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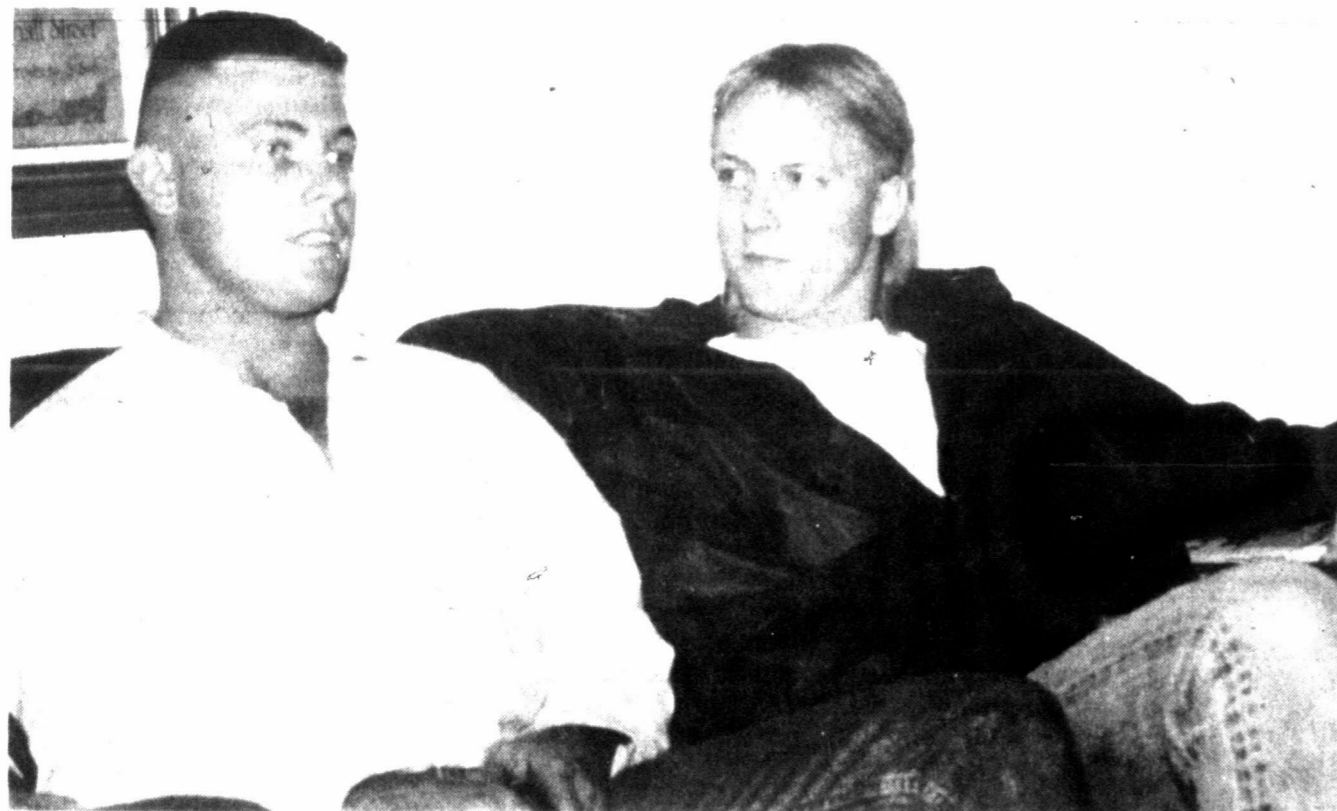
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(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Steve Thurman, left, discusses his recent experiences as a soldier in Panama as his friend Reed Steger listens.

Pampans returns with memories of battle experience in Panama

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
News Editor

While Steve Thurman may put away photographs from his recent jaunt to Panama, the snapshots in his mind will always be there.

The darkened hold of the plane, surrounded by his buddies, waiting to jump in to the unknown ... fiery lines left by tracer bullets in the midst of an ambush ... crimson blood of people who died fighting for what they believed in ... Panamanians smiling, waving, offering food, their homes, themselves ... children running after military vehicles like they were ice cream trucks.

These snapshots Thurman, 26, will carry with him for the rest of his life.

"I've gone over it a million times - a million times. I think about it a lot," says Thurman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Thurman of Pampa.

A member of the 82nd Airborne Division stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C., Thurman was among the American troops who staged an invasion of Panama last December against reputed drug lord and Panamanian dictator Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Early Monday, Dec. 18, Thurman's platoon was told it would be going on a training mission, he recalls. The platoon members were taken to a holding area that night and issued live ammunition - their first solid clue that it would be more than a training mission - and outfitted with jungle boots.

"There was snow on the ground at Fort Bragg and these boots were light. We knew it wouldn't be a training mission there," Thurman remembers.

Tuesday, the men were taken and given shots and medicines - what Thurman jokingly called "anti-nasties." Then they were briefed on their different missions

and taken through practice runs.

As it turned out, Thurman's company, Delta Co. 1st - 504 Parachute Infantry Regiment, was among the American troops airlifted to Panama to aid the 12,000 troops already stationed there to break Noriega's grip of power on the nation.

While most of the heavy fighting occurred shortly after midnight, Dec. 20, by 2 a.m., Thurman was experiencing the first of the events that would be forever imprinted on his mind - waiting in the hold of airplane, knowing he would soon parachute from 500 feet above Trujillo Airport into a "semi-secure" area.

"Fear was the first thing that went through my mind. Then, 'Am I going to be able to do my job? Am I going to be able to hold my end up and protect my buddies?'"

"In fact, that was the biggest thing in my mind. And also my family and the Lord," he recalls. "I wanted to get back. It became a drive in me that I was not going to come back dead."

Thurman's jump lasted about eight seconds - hardly long enough for him to think of much else besides how to land so he wouldn't hurt himself.

"We went into sporadic fire," he says. "There were small firefights when we hit the ground. I'm not going to say it was real dangerous or anything. No one was shooting at me. But it still scared me."

After getting to his vehicle, an HMMWV anti-tank unit, which was also parachuted into the airport, Thurman made a supply run to areas that had already been taken by American troops.

One of the trucks broke down, but using Yankee ingenuity, Thurman says, "we adapted and overcame." They found another vehicle, re-supplied it and continued to take supplies to other areas.

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Commissioners studying long-range needs of city

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners took all day Saturday to investigate the long-range needs of the city, tour municipal facilities and discuss the potential privatization of some departments.

What they saw and heard was that many problems the city faces have been put off by previous commissions until they can't be put off much longer.

During a walk through Central Fire Station with Chief Robert Young, commissioners and City Manager Glen Hackler were shown severe water damage, electrical problems and garage doors that show serious signs of age.

"So much of this should have been done back in the oil boom years when they could afford it," said Commissioner Ray Hupp.

Mayor Richard Peet and Commissioner Jerry Wilson both expressed the desire to execute a long-range plan that would keep the current commission from being guilty of the same lack of foresight.

"What we are trying to do," said Commissioner Gary Sutherland, carrying on the theme of the day, "is make it where some commission 30 years from now won't say, 'Why didn't those turkeys back in 1990 take care of this?'"

In addition to touring the main fire station, commissioners saw the

water and waste water treatment plants, landfill, city service center and animal shelter.

Commissioners praised the intradepartment pride shown by Animal Control in turning what they admitted was a nearly dilapidated facility into a very nice structure.

While commissioners said they were looking for ways to get more money into that department and others, they complimented Animal Control for taking a great deal of pride in their jobs and their facility.

They were not so benevolent with members of the fire department.

"The department with the most time on its hands has the poorest conditions, the worst morale and is about to form an association," said Wilson. "That should be of some concern for us."

Commissioners discussed for the first time publicly that firefighters are currently discussing bringing in an association that would negotiate for better wages.

Hackler was encouraged by commissioners when he said privatization of the fire department was one option in taking care of some long running problems.

"It seems with all the time on their hands, they would fix up where they live," commented Peet. He said he was unimpressed when he saw firefighter living quarters with broken blinds and water damage that had shorted out lights.

He asked Hackler why firefighters had not taken it upon themselves to make the repairs they could as a sign to the city they are proud of their jobs and their headquarters.

"Quite frankly, there's never been an emphasis on taking care of what we've got," Hackler said, adding that several departments might be guilty. "It's hard to say where that type of situation developed, but what we're looking at didn't develop overnight."

"In some situations, there isn't the pride you'd like to see."

Hackler added that, "What they (firefighters) are doing in many cases is reading publications on suing cities."

Hupp said he has learned from the Texas Municipal League that unions are making a big push during 1990 to infiltrate municipalities in the state.

The company that owns Pampa's ambulance service, Rural Metro/AMT Paramedic, also has privatized fire service in a number of cities around the nation, though no known talks have been held between the company and city officials.

Wilson asked Hackler to also consider what other department might be privatized.

"Our job is not to provide the service as much as it is to see the service is provided," Wilson noted.

Commissioners briefly discussed solid waste collection, recycling and parks management as other areas that might be privatized eventually.

Pampa Independent School District recently privatized its janitorial and service departments with the stipulation that all current employees be kept on and given a chance to adapt to the new situation. PISD officials estimated the cost savings to taxpayers as being considerable.

"A lot of going to something like this is how you approach it," Hackler said.

Picking up on an idea publicly touted by attorney Gene Martindale several months ago, commissioners showed they were still considering a cooperative agreement with the county for one law enforcement agency rather than separate police and sheriff's department.

Such a plan of contracting city See CITY, Page 2

City sets public hearing on cable TV

After years of complaining through the editorial page, Pampans will finally have an opportunity for organized protest about the quality of cable service provided by Sammons Communications.

City Manager Glen Hackler announced Saturday a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, at a site still to be determined, during which years of complaints about poor service, a lack of channel options and other shortcomings can finally be aired.

The public hearing will be the first in a series of public hearings regarding a new franchise agreement between Sammons and the city. City commissioners have said they are insistent a much better cable package be offered to local

citizens before they agree to a new franchise.

Hackler and commissioners, meeting for a long-range planning session, expressed optimism that citizens, long vocal about poor service, will show up at the meeting to confront Sammons directly about what they want in a cable franchise.

The city manager said Berger recently got a new agreement with Sammons that will mean three new local-access channels and about 40 other commercial, subscription or public television offerings.

Hackler and commissioners said public input is vital in letting Sammons know in an open forum that having better cable TV service is important to citizens.

Cities facing drastic changes in operation of waste landfills

Editor's note: this is the first in a six-day series on the environment, which promises to be a leading public forum issue in the new decade. Today's story focuses on the problems of landfills, even here in the Panhandle.

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

While words like ecology and pollution became fad terms during the 1960s and were virtually ignored by all but the most socially conscious during the '70s and '80s, during this decade concern over the

environment will reach unparalleled levels.

The reason: According to researchers at Texas A&M, it takes 550,000 trees to produce the nation's Sunday newspapers, 88 percent of which is not recycled. Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour, throw away enough glass every two weeks to fill the New York Trade Center and enough iron and steel to continuously supply the nation's automakers.

All that trash must go somewhere. What cities, counties and the Environmental Protection Agency have come to realize is that there is

simply not enough room on the planet to bury it all.

Barret Lyne of A&M noted recently during a presentation in Perryton that America spends \$10 to \$20 billion a year on waste disposal.

He pointed out that even if there were enough room on the planet to continue burying trash - which there is not, producing huge mountains of garbage in cities all over the East Coast - research by any number of concerns has shown that such massive amounts of pollution being injected into the planet have produced animals whose genetic makeup shows serious evidence of cancer

and mutation.

"This is going into the environment and eventually will affect us the same way," Lyne said. "You've heard of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, the idea being that these turtles were affected by pollution in the sewers and mutated - that is only a mild exaggeration."

Lyne showed slides of mutated turtles that have been affected by garbage in sewer systems around the nation. He reminded his audience that that same garbage is being buried, and that as it deteriorates or seeps into the ground water, humans are exposed to the same chemicals.

"That means it's also affecting you and me," Lyne said.



Let his message be taken as some cryptic scare tactic, it is important to realize that it is no longer hippies and radical environmentalists that are issuing warnings about the danger of human waste.

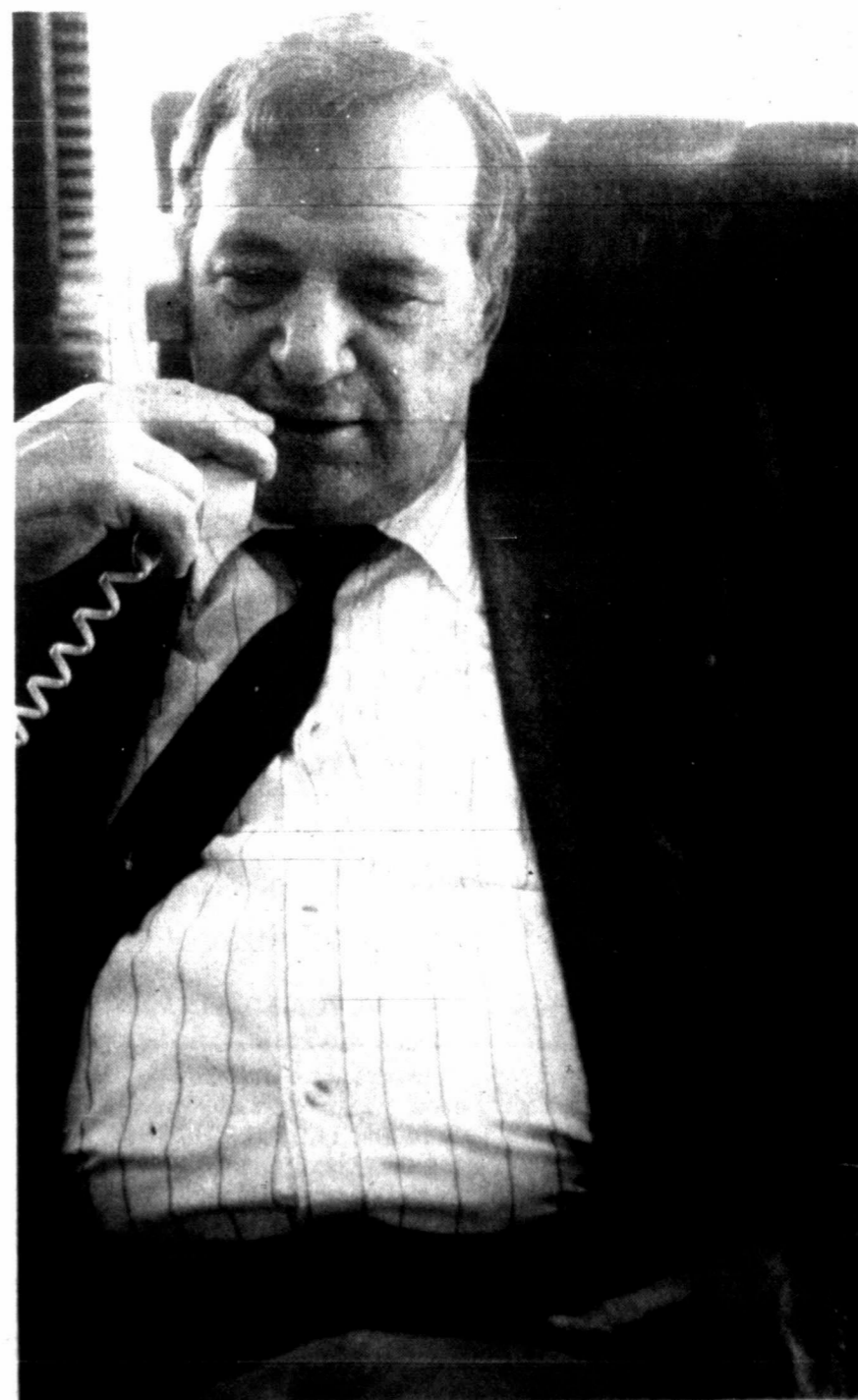
Nathan Hopson, public works director for the city of Pampa, said cities - even those in rural areas like the Panhandle - have come to the stark realization that drastic changes must be made in the way governments and their constituents deal with waste.

The EPA is not being some sort See LANDFILLS, Pg. 6



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

One day's worth of trash collected from Pampa homes and businesses lies atop the ground at the city's landfill east of the city awaiting burial.



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Public Works Director Nathan Hopson

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

GARRETT, Ida Elizabeth — 2 p.m., Boxwell Funeral Home Chapel, Perryton.

Obituaries

DOUGLAS HOWARD VEHON

PORTALES, N.M. — Word has been received of the death of Douglas Howard Vehon, 64, a former Pampa resident, who died Wednesday in Portales, N.M. Memorial services were conducted Saturday.

Mr. Vehon was born Aug. 19, 1925 in Nocona. He grew up in Nocona, moving to Pampa to complete his high school education. For the past 30 years, he made his home in Portales. His parents, Clarice and Howard Vehon, were longtime Pampa residents.

Survivors include his brother, Tommy Vehon of Amarillo; and two sisters, Pat Finlan of Muleshoe and Evelyn Laney of Dallas.

BROOKS HUGG

AMARILLO — Brooks Hugg, 59, a native of Alanreed and brother of a Pampa resident, died Thursday. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in N.S. Griggs Pioneer Chapel with the Rev. Carrol Messer, pastor of Pleasant Valley Pentecostal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery of Amarillo.

Mr. Hugg, born in Alanreed, moved to Amarillo in 1955 from McLean. He married Diane Delaney in 1983 at Amarillo. He was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church and the American Legion Post 54. He was U. S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict. He was employed as a sheet metal worker for years, retiring in 1986. His son, Bradley Hugg, died in 1988.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Robert Hugg of Amarillo, Gary Hugg of Muleshoe, Ronnie Hugg of Florida and Shelby Gantz of the home; a brother, Bruce Hugg of Jal, N.M.; five sisters, Kathryn Kite of Amarillo, Mayola Andrews of California, Martha Lavicie Simpson of Pampa, Mavis Collins of Perryton and Ethel Pool of Kansas; and eight grandchildren.

The family will be at 4522 Harvard St. in Amarillo, and requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

IDA ELIZABETH GARRETT

MCLEAN — Ida Elizabeth Garrett, 91, died Friday at McLean Nursing Center. Services are to be at 2 p.m. Monday at Boxwell Funeral Home Chapel of Perryton with the Rev. Eddie Alsup, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Perryton, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery. The body will lie in state at Lamb Funeral Home of McLean until Monday morning. It will then lie in state at Boxwell Funeral Home from 9 a.m. Monday until service time.

Mrs. Garrett was born Dec. 6, 1898 in a sod house at Alva, Okla. She moved to Wolf Creek near Old Ochiltree at Perryton while she was a teen-ager. She farmed southeast of Perryton and was an employee of Hurn Dry Goods for many years. She moved to McLean from Perryton in 1981. She married Freeman Garrett in Perryton. He died in the early 1940s. She had been a resident of McLean Nursing Center two years.

Survivors include two sisters, Ossie Topley of Oregon and Lois Aldrich of Capitan, N.M.; two brothers, Ralph Wilkinson of Mitchell, Ore., and Warren Wilkinson of Goldston, N.M., and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Perryton.

WILLIE JAMES NICKLEBERRY

Willie James Nickleberry, 80, died Wednesday at Coronado Hospital following a lengthy illness. Services are pending with Warford/Walker Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Mr. Nickleberry was born Dec. 13, 1919, in Mexia. He moved to Pampa in 1980 from Oklahoma City, Okla. He previously lived in Wellington. He had been employed as a farm laborer. He was residing in a Pampa nursing center.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie Mae Nickleberry of Pampa; four daughters, Lillie Joyce Smith of Amarillo, and Marie Teresa Nickleberry, Darlene Williams and Vivian Loyce Nickleberry, all of Pampa; three sons, Willie Earl Nickleberry of Petersburg, Va.; Aubrey Knox Nickleberry of Ardmore, Okla., and Dannie Kern Nickleberry of Pampa; one brother, Humphrey Nickleberry of Dallas; one sister, Amy Bluit of Dallas; 21 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following minor accident during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Jan. 26

3:33 p.m. — A 1974 Cadillac driven by Debra Riley Dancel, 1531 N. Faulkner, and a 1984 Nissan driven by Jennifer Marie Massick, 115 E. 27th, collided at the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway. Dancel was cited for no proof of liability insurance and following too closely. No injuries were reported.

Calendar of events

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester Ave.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of Eastern Star, will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill. Velma Boyd, Borge District 2 Committee, will make an official visit. New Rainbow board will be recognized.

Correction

In Friday's *Pampa News*, numbers were inadvertently transposed in a story about an issue at Lefors ISD. The story should have said that 112, not 121, people signed a petition asking the school board to deny the resignation of Michael Downes, a school teacher.

Fires

No fires were reported to the Pampa Fire Department during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Patricia Burnam, Hedley
 Bertha Ela Fulks, Pampa
 Georgia Lois Mack, Pampa
 Ethra J. Rushing, Pampa

Dismissals
 Laura E. Ballard, White Deer
 Raymond L. Bryant, Miami
 Thelma M. Freeman, Pampa
 Juanita Gonzalez and baby girl, Pampa
 Debra Gayle Kent and baby boy, Lefors
 Frances Chaparro

Kinikin, Panhandle
 Charles Martin, Pampa
 Kody Martin, Pampa
 Margaret McGahen, Pampa
 Reeves baby boy, Mobeetie
 David L. Smith, Pampa
 Jennette R. Stucker, Pampa
 Shanna Tambunga, Pampa
 Milton M. Wylie, Pampa
 Alfred E. Cowan, Pampa (extended care)
 Celestino Madrid, Pampa (extended care)

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
 Not available.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Jan. 26

Marcum Chrysler, 833 W. Foster, reported terroristic threats at the business.

The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, reported disorderly conduct at the business.

Crimestoppers, 200 N. Kingsmill, reported incidents of theft and credit card abuse, and violation of narcotic drug law.

Showcase Rentals, 1701 N. Hobart, reported two incidents of hindering a secured creditor.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Zimmers.

Susanna Moreno, 716 Scott, reported assault with bodily injury at the residence.

SATURDAY, Jan. 27

Amarillo Globe News and The Pampa News reported criminal mischief to newspaper racks at 1025 W. Wilks.

Harvey Mart #2, 1001 E. Frederic, reported aggravated robbery at the business.

Arrests

FRIDAY, Jan. 26

Cynthia Dawn Deaver, 22, 1524 Coffee, was arrested in the 625 block of Russell on outstanding warrants. She was released by authority of the municipal judge.

John David Richards, 27, Higgins, was arrested at 2526 Mary Ellen on charge of arson.

Jorge Hernandez, 21, 501 Magnolia, was arrested in the 1400 block of Evergreen on a Department of Public Safety warrant. He was released after paying fine.

Sylvia Tomaszewski, 52, 424 Crest, was arrested in the 500 block of East Foster on a charge of theft under \$20.

SATURDAY, Jan. 27

J.C. Jeffries, 39, 801 Gordon, at the residence on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Court report

GRAY COUNTY COURT

Dwight Hobart Campbell was fined \$50 and received deferred adjudication of one month probation on a speeding charge, appealed from Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 1.

Spencer Kevin Weddle was fined \$50 and received deferred adjudication of one month probation on a speeding charge, appealed from Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 4.

Jack D. Kinghorn was fined \$45 and received deferred adjudication of one month probation on a speeding charge, appealed from Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 4. An order was also filed returning the \$100 bond posted by Kinghorn in the appeal.

Motions were filed to revoke the probations of Raymond C. Cantrell and Louston Lynn Samuel.

Thomas Eugene Lewis was fined \$300 and sentenced to two years probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

A charge of driving while intoxicated was dismissed against Monte Allen Matheson after the cause was used in determining punishment in another case.

Monte Allen Matheson was fined \$500 and sentenced to two years probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

A charge of driving while intoxicated was dismissed against Douglas Duane Brevier due to insufficient evidence.

A charge of theft of property by check was dismissed against Ricky M. Smith after restitution was made.

Ignacio Castillo Saldierna was fined \$300 and sentenced to two years probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

Mark Grogan Watkins was fined \$40 and received deferred adjudication of one month probation on a speeding charge, appealed from municipal court.

Ray Vernon Cramer Jr. was fined \$300 and received two years probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

Terry Don Bunton was fined \$450 and sentenced to two years probation on a driving while intoxicated (second offense) conviction.

Bobby Ortiz was fined \$300 and sentenced to two years probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

Marriage licenses

David Ross Hinton and Lisa Dawn Campbell
 James Edward Hernandez and Katrina Gay Hinds
 Shane Wylie Brister and Devene Haynes

Divorces

Amber C. Tidwell and James R. Tidwell
 Casey Pollock and Tom Pollock

Ambulance

Rural/Metro-AMT Paramedic Service had a total of 23 calls for the period of Jan. 19 through Jan. 25. Of those calls, 14 were emergency responses and 9 were of a non-emergency nature.

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City

protection from the county is common in a growing number of areas in the nation.

Hackler also said the city is serious about potential plans for a recycling, baling and composting operation that could reduce the amount of trash buried in the landfill by 80 percent.

He suggested commissioners throw out recently submitted proposals for such a set-up and "go back to square one and do some serious negotiating about this."

Commissioners were told by Hackler that he and city staff had come up with a way to save the city \$4.7 million on what they were told by "experts" would be the cost for such a comprehensive environmental plan.

Details of the plan will be discussed in upcoming commission meetings, but Hackler said it would involve approaching recycling on a local rather than a regional level.

Commissioners also discussed priorities by department on where they want the city to go over the next decade and beyond, including a street bond issue and improvements of city service facilities.

Sheriff to remove anti-abortion posters

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Nueces County Sheriff James T. Hickey, who drew both praise and protest by placing anti-abortion posters in his department's offices, says he will take them down Monday.

Hickey said that the posters that were put up Wednesday had "served their purpose."

"I never intended them to be up indefinitely," Hickey said.

"I said in the beginning that I wanted to instruct people who work here about what abortion really is, and by Monday all of my employees will have seen them."

Hickey received praise from anti-abortion proponents and threats of a lawsuit from abortion-rights advocates when he put up the seven posters depicting a dismembered fetus.

Controversy first arose when the sheriff said he would refuse to enforce the law if it meant helping women seeking abortions enter clinics blocked by protesters.

But Hickey said his decision to remove the posters was not influenced by public outcry from abortion-rights advocates and threats of a lawsuit by the Texas affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"If you look at my history, when pressure is applied I respond in kind," he said.

Hickey said he would put the posters up again if he

later believes they would help the anti-abortion cause.

One abortion rights representative praised Hickey's decision to remove the posters, but she said questions whether he had a right to put them up in the first place.

"I still think it was improper for him to use public property to promote a private view," said Amanda Stukenberg, South Texans for Choice board member.

A member of Lay Maryans, an anti-abortion group that offers counseling and financial support to women considering abortion, said he also supported Hickey's decision.

"If that's his wish, to take those posters down, it's his own prerogative to do that. We thank him for taking a stand," said Manuel Garcia of Lay Maryans.

Texas Civil Liberties Union Legal Director Jim Harrington said the group was considering arguing in a lawsuit that Hickey was allowing only one viewpoint to be expressed on public property.

But if Hickey removes the posters, there will be no lawsuit, Harrington said.

District Court report

DISTRICT COURT

Civil

In the matter of the J.P. Osborne III trust — declaratory judgment.

Coronado Hospital vs. Leon H. Norton — suit on sworn account.

Coronado Hospital vs. Carol A. Beckham and husband, Rick Beckham — suit on sworn account.

Coronado Hospital vs. Harold Conner — suit on sworn account.

Coronado Hospital vs. Ann Rapstine — suit on sworn account.

Coronado Hospital vs. Thelma K. Scobee and husband, E.W. Scobee — suit on sworn account.

Coronado Hospital vs. Chanless D. Boren — suit on sworn account.

Coronado Hospital vs. Ruby Lee Eastland — suit on sworn account.

Citizens Bank and Trust Co. vs. Steven R. Price, D.O. — suit on note.

Coronado Hospital vs. Carlos Martinez, M.D. — suit on contract.

National Bank of Commerce vs. Robert Eberz — suit on note.

Service Fracturing Co. vs. Wilson Energy and JMW Resources Inc. — lien foreclosure.

Police arrest Pampa man in aggravated robbery case

A 39-year-old Pampa man remained in police custody late Saturday in connection with the aggravated robbery of a convenience store here.

According to a Pampa Police Department news release, a white male entered the Harvey Mart #2, 1001 E. Frederic, at 1:33 p.m. Saturday and laid a hatchet on the counter. The suspect then took a ham and left the store without paying for it.

J.C. Jeffries of 801 Gordon was arrested by police at his residence and placed in city jail, where he remained at press time Saturday night.

In an unrelated incident, John David Richards, 27, of Higgins was arrested in the 2500 block of Mary Ellen and charged with arson. He remained in city jail at press time Saturday.

City Fire Marshal Tom Adams said Saturday that the arrest stemmed from an incident that occurred in August 1989, and that another arrest was possible by Monday. Adams said more information concerning the arson investigation would be available at that time.

City briefs

FOR SALE 3 large bedrooms, 2 2/3 baths, dining room. 665-7457. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH fall merchandise. 50, 60 and 70% off. Select group purses 1/2 price. Belts and jewelry 75% off. Adv.

FREE FOOD - Super Bowl Party, Sunday, January 28, 1 p.m. Knight Lites, 618 W. Foster. 665-6482. Adv.

ACCENT BEAUTY Salon to lease, fully equipped, good location, traffic area. 669-2971, 669-9879. Adv.

HAIRBENDERS COMPLETE Hair care by Brenda and Vivian, Nails by Melyndia Dallas, Tanning by Wolfe. 316 S. Cuyler. 665-7117. Adv.

WHITE DEER Methodist Church fajita dinner. Sunday 11:30-2:00 \$5-\$3. White Deer Community Building. Adv.

TAX AND Bookkeeping Service. Glenda Brownlee, 665-0310, or 274-2142. Adv.

SUNDAY BUFFET 11-2. Coronado Inn. For reservations. 669-2506. Adv.

LOST DOG. Golden Retriever. "Sam" lost north of Alanreed on McClellan Creek. 779-2620. Adv.

FENCEWALKER will be at the City Limits Wednesday. Adv.

SCHWINN EXERCISE bicycle for sale \$95. 665-2091. Adv.

GYMNASTICS OF Pampa. Loop 171 N. Pre-School to competitive gymnastics. 669-2941, 665-0122. Adv.

MEALS ON WHEELS 669-1007, P.O. Box 939 Adv.

GORDON'S JEWELRY in Pampa Mall isn't leaving. We are just having a great sale up to 70% off. Adv.

HUGE CLEARANCE Sale at VJ's Pampa Mall. Adv.

BRASWELL DENTAL Clinic 1700 Duncan for sale, bargain. 669-0400. Adv.

EXPERIENCED SEAMSTRESS. Will do sewing formal, mens, womens, childrens. 665-2024. Adv.

ESA SORORITY Pecans \$4 per pound. Call 665-8057, 669-7673. Adv.

EMT CLASSES at Frank Phillips College starts February 6 thru May 22. Tuesday, Thursday evenings, 6-10 p.m. \$75 includes text and materials. 806-865-3675. Adv.

ADVERTISING, EFFECTIVE, Inexpensive. Flashing arrow and 4x4 foot changeable signs. Sign rentals and supplies. Pampa Sign Co. 806-669-7790. Adv.

SHAKLEE. DONNA Turner 2410 Evergreen. 665-6065. Adv.

KATIE AND Michael Fraser, Groom announce the birth of Tyler Jordan, born January 24th. Grandparents, Barbara, Clifford Fraser, Honey, RJ Kemp all of Groom. Great Grandparents Betty, Wilbur Kemp, Lefors, Royce Bond, San Angelo, Ruth Fraser, Groom.

SUPER BOWL Party Shrimp Boil. All you can eat! Easy's 2841 Perryton Parkway. Sunday 2:30 till 9. Adv.

AEROBIC CLASSES. Starting February 1. Texas Physical Rehabilitation. 912 Kentucky. \$15 per month, \$3 per class. Tuesday, Thursday mornings 10-11, and evenings 5:45-6:45. 669-0218. Adv.

ANGIE AND Dale Johnson, Cody and Coby welcome the arrival of Cory Dale, born January 17th. Proud Grandparents are LaLa and Buddy Patton, Pampa, Marvin Johnson, Canadian. Adv.

TAX AND Bookkeeping Service. 107 W. Foster. 665-7106, or after 5:30 883-3231 or 669-2113. Adv.

THE LOFT 201 N. Cuyler, Monday cheesy broccoli soup, quiche, all sandwiches with tea or coffee \$2.99. Last Day to be open under this management. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny and cool today with a high in the mid 40s and southwesterly winds at 10 to 20 mph. Warmer Monday, with a high in the low 50s.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Mostly sunny on Sunday. Clear Sunday night and sunny Monday. Colder most sections tonight, then warmer again by Monday. Highs Sunday 45 northern Panhandle to 55 far west and mid 60s Big Bend valleys. Lows Sunday night in the 20s except mid 30s Big Bend region. Highs Monday 53 Panhandle to 60 far west and near 70 Big Bend valleys.

North Texas — Mostly cloudy east with a chance of rain Sunday. Partly cloudy central and west with cooler temperatures. Partly cloudy Sunday night and Monday. Highs Sunday in low to mid 50s. Lows Sunday night in mid 20s northwest to upper 30s southeast. High Monday in mid 50s to near 60.

South Texas — Increasing clouds and cooler all but extreme south Sunday with a slight chance of showers southeast. Cloudy Sunday night and Monday with a chance of rain most sections. Lows Sunday

night in the 40s and 50s except in the 30s Hill Country to the 60s extreme south. Highs Sunday in the 50s and 60s except in the 70s extreme south. Highs Monday in the 50s except in the 60s south.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Tuesday through Thursday

West Texas — Mostly fair, warmer each day most areas. Panhandle: Highs mid 40s to low 50s. Lows low to mid 20s. South Plains: Highs low to upper 50s. Lows mid 20s. Permian Basin: Highs mid 50s to low 60s. Lows around 30. Concho Valley: Highs upper 50s to mid 60s. Lows low to mid 30s. Far West: Highs mid 50s to near 60. Low around 30. Big Bend: Highs upper 50s to mid 60s mountains and upper 60s to mid 70s lowlands. Lows in the 20s mountains and in the 30s lowlands.

North Texas — Partly cloudy Tuesday through Thursday. A chance of showers east Tuesday and east and central Wednesday. West: Lows in the 30s. Highs in the low 50s to low 60s. Central: Lows in the low 30s to low 40s. Highs in mid 50s to mid 60s. East: Lows in upper 30s to upper 40s. Highs in upper 50s to mid 60s.

South Central: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Tuesday and Wednesday. Decreasing clouds on Thursday. Lows Tuesday and Wednesday in the 40s, cooling into the 30s on Thursday. Highs in the 60s. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Tuesday and Wednesday. Decreasing clouds on Thursday. A little warmer Tuesday and Wednesday, then colder Thursday. Lows Tuesday in the 50s, warming into the 60s on Wednesday and falling back into the 50s on Thursday. Highs Tuesday and Wednesday in the 70s and cooling into the 60s on Thursday. Texas Coastal Bend: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Tuesday and Wednesday. Decreasing clouds on Thursday. A little warmer Tuesday and Wednesday, then colder Thursday. Lows in the 50s to near 60 Tuesday and Wednesday, cooling into the 40s on Thursday. Highs in the 70s Tuesday and Wednesday, cooling into the 60s on Thursday. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain each day. Lows Tuesday and Wednesday in the 40s to near 50, and in the 40s on Thursday. Highs in the 60s.

Bush announces another budget increase

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday announced another big increase in proposed spending — this time for Head Start — in a \$1.2 trillion 1991 budget he said was designed to provide "opportunity for all."

At the same time, however, economists were saying the optimistic deficit projections underpinning Bush's spending plan were threatened by signs of a weakening economy.

The anemic 0.5 percent growth in the gross national product reported Friday for the final three months of 1989 could make meeting the new budget's deficit-reduction goals all but impossible, some analysts contended.

From proposed increases in spending for wildlife and recreation to tougher terms for home-buying military veterans, details of Bush's budget were sprouting all over official Washington in advance of Monday's official release of the spending plan for the year beginning Oct. 1.

Bush himself was anything but tight-lipped, announcing some of the increases himself and telling the U.S. Conference of Mayors that his budget would "build on prosperity" and "together we can create opportunity for all."

One day after unveiling the anti-drug portion of his budget, calling for a spending increase of \$1.1 billion, he proposed what he hailed as "the largest increase ever" for Head Start, a \$500 million gain for the preschool program for disadvantaged youths.

Administration officials say the budget will re-propose much of Bush's "unfinished agenda" from 1989. According to administration and congressional officials, the budget will include these highlights:

— No new general tax hikes and a renewal of Bush's call for a lower capital gains tax rate, a tax credit for adoptions and for child care.

— Increased spending for environmental, education and drug programs but a \$8.5 million slash in Medicare funds, and a requirement that veterans for the first time be required to make down payments of 4 percent on VA home loans as small as \$25,000.

— The most austere Pentagon budget in more than a decade. Bush will propose \$292 billion in new outlays, up only slightly from current spending. However, the budget will include a request for increased spending on the Strategic Defense Initiative to \$4.8 billion, up from \$3.8 billion this year.

— A massive tree-planting program to help combat global warming and an appeal to developers not to clear-cut new tracts but to leave as many original trees standing as possible. Bush also has promised support for elevating the Environmental Protection Agency to Cabinet status.

— Sharp cuts in a variety of energy-conservation programs, including \$350 million from a program that helps poor people pay their heating bills and \$161 million from one that helps them weatherize their homes.

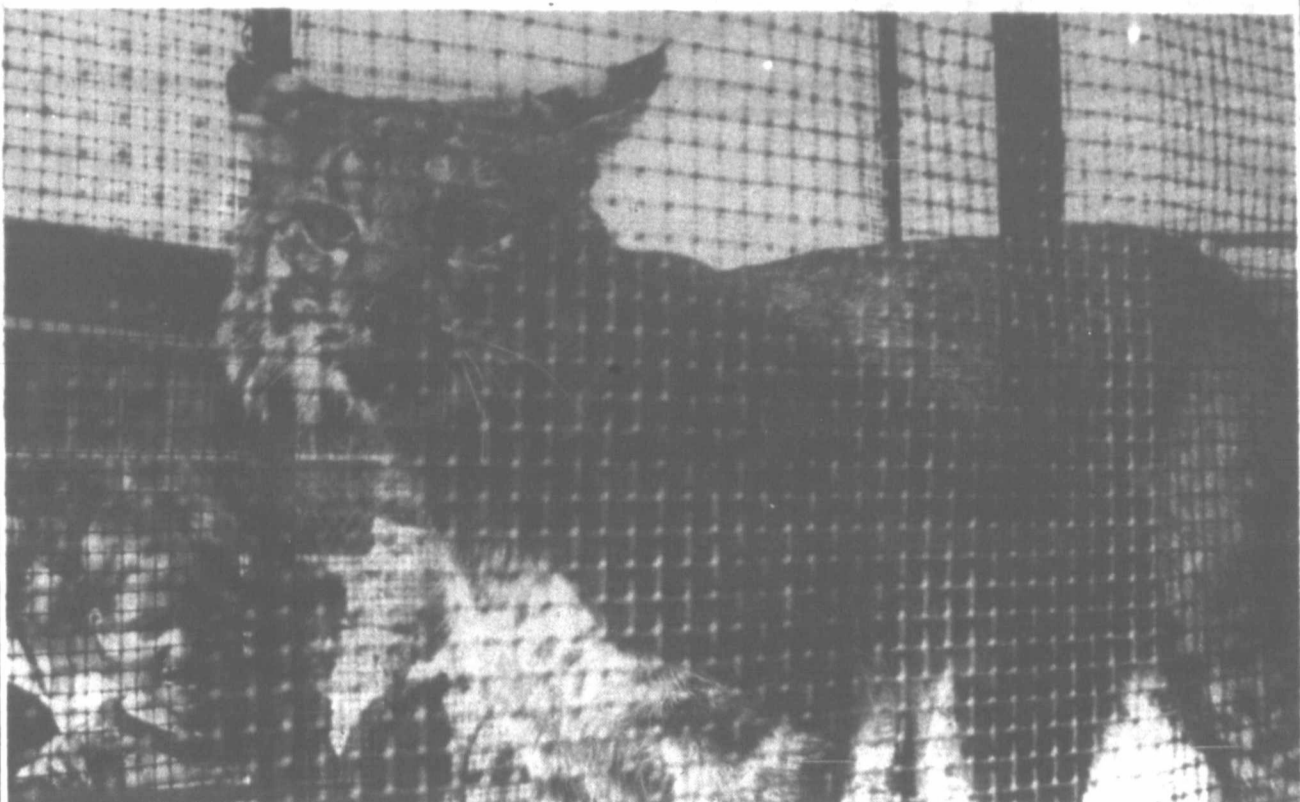
— An increase in federal spending for education by \$500 million over this year's level of \$24.1 billion — but coupled with cuts in the Pell Grant program that would knock 14,000 college students off the rolls and cut stipends for another 1.3 million.

— A new "family savings account" that would allow people to earn tax-free interest and dividends on money that is squirreled away for at least seven years — with contributions of up to \$5,000 per year per family.

But even as the ink was drying on the final budgets to come off the presses, a new government economic report raised fresh doubts about the administration's assertions that the Bush budget would lower the federal deficit to \$64 billion, as required by the Gramm-Rudman budget balancing law.

The budget deficit was \$152 billion last year and administration economists estimate it will decline to around \$100 billion this year.

Bobcat at school



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Students at Lefors Independent School District got a close up view Friday of this bobcat trapped near Lefors on Monday by Jerry Swires. Swires and his wife, Sherry, thought the cat would be a good show-and-tell subject for the students.

Anti-abortion protesters rally at state Capitol

AUSTIN (AP) — Anti-abortion protesters rallied Saturday at the Capitol, saying last summer's U.S. Supreme Court ruling marked the start of a long political struggle at statehouses across the nation for tighter abortion restrictions.

"We are still dealing with abortion on demand in all 50 states," said Olivia Gans, director of American Victims of Abortion.

The Supreme Court's ruling in Webster vs. Missouri allows states to regulate abortion. "It didn't take away abortion on demand," said Ms. Gans, who said she had an abortion in 1981.

Rally organizers estimated the crowd from between 8,000 to 10,000, but Capitol police said approximately 1,500 people showed up.

Demonstrators carried signs saying, "Let my people grow," "What about the baby's choice," and "Abortion: A doctor's right to make a killing."

Speakers told the crowd that the pro-choice position erodes a woman's rights.

"Abortion makes it easier for men to sexually exploit women and to free themselves from the responsibilities of caring for children," said Maurine McLean, a member of the Feminists for Life of America.

"The abortion mentality supports the view of woman as sex machine. She can be used and vacuumed out to be used again," Ms. McLean said.

"When you talk about the freedom to choose, there's only one choice at hand," said Gans of Washington, D.C. "It's the choice between a live baby and a dead baby," she said.

Gans said anti-abortion advocates are unjustly criticized for remaining silent on health care funding for children in need.

Quayle on fence-mending trip in Latin America

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press Writer

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Vice President Dan Quayle began his fence-mending trip to Latin America Saturday by assuring leaders that the last of the U.S. forces who invaded Panama will leave that country within weeks.

Quayle's first stop was the Honduran capital, where he had breakfast with Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani. Both leaders were in Honduras to attend the inauguration of Rafael Callejas, the Nationalist Party leader who won last November's presidential election.

Details of the meeting with Cristiani were not immediately known. But it had been expected that the two would talk about economic policy, human rights in El Salvador and progress on the investigation into the slaying of six Jesuit priests. Cristiani's government has arrested and charged a group of military officers in the case.

Quayle said Friday he expected to listen to objections from the Latin leaders, especially President Carlos

Andres Perez of Venezuela, who are upset that much of the U.S. force remains from the Dec. 20 invasion of Panama.

The vice president also scheduled private meetings Saturday with leaders of Guatemala, Belize, Venezuela and Costa Rica, who were at the inauguration.

Quayle said he hoped for a positive reception from the Latin leaders, but conceded the bitter taste left by the invasion. But Quayle said en route that he believes he can assure them the troops will soon be gone.

He predicted it will be a matter of "weeks rather than months" before the troop strength is back to the normal 12,000 from the high of 26,000 that were there for the invasion.

"I hope the reception is a good one," Quayle told reporters before leaving Friday. "My message will be one of friendship, consultation, where do we go from here. How do we build democracy in Panama. How do we build democracy in our Western Hemisphere."

Saturday night, Quayle was to fly on to Panama where he will meet Sunday with U.S.-installed

President Guillermo Endara and will watch the Super Bowl on TV with U.S. forces.

Quayle will discuss with Endara the details of Bush's new \$1 billion aid package to help Panama recover from invasion damage.

Bush announced the package Thursday, and on Friday he took another step to help boost Panama's economy, which was devastated by economic sanctions against the regime of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega and by government corruption.

Bush told Congress Friday that Panama is now cooperating in international anti-drug efforts and requested a resolution enabling Panama to receive benefits withheld as part of the U.S. economic sanctions aimed at toppling Noriega.

The administration moved the drug certification up from its scheduled review in March as part of its effort to bolster the Endara government.

Governments that are deemed uncooperative on the drug front cannot receive certain U.S. preferential benefits.

Drawing places



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Gray County Democratic Party Chairman John Warner, center, holds the hat Friday for the drawing of places on the ballot in the only contested race in the Democratic primary in Gray County. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 candidate Margie Prestidge drew place one on the ballot and her opponent Wayne Roberts, the incumbent, will appear second on the ballot.

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Pampan

"There were a few snipers along the way, but no one was hit. They hit the vehicle and a couple of water jugs," he remembers.

Twice while in Panama, Thurman's company was involved in an ambush by members of the Panamanian Defense Force (PDF). One came at them from the left, the other was a V-shaped move designed to leave no survivors.

Fortunately, Thurman came out of both ambushes unscathed. One person from his unit and his platoon sergeant suffered flesh wounds, he recalls. But many of the PDF died.

He was left with another snapshot — and a bloody one this time.

"It was sad to see people who had given their lives for what they believed in, even if it was wrong — Noriega," Thurman says.

Counteracting that experience, however, were the people of Panama who bravely came to the aid of the Americans.

Thurman tells how one American parachuted through the roof of a house.

The occupants took his uniform, gave him some of their clothes and hid him from the PDF who were looking for him. He was hidden from house to house until he worked his way back to his unit, Thurman says.

"They would tell us they was bad and who was good. They'd be friendly and waving, letting us in to search their homes. Of course, what

are you going to do when you have several armed soldiers on your porch?" Thurman adds.

He remembers taking in one prisoner who looked at the people who turned him in and said, "In a few weeks, they (the Americans) will be gone and I'll still be here."

"They really were brave to do that," Thurman says.

On Jan. 12, Thurman parachuted in to Fort Bragg, rolled over and kissed the sand. "It was wonderful," he says, laughing.

Soon after, he and his buddies received a four-day leave that was spent doing some serious celebrating. They had Christmas, New Year's and Thurman's 26th birthday to catch up on.

Undergirding him throughout the invasion were the prayers and support of the people of Panama, Thurman claims. He believes that their prayers, which he said he clearly felt, along with the Lord's help, are what protected him through the ambushes.

"I very much and sincerely appreciate every prayer and every thought that passed through people's minds about me," he says. Other members of his platoon became jealous as each day brought a stack of mail three to four inches high for Thurman.

"I got letters from people I hadn't communicated with since I graduated from high school. People just came out of the woodwork," he says. "It made me feel like — yeah! — I'm from Pampa, Texas."

"It really lifted me. I knew somebody back home cared and I

was there for a reason," he adds. "I felt pride that I was doing something, that I was part of something that was good."

But this same experience gave him greater compassion for other veterans of foreign wars, particularly the Vietnam vets.

"I know I only had a small tip of the iceberg compared to what they did," he says. "I had the support of the people (of Panama) and the people back home — they did not. I'll never look at *Tour of Duty* or shows like that the same way ever again."

"I learned how ugly war is. How real it is," Thurman says. "But I also have great respect for people, like the Romanians, who are fighting, giving their lives, for freedom."

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Revco announces plan to sell 712 of its stores

CLEVELAND (AP) — Revco D.S. Inc., the first big company to seek bankruptcy-court refuge from debts incurred in a leveraged buyout, announced plans to sell 712 of its 1,873 stores in a costly restructuring.

The company, one of the country's largest drugstore chains with a work force of 26,800 people, said it would refocus on operations in Eastern states where sales are strongest.

Locations targeted for divestiture include 712 Revco drugstores currently operating: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, western Tennessee, and Texas.

"The strategic advantages of restructuring operations have become increasingly clear over time," said Gregory K. Raven, chief financial officer for the company based in Twinsburg, Ohio, a

Cleveland suburb. "Internal and external analyses agree — this is what's best for Revco."

Its announcement to shrink by more than a third came against a background of growing alarm about the consequences of the 1980s debt-financed takeover tactic known as the leveraged buyout or LBO.

Earlier this month, Toronto-based Campeau Corp., owner of many famous U.S. department stores, sought Chapter 11 protection because it couldn't make payments on the multibillion-dollar debts incurred to buy the stores over the last three years.

Revco's drugstores will now join many of Campeau's department stores on the auction block.

Revco filed for Chapter 11 pro-

tection from creditors back in July 1988, about a month after it failed to make an interest payment on about \$700 million in outstanding high-risk junk bonds used to finance its \$1.5 billion management-led LBO in 1986.

It was the first major LBO to seek the sanctuary of bankruptcy court to untangle its finances.

To cover the cost of the restructuring announced Friday, Revco said it would take a record \$230 million charge against earnings in its third fiscal quarter, which will end Feb. 10.

The company intends to open discussions with potential buyers for 712 of its drugstores. Any sales are subject to bankruptcy court approval.

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Opinion

Bush wants to let competition reign

President Bush is expected to propose curtailing one of the major obstacles to American competitiveness: anti-trust laws. American companies are often prevented from working together to combat tough foreign competitors, thereby curtailing both domestic sales and exports. In contrast, most other countries have lax anti-trust laws.

Anti-trust laws were established supposedly to help consumers against big monopolies. But monopolies never last, except when established by some government action. The OPEC oil monopoly of the 1970s existed largely because of the price controls imposed by President Nixon in 1971, which restricted the market. But when President Reagan ended the controls in 1981, OPEC became largely irrelevant; since 1981 oil prices have dropped to about half what they were when "controlled."

In practice, a monopoly is effectively impossible to keep. If one is established (without government coercion, that is), its success brings out competitors who want to cash in on the profit bonanza.

The Bush administration now seems to be aware of these realities. Earlier this month the White House floated a package of ideas to increase American companies' ability to compete against the foreign competition. Among them: relaxing anti-trust laws. American companies would be allowed to come together to manufacture products. President Bush must still give his final approval for the proposal, but he will probably include it in his Jan. 30 State of the Union address.

Such a proposal might, for example, allow American car makers to combine to build "super cars," as the Japanese call them, to compete directly with Mercedes, BMW, and Toyota's new Lexus and Nissan's new Infiniti. There is obviously no concern of an American monopoly in this field, inasmuch as Americans aren't involved in it at all. But under current law they cannot even talk to one another about starting a super-car project.

The Bush administration also seems to be aware that American competitiveness depends on reducing the costs of doing business here. Bush has promised to reintroduce his proposal to cut capital gains taxes from 33 percent to 15 percent, although that's still a much greater drag on capital than Japan's zero percent tax.

Another proposal is for a new tax-free savings account for money left in the bank 10 years. This is a wonderful idea that would give common investors a strong incentive to save, with much of the money being invested by banks to build and expand local businesses.

The 20 percent temporary research tax credit may also be made permanent. This is especially needed now that the defense budget, which funnels billions into research, is being slashed. Texas definitely needs this tax credit, as our economy's defense industries shrink and high-tech industries grow.

Bush reportedly likes the lable of an "activist" president. That's fine, provided he's active not in imposing new government controls, but in reducing them.

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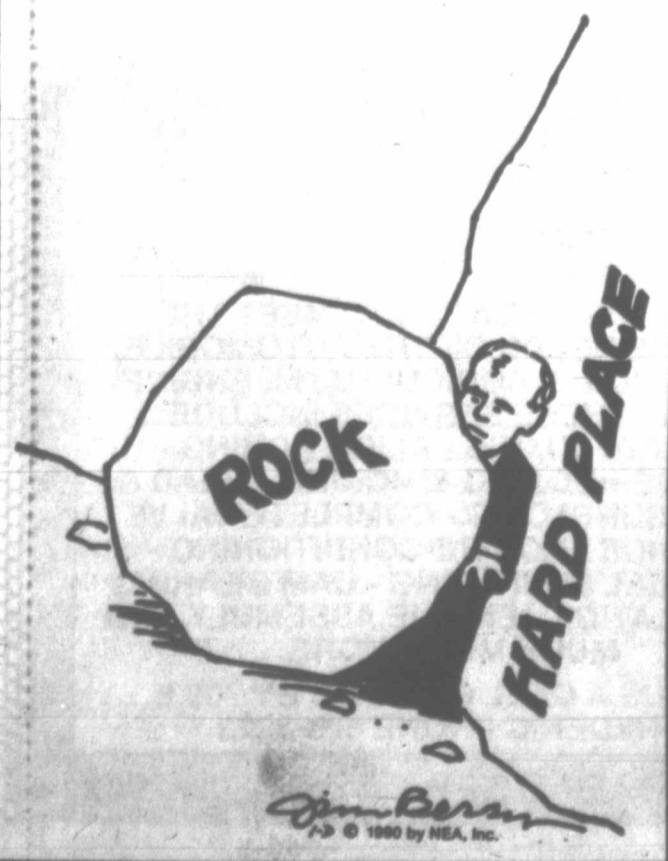
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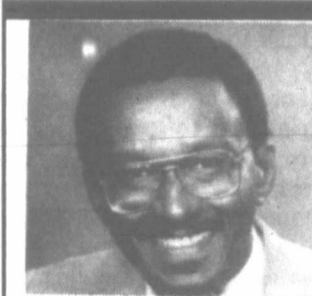
Giant snow job now melting

Intellectuals and other elite have been pulling a giant snow job on Americans since the end of World War II. Communism, we were told, was the wave of the future; it was more humane than capitalism; it was a worker's paradise. When President Ronald Reagan denounced the Soviet Union and its empire as the focal point of world evil, he aroused a storm of elite protest and was accused of warmongering.

The maliciousness of communism can no longer be concealed. People who've lived under communism are putting their lives on the line, openly giving it a thumbs down.

We wonder how long the brutal regimes of Red China, North Korea and Cuba can hold out. We wonder how long Africans, particularly those struggling against South Africa's apartheid, will view communism as their savior. We also wonder how much longer Marxist college professors in the United States will attempt to indoctrinate our youth with the "wonders" of communism before the students walk out en masse.

It took World War II for the world to recognize that Nazism is inherently evil. Recent events have demonstrated that communism is also inherently evil. But the big lesson is for naught if we see the evils of Nazism and communism as residing only in despicable characters like Hitler, Stalin, Castro, Ceausescu, Mao Zedong, their henchmen. While it's true that in most political systems the scum



Walter Williams

risers to the top, the larger question is: How does such a brutal system evolve in the first place?

The throne upon which most tyrants sit is custom built by decent people — people, like many of us in America, who pine for "social justice." For them, justice is not measured by a neutral rule-of-law process, whereby the law treats all equally, and government officials are not above the law. For them, justice is determined by a particular set of societal results; their language consists of terms like social responsibility, social goals and targets.

High on their agenda is income. People differ; some have mental, physical or entrepreneurial talents whereby they earn more than others. Politically generated envy causes some to fall easy prey to demagogues who convince them they have less income because someone else has more.

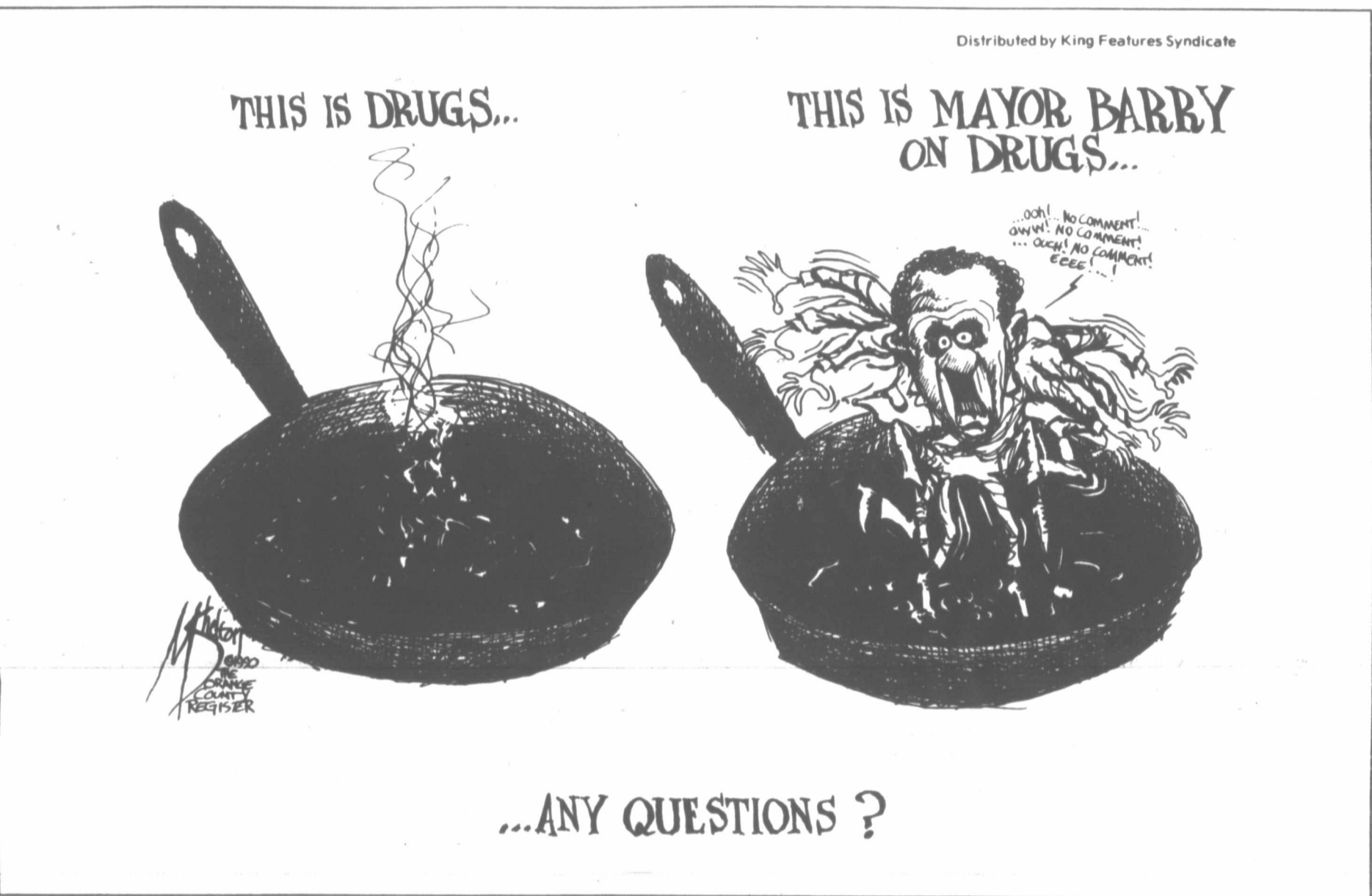
Politicians are given carte blanc permission to confiscate income in the name of promoting social

justice. The leading items on the political agenda are attacks on private property and calls for expanded government power. That's why the principles of private property and limited government are an abomination to tyrants everywhere, whether in the Soviet Union, Red China or the U.S. Congress.

Once socialist goal are established — whether it's income equality, agriculture or steel output targets, or socialized medicine — private property rights and individual liberty are seen as impediments. If they stand in the way of the socialist agenda, they must be brutally suppressed. Decent people lack the ruthlessness required to attain their goals; therefore, the scum which has risen to the top take over and do the dirty work, often going to unforeseen lengths.

Communism is inherently evil because individual liberty and property rights are suppressed while government power is unlimited. Individual liberty stands in permanent irreconcilable conflict with its goals. This was seen by Alexis de Tocqueville, who said: "Socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude."

The learned editors at *Time* magazine designated Gorbachev as "Man of the Decade" when all he's done is not stamp the iron boot (so far) on the people's thirst for liberty. They might have designated Adolf Hitler in his time had the German people rebelled against the Nazi oppression.



For sale: One used ski outfit

I used to go skiing about this time each year, despite the fact that natives of the Deep South know their way around snow much the same as a rhinoceros knows its way around roller skates.

It used to cost me quite a bit of money to go skiing. After buying ski pants and ski socks and ski jackets and ski sweaters and ski underwear, I still had to buy a plane ticket that would fly me 2,000 miles to some expensive ski resort out West.

Then I had to rent skis and boots and buy lift tickets.

All this to have the opportunity to stand atop a mountain in subzero temperatures trembling in fear as I tried to figure out how I could get to the bottom to thaw out without killing or maiming myself, not to mention what might happen to others who came into my path.

It would have been simpler, and cheaper, to have gotten a root canal. I could have had the same amount of fun.

The reason I began skiing in the first place is I am gullible.

My friend said, "Why don't you go skiing with me? You'll love it."

I believed him. I really believed I would go skiing and fall in love with it and become a great skier



Lewis Grizzard

and change my name to Lars Earl. (You know how Southerners like double first names.)

I didn't love skiing after I tried it once, but I have continued to ski because I thought it would get easier and more comfortable.

Wrong again. The hassle factor in the sport of skiing never eased for me.

First there were the boots. Ski boots weigh approximately the same as a Honda.

It takes the better part of an hour to get them on because of the number of straps and buckles that have to be fastened.

Walking in a pair of ski boots is another matter. The next time you watch *Cool Hand Luke*, notice how easily the prisoners move with a ball and

chain and you will know what it is like to attempt to walk in a pair of ski boots.

Then comes the lift, which is what you ride to the top of the mountain in order to ski back down it.

There is always a long line waiting on the lift. And I always got on with somebody who weighed 600 pounds and made the lift chair lean dangerously.

Once I tried to get off a lift with a 400 pound ski bunny sitting next to me. She fell during her dismount and landed on top of me.

Skiing can be embarrassing, too. I never fell when I was off on some distant run. I always fell either in the lift line or directly under the lift, so I always had an audience, which inevitably included small children, from places like Utah and Colorado, who would point and laugh at me.

All this to say I'm not going to return to the slopes as usual this winter. As a matter of fact, I'm never going skiing again.

The bother isn't worth it. And snow ain't my style.

Ol' Lars Earl here has hung up his boots for good.

See you where the sun shines.

Lithuanians have earned independence

By VINCENT CARROLL

What will the world think if *Time* magazine's Man of the Decade cracks down on Lithuania's independence movement and refuses to let that nation secede from the Soviet Union? Will political observers react with appropriate horror, viewing the suppression as a Soviet version of Tiananmen Square?

Perhaps, but don't bet on it. For a clue to the possible response, consider the reaction when the Polish military crushed Solidarity in 1981. According to many writers then, that upstart union more or less deserved its fate. Here are three examples of their appalling analysis.

"There remains a nagging feeling that the union overplayed its hand; it sought too much ..." opined *Newsweek* in December 1981.

"The view that Solidarity went too far has been echoed by some respected Western observers and commentators," said *Time* in February 1982.

"Nor does it do," declared Sydney Lenis in *The Nation*, "... to express uncritical praise for Solidarity and its leaders."

In short, a surprising number of observers identified with the dilemma of the Polish government as readily as they embraced the aspirations of Poland's workers. Solidarity had been making things very hot for the communists that year, a pre-Gorbachev era when the Soviet Union's tolerance for such turmoil was very much in doubt. Solidarity was given an inch, promptly demanded a mile, and some Westerners couldn't understand why it hadn't been satisfied.

Today Gorbachev finds himself in a tight spot, too in many ways more ticklish than anything faced by the Polish communists. If he permits Lithuania to secede, what next? Estonia and Latvia will want out, too, and the snowball will grow, gathering Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia, Moldavia and who knows what other countries in its wake.

Unless Gorbachev is prepared to preside over a rump Russian republic of 150 million or so citizens — a large and powerful country, to be sure, but no longer a superpower — how can he blithely bid Lithuania goodbye?

It is easy to sympathize with Gorbachev's plight, especially if one buys *Time*'s argument that he is "the Copernicus, Darwin and Freud of communism all wrapped in one. ... the communist pope and the Soviet Martin Luther, the apparachik as Magellan and McLuhan."

Gorbachev himself pleaded with Lithuanians along these lines during his recent visit to their land: I made your movement possible, he said, and "my personal fate is linked to this choice" — meaning their choice of whether to secede.

Perhaps Gorbachev is right, and maybe that fact will drive him to turn his back on glasnost. Or perhaps it will provoke a KGB or military Putsch against him, ushering in another night of Brezhnevism. In

either case, we should not lose sight of the true nobility in this drama.

Gorbachev is undoubtedly brave and probably sincere, but then so are the millions of Lithuanians who defy him.

And they are the people oppressed by the Soviet state, not Gorbachev. He does them no favor by treating them with respect and loosening their bonds to Moscow. They have deserved such treatment for more than 40 years.

Gorbachev now faces the familiar dilemma of a relatively humane ruler who follows decades of soulless despotism.

He wants to undo an abominable system, but if he proceeds, he may trip a brutal reaction from hard-liners hankering for the past. And if he halts reform on his own, he becomes just one more link in the chain of oppression.

In either event, let us not forget, it will not be the Lithuanians' fault.

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Letters to the editor

Maybe it's time to change cable

To the editor:

A few months ago, I decided it was about time that I had some kind of guide to Channel 15 which Sammons cable system carries. No one in the cable office had ANY idea of how to get one, not even an address!

I asked for the manager, and he said such a guide was offered by Turner, he thought. While I had him on the line, I asked WHEN we were going to have all these NEW face-liftings to our system. I was informed that the cable would ONLY be able to do so once the city renewed its contract!!

I pointed out that we have been promised these "better" services and programs EVERY TIME just before the contract is to be renewed. Our cable system is called a "primitive" system by the services in the Dallas area. I was told this by a businessman who came to see me from Dallas.

I was upset when I hung up, as the cable raised our monthly charge last year. I decided that it did not seem to be much use to protest. I DID write a letter to the editor. I also sent a letter to the Dallas headquarters. The raise last year was to \$12.31. This was after the following article appeared in *The Pampa News*:

"We are facing some difficult decisions this year [1988]. Should we continue to bring the best programming available to your cable, even if it means raising the rates several dollars a month over the next few years? We're interested in your opinion. [Ha!] As technology continues to grow, we will have a great deal of high-quality programming available BUT it will only be available for some higher priced rates. If you would like to share your thoughts, we welcome you to drop a note to: Sammons Communications P.R. Department, P.O. Box 15216, Dallas, Texas 75201."

The above is as it appeared in *The News*. So, NOW, I am protesting because I have just been sent payment coupons noting another raise of the cable rates to \$13.91!!! On top of this, I "happened" to see an ad on Channel 15 by the Turner Broadcasting system concerning a guide to the channel. I copied the address and enclosed a check for \$9.95, which was to cover 12 guides for a year. TWO months later I had still NOT received any guide though my check had been cashed. After another month, I wrote to the same address and mentioned the Better Business Bureau and still did not receive a guide till three weeks later. That was the first guide. The second was two weeks late, and I have NEVER received another.

After another unsuccessful talk with personnel at the cable office, who still have no idea how to help, I decided to protest long and loud!

I know many others who are unhappy with the Sammons system. I have tried to be reasonable, but, having been with the cable since it first came to Pampa, I had thought the system would streamline its services. Instead, we are told that "they" cannot get rid of certain interference because of this or that! Even Amarillo has better service, and I wonder how we ever came to be saddled by a system as lacking as Sammons.

We of Pampa have made several changes in the last year for the best, and I am wondering IF maybe we should change cable system. I encourage all to write

to the above address in Dallas.
I am a DISGUSTED customer.
Rev. Earl Meaker
Pampa

Church broadcast enjoyed by many

To the editor:

This letter is in response to C.P.'s letter to the editor on Sunday, Jan. 21, regarding the removing of Sunday evening services of First Baptist Church from cable TV.

I am 81 years old and not a Baptist. I attend church services Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night at my own church. Our Sunday evening services conclude by 7 p.m., and I hurry home in order to enjoy the inspirational music led by John Glover and the uplifting messages given by Darrel Rains, a man who preaches the Word of God without fear or favor.

I know of many elderly people, homebound or in nursing homes, who look forward to the services of First Baptist Church on Sunday evening — their only opportunity to attend a worship service. Why would anyone want to be so selfish as to prevent these people from having that opportunity for Christian fellowship via television cable?

Anabel Simmons
Pampa

She's offended by awards show

To the editor:

I am offended by the profanity and near-nudity displayed on the American Music Awards broadcast on KVVU-TV, ABC Television, on Monday, Jan. 22, 1990.

If you too are offended, please join me in writing to Dick Clark productions and registering a complaint against this type of conduct, and asking for an apology.

The address is as follows:
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Pampa needs help against drug dealers

To the editor:

Pampa needs your help. The people selling drugs to our young people are rotating from house to house every two or three weeks.

The residents of Pampa, when spotting high traffic at residential homes, need to write down car tag numbers and take pictures, if possible. This needs to be delivered to the drug enforcement officers. Because drug dealers move so fast, no one can keep up with them.

This comes from a caring, taxpaying grandfather and grandmother who want to help clean up Pampa.
Grandparents Against Drugs
Pampa

Judge orders Noriega held without bond

By RICHARD COLE
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — A federal judge ordered deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega held without bond Friday after his attorneys asked that their client be declared a prisoner of war and transferred to a neutral country.

Prosecutors listed homes, bank deposits, sports cars and other assets worth up to \$30 million, including \$5.8 million in cash found in Noriega's Panama ranch, to bolster their argument that Noriega would flee the country if necessary.

They also said Noriega is an expert in counterterrorism and covert actions and still has a loyal band of armed followers.

"Mr. Noriega is an extraordinary danger to the community," prosecutor Myles Malman told U.S. District Judge William Hoeveler. He also said Noriega faces 145 years in prison.

Hoeveler, noting the defense's refusal to participate in the bond hearing, said he had no choice but to order Noriega, 51, held without bond.

Defense attorney Frank Rubino, opened the hearing by telling the judge the defense would not participate because it challenges the jurisdiction of the U.S. court system and his client is covered by the Geneva Convention.

Noriega sat quietly nearby in military uniform listening with interpreters' headphones. The motion said Noriega in a letter delivered Friday morning to President Bush and the secretary of state

"claimed the status of prisoner of war pursuant to the Geneva Convention."

"There can be absolutely no question, whatsoever, that the invasion of Panama by the United States military totally and completely fulfills the definition of armed conflict," Rubino said, reading from the motion.

Hoeveler did not consider the motion immediately and Malman began his arguments against bond in the hearing stemming from the February 1988 drug indictment.

Malman promised the government would show that Noriega has a \$400,000 condominium in Paris, and that \$5,800,000 in cash was found in envelopes marked "confidential" in his three-story home in Panama. The prosecution also introduced photos of deposit slips showing that Noriega's 17-year-old daughter deposited \$1.3 million in Panamanian banks in September 1989.

"The U.S. government has frozen \$20 million in Noriega assets — \$4.8 million in Luxembourg, \$2.3 million in France, \$8 million in Switzerland, \$1.6 million in Austria and \$3.5 million in other accounts that we do not wish to disclose at this time," Malman said.

The prosecution maintained that Noriega also transferred about \$19 million from his account at Bank of Credit and Commerce International's London branch to its Luxembourg branch a week after the indictment was unsealed. It was not clear whether the deposits and

seizures were duplicated in the prosecution's listings.

In addition to the vast sums Noriega was said to have deposited overseas, Malman said Noriega also had friends in countries at odds with the United States, including Cuba and Libya.

Asked by Hoeveler at the end of the session if he wished to rebut prosecution arguments, Rubino replied by reciting Noriega's name, rank and serial number — 0001.

The defense motion had noted that "Noriega, in his capacity as chief of state and commander in chief of the Panamanian Defense Forces, was recognized as the leader of the Republic of Panama by the United Nations, the Organization of American States and independent governments in this hemisphere and throughout the world."

The defense contends that an international tribunal, perhaps the World Court at The Hague or Geneva, must automatically be invoked by Noriega's alleged POW status.

Soviet forces discover weapons arsenal, capture Azerbaijani nationalist leaders

By MARK J. PORUBCANSKY
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet forces found a weapons arsenal and captured Azerbaijani nationalist leaders accused of trying to seize control of the tense republic, Soviet media said Saturday.

Forty leaders of extremist groups allegedly linked to the nationalist Azerbaijani People's Front were being held, *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said, quoting Lt. Col. A. Sorokovikh, a police official.

The daily *Trud* said more than 1,000 uniforms and a large cache of arms were found in the front's headquarters. The newspaper said that some leaders of the front had gone underground and were preparing "new mass disorders."

The Tass news agency said that Rakhmi Gadzhiev, identified as one of the leaders of the front, had been arrested.

Nearly 150 people were detained overnight in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku by Soviet troops, who intervened last week in an effort to quell ethnic bloodshed between Christian Armenians and Moslem Azerbaijanis.

Defense Minister Dmitri T. Yazov told Soviet journalists in Baku on Friday that troops were forced to enter Jan. 19 because nationalists were trying to take control of the republic. Earlier reports had suggested the occupation was designed to stop attacks on minority Armenians in Baku.

Also Friday, Baltic activists said Azerbaijani and Armenian representatives tentatively agreed to negotiate their ethnic dispute next week in Riga, Latvia.

However, Romaldus Razhukas, a director of the Latvian People's Front, said in a telephone interview from Riga that the Azerbaijanis will hold direct talks only if the Armenians renounce their claim to part of Azerbaijan's territory.



(AP Laserphoto)

Soviet troops surround a resident of the Azerbaijani capital of Baku in one of their patrols through the city.

The Armenians have demanded that the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, a predominantly Armenian enclave, be united with Armenia. The Azerbaijanis want to limit the talks to refugees, humanitarian issues and securing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Activists in the Baltic republics have something of a stake in peacefully resolving the ethnic strife in Azerbaijan. They fear that the continued use of force by Moscow could set the stage for similar intervention in their own pro-independence republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

Tass said Saturday it is becoming more difficult to find housing for growing numbers of refugees from Azerbaijan. It did not give the nationalities of the refugees, but in recent days more Russians have been fleeing in the face of growing

anti-Russian tension.

Baku, the scene of heavy fighting earlier in the week, was reported to be calmer Saturday. Stores were beginning to open, although there were shortages and long lines, *Trud* reported. Strikes continued to paralyze the region with 400 enterprises at a standstill in Baku alone, *Komsomolskaya Pravda* reported.

The Soviet military intervened after Azerbaijani extremists began killing Armenians living in Baku on Jan. 13. The military raid has drawn criticism and support in the country and abroad as President Mikhail S. Gorbachev struggles with perhaps the most difficult of the nation's many crises.

In remarks published by the government newspaper *Izvestia*, Yazov appeared to stress that controlling the political situation was the reason for the Soviet military action.

Two editors and a lady tabloid news in London

By ROBERT BARR
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — When the editor of *The Sunday Times* sues the former editor of *The Sunday Telegraph* for libel, fascinating issues are aired in court.

Does it behoove "hommes serieux" to be seen in nightclubs? Should two editors pursue the same woman? If a bimette is a younger bimbo, then what is an "aging bimette?"

Those issues arose this past week as Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, waged his libel suit against Peregrine Worsthorne, former editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*.

It's jam for the tabloids, of course, but the usually sober quality papers also are enjoying a wallow in a case rife with the personal and professional passions of Fleet Street, London's historic newspaper district.

Neil alleges that Worsthorne and *The Sunday Telegraph* falsely implied that he knew that Pamela Bordes, his girlfriend for four months in 1988, was a prostitute.

Miss Bordes, a former Miss India, was a low-paid researcher in the House of Commons a year ago when a tabloid broke the story of her other life.

That created a hot market for photos of Miss Bordes, including one of her on the dance floor with Neil and another of her holding hands with Neil's Sunday competitor, Donald Treford, editor of *The Observer*. In an editorial titled "Playboys as Editors" in the March 19 *Sunday Telegraph*, Worsthorne thundered that "anybody who finds the company of bimbos... indispensable to their professional fulfillment might do well to conclude that editorial chairs were not designed for them."

Neil, a stocky, 40-year-old bachelor, alleges that the editorial, a cartoon and a subsequent article by another writer falsely implied that he knew that his girlfriend was a prostitute.

The principals in the case are all well-acquainted. Rupert Murdoch owns *The Sunday Times* as well as *The News of the World*, which broke the Bordes story. After Worsthorne's editorial, Neil acknowledged, *The Sunday*

Times had tried to hire him, and it has hired the author of the other *Sunday Telegraph* article cited in the suit.

The defendants say Worsthorne's editorial was fair comment and not, as opposing counsel suggested, "an overwritten piece of humbug."

"Newspapers are not in the business of being particularly tolerant or understanding about public figures when they get into a scandal," testified Worsthorne, a patrician figure with flowing silver hair.

Neil met Miss Bordes at a club called Tramp, which the 66-year-old Worsthorne regards as no fit milieu for the editor of *The Sunday Times*.

It is not a place where one is apt to meet the archbishop of Canterbury, the prime minister "or even an archdeacon," Worsthorne said, but a place where most men go "for one reason — to pick up girls." At least, he said on cross-examination, that's why he used to go to nightclubs.

Editors, Worsthorne said, once were "hommes serieux," serious men who frequented "learned seminars, European chancelleries, establishment dinners."

Neil said he had become aware that the 52-year-old Treford also was interested in Miss Bordes, but Neil warned Treford away "because I thought no newspaper could resist a story of two editors and the same woman."

After a headline in *The Sun*, Murdoch's big-selling daily, called Treford "Dirty Don," Treford publicly wondered why there was no mention of "Randy Andy" Neil.

The Sun made amends with Thursday's screamer headline:

"DIRTY DON TRIED TO PULL MY PAM SAYS RANDY ANDY"

Earlier in the week, Mr. Justice Michael Davis was puzzled by the terminology in the gossip columns. "Mr. Neil," the judge interjected, "we heard yesterday the word bimbo. I presume a bimette is a young bimbo. But can you help us? What is an 'aging bimette?'"

Neil said he did not know. Worsthorne was at least prepared to define a bimbo: "An obviously very attractive young girl who tends to bat her eyelids and has a very attractive frontal — whatever the correct word is."

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Landfills

of Big Brother or ogre," Hopson said of regulations that will forever change the way municipalities are allowed to dispose of trash. "Basically, it's because of problems back east and the pressure that people are putting on congressmen and senators to do something."

Those regulations, from the EPA and the state department of health, will mean that cities can no longer bury tires, trees or grass clippings. Incineration is also going to be more severely curtailed or even discontinued, as is the burying of waste in pits that are not lined with clay or thick plastic.

Tires, Hopson pointed out, do not stay buried. "After June they will not be permitted (in the city landfill) unless they are shredded or quartered and split. You can't bury them. They come back to the surface every time."

Lynne said it is because they trap air and the pressure of a shifting earth quickly pushes the rubber products back to the top.

Grass and tree limbs, when buried, produce methane gas, Hopson said, and its release into the environment is considered a hazard.

Alternatives, therefore, must be found.

Those who have studied not only the new, tougher EPA rules, but also stricter state regulations, agree they are based on a simple principle: force people to be environmentally conscious.

Lynne said his conversations with the department of health produced comments like, "We've been trying to get people to see this for 15 years."

He echoed the comments of numerous others when he explained that new EPA regulations will cause the tipping fees at landfills to skyrocket.

Hopson and Pampa City Manager Glen Hackler estimated that costs to taxpayers for solid waste collection could easily triple and will probably double.

"It's hard to get people excited about garbage," Hackler admitted.



"But what I'm hearing is that under the new regulations (due in the spring), it won't be profitable for cities under 50,000 (population) to even run a landfill."

That means hundreds of landfills across the state will be closing, and those cities will be left searching for places to put their trash.

"Also, if cities don't allow grass or trees in the landfill, you will have to compost them in your own backyard or the city will have to have a composting operation," Hopson said. "And companies will have to have their own tire splitter or shredder if the city doesn't provide one."

Suddenly, those kinds of realities take environmental concerns out of the realm of being East Coast/West Coast problems and make them everybody's problem.

A recent cover story in Newsweek pointed out that if Americans do not become more concerned about the problems of waste, citizens will literally be drowning in their own garbage by the turn of the century.

"Can you imagine the horror of trying to police people not putting grass in dumpsters?" Hopson asked. "That's coming."

Adding to the grim paint already applied to the environmental canvas is news that refrigerators, air conditioners or any other appliance that contains freon or PCBs (a hazardous oil by-product) must be treated as hazardous waste, calling for a whole series of regulations and paperwork not required of landfills that only handle standard municipal waste.

Hopson said how to dispose of old refrigerators under the new reg-

ulations, while still relying on "old" means of waste management, moves the scenario into the "nightmare" range of thinking.

Since rain water mixing with garbage produces a toxic run-off, landfills will also now be required to have leachate drains, surface water controls, dikes and holding ponds.

Such regulations are no wonder when one considers numerous studies by the EPA and numerous other concerns revealing that just one New York City landfill dumps 300 tons of toxic run-off into the Atlantic Ocean every single day.

"There have been good ways to deal with these problems for years," Lynne insisted, "but we weren't willing to pursue them because it was cheaper to bury them in a landfill."

Lynne purports that the result of such management of garbage results in "an incomplete waste cycle." In other words, during the 21st Century, even rural areas like the Panhandle will be faced with the reality of no longer having anywhere to bury all the garbage it collects.

While those resistant to such "new fangled" concepts as composting, recycling and shredding for trash have argued that buried trash will break down and return to the earth, Newsweek's issue on "The Garbage Glut" showed pictures of newspapers and corncobs 38 years old that have not even begun to break down.

EPA information indicates at least 100 years is needed for most municipal waste to even begin to break down, and materials like aluminum can take even longer.

Hoping to stop the "just bury it" mentality in Texas, the state has imposed a 50 cent per ton tipping

fee on all trash buried in landfills. For Pampa, the result is that \$20 in local taxpayers money goes to the state a day - not much at all.

But, if current trends continue until the year 2000, the state will have netted \$101,725 from the city, provided the 50 cent per ton fee is not raised.

"That's a great deal of money," Hopson said. "This is the revenue the state is raising to give technical assistance and grants (for alternatives to landfilling). It will also go to enforcement."

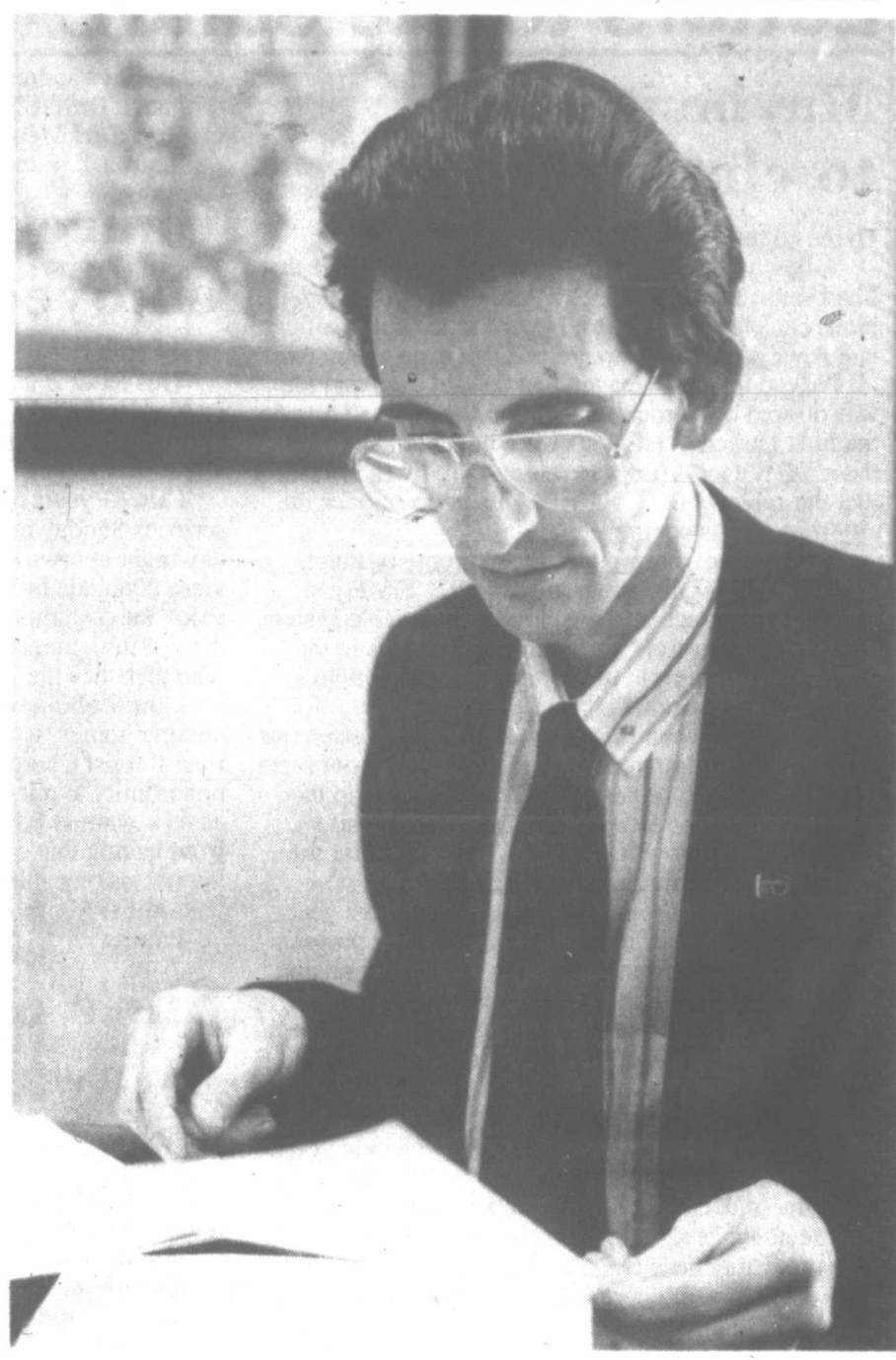
In practical terms that means salaries for personnel to travel from landfill to landfill looking for violations and citing ongoing problems. The fines assessed from citing violators will further aid the enforcement process.

But there are more than a few small cities in the Panhandle that, when contacted about how they were dealing with new state and federal regulations, responded that they were doing nothing.

"Oh, they don't care about a little place like this," said the operator of a landfill in a small town in the eastern Panhandle. "If they do come in and make us do something, we just plead ignorance and they give us a year or two to figure something out."

He added, "Why should we spend a bunch of money on this when we've got a perfectly good place going now and they may not even bother with us?"

Asked about that city's role in the overall picture of sound environmental management of the earth, he responded, "Our little dab of trash don't make a bit of difference. The problems are in places like New York. Go pick on them."



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Pampa City Manager Glen Hackler

Lynne said such mentalities were exactly why the state imposed the 50 cent per ton charge and why the EPA is adopting such stringent rules, to try and shock municipalities into taking a more responsible attitude.

"This is going to impact the public," Hopson promised, "in the pocket-

book. Sanitation rates will be raised." However, after studying the environmental impact of maintaining the status quo, he said the nation cannot afford to ignore the problem either.

Next: Alternatives to landfilling.



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

A formerly buried auto rubber tire rests atop the surface at the city's landfill, having risen 'from the dead' from the depths where it was covered with dirt and trash.

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Colombian jetliner crew worried about low fuel just before crash

By RAUL REYES
Associated Press Writer

MELVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — The crew of a Colombian jetliner was worried about running low on fuel just before the plane crashed, killing 72 people, federal investigators say.

National Safety Board member Lee Dickinson told a news conference that the crew, on a voice recorder recovered from the wreckage, expressed concern several times about fuel levels after an aborted landing attempt.

But the pilot did not declare an emergency landing priority that would have required controllers to immediately clear Avianca Airlines Flight 52 for a landing Thursday night, he said.

Although many clues indicate the plane had little or no fuel when it crashed into a hill on the north shore of Long Island, federal investigators would not say that the crash was caused by the plane running out of fuel.

No homes were hit and there were no casualties on the ground, though one part of the plane came to

rest on a home's patio. Dickinson said 89 people survived the crash.

Investigators picking through the wreckage of the Boeing 707 in the woods of the isolated, wealthy suburb of Cove Neck said the fuel gauges indicated the jet had 10,000 pounds, or 1,500 gallons, of fuel, Dickinson said.

Investigators had not yet checked the tanks.

Boeing spokesman Jack Gamble in Seattle said that could have been enough fuel to fly the jet from the crash site to its destination, Kennedy International Airport, "but not much more." The airport is about 15 miles away.

The flight from Bogota tried to land in fog and rain at 9:24 p.m., but aborted the attempt because of electronic warnings that the plane was sinking too fast and approaching at an improper angle, Dickinson said.

The crew asked the airport's traffic controller for permission to try again.

"They said they ... were running out of fuel or they were low on fuel," Dickinson said.

The tower gave directions; the



(AP Laserphoto)

The tail section of Avianca Flight 052 lies on a road where it crashed in Cove Neck, N.Y., Thursday evening, killing 72 people.

crew repeated that the plane was running low on fuel.

The crew then reported two engines out.

The jet disappeared from the radar screens at 9:34 p.m., he said.

The Colombian radio network RCN has reported that the 23-year-old plane had been sent to the maintenance shop 37 times in the past four months.

Dickinson said he had no infor-

mation to confirm the plane's maintenance record.

More than 12 hospitals worked Friday and Saturday to treat survivors. At least 25 of the injured survivors were either in serious or critical condition, and more than two dozen children were among the injured.

Dickinson said only nine of the dead had been identified.

Only one member of the crew, the chief steward, survived the crash.

Survivors said the plane circled for more than an hour before the crash. NBC News reported that the plane ran into delays along the East Coast and was put in a holding pattern over Norfolk, Va., and twice over New Jersey for 75 minutes. Dickinson and a FAA spokeswoman said they could not confirm that.

One passenger, Colombian businessman Jorge Lozano, said there was no warning before the crash.

"I had time to say a prayer. ... In about five seconds we were crashing into the trees," said Lozano, who suffered a cracked spine.

Several factors show the plane

may have run out of fuel: no fire on impact; the low-speed landing; the lack of fuel odor; and the angle of the nose, wings and body, which came down level instead of thrusting forward, as they would have if the engines were running.

Among the injured were a number of children who were bound for adoption in the United States.

"A lot of the kids we got out alive," said rescuer Charles Harris.

The crash occurred a quarter-mile from the home where the parents of tennis pro John McEnroe live; their lawn was used as a makeshift morgue.

Dickinson said there was no evidence thus far of sabotage.

One victim of Thursday's crash appeared to have a cocaine connection, however.

Daniel Rossett, a spokesman for North Shore University Hospital, said surgeons at work on a 30-year-old victim who suffered abdominal injuries found condoms believed packed with cocaine in the man's intestines.

The man was in critical condi-

C.C. Ryder delighted Pampa concert audience

By BRENT COLWELL
Guest Reviewer

Those who attended the Community Concert Association's C.C. Ryder concert last Tuesday evening at M.K. Brown Auditorium were in for a special night of music, humor and friendship.

Ryder, a guitarist and folksinger, immediately brought warmth to the stage with his opening song, appropriately entitled "The Meeting."

He then used the entire first portion of the concert to take audience members on "a journey to various countries and places around the world, eventually returning safely home."

C.C. Ryder then began to display an incredible versatility of vocal styles, dialects and a truly outstanding voice while performing songs from South America, Ireland, Great Britain and many other places.

He didn't just perform these songs, he became a part of each song, sometimes acting the part of a poor Russian peasant, an Englishman fearful of a spider in a bathtub, or whatever situation a particular song might require.

After intermission, Ryder began with "The Speed Trap," a humorous song about a small town in Florida and its one major industry. This was the audience's favorite song of the evening.

Ryder then continued with a wide variety of

folk songs, including some popular works such as "Mr. Bojangles" and "Wind Beneath My Wings." He then ended the concert with his own composition titled "Passing Through."

After enthusiastic applause from the audience, Ryder then performed an encore, asking the audience to participate in singing "There's a Hole at the Bottom of the Sea," which ended in smiles from the audience and much more applause.

C.C. Ryder is not only a great guitarist and vocalist, but is a wonderful humorist, storyteller and a fine all-around performer as well. I am sure anyone who attended the C.C. Ryder concert will be looking forward to his return to Pampa sometime in the future.

Girl recants rape charge against mother's boyfriend

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — An 11-year-old girl who recanted testimony that she was raped by her mother's boyfriend had fabricated her story after watching a television police drama, lawyers said.

Her testimony, given when she was 9, helped convict Ivie Cornell Norris, who spent 513 days in Pinellas County Jail and could have faced life behind bars. The girl recanted Friday and Norris is a free man.

"He didn't do it," she told Circuit Judge Raymond Ulmer Jr., her voice barely audible, her eyes

downcast. Prosecutors then asked that the case be thrown out.

"I thank the Lord this kid came up and told the truth," a teary-eyed Norris, 55, said as he left court.

"I can't understand it," the child's mother said. "She convinced me. She convinced a jury. She convinced my parents. She went through the whole bit."

Attorneys in the case said the girl based her testimony on an episode of the television drama "21 Jump Street" that depicted a rape case.

Her mother told the judge that

the girl admitted a couple of months ago she had fabricated the story with the idea of getting Norris out of the way because the couple fought "and she just wanted him away from me."

Mary C. Orendorf, a juror at Norris' trial, recalled Friday how the girl's credibility was the central issue during four hours of deliberations at the trial in 1988. There was no physical evidence, she said, only the girl's word.

On the stand, the girl appeared calm, even a little timid, she recalled. "It just didn't seem like she was lying."

Investigators with the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services were asked to assess the girl's claims shortly after she reported the attack. They, too, believed her, but noted there was no medical confirmation.

According to the trial testimony, the alleged attack took place in March 1988 soon after the girl's mother entered the hospital for a three-week treatment for cocaine addiction and left the girl with Norris.

VITA income tax aid offered

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will begin on Wednesday with volunteers on duty Wednesdays and Fridays through April 13, said Dan Taylor, site coordinator.

Taylor said the volunteers for the program will be at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Fridays.

This is a free service sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service.

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- The 1989 tax packet you receive in the mail from the IRS.
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- Interest and dividend state-

ments (forms 1099, even tax exempt).

- Social Security income (Form SSA-1099).
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Business

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Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats recently welcomed the Texas Physician Rehabilitation Center, 912 W. Kentucky, to the Pampa medical and health care community. Participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the center are, from left, Gold Coat Phil Gentry, center director Dr. Robert J. Philips, and Gold Coat Roy Sparkman.

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Environmental needs shaping businesses

NEW YORK (AP) — The environment's importance as an issue shaping the business landscape of the 1990s was brought into sharper focus when two major oil companies took hefty slices from earnings to pay pollution costs.

Exxon Corp. said \$500 million was to remedy damage already done, while Chevron Corp. said \$325 million was for future cleaning costs at its U.S. refining, marketing and chemicals sites.

Oil industry experts say the charges announced this past week highlighted what is expected to be the biggest single concern facing business, and the oil industry in particular, in the 1990s.

"Under any scenario, we're going to be spending more on the environment — clean air, waste management, oil spill legislation — a whole series of things will impact the corporate bottom line as never before," said Terry F. Yosie, vice president for health and environment for the

American Petroleum Institute, the trade association representing major oil companies and refiners.

Outside the oil industry, environmentalism already has become a byword for conducting business.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., for example, has become a leader in pushing suppliers for more recycled or recyclable products. McDonald's Corp. promotes recycling in advertising, while Polaroid Corp. is emphasizing waste reduction and Consolidated Natural Gas Co. is focusing on clean-burning technologies.

Observers say the environment as a cost in planning, organizing and setting corporate strategy is the reality of the future.

Furthermore, public and regulatory pressure is changing the industry's products as the environment becomes a competitive issue. Gasoline and the processes used to make it, for example, are expected to undergo major changes in the 1990s to minimize pollution.

Food Emporium to test handicapped shopping cart

GARLAND — ADC Industries of Garland announces the testing of its newest product, the "Sit & Shop" shopping cart for the physically handicapped, at Pampa's The Food Emporium, 1233 N. Hobart.

The manual version of the vehicle will be available to Food Emporium customers at no charge.

"Sit & Shop" allows the physically impaired person the freedom to shop with the convenience and safety of sitting down.

Fourteen and a half million Americans face the difficulty of shopping because of various physical disabilities. The physical barriers in most cases have been removed. For example, ramps have

been installed, parking spaces provided near entrances, and special restroom facilities made available.

But, until now, no special shopping carts have been provided for the physically handicapped. "Sit & Shop" comes in two versions — manual and electric.

The manual unit which will be

used in the Pampa store consists of a chair and swing-away basket that allow customers to propel themselves or be wheeled around the store.

The electric unit can be moved forward, backward and stopped with the use of one hand. It moves at a slow walking speed.

Local accountant speaker at national CPA conference

Mike Ruff, CPA, was a speaker at the National Tax Conference sponsored by the American Institute of CPAs last week.

The conference, held at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was a two-day tax law update.

Ruff also participated in a panel discussion led by Dr. Bill Raby, former senior tax partner of a national accounting firm.

Ruff is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Texas Society of CPAs and National Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

He is a frequent speaker on accounting and management topics.



Mike Ruff

NACE to meet in Borger

The Panhandle Section of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) will meet Tuesday at Sutphens in Borger.

Attitude adjustment will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., with the family style dinner beginning at 7 p.m.

Program topic will be "Corrosion Control With Industrial Coating" and a "Sherwin-Williams Com-

pany Product Line and Service Program."

Presenting the program will be Randy Ussery, industrial coating specialist; Donnie Riddel, corrosion engineer; Doel Caordero, manager; and Glendal Raschke, assistant manager, all of Sherwin-Williams Co.

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Sports



Running back Roger Craig is only one of many reasons that San Francisco's offense is tops in the NFL.

Statistics don't tell the whole story

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — So the San Francisco 49ers' offense will roll. Or the Denver Broncos' defense will stifle. That's what the smart money — and the stats — say, right?

Perhaps. The players involved aren't so certain.

Sure, San Francisco had the NFL's most potent offense this season with 442 points. Yes, the Broncos defense was the league's stingiest, allowing 226.

Still, such informed people as John Elway, Ronnie Lott, Bobby Humphrey and Michael Walter are preparing for a somewhat different scenario.

"I think we might be playing the best team we've ever played in the Super Bowl," Elway, the Denver quarterback, said of the 49ers. "That goes for their offense and their defense."

"These guys can stop people. Look at what they did to the Vikings, the Rams. Those are two pretty good teams and the 49ers just shut them down."

"We know how good their defense is; it brought them a long way," added Humphrey, whose rookie legs put a running threat back into Denver's attack. "This is not just the Joe Montana Show. Their defense is excellent, it plays together, and it wins."

Super Bowl

See Page 11 for a closer look at today's NFL championship game.

A victory today would be San Francisco's record-tying fourth in a Super Bowl, matching Pittsburgh's mark of the 1970s. That the offense gets so much of the credit for that — and for the 49ers' stature as a heavy favorite against Denver — doesn't seem to bother the guys who man the other side for San Francisco.

"The defense since I've been here has been ranked high," said Walter, a seventh-year linebacker. "But when you look at what we have on offense — Joe, Jerry (Rice), Roger (Craig), John Taylor, Tom Rathman — it's not hard to understand why they get the attention."

"I think we're happy with the credit the defense gets. I know I'm happy with the two Super Bowl rings I have."

"Our defense plays well as a group. Maybe we don't have the individual stars, but when you watch us on film and see how well we do as a unit ... that's what makes you a champion."

The Broncos figure they'll have to move consistently on that defense to have any shot at their first NFL championship.

"If we don't get it going, we could be in for a long day," Humphrey said. "The first thing is we definitely must concentrate and keep focused. We have to be alert at all times. Everybody has to play a key part, not just myself or John or Vance (Johnson). It has to be 11 guys who come and get it, all 11 busting their butts."

"Our defense is a great one, but we want to keep the ball so they don't have to work so hard."

Humphrey hasn't worked hard since cracking two ribs in the AFC title game. He won't do any contact work until Wednesday and will wear a specially designed rib protector similar to a flak jacket.

"I'll be there," he said emphatically. "I'm not worried at all. This is the biggest ballgame of my life."

"Your goal is to get to the top. Now I've got a chance and I'm not going to miss it."

He'd better not. Denver's offense can't afford to be without its 1,000-yard rusher. It also can't afford Elway having anything less than a sensational game.

He said he's ready for just such a performance.

"As a quarterback, I think I've gotten better," he said.

Lott knows exactly what Elway means.

"The more times you've seen a situation or been in it, the easier it is to react to it," the 49ers All-Pro safety said. "It should be easier for them that this is their third (Super Bowl in four years)."

"From what we've seen, their offense can break games open, can dominate people."

"But," Lott added with a smile, "so can ours."

The offense or the defense, Ronnie?

"Both."

Harvesters squash Hereford, 105-62

By **SONNY BOHANAN**
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters squashed Hereford, 105-62, before a capacity crowd at McNeely Fieldhouse Friday night, surpassing the 100-point mark for the first time in over six years.

It was Pampa's first journey into triple figures since the Harvesters drubbed Lubbock Estacado, 117-67, on Jan. 6, 1984.

But Friday's District 1-4A victory was a milestone in more ways than one. Besides breaking the century barrier, the Harvesters set a new season-high point total, scoring nine more than they had in beating Randall, 96-44, on Dec. 5.

In addition, Pampa boosted its home winning streak to 13 games. The last time the Harvesters lost at McNeely Fieldhouse was on Jan. 15, 1989 against Borger.

And lastly, Pampa clinched its second consecutive 20-win season, improving its record to 20-4 on the year and stretching its unbeaten league mark to 10-0.

"Our guys just seemed to have an attitude about them," said Pampa coach Robert Hale, whose team is two games ahead of second-place Levelland in the district standings. "This place was crammed full, and the fan support and the atmosphere of McNeely Fieldhouse was a real plus to us. It really gets the kids ready to play."

It was evident from the opening tipoff that the Harvesters had come prepared. Thanks to hot shooting from the field and a swarming defense, they posted a 16-2 advantage over the Whitefaces in the first four minutes.

By the end of the first period, the Harvesters had forced 10 turnovers and led the Herd by a score of 32-11.

"Our kids did a great job tonight,

and plus, they were shooting well," said Hale, whose Harvesters hit 37-of-69 field goals (54%). "After the first quarter, things looked like they were in our favor and we tried a lot of different things. We ran one press tonight that we haven't run all year, no even in practice."

That wide-open style of play paid off as Pampa chalked up a 61-29 halftime lead that only grew as the second half wore on. By the end of the game, the Harvesters had forced 34 turnovers while giving up only 15.

Mark Wood, who posted 10 points in the first quarter, finished the game with 19 to pace all Pampa scorers. Jayson Williams, who had his best point production of the season with 16 points, added eight in the third period to boost Pampa's advantage to 40 (83-43) as the final frame began.

Standings

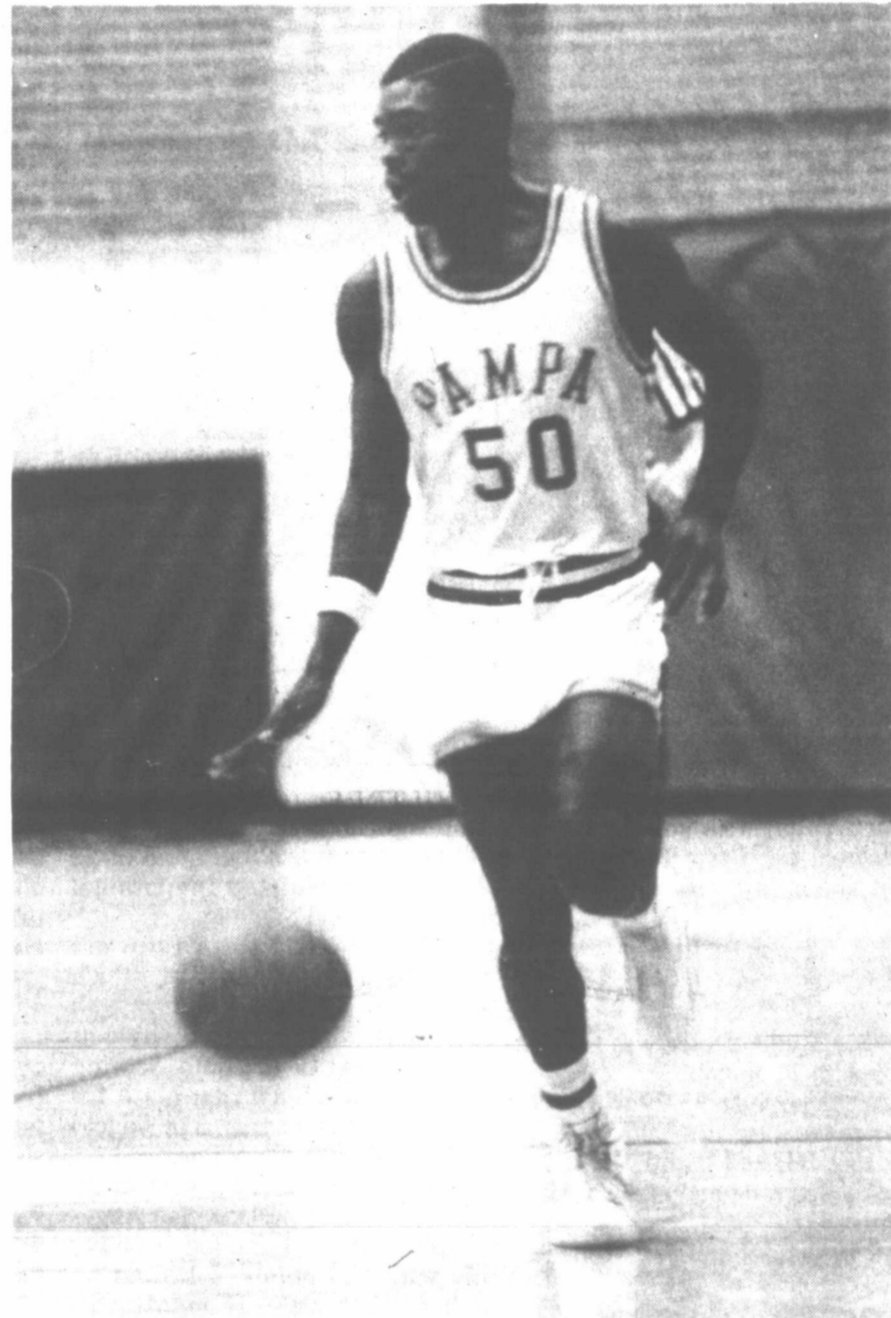
See Scoreboard, Page 10 for District 1-4A game standings

Anticipation grew in the fourth quarter when the Harvesters neared the century mark. With the score at 98-56, Cederick Wilbon had a chance to make it an even 100 when he stole the ball and was fouled by Hereford's Keith Kelso as the clock wound down to 2:09.

Wilbon made the first foul shot but missed the second. Twenty-nine seconds later, Cornelius Landers hit a 12-foot jumper from the right side of the key to make it 101-58 with 1:40 to play.

"I thought I was forcing the shot a little bit, but it went through for me," said Landers, who finished the game with six points. "It felt great."

In all, five players scored in double figures for the Harvesters, led by



(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)

Cornelius Landers hit a 12-foot jump shot with 1:40 to play to push Pampa over the 100-point mark.

Wood with 19 and Jayson Williams with 16. Those two also led all rebounders with 8 and 9 boards, respectively.

Wilbon and Randy Nichols each tossed in 14 points, while Jeff Young added 11 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Teague scored nine followed by David Johnson with eight.

Daniel Trejo, a junior, had a ster-

ling game Friday night. He scored six points and pulled down seven rebounds, perhaps his best performance of the season.

In fact, with just under a minute to play, all of Pampa's players had scored with the exception of Quincy Williams. The PHS junior, however, finally hit a field goal to make it 103-58.

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Baseballers begin full-time workouts Monday

By **SONNY BOHANAN**
Sports Editor

In the history of Pampa High School baseball, only once have the Harvesters put together a string of three consecutive winning seasons. This year's team, however, may change all that.

After back-to-back winning seasons in 1988 and 1989, the 1990 Harvester squad should have little trouble making it three in a row. Beginning Monday, Pampa begins full-time baseball workouts, and frankly, coach Rod Porter has a loftier set of goals for this spring than simply breaking .500.

"We're in a position to compete for the district title, which is a situation we haven't been in the past two years," said Porter, who is beginning his third season as head coach of the PHS baseball program. "I feel like we're hitting the peak of our cycle. Most of our seniors are in their third year, and the situation is right for us to get a lot accomplished."

If the trend of the past two seasons continues, there's plenty of reason for optimism. In 1988, Porter's first year as head coach, the Harvesters compiled a 13-11 record and finished fifth in the league. Last year, Pampa was 16-8 and moved up two notches to third place.

Porter knows what his Harvesters are up against if they hope to continue their upward climb. They share District 1-4A with Hereford and Lubbock Estacado, teams that have finished first and second in the league ever since Porter came to PHS as an assistant four years ago. Last spring Hereford took the crown with a perfect 16-0 record, while Estacado clinched second place with a 14-2 mark.

"You have to pick those two again, based on past performances," said Porter, whose team was third in 1989 with an 11-5 district record. "But I think this is our year for success. We started competing with Hereford and Estacado last year, and the worst we got beat in any game was by five points. We started off strong and kind of trailed off near the end of the season, but our senior leadership should make the difference this time."

The 1990 squad is anchored by five returning senior starters, including Tory Peet (catcher), Mike Cagle (1B), Chris Roden (SS), James Bybee (P,OF) and Brandon Knutson (CF,P). Junior Quincy Williams (3B,P) rounds out the list of returning starters, while three other seniors — Barry Coffee (OF,P), Brian Bullard (3B) and Tim Davis (C,OF) — are expected to fill start-

ing roles. Peet, one of the better catchers in the district, was the third-leading hitter for the Harvesters last year with a .415 batting average. He is a two-year letterman and a one-year starter.

Cagle, characterized by Porter as a "clutch player," is a two-year starter and three-year letterman. After a slow start at the plate last season, he finished with a .339 batting average, including 4 homers and one grand slam.

Roden, a starter at second base as a junior, is being moved to third this season. He led the team last year with the fewest number of strikeouts, averaging one K per 17 at bats.

Bybee was named the top All-District pitcher in 1-4A last year and was the team's second leading hitter with a .449 batting average.

"Bybee is probably one of the most versatile players we have," Porter said. "He can pitch, play outfield, infield and steals bases well. He has the total package you want in a baseball player."

Knutson is expected to be one of the dominant left-handed pitchers in the league this season. Between Knutson and Bybee, Porter said the Harvesters "have two of the top five pitchers in the district."

Williams, who is currently playing basketball for the Harvesters, compiled a 6-0 record on the mound last spring and also played third base.

Coffee started two or three varsity games as a junior, while Bullard is up from the JV squad. Davis transferred to Pampa from White Deer in the fall.

"I've got so much talent coming back, it's almost scary," said Porter. "We're not where we want to be yet, but we're headed in the right direction. It's time to start reaping the benefits of all the hard work these kids have put in."

Porter will have the help of two assistants, Dennis Doughty and Murray Lord, both of whom played baseball on the collegiate level. Doughty, who will coach defense, played at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, while Lord, whose main emphasis is as a hitting instructor, played at Shriners College.

"Both have excellent baseball minds and I feel very fortunate to have them," Porter said.

The Harvesters begin full-time workouts after school on Monday and their first scrimmage is a double-header at Plainview on Feb. 17. The regular season kicks off March 2 at River Road.

Lady Harvesters take sole possession of 3rd

By **SONNY BOHANAN**
Sports Editor

After losing consecutive two-point games, the Lady Harvesters got back on the winning track Friday with a 50-47 victory over Hereford at McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Lady Harvesters moved into sole possession of third place in the District 1-4A standings, improving their record to 7-5 in district, 11-11 overall.

The Lady Whitefaces dropped to fourth place with a 7-6, 13-13 mark, one-half game behind Pampa.

With the win, the Lady Harvesters avenged a defeat they suffered at the hands of Hereford last month. In that game, the Herd notched a four-point victory (51-47), thanks largely to the play of guard Stacy White, who poured in a game-high 19 points.

On Friday, however, White was limited to only three points, all in the first quarter. She was then shutout for the remainder of the game.

"The defense that Sheila Reed put on her did a great job," said Pampa coach Albert Nichols. "We really had her frustrated. We're going to give Sheila the defensive player of the game award because of the way she held White."

Pampa wasn't quite so successful in halting 5-11 sophomore post Shantel Cornelius, who chipped in 16 points to pace Hereford's scorers. But, according to Nichols, giving Cornelius — rather than White — some leeway was a conscious decision.

"We had to decide whether we were going to let the girls inside have some points," he said, "or whether we were going to let the guards do it."

Nichols — wisely, as it turns out — opted to put the pressure on the outside shooters. It paid off as the Lady Harvesters ended a two-game losing streak and proved that they can still win the close one.

Pampa's Nikki Ryan led all scorers for the night with 19 points. She

was double-teamed through most of the game, but still managed to contribute 12 points in the second half. Teammate Tara Hamby got the hot hand from outside to post 12 points, while Bridgett Mathis added 10. Sheila Reed had seven, all in the first half.

"They really covered up Nikki, and she had to work hard to get the ball," Nichols said. "But the good thing is, when they double someone, that means we've got someone else open. We've got to find that girl and she's got to take advantage of it."

The Lady Harvesters jumped out to a commanding 17-9 advantage in the first quarter, although they were outscored, 14-12, in the second frame to reduce their lead to six (29-23) at intermission.

Pampa committed three straight turnovers early in the second half that allowed the Lady Whitefaces to knot the score at 29 with 3:35 left in the third frame.

"We had a decent first half, then we came out in that second half and our turnovers got out of proportion," said Nichols, whose teams surrendered the ball 15 times, 12 in the last two quarters.

Pampa owned a tentative two-point lead (38-36) as the fourth period began. Hereford went ahead for the first time with 4:48 to play when Candy Robbins, who finished with 10 points, hit a jumper from inside the paint to make it 44-43.

Hamby put Pampa back on top, 45-44, but three more consecutive turnovers by the Lady Harvesters again put that lead in jeopardy. Finally, Bridgett Mathis stole the ball and made a layup to put Pampa in the driver's seat for good.

"Bridgett made a key steal for us in the last part of the game," Nichols said.

Ryan hit a jumper and the front end of a one-and-one with 15 seconds to play to assure the Lady Harvesters victory.

"I think that was one of the better team efforts that we've had in a long time," Nichols said. "That's what it takes to win."

1990 HARVESTER BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar. 2	At River Road	5 p.m.
Mar. 3	DALHART (DH)	12 p.m.
Mar. 6	RIVER ROAD	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 13	At Caprock	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 17	HEREFORD *	2 p.m.
Mar. 20	At Randall *	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 23	FRENSHIP *	2 p.m.
Mar. 24	At Estacado *	2 p.m.
Mar. 27	PERRYTON	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 30	At Borger *	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 31	LEVELLAND *	2 p.m.
Apr. 3	DUMAS *	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 7	at Dunbar *	2 p.m.
Apr. 10	BORGER *	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 14	At Frenship *	2 p.m.
Apr. 16	At Dalhart	12 p.m.
Apr. 17	RANDALL *	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 21	At Hereford *	2 p.m.
Apr. 24	At Peryton	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 28	ESTACADO *	2 p.m.
May 1	At Dumas *	4:30 p.m.
May 5	At Levelland *	2 p.m.
May 8	DUNBAR *	4:30 p.m.

ALL CAPS = Home Game
* = District Game

Groom cagers sweep Lefors

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

LEFORS — Groom boys and girls saved their best for the last half in reeling off double wins over Lefors in District 3-1A action Friday night.

Both Groom teams also gained a tie for first in the district standings with the victories.

Groom outscored Lefors, 27-11, in the second half en route to a 52-37 win in the girls' game.

The Tigers went on an 18-4 run in the third quarter to down the Pirates, 63-48.

In the girls' clash, Lefors let a 14-point first-quarter lead get away from them as Groom rallied to score 12 unanswered points.

"They put a man defense on us and shut us down. It's hard to figure out my team sometimes," said Lefors coach Richard Moore.

The Lady Pirates were hard to figure, especially on the offensive end. Carrie Watson and Kellie Lake had two 3-point goals each and Star-

la Gilbreath had one, but Lefors had trouble hitting the close-in shots. The Lady Pirates ended up shooting only 26.9% (14-of-52) from the floor.

Lefors did cling to a 26-25 lead at halftime, but when Jenni English scored on an offensive rebound to give Groom a 31-30 lead late in the third quarter, the Tigrettes never trailed again. English's basket was the first of nine straight points by the Tigrettes, who went on top, 38-32, going into the fourth quarter.

A scoring drought in the fourth quarter by Lefors, when the Lady Pirates went the first five minutes without a point, gave Groom a commanding 16-point lead. Shannon Fields topped Groom in scoring with 16 points while Lesa Sweat had 13, English 10, Kristy Case nine, and Karen Babcock four.

Coach Jimmy Branch was pleased with the way his Tigrettes kept their composure after falling behind, 15-1, in the first quarter.

"We really work hard on staying calm and being patient. The girls

hung in there and really did a good job," Branch said.

Groom is 2-1 in district play and tied with White Deer for the top spot after the Does were surprised by Claude, 46-43, Friday night.

"You can't put any emphasis on any one game in this district, because on a given night any team can beat you. It creates some pressure every time out," Branch said.

Case led the Tigrettes on the boards with 10 rebounds. English and Sweat had seven rebounds each while Babcock had five.

"We had good balance in rebounding which we haven't had. That was good to see," Branch said.

Kellie Lake had 12 points and Watson 11 to lead the Lady Pirates, who are 1-2 in district and 16-4 overall.

Groom, which raised its overall record to 17-4, shot 45.2% (19 of 42) and downed 14 of 26 tries (53.8%) from the foul line.

Others scoring for Lefors were Gilbreath with three, Dana Davis and Shellie Lake, four each; Jennifer Moore, two; Howdi Cotham, one.

The boys' game looked like it would be one of those down to the wire thrillers as the two teams exchanged leads 10 times in the first half.

Lefors led, 27-26, at intermission, but the Pirates hit a cold spell in the third quarter that proved to be disastrous. The Pirates went 4:06 without scoring and missed their first 11 shots from the floor, allowing the visitors to take a 13-point lead going in the fourth quarter.

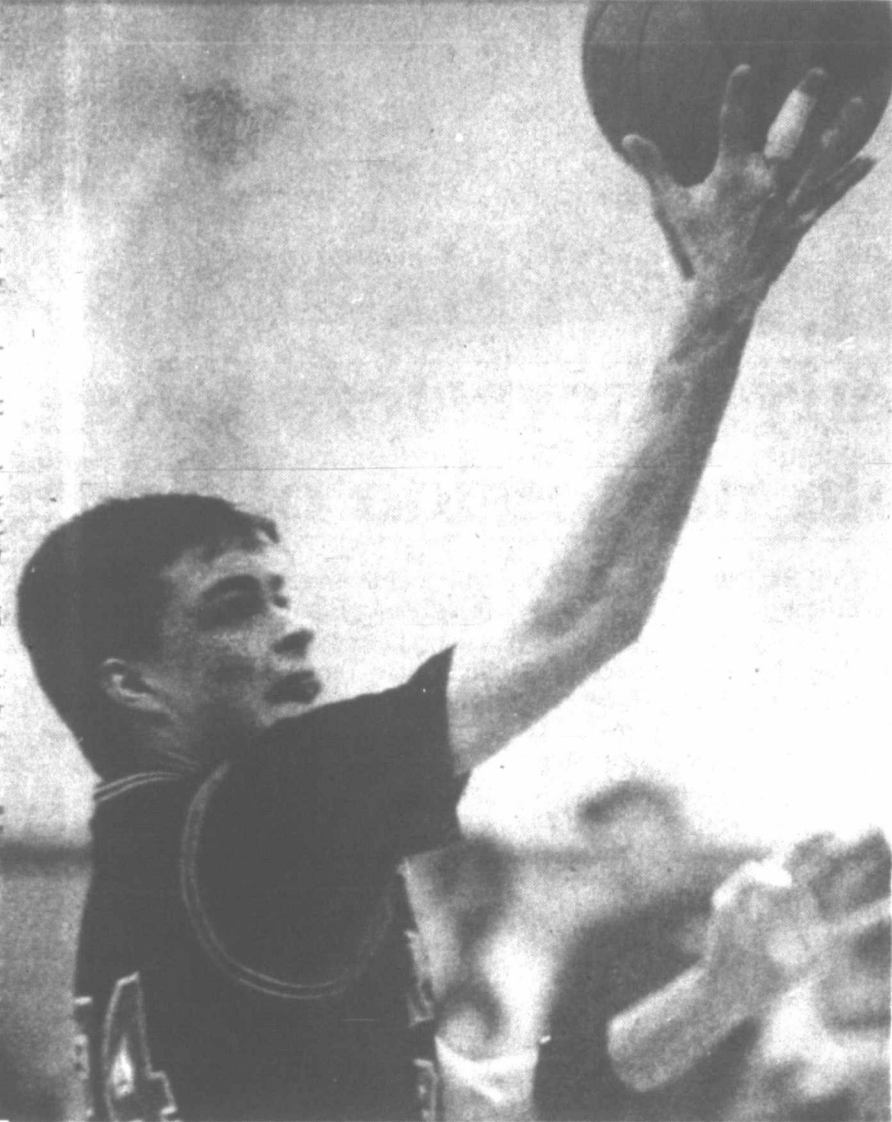
"We went to a double post with our two big guys for awhile in the second half to try and get more inside scoring, but it was that cold streak by Lefors in the third quarter that helped us more than anything else," said Tigers' coach Jay Lamb.

Mike Conrad scored 11 of his game-high 19 points in the second half to lead Groom's scoring attack. Jeff Fields chipped in 15 points and Richard Jenkins followed with 10.

Groom and Claude, both 2-1, are tied for first in the district race. The Tigers are 13-9 for the season while the Pirates fell to 1-2 in district and 8-10 overall.

Kevin Mayfield, who scored four 3-pointers, led the Pirates with 16 points. Jarrod Slatten added nine, Dusty Roberson, eight; Mike Bowley, seven; Rodney Nickel, five; Lee Villareal, three.

Also scoring for Groom were Wilbur Kempf with seven points, Jay Britten, six; Brian Baker, four; Robert Miller, two.



(Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Groom's Mike Conrad scores two of his game-high 19 points on a fast-break layup Friday night.

Briscoe tied for District 4-1A lead

BRISCOE — Ben Meadows scored 20 points as Briscoe downed Kelton, 73-53, in a District 4-1A boys' game Friday night.

Briscoe improved to 5-1 in loop play and 20-4 for the season. Kelton is 3-3 in district and 8-14 overall.

Dallas Fillingim added 18 points for the Broncos, who are tied with Allison for first place in the standings.

Kelton's Randy Singleton had 24 points. Teammate Gene Kirkland followed with eight.

Kelton slipped by Briscoe, 50-45, in the girls' game.

Lori Ray was high scorer for Kelton with 22 points while Susie Davidson contributed 12.

Briscoe's Mandy Ferguson had game-scoring honors with 29 points. Tina Lehman had eight points.

Kelton girls are 3-3 in district and 9-14 overall. Briscoe is 1-5 and 2-19.

MIAMI — Miami kept its hopes alive for a playoff spot with a 61-35 win over Wheeler Friday night.

The Warriors improved to 4-2 in the District 4-1A standings and 14-8 for the season. The Mustangs dipped to 1-5 in district and 1-14 overall.

Miami's attack was fueled by Don Howard, who finished with 19 points. Kyle Fields followed with 14. Miami is alone in second place in league play. Briscoe and Allison, both 5-1, are tied for first.

Kyle Sword had nine points and Jason Helton seven for the Mustangs.

Wheeler girls (6-0 district, 18-5 overall) strengthened their grip on first place with a 62-36 win over Miami.

Bobbie Kuehler was high scorer for Wheeler with 17 points, followed by Deedee Dorman with 16.

Cam McDowell had 14 points to lead Miami while Amanda Morris was next with eight. Miami is 3-3 in district and 7-16 for the year.

Wheeler won the JV boys' game, 44-19.

CANADIAN — Canadian's Lady Wildcats opened the second half of District 2-2A with a 66-30 rout of Clarendon Friday night.

The Lady Wildcats, 17-5 overall, were led in scoring by Kim Bivins with 18 points and Cassie McNeese with 11.

Hermesmyer had 11 points and Hoggard eight for Clarendon, 0-1 in district, 2-16 overall.

Canadian won the first half of district play with a 5-0 record.

Danny Cervantes scored 24 points as Canadian downed Clarendon, 68-48, in the boys' contest.

Shane Lloyd chipped in 13 for the Wildcats, who stand 1-0 in the second half of district play and 18-4 for the season.

Clarendon (0-1 in district, 8-11 overall) was led in scoring by Adams with 19 points.

The Wildcats were in a three-way tie for second after the first round of district was completed. Quannah was the first-round winner.

HEDLEY — McLean's Bobby Sherman scored 21 points to lead the Tigers to a 62-54 overtime win in District 6-1A action Friday night.

The Tigers are 5-2 in the league standings and 10-8 for the season. Hedley dropped to 2-5 in district and 11-13 overall.

The Tigers outscored Hedley, 10-2, in the extra period.

Donald Harris was second high scorer for the Tigers with 11 points.

McLean remains tied with Silverton for second place in the district standings.

was the Herd's only other double-figure scorer.

Friday's game was in stark contrast to the last time the two teams played. In that game, Pampa narrowly defeated Hereford, 53-45.

"It was a different game in Hereford, and our guys remembered that and were anxious to play," Hale said. "We had Tuesday off this week and we were really hungry."

Basketball

High School Scores

BOYS
Varsity
Pampa 105, Hereford 82
Hereford 11, 29, 43, 105

Pampa: Mack Wood 19, Jayson Williams 16, Cedrick Wilson 14, Randy Nichols 14, Jeff Young 11, Ryan Teague 9, David Johnson 8, Cornelius Landers 6, Daniel Trejo 6, Quincy Williams 2. Three-Point Goals: Mark Wood 2, David Johnson 2, Jayson Williams 1. Free Throws: 16/27; Record: 10-0 district, 20-4 overall.

Hereford: Russell Backus 34, Leo Brown 10, Daniel Garcia 6, Keith Kelso 4, Chuck Lemons 4, Chad Schroeder 2, Jason Walterscheid 2. Three-Point Goals: Russell Backus 5. Free Throws: 9/16; Record: 3-8 district, 7-15 overall.

Junior Varsity
Pampa 71, Hereford 66
Hereford 13, 27, 40, 66

P — Sammy Lairy 17, Chad Augustine 12. Record: Pampa 7-3 district, 14-5 overall.

Sophomores
Pampa 83, Palo Duro 61 (Saturday)
Palo Duro 17, 29, 50, 63

P — Sammy Lairy 25, Daniel Trejo 16. Record: Pampa 9-4.

Friday's Games
Pampa 89, Hereford 57 (Friday)
Hereford 6, 23, 41, 57

P — Craig Kirchoff 24, Dwight Nickleberry 23. Record: Pampa 8-4.

GIRLS
Varsity
Pampa 50, Hereford 47
Hereford 9, 23, 36, 47

Pampa: Nikki Ryan 19, Tara Hamby 12, Bridgett Mathis 10, Sheila Reed 7, Kristen Becker 2. Three-Point Goals: Sheila Reed 1. Free Throws: 8/15; Record: 7-5 district, 11-10 overall.

Hereford: Shantel Cornelius 16, Candy Robbins 10, Brenna Townsend 10, Laynie Souler 6, Stacy White 3, Patricia Martinez 2. Three-Point Goals: Stacy White 1. Free Throws: 8/16; Record: 7-6 district, 13-13 overall.

Junior Varsity
Hereford 38, Pampa 37
Hereford 7, 21, 31, 38

P — Keri Barr 17, Shelly Vinson 11.

District 1-4A Standings

Team	BOYS	Dist.	Season
Pampa	10-0	8-2	20-4
Levelland	8-2	8-3	15-10
Lubbock Estacado	8-3	6-5	13-12
Wolfforth-Frenship	6-5	4-7	7-17
Borger	4-7	4-7	7-17
Dumas	4-7	4-7	6-15
Lubbock Dunbar	4-7	3-8	7-15
Hereford	3-8	1-9	3-21
Randall	1-9		

Friday's Results
Pampa 105, Hereford 82; Wolfforth-Frenship 54, Borger 44; Lubbock Estacado 97, Dumas 74; Randall 64, Lubbock Dunbar 48; Levelland was open.

Team	GIRLS	Dist.	Season
Randall	12-0	2-3	23-4
Levelland	11-1	2-3	23-4
Pampa	7-5	11-11	

Scoreboard

Hereford	7-6	13-13
Lubbock Estacado	6-8	10-14
Borger	6-7	18-10
Dumas	5-8	11-11
Wolfforth-Frenship	2-11	4-19
Lubbock Dunbar	0-12	1-22

Friday's Results
Pampa 50, Hereford 47; Dumas 62, Lubbock Estacado 56; Randall 85, Lubbock Dunbar 28; Borger 66, Wolfforth-Frenship 27; Levelland was open.

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	26	15	.634	—
Philadelphia	25	16	.610	1
Boston	24	16	.600	1 1/2
Washington	15	27	.357	11 1/2
New Jersey	12	28	.300	13 1/2
Miami	9	35	.205	18 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	28	14	.667	—
Chicago	26	15	.634	1 1/2
Milwaukee	24	18	.571	4
Indiana	23	18	.561	4 1/2
Atlanta	20	18	.526	6
Cleveland	17	23	.425	10
Orlando	12	29	.293	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	28	11	.718	—
San Antonio	27	12	.692	1
Denver	23	18	.561	6
Dallas	21	20	.512	8
Houston	20	21	.488	9
Charlotte	8	31	.205	20
Minnesota	7	32	.179	21

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	31	9	.775	—
Portland	29	11	.725	2
Phoenix	24	15	.615	6 1/2
Golden State	19	22	.463	12 1/2
Seattle	18	21	.462	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	18	22	.450	13
Sacramento	11	28	.282	19 1/2

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 120, Chicago 109
Indiana 115, Miami 105
Detroit 107, Phoenix 103
Cleveland 85, Minnesota 84

Golden State 114, Seattle 102
Dallas 106, Sacramento 93
Los Angeles Lakers 100, Milwaukee 91
Portland 109, San Antonio 103

Swimming

Midland Invitational Meet

GIRLS
Pampa 149 points (fourth place)
200 Medley Relay: 22. Pampa (Katrina Thompson, Jeannette Gutierrez, Wendy Winkieblack, Shely Melear), 2:46.9.

200 Freestyle: 8. Rhea Hill, 2:23.8; 26. Jeannette Gutierrez, 2:53.6.
400 Individual Medley: 3. Pam Morrow 2:32.3.

50 Butterfly: 3. Jennifer Hinkle, 27.5; 4. Michelle Scott, 27.7; 33. Janet Craig 33.4; 39. Shely Melear, 35.0; 61. Karen Fraizer, 45.68; 62. Debbie Kell, 47.8.

100 Butterfly: 3. Pam Morrow, 1:12.3; 100 Freestyle: 2. Jennifer Hinkle, 59.79; 4. Michelle Scott, 1:01.5; 24. Janet Craig, 1:13.5; 34. Shely Melear, 1:21.9; 39. Jerri Douglas, 1:23.9; 44. Debbie Kell, 1:40.7; 45. Karen Fraizer, 1:44.3.

500 Freestyle: 17. Sandra Arreola, 7:58.0.

Girls swim team takes 4th at Midland

MIDLAND — The Pampa High School girls swim team compiled 149 points to finish fourth out of 22 teams at the Midland Invitational Meet Friday and Saturday.

Pampa's girls were only six points behind Midland High, which was third in the team standings with 155 points. Midland Lee easily outpaced the rest of the field, scoring 439 points to clinch first place for the second straight year. San Angelo was second with 225 points.

Pampa's boys team scored 26 points to take 18th place. San Angelo successfully defended its boys title with 263 points, followed by Midland High with 222 and Amarillo High with 199.

"This is by far the toughest meet we've been to this year," said Pampa coach Norma Young. "There were 22 teams, 500 swimmers and 900 entries."

Jennifer Hinkle, Pampa's top

individual finisher, took second place in the 100 freestyle with a time of 59.79 seconds. She also clocked 27.5 in the 50 freestyle to take third and anchored the Lady Harvesters' 400 freestyle relay, which was second in a time of 4:09.4.

"That's the first time Jennifer has ever broke one minute in the 100 freestyle, to that's her personal best," Young said. "The closest she's come before was 1:00.03."

The other three members of Pampa's second-place 400 free relay were Michelle Scott, Rhea Hill and Pam Morrow.

Morrow took third in two individual events. She posted a time of 2:32.3 in the 200 individual medley and finished the 100 butterfly in 1:12.3.

Scott was fourth in the 50 and 100 freestyle events with times of 27.7 and 1:01.5, respectively.

Graf struggles in winning Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Steffi Graf's inevitable victory and third straight Australian Open title came tantalizingly close to not happening.

Graf still reigns over the women's game, but her crown rests uneasily after a struggle against American teen-ager Mary Joe Fernandez in today's finals.

Fernandez, 18, of Miami, exposed one of the few weaknesses in the 20-year-old West German's game and gave her nearly as hard a time as Helena Sukova did in the semifinals.

Graf, who survived a three-set duel against Sukova, beat Fernandez 6-3, 6-4 in a match that turned on a few key points.

Graf looked surprisingly vulnerable in the last two matches of a tournament she was expected to win

Hill, in addition to competing in the 400 free relay, finished in the top 10 in two other events. She was eighth in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:23.8 and 10th in the 100 backstroke with a 1:16.8 clocking.

Sandra Arreola took 17th in the 500 freestyle with a time of 7:58.0, dropping 14 seconds off her previous best.

Neil Turner and Logan Hudson paced the boys team. Turner finished the 50 freestyle in 24.6 seconds to capture seventh place, while Hudson was 13th in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:07.02.

Chad Wilkinson compiled 214.5 points to finish 10th in the diving competition.

Pampa will compete in the Amarillo Invitational next Friday and Saturday.

See today's Scoreboard for Pampa's results from the Midland Invitational.

100 Backstroke: 10. Rhea Hill, 1:16.8; 25. Katrina Thompson, 1:40.0; 26. Sandra Arreola, 1:40.3.

400 Freestyle Relay: 2. Pampa (Michelle Scott, Rhea Hill, Pam Morrow, Jennifer Hinkle), 4:09.4; 18. Pampa (Sandra Arreola, Janet Craig, Katrina Thompson, Jeannette Gutierrez), 5:09.3.

BOYS
Pampa 26 points (18th place)
200 Medley Relay: 20. Pampa (Brian Thomas, Logan Hudson, Neil Turner, Chad Wilkinson), 2:04.5.

200 Freestyle: 42. Brian Thomas, 2:42.2; 50 Freestyle: 7. Neil Turner, 24.6; 56. Cade Logue, 29.96.

100 Freestyle: 25. J.J. Duncan, 1:00.88; 500 Freestyle: 24. Brian Thomas, 7:22.3; 100 Backstroke: 13. Logan Hudson, 1:07.02.

100 Breaststroke: 14. Neil Turner, 1:10.69; 34. Cade Logue, 1:17.4.

Bowling

Pampa Bowling Standings

(Continued From Friday)
Wednesday Night Ladies' Trio

Team	Won	Lost
C&H	44 1/2	27 1/2
Cony Island	44	28
Ken's Transport	41	31
Wheeler Evans	41	31
Jerry's Grill	36 1/2	35 1/2
Derrick Club	33 1/2	38 1/2
Daniels Energy	33	39
Adams & Franks	29 1/2</	

End often seemed near for Montana

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Flash back three years....

Jim Burt has just rammed his bloody body into Joe Montana; Montana, just 8 weeks off delicate back surgery, is lying on the turf at Giants Stadium, Lawrence Taylor is waltzing into the end zone with the wobbly duck that Burt forced from Montana's arm and the New York Giants are on the way to a 49-3 playoff rout.

It seemed to signal an end to both Joe Montana and the greatness of the San Francisco 49ers.

Flash back two years....

Joe Montana has been chased all over Candlestick Park by the Minnesota Vikings and finally replaced by Steve Young as the wild-card Vikings beat the heavily favored 13-2 49ers to proceed to the NFC title game. After the game, a Bay area columnist writes:

"I expect to see Steve Young at quarterback next fall."

Flash to the present....

Coming off a third Super Bowl victory won by a masterfully engineered 89-yard drive capped by his 10-yard pass to John Taylor, Montana has his greatest year, perhaps the greatest year of any quarterback ever.

Despite a litany of injuries that permeates his second page in the press guide — "hurt elbow in fourth quarter," "injured ribs," "re-injured ribs," "injured left knee" — he has the best season of a career that would have put him in the Hall of Fame in any case.

He becomes just the second quarterback ever to complete more than 70 percent of his passes; his rating of 112.4 is the highest since the NFL adopted its devilish system two decades ago; he adds his first

Most Valuable Player award to two Super Bowl MVPs and he's named player of the '80s.

And Jim Burt is now Montana's friend and teammate, throwing ice cubes at him in the shower.

Joe Montana is now 33. He could have retired at 30, when he missed just eight weeks after delicate back surgery that his doctor suggested should have ended his career.

He could have retired the same year after an ambulance took him from Giants Stadium with a concussion sustained when Burt hit him.

He could have retired at 31 when it seemed that every time he threw two straight incomplete passes Steve Young was limbering up his left arm on the sidelines.

He could have retired after that third Super Bowl a year ago.

"After each Super Bowl, I've asked him when he wants to get on with the rest of his life," says his wife Jennifer, co-host on a San Francisco talk show who Montana routinely credits for his success along with his coaches, his offensive line, his receivers, his running backs and the San Francisco defense. "He always said 'maybe when I'm older.'"

"There's an inner spirit in him that wants to keep playing, that wants to keep getting better," says George Seifert, who replaced Bill Walsh as coach this season and immediately kept Steve Young and his left arm chained to the bench except in the case of "injured arm," "bruised ribs," etc.

"It's the little boy in him. When you're a little boy you want to keep doing what you enjoy."

And perhaps a more crass reason — \$2.5 million a year plus playoff and Super Bowl shares.

"He likes the money," guard Guy McIntyre says of the man who



QUARTERBACK SNEAKS.

(AP Laserphoto)

John Elway (left) and Joe Montana strike a prophetic pose two years ago in a Mizuno advertisement.

grew up in the coal-mining town of Monongahela, Pa.

"He's one of the highest-paid athletes in professional sports," Walsh says. "That's one reason he keeps playing."

If Walsh is the man who made Montana — and Montana now concedes that alter a stormy couple of seasons revolving around Young and the quarterback debate — the ascension of Seifert is what re-made him.

It elevated Mike Holmgren to offensive coordinator, the job that

Walsh doubled at and gave Montana more input into the offense. Montana and Holmgren looked at tape in the off-season, discovered that most of Montana's interceptions came on medium-distance routes over the middle and — voila — eliminated that route from the playbook.

"I still like Bill, I still respect Bill," Montana says. "But I think the change has made us concentrate a little more. We're running the same types of things for the most part but everyone has been executing."

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Elway's worst season could yet be his best

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — The worst year of John Elway's professional career just might have the best ending.

Of course, it will take a phenomenal performance by the Denver Broncos quarterback in the Super Bowl for Elway to live happily ever after — or until the 1990 season begins.

Elway just might have one of those special days in store. In the past, good, even great seasons have been followed by inconsistent play-off showings and duds in the big one. Never before, however, has Elway come off the kind of effort he turned in against Cleveland last weekend.

"You just can't play any better than that man played," said Vance Johnson, Elway's favorite receiver. "Time and time again, John came up with the big play, either running or passing. He was a dominant figure. It was John Elway at his best."

This season wasn't close to Elway's best, on and off the field. Statistically, he had his worst year since, as a rookie in 1983, he was given the quarterbacking chores before he was ready. Elway hit 53.6 percent of his passes for 3,051 yards and 18 touchdowns, but he was intercepted 18 times. He ranked just ninth in AFC passing at 73.7 and was not voted to the Pro Bowl by his peers.

"I struggled sometimes," he said. "But I didn't feel, with our offense, that I had to do as much. We went to a ground game more with Bobby (Humphrey) and we were winning that way."

In the playoffs, however, Elway has taken charge. When Humphrey, who rushed for 1,185 yards as a rookie, cracked two ribs in the second quarter of the AFC Championship game, Elway didn't let the

offense stumble. He threw, he scrambled, he ran, he did everything his way.

And the Broncos beat the Browns 37-21.

The previous week, he inspired a struggling attack in the second half against Pittsburgh and was 12-for-20 for 239 yards and a touchdown in a 24-23 victory.

"The last two games have helped me," said Elway, 29. "Especially after the last two years were not so good for me."

"If I knew why that happened, I might never have to go through it. I can't pinpoint one thing."

The Broncos fell to 8-8 in 1988 after consecutive AFC championships. The defense was pitiful and the offense couldn't relieve the burden.

After massive changes on defense — new coaches, new players, new schemes — and the addition of Humphrey, the team got off to a great start. By Week 12, it had clinched the AFC West, tying the earliest a team has won a division.

But a month earlier, Elway wasn't celebrating a 6-2 start. He was quoted in a national sports magazine as saying, "I'm about to suffocate," referring to the interest in his personal life shown by the media and fans.

This from a guy who isn't exactly a quote machine. We're not talking about Joe Namath or Reggie Jackson here.

"I don't mind doing interviews," he said. "I mind what's written and I mind things that are written that aren't true. I mind things about what I do personally."

"I mean, all of that stuff gets real old."

Referring to himself as a big fish in a small pond, Elway said, "I'm running out of water. I'm about to suffocate."

Why San Francisco will win the Super Bowl

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Why the 49ers will win the Super Bowl....

Why the 49ers will win the Super Bowl????

How can the 49ers NOT win the Super Bowl when half the population of Colorado half-hoped the Broncos would lose to Cleveland so they wouldn't have to be subject to another humiliation at the hands of an NFC team. The local papers have even dragged out shrinks to explain a municipal psyche that so fears humiliation.

Worse. This may be the best of the NFC teams the Broncos have faced in the Super Bowl, where they've lost twice by an aggregate total of 81-30. They hung in until the third quarter against the Giants three years ago and hung in until the second quarter against the Redskins in 1988.

This year, it figures that they'll hang in the first quarter.

Okay, so a lot will be made of

the Joe Montana-John Elway comparison. How the opposition doesn't want to give either the ball with time left and a chance to win.

One problem.

John's not likely to be in that situation. Neither, for that matter, is Joe — the 49ers are likely to be far enough ahead by the fourth quarter that Steve Young will be in the game.

Look at it another way.

San Francisco got to New Orleans by beating Minnesota 41-13 and the Los Angeles Rams, 30-3. That was in the NFC, where all five playoff teams (plus Washington and New Orleans) were probably as good or better than anything that the AFC could offer, even 11-5 Denver.

Examples.

The five NFC playoff teams were 16-4 against the NFC. The five AFC playoff teams were 12-8 against the NFC. On the final week of the season, AFC playoff aspirants were blown out of the playoffs by NFC teams — the Colts to the

Saints; the Raiders to the Giants; the Bengals to the Vikings.

Moreover, the Broncos were 8-2 this season (counting at Mile High Stadium, where since 1986 they've gone 30-5 in non-strike games. The two losses were to the two NFC playoff teams they faced there — 28-24 to the Eagles and 14-7 to the Giants.

But why go on.

It's boring.

For example, why mention the cracked ribs of Denver running back Bobby Humphrey. Humphrey provided the first ground alternative ever to Air Elway, and while he'll probably play ... well, the 49ers don't let anyone run on them anyway.

In fact, boring is likely to describe this game, just as it describes most Super Bowls. Unless Denver owner Patrick Bowlen can find someone else to offend.

As a guy familiar with both boxing and football puts it:

"Buster Douglas has a better chance of beating Mike Tyson than

the Broncos have of beating the 49ers."

And he's a Steelers fan.

Pick:
49ers 37, Broncos 10

Playoffs: 5-3 (spread); 5-3 (straight up)

Elway makes Broncos fans a guarantee

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — In the great tradition of Joe Namath, John Elway offers a Super Bowl guarantee.

"Get another point-and-a-half," the Denver quarterback said, "and I guarantee we'll cover the spread."

This is somewhat less dramatic than Namath's assurance that the New York Jets, 17 1/2-point underdogs, would beat Baltimore in the 1969 Super Bowl. But then Elway's Broncos are only 12 1/2-point underdogs to the San Francisco 49ers, and so have less ground to make up.

Elway knows that covering the betting spread won't be quite enough for Denver, a three-time Super Bowl loser. The town and the team have begun to develop a complex about this game. Elway has lost two of those games, both in blowouts, and recognizes that you don't have endless chances.

"To be the quarterback I want to be in my career, I've got to win this game," he said. "This is my third opportunity. I haven't taken advantage of the others. A lot of guys don't even get the opportunity."

The Broncos are longshots partly

because of their sad Super Bowl history — losing by 17 points to Dallas in 1978, 19 to the New York Giants in 1987 and a whopping 32 points to Washington in 1988.

The last two defeats came with Elway at quarterback, playing catch-up both times, and forced to throw more frequently than he might have liked. His Super Bowl log is a less-than-glowing 36-for-75. The loss to Washington, constructed on a record five-touchdown second quarter by the Redskins, was the more galling to Elway.

"We were out so fast it felt like a waste," the quarterback said. "You work so hard, to give it all back in 10 minutes, that was most disappointing."

There is a flip side to the past failures and Elway knows it. "People are not giving us a lot of chance," he said. "If we win, it will be the greatest upset of all time. If we lose, well, we're supposed to lose."

So he takes a carefree attitude into the game, one that allows him to joke about serious business like betting lines. "Even though we don't have a chance, we'll do the best we can," he said sarcastically.

Do the past defeats get him down?

"Only one other team has a chance to be world champion," Elway said. "I'd rather go to bat and take my chances than not go to bat."

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More federal agents head for Texas to fight drug war

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marijuana, cocaine and heroin trafficking in Houston and along the Texas-Mexico border will come under the scrutiny of hundreds more federal agents being dispatched to the state under the president's 1991 drug strategy.

Now that President Bush has declared Houston and the Southwest border high-intensity drug trafficking areas, the two regions are eligible for hundreds of additional law enforcement agents, new federal judges and prosecutors, and millions of dollars in federal aid.

"The problem in Houston is enormous and along that border we've been measuring drug busts in tons instead of kilograms," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas. "Smugglers are using Texas as a drug highway and I'm hopeful the federal government is now going to do more to help flag them down."

Bentsen, however, said he was not sure precisely what the drug designation would mean in terms of beefed up law enforcement in the state.

Under Bush's plan unveiled Thursday, Houston would receive in 1991 approximately 200 agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration, the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Internal Revenue Service, the Marshals Service, Customs Service and additional assistant U.S. attorneys

and support staff. Bush is also recommending 700 law enforcement personnel from those agencies be dispatched along the border, in addition to a joint military task force based at Fort Bliss in El Paso, which is coordinating the Pentagon's interdiction efforts.

Under Bush's \$10.6 billion package, three other cities — New York, Miami and Los Angeles — have also been declared high-intensity drug trafficking areas, making them eligible for similar increases in agents and federal spending.

Bush's strategy describes Houston as a hub used by large-scale trafficking organizations for importing and

transshipping heroin, cocaine and marijuana from Latin America to other parts of the United States.

"Houston is an international shipping port and is a major road, rail and air transportation hub geographically convenient to traffickers bringing drugs across the Southwest border. Its cosmopolitan population provides cover for Latin American trafficking organizations, including the Medellin and Cali drug cartels (of Colombia)," the strategy said.

The strategy describes the 1,900-mile Southwest Border as the principal corridor for moving drugs, especially marijuana, heroin and cocaine, into the United States.

U.S. cities hardest hit by drug trafficking on the border include San Diego, El Paso and Phoenix, the administration said.

Texas officials welcomed the president's decision, saying the relief was desperately needed.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said that if Congress agrees with Bush's proposal to create 75 new federal judgeships, Texas would get 12 of them.

"It gives us more tools, and of course, enhances our ability to compete for other federal assistance," Gramm said.

Gramm said the designations should also help Texas' bid to win a

6,000-bed federal prison.

"I think this is a good step," said Rep. Michael Andrews, D-Houston.

"It's important for the administration and the country to recognize the immensity of the problem we have in Houston in dealing with drugs. We're losing the battle against drugs; we're not winning it. If we're going to turn the corner, we have to have more resources and this will help."

Congress has set aside \$25 million this year for areas designated as high intensity drug trafficking sites. Another \$1.2 billion will be provided to the five areas through existing federal programs in treatment, edu-

cation, state, local and federal law enforcement, and Defense Department activities, the administration said.

The administration will seek \$50 million next year for the five regions, and will provide another \$1.4 billion through existing federal programs.

The administration is also requesting authority to reprogram funds to expand INS detention capacity by 520 beds in El Paso and Port Isabel, Texas, Florence, Ariz., and El Centro, Calif. INS will also seek funds in 1991 to allow it to lease an additional 1,000 spaces for criminal alien detention.

Texas doctor charged with counterfeiting

HAMILTON, Mont. (AP) — Dr. Glenn Winstead, who moved his practice from Texas to western Montana a few months ago, was arrested by federal Secret Service agents Thursday and charged with counterfeiting nearly \$90,000 on a home copier.

U.S. Magistrate John Larson ordered Winstead, 45, held without bail in Missoula. The doctor was charged with two felony counts of counterfeiting U.S. currency.

Winstead had a loaded 9mm semiautomatic pistol under his smock and a concealed dagger when he was arrested in at a clinic, said Ravalli County Sheriff Jay Printz.

Printz said Lee Scott, Montana's resident Secret Service agent, had advised him earlier in the week that officials believed Winstead was manufacturing money.

Printz and several deputies assisted in the investigation and in Winstead's arrest. Printz said authorities searched Winstead's Victor-area home later Thursday and seized a color copier, \$80,000 in bogus \$100 bills and \$9,500 in counterfeit \$20s.

Printz said Winstead allegedly had started counterfeiting currency since moving to the area several months ago but apparently no bills had been distributed.

Printz said Winstead allegedly was in the process of setting up out-of-state markets for the bogus money, and authorities were tipped off by informants before the plans were complete.

Scott and Printz said Winstead, who is married with five children, has no criminal history.

At his court appearance, Winstead told the magistrate he had financial problems, didn't want to retain a lawyer and didn't want one appointed, said Missoula County Attorney Robert L. Deschamps III, who acted as special assistant U.S. attorney.

Winstead claimed to be familiar with federal rules of evidence and criminal prosecution procedures, Deschamps said, and wanted to represent himself.

Winstead began practice in the Rocky Mountain Medical Clinic in mid-October, said John Bartos, administrator of Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital in Hamilton.

The hospital leases the clinic, and Winstead is an independent contractor, not a hospital employee, Bartos said.

Winstead moved to Montana from Texas, where he'd been licensed to practice medicine since June 1972. He most recently had practiced in San Antonio, according to a spokeswoman for the Texas Board of Medical Examiners.

She said the Texas board had never taken any disciplinary action against Winstead.

Winstead previously was licensed in Virginia, and had graduated in 1971 from the University of Virginia's medical school at Charlottesville.

Winstead's predecessor at the clinic, Dr. Gary Hopkins, let his Montana license lapse and moved to California last March, after state officials filed 20 pages of malpractice allegations against him.

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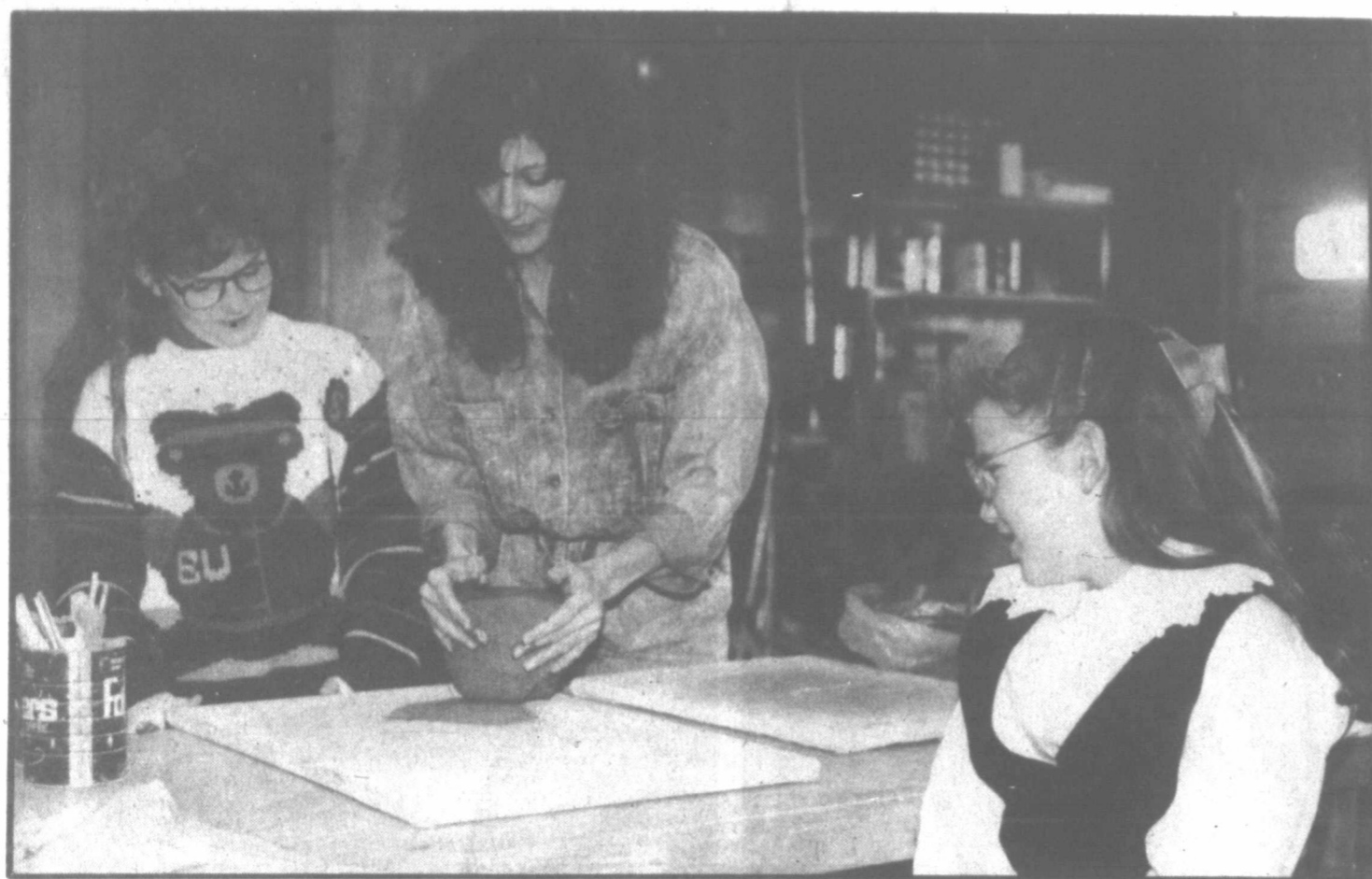
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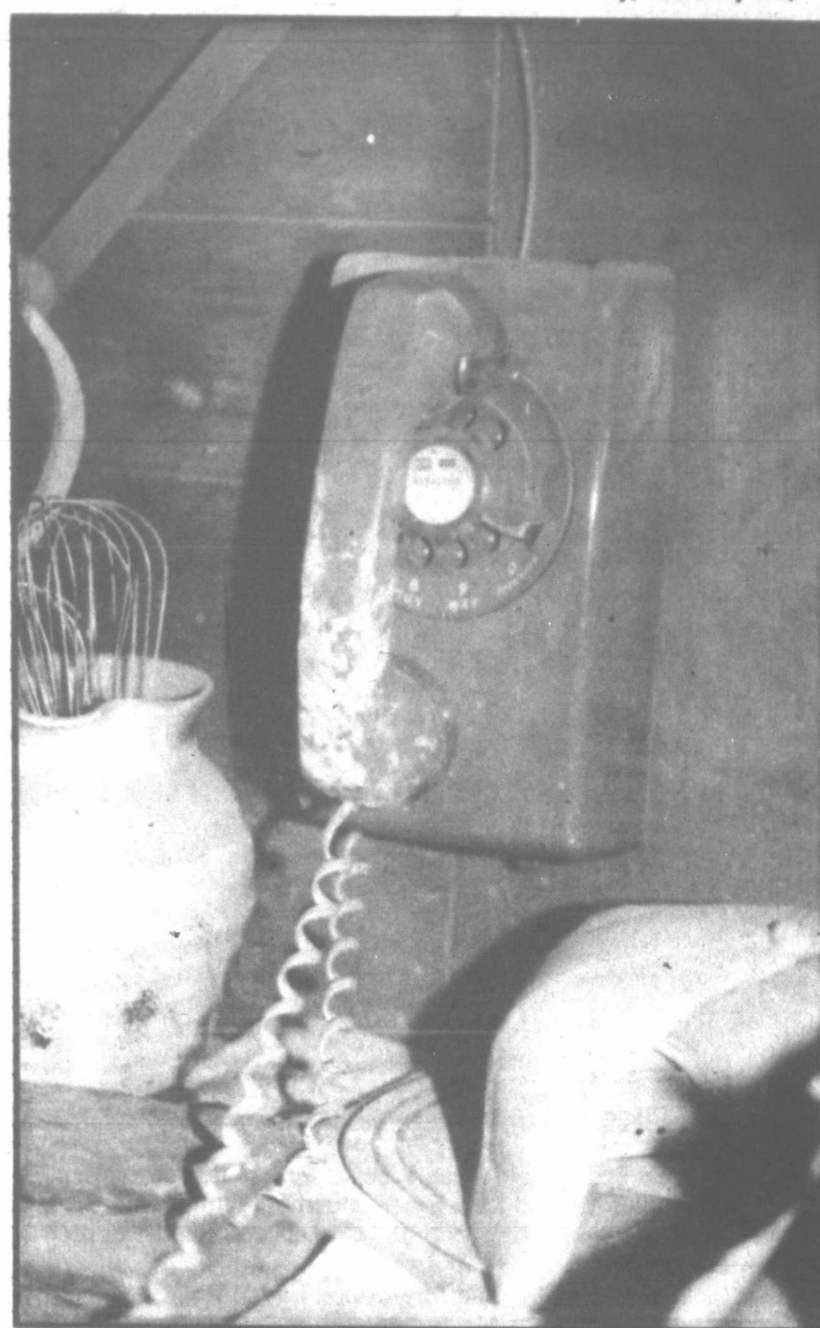
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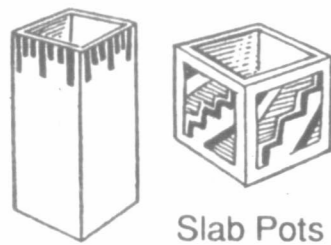


Holly Burger, center, shows Mindee Stowers, left, and Faustine Curry, both 9-year-old students from Austin Elementary, how to start working with the clay. Stowers and Curry both plan to enroll in the Pampa Fine Arts Association Pottery Workshop that Burger will be teaching in February.

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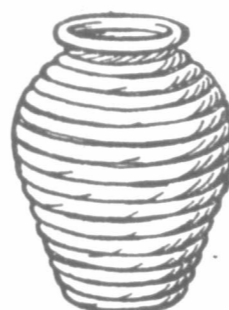


Husband, Ken Burger, installed this telephone in Holly's garage studio on the wall next to her potter's wheel. The clay hand imprints on the receiver attest to her busy day not being interrupted for long by answering the phone.

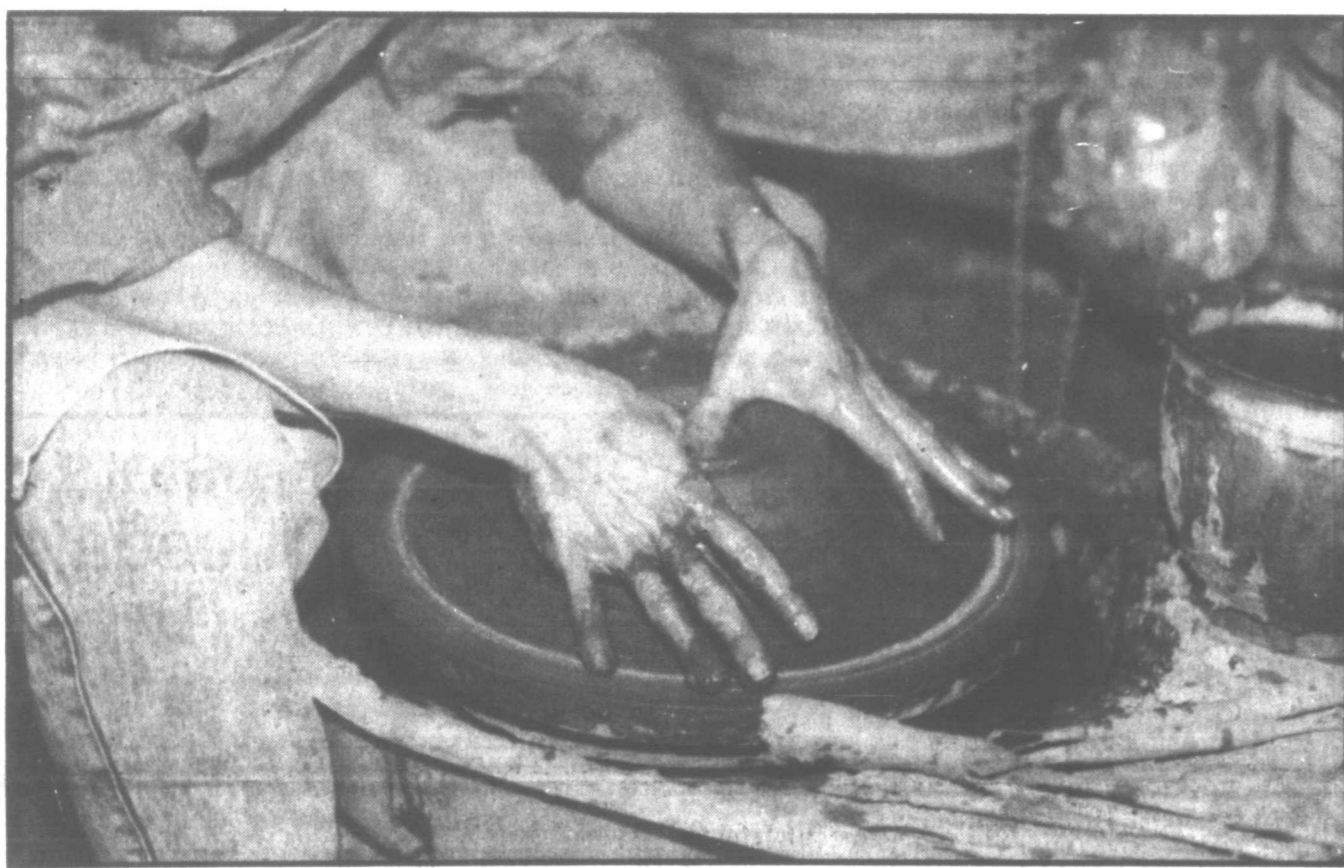


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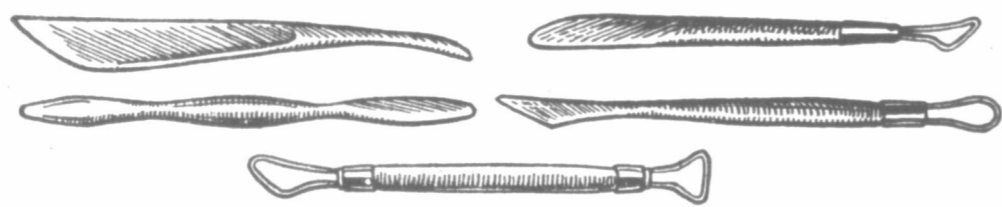
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Coiled Vase



The pottery wheel is powered electrically and has a pedal that controls the speed like the accelerator on a car. Pictured here, Burger's experienced hands control and form the clay as it spins around and around and around and around.



Modeling Tools



Burger's work table displays some of her work in varying stages. Some items are completed, several are waiting to be fired and others need to be glazed.

Combining function and art is a labor of love for Burger

Holly Burger has always loved and collected pottery. Any time she found artists she really admired at an arts or crafts show, she would ask them if they would teach lessons. She usually got a "don't call me, I'll call you" response.

A few months after Burger met Karen Bonnell seven years ago, she was enrolled in pottery classes at Ace Ceramics, the beginning of her own artistic endeavors.

Burger will be teaching a pottery workshop for third to fifth grade students, sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association, every Saturday in February from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

"Kids are really wonderful with clay," says Burger. "Kids are really uninhibited compared to adults. They are not more creative than adults, they just don't have the hang-ups. They don't care about the mess. I got a lot of good ideas from the kids last year."

Burger became involved with the pottery workshop and PFAA about two years ago. This year the class will be structured a little differently.

"In the past," says Burger, "the kids have made their clay creations then seen the finished product. I did the cleaning, glazing and firing. They missed these important steps. This year we are trying something different."

For the first Saturday, the kids will learn how to work the clay using the coil, slab and pinch pot methods. Burger only has one pottery wheel. Because moving it throws it off balance and its use requires one-on-one teaching, students will not be learning how to "throw" a pot. Anyone interested in pursuing the art of pottery making are welcome to come to the Burger

home, she said, remembering the days when she was unable to find anyone to give her lessons.

For the second session, students will learn how to clean their dried clay creations and make ready for glazing. For the third session students will learn how to use glaze. The fourth session will be devoted to finishing final projects.

"Kids are very prolific. Adults will get tied up in one or two projects but kids will just pour out the work," says Burger.

For her own studio, Burger has commandeered her husband Ken's half of the double car garage. Her artistic day begins after she has gotten her children, Jolee - 16, Kenzi - 14, and Chris - 12, off to school.

Most of her work these days is commissioned. One may find her working on a 12-piece place setting, communion sets for a church, a mug for someone's favorite uncle, or a serving platter with "Give us the day..." painted in calligraphy on the inside rim. Her mother, Joyce Hutsell, taught her the calligraphy techniques.

On a wall at seated eye level next to the potter's wheel is a telephone that Ken installed so that his wife/secretary/artist wouldn't miss some of his important calls. The handle of the phone is lovingly caked in clay.

"The beauty of pottery is that every piece is different," Burger remarks, "although they are similar. I don't want to try and make them all identical. I don't want them to be clones of one another."

Burger's favorite pottery is the red clay earthenware, but one won't find many of her own works in her home. She prefers to sell or give her things away and buy other potters' works.

About three times a year, she

goes to Santa Fe, or Albuquerque, N.M., to buy her clay, bringing about 1,500 to 2,000 pounds home. Depending on the status of the farm, the Burgers sometimes get to spend a day or two seeing what other artists are doing.

"It is so wonderful to go into that part of the country if you are a potter or a painter because so much is going on there. They have some great pottery shops and I love to see what the Indians are doing," says Burger.

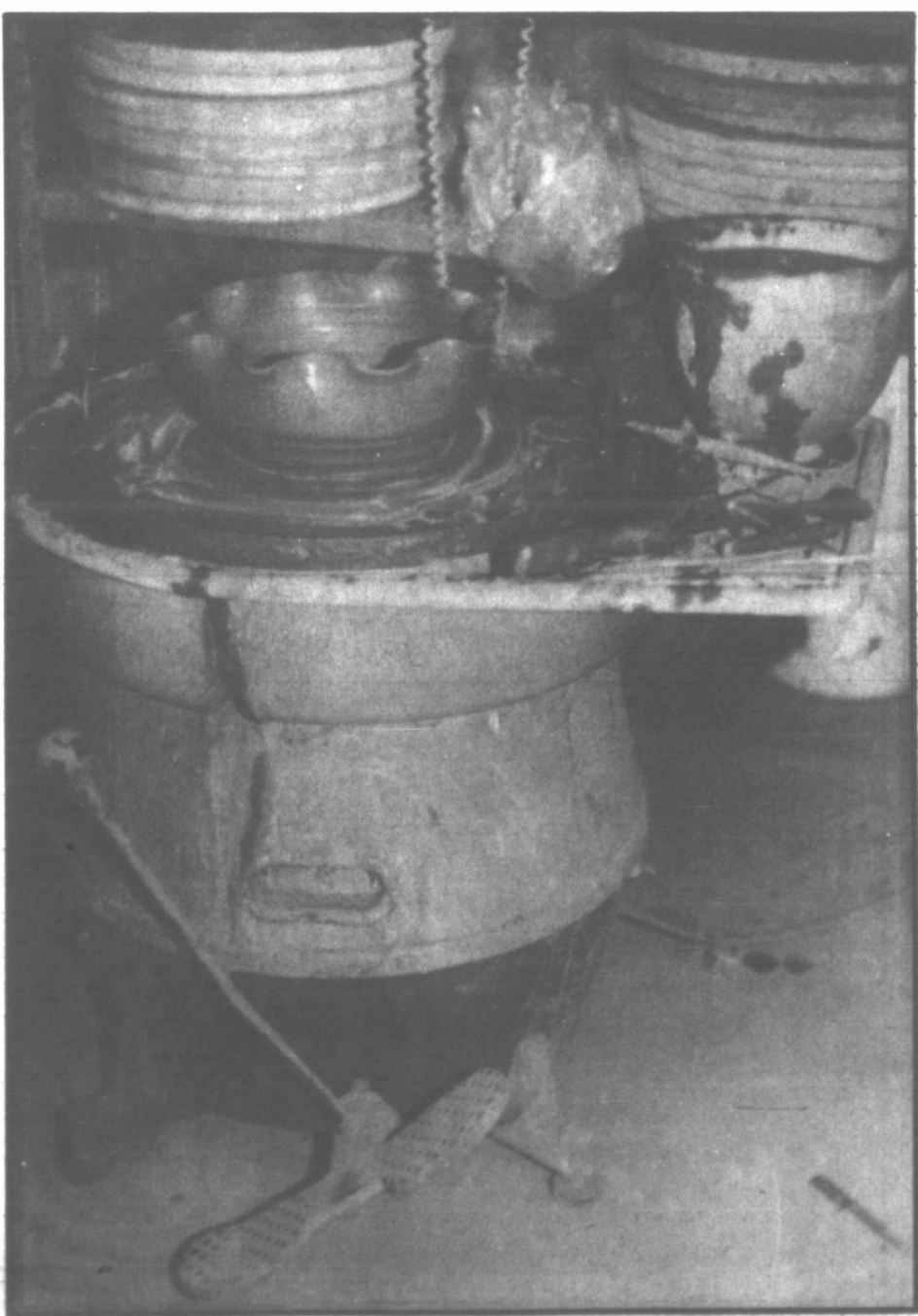
She also mixes her own glazes. "Glaze recipes are like cookie recipes except you are dealing in milligrams and grams instead of cups," adds Burger.

Burger hasn't taken the time to do much clay sculpting, although she and Bonnell did do "The Stations of the Cross" for her church, St. Matthew's Episcopal, for Lent.

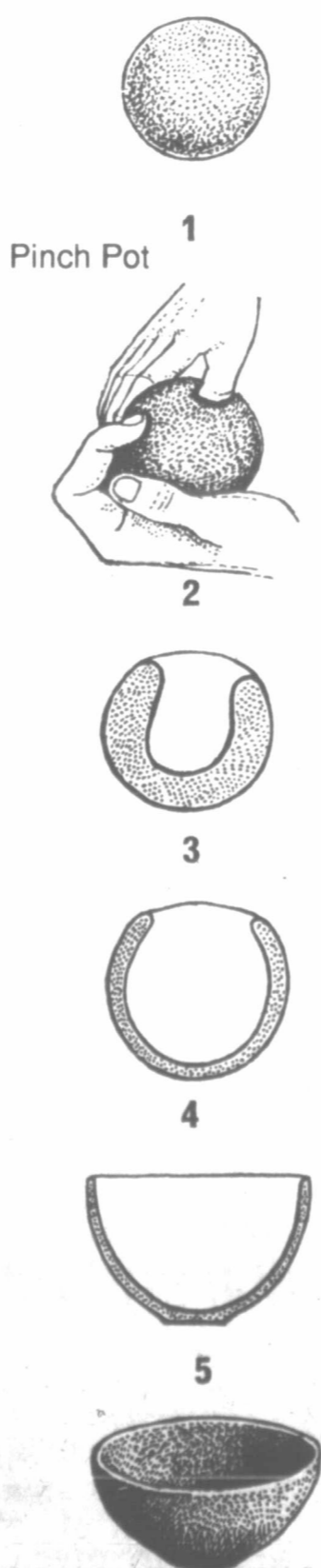
"I remember a quote, although I don't remember from where, that said, 'Art is making someone think they have to have something totally useless.' Combining function and art is a hard thing and a very good thing if you can make something that serves you. The economy is such that it is nice to make something that is useful and beautiful," Burger says.

Cynthia West is the PFAA Junior Fine Arts chairman and coordinator for this year's workshop. In March PFAA is sponsoring two performances of *Hanzel and Gretel* at M.K. Brown Auditorium for all Pampa elementary schools and students from Miami.

Enrollment in the Burger pottery class is limited and there is an enrollment fee to cover the costs of materials. Students interested in taking the pottery workshop scheduled for Feb. 3, 10, 17, and 24 need to call West at 669-2928.



Pictured here is the bowl that Burger made during her demonstration of the pottery wheel. This picture is all that remains of that bowl. The girls, Stowers and Curry, asked Burger what she was going to do with the bowl. She explained that one of the great things about clay was that if you really weren't satisfied with the results you could ball up the clay and start all over. The girls were eager to get their hands in the clay in spite of their good clothes and with Burger's permission they proceeded to smash in the bowl and try some creations of their own.



Pinch Pot



Mrs. Ronald Dean Rice Jr.
Kellie Lynn Sanders

Sanders - Rice

Kellie Lynn Sanders and Ronald Dean Rice Jr. were united in marriage on Dec. 31 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vanderburg with Rustin Rice, brother of the groom and youth minister of the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Houston, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Earl "Frex" Sanders of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald "Ronnie" Rice of Pampa.

Maid of honor was Kim Pierson and bridesmaid was Kelly Jordan, both of Amarillo. Flowergirl was Ann Charlotte Magnus, niece of the groom from West Germany.

Best man was Derrick Eldridge and groomsman was the groom's brother, Darin Lee Rice, both of Pampa. Laura Rice of Houston registered guests. Lynly Byrd was the musician.

Serving at the reception following the ceremony were Mrs. Dennis Kuempel, Mrs. Kenneth Cambern, Joy Cambern and Dona Cambern, all of Pampa, Mrs. Jan Sanders of Clovis and Mrs. Karl Magnus of West Germany.

The bride attended Angelo State University, was member of the track team and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is employed by Pepsi Cola.

The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelors of business administration. He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and an employee of CO2 Associates in Odessa. After a honeymoon in New Mexico, the couple plan to make their home in Odessa.



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ted Mitchell
Therenela Kay Meeks

Meeks - Mitchell

Therenela Kay Meeks and Russell Ted Mitchell were united in marriage on Jan. 27 at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Keith Feerer, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ballard of White Deer. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell of Pampa.

The bride was walked down the aisle by her 6-year-old son, Clinton Ryan Meeks. Matron of honor was Jinna Sandlin of White Deer. The bridesmaid was Julie Bennett of White Deer. Flower girl was Lacey Sandlin of White Deer.

Best man was Randy Baldrige and the groomsman was Jessie Asencio, both of White Deer. Ring bearer was the bride's nephew, Zachary Ballard of White Deer. Ushers were Laura Underwood, Frankie Fletcher, Molly Mitchell, Susan Henderson, all sisters of the groom, and William Mitchell, brother of the groom from College Station. Candelights were Thomas Fletcher and Andrew Underwood, nephews of the groom.

Ann Underwood, niece of the groom, registered guests. Vocalists were Darryl and Kay Hughes, Marvin and Linda Carlton, Andy Lee, April Heitz, Sharon McQueen, all of Pampa. Serving at the reception were Carolyn White of Pampa, Theresa Gann of Houston and Kim Ballard of White Deer.

The bride is a 1980 graduate of White Deer High School and has attended Clarendon College, Pampa Center. She was employed at First National Bank.

The groom is a 1976 graduate of Pampa High School and has attended CCPC. He is currently employed with Enron in Houston. After a honeymoon in Galveston, the couple will reside in Houston.



Mrs. Thomas Schwarzkopf
Robbye Cunningham

Cunningham - Schwarzkopf

Robbye Cunningham of Midland and Thomas Schwarzkopf of Abilene exchanged wedding vows on Jan. 27 in the home of the bride's parents in Booneville, Ark. with Matt McGinnis of Lubbock, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cunningham. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schwarzkopf of El Paso.

Matron of honor was Debra Eaton of Sacramento, Calif. Bridesmaids were Nancy Bergman of Midland and Shawna Cunningham of Odessa. Flower girl was Rachel Miesner of Booneville.

Best man was Scott Steckell of Griffiss AFB, New York. Groomsmen were Dan Bradley and Rob Rudy, both of Lubbock. Ring bearer was Michael Schwarzkopf of Lubbock. Jona Daniels of Amarillo registered guests.

Serving at the barbecue reception following the wedding were Bettie Cunningham, Elkton, Va.; Beth Neisner and Brenda Scanton, both of Booneville; and Anita Ray, Nashville.

The bride is a graduate of Pampa High School and Baylor University with a bachelor of science degree in education.

The groom is a graduate of Burgess High School in El Paso and Texas Tech University. He is a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and a C-130 pilot. After a honeymoon in Lake Tahoe, the couple plan to make their home in

Menus

Pampa Meals on Wheels
Monday
Chicken nuggets; potato salad; pinto beans; applesauce.

Tuesday
Cabbage dressing; pickled beets; squash; bananas.

Wednesday
Baked ham; hominy casserole; sweet potatoes; marshmallow treats.

Thursday
Charbroiled meatballs; sliced potatoes; whole tomatoes; fruit cocktail.

Friday
Baked fish; macaroni & tomatoes; mixed vegetables; peaches.

Pampa Senior Citizens
Monday
Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos; mashed potatoes; spinach; harvard beets; slaw-toss or Jello salad; apple-raisin cobbler or brownies; cornbread or hot rolls.

Tuesday
Meatloaf or chicken chow mein; cheese potatoes; blackeyed peas; fried okra; slaw-toss or Jello salad; ugly duckling cake or coconut pie; cornbread or hot rolls.

Wednesday
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy; mashed potatoes; carrots; turnip greens; slaw-toss or Jello salad; Boston cream pie or bread pudding with lemon sauce; cornbread or hot rolls.

Thursday
Smothered steak with onions or tacos; new potatoes; broccoli casserole; spinach; slaw tossed or Jello salad; Cherry delight or cheesecake; cornbread or hot rolls.

Friday
Fried cod fish with tartar sauce or baked chicken breasts; french fries; English peas; corn on the cob; slaw-

toss or Jello salad; lemon cream pie or banana pudding; garlic bread or hot rolls.

Lefors School
Monday
Breakfast: Biscuits; sausage; gravy; juice; milk.

Lunch: Lasagne; green beans; salad; pineapple; garlic bread; milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Pancakes; syrup; sausage; juice; milk.

Lunch: Salisbury steak; potatoes and gravy; carrots; hot rolls; cobbler; milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Choice of cereal; toast; peanut butter; juice; milk.

Lunch: Pizza; salad; orange; milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: French toast; syrup; juice; milk.

Lunch: Burritos with chili and cheese; salad; pears; milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Oats or rice; blueberry muffins; juice; milk.

Lunch: Hamburger or barbecue on a bun; tator tots; corn; lettuce; tomato; pickles; banana pudding; milk.

Jan. 29-Feb. 2

Pampa Schools
Monday
Breakfast: Toast; peanut butter; honey; fruit; milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce; green beans; spiced apples; hot roll; milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Oatmeal; toast; fruit; milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers; whipped potatoes; buttered carrots; peanut butter cookie; hot rolls; milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Cereal; toast; fruit; milk.

Lunch: Beef enchiladas; spanish rice; pinto beans; apple crisp; cornbread; milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Pancakes; butter; syrup; fruit; milk.

Lunch: Fried fish with tarter sauce; breaded okra; macaroni and cheese; mixed fruit; cornbread; milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs; biscuits; honey; fruit; milk.

Lunch: Corn dog with mustard; french fries; mixed vegetables; pudding; milk.

Skellytown plans arts and crafts show in March

Skellytown is planning an arts and crafts show for Friday and Saturday, March 16-17 (during spring break) at the Skellytown Elementary School. Proceeds from the show will go to benefit their park fund.

Anyone interested in having a booth at the fair or for more information, contact Freda at 848-2287 or Skellytown City Hall at 848-2497.

Deadline for entry is March 10 and all booths will be on a first come-first serve basis.

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Big Brothers/Big Sisters get-together on Tuesday

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pampa is having an information get-together on Tuesday, Jan 30 at 7 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Room of the Community Building.

The event is being hosted by the BBBS board of Directors.

"The purpose of the meeting is for interested adult volunteers to come together to learn more about our program," says Charles Buzzard, executive director.

"Based on a recent survey," Buzzard adds, "the Pampa area has approximately 1,500 children living with single-parent families. According to the National Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program, 1/4 of these children need our services."

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pampa was organized in 1986. Volunteers (minimum age 19) spend several hours per week in a one-to-one relationship with chil-



dren who need the friendship, guidance and role models of an older brother or sister.

"We currently have two matches," says Buzzard. "We have been certified by the national organization to have ten matches and several children waiting for a big brother."

"Everyone who is interested in learning more about our program are invited to meet on Tuesday with other volunteers and members of the board."

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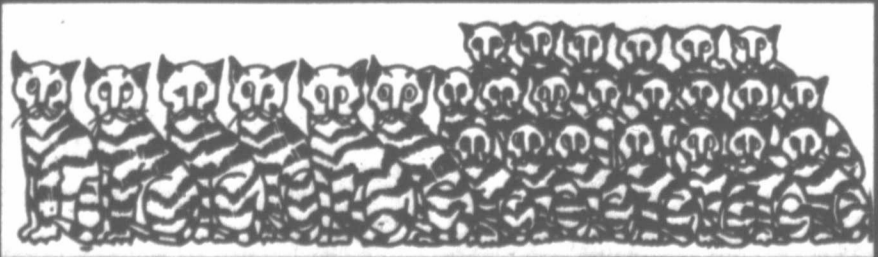
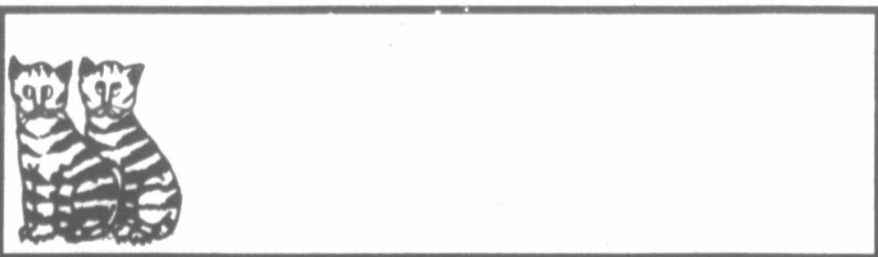
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Club News

Daughters of the American Revolution

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the home of Mrs. Maryl Jones. Vice Regent, Mrs. P.R. Britton presided in absence of Regent Mrs. Tom Cantrell. DAR Ritual was led by Mrs. Henry Merrick, chaplain, who also read the President General's message to all members wishing them success in 1990 the Centennial Year of the DAR.

Mrs. H.T. Kirby was elected historian. Plans for the annual Colonial Tea in February were discussed. Jones presented the program on national defense.

Altrusa Club

Altrusa Club met on Jan. 22 at the Coronado Inn with Cleo Worley, president, presiding. Doyve Massie reported on a tutor workshop for the literacy program on Feb. 2-3 and that the library is accepting books for their annual book sale. Pat Johnson was welcomed back after her surgery.

Lib Jones reported on a college student Altrusa helped with school supplies. Myrna Orr reported orientation would be after the meeting. Carolyn Chaney, editor, handed out the January issue of Altrusa Views. Nancy Coffee said names of foreign born women would be welcomed as they prepare for the International Program on Mar. 26. The toothbrush project is set for Marh 12-16 and Mar. 19 for third graders.

Orientation was held by the information committee for members

AARP offers free income tax advice

Free income-tax advice will be available for Pampa residents starting Feb. 2, through the Tax-Aide program of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Volunteer counselors trained by the Internal Revenue Service will operate a counseling desk at the Senior Citizens Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p. m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Phyllis Laramore, coordinator for the tax program, said the service is designed to help older persons understand income-tax forms and become familiar with special benefits available to older persons.

"Our counselors, many of whom are retired business people with considerable experience in tax matters, are trained to prepare returns for older taxpayers," Laramore said.

According to Laramore, past experience has indicated that many older persons are unaware of special benefits they are entitled to claim. Some may not be required to file a return because of limited income.

Persons using the service should bring with them copies of their previous year's federal and state tax returns and forms for the current tax year, including W-2s and other relevant materials showing income for the year.

For more information about the service call Laramore at 669-7574.

and new members: Pat Cox, Dawna Mauldin, Judy Maze and Dauna Wilkerson. Hostesses were Marian Jameson and Myrna Orr. Greeters were Lib Jones and Joyce Simon. The next meeting will be "Coming Attractions" on Feb. 12 at noon at the Coronado Inn.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Lutheran Women's Missionary League met on Jan. 15 at the Zion Lutheran Church. Upcoming events were announced: "In Celebration of Women" dinner - Feb. 14; "Police Appreciation Day" - February.

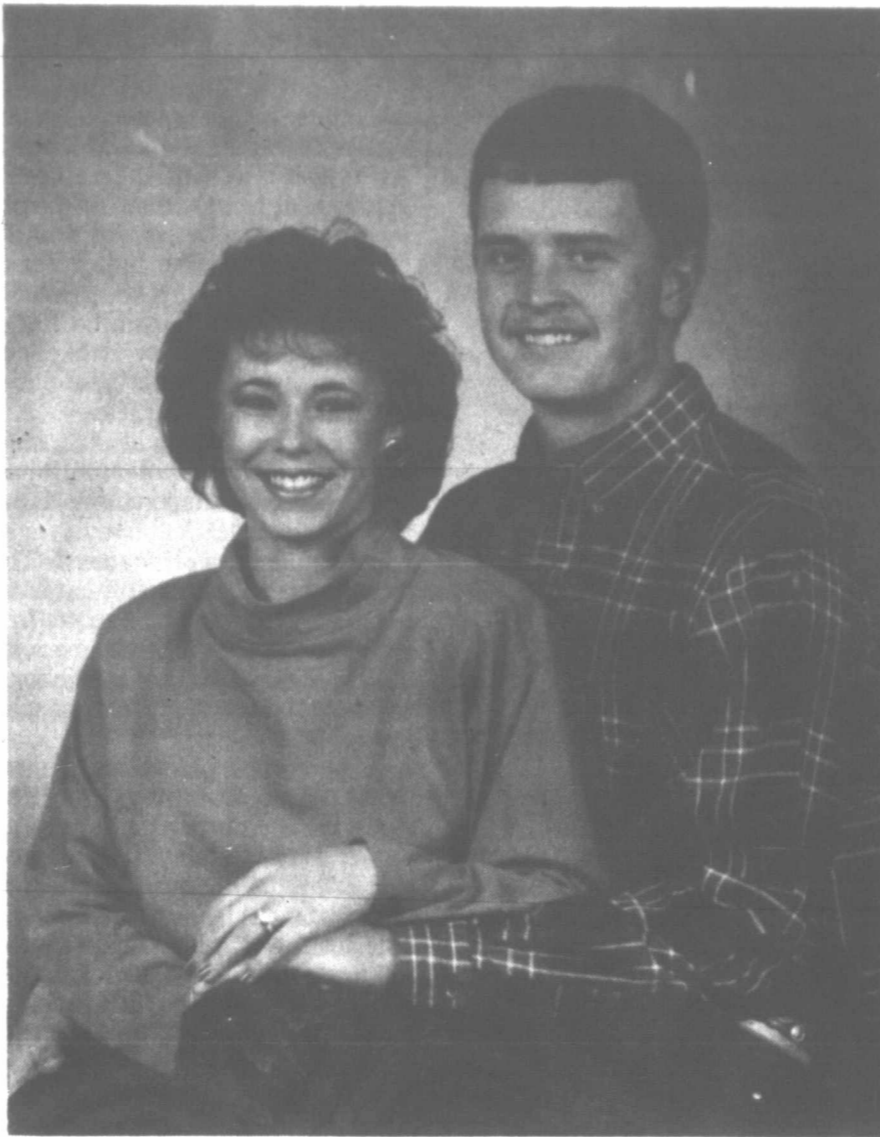
The business session was presided over by Betty Beyer, president. The final session of a study of "God's Role For Women In The Church" was led by Pastor Art Hill. Hostesses were Sue Thomas and Sheryl Lester. The next meeting will be Feb. 20.

El Progreso Club

El Progreso Club met Jan. 23 in the home of Fay Harvey, president, who chaired the meeting. Eleven members were present. Julia Dawkins, program chairman, introduced Jack Gindorf, guest speaker. Using the title "Insurance Needs", Gindorf presented information about home, car and health insurance.

Harvey conducted a short business session with Pat Youngblood leading the club collect. Mabel Ford presented a report from the nominating committee. The following officers were elected for the next club year: Dawkins, president; Dot Allen, vice president; Eloise Lane, secretary; Leona Allen, treasurer; Ruth Richart, parliamentary and Ford, special projects.

The next meeting will be Feb. 13 in the home of Dot Allen.



Tammy Kay Nollner & Stephen Batton

Nollner-Batton

Jeannie Nollner and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nollner of Spearman announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy Kay, to Stephen Batton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Batton of Mobeetie.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on Mar. 3 in the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

The bride-elect is attending Panhandle State University in Goodwell Okla. The prospective groom is a 1989 graduate of Wheeler High School and is also attending Panhandle State University.



Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Crook

Crook Anniversary

C. B. and Ola Crook of Sayre, Okla. will be honored with a reception to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today at the First Baptist Church of Erick, Okla. The reception is being hosted by Tresa Crook of Amarillo and Mary Crook of Pampa.

Ola Nutt married C.B. Crook on Feb. 1, 1950. The couple have lived in Sayre for nine years. Mr. Crook is a retired self-employed welder while Mrs. Crook is a homemaker.

The couple's children are: Dale Crook of Amarillo, Danny and Tresa Crook of Amarillo, Doug Crook of Amarillo, and Bill and Mary Crook of Pampa. The couple have 6 grandchildren.

District Roundup set for March

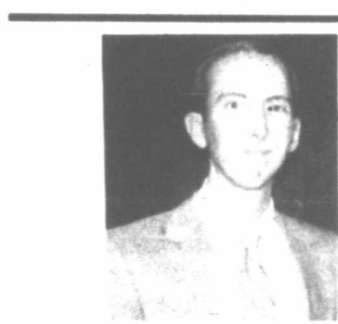
Dates

Jan. 29 - Gray County 4-H Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., Annex - Gray County 4-H Club Managers meeting, 6:30 p.m., Annex - Gray County Adult Leaders meeting, 7:30 p.m., Annex

I know we just finished up with a long series of stock shows in Gray County and many of you are must now catching up on your rest. The stock shows were a great success and all of you 4-H livestock exhibitors can be proud. Each of you spent a great deal of time in feeding, working, exercising, and training your animal. Any time you put forth that effort, you're a winner whether your animal placed first or last. When you have done your best, then you can take pride in what you have done.

I want to say a great big thanks to the 4-H members and families who came out last Sunday and helped clean up the show barn. It was really nice to have so many of you help. I don't think a barn clean-up could have gone any faster.

For those of you who made the sale, remember, I will be contacting you when your checks come in. I will also have a medicine bill figured up for those of you who used medicine from the 4-H. Also, remember, that you must complete a project record form before I can



4-H Corner

Joe Vann

give you your check. These forms are available in our offices. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Panhandle District Contest Set

That's right - it's time for many to begin preparing for District 1 4-H Roundup. District Roundup is set for Mar. 31 at Borger. This is a full month ahead of when District Roundup is usually held, so that means we have to start preparing a full month earlier.

I would encourage each of you to begin finalizing your plans for a Method Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Public Speaking, or Share-the-Fun. This Mar. 31 date is going to

catch all of us off guard if we don't start to work soon.

For those of you interested in participating in District Roundup, I have a list of all the categories posted in the office. So please come by or call so I can get your name on the list.

Several team competition dates have also been set. These dates include: April 7 - Consumer Decision Making, Dairy, Soils and Meats Judging; April 21 - Range Evaluation and Grass Identification; April 28 is set for Rifle, Horse and Livestock. Please mark your calendars as to these dates so you will not have any scheduling conflicts.

If you have any questions or need more details on these dates, please call.

Crime Prevention Tip

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Six elementary students at Lefors Independent School District have won the rights to continue on Feb. 3 in Borger in the Hoop Shoot contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge. From left, Chris Helms won the 12- to 13-year-old division; Jerimey Howard won the 10 to 11-year-old division; TeJay Steele won the 8- to 9-year-old division; Coach Carol Vincent, physical education teacher at Lefors ISD; Angie Davenport won the 8- to 9-year-old division; Tenille Franks won the 10- to 11-year-old division; and Heather Maples won the 12- to 13-year-old division.

Lefors ISD recognizes students for outstanding achievements

LEFORS - Lefors Independent School District held an award's assembly Wednesday to recognize students who have shown outstanding academic and extracurricular achievement during the 1989-90 school year.

Students were recognized and given awards for making the A and AB honor rolls in each of the six weeks held this school year. Students who made the semester A and AB honor rolls were also recognized and given a certificate.

Students who have participated in math and science meets were also recognized for their achievements. They have been awarded two trophies this school year for their work.

The girl's volleyball team was recognized for making it to bi-district and Dusty Roberson of the football team was also recognized.

Eleven Lefors ISD students have done well at area stock shows during the school year. During the awards assembly, the students showed ribbons, jackets, belt buckles and trophies won during the school year. The following students were recognized: Angie Davenport, Shelly Davenport, Jason Winegeart, Clint McClure, Tracy Tucker, Mark Tucker, Craig Seely, Nikki Bockmon, Bryan Bockmon, Jennifer

Williams and Dennis Williams. Elementary school students who will advance to competition in Borger in the hoop shoot were also recognized. The students had the best percentages in their age groups in shooting 25 free throws.

The next competition in the Hoop Shoot contest, sponsored by the Elks Lodge, will be Feb. 3 in Borger. Winners in that competition will advance to Amarillo on Feb. 10.

The following students will compete in Borger on Feb. 3: Angie Davenport, Tenille Franks, Heather Maples, TeJay Steele, Jerimey Howard and Chris Helms.

Years of depression poverty are full of rich memories

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Peter Booras in Rock Island, Ill." brought back memories of the Depression years. In 1933, my father, who was 45, was told he was too old to work, so he and my mother started a boardinghouse in Alton, Ill. They catered to working-class men who were big eaters. I was only 9 years old, but I still remember what they charged. Three meals a day and a place to sleep was \$7 a week. This included a hand-packed lunch of three sandwiches, a piece of fruit, and coffee—if they provided the jug. They also fed people who came in from off the street for 25 cents a meal—all they could eat, family-style. Please print my letter so Peter will know that at least one person remembered to his letter.

WILLIAM R. REED, PHOENIX

DEAR WILLIAM: One person? I called Peter, who told me that he had received hundreds (by now, thousands) of letters from people with Depression stories to tell. He said his biggest problem was thanking all those wonderful people who wrote. I assured him that I would express his gratitude through my column—so if you don't hear from Peter Booras personally, please understand.

Meanwhile, here are some excerpts from readers recalling the Depression years:

I was born on a farm in Illinois, but was lucky enough to get a government job in Washington, D.C., in 1934. I lived in a boardinghouse full of young men who had just come there to work. I paid \$28 a month for room and board... The Economy Act Law reduced the salaries of all gov-



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

ernment employees by 15 percent—this included U.S. senators, whose pay was reduced from \$10,000 a year to \$8,500. Also, no two members from the same family could hold a government job. One had to resign.

HARRY G., CLEARWATER, FLA.

I will never forget the Depression years. My mother died when I was 6 years old. I baby-sat for a dollar a week when I was 7. I went to school with cardboard in my shoes, but my feet got wet through the snow and slush. We were poor, but never worried. In summer, we slept in peace with our doors wide open. Times have sure changed.

MILLIE IN PHOENIX

I'm a 79-year-old widow. In 1932, when my daughter was born, I had only \$1 for baby clothes, so I bought 10 yards of outing flannel for 10 cents a yard. I made some gowns and used the rest for diapers. In winter, I washed the diapers on a washboard and dried them by an open fireplace. The "baby" is now 57 and a nurse in Urbana, Ohio.

CARRIE IN MECHANICSBURG

I'm 70 now, and I still remem-

ber double-dip ice-cream cones with chocolate topping for 5 cents, and trolley car rides over an open trestle for a nickel. A brand-new Chevrolet cost \$600, dresses were \$2.98, shoes were \$1.98, and you could buy a whole week's groceries for \$7. I never regretted those Depression years because they taught me how to manage money.

MARIAN IN NORWALK, CONN.

(Problems? Write to Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. All correspondence is confidential.)

Cold weather bulletin for landscapes

Recent cold temperatures have taken their toll on ornamental plants throughout the state of Texas. Although much of the injury is apparent, it is important for homeowners to know that it will be difficult to determine the full extent of damage until later this year. However, if dead leaves remain on freeze damaged plants, injury is likely to be more severe than on those plants that have dropped their leaves.

Homeowners should take steps to help reduce the potential injury from additional temperatures. These activities include:

1. Keep plants well watered. The recent moisture is helpful, but additional moisture may be needed. Irrigating landscape plants in the winter, especially broadleaf evergreens, can help reduce the effects of cold injury.
2. Even though plants may appear to be in poor condition, don't do any pruning until April. Pruning earlier may stimulate new growth that would be highly susceptible to later freezes. Also, it is more desirable to prune and shape after the full extent of damage is known.
3. Do not start fertilizing plants until they have resumed active



For Horticulture
Joe VanZandt

growth. The use of fertilizer at this time may also stimulate new growth and the fertilizer salts may cause further injury to stressed root systems.

4. Watch carefully for insect and disease problems that could potentially infect freeze damaged tissue.

Remember, the extent of injury to many plants may not become apparent until this summer. Therefore it is important to reduce plant stress and to limit cultural extremes. Hopefully, our Panhandle landscapes will not have suffered as much damage as downstate areas.

Plant of the Month
L. fragrantissima is no newcomer to Texas gardens. It can be found

growing unattended in old cemeteries and homesites where few other ornamental plants survive. The two most often used common names are winter honey-suckle and standing honeysuckle, both of which provide useful insight into the character of the plant.

Flowers are small and creamy white. They appear during midwinter and, although not outstanding in appearance, are highly fragrant. Foliage is rounded and bluish-green in color. In all but far South Texas, L. fragrantissima is deciduous, the flowers occurring on bare branches. It is unusually well adapted and can be found in far north as well as south Texas. Any good garden soil is sufficient with good specimens being found in both moderately alkaline and acid soils. Maximum height is about eight feet with an arching form to the branches. Red fruit in spring will often follow the winter flowers.

Landscape uses include specimens, background plantings or hedges. Winter honeysuckle is very cold and drought tolerant. Propagation is from seed, cuttings or division of older clumps. Availability on a national scale is fairly good. L. fragrantissima is often sold as a packaged deciduous shrub during the winter. Although not a spectacular plant, the form is nice, winter flowers and fragrance welcome and the hardy character a real asset. Early Texans often placed a specimen of winter honeysuckle near the frequently used gate to the garden so the fragrance and flowers could be conveniently enjoyed. Like many of the plants popular in the last century, L. fragrantissima is enjoying the renewal of popularity. Few plants will thrive in Texas gardens with less attention.

Citizen of the Year Banquet to feature humorist Kunkel

Noted humorist Jerry Kunkel is the featured speaker at the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce annual Citizen of the Year Banquet set for Feb. 8 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room.

Rev. Kunkel has established a firm reputation in the area as an outstanding motivational speaker, according to Chamber organizers. He has been a motivational consultant for state educational commissions, corporate managers, marketing departments, insurance and real estate groups, schools, churches, businesses and civic clubs across the United States.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree in religion and a bachelor of science degree in philosophy from McMurray College, and earned his masters from Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The evening will begin with a reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by a steak dinner catered by Dyer's Barbecue.



Jerry Kunkel

During the dinner, the new officers and board members of the Chamber will be recognized.

Highlighting the evening will be the naming of the Pampa area Outstanding Citizen for 1989.

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PYCC sees lots of action from joggers, walkers and swimmers

If you're looking for something more interesting than observing National Prune Month, munch away while we browse around town.

When Frankie Hildenbrand arrived at the Pampa Youth Center on a recent Monday morning at 4:50 a.m., she was greeted by 34 joggers, walkers and swimmers, all eager for their early morning exercise. Some of the frequent early swimmers are Ann Kay, Jim Dugan (he walks, jogs and swims), Jerry Hildenbrand, Jean Roper, Marilyn McClure, Julie Long, Shirley Windhorst, Ted Quillen and Don Turner. Marilyn, Julie and Shirley have clocked more than 100 miles and Don nearly 100.

Some of the stalwart young and forty-ish weight lifters show up at 5 a.m., the noon hour or with a shift change about 4:30 p.m. Some of the faithful ones are Danny Cagle, Russ Dworshak (doorjack), Larry Dearen and John Ferguson.

Then there's the noon hour lady water aerobic buffs from the youthful to the oldful (?) directed by Frankie Hildenbrand, safety director who is certified as a (1) land and (2) water aerobic instructor with plenty of know how and enthusiasm for the job.

One day last week the class consisted of Loretta Robinson, Vivian Huff, Carol and Dora McCain, June Rowan, Martha Green, Joyce Epperson, Mary Rose (Merlin's mom and a recent retiree of the Texas Railroad Commission), Sherry Clark, Sharon Black, Virginia Teel, Eileen Gross, Vennie Quillen, Lorraine Cash, Fay Reese, Eva Mae Miller, Priscilla Kovar (recently from Wyoming), Christine Fennell, Elaine Cooper. About 25 are enrolled.

The serger machine, which gives a factory finish seam, may be a big factor in the increasing number of home sewers. Pampa has its share of fine seamstresses. Spied at one of Pampa's fabric shops one day were Ann Wall, known for her beautiful work in ultra suede, Sandy Holly, Janie VanZandt, Robin Franklin, Donna Burger, Sally Stringer, Ida Lee Harnly and Mary Cotham. Did you know that only four local stores sell fabrics?

Volunteers for the American Association of Retired Persons TAX-AIDE program starts Feb. 2 at the Pampa Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays until April 16. Phyllis Laramore is the local coordinator. Local counselors who attended a five-day course in Amarillo recently were W.C. and Betty Epperson and Claudine Balch. Carl and Mary Hills attended two days. Conner Hicks is another member of the group. Each volunteer will contribute four hours per week for a total of 44 hours. Last year over 500 people were assisted in making simply returns or with questions. The program is known as TCE, Texas Counselors for the Elderly. Carl Hills is AARP president and Laramore is vice president. A real community service!

Dr. and Mrs. Kamnani recently moved into the house formerly owned by the Robert Wilsons.

You don't have to ask to know that Daisy and Bill Bennett were on hand to hear their daughter, Stacy, sing with a group of singers from West Texas State University. Stacy is an outstanding singer and young lady.

Marguerite Cox, an LVN and employee of Highland General and Coronado Hospitals for more than 20 years, recently accepted a transfer to a larger hospital in Houston for Health Trust. She received a sculpture as a going-away present from fellow employees at a party held in her honor.

There were lots of hugs and good wishes extended. While she and Kenneth will be greatly missed, they will be returning to Pampa from time to time to visit family and friends. Congratulations and good wishes, Marguerite!

Carol Trollingler, an employee of the housekeeping department for several years has been named director for housekeeping. Carol is red-headed, young and ready to work HARD!

Congratulations to Beth Doyle, who was named housekeeper of the month at Coronado Hospital. Beth spreads a lot of joy and cheer as she goes about her daily duties.

Congratulations to Lynn and Mary Beth Holland on the birth of a



Peeking at Pampa

By Katie

baby girl/Anna Shearian! Big 5 year-old brother, Chad, shares the excitement. Grandparents are Boog and Martha Burk.

Frankie and Jerry Hildenbrand are as excited as can be over the birth of their little granddaughter, Caressa. Before Caressa was a day old, Frankie had "scrubbed up" twice to hold and rock the wee one.

Recovery wishes to Doris Young as she recovers at home from recent surgery.

The same warm wishes to Jim Jeffrey as he recovers at home from a couple of hospital stays.

Friends and family are saying

tearful "goodbyes" to Anna and Merle Spence, who after 11 years in Pampa during which time three of their children graduated from Pampa High School, are being transferred to Midland. By this time they have already left. Their son, Mark, is a Navy pilot. Mike is an engineer for Dallas Condit Co. Cindy and her husband, Lance DeFever, and two children are Pampans. Mitch is a PHS freshman. "Good wishes!!!!" "Good Luck!!!" "We'll miss you!!!!"

Cody and Kim Allison recently moved back to Pampa from Tyler to the delight of Cody's parents, Helen

and Bill Allison. Cody, who is associated with Bill in Bill Allison Auto Sales, attended college from 1983 to 1987, then moved to Amarillo before living in Tyler for the last few months. Welcome home!

Charles Johnson, PHS band director, is serving as organizer for the All-State Symphonic Band, which will perform at the same convention. Anthony Gilreath and Jenni Shufelberger have the honor of performing in that band. Congratulations to all! Pampans already know that both groups are the best groups in the state of Texas!

A warm Pampa "Welcome!!!" to Joe and Dixie Wishnuck, who recently moved here from Gillette, Wyo., with a stop-over in Chase, Kan. Joe was transferred by Oxy USA (Cities Service Oil Co.). Their daughter, Amy, a high school junior, elected to stay in Gillette in order to make a school trip to Spain next summer. Nicole, a seventh grader, plays the saxophone and loves gymnastics and track. Joey, 6, plays soccer. Joe and Dixie like to bowl and swim. Dixie is into cross-stitch, too. A small pumping unit in their front yard is one they take with them from place to place.

The Wishnucks are quick to tell you that Pampa is an easy community to come into and that already the kids like school. Real Pampans

from the start!

Let's correct Jack Skelly's age from last week's column! Jack is on the sunset side of 70s, not 80s as reported last week. Chances are that 10 years from now, the same thing can be said of him: He went skiing with the Youth Group from the First United Methodist Church!

Spied Debbie Mitchell and her daughter Sophia going from door to door in their new neighborhood. Sophia was selling Girl Scout cookies and Debbie went along to get acquainted. They are a pretty pair. By the way, it's not too late to buy YOUR share of Girl Scout cookies.

Seen at the Junior Livestock Show: Bob and Wanda Tigrett, a cute dad and daughter pair, Megan Couts and her father Joe, who was working the sale; Pee Wee and Juanita Romines. Grandparents are easily spotted!

Enthusiasm and curiosity are running hand-in-hand over the big question: Who will be Pampa's Citizen of the Year for 1990? It's not too late to buy your tickets to the annual meeting of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce to be held Thursday evening, Feb. 8, at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the Chamber office. Hope to see you there.

See you next week. Katie.

Honor Roll

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Honor Roll: Michelle Sturgeon

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Best Citizen: Luis Gonzales Clinton Ladd, James Silva, Elizabeth Torres, Ruven Chavez, Betty Soria
Most Improved: Selene Del Fierro, T.J. Covington, Ebone Grayson, Jonathan Fleming, Matt Smith.

First Grade

Best Citizen: Stephanie Miller, Juan Estrada, Oscar Ortega, Tiffany Lucas, Veronica Saldierna, Rachel Perry.
Most Improved: Jessica Venegas, Cody Guerra, Raquel DeLeon, Antonio Estrada, Rance Hext.

Honor Roll: Derrick Cummings, Alicia Gutierrez, Kori Ketchum, Margarita Resendiz, Elvira Rodriguez, Ruben Castillo, Lionel Rodriguez, Rance Hext, Gavino Armendariz, Chris Batman, Beatriz Cabrales, Eric Chavez, Matt Garza, April Mobbs, Josue Silva, Eddie Soto, Jimmy Giger, Connie Lerma, Lizette Navarette, Rachel Perry, Isabel Silva, Luis Solis, Jennifer Taber, Jessica Venegas.

Second Grade

Best Citizen: Ivan Leal, Rebecca Lerma.
Most Improved: Chad Clardy, Alex Soria.

Honor Roll: Timothy Ferris, Jessica Shook, Amanda White, Teresa Carver, Sammy Ramirez, Maribel Medina, Vivan Botello, Chad Clardy, Aaron Cummings, Byran Helms, Lidia Resendiz, J.J. Solis, Tiffany Murphy, Erica Villalon, Anna Resendiz.

Third Grade

Best Citizen: Ambrina Wilson, Cecilia Solis.
Most Improved: Brandon Helms, Paula Vigil.

Honor Roll: Brandon Helms, Stormie Watkins, Benny Hernandez, Candice Jameson, Shawn Miller, Jared White, Audrey Cooper, Angie D'Jesus, Juan Lopez, Gloria Resendiz, Paula Vigil, Ambrina Wilson.

Fourth Grade

Best Citizen: Lora Garcia, Tony Campos, Blanca Rodriguez.
Most Improved: Juan Salazar, Lupe Ramirez.

Honor Roll: Kendra Rozier, Janie Villalon, Olivia Castillo, James Gross, Wayne Bryan, Thomas Carver.

Fifth Grade

Best Citizen: Curtis Atwood, Michelle Guerra.

Most Improved: Cynthia Valdez, Christina Vargas.

Honor Roll: Rachel Botello, Melissa Butcher, Arti Patel, Betsy Sigala, Stephanie Morris, Ruben Leal, Marisol Resendiz.

More Honor Roll Monday

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Breast cancer screening offered in Lefors Feb. 12

The Breast Cancer Screening Project of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and the High Plains Baptist Hospital of Amarillo continues community outreach clinics for early detection of breast cancer. The clinic provides low cost screening which includes a professional breast examination, teaching of breast self-examination, and mammography. The clinic is staffed by professionals including a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection.

The clinic is scheduled for Lefors for Monday, Feb. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Lefors Civic Center. For more information or to make an appointment, please call the Harrington Cancer Center at

359-4673 or their toll free number at 1-800-274-4673.

Locally for more information contact Carol Watson at 835-2773.

Because of the increasing incidence of breast cancer in the United States, women over the age of 40 should make it a routine habit to have annual breast exams and screening mammograms every 1 to 2 years until the age of 50 when mammography should be done every year without fail. Women should also do breast self-examination monthly to aid in the detection of any changes in the breasts. Early detection of breast cancer is the major goal of cancer control for each woman seen in the clinic.

AKC dog show and obedience trials in April

Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas and the Heart of the Plains Kennel Club will sponsor an AKC licensed Dog Show and Obedience Trials April 28-29 at the Tri-State Fair Grounds.

Entries close April 11. For entry blanks and other information contact: Judi Lindsey, Show Chairman, Rt. 3, Box 3915, Canyon, TX 79015 or call 655-4896.

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Entertainment

Oscar-winning director returns to Vietnam War period

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oliver Stone laughs ruefully when it is suggested that he can't get the Vietnam War out of his soul.

"I think it's something that exists forever; it doesn't go away," he said reflectively. "I was young — 18 to 21 — and that stays with you forever. It's a scar."

"I moved past the trauma of the war, dealt with it. I've used it instead of letting it use me. I think it's a war that shouldn't be forgotten. It's a war that should stay in our national spirit. Because we must learn from it."

Oliver Stone is the man who shook the nation's conscience with "Platoon," the 1986 Academy Award-winning film that drew on his own experiences as a young soldier in Vietnam, 1967-68. Now Stone has made another movie about the war, "Born on the Fourth of July," which has attracted critical praise — including the Golden Globe awards for best picture, director and actor (for Tom Cruise) — and predictions of Oscar nominations.

Stone directed the new film and co-wrote the script with Ron Kovic. The story, based on Kovic's book of the same name, tells how Kovic was inspired by patriotism to enlist for war service, how he mistakenly killed another soldier and was himself paralyzed by enemy fire, how he hit the skids as a bitter veteran, then became an anti-war activist.

"Platoon" required 10 years of selling to the studios before Stone could bring it to the screen. "Born on the Fourth of July" took even longer.

"It was written in 1977-78," Stone recalled at his spartan offices

in suburban Venice, where he occupies part of an old gas company building.

"We came close to making it with Al Pacino starring. But the money was not there; it was not considered commercial. The film died. Ten years later, Tom Cruise took an interest in it, "Platoon" had been successful and Universal Pictures, which had originally killed the film, came back and financed it."

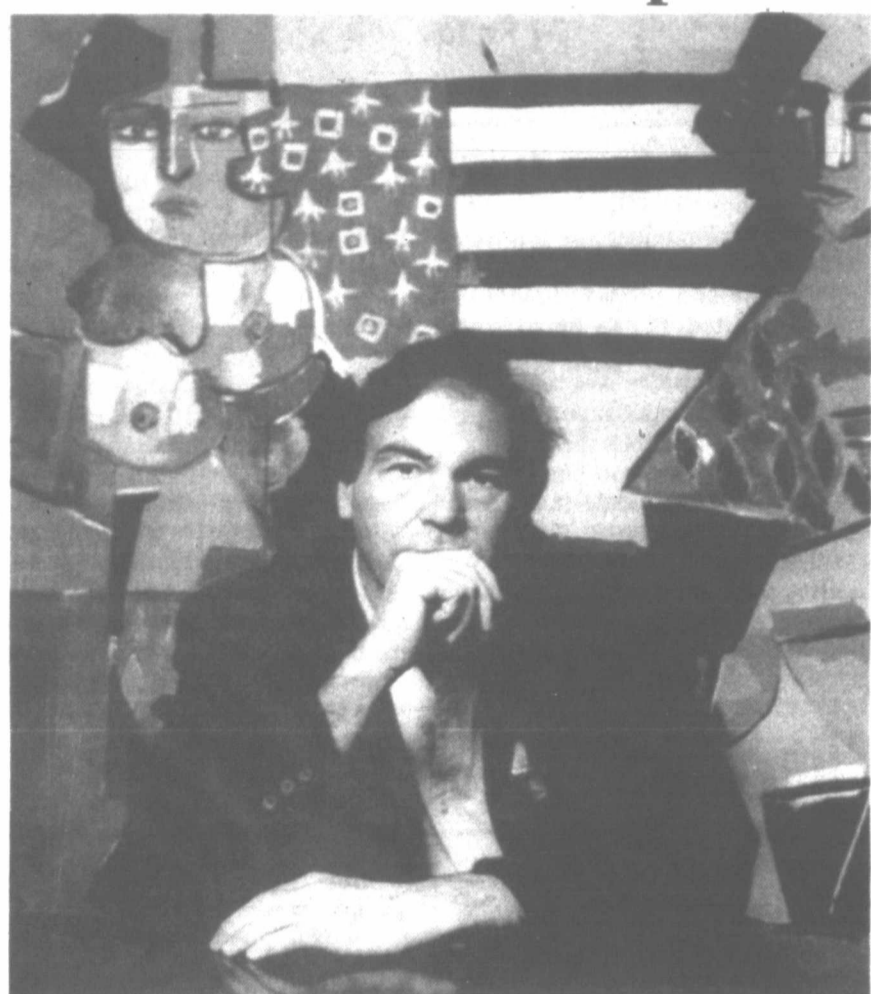
Cruise, a winning personality in teen movies and second banana to Oscar winners Paul Newman ("The Color of Money") and Dustin Hoffman ("Rain Man"), had not been acknowledged as a dramatic actor until "Born on the Fourth of July." What persuaded Stone to go with him?

"His hunger. His desire to do it. He was aggressive; he worked for nothing for about a year and a half to make this movie happen," the filmmaker said. "He came from the same background as Ron Kovic: working class, Catholic background...."

"At the same time Tom came from a background that had some problems and shadows. It was a broken family. I sensed he could use that emotional material for ... the part where Ron returns from the war and finds that his family unit is fractured."

Unlike Cruise and Kovic, Oliver Stone was born into wealth. Son of a New York stockbroker, he attended exclusive schools, where he earned a reputation as a troublemaker. His comfortable world was shattered when his parents divorced and his father was found to be heavily in debt.

Stone left Yale University to teach English in a Vietnam school



(AP Laserphoto)

Oliver Stone

at a time when the American presence was increasing. Back at Yale, he wrote a novel about his experiences that no one would publish. He enlisted for the war. Wounded, decorated and disillusioned, he returned to study film at New York University.

Stone then went into a tailspin of drugs and isolation. The country's centennial in 1976 helped him recover, and he began selling

scripts to Hollywood, including "Midnight Express," which brought him his first Oscar.

The 43-year-old Stone's next project is a biography of Jim Morrison, the troubled leader of The Doors.

Morrison was found dead in a bathtub at the age of 27 in Paris in 1971. He was a heavy drinker and drug user, although the cause of death was listed as a heart attack.

Singer now steady with her own career

By HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Suzanne Vega's debut album came out in 1985, her friend Shawn Colvin didn't want to hear it. Jealousy, admittedly, was the reason.

"I respect her very much but at the time I was threatened and I didn't listen to her very closely," recalled the 31-year-old Colvin, a onetime backup singer for Vega who now has a record of her own, "Steady On."

"When she made her first record, I really kept a distance. I was afraid. In a way I'll always be envious that she kind of broke this ground. She was really a surprise, a woman singer-songwriter and she was very poetic."

Colvin may have felt a twinge from any record. She started performing at age 18 but took years to develop the confidence needed for making her debut album. Mental blocks and roadblocks got in the way.

She tried writing as a teen-ager but quickly discarded the material because she considered it immature. Then came years of touring. Bands and cities became a blur for the Vermillion, S.D., native. All songwriters pay dues, but Colvin seemed afraid of reaping the benefits.

"I felt very connected to the records that I had and the people I aspired to emulate but the reality was completely terrifying to me," said Colvin, whose early heroes included Joni Mitchell and Laura Nyro.

"As a result, I joined different people's bands and moved in different towns and never had the courage to keep progressing on my own. I got too real and I'd lose my confidence."

The turning point, she said, came in 1983 in New York. She quit drinking, decided to perform solo and made several new friends, including Vega, with whom she toured Europe in fall 1987. Upon returning, Colvin thought hard about what she wanted to do.



Shawn Colvin

"I had just come out night after night on stages in front of thousands of people and had a great time. I was part of this wildly successful thing, but I got home and I was nobody, relatively speaking."

"I would just sit up at night and smoke cigarettes and stare out into space. I was really depressed but it was a really great time."

So after trips and stumbles, Colvin went to work. She toured folk clubs around the East Coast and in 1988 won the New York Music Award as best new vocalist. She was signed by Columbia Records the same year.

"Steady On" was co-produced by Steve Addabbo and John Leventhal, who shares writing credits on six of the record's 10 songs. Colvin plays acoustic guitar on each cut and the arrangements are a mix of folk, rock and country.

"Bless the meek. Heal the sick. Protect the weak," Colvin sings on the ballad, "Dead of the Night." They were just words at first, random thoughts scribbled on paper as mindlessly as signing for a registered letter. Thinking about it later, Colvin saw them as wishes, reasons for spending hours alone in a dimly lit room.

UB40 likes to take life and music cheerfully

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Two members of UB40, drummer Jimmy Brown and percussionist Norman Hassan, take life cheerfully.

UB40 has been touring for 18 months, promoting its album "UB40," and probably will tour until September.

So its new "Labour of Love II," the group's eighth album and first on Virgin, was recorded on tour, in Hawaii, Italy, France and England.

"Instead of having a two-week break and enjoying ourselves, somebody decided, 'We know it's Hawaii. Let's put them in this little room with no windows,'" Hassan says. "But it was fun."

"It was nice, recording," adds Brown. "It kept a bit of a vibe going, I think. We look on the bright side of things. We're not ones to complain."

"We sold a million and a half records of "Labour of Love I." We can certainly make a good living without being the biggest band in the world. It would be nice to be the biggest band in the world."

Says Hassan: "We're the biggest-selling reggae band in the world — which is nice."

UB40 members write songs, but both "Labour of Love" albums are made up of songs they've known. The new one includes reggae versions of American rhythm 'n' blues hits, including "The Temptations' 1964 'The Way You Do the Things You Do.'"

Hassan says: "They're all real famous to us, from when we were 11 and 12 and the first time we ever danced with a girl. That's why they're all love songs."

The first single is "Here I Am," an Al Green release in 1973.

A Neil Diamond song from 1968, "Red Red Wine," took off after it was played on a Phoenix radio station and became UB40's biggest hit in America, making the top of the pop charts in 1988 — five years after the album it was on.

"Labour of Love I," came out. Brown says that when he first got hooked on reggae, he thought it would sweep popular music.

"I imagined other people needed to be exposed to it and they would like it as well. I now think it must be a minority interest music, like jazz." Hassan thinks that reggae would have taken over pop music if Bob Marley had lived.

"I don't want to be disrespectful to Ziggy Marley," Brown says. "What he does I think is good, but it seems to be old-fashioned. His style of backing tracks have a mid-1970s feel to them, to me. I love the ragga-muffin style of reggae. We're trying to fuse different influences, with a funk feeling."

Other forms of reggae they talk about are dub, bass and drum-oriented instrumental, and bhangra-muffin, which mixes the reggae of Caribbean immigrants, primarily Jamaican, in Britain with the music of Indian and Pakistani immigrants.

"Reggae is like any other form of music, it has to change," Brown says. "Reggae is, after all, Jamaican pop music. It has to work in a contemporary manner." It's most popular in cities, especially London, with its many Jamaican immigrants.

Slang is created in reggae lyrics. Brown says, "Reggae is creating its own language which is constantly changing, which is true of any urban music."

His current favorite phrase — he can't recall from which reggae song it comes — is "oversized mampy," meaning "fat woman."



UB40 includes Norman Hassan, left, and Jimmy Brown.

UB40 — named for the number on Britain's unemployment form — is the original eight men from Birmingham.

"We added a brass section six years ago, which never got unadded," says Brown, "so we're permanently 10. The nucleus is eight. When the band was being sorted out 12 years ago, we had equal friends that became part of the road crew."

Some of them chose not to rehearse music, Hassan adds. "They'd say, 'I'll go down the road and have a drink.'"

"We still have the same road crew," says Brown. "I was at school with one of them when I was 7. We did an interview once in an English magazine where they photographed everybody and families. There were 63. The band and road crew must have 30 kids." Hassan says they take their social life out of England and on the road.

When asked the main purpose of reggae, Hassan replies, "to dance to, also whistle when you feel like it or sing along."

"Because intellectuals have tried to make reggae music into some kind of spiritual or consciousness music, I like the reaction against it," Brown says. "I like the idea of singing about gibberish."

"We have no manifesto. We're not trying to raise anybody's consciousness. I feel offended by people trying to raise my consciousness. I don't think there is much Phil Collins can teach me about living my life — nothing against Phil Collins in particular."

"We're politically conscious but we don't attempt to teach people. All we've ever done in lyrics is looked around us and pointed out what we considered to be wrong, not what should be done about it."

"I think pop music is a medium that is shallow and shouldn't be pretending to be anything else. I don't look down on it because it's not deep."

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FDA taking strong stand against American Heart Association's food labeling plan

By PAUL RAEBURN
AP Science Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration took a last-minute stand against a plan to label foods deemed safe by the American Heart Association, but the organization says it will go ahead anyway.

The program, known as Heartguide, is scheduled to begin Monday. It's an ambitious effort by the association to make consumers smarter shoppers by identifying products low in saturated fat, total fat, cholesterol and sodium.

The program has been in the works for three years, but Acting FDA Commissioner James S. Benson told the association last week it risked regulatory action if it proceeded with the plan.

"FDA believes that your program will increase consumer confusion and hamper any comprehensive solution to the food labeling program," Benson wrote to the group. The association decided to proceed.

"We've already talked to the companies" participating in the program, and "they are in," said a Heartguide spokeswoman, Jany Poth.

Products tested and approved by the association would, for a fee, carry a symbol made up of a red heart and a check mark.

Discussions have been held with the FDA throughout the past year, said Vicki Anderson, another spokeswoman for Heartguide, and the heart association was distressed with the last-minute letter.

But an FDA spokesman said the agency has expressed concerns to the association during the past year.

"I would think they would have been aware of them," said the spokesman, Jeff Nesbit.

In the wake of the letter, the second phase of the program — in which cereals, cheese, cookies, pasta, salad dressings and other foods will be included — has been put on hold to allow time for further negotiations with the FDA, Anderson said.

The FDA has no authority to act before products are sold, Nesbit said. Once they are on supermarket shelves, however, the agency determines whether labels are misleading.

If it determined that the association's seal of approval was misleading, it could order that the symbol be removed. Or it could seek a court order to block the sale of products with the symbol, or seize them, Nesbit said.

The program has been criticized on the grounds that

competitive pressures would force companies to participate, and that it promotes certain foods instead of promoting the idea of a healthy overall diet.

The association said its educational program will make clear that Heartguide-approved foods should be incorporated into a diet that is beneficial overall.

The fees paid to the association — up to \$640,000, depending upon a product's sales — also have been criticized.

"What we see here is a realization by the government agencies that you have a non-profit, private organization, a non-regulated organization, trying to establish a set of rules and regulations on labeling — for a fee. I think that's wrong," said John Cady, president of the National Food Processors' Association, which has vigorously opposed the program.

Study: Alzheimer's patients need simpler surroundings

By HOLDEN LEWIS
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Alzheimer's patients sometimes mistake their shadows for pools of water and try to jump over. Sometimes, they mistake their shadows for holes in the ground and freeze, terrified of falling into an abyss.

To help avoid that kind of confusion, nursing homes should stick to the plain and simple, with a minimum of decoration, in housing Alzheimer's victims, say a neurologist and an interior designer. Their advice goes against the trend in many nursing homes toward lamps, mirrors, lively colors and shiny floors.

Managers of the Levelland Nursing Home say patients in the Alzheimer's wing have been calmer and need less medication since Texas Tech neurologist J. Thomas Hutton and design professor JoAnn Shroyer redid the interior.

"I don't know if we can say they're less confused, but we have simplified their environment. Their living spaces are almost sterile," Ms. Shroyer said. "There are no pictures, and the wall coverings don't have any patterns. The furniture is very simple, and there are no lamps."

Mirrors, televisions and radios don't have a place in the wing, either, because they create too much confusion, Hutton said. "These people misperceive their environment."

In addition to mistaking shadows for puddles or holes, Alzheimer's patients have been known to try to pick the flowers in floral-print wallpaper, to sit on the floor and try to gather the "pebbles" they see in terrazzo linoleum, to believe that gunfire in TV shows is directed at them, and to be threatened by the person in the mirror who doesn't respond to their greeting.

The researchers hope to use their six years of study and their experiments at Levelland, about 30 miles from Lubbock, to write guidelines for other homes to increase the safety and comfort of Alzheimer's patients.

Part of Hutton's research involves tracking the eyes of Alzheimer's patients as they look at photographs and describe what's happening. "What we found was they tended to be distracted from relevant parts of the picture. They had the inability to suppress the

irrelevant and focus on the parts they should pay attention to."

Alzheimer's patients sometimes have trouble eating because they are distracted by placemats, silverware and napkins — so much so that they barely notice the food, he said.

Hutton used his research to create a videotape in which the viewer sees a nursing home the way an Alzheimer's patient might. The camera is drawn toward house plants and toward the listener, instead of the speaker, in a conversation involving two people. Exit signs and clocks go unnoticed: one symptom of the disease is that sufferers find it difficult to cast their eyes upward.

At the end of the 10-minute vignette, the elderly man playing an Alzheimer's patient looks in a mirror, shouts "Who are you?" and throws a tantrum when the image won't answer.

Before Levelland created the Alzheimer's unit in 1986, Alzheimer's patients were mixed in with the rest of the residents and often had to be restrained in their rooms because of outbursts, said Director Charlene Turner. "Now they have a much more calm atmosphere and they're happier."

Patients also use less medication, and staff morale is higher, she said.

Because Alzheimer's patients tend to wander — sometimes into other people's rooms — the wing is separated from the rest of the home by a locked glass door.

Floral wallpaper decorates the hallways in most of the building, but walls in the Alzheimer's wing are covered with an off-white plastic that looks like plaster but absorbs sound because echoes confuse Alzheimer's patients.

The floor in the Alzheimer's wing is white linoleum; in the rest of the building, it's "pebbly" terrazzo linoleum.

Recessed fluorescent lights in the Alzheimer's wing are brighter than those in the rest of the building to reduce shadows and improve visibility. Lavender wainscoting in much of the building is muted and calming in the wing.

In the dining room in the Alzheimer's wing, the tables, utensils and chairs are in contrasting colors to make it easier to distinguish one from the other.

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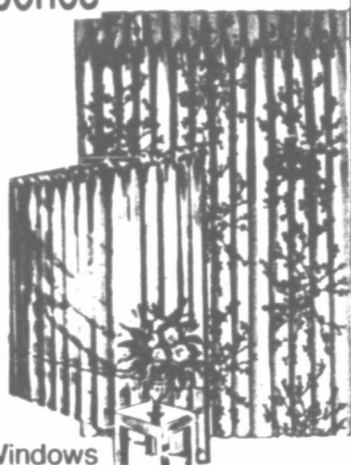
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15 Pipe
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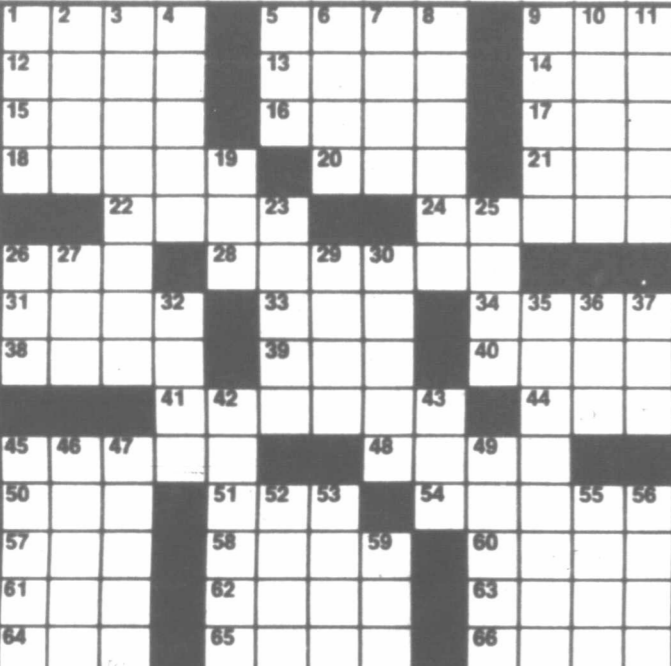
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40 Of aircraft
41 European channel
44 Gratuity
45 Refuge
48 Civil wrong
50 Light — feather
51 Couple
54 — Keaton
57 Container
58 Poetic foot
60 Construction beam
61 Netherlands commune
62 Marsh
63 Charles Lamb
64 — Moines
65 City in Oklahoma
66 Broker's advice

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 2 Freshwater porpoise
3 Silliness
4 Suitably
5 College deg.
6 Adjective ending
7 Viva —
8 Real — agent
9 Outing
10 Businesswoman —
Lauder
11 Civil War general
19 Pollack fish
23 Entire
25 — Major (constellation)
26 Gas burner
27 Gold (Sp.)
29 Pleasant
30 Dishearten
32 Existence
35 Capable of being moistened
36 Spoon bend — Geller
37 Tangled mass
42 Punctual (2 wds.)
43 Bushy clump
45 Despised
46 Stage whisper
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53 Biblical king
55 Metal fastener
56 Relating to time
59 Four-poster, e.g.

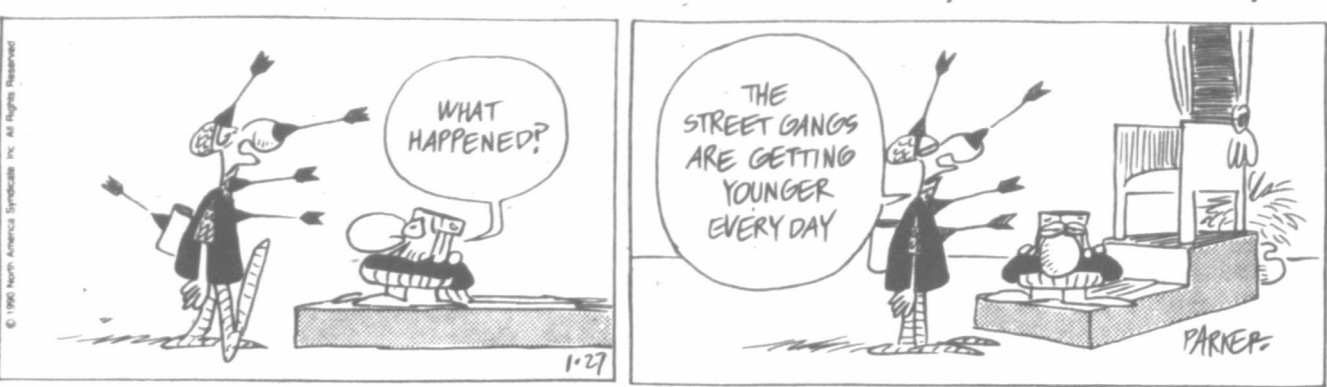


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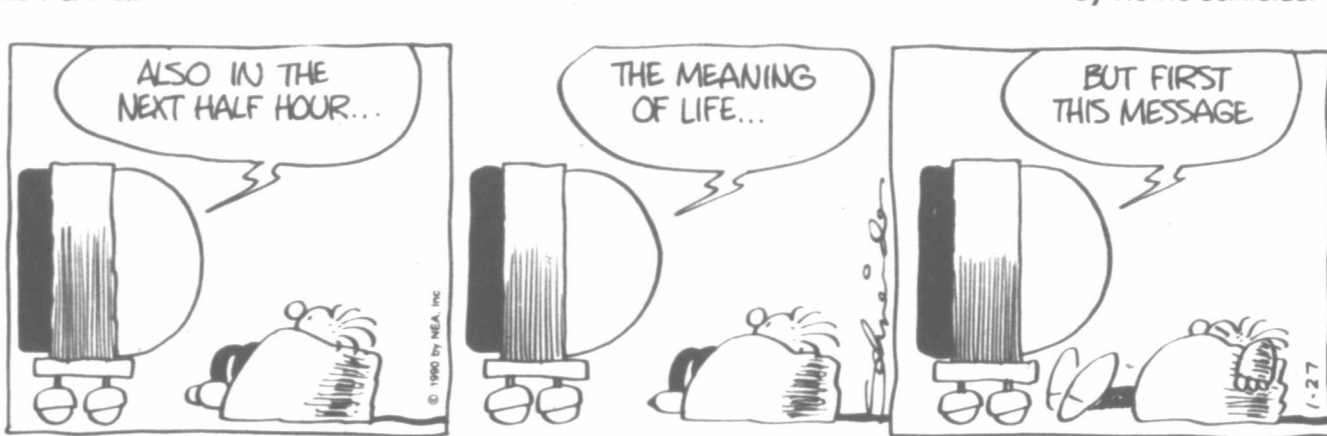
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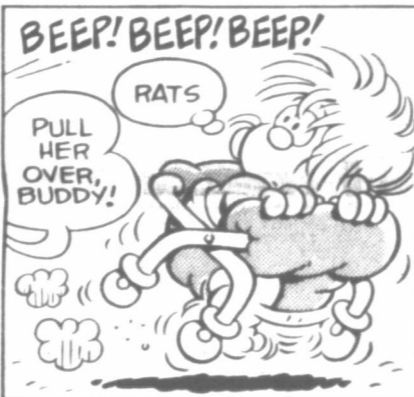
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be exceptionally fortunate in joint ventures at this time, especially those where you've already done considerable spade work.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Several alliances you have already formed will begin to take on greater significance at this time.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) As of today, important changes could begin to take place where your work or career is concerned.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't attempt to do on your own today that which can be more effectively achieved by working in tandem with someone as efficient as yourself.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your possibilities for personal gain look very strong at present, so don't leave situations dangling that can fatten your bank account.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something in which you're presently involved that has pronounced elements of chance looks like it's going to work out advantageously for you.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial trends are moving in your favor at present and your possibilities for personal gain look hopeful.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Enterprises or ventures which you personally manage should workout to your satisfaction. Be careful, however, not to delegate responsibilities to partners or associates who are inept.

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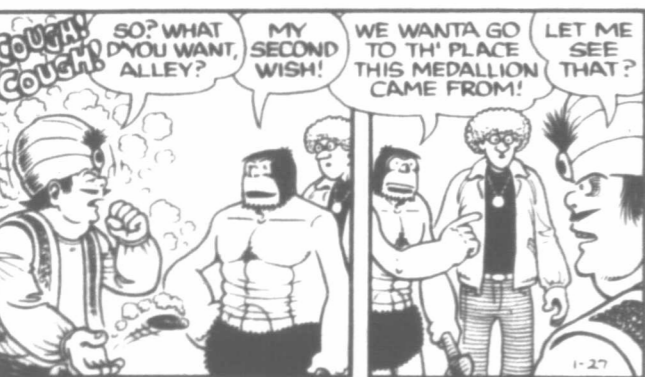
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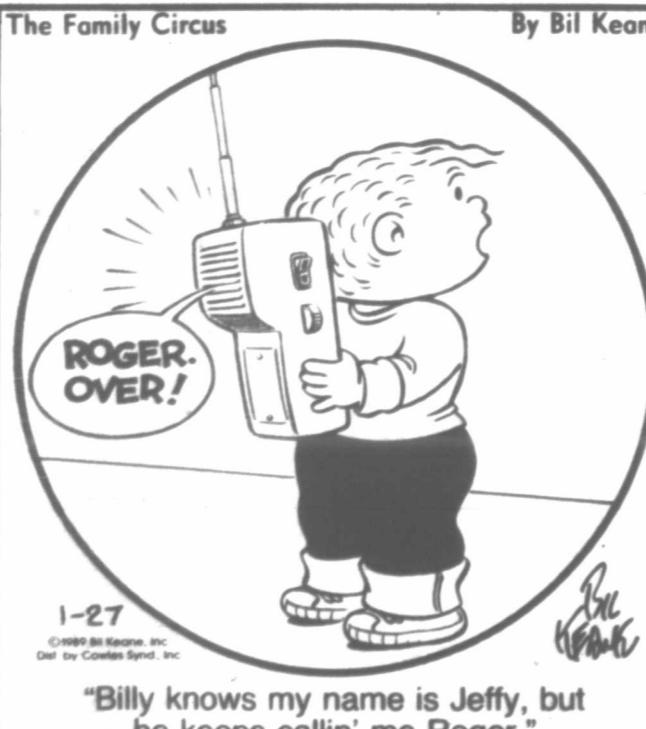
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Newspaper series sparks re-examination of drought policies

By SCOTT McCARTNEY and FRED BAYLES
Associated Press Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — The Agriculture Department is re-checking some payments made under the 1988 drought relief program and congressional leaders are urging policy reviews after The Associated Press found widespread misapplication of funds in the \$3.9 billion emergency effort.

One New Jersey farmer has been asked to repay \$100,000 after a federal agent read AP reports that checks went to corporations and farmers ineligible for disaster aid. Entire counties in California and New Mexico are being investigated as well, according to the Agriculture Department.

The AP found that the program became a one-time windfall for thousands of farmers outside drought areas whose losses were due to normal quirks of nature. Claims were approved for such common perils as insects, sand, wind, cold and fungus, even "ineffective herbicide" — all of which were outside the bounds of the drought effort.

Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., a member of the House Agriculture Committee, called the AP series "a needed story" and said Congress must try to establish safeguards to prevent problems in future agriculture disaster programs.

"We have to set up some structures," Roberts said. "That's why I think the AP series and other examples have been very beneficial. They point up the road we should not take."

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yentler said his department's Office of Inspector General probably will investigate the 1988 relief program and likely will study the AP series, which appeared in December.

"The fact is, these kinds of programs are exceedingly difficult to administer, and they have inherent shortcomings," said Yentler, who was interviewed recently at a wheat growers' convention in Texas. "It's not that people avoided their responsibilities or were cavalier in the implementation; it's simply that it's just not an ideal way to deal with this problem."

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the arm of the Agriculture Department that administered the program, is already checking specific misdeeds spotted by the AP, deputy administrator Dan Shaw said in Washington, D.C.

The ASCS says, however, that it won't check beyond the 22 counties in eight states the AP examined in its investigation.

"Those few that I was concerned with, we are checking to make sure corrections will be made," Shaw said.

Shaw said other counties won't be studied because ASCS officials don't believe serious problems exist nationwide. "I think (the AP) did a pretty good job," he said. "I think you came up with the same problems we were having administering the program."

But Dennis Pryslak, the New Jersey lettuce grower who was ordered to repay the aid he received, said it's unfair to single him out just because he was mentioned in an AP story.

"There's 50,000 other guys out there in the same situation and we got caught," said Pryslak.

Yentler said he hoped to avoid future big-buck bailouts, either by improving the federally subsidized crop insurance system or creating a permanent, efficient disaster program.

"We simply cannot afford a combination of the two," Yentler said. "The combination of mousetraps that we're using to deal with natural

disasters in this country is not a very desirable combination."

If Congress chooses to finance disaster programs rather than subsidize crop insurance, the Agriculture Department will go back and examine the problems the AP found, he said.

"One could put in place permanent disaster legislation that would be a potential substitute to crop insurance," Yentler said. "Once the administrative system was put in place, we wouldn't have the kinds of problems that were cited in your articles, or at least they'd be dramatically minimized."

The AP stories appeared amid an intensifying debate in Washington over the value of crop insurance vs. year-to-year disaster relief. Earlier this month, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kansas, senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, renewed his call to strengthen crop insurance and clean up excess in farm disaster programs.

"We were begging for disaster help for Kansas wheat farmers (last year) and there were other senators fighting for the watermelon and pickle growers," said Dole spokesman Walt Riker.

"What he's saying is, let's clean up crop insurance and make it attractive for farmers to participate in. Let's not have these whole programs where the country is paying for 'ginseng root relief,'" Riker

said. Ginseng root was among the many crops eligible for disaster assistance in 1988.

Indeed, the AP study, conducted over seven months, found that payments went far beyond the initial intent, supported by almost everyone, to save Midwestern grain growers from bankruptcy. Growers collected on everything from kiwi fruit in California to Christmas trees in Connecticut. Checks were written for rain-bloated tomatoes in New Jersey and washed-out bird seed in Colorado.

Rep. Kika de la Garza, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, defended the disaster relief program and contended the benefits to truly drought-stricken areas were "camouflaged" by abuses found by the AP.

"Legislation at best is an imperfect endeavor," de la Garza said. "Therefore there are those (mistakes) that for one reason or another fall through the cracks. That always happens when we do legislation in an emergency situation."

"I would have liked to have taken more time. I would have liked to have done more study. But there was no time. Something needed to be done."

Some problems the AP found, such as farmers "triple dipping" by collecting disaster aid, crop insurance and growing a replacement

crop all on the same acreage, were corrected in the 1989 relief program, de la Garza said.

The House committee, de la Garza said, will look into the reported abuses and ask the Agriculture and Justice departments to see if fraud or other illegal acts were committed.

"Already, from word of mouth, we've been looking," de la Garza said.

Two weeks ago, the ASCS asked Pryslak to return his \$100,000 in assistance within 30 days. The AP had reported that his business exceeded the \$2 million revenue limit, disqualifying it from the federal program.

Pryslak, who has appealed the decision, said he gave the local ASCS office correct information and asserted he was paid through the agency's misinterpretation of the rules.

"If I knew about the \$2 million ceiling, I wouldn't have taken the money," he said.

Peter DeWilde, the ASCS director for New Jersey, said errors were made on both sides.

"He didn't give us some information and some information we didn't ask for," he said. A determination of Pryslak's appeal is expected by the end of February.

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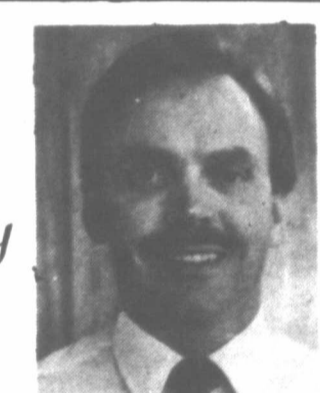
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Agriculture

Farm, consumer advocates demand hormone-fed milk be kept off market

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debate over a synthetic hormone that makes cows give more milk is heating up with a renewed demand by a group of farm and consumer advocates to keep milk from test herds from going into the consumer market.

The group argues that if the Food and Drug Administration refuses to suspend sales until the agency makes a final decision on the drug, the agency should at least require labels on milk and other dairy products that originate from test cows treated with bovine growth hormone, or BGH.

A similar request for halting distribution of milk from test herds was made last August, but the FDA did not respond, Brian Ahlberg of the National Farm Coalition told a news conference last week.

The genetically engineered hormone is bovine somatotropin and is usually called BST by the Agriculture Department and the chemical companies that make it. The hormone also occurs naturally in a cow's body.

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yentler said last week in discussing the hormone that "unenforceable labeling laws have been proposed that would attempt to enforce mandatory labeling by farmers and processors."

Yentler told the Milk Industry Foundation and International Ice Cream Association meeting in Palm Beach, Fla., that safety for consumers, animals and environment is the "only one criterion" on which the use of the hormone should hinge.

"Thus, BST measures up on all these counts," he said. "And if it continues to do so it should ultimately receive approval ... for commercial use, just as should any product that the FDA deems to be safe."

Jeremy Rifkin of the Foundation for Economic Trends, a longtime critic of the synthetic growth hormone, said his organization is preparing a petition asking the FDA for "a full, thorough, internal investigation" into allegations the agency worked with drug companies and has been hiding test results from the public.

Rifkin said the hormone "has no redeeming social value" and is bad for farmers, cows, taxpayers and ultimately, perhaps, consumer health.

However, during questions, coalition spokesman Ahlberg said the group was not claiming adverse health effects from milk produced by hormone-treated cows.

Rifkin also accused FDA of promoting the growth hormone before the agency has given it final clearance. "This is outrageous," Rifkin said. "This is activity that should have been condemned a long time ago."

Rifkin said if FDA approves commercial use of the drug, his group will seek court action to ban it.

"We are determined that this product will never reach the marketplace in the United States and Europe," he said. "We will litigate, will inform consumers with the mass media, will do whatever is necessary."

The FDA did not return calls for comment on Rifkin's allegation that the agency has been actively promoting the drug prior to its final approval.

Speakers said they had no information from the FDA about the extent of testing or how much milk is entering the U.S. consumer pipeline, although Rifkin and others have said they thought the percentage is quite small.

They said producers include herds maintained by land-grant universities and private farmers. The common practice is to sell milk from test herds to local dealers, who then mix it with other milk for distribution.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, has asked the General Accounting Office to investigate allegations by Dr. Richard Burroughs, a fired FDA veterinarian, that tests of the chemical were inadequate.

Burroughs has accused the FDA of toning down criticism of research on the hormone at the request of the chemical companies.

The FDA has said the hormone-treated milk is safe to drink.

The hormone is manufactured by Monsanto, Eli Lilly, Upjohn and American Cyanamid, who have said the FDA review has been the most thorough of any study of animal drugs. And the FDA says it has not made any exceptions in its drug-testing standards.

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WEATHER AND WHEAT

The snow, sleet and rain were certainly welcome by all farmers and ranchers. The way it all fell was about the best for wheat farmers as very little moisture was lost from our fields.

Wheat is already beginning to show a little green-up this past week. Let's just hope we don't get a lot of warm weather and start growing a lot, which would cause it to lose its winter dormancy. I think this was part of what caused us to lose a lot of wheat fields last year.

AG MARKETING MEETING

Marketing of agricultural products is always a tough process for most farmers and ranchers. A marketing meeting will be held Monday night, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. in the County Extension Office.

I will present a program that will review some of our marketing alternatives and ways that futures and options can gain a higher price for our products.

Everyone interested in marketing activities should try to attend.

1990 HORSE INDUSTRY SEMINAR

Issues facing the horse industry, new technology and up-to-date management information will be major areas of emphasis in Houston on Feb. 16 and 17 when the International Stockmen's School presents the 1990 Horse Industry Seminar.

Friday, Feb. 16, emphasis will be on broodmares and young growing horses. The Saturday, Feb. 17, program will focus on performance horses.

Nationally known speakers who are industry representatives and professionals in equine science will make up this exciting, educational opportunity.

AQHA's Bill Brewer will address the issue of horse welfare and summarize what is ahead at competitive activities. Cam Foreman, also of AQHA, will speak on opportunities for marketing horses internationally. And Dr. Arden Huff

of Virginia will present a futuristic look at the horse industry, discussing steps the industry should consider for survival, growth and expansion.

Horse owners will also get the chance to learn more about biotechnological advancement that is taking place today from Dr. Mike Wilson of Granada Inc.

Internationally known equine scientist Dr. Helmut Meyer from West Germany will present information on fetal growth and development as broodmares go through each stage of pregnancy. He will also summarize the latest findings on water and electrolyte balance as related to the exercising horse.

Performance horse trainers and owners will also hear about various techniques in physical therapy from well known horsemen and veterinarian Dr. Al Gabel of Ohio State. Dr. Gary Potter, Texas A&M University, will discuss dietary manipulation to increase power and stamina in the equine athlete. And Dr. Pete Gibbs, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service horse specialist, will cover concepts of performance horse feeding.

Broodmare owners, as well as horsemen raising or conditioning growing horses, will get a chance to learn more about vital tools that can enhance management efforts.

Dr. Terry Blanchard, of Texas A&M's Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery, will discuss the use of various test kits in horse production today. Dr. Warren Evans, Texas A&M professor, will outline considerations for managing the estrous cycle of the mare, and Dr. Doug Householder, also an Extension horse specialist, will cover ration formulation using new NRC Requirements.

Participants will become familiar with considerations for achieving rapid growth and development in young horses while minimizing bone and joint problems that can occur. Dr. Gary Webb, TAMU, will give an update on use of improved pastures

for young horses. And Ms. Sue Webb, TAMU, will address exercise physiology and how horses adapt to exercise.

The 1990 Horse Industry Seminar is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and Agri Services Foundation. Program coordinators are Dr. Pete Gibbs and Dr. Doug Householder, Extension horse specialists (409) 845-1562.

For pre-registration information, contact W. H. Warren, Director, International Stockmen's School, Department of Animal Science, TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-2471 or (409) 845-3808.

AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Applications are being accepted through Feb. 15 for participation in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The program provides leadership training over a two-year period to a selected group of 25 to 30 people through seminars and travel around the state and in foreign countries.

"Agricultural leaders must make some critical decisions in the years ahead," said Dr. L.S. Pope, who coordinates the TALL program at Texas A&M University. "This program seeks to help develop potential leaders and provide them with a broadened knowledge of a range of complex issues."

The 24 participants in the first TALL program, completed in December, toured 10 key agricultural areas in Texas, traveled to Washington, D.C., and northern Europe, and met 175 leaders in agriculture. The program includes 12 meetings of two to three days, scheduled every other month.

Pope said applicants must be between the ages 25 and 40, show leadership ability and have an association with agriculture. Cost of the program is \$1,000. Applications are available in the Gray County Extension Office.

Report shows farmers concerned about using soil-saving practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Farmland Trust says soil-saving methods of producing crops rate well among many farmers but that there is a high degree of skepticism about tougher federal restrictions on chemical use.

The private, non-profit conservation group said that "substantial numbers of farmers across the country are interested in, and currently employing, a variety of environmentally benign, sustainable agricultural practices."

But the report acknowledged that there are wide variations among farmers, depending on the kinds of crops involved and on geographic locations.

For example, only 20 percent in one area used rotation plans while the majority in other areas followed the soil-saving practice.

The project was based on personal interviews lasting for more than an hour with 489 farmers randomly selected in five major production areas in Butte County, Calif.; Whitman County, Wash.; Renville County, Minn.; Livingston County, Ill.; and Dooly County, Ga.

Questioners asked about methods used by the farmers in 1988, the most recently completed crop season, including their views on the potential environmental threats that might occur.

The American Farmland Trust, which was founded in 1980, said it did not design the questions or interpret results "with any hostility toward use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides."

It said the study was undertaken in preparation for the 1990 farm bill debate under way in Congress. Environmental issues, including

potential hazards of agricultural chemical pollution, are expected to have high priority.

Over many years, report said, chemicals "have brought great benefits to American agriculture and consumers" and are "essential for financial viability" in most farming situations today.

"However, there is widespread evidence that an over-dependence on (chemical) use has developed and much effort is today devoted to seeking ways to enable farmers to economize on use of chemicals and fertilizer," the report said.

Last September, the National Research Council issued a 450-page report, *Alternative Agriculture*, which advocated reduced use of farm chemicals and more soil-saving practices such as crop rotation. The NRC report recommended changes in farm policies to help encourage the alternative methods of production.

The NRC report has drawn criticism from some quarters on grounds that some of its findings and recommendations were based on inadequate research and, in some cases, one-sided assumptions.

At its national convention in Florida recently, federation president Dean Kleckner expressed skepticism of "the concept of low-input sustainable agriculture" and alternative farming methods.

"Conventional agriculture, so carefully developed through a partnership between our land-grant colleges and farmers themselves, is indicated as inefficient and wasteful," he said. "This simply is not true."

The Agriculture Department was one of the sponsors of the American

Farmland Trust study, although most of the financing came from private foundations.

The USDA currently is developing LISA, or "low-input, sustainable agriculture," as an alternative to heavy use of crop chemicals and other practices that jeopardize soil and water resources.

Some research findings show that many farmers "apply excessive amounts of fertilizers or pesticides because they lack adequate information about what their fields really need or because they use very high applications as a form of insurance," the report said.

"Moreover," it added, "in some situations, the threat or actuality of ground water or surface water pollution is high enough that a reduction in the use of chemicals may be necessary for health reasons."

Crop rotation, long recognized as a way to build up soils, was used by a majority of the farmers in four of the five areas, with 54 percent to 82 percent employing the practice in 1988, the report said.

The exception was in Butte County, Calif., where only 20 percent of those interviewed used rotations.

USDA says Soviet farmers face trade barriers

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Agriculture Department analyst says it may be some time before individual republics or business enterprises in the Soviet Union are able to engage in world trade on their own.

Moscow's foreign trade organizations, or FTOs, hold centralized reins over agricultural trade, although economic reforms under Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev are opening other doors such as joint ventures and FTOs in the republics.

Abraham Avidor of the department's Foreign Agricultural Service said despite the announced reforms, the central government continues to dominate foreign trade and the pricing, procurement, processing and retailing of food staples.

"Trade reforms, particularly the granting of trade rights to republics and qualified enterprises, have not yet had a major impact," he said. "In many cases, republics and

enterprises do not have enough exportable world-class products to generate hard currency sales."

Writing in the current issue of *AgExporter* magazine, Avidor said the republics and enterprises also lack trading experience and are subject to export licensing aimed at assuring sufficient domestic supplies.

"Because of the limited impact of trade reforms, the central government remains the only major purchaser of U.S. agricultural commodities," he said.

On the other hand, U.S. agricultural exporters have few problems with Soviet tariffs. Although a tariff schedule is maintained, it serves mostly as an accounting system to keep track of foreign trade.

The largest Soviet barrier to greater trade with the West is a shortage of hard currency, the

ruble's lack of convertibility, and government dominance over trade, Avidor said.

American farmers have benefited from large grain sales to the Soviet Union since the early 1970s, particularly since 1976 when regular purchases were first specified in a long-term agreement between the two countries.

But Avidor said the underlying goal of Moscow is to reach food self-sufficiency and that large imports "continue to be viewed as temporary necessities."

"Recent reforms have focused on increasing food supplies, rather than on controlling (consumer) demand," he said. "Steps have been taken to decentralize decision-making in agriculture, allowing more self-management by republics, enterprises and individuals."

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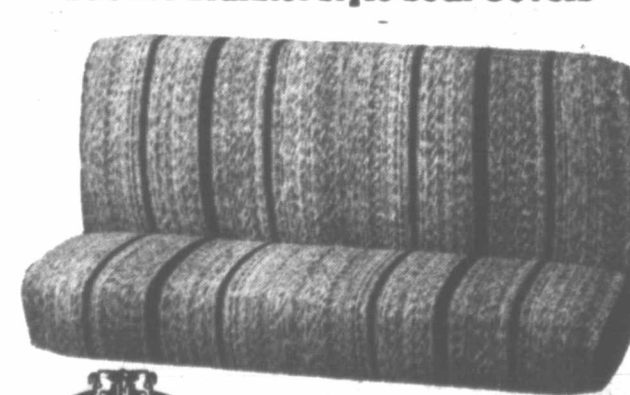
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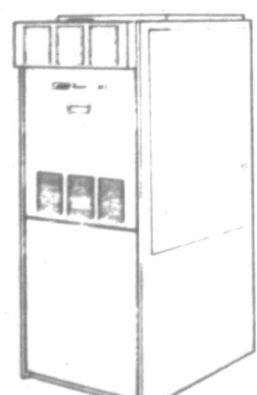
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Poets of the range gather in Nevada to exchange their words

EDITOR'S NOTE — It wasn't a cowboy who first wrote that someone "bit the dust." That's from Homer's *Iliad*. But America's riders of the range are beginning to let others know that they, too, have a way with words, thanks in large part to an annual gathering of cowboy poets in Nevada.

By **BOB KERR**
Associated Press Writer

Cowboy poets who once practiced their art mainly in bunkhouses, bars and at family gatherings have extended their stage across America in recent years, appearing on national television and the banquet circuit.

Cowboy poetry has existed as long as there have been cowboys. Several old songs began as cowboy verse and books of cowboy poems were published as early as the 19th century.

But it didn't really attract a wide audience until January 1985 when Hal Cannon, former state folklorist for the state of Utah, organized with several others the Cowboy Poets Gathering in Elko, Nev., now an annual event held every January.

"Cowboy poetry was a part of American folklore but it had almost no exposure," says Cannon, who has become the director of the Western Folk Life Center in Salt Lake City. "America didn't know about the poetic cowboy."

"So we all started thinking about it. We started looking around our own states and found that almost everyone who interprets the cowboy is an outsider. Movie makers, TV producers, journalists, artists, folklorists."

"The cowboy hadn't really had a chance to tell his own story. He really didn't have a public forum."

Baxter Black of Henderson, Colo., considered to be the only such poet who derives his entire income from rhyme, says audiences find Western poetry enchanting because of the cowboy's independent image.

"He has a physical job," Black



(AP Newsfeatures Photo)

Framed by his horses, cowboy poet Baxter Black stands outside his ranch near Henderson, Colo.

says. "He's outdoors. He's placing himself against the elements with the mythical Code of the West to guide him. When the chips are down, this is the person you want to stand beside you."

Black, who has traveled the banquet circuit for years with stopovers in such places as Muleshoe, Texas, says acceptance from the general public began with that first poetry gathering in Elko.

Before the poets went public,

Cannon says, "the only place you really heard them was in bars or cow camps. They were pretty private sessions."

Cowboys and ranchers first published their poetic works as early as 1880, he says, but, "It just never got out to the public."

The public exposure has brought out "several hundred" other cowboy poets, some better than others.

"The quality ranges from bad to great," Cannon says.

Buck Ramsey of Amarillo, Texas, one of the newcomers to the cowboy poet circle, is considered by Cannon to be one of the best.

"When I hear Buck Ramsey recite his poetry, I'm much more moved than when I see someone throw his hat all around the stage," Cannon says.

Performance, which includes gestures, facial expressions and tone of voice, sometimes overshadows the content at cowboy poetry read-

ings.

Ramsey's verse is straightforward with no histrionics. Asked for a couplet about a cowboy poet, Ramsey replied:

"'He'd do to ride the river with,'
'I'd have you say of me.
'And if I lived to fit the words,
'I'd be all I should be.'"

Waddy Mitchell, a ranch foreman near Elko who also has found national prominence as a cowboy poet, estimates participation since

the first gathering has increased 2,000 percent.

Mitchell has appeared on several television specials and toured recently with country singer Michael Martin Murphy, to places like Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and Miami.

Black, who acts as his own business manager and limits his appearances off the banquet circuit to about five a year, has been a guest on the Johnny Carson show twice.

Other poets have begun to fill in as headliners at dinners, banquets and conventions throughout the West.

Cannon is preparing an anthology of cowboy poetry that will include some of Ramsey's work.

Ramsey, injured in a bronc-riding accident on a Texas Panhandle ranch in 1963, has written non-fiction for Southwestern publications for years. He believes that many cowboys are far better-educated in literature than most people realize.

Some of the cowboy language comes from such classics as Homer's *The Iliad*.

Homer referred to a breaker of horses 56 times in his classic work, Ramsey says. It also produced the term "bit the dust."

The "Bull Durham" classics also supplemented the cowboys' literary understanding.

"Back before the turn of the century, you could send a dime off with a tag off a Bull Durham tobacco sack and get one of the 303 classics," Ramsey says. "The set included all of the great literature from Homer up through the American writers."

Ramsey wrote poems as a young cowboy along the Canadian River breaks.

In later years, "I would see someone like Baxter or Waddy on TV saying their poems and the old poems were running through my mind. After I saw them, I decided to write my poems down."

Ramsey, Mitchell says, is "a jewel of a guy and a good storyteller. And a pretty good guitar picker."

Lubbock lab studies drought stress to improve plant survival

By **HOLDEN LEWIS**
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Horticultural geneticists and plant enzymologists don't talk to each other.

At least they usually don't. The two branches of botany use the same scientific language, but their dialects are so different, researchers say, that they rarely translate their work to compare notes.

But at Texas Tech's Plant Stress and Water Conservation Lab, scientists from a number of disciplines have learned to speak a common language: drought.

The lab's goal is to find varieties of wheat, corn, cotton, onions and other plants that can survive the harsh weather of the Great Plains stretching from Canada to Texas, with their frequent droughts and bouts of bitter cold and stifling heat.

The research has resulted in drought-resistant strains of cotton and wheat, a type of sorghum that is resistant to insects called midges, and grape vines that have tougher leaves to withstand hail.

"Most enzymologists talk only with enzymologists," said James Mahan, a U.S. Department of

Agriculture plant physiologist who specializes in that branch of plant chemistry. "But here, I talk to all sorts of different people. That's why this interdisciplinary approach is so important."

Though it focuses on U.S. crops and conditions, the research has international implications.

"In Lubbock, we're representative of the arid and semi-arid areas of the world, such as central and western Africa," said Robert Albin, associate dean of research at Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences. "A large part of the world's land surface is semi-arid."

John Burke, another USDA scientist studying plant enzymes, said almost all the research has international applications: "These crops are grown throughout the world. This research holds true no matter where you are."

Burke works with Ellen Peffley, a Texas Tech assistant professor of horticulture specializing in onion genetics. She is trying to develop onions that can withstand extreme cold. Burke identifies enzymes that make onions more cold-hardy, and Peffley tries to get onions to make those enzymes.

"As we discover the basic mechanics, this can be applied to all crop species," she said.

More than 50 scientists and graduate students from Texas Tech, the USDA and Texas A&M participate in the program. Research is done at various laboratories and agricultural experiment stations; there is no one specific, centralized lab.

The lack of a common place to meet and perform experiments is the program's major shortcoming, Albin said.

The university has moved toward building such a laboratory with a \$500,000 federal grant to start work on what is expected to be a \$17 million complex on a 50-acre site at the Tech campus.

If and when the complex is finished, the geneticists, entomologists, physiologists, biochemists and soils scientists who now coordinate projects from many different sites will be able to work under one roof.

"It gets to be quite complicated and we have to keep people together and coordinated," Albin said. "We're in such a specialized area of research. You might have a molecular scientist discover something

important, but he doesn't know how to grow the plant, so you have the A&M research station for that."

"We've got to keep coordination in mind. A geneticist might get caught up transferring gene A into plant B and lose sight of what it's all about."

Congress formally created the Plant Stress and Water Conservation Lab in 1988, but the research had been going on at Tech since the late 1950s. The USDA picked Lubbock to be the center of the research because of Tech, lack of rain, and temperatures that drop below zero in winter and soar into the triple digits in summer.

Scientists affiliated with the lab are enthusiastic about their work, though they sometimes are at a loss for words to explain their research in layman's terms — or in the terms of scientists from other fields.

"We have some sort of common goal in mind," said Henry Nguyen, a Tech associate professor who specializes in finding drought-resistant cereals such as wheat and sorghum. "We see how we can mutually benefit each other with our kinds of techniques. It just takes a lot of patience talking, until we understand what each other is doing."

Canadian cyclist learns a lot about friendship on U.S. tour

By **MARVIN R. STEARNS**
Bay City Daily Tribune

VAN VLECK, Texas (AP) — Eddie Fitzgerald says he's learned a lot about the value of friendship in the past 18 months.

In June 1988 he flew from his native Toronto, Canada, to San Diego, Calif., where he bought a bicycle, panniers and camping gear. On July 4, with \$6,000 in traveling money, he packed up and rode to the Mexican border at Tijuana to begin the first leg of his journey.

His goal was to ride the bike around the circumference of the U.S., something he says had never been done.

He rode from Tijuana, in the southwest corner of the country, up the coast to Blaine, Wash., in the northwest corner of the lower 48 states. Then he traveled across Canada and entered the United States at Caribou, Maine, the northeast corner. From there he rode down U.S. 1 to Key West, Fla., the southeast corner.

Eighteen months, six bicycles and more than 15,000 miles later, Fitzgerald spent the weekend recently with some newfound friends, Lee Strelec, Steve Murphy and Billy and Pat Ware of Angleton, owners of the Ponderosa Trailer Park in Van Vleck, before getting back on the road for Brownsville where he'll turn west for California.

"I've had some bicycle trouble, and I've run into bad weather that's put me about two months behind my schedule — I was hoping to be finished by Christmas," said Fitzgerald, a 51-year-old heavy-equipment operator and former prize fighter.

"Of course, since nobody else

has ever made a ride like this. There's no pressure on me to finish the ride by next week. Let the next guy worry about cutting six weeks off my record."

Fitzgerald averaged up to 100 miles a day during the summer months but has been riding only 50-60 miles a day since the days began to get shorter. He has usually been able to meet people who will give him a place to park the bike, pitch the tent and get some rest.

"I keep these notebooks," he said, holding up a battered binder. "I have people I meet on the trip sign them. I've got more than 6,000 names in my books. If they help me in some way, or if they're people that I want to remember, I circle their name."

"I don't circle everybody's name."
"Half of this trip is about me, the other half is about the American people. I almost quit in Florida, because I'd made it to all four corners of the U.S., but the people I met there wouldn't let me. They kept telling me 'Eddie, you can't quit, you've got to finish.'"

Fitzgerald said the biggest obstacle is money.
"The \$6,000 I started the trip with is gone, the bike I started with is gone (stolen in White Plains, N.Y.) and I've gone through three or four other bikes since then. The bike I'm riding was given to me by some folks in Mobile, Ala."

"I'm riding through the good graces of the American people. Americans are great, they've been very helpful. When I was riding through Canada, the people would say 'Eddie, you're crazy.' And I'm a Canadian. Down here, they say

'Eddie, how can I help?'

The help has come in many different ways, he added.

"When my bike was stolen in New York, I had been at a newspaper office giving an interview and my bike was locked up outside. I usually don't keep out of sight of the bike for too long but, when I got outside, all I found was the bits of cable and lock — the bike and everything else was gone."

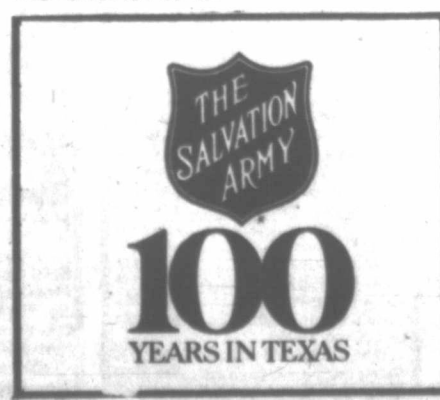
"The newspaper raised money to get me a new bike."

Fitzgerald also has given bicycle safety lectures in towns along the way and received \$400 from the Miami Post to allow one of their reporters to write a book about the ride.

"When I started out I didn't think I was on any 'great adventure' I wasn't out pushing any cause. I wasn't out trying to find a cure for cancer. My kids were grown up, my wife had left me 17 years ago, and I'd been wanting to do something like this for a long time."

"I'm getting so I wish the ride were over. I'm tired and I'll be glad when I'm through. I don't hate the trip, I just hate being alone."

"But I'll never forget the people. I love Americans."



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Non-pilots sample thrill of dogfights

By LYNN ELBER Associated Press Writer

FULLERTON, Calif. (AP) — You've seen "Top Gun" more than once. You crave the thrill of streaking across the sky on the enemy's tail, targeting their fighter jet, making the kill. Savoring the victory.

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The 2-year-old enterprise, started by commercial airline pilot Mike Blackstone, has pitted friend against friend, son against father, spouse against spouse.

"We've had everything from high school students to 50th wedding anniversary husband-and-wife air combat," said Blackstone. In that encounter, he said, "The woman shot him down over and over again."

The one-day fighter fantasy includes an hour of ground school, an hour of flying and a debriefing. There's also a keepsake: A videotape of the adventure made by a cockpit camera.

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The so-called "kills," simulated by a trail of smoke emitted by the victim aircraft, are verified by a tracking system developed by Blackstone, an aeronautical engineer.

The invention was spurred by a friendly rivalry with pilot Bill Bancroft, who helped him get the business going. Now arguments over whether a kill was good are settled electronically — followed by triumphant shouts of "Yeeehawwww!"

Air Combat's three planes, decked out in Navy stripings or the markings of a gray Russian MIG, fly out of Fullerton Airport 25 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.

The missions take place over unpopulated areas, outside of federal airways and above 1,500 feet, as required by Federal Aviation Administration regulations, Blackstone said. The planes remain 500 feet apart.

He doesn't dismiss questions about safety. "There's always danger — it's flying," Blackstone said.

Air Combat has had no accidents, he said. Sloan, a 20-year Marine veteran who flew nearly 300 missions in Vietnam, said he isn't nervous about his novice charges. "I've been instructing air combat maneuvers since 1973. There's nothing they can do that I haven't seen. I'm having as much fun now as I did then."

The Marchetti SF-260 aircraft have a top cruising speed of 250 mph.

Business has boomed in the six months since Blackstone installed his kill tracking system in Air Combat's three planes. Sloan said the company has more than 700 bookings.

"There are former fighter pilots from Vietnam to World War II coming out to relive their experiences," Sloan said. "We've had people fly in from Scandinavia to Tokyo."

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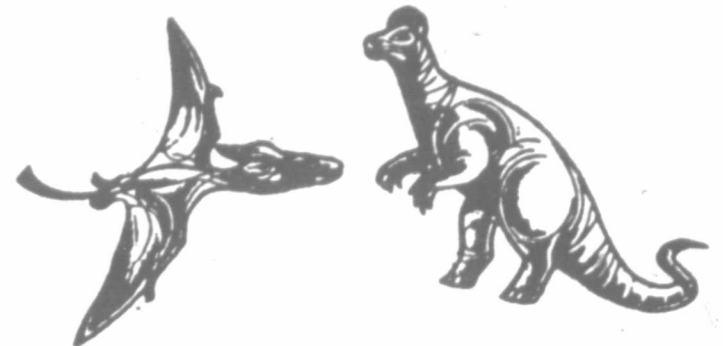
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Officials turn to private landowners to help preserve playa lakes

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - Private landowners are crucial to a plan for saving an estimated 25,000 playa lakes for bird habitat in five states, officials said.

An alarming decline in bird populations and shrinking wildlife habitat prompted the public-private Playa Lakes Joint Venture unveiled last week, according to officials.

Playa lakes are basins that flood temporarily and serve as a crossroads for millions of ducks, geese, swan, cranes, bald eagles and other birds during their regular fall and spring migrations across the United States.

Numerous mammals also need the playas in the dry southwest.

"Our main goal in the joint venture is to work with landowners and if necessary to provide incen-

tives to keep the playa lakes wet," Bruce Morrison, head of the habitat section with the New Mexico Game and Fish Department, said.

About 99 percent of the playa lakes are privately owned, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Incentives will include buying water rights from landowners to irrigate the playa lakes, particularly during the winter.

Studies by state and federal wildlife officials have found duck populations decreasing and their wetland habitats disappearing. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, duck populations are 24 percent below the average recorded from 1955-1988.

The \$1.3 million venture is designed to "secure, preserve and

enhance vital waterfowl migrating and breeding grounds" in 84 contiguous counties in the playa lakes region of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas, according to the plan.

Participants include Phillips Petroleum Co., Ducks Unlimited Inc., the wildlife agencies of the five states involved, the National Wildlife Federation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Under the plan, Phillips will donate \$125,000 annually through 1994, which will be matched collectively by the five states. It will involve buying land and water rights, as well as working with private land owners in the playa lakes region, officials said.

"We've been looking for a project that wasn't research, wasn't

paper studies, but was actually getting something done," said John Whitmore, a Phillips vice president.

The playas are as small as one-half acre to as large as 68 acres and can range in depth from a few feet to 20 feet, Morrison said.

Ducks Unlimited, a conservation group, will contribute an undetermined amount for the playa lakes region and an additional \$625,000 for waterfowl enhancement in Canada, under the plan.

"The populations of many migrating waterfowl have been dramatically reduced because industrialization, urbanization and agricultural development have altered the natural habitat," said John Turner, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "This cooperative plan with Phillips will protect the

best of the playa lakes area to benefit all wildlife species and, particularly, to restore waterfowl populations."

The Playa Lakes venture is the first new initiative under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, since NAWMP was estab-

lished by the United States and Canada in 1986 and signed by Mexico in 1988.

The international agreement's purpose is to identify, preserve and restore regions most important for waterfowl breeding, migration and wintering.

Poll shows early retirees willing to return to work

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than 1.9 million early retirees are willing and able to return to work, according to a private survey released last week that its sponsors say uncovers a promising untapped labor pool for American business.

"The exciting news for employers is it's a far more robust pool than we had imagined," said Thomas W. Moloney, senior vice president of The Commonwealth Fund, a philanthropic foundation that commissioned the poll.

"The United States is expected to face a severe labor shortage by early in the next century," he said. "This report should encourage business to look toward capable, committed older Americans to fill many of these openings."

Moloney said the findings run counter to popular perceptions that there are few older Americans who are available, capable and willing to return to work in the kinds of jobs that are in demand.

The findings are based on a 1989 national survey by Louis Harris and Associates Inc. of 1,751 men aged 55-64 and 1,758 women aged 50-59, with 43 percent of those surveyed not working.

The different age groups for men and women were selected to catch them at the times when more people traditionally drop out of the work force.

The survey found the retirees' main reason for wanting to return to work was to do something useful, cited by 71 percent.

Sixty-four percent said working keeps them feeling younger, 46 percent said they were bored without a job, 45 percent said they needed extra spending money and 43 percent they needed money for essentials.

The survey data was analyzed by ICF Inc., a Washington consult-

ing firm, which concluded that of the 1.9 million older people who are willing and able to work, 1.1 million are highly committed to and capable of rejoining the work force.

These people said they need a job for financial reasons, are physically able to do key tasks such as driving or using a calculator, are seeking work and have reasonable wage expectations, are willing to work under difficult conditions such as standing up or on weekends.

They are also willing to take jobs that are in demand such as sales, word processing, clerical positions, day care and managerial posts.

These retirees also had education, job skills and experience largely comparable to those of their counterparts still in the work force, the poll found.

Seventy-five percent were high school or college graduates, compared to 85 percent of those still working.

Sixty-four percent had five or more years of experience on their last job, compared to 77 percent of current older workers.

Most also were willing to work under difficult conditions: 83 percent would take seasonal jobs, 60 percent would work standing up, 73 percent would work alone, 60 percent would commute more than 30 minutes and 54 percent would work evenings and weekends.


"What we see here are capable, educated, experienced people who want to get back in," Moloney said. "These are people who certainly should not be at the age of retirement."

Moloney said the study did not

analyze why these people left the work force before age 65, but they may have been forced out of their jobs, quit because of family demands or thought they had enough retirement income to stop working.


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