be a very educational experience for you outdoor gardening enthusiasts and will give each of you an opportunity to give back knowledge you have learned.

Call if you are interested at 669-8033.

Agriculture census results now available

AUSTIN - Today the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service released the results of the 1997 Census of Agriculture. The Census is conducted every five years to provide a snapshot of America's agriculture. This picture is an invaluable tool for assessing trends and determining current needs of farmers and ranchers at the local level.

"The Census of Agriculture provides complete, comparable statistics for every county in the nation," said Doyle Fuchs, Acting State Statistician. "For example, it showed that Fayette County ranked first in the state for number of farms and Castro County was number one in market value of agricultural products sold."

The Census of Agriculture counted 194,301 farms and ranches in the state. These farms sold \$13.8 billion worth of agricultural products, an average of \$70,852 per farm. Two-thirds of these farms sold less than \$10,000 worth of agricultural products and 35 percent reported less than \$2,500 in sales.

The 1997 Census showed that Texas led the nation in the values of livestock and poultry sold with \$9.5 billion. The state ranked fifth in sales of crops and second in total market values of agricultural products sold. The five leading commodities produced in Texas, in terms of market value of sales, were cattle, cotton, poultry, dairy products, and corn for grain.

The Census also revealed other interesting facts about Texas agriculture, such as:

- ... 43 percent of operators considered farming or ranching their principal occupation.
- ... farm and ranch production expenses totaled \$11.6 billion in 1997.
- ... 12 percent of Texas farms and ranches operated less than 50 acres.
- ... 28 percent of the state's farmers and ranchers operated less than 50 acres.

These facts and much more for every county and state in the U.S. are now available from the 1997 Census of Agriculture Highlights tables, available on the NASS website at <http://www.io.com/~tass/>. Follow the link to "1997 Census Information." More detailed reports will be released on March 20, 1999 on the Internet, on CD-ROM, and in printed publications. For more information, call the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service at 1-800-626-3142.

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Caltech researcher: Domesticated wolves helped humans survive

By MINERVA CANTO
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Early humans became better hunters after they domesticated wolves about 135,000 years ago, an advantage that possibly helped them outlive Neanderthals and other rivals, according to a California Institute of Technology researcher.

The wolf's strength, stamina and acute hearing and sense of smell likely helped humans to hunt prey and overcome predators, especially at night, said John Allman, who specializes in evolutionary biology.

Domesticating wolves "would have been a huge selective advantage for whatever human population did that because it would have allowed modern humans to move into areas that were previously inhospitable," he said.

By teaming up with domesticated wolves, the ancestors of modern Homo sapiens became better hunters and eventually were able to supplant Homo erectus and Neanderthal populations, Allman theorizes in his recently published book "Evolving Brains."

Allman used a biological timeline, results from DNA studies and observations of human, wolf and dog behavior to support his conclusion.

"Early domesticated dogs probably looked just like wolves. You would expect that there wouldn't be too many differences," Allman said. "Early dogs would have been performing very wolflike functions."

In his book, Allman noted that scientific evidence indicates Homo sapiens lived in Africa, Neanderthals lived in Europe and western Asia and a Homo erectus population likely lived

in southeast Asia about 150,000 years ago.

The highly successful species of wolf, *Canis lupus*, also lived around the same time, but not in Africa.

Comparative DNA studies from modern humans indicate that Homo sapiens began migrating out of Africa about 140,000 years ago, probably encountering wolves in Asia, Allman said.

"Wolves were found throughout Eurasia and most of North America, one of the widest distribution of mammalian species, which suggests survivability," Allman said.

A recent study by University of California, Los Angeles biologist Robert Wayne, who compared the DNA of wolves, dogs and other canines around the world, showed that dogs evolved from wolves and that domestication of wolves began as early as 135,000 years ago.

"It wasn't such a huge amount to achieve this cooperativity between these two different species" because wolves and humans shared similar social structures, Allman argued.

Allman, who has owned several generations of the same family

of sheepdogs, first began noting the similarities as a graduate student studying anthropology 30 years ago.

He noted that wolves have an extended family and a "cooperative rearing strategy" for their pups. A female wolf stays in the den and feeds the pups while other wolves go out to gather food and bring it back.

"That just struck me as perhaps having a bit in common with what early humans must have been like," Allman said. "Engaging in cooperative rearing is pretty rare in mammals. Typically, in most mammals, the mother takes care of her offspring with little help from anybody else."

Also, wolf packs have dominant members. After a pack takes down prey, the dominant hunter controls who gets a share of the carcass. Some of the more submissive wolves sometimes must beg for a piece.

Allman suggests that humans learned to make wolves defer to them by taking the role of the dominant wolf. Likewise, domesticated wolves saw humans as pack members who brought food to their pups, he argued.

Physical therapy program seeking students for fall

MOBILE, Ala. — The University of Mobile Graduate School of Physical Therapy is accepting applications now for fall enrollment. The two-year program leading to a master of science in physical therapy is specifically designed for students who currently hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than physical therapy.

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For an application packet or additional information about prerequisites, financial aid and admission, contact Mary Hyland, graduate recruiting officer, at (334) 675-5990 or 1-800-946-7267, or by e-mail at adminfo@umobile.edu. For more information about the Graduate School of Physical Therapy or the University of Mobile, visit the website at www.umobile.edu.



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Lifesavers Inc. works to keep mustangs alive

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — With tattered work gloves, denim jeans and sunglasses, throwing around steel corral railings and bails of hay, Jill Starr looks the part of an old-time rancher. But once you get a closer look at Starr, you see her for what she really is, a young everyday woman with a passion for horses.

Starr is president, owner and operator of the nonprofit organization Lifesavers Inc., a horse rescue, rehab and retirement ranch. With nine horses on her 16-acre ranch, Starr is kept busy as she works alone feeding and caring for her horses while trying to keep the corrals and fences in good shape.

"It's my purpose in life," Starr said. "If I didn't have my horses I wouldn't know what to do with myself."

Lifesavers' direct cause is saving horses, primarily mustangs, from slaughter at horse auctions. Starr outbids buyers whose main business is to slaughter the horses and sell the meat in Europe for human consumption, where it's considered a delicacy.

Starr's purpose in life is causing her a lot of hard times and misery.

"I figure actually for feeding and keeping their feet in order, the worming, and all the medical costs, it takes an average of \$100 a month for each horse," Starr said. "Some need more than others."

Relying on donations and with just a few regular supporters, Starr said times are tough trying to keep her horse rescue ranch afloat.

"Money just trickles in little bits and pieces," Starr said. "We do have regular supporters that

donate monthly, and we did a fund raiser that helped for a spurt. But basically we're struggling, it's like a lot of animal shelters."

Last October, Lifesavers held the first annual

"I quickly realized I couldn't do it," Starr said. "It was very quickly that I realized I had to focus on something."

It was then that Starr narrowed the field to mus-

problem is to educate people," Starr said. "People can learn how to work with wild horses because unless they have done it before they are going to need it."

Starr said the newest additions to her ranch are three wild mustangs that were confiscated by the county which decided to put the horses up for sale at an auction.

"We heard about it and I sent someone up there to purchase them," Starr said. "We purchased them for \$375 apiece. And here they are in their untrained state."

Starr said one major obstacle she currently faces is getting a phone line out to her ranch, east of Lancaster. Starr needs the phone line so she can continue to do business.

Starr currently does all of her business out of an office in Little Rock, but will be forced to close it in about a month because money is tight.

"It is going to cost \$50,000 to have phone lines put out here," Starr said.

Some people have suggested setting up a radio transmitter at her ranch which is quite a bit cheaper at about \$4,000, but Starr doesn't have access to that much money, either.

"I've got a month to figure this out," Starr said. "It's definitely going to hurt us. But I've got to try and get this phone so we can continue our work."

"By hook or by crook I'm going to figure out how to keep things going," Starr added.

Her dreams for the Lifesavers ranch include using the entire 16 acres for horse corrals, but she said that without funds that dream will most likely stay just that, a dream.

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Born To Be Wild Benefit Concert at the Cockey Bull Opry Hall in Victorville. Dwight Yoakam headlined the entertainment, which included The Mojo Monkeys, The Regulators and Shadowplay. The benefit raised more than \$12,000 for Lifesavers.

Lifesavers became an official nonprofit organization in July. Starr purchased the 16-acre ranch four years ago and moved to Antelope Valley from Lake View Terrace on the northern fringe of Los Angeles. Starr gave up a steady income working for Criterion Music Publishers in Hollywood to make her lifelong dream of owning a horse ranch come true.

She soon turned the ranch into an animal rescue facility, but said it didn't take long before she learned it would be too much to handle.

Angels. American mustangs, more accurately termed "feral horses," are those whose ancestors were domestic horses and were freed or escaped from early explorers, native tribes, ranchers, cavalry, etc., to form or join free-roaming herds across the United States.

An estimated 42,000 mustangs still roam free on American public lands.

Starr said one of her goals is to set up a mentor program at her ranch where people can come in and learn how to handle horses before they take on the responsibility of owning and caring for their own.

"I know that I can't rescue every mustang that gets in trouble and the only other way to curb the



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Area students to participate in Houston Livestock Show

HOUSTON — Twenty-nine 4-H members and 30 FFA members from Gray County will be joining other 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for intense show ring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 19-March 7, in the Astrodome in Houston.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors showcase their animal projects during the second week of livestock competition — the junior show. The first week of the show, professional breeders and ranchers compete for top dollars and global recognition in the livestock industry.

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

Representing approximately 930 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show will have close to 15,000 entries this year. A variety of animals is shown in the junior and open divisions of livestock competition: market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steers, lambs, barrows and poultry) represent animals raised by the exhibitors as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. The 1998 junior market auction sales totaled \$5,344,300.

Area FFA and 4-Hers participating in the show include: Elizabeth Campbell, Megan Couts, Courtney Crawford, Meagan Crawford, Karli Douglas, Cassie Hamilton, Justin Hampton, Lindsey Hampton, Jake Hopkins, Maggie Hopkins, Karra Longo, Rebecca Moore, Emily Nusser, Blake Nusser, Sean O'Neal, Royce O'Neal, Jamie Pergeson, Michael Pergeson, Lindsey Price, Ashley Price, Jeremy Pritchett, Austin Pritchett, Elizabeth Thomas and Scotty Willett, all Pampa 4-H; Jessica Fish and Travis Fish, McLean 4-H; and Cory Jackson, Lefors 4-H.

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"We are extremely excited about our Show this year. In our effort to continually improve the junior show, we are adding Bradford and Gelbvieh breeds to our Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show and also adding a Junior Breeding Gilt competition," said John Sykes, assistant general manager, Agricultural Exhibits and Competition Department. "Texas 4-H'ers and FFA members have worked countless hours on their projects learning specific life skills such as responsibility, time management and financial management. We are proud to present their work to the city of Houston and our Show will forever encourage such growth in young people."

In addition to world class livestock competition for two weeks, superior horse show competition also is on the event's agenda. The Houston Livestock Show Cutting Horse Contest kicks off horse show competition beginning Tuesday, Feb. 16. The National Cutting Horse Association World's Championship Finals are scheduled for Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 18-21. The 1999 horse show also features competition in seven different breeds: Appaloosa, Arabian, Half Arabian, Miniature, Paint, Palomino and Quarter Horse, as well as donkey and mules.

Go Texan festivities officially launch the 1999 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo the weekend prior to the start of the rodeo, Feb. 11-14. Barbecue cooking fans can enjoy the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest beginning Thursday, Feb. 11, in the northwest corner of the Astrodome parking lot. The contest continues Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, spectators will fill the streets of downtown Houston for the annual rodeo parade. More than 6,000 trail riders, marching bands and colorful floats will be featured in this extravaganza. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. following the Conoco 10K Rodeo Run. This year's race celebrates its 12th year as the lead-in to the parade and is expected to draw approximately 5,000 runners. All entry fees will be donated to the show's scholarship fund.

The weekend continues with Go Texan contests held at the Astrodome complex. Dominoes, washer pitching and horseshoe pitching contests take place Saturday in the Astroarena, while hay hauling competition is held in the Astrodome. The team penning competition gets under way Sunday, Feb. 14, in the Astroarena. Winning entries from the Go Texan quilt and photography contests will be on display throughout the duration of the show in the Western Heritage Gallery.

New this year is the Rodeo Lovers' Early Bird Special. Monday through Friday, the Houston Rodeo will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a special performance of cowboys in calf roping, bareback riding, team roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding and bull riding. This bonus rodeo performance is already included in the price of each night's rodeo ticket.

The feature rodeo performance will begin at 7 p.m., with a maximum of six cowboys in each of the same events plus a complete performance of barrel racing. The feature performance will include a grand entry, calf scramble, chuck wagon races, a laser and light show extravaganza and the traditional premier superstar concert.

West Texas A&M to host Summer Camp Fair

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Summer Camp Fair will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons area. The event is provided by the WTAMU Student Job Placement Center to give students the opportunity to obtain positions at summer camps.

More than 20 different employers and representatives from various summer camps will be on campus to visit with students interested in summer employment in their field of study.

The Summer Camp Fair will include camps from several parts of Texas and Oklahoma.

The representatives at the Summer Camp Fair will have applications and interest cards for the students to fill out. It is not necessary, but it would be helpful for students to bring a resume.

The camp fair representatives are anxious to meet with interest-

ed students. This is a great opportunity for students to acquire a summer job," Kim Storey, coordinator of WTAMU's Student Job Placement Center, said.

Storey said many students gain summer positions through the fair.

"My experience at the camp was a great way for me to use my communication skills and meet various people from diverse backgrounds," Mary Liz Wills, a junior mass communications-public relations major from San Angelo, said.

Some of the camps expected to recruit are Camp Balcones Springs in Marble Falls, Camp El Tesoro in Fort Worth, Camp Rio Blanco in Lubbock, Camp Green Hill in Corpus Christi, Camp Summit Inc. in Dallas and Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis in Amarillo.

For more information about the Summer Camp Fair, contact Kim Storey at (806) 651-2397.

Agventure Plaza will return for the second year. This area, located between the south and west gates of the Astrodome, will encompass a wide range of entertainment and educational attractions and exhibits.

New to the show this year is Rodeo Experience, a fun and educational attraction aimed at teaching children about the intricacies of the sport of rodeo. There are daily postings of the scores and standings from previous Houston Rodeo performances, video demonstrations about rodeo history, and the chance to talk to famous cowboys. Youngsters also will have the opportunity to participate in their own rodeo complete with a grand entry, stickhorse events and even bull riding. This attraction is located in Agventure Plaza and is open daily from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Destination: AGVENTURE is back. This mini-education in agriculture will feature a unique learning experience in several areas of the agricultural industry. Visitors also will be able to enjoy exciting interactive displays, the viewing of live animals and talking with industry professionals and university personnel. This exhibit is open daily 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and is located in Agventure Plaza.

The Hideout, located in Agventure Plaza, returns with concerts. Local bands open and close for feature artists, so the music never stops from 7 p.m. to close. Only ages 21 and up will be admitted after 7 p.m.

Another fun family feature will be the petting zoos, with two locations for young and old alike to enjoy holding, feeding and petting the exotic animals. One petting zoo will be located in Agventure Plaza and the other will be in the Double E Plaza between the Astrodome and Astroarena.

The thrilling pig races will return for another year of breathtaking competition. These contestants race around a 150-foot track in a quest for the prized chocolate Kiss at the finish line. Races will be held in Agventure Plaza, Feb. 19-March 7 at 10 and 11 a.m., and 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m. daily.

The Champion Corral will again play host to the prize-winning

animals of the junior market competition. After each sale is completed, a section in the south wing of the Astrodome will be reserved for the top placing 22 turkey toms, 22 turkey hens, 20 pens of broilers, 64 barrows, 24 lambs and 96 steers.

For a quick lesson in milk production, check out the Milking Parlor. This informative and fun exhibit will feature education about dairy cows and the entire milk production process through actual milking demonstrations, video presentations, special displays and commentary by university professors. An added feature this year is hand milking. Visitors can actually participate in the milking process, thus creating a unique and memorable experience.

This year spectators can take advantage of the Rodeo METRO Express shuttle bus service from five satellite parking sites. The shuttle service, beginning Feb. 19, will run from 9 a.m. to midnight, Saturdays and Sundays, and 5 p.m. to midnight on weeknights. The fare will be \$2 per person round trip. The shuttle bus service also will run for two days during the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest. The schedule for this weekend will be as follows: Friday, Feb. 12, 5 p.m. to midnight, and Saturday, Feb. 13, 1 p.m. to midnight.

Ticket prices for the 1999 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are \$12 and include admission to the horse show (excluding National Cutting Horse Association events), livestock show, carnival, all commercial and educational exhibits, special attractions and the rodeo.

Tickets are available at the Astrodome Box Office and at all Ticketmaster outlets including Foley's, Fiesta and Kroger Food Stores.

Tickets also will be sold on the Internet at <www.ticketmaster.com>.

The 1999 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will begin with horse show competition, Tuesday, Feb. 16, followed by other livestock competition beginning Friday, Feb. 19. The first rodeo performance will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19. All events conclude March 7.

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