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SUNDAY

Spring storm leaves Panhandle icy, roads extremely dangerous

From staff and wire reports

Icy roads and freezing drizzle contributed to six traffic accidents on local roadways through 6 p.m. Saturday keeping law enforcement and hospital emergency room personnel busy throughout the day.

At 12:30 a.m. Saturday, a 1985 Jeep driven by Benjamin Weinheimer of Groom rolled over on 23rd Street.

That accident was followed by Terry Reeves, 1120 E. Kingsmill, hitting a light pole with her 1975 Pontiac in the 1100 block of North Hobart at 9:10 a.m. At 9:40 a.m., Dena Cozart, 1104 Cinderella, collided with a utility pole in the 100 block of Craven.

All three accidents were attributed to icy roads, as were three more that occurred later in the day. One of those, at 1 p.m., involved a 1988 International pulling a trailer and driven by a Saint Joseph, Mo., man, which jackknifed on U.S. 60 East.

The only accident of the six listing injuries in the police reports was at 2:10 p.m. in the 1100 block of South Sumner. Two children reportedly received minor scrapes in an accident involving James Morris, 1112 S. Sumner, and Paul Brown, 1045 Neel Rd. Police reports did not indicate whether either of the children required care from a hospital.

Troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety said they had

worked numerous weather-related accidents Saturday throughout the area, but no official reports were available at press time Saturday.

Trooper Danny Pierce said officers had received calls throughout the day, but those stationed along Interstate 40 had been working accidents almost non-stop.

Coronado Hospital emergency room personnel said late Saturday that 11 persons had been treated and released for weather-related injuries. Of those, six were involved in motor vehicle accidents and the other five were due to falls, she said.

One vehicular accident investigated by the DPS resulted in the arrest of Isaias Chavez, 22, and his wife, Yuri, 18, both of Borger. Their pickup overturned on the Tignor extension just past Albert Street in Gray County.

Troopers determined Mr. Isaias had allowed his wife, who is unlicensed, to drive. The pair were also cited for no proof of liability insurance and no seat belt as well as traveling at an unsafe speed.

Troopers were checking through press time to determine if an unrestrained child had been in the car, but no other citations had been issued.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaias both reported no injuries resulting from the rollover.

Justice of the Peace Wayne

Roberts said the pair pled guilty as charged to each offense and paid \$315 in fines and were released.

Chuck Hodgkinson of the National Weather Service in Amarillo said a cold front collided with surface warmth to produce the freezing moisture over the Panhandle.

"When it first went by, we had an over-running condition and it wrung the moisture out of it. When it fell, it cooled quite rapidly," Hodgkinson said.

He said any area north of Interstate 40 was subjected to icy roads and hazardous travel because of the precipitation.

Amarillo officials reported that through 8 p.m. Saturday, law enforcement officers there had received reports of more than 100 motor vehicle accidents.

Forecasts are calling for light snow flurries on Sunday with highs in the 30s. Hodgkinson said temperatures will not get out of the 40s until Tuesday when it could warm another 20 degrees as rain showers move into the area.

The cold air that produced icy roads in the Panhandle continued to spread into the northern third of Texas Saturday with a very slow cold front stretching from near Texarkana to San Angelo and further southwest near El Paso.

Freezing drizzle reported in the



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Family members of Isaias Chavez, standing at right, survey damage caused when a pickup his wife, Yuri Chavez, was driving rolled over on the Tignor St. extension in Gray County Saturday. Mr. Chavez was a passenger in the vehicle.

much colder air in the Panhandle resulted in hazardous driving conditions over many areas in the Panhandle while some sleet was reported in more southern areas of West Texas. Patchy fog was reported over

much of Central and South Texas Saturday.

The colder air moving into Texas was producing a sharp temperature contrast across the state, with temperatures in the 20s the Panhandle

and 30s over the northern portions of the Edwards Plateau and North Texas. Readings in the 40s and 50s were common across the remainder of North and West Texas with 60s common in the south.

Pampans face making informed decisions on cable services

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

With Pampans realizing a solid victory in the effort to get Sammons Communications attention about providing substantially better cable TV service and channel options, many citizens are now wondering exactly what channels they want.

There are vague terms many subscribers have heard like "public access" and "community channels." They sound good, but what do they mean?

How is educational TV different from educational access? What about the difference between religious channels and religious access channels?

City Manager Glen Hackler acknowledged recently that it is difficult for citizens to make it clear to city commissioners and Sammons what they want if they are uncertain what is out there to be had.

"What's set up initially, for cost reasons, will have to be in place for a while," Hackler said of the channels that are included in a new, rebuilt system.

That means the time is now for special interest groups, whether they be religious, ethnic or otherwise, to make it clear how their needs can be met.

"It's not something that has to be presented in petition form," Hackler

said. "I'd like to think we're more responsive than that."

He pointed to a recent public hearing on cable TV during which two members of the Hispanic community requested a Spanish-language channel. Hackler said that brought to mind the possible need for Black Entertainment Television, BET, as well.

But, for members of the black community, is it still possible they need to make it known that they really would like BET? It couldn't hurt.

CHOICES, CHOICES

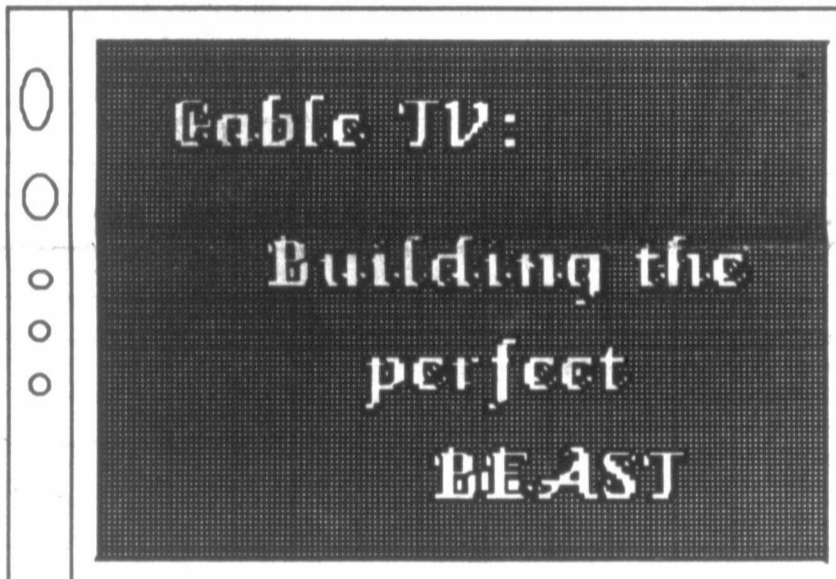
While BET is the only black network available, for the Hispanic community there are nearly a half-dozen options to choose from.

The best bet is Sammons will provide one Hispanic channel. One or two is all most communities have, except in South Texas, Miami, Fla., and other concentrated Hispanic areas.

For Hispanics who currently have no Spanish channel, just to get something — anything — might seem enough right now. But in five years they may wish for one network over another.

The time to decide begins now, before a channel is chosen for them.

That can be done in a variety of ways. The best is probably to talk with friends in other communities,



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seeing what they like and don't like.

From the cable company's point of view, Sammons Vice President Gary Stills said recently that choosing channels is a matter of looking at what Sammons already carries on its systems, evaluating the cost of a channel versus the amount of revenue it can bring in and other fairly routine business issues.

He acknowledged that community desires play into the picture, but stated the now familiar Sammons theme, "If they are willing to pay

for it, we will give them what they want."

"They are a service provider," Hackler said. "We will drive home that what the community wants is a top priority."

That suggests the community knows what it wants.

Yet, thus far, there has been no outcry for the USA Network in Pampa. In other communities, USA, with its emphasis on movies, sports and unusual late-night programming, is a favorite.

Once again, it might be assumed Sammons will include USA. But, if they survey the community and the majority of citizens don't know enough to request it, they may miss out on a nationwide favorite.

What Sammons must know is that MTV, Discovery and the Nashville Network are big wants, based on the recent cable public hearing. But, does Nashville Network preclude carrying Country Music TV? Once again, Sammons and the city will be listening for public reaction.

Ed Bark, TV critic for the *Dallas Morning News*, when asked about the pearls to be found in an ocean of cable options, pointed to A&E (Arts and Entertainment), The Learning Channel and American Movie Classics as being among the best, along with Discovery and TNT.

He said A&E and The Learning Channel had joined Discovery in carrying many of the programs typically associated with public television.

Since they are commercial, Discovery can pay more for the best programs. They are also free of the ever-present fundraiser telethon so associated with public television.

Calling HBO's Comedy Channel "grim," Bark said MTV's Ha! comedy channel looked much more promising, much more humorous.

"Ha! has a chance to be a little

neater," Bark said. "They are kind of making a baby-boomer event out of it like they did Nickelodeon."

For those interested in religious programming, Bark said the Christian Broadcasting Network was not much of an option anymore. He explained they are now calling themselves The Family Channel and carrying virtually no Christian programming.

Bark recommended Trinity Broadcasting as the choice for those interested in teaching and ministry programs.

For the hard to please, there are also all-wrestling and all-fashion networks to be had. Bark recommended neither. He was mildly interested in, but not to the point of endorsing, two new all-court channels, which he said will carry sensational trials from states that allow cameras in the court room.

"This won't be traffic tickets," he said. "These will be the hot cases going on around the nation."

PUBLIC ACCESS

With the community scrambling to understand state-of-the-art cable, the trickiest option is public access.

While it sounds simple to provide a channel for the community to broadcast its own local origination programs, it is a spider's web of complications.

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Filing ends for area school, city elections

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Filing for area school board and city council positions ended on Wednesday with more interest shown in some races than others.

Absentee balloting is April 16 through May 1 at respective city halls and school business offices.

Following is a complete list of the positions up for election on May 5 and the people who filed for the respective positions.

ALANREED

ISD Board of Trustees — Sidney Keese and Olin J. Weldon, both incumbents, filed for the two three-year positions up for election. Glenda Martin filed for a two-year unexpired term and Gee L. Willis Jr. filed for a one-year unexpired term.

ALLISON

ISD Board of Trustees — Terry Grayson, an incumbent, filed for one of two positions open along with John Huff and Garland Dukes.

CANADIAN

ISD Board of Trustees — Jay Godwin, incumbent, Dan Cornett, incumbent, and Kathy Morris will vie for two seats up for election.

City Council — Three positions will be decided between Lonnie Donaldson, incumbent, Ben Mathers, incumbent, Nancy Wilson, John Talley, and Wynonne McDaniel.

Hemphill County Hospital District — The two incumbents — Blossom Newell and Stuart Anderson — filed for the two respective positions.

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS

ISD Board of Trustees — The three incumbents — Ronny Babcock, Kelvin Ollinger and Bill Ragsdale — have filed for re-election.

GROOM

ISD Board of Trustees — Four people are seeking two positions on the school board, including Charles D. Fields, incumbent, Barry Fields, Tony Treadwell, and David Britten.

City Council — The three incumbents — Jimmy Britten, Gregory Lamb and Bill Homer — have all filed for re-election.

KELTON

ISD Board of Trustees — The two incumbents — Jerry Ray and Bob Buckingham — have filed for re-election.

LEFORS

ISD Board of Trustees — Four people, all newcomers, are seeking two positions. The four are Russell Bockman, Mike Steele, Mike Shedeck and Ron Turpen.

City Council — Incumbent Mayor Gene Gee has filed for re-election. Five people, including the two incumbents — Ron Turpen and Danny Gilbert — have filed for the two positions up for election on the City Council. Others filing are Kim Holden, Larry Fulton, and Johnny Woodard.

McLEAN

ISD Board of Trustees — Jake Hess II and Bill Thomas, the two incumbents, have filed for re-election.

City Council — Wayne Bybee and Martha Jo Bailey, both incumbents, and Brad Dalton have filed for the three positions open.

MIAMI

ISD Board of Trustees — The two incumbents, Tom Henderson and Charles Byrum, have filed for re-election. Also filing for the two seats open are Keith Morris and Greg Nite.

City Council — Incumbent Ronnie Kauk has filed for re-election. Two other seats are also open, but no one filed for those places. The city secretary said write-in votes would decide who will get the vacant seats.

MOBEETIE

ISD Board of Trustees — Two three-year terms are open for grabs. Incumbent Wade Hathaway has filed for re-election and Randy McCurley is seeking the other seat open. A one-year unexpired term will also be filled and Greg Estes and Carl Carter have filed for that seat.

City Council — The three incumbents — Lene Ruth James, Roy Stribling and Jimmy Selby — have filed for re-election.

SHAMROCK

ISD Board of Trustees — Three people have filed for two positions. The three are Patsy Williams, an incumbent,

Dusty Oldham, and Jerry Sanders.

City Council — Incumbent mayor Douglas O.V. Rives has filed for re-election. Five people have filed for two positions open on the City Council. The five are Noel D. Walton, an incumbent, Kirk Clay, Jerry L. Berten, Gene Payne, and Mike Robinson.

SKELLYTOWN

City Council — Four people have filed for three positions. The four people who filed are Mike Tice, Helen Robinson, Nancy Easley, and Bert Woods.

WHEELER

ISD Board of Trustees — Filing for Place 1 is Danny Dorman; for Place 2 is Janet Stevens and Wayne Kuehler; and for Place 3 is Bill Morrison, the incumbent, and Maggie Marshall.

City Council — Incumbent Mayor Wanda Herd is being challenged by Louis Stas. The three incumbent councilmen — Bob McCain, Don Rose, and Mark Frankenberg have filed for re-election.

WHITE DEER

ISD Board of Trustees — The two incumbents have filed for re-election. They are John Kotara III, Place 6; and Burtie Gallegly, Place 7.

City Council — Incumbent Mayor R.W. Standefer has filed for re-election. Three people are vying for seats on the City Council. The two incumbent city councilmen — Dwight Huffman and Raymond Blodgett — are seeking re-election and Tom Stamp has also filed for a City Council seat.

Appraisal board approves buying storage system

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors unanimously approved the purchase of an optical disk storage system at a meeting on Thursday.

The system, Opti-Store, is an alternative to microfilm systems. It uses the latest computer technologies to allow offices to store their documents, such as tax rolls and general ledger reports, on a personal computer, according to information provided by Lone Star Valuations Inc. of Amarillo.

The system is estimated to cost the Appraisal District \$15,000 and will be purchased from Lone Star Valuations Inc., a mineral appraisal firm and software supplier.

Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said the system was purchased primarily to comply with new legislation regarding the storage of Appraisal District records. The new rules require longer periods of time for keeping some records.

"They are still making rules (on storing records)," Bagley said. "We reviewed what we knew and didn't know about the rules and looked at a system we think will satisfy our needs."

Bagley said delivery should be made in about six weeks, but the system will probably not be up and going until the completion of this appraisal year.

"This will save us a lot of time and money," Bagley said of the new system.

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Services tomorrow

RAGSDALE, A.C. - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

IRA REAVIS

SHAMROCK - Ira Reavis, 89, died Friday, March 23, 1990, in Amarillo.

Services were Saturday at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Rogers, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Reavis was born in Johnson County. She married Cecil L. Reavis in 1919 at Childress. They moved to Shamrock from Turkey in 1935. Mr. Reavis died in 1971. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include three sons, Cecil Reavis Jr. of San Antonio, Sherrod Reavis of Missouri City and Don H. Reavis of Amarillo; a sister, Mavis Graham of Amarillo; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A.C. RAGSDALE

A.C. Ragsdale, 83, died Saturday, March 24, 1990. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. Delbert Priest, associate pastor of First Assembly of God, and Rev. Herb Peak, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Resthaven Memorial Park in Shawnee, Okla., with Houston Wallis officiating.

Mr. Ragsdale was born Nov. 8, 1906, in Clarksville, Ark. He married Grace Crider on March 23, 1928 in Tecumseh, Okla. He worked for the USDA for 20 years as a poultry inspector in Shawnee and Fredericksburg. He moved to Pampa in 1969 from Fredericksburg, after retiring from the USDA.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; two daughters, Joyce Frazier of Pampa and LaDawn Wallis of Fairborn, Ohio; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

BURMA BLAKENEY

Burma Blakeney, 93, died Saturday, March 24, 1990. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Black Springs, Ark., under the direction of Thornton Funeral Home of Mount Ida, Ark. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Blakeney was born Feb. 6, 1897 in Athens, Ark. She moved to Pampa in 1931 from Langley, Ark. She married Joe Blakeney in 1942 in Pampa. He died in 1958.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Jean Terry of McLean and Pat Davis; one grandson, Donnie Davis of Norman, Ark.; three brothers, Edward Graves of Pampa, Allen Graves of Wellington and Ray Graves of Columbus, Miss.; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Dempsey Davis and Homer Davis.

Police report

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

FRIDAY, March 22

Angie Simmons, 1212 E. Browning, reported criminal trespass at the residence.

Evco Exxon, 900 S. Hobart, reported a burglary at the business.

Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic, reported criminal mischief at the business.

Private Ledger, 317 N. Ballard, reported threats at the business.

SATURDAY, March 23

Police reported a violation of narcotic drug laws in the 300 block of East Tyng.

Shellie Duke, 2218 N. Cristy, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

Arrests

SATURDAY, March 23

Michael Brown, 22, 2133 Hamilton, was arrested in the 300 block of East Tyng on charges of driving while intoxicated, no proof of liability insurance and driving without headlights. During a search of the car, a small amount of what was thought to be a controlled substance was found, leading to additional charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 32-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, March 23

2:40 p.m. - A 1984 Buick driven by Leslie Knox, 2516 Fir, collided with a 1976 Chevrolet driven by Bryan Fisher, Rt. 1 Box 145A, in the 1400 block of North Hobart. No citations were issued.

SATURDAY, March 24

12:30 a.m. - A 1985 Jeep driven by Benjamin Weinheimer, Groom, rolled over on the 23rd St. extension. No citations were issued.

9:10 a.m. - A 1975 Pontiac driven by Terry Reeves, 1120 E. Kingsmill, hit a light pole in the 1100 block of North Hobart. No citations were issued.

9:40 a.m. - A 1984 Ford driven by Dena Cozart, 1104 Cinderella, hit a utility pole in the 100 block of East Craven. No citations were issued.

12:18 p.m. - A 1977 Ford driven by Derald Spence, 404 Perry, collided with a 1980 Buick driven by Dolores Moore, 625 N. Wells, in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Spence was cited for failure to yield right of way and no proof of liability insurance.

1 p.m. - A 1988 International pulling a trailer and driven by Richard Fausto, Saint Joseph, Mo., jackknifed and ran into a barbed wire fence in the 2600 block of East Frederic. No citations were issued.

2:10 p.m. - A 1984 Chevrolet driven by James Morris, 1112 S. Sumner, collided with a 1985 Chevrolet driven by Paul Brown, 1045 Neel Rd., and a tree in the 1100 block of South Sumner. Minor injuries to children were reported. Brown was cited for a violation of driver's license code restriction. Morris was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions		lytown, a boy.	
Lorene Brown, Pampa	To Mr. and Mrs. Gary Oneal of White Deer, a girl.	To Mr. and Mrs. William Scales of Wheeler, a girl.	
Pauline Cotham, Pampa			
Patrick Darling, Pampa			
Vernah Ford, Pampa			
Theda Foster, Pampa			
Norine Greer, Pampa			
Mary Ledbetter, Pampa			
Leon Nachlinger, Pampa			
Thomas Navratil, Shamrock			
Helen Vargus, Pampa			
V.E. Wagner, Pampa			
Gerald Wall, Pampa			
Births		SHAMROCK HOSPITAL	
To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Newman of Skel-		Not available	

Court report

GRAY COUNTY COURT

A charge of violation of probation was dismissed against John Dail Coil after the probationer completed the probation requirements.

Charges of driving while intoxicated and escape from custody were dismissed against Anthony Paul Gamble after the defendant was convicted in 31st District Court on March 14.

A charge of speeding, appealed from municipal court, was dismissed against Edmond Gregory Harden due to insufficient evidence.

Nathan Nabors III was fined \$150 and received deferred adjudication of six months probation on a driving while license suspended conviction.

George Hernandez, also known as Jorge Hernandez, was fined \$75 and received deferred adjudication of two months probation on a speeding charge, appealed from Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 1.

A charge of failure to provide identification to a peace officer, appealed from Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 4, was dismissed against George Hernandez, also known as Jorge Hernandez, after it was taken into consideration in determining punishment in another case.

Steven Wayne Lucas was fined \$40 and received deferred adjudication of one month probation on a charge of speeding, appealed from Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 1.

Kerry Robert Knopp was fined \$40 and received deferred adjudication of one month probation on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility, appealed from Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 1.

Motions to revoke the probations of the following people were filed: Beverly Chastain Cooper, Grover Lee Mack and Martin Dale Bruer.

Cesario Aldaba Hernandez was fined \$450 and received two years probation on a driving while intoxicated (second offense) conviction. Hernandez was fined \$100 and received six months probation on a driving while license suspended conviction.

Norma Nora Lerma was fined \$300 and received two years probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

John Edward Shackelford Jr. was fined \$450 and received two years probation on a driving while intoxicated (second offense) conviction.

Thomas Jason Watkins was fined \$300 and received two years probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

Clayton Durand Johnson was sentenced to 15 days in Gray County Jail after his probation was revoked. Johnson was fined \$150 and sentenced on Nov. 27, 1988, to six months probation on a driving while license suspended conviction. According to court records, Johnson did not report to the probation department since being placed on probation and was delinquent \$359.50 in fine, court costs and probation fees.

A charge of simple assault, appealed from municipal court, was dismissed against Bryan Lee Fuller after the case was taken into consideration in determining punishment in another case.

A charge of theft of property by check was dismissed against Barbara Shepard after restitution was made and court costs paid.

Justice of Peace, Precinct 1

H&S Heating and Air Conditioning vs. David Kalka of White Deer, default withdrawn, account has been paid.

Marriage licenses

Myrel Dee Loper and Mildred Jane Taylor Johnny Ray Doan and Annetta Michell Sudderth Larry Edward Sloan and Amy Jo Hall Peter Smith Nelson and Mary Helen Ramirez Edward Lee Horton and Mary Kathryn Davis

DISTRICT COURT

Civil

Fred N. Malone and Mabel Malone vs. Donald D. Rosenbach and Dorothy R. Rosenbach, suit on note.

Citizens Bank and Trust Co. vs. B.M. Enloe, individually, and as partner of Star Petroleum Co.

Criminal

A charge of burglary of a building was dismissed against Peter Galaviz Rodriguez because the defendant was sentenced on Dec. 28 in 100th Judicial District (Carson County) to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Corrections.

A charge of forgery by passing was dismissed against William Earnest Kirkham Jr. after the offense was considered by the court for sentencing purposes in another case as an admitted, but unadjudicated offense. Kirkham's probation was revoked in another case in Ochiltree County and he was sentenced to three years in the TDC.

Divorces

Carl Gale Everson and Wanda Jean Everson Lynda Brooke Vise and William Kent Vise April Lenora Herr and Lance Allan Herr

Ambulance

Rural/Metro-American Medical Transport Paramedic Service had a total of 21 calls during the period of March 16-22. Of those calls, 15 were emergency responses and six were of a non-emergency nature.

News staffers win APME honors

Members of the Pampa News news staff were awarded a first place plaque and two honorable mention certificates in the 1990 Texas Associated Press Managing Editors annual convention in El Paso Saturday.

News editor Dee Dee Laramore and former staff photographer, Duane Laverty, shared first place honors in the photojournalism category for a full-page spread, called "First Impressions," on Gray County Sheriff Jim Free's first day in office.

In addition, Pampa News sports editor, Sonny Bohanan, received two honorable mentions in the categories of sports column and comment and criticism.

Bohanan earned honorable mention recognition for three stories he wrote during the 1989 calendar year. The first was a sports column entitled "Criminal activity invades college sports," which outlined recent travails - and possible solutions - of big-time college sports programs.

The other two stories were entered in the Comment/Criticism category. Bohanan wrote a critical review of *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by novelist John



Bohanan

Laramore

Irving which was published in July of 1989. He also was recognized for a review of comedy night at Knight Lites club in Pampa, entitled "Lotsa laughs mean lotsa loot."

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Storage system

The system includes the personal computer (PC), a flatbed scanner, a WORM (write once read many) drive, a laser printer and software. The scanner will be used to enter documents providing information external to the computer data, Bagley said. The WORM drive is the piece of equipment that will write on the optical disk and the printer will be used for retrieving the information from the disks.

Bagley said the system will not only "miniaturize" the Appraisal District records, but with the PC will enable expansion of systems of accounting, reporting and word processing. The PC is also capable of driving a computer mapping system if the Appraisal District desired such a system, Bagley said.

Calendar of events

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

MIHIA TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Maternal Infant Health Improvement Act project sponsored by the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Tech Health Science Center of Amarillo will be in Pampa from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. taking applications from pregnant women for financial assistance for prenatal care at the Hughes Building, Suite 100, Monday, Mar. 26.

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB

Pampa Bridge Club meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. in room 11 at Clarendon College, Pampa Center. To arrange for a partner call Ethel Clay at 669-9513.

TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRAT CLUB

Tri-County Democrat Club will meet Monday, April 2, in the Flame Room at 7 p.m. for a covered dish dinner. The public is invited.

TOP O' TEXAS TRIALS ASSN.

The Top O' Texas Trials Association will meet Monday, Mar. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Bobby Chase's house, 2336 Duncan. Judges meeting and final meeting before Nationals.

City briefs

BAIL BONDS. Texas Bonding 24 hour service. 665-1510. Adv.

CUSTOM GRAPHICS for any vehicle. Create a new exciting look, from Classic Styling to All Out Rad! For limited time free installation. Hall's Auto Sound on Foster. Adv.

PINE TREES sick? Call the doctor, Taylor Spraying Service, 669-9992. Adv.

ENROLL NOW for beginner bridge classes March 27-May 29 at Clarendon College. For information call Norma Tarbet, instructor, at 665-0469. Adv.

EASY'S CLUB All you can eat barbeque. \$5 a plate. Open at 1 p.m. Served at 6 p.m. Sunday 25th. Members and guests only. Reservations a must! Adv.

CROWSON BARBER Shop, Combes Worley Bldg., 669-6721. W.B. Burgess, Dale Ladd, Gip Gipson. Adv.

TIRES, BATTERIES at V. Bell Oil Co., 515 E. Tyng. Highest Quality-Lowest Prices. Call Vernon, Jo, or Lynn at 669-7469. They will save you \$\$\$.

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

TAKING ORDERS for Easter cookies thru Saturday, April 7th. Cake Accents, 2141 N. Hobart, 665-1505. Adv.

MICHELLE'S RESTAURANT (The Loft), serving lunch 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, serving dinner Thursday and Friday nights 6-8:30 p.m. Kingsmill entrance. 665-2129. Adv.

BEGINNERS SCUBA Dive class. Call 665-6782 after 5 p.m. or 358-0727. Adv.

QUILT SHOW! Panhandle Piecemakers "Spring Festival of Quilts," April 21st, Chamber of Commerce Bldg. Quilt entries welcome. Call 665-4268 or 669-2004 for details. Adv.

PAMPA DESK and Derrick Club dance, Bottom Line, Shriners Barbeque. Saturday, April 7th. 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. For tickets call 665-0061. Adv.

STEVE AND Stars. 20% off all Highlighting Techniques. 701 N. Hobart. 665-8958. Adv.

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS of The Beauty Parlor. We have moved! Cindy Hinds has moved to Total Image. 329 N. Hobart. 665-6549. Adv.

PUTMAN'S QUALITY Services tree trimming, hauling, odd jobs. 665-2547, 665-0107. Adv.

INCOME TAX Service. H&R Block certified. Jean Dietrich 669-6579. Adv.

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

TINY TOT Easter Pageant, April 7, 10 a.m. Boys, girls, ages 0-5 (must be walking). Fee \$10. Sponsor Alpha Theta Omega. Proceeds to charity. White Deer Auditorium. Jody 883-7401. Adv.

SHERRYL FORMERLY of A Touch of Class, now at Shear Elegance. Call for appointment, 665-9579, after 5 and Saturday only. Adv.

EXPERIENCED SEAMSTRESS will do sewing formals, special occasions. 665-2024. Adv.

ELEGANT FORMAL, size 6, worn once. Call 665-4126. Adv.

PERMS \$20. Haircut included. Pedicures \$8.00. 665-9236. Adv.

SHAKLEE CALCIUM Complex \$7.10. Instant protein \$9.85. Donna B. Turner, 665-6065. Adv.

BEAUTY SHOP 3 station, 5 dryers, 2 operators, 5 years here each. 669-2971, 669-9879. Adv.

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GYMNASTICS OF Pampa. Loop 171 North. Children's Fitness Center. 669-2941, 665-0122. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Cloudy and slightly warmer today with a high in the upper 30s and northeast winds at 10 to 15 mph. Isolated snow flurries are possible in the morning hours. Tonight, cloudy and cold with a 20 percent chance of freezing rain. Low will be in the mid 20s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a high in the mid 40s.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - There will be isolated precipitation in most areas today, then drizzle and patchy fog on tonight, especially in the north. The highs will range from 37 in the Panhandle to 62 in the Far West, but could reach the mid 60s in the Big Bend valleys. The lows on Sunday night will range from 27 in the Panhandle to 39 in the Concho Valley. The highs on Monday will range from 45 in the Panhandle to 68 in the Far West. The highs will be near 70 in the Big Bend valleys on Monday.

North Texas - There will be scattered light rain in the central and eastern portions, then more light rain in the east on tonight and Monday. The highs today will range from 48 in the northwest to 64 in the southeast. The lows tonight will range from the upper 30s to the upper 40s. The highs on Monday will range from the upper 50s to the mid 60s.

South Texas - It will be cloudy and cooler today, with widely scattered showers. Then it will be mostly cloudy tonight and Monday. The highs today will range from the upper 50s in the Hill Country to the mid 70s in the extreme south. The lows tonight will range from the

low 40s in the Hill Country to the upper 50s in the extreme south. The highs on Monday will range from near 60 in the Hill Country to near 70 in the south.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Tuesday through Thursday West Texas - South Plains, showers or thunderstorms possible Tuesday and Wednesday, then fair Thursday. Highs in the 60s. Lows in the 40s. Permian Basin, Concho Valley, Pecos Valley, showers or thunderstorms possible Tuesday, fair Wednesday and Thursday. Highs in the 70s. Lows mid 40s to lower 50s. Far West, fair. Highs in the 70s. Lows mid 40s to lower 50s. Big Bend, fair. Mountains, highs in the 70s with lows in the 40s. Lowlands, highs in the 80s with lows in the 50s.

North Texas - West, chance of rain and thunderstorms each day. Highs Tuesday in the 60s warming into the 70s Wednesday and Thursday. Lows in the mid to upper 40s Tuesday, warming into the 50s Wednesday and Thursday. Central, a chance of rain and thunderstorms each day. Highs Tuesday in the 60s warming into the 70s Wednesday and Thursday. Lows in the upper 40s Tuesday, warming into the 50s Wednesday and Thursday. East, a chance of rain and thunderstorms each day. Highs Tuesday in the 60s warming into the 70s Wednesday and Thursday. Lows in the upper 40s Tuesday, warming into the 50s Wednesday and Thursday.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central, partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows Tuesday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Lows Wednesday and Thursday near 60, highs in the 70s and 80s. Coastal

Bend, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows Tuesday in the 60s, highs in the 70s. Lows Wednesday and Thursday in the 60s to near 70, highs in the 70s and 80s. Lower Valley and Plains, partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Lows Tuesday in the 60s, highs near 80. Lows Wednesday and Thursday in the 60s and 70s, highs in the 80s to near 90. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast, partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows Tuesday in the 50s, highs in the 70s. Lows Wednesday and Thursday near 60, highs in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - There will be morning fog and low clouds in the east through Monday, with a chance of evening thundershowers today along the Texas border. In the mountains and west, it will be fair today and Monday morning, then will be partly cloudy and breezy on both afternoons. The highs on Sunday will be in the 40s in the east, but in the 60s and 70s elsewhere. On tonight, it will be in the 20s and 30s in the mountains and east, but in the 40s elsewhere. On Monday, it will be in the 50s in the east, and in the 70s and 80s in other areas.

Oklahoma - It will be mostly cloudy today, with a chance of light rain or freezing rain in the Panhandle. Then it will be partly cloudy to cloudy and a little warmer on tonight and Monday. The highs today will range from the mid 30s in the Panhandle to the mid 40s in the southeast. The lows tonight will range from the upper 20s in the northwest to near 40 in the southeast. The highs on Monday will range from the mid 40s in the northwest to the mid 50s in the southeast.

Bringing life into the world

It was the most, frightening and wonderful experience, bar none, in my 30 years on the planet. Let's hope we never have to do it again, though. The old ticker can't take this kind of excitement. One recent Thursday, a little before 6 in the a.m., my wife, Caryl, awoke me with the news. "Wake up. We need to go to the hospital. It's time."

"That's not funny, honey. Go back to sleep."
"I'm pretty sure it's time. Wake up."
"It's only a cramp. You're not due for six weeks."

About that time a contraction hit her. Apparently, our soon-to-be was soon to be, six weeks early or not. I woke up quick. "Six weeks early!!! No bag packed. Should I call the doctor? Where's the hospital? You're sure, right? Get dressed! No, go like that. Do I have time to take a shower? A shower? What am I saying? We're gonna have a baby. What's wrong with me? I'm thinking of taking a shower when my wife's about to have a baby. Maybe I'm not going to be a good father, after all! Maybe this is all a mistake."

"Bear, could you get me to the hospital and then have your nervous breakdown? This thing is coming on hard and fast."

At Coronado Hospital they confirmed that, yes, it was about to get very exciting in the Mills' household. They also confirmed that because the baby was so early, Caryl would need to deliver at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where they have one of the best neonatal intensive care units in the Southwest.

Following the ambulance to Amarillo, it was easy to chart Caryl's progress. Every time a contraction hit, the ambulance would speed up. Being men of good sense, the paramedics had no desire to play Marcus Welby somewhere between White Deer and Panhandle.

Once we got to Amarillo, the whole process took on a snail's pace. Eight hours later, we still hadn't dominated.

But then, at 9 p.m., our daughter, Sarah Renee, came into the world, blue as the sky and in serious need of all the help the doctors and respiratory therapists could offer.

There is no feeling I am aware of quite like that of watching your child being born. Then, for the next four hours, I was like a ping pong ball, bouncing back and forth between the recovery room checking on my wife and the neonatal ICU checking on my daughter.

Two weeks have since gone by and the adrenalin level is just now returning to normal.

As it does, I am aware of how ignorant I was of so many things in life. We men are guilty of taking our

Off Beat By Bear Mills



wife's child-birthing for granted. It is a miracle of unequal proportions. The pain, the uncertainty, the energy required just to get through delivery. It is a heroic feat and we should never lose sight of that.

Speaking of heroes, the doctors and nurses at Northwest Texas are among the finest, most professional people I have ever met.

In the subsequent days Sarah spent in NICU I watched them save lives almost by the hour. There were tears when a little one didn't make it; there was joy when one like our baby did.

To work in that unit and deal with such a rollercoaster of emotions must take tremendous strength.

Though they were given some supernatural help from a very good friend of mine in the sky, we have those people to thank for our baby's life.

Speaking of people who give earthly help to the heavenly forces, when Caryl and I found out Sarah would have an extended stay, we scrambled for lodging.

A nurse suggested the Ronald McDonald House. Who? Me? Accept charity? Nah.

That kind of pride was swallowed as reality slowly sunk in. I'm glad it did. The house, run mostly by people from right here in Pampa, is nicer than many hotels.

But it is more than lodging. It is a ministry to people worried out of their minds about their children's survival. Their comfort and assurance was something I will never forget.

As we brought Sarah home last week, I thought of writing this special thank you. I was, though, initially reluctant to use this space for such a message. But several parents who had gone through similar circumstances and dealing with Northwest Texas and the Ronald McDonald House urged, some almost begged, me to go for it.

"You can replace everything but a human life," one said. "You need to let people know the job they do." Consider it done.

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Cable

So far, the school district and Clarendon College have stepped forward and said they want more than just to be a part of one community access channel, they want their own shared education-only outlet.

Such a request is not at all uncommon. Many cities with modern systems have such an offering. But who should provide the cameras with which to tape band concerts, seminars, school plays and trustee meetings for playback on the channel?

Dawson Orr, an assistant superintendent for Pampa public schools, points out there is precedent for Sammons providing cameras to the schools as a way of giving back to the community supporting them.

Stills was reserved on the issue. But he did say the cost would have to be picked up by someone, and he made it clear that someone would be John Q. Subscriber.

Pampa school officials, eager to find a new friend in Sammons, don't want to say too much right now. But there is rumbling in the ranks that suggests Sammons might try to pit the consumer and the school against one another to keep from forking out the dollars for cameras.

City sources are suggesting they will tell Sammons to consider putting some of their profits into the project, instead of passing on all costs to consumers, as a gesture of good will.

FIRST BAPTIST vs. THE SIMPSONS

For First Baptist Church, the issue of access channels is a big one, since their program preempts Fox Network's *The Simpsons*, which is drawing howls.

Pastor Darrel Rains said the Sunday evening services were on channel 9 before KCIT/Fox and *The Simpsons*. He also said the fickle nature of TV means Fox could relocate *The Simpsons* at any time.

Giving up their Sunday evening service, which is a ministry to shut-ins and others around the city, is not in the cards. Sammons continues to say that more channels will solve the problem.

How? If there is no religious access channel, something else will be preempted. Community suggestions that First Baptist go onto the Weather Channel are impractical and illegal.

Sammons correctly points out that preempting satellite broadcasts for local programming is a breach of contract. And, in the spring, what reaction would it draw if people turned on the Weather Channel to track a tornado moving toward the city and got a church service?

An alternative that several churches are mulling over is a religious access channel for local church programs. Taped programs from national denominations might be used to fill in empty time between local shows.

What would go the furthest in making a religious access channel a reality is a cooperative effort by local churches that crosses denominational lines. There is no precedent, even in the largest cities, for a Baptist channel and a Methodist channel, etc.

Hackler said a cross section of ministers presenting a plan for religious access, perhaps including who would be responsible for deciding what programs go when, could only help the city know what local church bodies want.

If no plan is presented, churches will get what Sammons and the city give them and, at least for five years, that will be that. Such finality does not speak of ill will on either groups' part — it speaks of the reality of deciding on a cable plan and sticking to it.

"It may be incidental to Sammons what channels there are, from the standpoint of drafting a franchise, but it is monumental to our customers," Hackler said. The only way for the city and Sammons to know what to fight for is for citizens to tell them.

A NEW KIND OF PROBLEM

For many groups, from community theater to civic clubs, religious and educational access can equal no access at all. What if ACT I wants to air a play as a marketing tool for drawing bigger crowds to their next production?

Or, should the Kiwanis, Lions and Rotarians have an outlet to broadcast guest speakers of particular interest to the city? Then there are Optimist baseball games and little league football that some cities tape and re-broadcast.

Those are all possibilities that would build a greater spirit of community and information/experience sharing in the city.

The flip side of public access, Hackler said, was a recent incident in Austin when a community access channel featured nude dancers for all the world, including children, to see. The same program has previously featured the host, nude, reporting from his shower.

"It's just disruptive," Hackler said of such programs. "Certain activities can disrupt to the point of deterioration of our society. It's one thing to speak your mind and another to destroy our moral fabric."

Diane Holloway, television writer for the *Austin American-Statesman*, sees the issue of public access differently.

"Our Austin Community Television board goes out and seeks skinheads and Nazis and divergent opinions. That's what free speech is all about," she said. "That is what community access is for, to allow that kind of freedom of ideas."

Asked about community pressure on such shows, she responded, "Censorship is something (community access) is not going to put up with. Sure, you get people screaming all the time to suppress freedoms."

Hackler said while community standards in Austin might be to the point that fighting against such programming is suppressing freedoms, in Pampa it amounts to protecting community standards.

"There are individuals who will test the system," Hackler promised. "There is the possibility for abuse. While it is important to have freedom of choice, there are certain standards to be maintained for the common good."

Those leery of public access have asked if Pampa is ready for racists, communists and religious cultists to have a direct line to every cable-wired home in the city, and the children in those homes who often watch TV without parental guidance.

Bark, of the *Dallas Morning News*, said concern over what goes on public access is a non-issue.

"The reality is public access is pretty dull," he said of what goes over the air in Dallas. "Oh, there are a couple of interesting talk shows, but that's about it. I can't even think of one controversial show that would cause a stir."

Local residents who have viewed public access in Dallas and other cities agree that most of it is lackluster. However, while a Nazi skinhead or two on late-night public access might not draw much of a stir in Dallas, it would be big news in West Texas.

Hackler said all it would take is one advocate of such programming to force the community to deal with it.

Bark said public access is a carrot that cable operators use to get franchises renewed. Often, he said, the operator will then take the access channel back in a year or two, saying it is an under-used outlet, too expensive to be justified.

"It's easy for (cable companies) to renege on public access," he said.

Hackler said the franchise agreement would have to include protections from such tactics.

A COMPROMISE

Religious, civic and political environments in Austin or Dallas could not be more different than Pampa. But essential rights to public access are the same.

One solution being batted about the city, and apparently the only one city commissioners would consider, is a community advisory board that would decide what programming is aired and be answerable to the City Commission.

Hackler said such a group would need to include the media, minorities and a diversity of community input.

Even then, he said, there is still the possibility of an individual or group attempting to take advantage of the access.

Bark argued that even if a controversial program did air, since public access is not listed in TV guides and there would be 40 or so other channels to choose from, most people would not see it.

In spite of this, it is likely the community would back city commissioners in demanding a board to be accountable for what would air.

Reviewing the attitudes of most Pampans, it is likely the local board would be more involved in protecting community standards than in making sure freedom of speech was not trod upon, the primary concern of the Austin cable advisory board.

Hackler said whatever the community's desire, whether for access or network options, letters to the city or suggestions during the public comments sections of City Commission meetings will be listened to with great interest.



(Special Photo)

Winners of the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District are pictured with the certificates and trees they won for their efforts. Pictured from left to right are Mark Stone, third; Ken Weinheimer, second; and Justin Ritter, first. All three are students at Grandview-Hopkins Elementary School.

Grandview-Hopkins sweeps poster contest

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS — Three Grandview-Hopkins Elementary School students took top honors recently in the 1990 Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest.

Organizers of the event said it was aimed at making students aware of the importance of conserving soil and water resources. Placing first overall was Justin

Ritter, fifth-grader. Sixth grader Ken Weinheimer was second and Mark Stone, another sixth grader, was third.

They bested 447 other Gray County students from Pampa in the competition. The three students' pictures were forwarded to the SWCD regional office in Temple for regional competition.

In addition to Grandview-Hopkins' participation, students from Mann, Wilson and Travis elementaries in Pampa entered the contest.

Grandview-Hopkins' strong art department, directed by Jan Ragsdale, was credited by SWCD officials with aiding their students in being prepared for the contest.

FBI suspends search

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The FBI on Friday suspended a search — prompted by talks with a convicted multiple murderer on Texas death row — for a Louisville girl who disappeared at a shopping mall seven years ago.

The FBI, the Jefferson County Police Department and military police at Fort Knox on Thursday searched a restricted area on the fort where the inmate alleged he buried Ann Götlib. The fort is 45 miles southwest of Louisville.

"We didn't find anything," FBI spokesman Phil Doty said Friday.

Doty said searchers combed the area on foot and "turned some dirt," but found nothing to back up the story of Michael L. Lockhart, described as a drifter from Toledo, Ohio.

Lockhart, 29, was sentenced to death Oct. 25, 1988, for the shooting death seven months earlier of a Beaumont, Texas, police officer.

He has also been sentenced to death for killing teen-age girls in Indiana and Florida.

The FBI has refused to confirm that Lockhart said he played a part in the disappearance of the girl, who was then 12 years old, or what prompted the search at Fort Knox.

But WHAS-TV quoted a source Thursday as saying that Lockhart told an FBI psychologist about a

freckle-faced girl in Kentucky and reportedly described the shopping center where he saw her and the date she was reported missing.

Doty confirmed Friday that Lockhart was in the area of Fort Knox on June 1, 1983, the date the girl disappeared. He said he didn't know if Lockhart was employed at the fort or in the military service.

William Zerillo, the chief deputy U.S. Marshal in Louisville, said Friday that he escorted Lockhart from the state penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, to Fort Knox on Wednesday.

Zerillo said Lockhart was at Fort Knox for about 3 hours, then returned to Texas via a Marshal Service airplane. He declined to say where Lockhart was taken at Fort Knox.

Doty said the search was being suspended until officials had a chance to re-evaluate new information in the case.

"We could go back there (Fort Knox) at a later date, but we have no plans to right now," he said. Lockhart has been convicted of murdering three people, including two teen-age girls.

Dr. George Nichols, the state medical examiner, told *The Courier-Journal* Thursday that Jefferson County police told him a man had confessed to the crime.

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Opinion

Postal privatization becoming a reality

Warm up the fax machines and check out private delivery services. The governors of the U.S. Postal Service, oblivious to calls that it be privatized, voted for yet another rise in postal rates, this time to 30 cents for a first-class stamp.

If approved by the independent Postal Commission, the hike, effective in 1991, would mark a whopping 20 percent increase since the last price hike in 1988. Yet during the same period - 1988 to 1991 - the general rate of inflation will have been about 14 percent. This continues a trend: Between 1980 and 1988 the price of a stamp jumped 67 percent, from 15 cents to 25 cents, even though inflation rose only 42 percent.

Postmaster General Anthony Frank says the United States still has the lowest postal rates in the industrialized world and that U.S. mail is still "one of America's best buys."

That sounds like the arguments once made about East Germany, that it had the world's most efficient planned economy. But then the Berlin Wall was demolished, and East Germany's planned economy paled next to the capitalist West.

In the same way, we should compare the Postal Service not with other governments' post offices, but with private postal services. United Parcel Service and other firms now ship 90 percent of America's packages, and Federal Express and other firms all but own overnight deliveries.

Mr. Frank says the Postal Service needs the postage-rate boost to cover a \$1.4 billion to \$1.6 billion operating deficit this year. But there's a better way. Two years ago the President's Commission on Privatization found that privatizing mail delivery would save Americans between \$4 billion and \$12 billion per year. Citizens for a Sound Economy, a public think tank, told us these figures remain valid in 1990.

Government monopoly advocates say private mail would leave out rural areas. In fact, United Parcel already delivers to every single address in the United States and Puerto Rico; Federal Express says it delivers overnight to 99 percent of addresses, and soon will be delivering to the other 1 percent.

In any case, it would cost only \$26 million per year in federal subsidies to guarantee delivery to rural customers, according to James Miller, former director of the Office of Management and Budget and now CSE's chairman of the board. Government subsidies are a bad idea, but \$26 million is peanuts compared to the \$4 billion to \$12 billion that would be saved by privatization.

The postal unions continue to resist privatization. But they are only undercutting their workers' best interests. Privatization is in the air, from Warsaw to Managua to Washington. The longer unions delay, the weaker their position will be, eroded by the fax, electronic mail, and other new technologies; by United Parcel Service, Federal Express, and other private services; and by continued consumer resistance to yet more unneeded postage increases.

But if postal unions and workers work now for privatization, they could make themselves worker-owners of an efficient, expanding, private U.S. postal system.

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Animal emancipation is no answer

First, let's get down to the numbers. In the United States alone, there are: 100 million cows, 10 million sheep, 53 million pigs, 5.5 billion chickens, and, excluding those in Congress, 259 million turkeys. For the most part, while not treated as humans, these cute animals are well-fed and well-cared for, and their owners make great efforts to insure that they're fruitful and multiply.

Let's imagine fruition of the animal rights activist dream where Congress enacts an emancipation proclamation granting Bill of Rights guarantees to our feathery, leathery, and furry friends; what do you think will happen to their care and population size? I can just see a cow, with an emaciated face and a forlorn look in her eyes, asking her ex-master, "How come you don't feed and care for me anymore? You used to protect me and my children from kidnapping (rustling), but now you don't give a hoot." "Right on!" say the sheep, chickens, turkeys, and pigs.

It doesn't take too much imagination to guess the ex-master's reply. He says, "When you were my property, I was rewarded for making sure you were well-fed and protected; now that you're free, there's nothing in it for me, so tough it out as best you can."

"There you go again, Williams," you say, "promoting that selfish, 'What's in it for me?' attitude." I plead guilty to the charge, but I ask: When was



Walter Williams

the last time you went out of your way to feed or nurse a sick cow or pig?

Let's forget about cows and pigs, think about elephants; after all, an elephant is an animal. There is an increasingly vocal call for a worldwide ban on ivory sales in the name of saving the African elephant from extinction. Will this improve the elephants' chances for survival? Not according to two researchers for the Institute of Political Economy at Utah State University, Randy T. Simmons and Urs P. Kreutner in their article, "Herd Mentality," (Policy Review, Fall 1989). In Kenya, where ivory sales are banned, the elephant population has fallen from 65,000 to 19,000 over the past decade. In Kenya, elephants are not viewed as valuable economic resources, except as a boost to tourism. Poachers succeed in illegally killing them, because few people have any economic incentive to protect them.

On the other hand, in Zimbabwe, where ivory

sales are legal, the elephant population has grown from 30,000 to 43,000 over the last decade. In Zimbabwe, elephants have an economic value - about \$5 million to 24 tribal villages. As a result, villagers protect elephants from poachers, cull the herds to prevent starvation which comes from overpopulation, and jealously guard their investment in future ivory production.

Other examples of these patterns prevail throughout Africa. The bottom line is simple. When foreigners buy ivory products, they increase the economic value of elephant herds which, in turn, give African villagers greater incentive to care for and protect them.

There's nothing novel or puzzling about the relationship between ownership, economic value, and care. Imagine that the animal rights lunatics got a law passed banning the sale of beef in the name of saving cows; you can bet the rent money that our cattle population would fall dramatically.

People who are serious about the long-term survival of elephants, rhinos, minks, and other cuties should call for private ownership, buy plenty of the products made from these animals, and smuggle if necessary. The New York City fringe of the animal rights movement, who intimidate and throw red paint on women wearing minks, will increase their own survival chances if they avoid doing the same to my wife when she sports her mink coat.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 25, the 84th day of 1990. There are 281 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

Twenty-five years ago, on March 25, 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

On this date:
In A.D. 752, Pope Stephen II died, only two days after his election.

In 1634, Maryland was founded by English colonists sent by the second Lord Baltimore.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces captured Fort Stedman in Virginia.

In 1911, more than 140 immigrant workers were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York.

In 1913, the home of vaudeville, the Palace Theatre, opened in New York City.

In 1918, French composer Claude Debussy died in Paris.

In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives.

In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community, also known as the Common Market.



Legislation won't end the filth

A man who said he had two teen-aged daughters wrote and asked if I would comment on, as he put it, "The filth they're selling as music these days."

So happy to oblige, and I must agree with the man that the filth they are selling as music these days isn't really music, just a guy with a deep voice saying a lot of dirty words while somebody beats on a barrel with a 2-iron and somebody else kills a cat in the background.

Music music at least should have a tune so you can hum it while you kill a cat.

Also, the man who wrote isn't the only person who is concerned about the filth they are selling as music these days.

The governor of Florida is concerned, for instance. He wants the state's prosecutor to find a way to keep a recording by something called 2 Live Crew away from minors.

I saw a photograph of 2 Live Crew in the paper. They were four young men who looked more like somebody's starting backfield than a recording group, but what do I know?

Bette Midler looks more like a linebacker than a singer, but she did a pretty good job on "Wind Beneath My Wings."



Lewis Grizzard

2 Live Crew has a blockbuster hit out titled, "Me So Horny." I have never heard the recording, but the Washington Post called it, "A misogynist's catalog of aggressive sexual acts, delivered in lewd and lurid detail."

Translated, that means the lyrics are so filthy you would be appalled if you heard them, thus making your teen-aged daughters drool for the opportunity to get their hot little cars on them, too.

What I think is people like the governor of Florida and the man who wrote me are wasting their time.

That's because there is an ageless equation that goes, "Nothing sells like controversy."

There's this guy in New York named Bernie, see. He works for a record label. He wears a toupee and a jewelry store around his neck.

When 2 Live Crew fist brought their recording to him it was titled, "The Wind in Your Hair."

But Bernie's smart. He said to 2 Live Crew, "That won't sell eight copies. Call it 'Me So Horny' and make it filthy and get back to me in 30 minutes."

So, 2 Live Crew puts out a misogynist's catalog of aggressive sexual acts, delivered in lewd and lurid detail, parents get upset, the governor of Florida gets upset, and kids flock to record stores to buy it, and Bernie gets rich and the recording group gets rich.

Legislation won't stop the aforementioned equation from working. All that will stop it is to ignore 2 Live Crew and "Me So Horny," thus taking away the thrill your kids get when they listen to such.

That way, your children will go back to dyeing their hair orange, or whatever else they can think of to drive you crazy, and 2 Live Crew will sign with Clemson and Bernie will have to find a real job.

Like being a pimp.

Modern pagans devalue human nature

By VINCENT CARROLL

The pagans are making a comeback. After centuries of retreat before the world's great religions, the folks who worship bubbling brooks, bats, owls and foxes are pulling themselves together for a fearsome counterattack.

As Exhibit 1 in this thesis, consider a letter sent to a colleague of mine who'd written a column in which he innocently asserted, "It's better to live two minutes as a human than 10 years as a monkey."

"Better?" retorted one pagan couple (and not the only irate respondents, by any means). "In what scene? From what or whose perspective? Certainly not from a moral perspective. What other species wantonly kills its own, destroys its environment, etc.? From a philosophical position, (such) human chauvinism cannot be defended."

Then the pagans rolled out what

they considered their clincher: "What (the columnist) passes off as an ontological judgment is in fact a value judgment..."

Does this reasoning sound familiar? It should, for it is an extension of an argument we've heard for the past 20 years, namely that all cultures are equal, and their differences come down mainly to a matter of taste. Now, we are told, it isn't just cultures that stand on the same moral plane. Different species do, too. (Although come to think of it, perhaps only in theory. What with the human tendency toward excess and violence, we may well rate as an inferior form of life.)

Is this the babbling of a few cranks? I don't think so. In the time leading up to the Aspen vote over whether to ban fur sales, similar arguments were heard all the time. And they seem to have found an equally comfortable niche at the far reaches of the environmental movement -

where reside, for example, members of Earth First!, the radical group that believes in direct action to scuttle policies it believes harm the ecosystem.

Ed Bradley of CBS recently interviewed an Earth Firster accused of conspiring to down power lines leading to nuclear facilities in three states. It was a disturbing report. Among other things, the Earth Firster seemed to have trouble distinguishing between "crimes" against nature - as he causally defined them, of course - and traditional crimes against property and people.

This should hardly surprise those familiar with the sort of rhetoric found all too often even in main stream environmental literature. There, enthusiasm for "wilderness values" frequently veers off into something far more potent than an unadorned conservation ethic. It becomes an anti-humanist romance, one that

holds land sacred precisely to the degree it escapes human touch.

In one of my favorite examples, *Wilderness* magazine published an article a few years back complaining that European settlers in America never understood "the language of the Eastern forest," but that in an apparently less obtuse era, "ancient German law prescribed capital punishment for someone who wantonly peeled the bark of a living tree." Why would anyone even mention such a grotesque sanction, unless the writer's reverence for bark had reached the point that it competed with his reverence for human life?

It is one thing to prize nature and pity the suffering of other creatures. It is quite another thing to consider trees and monkeys as moral agents equal to ourselves. Modern pagans are bent upon nothing less than the devaluation of human nature, and while theirs may be an ancient view, it is still very much wrong.

Berry's World

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Letters to the editor

Thanks for printing school honor rolls

To the editor:
I just want to take this time to thank you and Mr. Bill Jones of Austin Elementary for finally putting in the honor roll for Austin Elementary in *The Pampa News*. My daughter has been on the honor roll every six weeks for the past three years and it's nice to finally see her name in the paper, along with all the other honor roll students of Austin. I know that I speak for many Austin parents who appreciate this recognition these children deserve.

Mary Brady
AKA Jane's mom

Channel One - is it a wolf in sheep's clothes?

To the editor:
I graduated from Pampa High School in 1976. My memories of the time I spent in the Pampa schools are quite wonderful, laced with the influences of good teachers. That must be true because I am now an eighth grade math teacher in a small school district south of Houston. I've come to Pampa during my spring break to visit my parents, and, as always, I read *The Pampa News* to catch up on all the local news. I was rather interested to read a letter to the editor concerning Wittle Communication's Channel One and its possible implementation into the school district here. My own school district has just signed a contract to implement Channel One next year.

I would just like to share a thought or two on the subject with others who might be facing the same decisions we did. We more than likely got the same demonstration and sales pitch you did concerning Channel One. It was very well produced and fast paced. The visual images changed frequently and nothing lasted long enough to strain your attention span. It was the current events courtesy of MTV. We saw the commercial from Ford that stressed that anyone can learn - even those with learning disabilities and we saw how we all might look better and be more popular if we used Pert Shampoo. Fascinating! All of this for free except for the 12 minutes a day needed to show it.

We were swept off our feet. Let's bring our tiny school district into the "age of Technology" and let someone else foot the bill. We were even a little flattered that we would be considered for such a deal. So - as of next year we will have Channel One piped into our classrooms every day. It wasn't until after the contract was signed that all the important and relevant questions were asked and we are now left wondering if we made the right decision.

First of all, is one television for every 23 students enough for a television in every classroom? In our case, the answer was no and it didn't make sense not to have one in every classroom due to schedule changes, etc. We are now having to budget an extra \$22,000+ to pay for the extra TVs our district will need. When do we show it? Because of band, athletics, etc., we have had to add a special time slot to our schedule just for this 12 minutes per day.

Since it is so important that students stay up on current events, whose responsibility is it to process all this information on a day-to-day basis? If it is not processed on a day-to-day basis in the form of class discussion, etc., are the students going to see the relevance? Who's going to be the lucky teacher that must give up that precious class time to foster discussion of the current events?

I don't know about you, but I'm up to my eyeballs in state-mandated essential elements and the current changes in the TEAMS test. Where am I going to get the time? And the biggie: If it's free, who is paying for it? The advertisers? Wittle Communications is able to offer precise demographics as to who will be watching their commercials. Who else can offer such a consistent audience to its commercials?

Not only is this a highly impressionable and influential buying market, they aren't holding remote controls to switch, mute, or fast forward through commer-

cial. Just like beer companies pay through the nose to advertise during the Super Bowl, jeans companies will pay through the nose to advertise to my junior high students.

Wittle Communications is not a non-profit organization and is not as philanthropic as it may seem. The idea for this was based on the fear that our educational system is not keeping up with technology. Instead of being a solution, it is using the fears of our education system and our apparent business market to make a bundle.

What will be next? Will there be advertising in the textbooks? I am afraid that our educational system and, more importantly, our students are being used with our blessings. I just wonder if it will be worth it, or if the students will realize that they have once again been the victims of yet another experiment designed solely for the purpose of someone else's profit. Think about it.

Susan Evans Metcalfe
Friendswood, Texas

Parents should also help with self-esteem need

To the editor:
As a father and grandfather, I have followed with interest the controversy over the "self-esteem" issue. You parents who were alert enough to recognize a program that you were not in agreement with and courageous enough to confront the school administrative staff with your objections are to be commended.

Dr. Griffith and his staff heard your objections and apologized. They, too, are to be commended on their sensitivity to the parents of the students. But let's not throw out the baby with the bath water.

I read with pride of the young people who excel and achieve recognition for their accomplishments in various church, school and civic organizations, even though I don't know most of them personally. But how about the other 98% whose accomplishments diminish progressively to the bottom 10% to 15% to who attaining mediocrity would be a great accomplishment.

Suicide is said to be the second largest cause of death to teen-agers. Low self-esteem is the number one reason for suicide. The mortuary is a poor place to try to convince some beautiful kid how great they are and how much they can accomplish in life.

The greatest scourge to ever hit our country is drug and alcohol abuse. A kid on a "crack" or "coke" high is a poor audience for someone to extol the virtues of esteem and respect for themselves and respect for others.

I'm sure each of you, as parents, hug your kids each day and tell them how great they are. If you don't, you should. But how about their little classmates? The only touching they may get is a bop on the side of the head and a constant reminder of how dumb they are or how ugly they are or that they are the meanest brat in town. Unfortunately, they believe what they are told, just like your kids do.

If you parents who objected to the first attempt to teach self-esteem to the little kids were to go back to the administrators and pledge the same enthusiastic support in helping them to develop a program that is acceptable, working together you could develop a really great program.

If you could encourage just one youngster to finish school, or if you could instill so much self-confidence in one kid that they would be so interested in pursuing their dreams and ambitions that they wouldn't have time to contemplate suicide, or if one little kid was so enthused about the things that they wanted to do with their life that they would be insulted when offered the opportunity to experiment with drugs, your efforts would all be worthwhile.

That one kid might just be yours.
John Norris
Pampa

Editor's note - At the conclusion of the two public hearings concerning the self-esteem evaluation sheet earlier this month, 89 parents and concerned people from the community signed up for the Citizen Advisory Council, designed to continue the school system's search for a solution to the self-esteem problems of

this city's children - this time making doubly sure that the parents are involved and well informed of the decision-making process. So, all is not lost. This paper will also continue to report the developments in this program as they occur.

A word of commendation

To the editor:
Just a word of commendation to Angie Johnson for her letter in last Sunday's *Pampa News*.

I am in agreement with the statements she made and I hope that those who are in charge will have this community's welfare in mind and encourage doctors to come to Pampa instead of turning them away.

I have not met Dr. John H. Focke III but he has been highly recommended and I do plan to meet him. As of now, we are pleased with our doctors, but in case they would not be available, I would contact Dr. Focke. I feel its an asset to Pampa that this doctor has come to work for us.

If he wasn't qualified, he wouldn't be here.
Noel Southern
Pampa

If I were mayor...

To the editor:
If I were mayor of Pampa with the privilege to set our own rules, which we have, this is the answer I would give Sammons.

With 46% profit, you have already made enough money to build an updated system. The people of Pampa do not have to pay for this.

I would give Sammons a maximum three year contract due to changes regarding cable T.V. that are going on in Washington.

The maximum charge for this would be \$18.00 per month for the best they have to offer. They will make a fair profit on this charge.

Sammons would notify all customers that would be affected in loss of service at least 24 hours ahead of time by all the media - radio, television and newspaper.

If T.V. was off 20 minutes and Sammons was at fault, a \$25.00 fine and every additional 10 minutes, the fine would double until it reached a maximum of \$10,000. The reason for the fine would be to be sure we wouldn't have service like we have had in the past.

Tom Stringer
Pampa

How dare they?!

To the editor:
How dare they! How dare those people that spoke at the last school board meeting and in effect told those concerned about the self-esteem tests to shut up because Pampa could not survive as a divided city.

Who do these self-appointed know-it-alls think they are? Why do they think we should cover to their intimidations and not voice our concerns when something involves or touches our children in school?

I love my children. I CARE about my children and I am disgusted with a public school system that cannot insure the safety of my two kids while they are in school.

It used to be that a parent or guardian felt secure about their children knowing that they were "in" school. But, not anymore! I worry about the safety of our children while in school. Their mother worries. Why?

Remember last year when two males not even attending this high school beat up a student? Remember, the front page story that was published? If you were not there and read the story you probably believed it as true. Right! Well, the story was totally wrong. It did not happen the way it was reported.

I don't know where this newspaper got its information for the story it ran. The school principal was not there when the incident happened. In fact, the "monitor" was not to be seen that day. No police! No sheriff's car. No one else with authority was around.

How do I know? I was there! My wife and I were parked not five feet from where the boy was jumped on and beaten. We laughed when we read this paper's account of the story.

Then we suddenly realized that the student beaten

up could have been one of our kids. It wasn't funny anymore. It isn't now.

There has to be something wrong with a system that cannot guarantee the safety of our children we want educated!

I believe that it is the legal responsibility of all law enforcement agencies to guarantee us parents the safety of our children while at school.

Especially this is true of our police and sheriff's department. And I don't want the flimsy excuse from our "conservative" county judge and mayor or any commissioner that "we" don't have the money to provide sheriff's or police patrols at high school every day. Get it! Hire more personnel.

Tax me more if you have to. Gad, did I say that? I won't feel as bad being taxed more to insure the safety of not only our kids in school but ALL others as well.

Now can you see why I was, and still am, so upset about spending \$3 million on a golf course!

People working at our "all night" stores can't feel safe anymore trying to make a living. And our city limits are not such an expanse. Where are our police patrols? Saving money for the new golf course, maybe?

I hold no personal grudges against anyone that I write about. What is fact is fact. So, no, this parent won't shut up because "we" need to "unite" behind our public school system because as some stated publicly that our speaking-out will "divide" Pampa and Pampa can't survive! Hogwash and baloney!

With more and more parents and guardians getting involved in voicing our concerns perhaps the day will come again when we can feel "safe" about our kids knowing they're in school.

We must demand it! What happened to the drug dog?

Ray Velasquez
Pampa

P.S. I had decided not to write about the story concerning the boy that was beat up. I didn't want others to worry. But that wouldn't correct anything, would it? That won't guarantee it won't happen again. Silly, perhaps, isn't it? That it hurt my wife and I to have seen what happened to that boy. He was a totally innocent bystander out on his lunch break.

Editor's note - Our reporter gathered the information concerning the boy beaten on the school grounds from police and school officials, both of whom are widely regarded as reliable sources. If the story was wrong, as you say, and you were a witness to the incident, why did you not come forward immediately after the article was printed? We would have been happy to double check your account with the authorities who released the information to us and written a correction if necessary. And we will do so in any other incident in which we find we have incorrectly reported the facts.

Resolve the land issue

To the editor:
Senator Bivins has spent much time and effort on the Canadian River controversy in Hutchinson and Roberts counties and his proposed compromise. If he waits on the approval of the Texas Panhandle Recreationalist Association, the issue will never be resolved.

The bottom line is most of the group's members, the "Sportsmen of Borger," don't intend to share or be controlled. They care nothing for wildlife management or having an area that would be accessible to ALL people. Why should they? They have access to good hunting on private property (I'm not talking about the disputed land in the immediate river area) with little or no control and they don't have to share.

These "sportsmen" take their four-wheelers to the sand beds of the Canadian River and go any place they like, playing cowboys and Indians, all the while pretending they are the ones wearing the white hats.

Senator Bivins finally has a compromise that truly can benefit all of the people of the Panhandle, not just the landowners or the "recreationalists." It is time to resolve this issue, one of the longest-standing controversies in the Panhandle.

Frances H. Morrison
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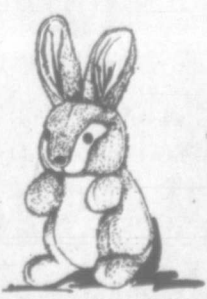
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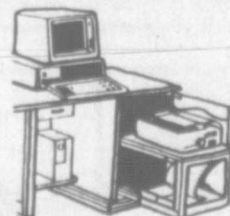
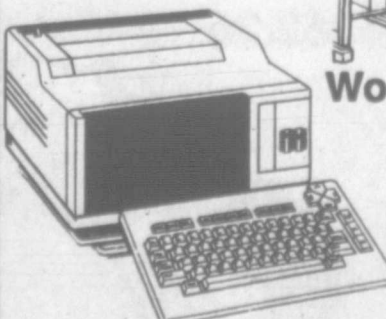
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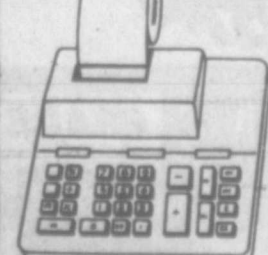
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Vets have personal preferences in after-hours animal companions

By LAURA LUDEWELL
The Odessa American

ODESSA (AP) — Some career choices are not always 9 to 5.

Odessa veterinarian Henry S. Lide leaves his office every evening and drives to his Andrews home that houses his wife, Debbie; daughter, Amy, 5, and 20-month-old twins, Aaron and Lorissa.

However, leaving his practice at the Odessa Small Animal Clinic on West 42nd Street in Odessa does not take him away from animals.

Getting home just drops him into a menagerie of family pets.

A llama, four full-grown goats, three dogs, seven cats, a rabbit, a sheep, six horses and a baby goat named Princess all are there to greet him.

"My wife and Amy love animals. They take in strays and we raise them," he said.

Guacho the llama was a gift to Lide for his birthday from his wife. "I think it was one of those gifts that she really wanted and said was for me," Lide said with a smile, stroking the neck of the native South American animal.

Guacho made a faint humming sound while Tootsie the sheep chewed her feed and peeped over a fence. Meanwhile, Princess the baby goat vied with Amy for the attention of Guacho.

"Llamas are very curious and can be pretty even-tempered. It's all in the way you raise them and treat them. Amy rides him sometimes and we have a special saddle for him," Lide said.

The llama seemed a good sport as Amy crawled on him. Mrs. Lide said the animal's even temper allowed the family to paint him green, with non-harmful dye, for a Halloween parade in Rankin.

"I've always loved animals and when someone offers me one I have a hard time saying no," she said.

Lide is a graduate of Texas A&M University and has practiced in Odessa for 11 years. He grew up in El Paso "with mainly just dogs as pets." He is unaccustomed to having a small zoo at home.

"Amy got used to it pretty fast. She had the llama pulling a rag wagon and all the goats leashed. It's all right, though, having so many pets. It makes my wife and kids happy having the animals at home."

Sheridan Duncan of the University Small Animal Clinic keeps his personal pets at home and at the office.

Rolling around his Parkway Avenue office is a black mongrel with the name "Ace" sewn on the back of his diaper. Ace was paralyzed from the waist down after slipping a disc in his back and is

confined to a "dog wheelchair." "Ace was a hearing dog and the lady who owned him couldn't bring herself to put him to sleep. Neither could I. I got him that chair and have kept him since."

Ace is just one of a collection of pets the Texas A&M graduate has collected during his 20-year practice in Odessa. A pair of Double Yellowhead Amazon parrots are perched in different spots in his office.

"They can't get along," he said. Pepe and Jose, the parrots, say a few words and looked down from their separate roosts at the busy vet practice. Both birds came to Duncan from patients who decided not to keep them.

Three Yorkies, a small and hairy breed of dog, live at the office and at the home of Duncan.

"I love them. But I really enjoy all kinds of animals. I like birds a lot. They're a good pet to have because they are really no trouble and need little space."

Duncan said seeing so many animals in his daily practice doesn't give him burnout or make him enjoy his own animals less. "It really makes you appreciate them more."

Most of the birds Duncan sees in his practice have ailments relating to nutritional problems, he said.

Like Duncan, veterinarian Lide doesn't get burnout but has devel-



(AP Laserphoto)

Odessa veterinarian Henry S. Lide and his llama, Gaucho, stand outside Lide's ranch where he and his wife and three children have a menagerie of pets. Along with the llama, the Lides own five goats, three dogs, seven cats, six horses, and a rabbit. Lide says his wife and daughter love animals and take in strays and raise them.

oped a good sense of humor about many strange happenings in the office.

"I had a dog once who had his head stuck in a pickle jar. He

looked ridiculous. We sedated him and worked it out and he was OK," Lide said.

Duncan said he had a dog with the rim of a hub cap stuck around his head.

"We tried everything to get it off. We finally had to have it cut

off with a torch." Unusual problems with pets are just that, Duncan said.

"Most problems are run of the mill. Nutritional problems or accidents, but there are always one or two interesting things that happen a day."

Study: hydrogen could explode in nuclear waste tanks

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press Writer

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — Some nuclear waste storage tanks at the Hanford nuclear reservation could explode and spew radiation into the air because of hydrogen gas building up inside them, a new federal study says.

Experts don't fully understand the danger, but don't believe an explosion is imminent, a Department of Energy official said in announcing the study results Friday.

Gas buildup in the tanks, which hold waste from the processing of plutonium for nuclear weapons, was first noticed in 1977.

"The worst case is any explosion that could cause the dome to collapse and send the contents up to the air," Hanford manager Mike Lawrence said. "I can't sit here and say it's not going to happen."

Department officials think the danger of explosion is low, and the potential for release of radioactive material even lower, Lawrence said. That's because the tanks are made of 11/2-foot-thick steel-reinforced concrete and are buried as much as 8 feet deep.

Hydrogen is accumulating in 20 of Hanford's 169 storage tanks, Lawrence said.

The gas is formed by the breakdown of organic material added to the tanks in the 1970s in an effort to recover radioactive strontium, Lawrence said.

"We've taken every precaution we can think of, but I can't give you an absolute guarantee," Lawrence said. "This is something where we don't fully understand what is going on."

No storage tank at Hanford has ever exploded, but a blast that spread radioactivity over a wide area in the Soviet Union in 1957 is believed to have been in a waste storage tank.

A 1989 report by the Soviet news agency Tass said 10,000 people were evacuated after a 1957 explosion. The CIA has said deaths were in the hundreds, and analysts note that 30 central Soviet villages disappeared from maps after the disaster.

The 560-acre Hanford reservation in southeast Washington dates back to the Manhattan Project of the 1940s that produced the first atomic bomb. While plutonium processing continues there, much of the work involves cleaning up waste produced over the last five decades.

The danger came to light in a study by Westinghouse Hanford Co., the main Energy Department contractor at Hanford. The study was prompted by concerns raised in Congress late last year about the possibility of ferrocyanide exploding in the tanks.

Although the ferrocyanide threat was ultimately found to be low, scientists discovered the hydrogen was a greater danger than had been previously thought, Lawrence said.

Scientists hope to produce a plan for dealing with the problem by June.

Meanwhile, precautions are being taken with the one tank in which the problem is worst: All transfers of waste in or out of the tank have been stopped, and care is taken to avoid generating heat or sparks nearby.

That tank is one of Hanford's 20 newer double-walled storage tanks, and holds 1 million gallons of radioactive waste. The waste level

has risen and fallen by as much as 33 inches because of hydrogen gas buildup, Lawrence said.

Hydrogen concentration in the tank has been measured at up to 5 percent at an exhaust vent, and may

have been higher down near the source. A 5 percent hydrogen buildup is considered potentially flammable, and an 18 percent buildup is considered potentially explosive, Lawrence said.

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North Texans seek restoration of adobe house

By RICHARD MIZE
Wichita Falls Times Record News

DOANS CROSSING (AP) — In 1935, Oklahoman Will Rogers helped his Texas neighbors dedicate a simple granite monument to this strategic part of the Western Trail, where cowboys and millions of cattle and horses once forded the Red River on their treks to the markets in Kansas.

In typical fashion, he uttered one of his now familiar witticisms.

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Now, five decades later, organizers of an effort to restore an adobe house, the last original remnant of the Doans community — and the oldest structure in Wilbarger County — probably feel the same way about their project.

The adobe house is all that remains of the original community of Doans, a North Texas town that once boasted 300 inhabitants and provided the last stop on the Rolling Plains — for food, coffee, medicine, buckshot, liquor and other supplies — before the long haul across Indian Territory. Remarkably, it still stands. An expert said it would take little work to refurbish it.

From the time it was built by Ohioan-turned-Texan Corwin F. Doan in 1881 until recent years, the little structure, at the corner of Farm Roads 924 and 2916 in Wilbarger County, about 70 miles northwest of Wichita Falls, was well-maintained. Members of the Doan family lived

in the house until the early 1960s.

Now, the house, which was made a Texas Historical Site in 1962 and listed in the National Registry of Historic Places in 1977, is padlocked and opened by appointment only. The key is kept wrapped in paper, stuffed in an envelope and hidden away in a desk drawer at the county judge's office in Vernon, about 15 miles south.

Workers have cleaned up the yard a bit and demolished an old barn; the outside of the adobe structure is about as pleasant to look at as one can expect for a building built of caked mud and covered with a tin roof more than a century ago.

A wooden porch that helped protect the handmade adobe bricks is long since gone. A room added at the back years ago has caved in. Much of the wood plank floor has been eaten away, making it easy for rattlesnakes to slither in and out. The walls are in no better shape. A dirty mattress, broken lamp, some old torn-up paperback books — some Westerns, of course — and other pieces of trash give the stunks and rats something to gnaw on.

Members of the Wilbarger County Historical Commission say that's no way to honor the Texans of yore, the ones who, according to another monument erected here in 1931, 'freed Texas from the yoke of debt

and despair by their trails to the cattle markets of the far north.'

Wilbarger County was saddled with responsibility for the adobe house last year, when Tip Igou, a great-grandson who lives in Vernon, and other descendants of the pioneer couple Corwin and Lida Doan, decided it over to county commissioners.

Almost immediately, the historical commission started seeking a grant to restore the house. That effort failed, but an attempt to get some initial funding from the

National Trust for Historic Preservation seems to have a much better chance.

A representative of the trust, R. Kent Millard, recently met with county commissioners in Vernon and toured the house. And more than 40 other people interested in the project showed up at a recent meeting, Igou said.

The first time, "we were just jumping in with all four feet and didn't know what we were doing," said Jeanne Ross, co-chairwoman of the historical commission.



(AP Laserphoto)

Tip Igou of Vernon stands before the adobe house his great-grandfather built in the Doans community in Wilbarger County.

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Fishing vessels rescued 22 crew members who had abandoned the sinking ship on life boats. They were reported in good condition aboard a trawler that was taking them to Dutch Harbor, about 250 miles southeast of the accident site.

The nine, including a federal fisheries observer, were lost Thursday when the 162-foot Aleutian Enterprise sank, according to the Coast Guard, which said there was little chance their bodies would be found.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — This weekend's commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the murder of Monsignor Oscar Romero will be the last public religious ceremony honoring him for decades.

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Business

Japanese firms gain control of Southland Corp.

DALLAS (AP) — The Southland Corp. announced last week that it has reached an agreement with its longtime business associates in Japan that would result in two Japanese firms buying control of the U.S. convenience store giant.

Southland is the world's largest premier convenience retailer with approximately 7,000 7-11 and other convenience units supported by the five Southland Distribution Centers, as well as the Southland Foods Division's six food stores. Area licensees and affiliates operate more than 5,900 7-Eleven stores in the United States and 21 foreign coun-

tries. Under terms of the agreement, 7-Eleven Japan and Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd., would take three-quarters of the company's common stock. The Japanese firms would provide \$400 million in cash for Southland's operations.

For the deal to be completed, holders of Southland \$1.8 billion debt must agree to a restructuring into "equity and new bonds," a company spokesman in Dallas said.

The total value of the transaction is not available, company spokeswoman Cecilia Norwood

said. "During the course of the last six months, we have reviewed a broad range of alternatives that would maintain the long-term viability and success of Southland," said John P. Thompson, Southland's chairman. "We believe this strategic alliance ... is the best way to achieve the company's goals."

Southland has been straining under the burden of massive debt associated with its 1987 leveraged buyout, which gave Dallas' Thompson family control of the chain. Southland last year sold off its half-

ownership of Citgo Petroleum Corporation, which supplies many of its stores with gasoline last year in order to meet substantial interest and payments.

The company already announced it will face a liquidity crisis without any restructuring of its debt, and Southland's bank group has ordered the company to submit a restructuring plan by May 31.

Masatoshi Ito, the chairman of 7-Eleven Japan as well as the president of Ito-Yokado, said he sees the deal as the beginning of a world-wide partnership.

"As the world largest convenience store chain, we will maintain and build upon our mutually strong market positions by combining the operating skills and strategic thinking of the American and Japanese companies," Ito said.

With 3,940 licensed stores, 7-Eleven Japan is the largest convenience store operator in Japan. The company established a working relationship with Southland.

A Southland spokesman said the Japanese firm will be represented on the Southland board of directors if the deal is completed.

The Thompson family would retain about 15 percent of the company and would remain on the board, the spokesman said.

"There will be no layoffs, and no store closings," said company spokesman Harris Diamond. "In fact, we believe the \$400 million cash infusion is going to be a tremendous asset."

Thompson said the money will be used for improvements as well as advertising and promotion.

"We believe this transaction is necessary to preserve the business we've built," he said.

Petroleum accountant to be guest speaker at Tuesday meeting of Desk & Derrick



Jo Johnson

"The House We Live In," is the title of the speech Jo Johnson, petroleum accountant of Hobbs, N.M., will present to the Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa Tuesday, March 27, at the Pampa Country Club.

The meeting begins with a social at 6:30 p.m.

Johnson is self-employed as a petroleum accountant in Hobbs. She has been in the business for 33 years. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from North Texas State University in Denton. She is a charter member of the New Mexico Accounting Society.

She is one of only 26 people throughout the world to have obtained certification as an ITC Distinguished Communicator. She is a past ITC International Officer and is an ITC Communications Dynamics Instructor.

A past international officer of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs, Johnson has received numerous AIMEE awards, the highest level of recognition in the field of competition. She has been active in her local club and has served as its president twice. Presently she serves as vice president on the board of trustees of the ADDC Foundation.

Johnson is the recipient of many honors. She is listed in *Who's Who of American Women* and *Who's Who of the Southwest*. She was named Energy Secretary of the Year - Permian Basin Petroleum Association, a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International, and is one of 10 New Mexico delegates to the White House Conference on Small Business in 1986.

The public is invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling Norma Briden, IRI International, 665-3701, on Monday, March 26.

Drilling intentions

Intentions to Drill
GRAY (PANHANDLE) OXY USA, Inc., #20 Baggerman 'A' (640 ac) Sec. 173, B-2, H&GN, PD. 3300'
HANSFORD (WILDCAT & BRILLHART Hunton) Continental Trend Resources, Inc., #1-3 Alexander (646 ac) Sec. 3, 1, WCRR, PD 8600'
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Travelers Oil Co., #1 Sanford (40 ac) Sec. 1, 1, B&B, PD 3200'
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Arco Oil & Gas Co., #4 Fulton-Sell (640 ac) Sec. 905, 43, H&TC, PD 8950'

Application to Plug-Back
OCHILTREE (KIOWA CREEK Marmaton) Dycos Petroleum Corp., #1-912 Hurn (99 ac) Sec. 912, 43, H&TC, PD 9700'
ROBERTS (LIPS Cleveland) Hondo Oil & Gas Co. Delaware, #1 David Wilson (640 ac) Sec. 217, 42, H&TC, PD 10056'

Oil Well Completions
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Caprock Engineering, Inc., #1 Betty, Sec. 234, B-2, H&GN, elev. 3290 gr. spud 1-16-90, drlg. compl 1-24-90, tested 3-13-90, pumped 16 bbl. of 45 grav. oil + 80 bbls. water, GOR 6875, perforated 3152-3242, TD 3350'

Gas Well Completions
LIPSCOMB (FOLLETT Morrow) Tom McGee Corp., #1-8 MaryK. Squire, Sec. 8, 10, HT&B, elev. 2606 gr. spud 4-22-88, drlg. compl 5-9-88, tested 9-3-89, potential 52 MCF, rock pressure —, pay 8778-8798, TD 9130',

PBTD 9050' — Form 1 filed in Zinke & Trumbo
SHERMAN (TEXAS HUGOTON) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Bivins 'Y', Sec. 17 3-B, GH&H, elev. 3410 gl. spud 2-7-90, drlg. compl 2-14-90, tested 3-5-90, potential 175 MCF, rock pressure 115.3, pay 2976-3142, TD 3350', PBTD 3295' —

Plugged Wells
CARSON (PANHANDLE) Baja Petroleum, Burnett, Sec. 86, 5, I&GN, oil — for the following: #1 330' from South & West Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 12-19-89, TD 3220' — #2, 990' from South & West Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 12-20-89, TD 3166' —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #4 Nora Groves, 330' from South & East Lease line, Sec. 1, R-2, D&P, spud 8-5-55, plugged 2-28-90, TD 3304' (oil) Top & Bottom: 2230-2531, 453-700, 453-690, 3-30, 8 5/8" csg. 601', 5 1/2" csg. 2373' left in well — Form 1 filed in Shamrock Oil & Gas
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J. M. Huber Corp., #21 Lucas, 330' from South & 990' from West

line, Sec. 7, — J. M. Swisher, spud 2-22-90, plugged 2-28-90, TD 3114' (dry) Top & Bottom: 937-1126, 413-650, 0-33, 8 5/8" csg. 611' left in well — API#42 233 32404

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) Lasmo Energy Corp., #1 Blau, 660' from North & West line, Sec. 997, 43, H&TC, spud 12-27-89, plugged 1-11-90, TD 8900' (dry) Top & Bottom: 8669-8858, 5754-5943, 1237-1550, 276-500, 2-33, 8 5/8" csg. 1309' left in well — API #42 295 31873

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Wiley, 1980' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 1172, 43, H&TC, spud 1-31-90, plugged 2-19-90, TD 8600' (dry) Top & Bottom: 8211-8400, 6057-6246, 3174-3363, 1463-1700, 326-550, 2-33, 8 5/8" csg. 1654' left in well — API#42 295 31877

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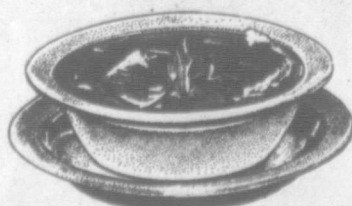
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Sports

Arkansas, Duke advance to Final Four showdown

Hogs beat Texas for 3rd time this season, 88-85

By OWEN CANFIELD
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Lee Mayberry keyed a second-half run that put Arkansas in control and the Razorbacks withstood a late rally to beat SWC rival Texas 88-85 for the third time this season Saturday and advance to the Final Four.

Ron Huery, who scored only six points, made two free throws with 16.4 seconds left to give Arkansas an 88-83 lead, making Winn Shepard's follow shot with two seconds left meaningless.

Midwest Final

No. 7 Arkansas (30-4) beat Texas for the sixth straight time in the past two years, earning its first Final Four berth since 1978 and the SWC's first since Houston in 1984. Texas (24-9) was seeking its first Final Four trip since 1947.

Texas appeared to get a break when Lenzie Howell, the Midwest Regional's most valuable player, was poked in the eye with 18:17 left and the Longhorns trailing 45-41. Howell had carried Arkansas to that point with 16 points and would finish with 21.

But in the almost seven minutes that Howell watched from the bench, the Razorbacks stretched their lead to 70-54. Mayberry led the way with 11 points, seven in a 12-3 spurt, while Mario Credit

scored six.

A 7-0 run by Texas brought the Longhorns to 70-61, and they slowly cut into the lead from then on. Two free throws by Joey Wright, shortly after Arkansas' Arlyn Bowlers missed the front of a one-and-one, made it 82-78 with 1:37 left.

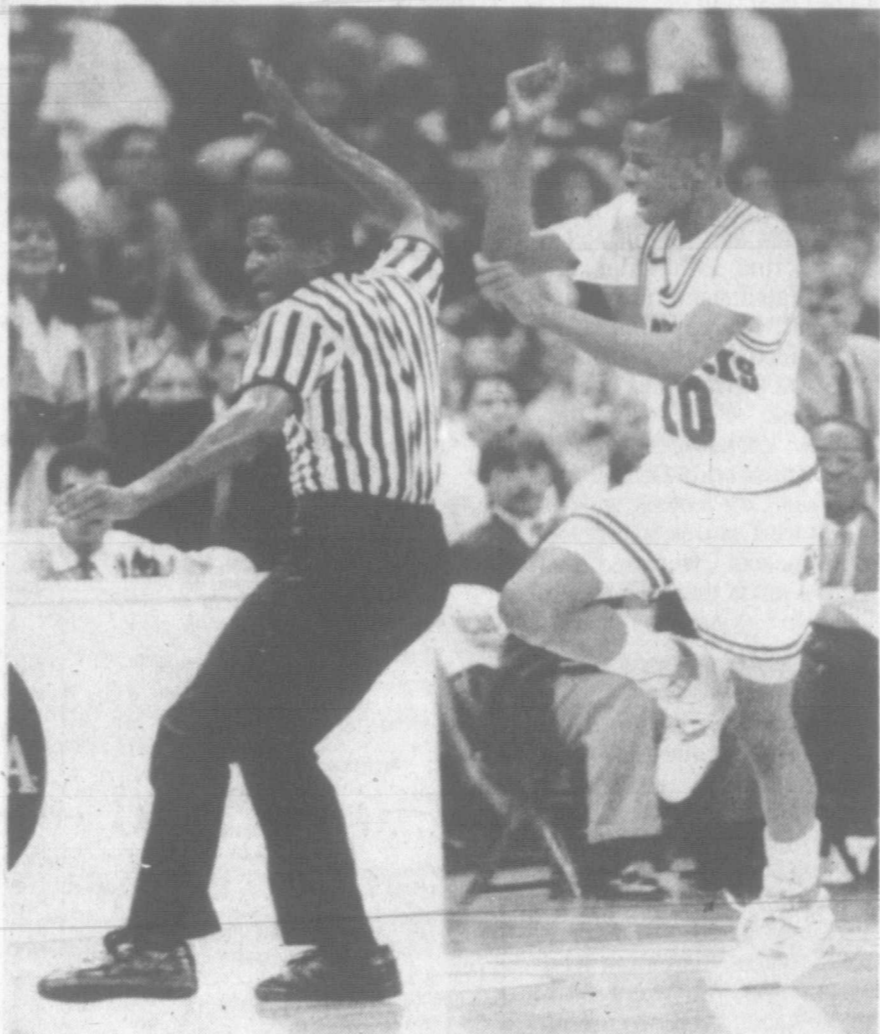
Then Howell gave the Razorbacks an 86-78 lead with 1:05 left with two free throws and a follow-up dunk. But he missed the front of a one-and-one 18 seconds later, and Texas made it 86-83 on Lance Blanks' 3-pointer with 34 seconds left.

After Todd Day missed the front of a one-and-one for the Razorbacks, Travis Mays missed a 3-point try with 18 seconds left and Huery sealed it with his free throws.

Mayberry finished with 18 points. Wright and Mays scored 20 for the Longhorns and Blanks had 17.

It was apparent from the start that this game would contain all the emotion of the first two meetings between the teams, which Arkansas won 109-100 at home and 103-96 in overtime at Austin.

Oliver Miller, the Razorbacks' 270-pound sophomore center, brought the Arkansas fans to their feet shortly after he entered the game by swatting away a shot by Guillermo Myers. But Texas fans had reason to applaud Miller a few minutes later when he missed a dunk, leading to a Longhorn basket. Arkansas trailed 17-16 after a 3-



(AP Laserphoto)

Arkansas guard Todd Day jumps for joy in the final seconds of the Razorbacks' victory over Texas.

pointer by Mays with 12 minutes left in the half, then went on a 13-4 run in the next 4 1/2 minutes to take a 29-21 lead.

The final point in that spurt came on a free throw by Mayberry, who was pounded by Blanks on a break-away, bringing the entire Arkansas

bench to its feet.

Arkansas twice opened nine-point leads in the first half, the final time 37-28 with 3:55 left. But a pair of 3-pointers by Wright brought the Longhorns within five late in the half, and the margin was 43-36 at halftime.

Blue Devils prevail with last-second shot in OT

By BILL BARNARD
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Christian Laettner hit an off-balance 15-foot jumper at the buzzer as Duke dashed Connecticut's last-second magic with a 79-78 overtime victory that sent the Blue Devils to the Final Four for the fourth time in five years.

Connecticut, which beat Clemson in the regional semifinals on Tate George's basket at the buzzer, ran out of magic against Duke, or the Blue Devils' magic at the Meadowlands was even stronger.

East Final

Duke's last three trips to the Final Four were also launched at the Meadowlands, where the Blue Devils are now 11-1 overall, 8-0 in the NCAA tournament.

No. 15 Duke (28-8) will play the Texas-Arkansas winner in the national semifinals at Denver next Saturday. Third-ranked Connecticut, the Big East champion, finished 31-6.

It appeared that Connecticut was going to pull off another improbable victory, this time when Duke's Alaa Abdelnaby was called for goaltending on a missed free throw by Nadav Henefeld with 1:28 left. The free throw was ruled good and Henefeld then hit the bonus for a

78-77 lead.

George had a chance to extend the lead when he missed a 3-pointer with 11 seconds left. Duke rebounded and called timeout with 2.3 seconds left.

Laettner inbounded the ball, took a return pass, dribbled once and swished the game-winner.

Duke, which led by as many as 11 points in the first half, had a chance to win it during regulation when Abdelnaby took a lob pass and missed an open tap-in at the buzzer.

Abdelnaby led the Blue Devils with 27 points and 14 rebounds. Laettner was right behind with 23 points, followed by Phil Henderson with 21.

Henefeld and John Gwynn scored 15 each for Connecticut, the third No. 1 seed to fall in a tournament marked by upsets.

Connecticut led 69-64 with 3:55 left before the Devils scored seven straight points. Henderson's 3-pointer with 54 seconds remaining put Duke up 71-69.

Bobby Hurley made one of two free throws with 16.8 seconds left for a 3-point lead, but Chris Smith's 3-pointer with 9.4 seconds to go tied it.

Rod Sellers blocked a shot by Hurley and the clock ran down to three-tenths of a second, setting up Abdelnaby's desperation shot high off the backboard.

Harvesters rally to beat Frenship

By SONNY BOHANAN
Sports Editor

After trailing by as many as six runs in the early going, Pampa chipped away at Frenship and eventually collected a 20-10 victory in the bitter cold of Harvester Field Friday afternoon.

The Harvesters trailed up until the bottom of the fourth inning, then knotted the score at eight when senior first-baseman Mike Cagle cracked a two-run homer. Pampa unleashed a 12-run attack in the next two innings to halt the game by the ten-run rule at the end of six stanzas.

The come-from-behind win left the Harvesters tied for first place with Lubbock Dunbar, each with 3-0 league records. Dunbar edged Hereford, 8-7, in the only other District 1-4A game that was played to completion in Friday's windy, drizzling conditions.

The Harvesters also improved their perfect season record to 8-0, making them the only undefeated team in the league. Frenship fell to 1-2 in district, 4-7 overall.

Pampa was noticeably affected by the sleet and 28° weather at the game's outset, committing three fielding errors and surrendering seven unearned runs in the first two innings alone. Junior pitcher Quincy Williams, who started for the Harvesters, was relieved by senior James Bybee midway through the second frame after giving up five hits and a walk.

Bybee went the remaining distance to improve his record to 3-0. He faced 19 batters and allowed three runs, four hits and four walks, while striking out three.

"We made some mistakes, both mentally and physically," said Pampa coach Rod Porter. "It's tough to concentrate when you're freezing your rear end off. We were worried too much about the weather, then we look up and we're down, 7-1.

"People will look at the final score and think we blew them away, but we know better."

Indeed, Pampa's fate appeared in jeopardy for half the game until Frenship's pitching gave out. Starter Danny Romo gave up one run in the first inning and



(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)

Designated hitter Steve Sanders pounds a two-run homer in the sixth inning.

three more in the second before giving way to Brad Cade (1-1), who was credited with the loss.

Pampa closed the gap to 7-4 in the third stanza, then tied it at eight in the fourth behind Cagle's round-tripper. It was the fourth homer and 16th RBI of the season for the PHS senior, who leads the team in both categories. He added three more RBI before game's end to bring his total to 19.

Cagle is also the team leader in batting average at .583, just ahead of Bybee, who is batting .545.

Another of the Harvesters' mainstays was senior catcher Tory Peet, a .500 hitter who went 4-for-4, all singles, and reached base once on a walk. Junior designated hitter Steve Sanders pounded a two-run homer in the sixth inning, his first of the season.

All together, Pampa collected 14 hits, while Frenship

had nine.

"I didn't think they'd hit the ball that well," Porter said. "It was really a battle — I feel fortunate to come out with the win. I felt like we did a pretty good job to come back on them. If we hadn't reacted well, it could have been a run rule the other way."

But after the fourth inning, it looked like batting practice for Pampa. The Harvesters added four runs in the fifth and eight more in the sixth to finish off the Tigers an inning early.

Pampa was scheduled to play Estacado in Lubbock Saturday, although the game was cancelled because of inclement weather. It has tentatively been rescheduled for Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Lubbock.

Porter is hoping to cancel Tuesday's home game against Perryton to prepare for the Estacado game.

Final Four field to be finalized today

By RICK WARNER
AP Sports Writer

When UNLV played Loyola Marymount in November, it was the season opener for both teams. When they meet again today, it will be the season-ender for one of them.

Loyola, the nation's highest-scoring team, survived a slowdown and beat Alabama 62-60 Friday night to reach the West Regional final of the NCAA tournament. UNLV used its inside power to down Ball State 69-67 in the second semifinal at Oakland, Calif.

UNLV beat Loyola 102-91 in the preseason NIT — the Lions' lowest point total of the season until Friday night. This time, however, the Runnin' Rebels may seek a slower pace.

"I think we're probably going to hold the ball against Loyola — take the air out of the ball, pass up the open layup," UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian said with a grin.

Despite UNLV's earlier victory, Tarkanian isn't underestimating the Lions, who have won three tournament games since star Hank Gathers died on March 4.

"I have tremendous respect for Loyola," he said. Georgia Tech will play Minnesota in today's other regional final — the Southeast at New Orleans.

Kenny Anderson saved the Yellow Jackets with a controversial buzzer beater in regulation and Dennis Scott sank a short jumper with eight seconds left in overtime to beat Michigan State 81-80 on Friday. Kevin Lynch scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half and Minnesota capitalized on Syracuse's free-throw problems for an 82-75 victory in the first game.

Anderson tied the game 75-75 with a 19-foot jumper as regulation ended. However, television replays showed the ball was still in Anderson's hands when the horn sounded.

"I think we won the game in regulation and lost it in overtime," said Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote. Anderson, who finished with 31 points, was sure he got the shot off in time.

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Pampa bicyclists organize tour for July

By SONNY BOHANAN
Sports Editor

Local bicycling enthusiasts won't have to look far this summer for an event tailored specifically to their taste.

Thanks to a group of Pampa cyclists, riders from around the area can participate in the Phillips Petroleum Company High Performance Tour, scheduled for July 7.

The tour is the brainchild of several Pampa members of the Flatlanders Bicycle Association, a non-profit cycling club based in Amarillo. It is the first of what tour director Bobby Schiffman hopes will become an annual event.

"We've had rides before, but this is the first time we've had a major sponsor like this," said Schiffman, referring to Phillips Petroleum Company. "We've put a committee together with all the different jobs broken down, making it easier on everybody."

The tour committee is made up of eight Pampa residents, all members of the Flatlanders. After hammering out the basics of the ride, the members put their heads together in an effort to find a corporate sponsor. Dan Debrick, the tour's ride

director, provided the link between the tour committee and Phillips Petroleum. Debrick, an employee of Phillips, approached Pampa District Superintendent Charlie Stiles about the company sponsoring the ride.

The Phillips company liked the idea and agreed to back the venture. On Thursday, Stiles presented a check for \$1852 to Debrick to help the group defray expenses. It was a much-needed boost for the tour, which features three different rides for cyclists of varying degrees of ability.

For the recreational rider, the tour offers a fun ride of eight miles out to the Phillips Pampa Exploration and Production Office on the Borger Highway.

More experienced riders may choose the 30-mile tour, which continues out to Skellytown before turning around and returning to Pampa.

And last, but far from least, is a 66-mile round trip for the true road warrior. Starting from Pampa, cyclists will pedal to Phillips Petroleum's regional headquarters in Borger before making the trip back home.

All three rides will begin and end at the Pampa Mall parking lot.

The first 250 people registered for the tour will receive free T-shirts and water bottles emblazoned with the High Performance Tour logo.

"The purpose of the club and the tour is to promote fitness and bicycle safety, and to promote it (cycling) as a family activity," said Schiffman, who is tour director for both the Flatlanders club and the High Performance tour.

Non-cyclists may find the event to their liking as well. The Pampa Mall has made a commitment to provide space for a pie-baking and homemade ice cream contest for those who choose to stay behind. The tour committee is hoping to enlist the aid of two civic clubs in Pampa to help in organizing the contests.

For any individuals or groups interested in becoming involved with the Phillips Petroleum Company High Performance Tour, below is a list of tour committee members, their jobs and telephone numbers:

- Bobby Schiffman, Pre-Registration... 669-6765
- Dan Debrick, Ride Director... 669-9598
- Freda Debrick, Secretary... 669-9598
- Susan Couillard, Publicity... 669-0169
- Norm Couillard, Rest Stops... 669-0169
- Rosemary Schiffman, Civic Clubs... 669-6765
- Paul Helms, Sag Wagons... 665-5067
- Cathy Pruitt, Art Director... 665-1496



(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)

Charlie Stiles (right), Pampa District Superintendent for Phillips Petroleum Company, presents ride director Dan Debrick with a check for \$1852 on Thursday.

Census taking changed with nation through history

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first time this nation took its own measure there were fewer than 4 million Americans, most living on farms or in small towns.

It's a far different mix of a quarter-billion people, scattered from Maine to Hawaii, that are being counted in the upcoming 21st census.

Americans began getting their census forms on Friday, the Census Bureau said, as the first of an estimated 95 million forms began arriving in mailboxes across the nation.

The Postal Service says all the forms should be delivered by next Tuesday.

The changes in family and lifestyle, population size, location and employment have been charted every decade by the census. Indeed, the U.S. national head count is one of the longest regular series of such efforts in any country.

Yet the concept of taking a census is ancient, dating back at least to biblical times when the Roman census brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

Unlike Mary and Joseph, Americans don't have to go to the census.

It will come to them, mostly through the mail.

Census takers will travel only to those places where address lists couldn't be obtained, or where people don't mail back their forms.

Delivering the forms and bringing them back will cost the Census Bureau nearly \$44 million in postage, the Postal Service reports.

President George Washington was in his first term when federal marshals went out in the summer of 1790 to take the first national head count. Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson was in charge.

Completed in 1792, that census reported there were 3,929,214

Americans.

This year's census is scheduled for April 1 with a report due to the president on Dec. 31. Analysis of all the 1990 data will go on for years.

Census takers traveled by foot, boat, stagecoach and horseback in 1790. Those were about the only choices.

Horses are still used to reach some Indian reservations.

Census takers in 1790 asked only a few questions and then posted lists of their findings in public places. People who had been missed were expected to add themselves to those lists.

There are long and short forms today which ask dozens of questions — too many some contend, though government officials say they need the data to set policy and operate social programs.

Information provided is kept confidential now and census takers can go to jail if they reveal information about any individual.

That first census found 4.5 persons per square mile and Rhode Island was the most crowded state at 63.4 per square mile.

The whole nation in 1987 had 68.8 per square mile and New Jersey was the most crowded that year

with 1,027.3 people per square mile.

There were five big cities in 1790. Five, that is, that had at least 8,000 people — New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Charleston, S.C.

The population was 80.3 percent white and 19.7 percent black in 1790. By 1988 it was 84.3 percent white, 12.3 percent black and 3.3 percent other races.

Americans will also have more ways to find out about the results of the census. There were 103 newspapers and periodicals in the country in 1790. As of 1987, the nation included 1,645 daily papers and 11,566 magazines.

Nation's health bills soar, but so far, there's no answers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Problems plaguing the nation's health care system are bringing Democrats and Republicans, physicians and consumer advocates together on at least one point: Change is needed.

But what those changes should be could keep them arguing for a long time to come.

Meanwhile, America's health care bill keeps mounting. This year, medical expenditures are expected to exceed \$600 billion — nearly 12 percent of the nation's gross national product — while as many as 37 million people go without any sort of medical insurance coverage.

"We're on an unsustainable path," said Jack Meyer, a Washington health policy consultant.

But he and other analysts say that with many in Congress averse to new spending and lawmakers still stinging from last year's repeal of the Medicare insurance program for catastrophic illness, major changes in the health system are not imminent.

"The voting public is not yet exercised about this for it to be a major political issue, but that's changing," said Lynn Etheredge, a health policy consultant based in Chevy Chase, Md.

Businesses, hit by rising health-care premiums, are passing along more of the costs to their workers and pulling back some of the benefits. Health care benefits have been the central issue in a growing number of labor strikes.

"The average American worker ... is unaware of the magnitude of the cost" of health-care benefits, said William Ferguson, chairman of the board of Nynex Corp., where workers last year staged a four-month strike in which health coverage was a main issue.

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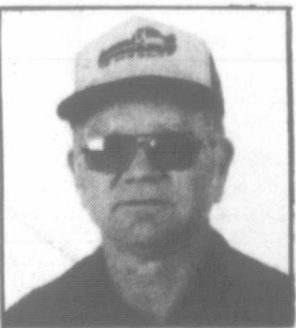
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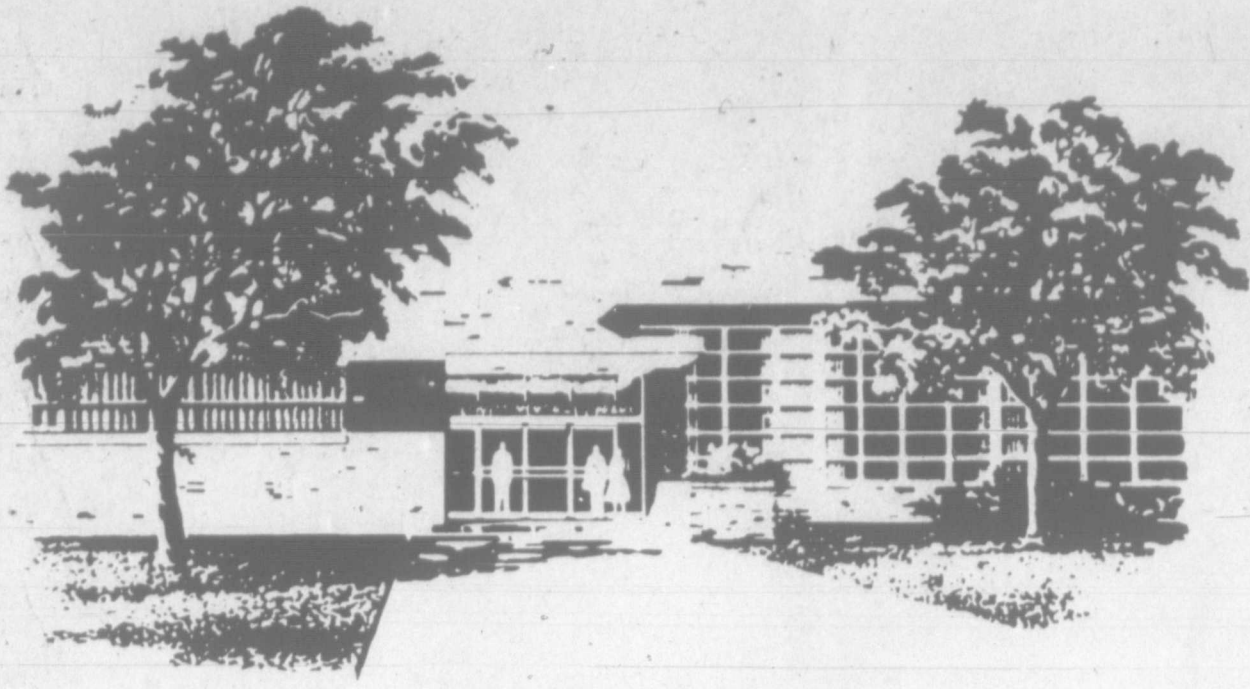


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FRIENDS of the Pampa Library

Friends of the Library will sponsor their annual membership drive and book sale beginning this Thursday. Volunteers will man membership tables at Citizens Bank & Trust, First National Bank, and Amwest on March 29-30 and April 2. Volunteers will also be available on Monday, April 2, at the Senior Citizens Center from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The book sale will open at noon on April 6 in the Lovett Library Auditorium for members of Friends of the Library. The sale will be open to the public on April 7-9.

Individual memberships are \$1 yearly. Business club and organization fees are \$10 yearly and a lifetime membership is \$100.

Friends have mailed out over 2,200 membership notices around the Panhandle area. Newcomers in town who want to be members in the Friends of the Library can also pick up an application at Lovett Library, 111 N. Houston.

The latest projects paid for with Friends' dollars are the new security system and a fresh coat of paint for the interior library walls.

"The new security system is made up of motion detectors and smoke alarms," says Dan Snider, head librarian. "We now have protection for our computer system and our valuable book collections."

Future projects that will be financed through Friends are new drapes throughout the library, new cabinets in the kitchen, landscaping of library grounds and remodeling the upstairs area for the literacy program.

Your dollar donation and membership in Friends of the Library is money you can see at work. For more information contact Vera Plunk, membership, 665-6235, or Eileen Kludt, book sale chairman, 669-7319.



Marci Hansen, 7 year-old daughter of Chris and Judy Hansen, looks through books in the children's section of the library that are displayed on book shelves purchased by the Friends of the Library.

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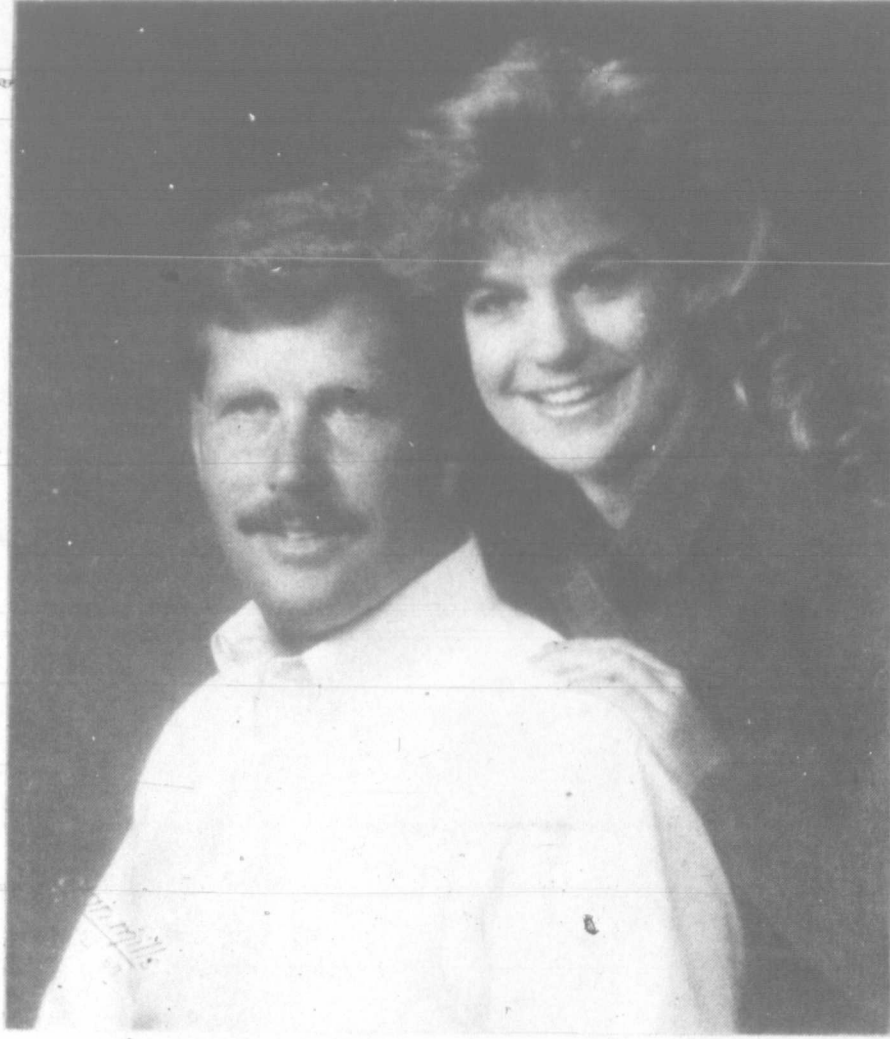
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Ann Watson, John Norris and Eileen Kludt go through boxes of donated books in preparation for the Friends of the Library Book Sale scheduled for April 6-9.



Friends of the Library board members review plans for the membership drive. From left are Earl Davis, Dovey Massie, president, Vera Plunk, Ann Watson, secretary, and John Norris.



David Wolken & Cindy Muns

Muns-Wolken

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muns announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cindy, to David Wolken, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Wolken of Amarillo.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on June 9 in the First Baptist Church of Pampa.

The future bride is a graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by Amarillo Court Reporting. The prospective groom is a graduate of Caprock High School and is employed by Precision Acura of Amarillo.



Gary Wayne Jernigan & Bennette Michelle Brown

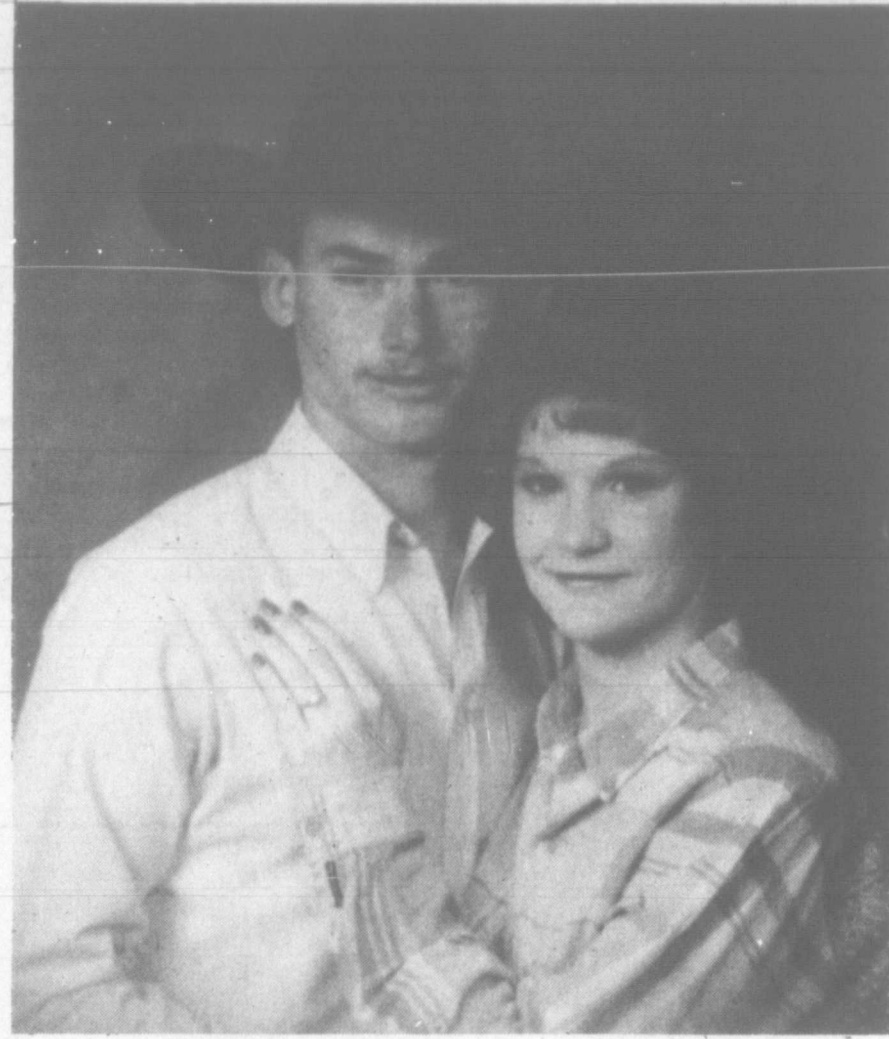
Brown - Jernigan

Berdea Brown announces the engagement of her daughter, Michelle, to Gary Wayne Jernigan, son of Laura Jernigan.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School. She plans to attend International School of Fashion and Design in Houston in the fall.

The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of PHS. He has attended Dodge City Kansas Community College.

The couple plan to be united in marriage on April 28 in the Oklahoma Street Church of Christ.



Shane Bridwell & Lisa Burch

Burch - Bridwell

Ray and Cheryl Burch of Clarendon and Frank and Madonna Bridwell of Miami announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Lisa Burch to Shane Bridwell, both of Amarillo.

The wedding is planned for July 20 at the Bill Tolbert Ranch, Chicken Creek with a reception to follow.

Prepare now for your summer garden

This past week has seen most of our fruit trees burst into full bloom.

With most fruit trees blooming, tree owners, interested in having worm-free fruit to eat come harvest time, need to start a spray program.

For all fruit trees, spraying should begin when 75% of petals have fallen. Successive sprays should be at 10 to 14 day intervals for a total of two to five sprayings.

There are several general purpose fruit sprays that are on the market from the commercial companies. Materials containing a combination of malathion®, methoxychlor®, and zolone® should give very good results. Several of the commercial sprays will have a trade name with fruit or orchard spray in it. Other single insecticides recommended include: malathion®, sevin®, and zolone®. Be sure to read the label, follow directions and remember any restrictions given on the label.

Adding organic matter to your soil is one of the keys to a successful garden.

Organic matter improves the drainage and aeration of clay soils and helps sandy soils hold water and nutrients.

Spread a 2 to 4 inch layer of peat moss, hay, compost, leaves, wheat straw or even shredded newspaper over the garden surface and work it into a depth of 6 to 8 inches. Before working in the compost, add the recommended rate of fertilizer so that it will become part of the soil mix.

Many gardeners prefer using a shovel or spading fork when working up the ground, but others like using rototillers.

The following tips are suggested to make the tilling job easier:

Till when soil is fairly dry and friable. Tilling wet soil leaves



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behind large clods which causes mud to tiller blades, thus upsetting the tiller's balance.

Leave an untilled row between passes since wide turns are easier to make than "about faces." This also keeps the machine from pulling itself and you toward the next row.

Reduce engine speed when breaking new ground or when tilling heavy clay soils so the tiller will dig better and bounce less.

Set the brake stake half the desired depth when tilling ground the first time around. Then set it to full depth and go over the ground a second time.

Pruning Roses

The traditional heavy pruning practices are appropriate for Hybrid Teas, but most old and shrub roses require less severe methods. Weak or dead canes should be removed or shortened to healthy tissue any time during the year. Weak growth along with canes that cross and some general thinning can best be accomplished in March in our area. Shaping the plants and cutting back the vigorous canes one-fourth to one-third of their length can result in more attractive plants. Care should be taken to prune most climbers and one-time bloomers after they flower in the spring so as not to reduce their seasonal show.

It should be kept in mind that most old garden and shrub roses are for attractive landscape plants with

a pleasing natural form. This form should still be apparent after pruning. In addition to pruning in late winter, some rosarians cut their plants back moderately in mid-August. This practice, along with a light application of fertilizer and a thorough watering, if needed, can promote an excellent fall floral display with many varieties.

Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, and Grandifloras are usually pruned heavily at this time (down to 18"-24" from the ground). Miniatures are pruned to a few inches above the ground also in later winter.

Soil Temperature — More Important Than You Think!

More important than moon signs and more predictable than weather is another variable which drastically affects how weeds and transplants grow—soil temperature. Soil temperature is a factor which few of us consider important. We ought to check before planting, yet it is probably the most important factor affecting seed germination and plant growth.

Soil temperatures at which vegetable seed will grow are classified into three categories—the minimum temperature required for seed growth, an optimum temperature and a "realistic" soil temperature. The realistic soil temperature is that temperature somewhere between optimum and minimum at which gardeners should plant to insure

maximum success. For instance, the optimum soil temperature for seed germination of vegetable crops such as cucumber, cantaloupe, okra, pumpkin, squash and watermelon is 95 degrees F., but the heat of summer will decrease yields and plant vigor. Yet if a gardener plants when soil temperature reaches only 60 degrees F., the vegetable seed will germinate and grow, but not vigorously. Thus, there must be a "realistic" soil temperature. For the above-mentioned crops, the realistic soil temperatures (degrees F.) for pumpkin (75), squash (70) and watermelon (72).

Crops such as beans, beets, cabbage, chard, eggplant, pepper, radish, tomato, turnip and corn have an optimum soil temperature required for certain of these cold-tolerant crops such as beets, cabbage, chard, radish and turnip is as low as 40 degrees F. The realistic soil temperature (degrees F.) recommended for these crops are: beans (72), beets (45), cabbage (54), chard (54), eggplant (75), pepper (64), radish (45), tomato (55), turnip (50), and corn (55).

As might be expected, the cold vegetables which are really the cold weather champs such as carrots, parsley, lettuce and spinach have lower optimum soil temperatures for seed germination. For instance, the optimum soil temperature for seed germination of carrots is 80 degrees F. The minimum temperature required for these crops is 35 degrees F. The realistic soil temperature at which all of these crops should be planted is 45 degrees F.

Soil thermometers are available for a few dollars. If a thermometer is not available, touch the soil with your hand to determine if it is warm.

I suggest using two soil thermometers in the garden. Place one at four to five inches deep and the other at one to two inches deep. By using both depths, the gardener should be able to gauge the right temperature for both transplants and seeds.

Most seeds are stored at a room temperature of approximately 70 degrees. Research has shown that putting the seed in the refrigerator for a couple of days may give the seeds a better germination percentage.

Newsmakers

Joel A. Pratt

Joel A. Pratt was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas Tech University for fall semester and was honored at a banquet on Feb. 15. Attending the banquet were his parents, Vernon and Kathy Pratt; his sister, Marcy Pratt; maternal grandmother, Mary Lea Wersonick; paternal grandmother, Ethel Pratt; and guest, Daphne Cates.

Pratt maintained a 3.5 grade point average for the fall semester. He is a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School.

Lloyd E. Engle

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lloyd E. Engle participated in recent military operations in Panama. Engle is a services supply supervisor with the 24th Services Squadron in Panama. He is the son of Harold and Lula Mae Engle.

Rebecca Barton

Rebecca Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen Pletcher, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo. She is a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School. She is a senior majoring in English.

Jamie Michelle Belflower

Jamie Michelle Belflower of White Deer High School has been named a U.S. National Award winner in mathematics by the U.S. Achievement Academy. She was nominated for the award by math teacher, Ms. Witherspoon.

The daughter of James and Laquita Belflower, her biography will appear in the Academy's official yearbook, published nationally. Grandparents are Margaret and

Vanice Belflower of Pampa and Patrick and Vernon Plemons of Pampa.

Joyce Combs

Joyce Combs, formerly of Pampa, now of Howardick, was chosen "Woman of the Year" for her second consecutive year by the Lakers Homemakers Club.

Guests from Pampa attending the affair held at the Howardick City Hall include: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kindle, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Knight and Connie Fulton. Combs is also an elected City Alderwoman in Howardick.

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<p>Pampa - Meals on Wheels Monday Sausage/rice casserole; cauliflower; green beans; cherry cobbler.</p> <p>Tuesday Oven-fry chicken; whole potatoes with cheese sauce; mixed greens; fruit cocktail.</p> <p>Wednesday Turkey pot pie; cranberry sauce; corn; peaches.</p> <p>Thursday Salisbury steak with gravy; blackeyed peas; fried okra; apple sauce.</p> <p>Friday Tuna noodle casserole; English peas; carrots; pears.</p> <p>Pampa Senior Citizens Monday Chicken fried steak or tacos; mashed potatoes; spinach; beets; pinto beans; harvard beets; slaw-toss or Jello salad; apple cobbler or lemon ice box pie; cornbread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Tuesday Swiss steak or chicken pot pie; creamed new potatoes; green beans; turnip greens; slaw-toss or Jello salad; coconut pie or chocolate pie; cornbread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Wednesday Roast beef brisket with brown gravy; mashed potatoes; broccoli casserole; buttered carrots; slaw-toss or Jello salad; strawberry shortcake or egg custard; cornbread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Thursday Oven baked chicken or polish sausage and sauerkraut; mashed potatoes; blackeyed peas; fried okra; slaw tossed or Jello salad; pineapple upside down cake or cherry cobbler; cornbread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Friday Fried cod fish with tartar sauce or baked chicken breasts; french fries; buttered broccoli; corn on the cob; slaw-toss or Jello salad; lemon cream cake or brownies; garlic bread or hot rolls.</p> <p>Lefors School Monday</p>	<p>Breakfast: Sausage; biscuits; juice; milk. Lunch: Soft tacos; salad; beans; fruit; milk.</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast: Cereal; toast; juice; milk. Lunch: Dinner sausage; potatoes and gravy; blackeyed peas; rolls; applesauce; milk.</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast: Oats; toast with peanut butter; juice; milk. Lunch: Pizza; salad; fruit; milk.</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast: French toast; juice; milk. Lunch: Steak fingers; tator tots; green beans; carrot sticks; rolls; milk.</p> <p>Friday Breakfast: Cereal; toast; juice; milk. Lunch: Hamburger or barbecue; lettuce; tomato; chips; cheese; fruit; milk.</p> <p>Pampa Schools Monday Breakfast: Scrambled eggs; biscuits; gravy; fruit; milk. Lunch: Steak fingers; potatoes and gravy; English peas; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk.</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast: Hot rice; buttered toast; juice or fruit; milk. Lunch: Sloppy joes; french fries; buttered carrots; pear halves; milk.</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast: Hot oatmeal; buttered toast; honey; fruit; milk. Lunch: Burrito; chili beans; buttered rice; spiced apples; milk.</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast: Pancakes; butter/syrup; juice or fruit; milk. Lunch: Hamburger pizza; seasoned green beans; pear halves; pasta salad; milk.</p> <p>Friday Breakfast: Buttered toast; peanut butter; fruit; milk. Lunch: Corn dog with mustard; french fries; baked beans; apple crisp; milk.</p>
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Meneffe - Helbert

Atha Meneffe and Charlie Helbert were united in marriage on Mar. 8, 1990 in the home of Andrea Reed, granddaughter of the bride, with Rev. R.G. Tyler of Calvary Assembly of God Church, officiating.

In attendance for the ceremony were the bride's daughter, Dot Worley and granddaughter, Andrea Reed and the groom's daughter, Joyce Mullen.

The senior couple are lifetime residents of Pampa. Mr. Helbert is retired from Northern Natural Gas. Between them, the couple now have 26 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



Mr. & Mrs. Willie Cross
Donna Satterwhite

Satterwhite - Cross

Donna Satterwhite and Willie Cross exchanged wedding vows on March 10, 1990 in the Church of Christ, Higgins, Tex. Gordon Lawson of Woodward, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Tex Satterwhite of Shattuck. The groom is the son of Ben and Darlene Eads of McLean.

Matron of honor was Leah Satterwhite of Dalhart. Bridesmaid was Terri Palsler, sister of the groom from Dallas. Best man was the groom's father. Groomsman was Mike Satterwhite, brother of the bride, from Shattuck.

Ushers were Brian Satterwhite of Miami and Will Palsler of Dallas. Registering guests was Rachel Nies of Wewoka, Okla.

The bride is a graduate of Arnett High School and Woodward Beauty College. She is employed by the Hemphill County Sheriff's Department.

The groom is a graduate of McLean High School and is employed by D.C. Sales of Higgins. The couple plan to make their home in Higgins.



Mr. & Mrs. Russell Dee Crockett
Mary Janice Chappell

Chappell - Crockett

The Driskell House in Guthrie, Okla., was the setting for the Valentine's Day wedding of Mary Janice Chappell and Russell Dee Crockett. Dr. Jerry L. Mash officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Chappell of Guthrie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Chappell and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon McCorkle.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mash of Crescent, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crockett of Kelton, Tex.. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Crockett of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Dana Corbin of Sentinel, Okla.

Honor attendants were Jill Jobe, Maggie Wade, Sharla Chappell, Joe Crockett, Marty James, Phil Cochran. Candlelighter was Kristy Carroll. Mallory Cowden was flower girl. Jeffery Chappell was ring bearer. Kye and Kelly Crockett registered the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Kinney were the vocalists.

The bride is employed by the Driskell House and the groom is employed by the Chicago Cubs. The couple plan to reside in Guthrie.

Club News

Order of Eastern Star

Order of Eastern Star chapters from Borger, Canadian, Higgins, Miami, Perryton, Shamrock, Spearman, Wheeler and Pampa will host the Jeweled Pathway Home School of Instruction on Mar. 31 at the First Christian Church Family Life Center, 1633 N. Nelson.

Beginning with registration and coffee at 8 a.m. the days activities will include joint fraternal visits from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Participating in the school are Betty Phillips of Darrouzett, Worthy Grand Matron; Joe E. Jeffers of Alvin, Worthy Grand Patron; Joyce Fields of Denver City, Grand Examiner; Jerry Sheppard of Pampa, District Deputy Grand Matron; Charlotte Hogan of Pampa, Deputy Grand Matron; and Margis Daniel of Abilene, Humanitarian Committee, Dist. 2.

The chapters of Section 1 will host the "Glow of the Jewels" covered dish dinner, Friday, Mar. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker will be Mayor Peet. The "Magic of Love" luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday and the school will close with the "Radiant Northern Light" banquet at 6 p.m. in the Starlight Room.

El Progreso Club

El Progreso Club met Mar. 13 in the home of Leona Allen with Lois Strong as co-hostess. Julia Dawkins chaired the meeting attended by 10 members. After Florence Radcliff led in the reading of the club collect, Dot Allen announced that the theme for the next club year will be "Worldly Wisdom for Women."

Roger David, investment advisor for Edward D. Jones & Co., presented the program about ways to generate income. The next meeting will be Mar. 27 in the home of Ruth Richart.



Betty Phillips
WGM



Joe Jeffers
WGP



Joyce Fields
GE



Jerry Sheppard
DDGM

Chapter CS PEO
Chapter CS PEO met on Mar. 13 in the home of Ruth Richart with Betty Cain as co-hostess. Officers for the new were elected and installed: Dolores Cross, president; Betty White, vice president; Donna Turner, recording secretary; Elice Sailor, corresponding secretary; Lois Strong, treasurer; Marie Price, chaplain; Margie Pontious, guard.

Worthwhile Extension Homemakers Club
Worthwhile Extension Homemakers Club met on Mar. 16 at the Energas Flame Room. Belle Lee opened the meeting with eight members present. Roll was answered with members telling their car license number. After the business meeting, Joy Evans and Kathy Dennis from Agape Health Service took blood pressures and blood sugar readings. The next meeting will be April 6 in the home of Myrtle Smith.

Pampa Garden Club
Pampa Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Holly Gray with Mrs. W.E. Campaigne as co-hostess on Mar. 19 for its Guest Day Tea. Angela Melancon and Carol Peet were welcomed as guests. Thelma Bray, community service chairman, explained plans for a proposed "memorial path" at Mora Wilks Park. Presentation of the proposal will be Mar. 22 at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

An announcement was made of the South Central Region "Solid Waste Conference" on Mar. 31 in Amarillo. Call 665-1936 for details. Fred Brooks presented "A Yankee's View of Down Under", a slide program of Melbourne, Australia and the surrounding area. The next meeting is April 16 with Thelma Bray presenting the program "Forestry Service - Global Relief."

Pampa Business & Professional Women
Pampa BPW met on Mar. 20 at the Caprock Apartments. Euleen Thompson, president, introduced guests Lodema Mitchell, Essie May Walters and Bonnie Stuckey. A thank you letter was read from Tralee Crisis Center.

The following slate of officers for 1990-91 were elected: Tonya Svoboda, president; Euleen Thompson, vice president; Gloria Beistle, secretary; and Betty Gough, treasurer. Officers will be installed at the Mother's Day Brunch on May 5 at the Country Club. Beverly Snyder of Borger, state convention second place winner as young careerist, will be the speaker.

Thompson urged attendance to the BPW Emblem Brunch, April 8, at Tascosa Country Club. Marjorie Redford of Amarillo will speak on a "New Beginning." Virginia McDonald gave the program on "Nutrition."

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club made a field trip on Mar. 20 to the Square House Museum in Panhandle for a luncheon, lecture and tour. The current collection on tour were paintings by the Kiowa Indians.

Guests in attendance were Jan Crippen, Mrs. J.L. Carpenter, Molly and Jimmy Don Goodwin, Mike Flynt, Mrs. Mike Porter, Mrs. John Gikas and Angela Melancon.

The next meeting will be April 3 for a workshop in the Flameroom. Sophia Vance will serve as hostess.

Friends of Planned Parenthood plan annual meeting Mar. 28

Dr. Kenneth Edelin, chairperson of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, will be the guest speaker at the Friends of Planned Parenthood annual luncheon at noon on Mar. 28 at the Amarillo Country Club.

Edelin, whose topic will be "reproductive freedom and politics", has dedicated his career to women's reproductive health care, often facing considerable personal challenges. Throughout his career, he has focused on the patients who need his care most -- the poor.

At Boston City Hospital, Edelin is credited with dramatically revitalizing clinical services to disadvantaged patients. He established an adolescent obstetrics and gynecology clinic, an oncology clinic and a methadone maintenance program for heroin-addicted pregnant women.

"With his unswerving commitment to improving women's health, protecting women's rights, serving the needy, and empowering the vulnerable, Dr. Edelin exemplifies

Planned Parenthood's guiding mission," says Millie Bingham, president of Friends of Planned Parenthood.

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Karla Renee Ellis & Brett Allen Byrum

Ellis - Byrum

Mr. and Mrs. Barry W. Ellis of Houston are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karla Renee, to Brett Allen Byrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Byrum of Miami.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Northland Christian School in Houston and attended Abilene Christian University. She is presently employed as a physical therapist technician with the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

The prospective groom is a 1987 graduate of Miami High School and is a junior accounting major at Abilene Christian University.

A double-ring ceremony is planned for July 28 at the Bammel Road Church of Christ in Houston.



Mr. & Mrs. Lige Tarvin

Tarvin Anniversary

Lige and Billie Tarvin will be honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception today from 2 to 4 p.m. at 2201 N. Zimmers with Mr. and Mrs. Jon Tarvin as the hosts.

Billie Jo Wilson married Lige Tarvin on Mar. 31, 1940 in Shamrock. The couple have lived in Pampa for 35 years. Mr. Tarvin worked for Culberson-Stowers for 28 years, retiring in 1978. Mrs. Tarvin worked for Zales jewelry for 15 years, retiring in 1971. The couple are members of Central Baptist Church.

Children of the couple are Jon Tarvin of Pampa and Larry Tarvin of Arlington. The couple have three grandchildren.



James Fleming & Rebecca Davis

Davis - Fleming

Leo and Teresa Davis of Lefors announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca, to James Fleming, son of Monta and Wanda Jean Fleming of Pampa.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Lefors High School and is employed by Beall's Department Store. The prospective groom is a 1985 graduate of Pampa High School and is employed by Graham's Furniture.

The couple plan to be united in marriage on June 22 at the First Baptist Church in Lefors.

Kuntz - Turner

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Kuntz announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Jane, to Robert Turner, son of Bobby Turner of Lexington, Ky., and Suzanne Hawthorne of Dallas.

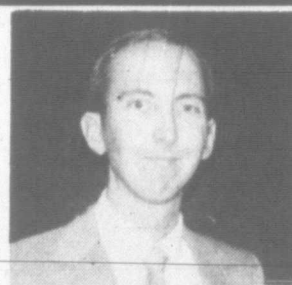
Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Alexander of Pampa.

The bride-elect graduated from Bayou Lafourche Academy in Donaldsonville, La., and attended Abilene Christian University. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in home economics.

The prospective groom graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in business. The couple plan to be united in marriage in Dallas on April 21.

4-H'ers prepare for 4-H Round-up Mar. 31

Dates
 Mar. 26 - State 4-H Roundup assistance requests due
 Mar. 27 - 4-H Rifle Project, 7 p.m.; 4-H Dog Project, 7 p.m., Bull Barn; 4-H Consumer Decision Making practice, 4:30 p.m., Annex, Pampa
 Mar. 28 - 4-H Meats Judging practice, 3:45 p.m., Annex, Pampa; 4-H Clover 4-H Consumer Decision Making practice, 3:30, McLean



4-H Corner

Joe Vann

Library
 Mar. 29 - 4-H District Roundup, Borger

4-H'ers Participate in County Contest
 Twenty-five Gray County 4-H came together on March 18 to participate in Gray County 4-H Roundup. These 4-H'ers had an excellent crowd of some 60 leaders, parents, and fellow 4-H members. The purpose of Gray County 4-H Roundup was to allow those Gray County 4-H'ers participating in District 1 4-H Roundup on March 31 a chance to practice their contest entry.

Those 4-H'ers earning blue ribbons with Method Demonstrations/ Illustrated Talks include: Becky Reed with her entry in the Clothing Educational Activity; Laura Williams and Heather Kludt with their Consumer Life Skills Activity; Lori Sutton in Focus on Health; Grace Sutton with her Housing and Home Environment Activity; Heidi Phetteplace with her 4-H Promotion entry; and Holly Abbott with her entry in the Open Class.

4-H'ers earning red ribbons

included: Amanda Kludt with her entry in the Clothing Educational Activity; Kim McDonald in Poultry; and David Kludt for Public Speaking presentation.

The Senior Share-the-Fun group includes Amy Maul, Amy Eakin, Clint McClure, Will Greene, Chris Fox, Carily Downs and Dennis Williams.

The Junior Share-the-Fun group includes Nonnie James, Brian Brauchi, Sarah Maul, Jennifer Williams, Jeremy Knutson, Angie Davenport, Barry Brauchi, Shelly Davenport and Angie Downs.

Each of these 4-H'ers will be competing on March 31 at District 1 4-H Roundup which will be held at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Those senior 4-H members who place first or second at this district contest will qualify for Texas 4-H

Roundup at College Station in June. Our best wishes for success goes out to all of these 4-H'ers as they prepare for district contest. In addition to the contest to be held on March 31, the District 1 4-H Council and the District 1 4-H Adult Leaders Association will be meeting to elect officers for the 1990-91 year.

4-H Meats Contest Set
 Four Gray County 4-H members will be competing in the District 1 4-H Meats Contest on March 30 at West Texas State University. Those 4-H'ers attending include: Michel Reeves, Todd Black and Kirk McDonald competing in the Senior Meats Contest. Nathan Dawes will also be attending and competing as a junior individual in the contest. This meats team has been meeting weekly for three months. They have put forth a great deal of effort and we wish them success as they enter the district contest.

Newsmakers

Joel Farina
 Joel Farina, son of John Farina, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Evangel College. He is a graduate of Pampa High School. Farina is a junior majoring in management.

Jamie Michelle Belflower
 Jamie Michelle Belflower of White Deer High School has been named a U.S. National Award winner in mathematics by the U.S. Achievement Academy. She was nominated for the award by math teacher, Ms. Witherspoon. The daughter of James and Laquita Belflower, her biography will appear in the Academy's official yearbook, published nationally. Grandparents are Margaret and Vanice Belflower of Pampa and Patrick and Vernon Plemons of Pampa.

Glen R. Devers
 Glen R. Devers has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant. He is a ground radio communications specialist at Bergstrom Air Force Base, with the 1882nd Communications Squadron. Devers is the son of Roy Devers of Amarillo and Sue Kiss of Canadian. The sergeant is a 1981 graduate of Hereford High School.

Sharon Strickland
 El Dora Willis
 Sharon Strickland and El Dora Willis received certificates for attending the Partners Assisting Texans With Handicaps (PATH)

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Cheryl Eldredge

seminar in Austin recently. Topic of the conference was "Into the Future - Transition Planning for Individuals with Disabilities." The conference emphasized a team approach to transition involving teachers, par-

ents, young adults, administrators and service providers.

Strickland serves on the advisory council to the special education department of the Pampa School District. A meeting is planned soon in Amarillo to form a parent support group for families with handicapped children.

Cheryl Eldredge
 Cheryl Eldredge, 17, daughter of Bart Eldredge of Satanta, Kan., and Alinet Eldredge of Pampa, has just had original poetry published in the *American Poetry Anthology*, a treasury of today's poetry compiled by the American Poetry Association. The poems are entitled "The Dove" and "Loneliness." Eldredge has been writing for several years and this is her first attempt at having her poetry published. She is a senior at Satanta High School and will graduate in May. She plans to attend West Texas State University in the fall.

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Warm Pampa 'Welcome!!' to new golf pro

Spring arrived only days ago with a big dash of sunshine and fresh breezes. A few more bright moments in the lives of Pampans went something like this.

Bill Hammers joined the five-oh! group last Saturday. Furthermore, the birthday party, attended by 30 family members, golf buddies and their wives, came as a total surprise down to the black-bit theme. Kathy's mom, Mary Stroebel baked about 15 dozen cookies for the occasion. Nancy and Gerald Hammers (brothers married sisters) and Todd came from Bowie. Kathy and Bill's son, Hoyt, who will receive an architectural degree from UTA in a few weeks, came from Arlington. Belated birthday wishes, Bill!

A warm Pampa "Welcome!!!" to David Teichmann (Tike-mun), the new golf pro for Hidden Hills Golf Course. Shelly and 2 1/2 year-old Weston will move to Pampa from Odessa mid-April. David and Shelly enjoy all sports. As a pianist and singer, Shelly will have no trouble at all finding her place in a local Baptist church. In Houston she was a Big Sister and in Odessa a member of the Junior Service League. As a CPA, she was the business office manager of Odessa's Women and Children's Hospital. David is a graduate of Sul Ross and Shelly of Baylor. Sounds like another fine, energetic and capable young couple who will have no problem in becoming instant Pampans.

Congratulations to Lori and Artie Sailor on the birth of a son Levi James. Grandparents are Linda and Roger Crawford, Wanda and Artie Sailor. Great-grandparents are Goldie Crawford and Neil Allison.

Paul Braswell, a former Pampan now living in the Dallas area, spent a few days in Pampa on business recently.

Family members and friends recognized Madine Baggerman slipping and laughing on a recent ABC prime time newscast dealing with a Texas Tech research project on why people fall. Madina, daughter of Norma and Frank Slagle, and an industrial engineer, is working on her master's degree at Texas Tech. She and her sister, Peggy, an executive with American Airlines in Tulsa, spent a sisters-only vacation in Maui and more only days after Norma and Frank were there.

Eleven members of Preceptor Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and special guest, Shirley Winborne, 1989 Woman of the Year, attended the last Country Club ladies' lun-



Peeking at Pampa By Katie

cheon and style show of fashions from Images. The girls formed a cheering section for their sorority sister, Charlene Morriss, who looked mighty spiffy in a bright orange pantsuit with the southwestern look. Joyce Scott was especially pretty, all dressed in soft peach.

Vickie and Bill Patterson of Guymon managed to set aside time to visit Vickie's parents Norma and Joe Autry while participating in a revival at Faith Christian Center. It's located in the downtown former C.R. Anthony Store. Vickie and her mom are two pretty ladies.

Congratulations to Father Gary sides of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, who celebrated the 17th anniversary of his ordination as a priest on St. Patrick's Day. Several parishioners helped him to celebrate in various ways.

Elsie and Roy Floyd enjoyed a week long Caribbean cruise...Evelyn and Jay Johnson spent a week in Orlando, Fla.

Rheba Williams and Stefanie Turpen returned from a trip to Farmington, N.M. They visited Rheba's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Archer and sons, Derrick and Dirk, formerly of Pampa, and former Pampans, Mr. and Mrs. George Shouse of Chama, N.M.

Visiting in the home of Jerry and Eva Dennis last weekend were Vanessa Bacciotti from Leme, Brazil, Jon and Rhonda (Dennis) Hamel, Janna and Jenna of Dallas have hosted Vanessa as a foreign exchange student for the school year.

Vanessa attended a Pampa High School dance, escorted by an American Field Service student Jasmin Marc, who lives with Londa and Dan Snider. She attended the Shamrock celebration on St. Patrick's Day. Darlene Birkes, AFS coordinator treated Vanessa and Jasmin to dinner and a movie. Vanessa thought the Pampa people were very friendly and stated that she liked cowboys. She commented on the difference in Pampa and Dallas, saying the small town is not nearly

as hectic. Vanessa said "thank you" to all who made her Pampa visit special and said she will be back in June.

Friends and family of Lowell Stevens attended the celebration of his 80th birthday. Attending the celebration were his wife, Opal, John and Doris Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Max Presnell, Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Donna Stevens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Treat and grandson Shaun, Nadine Arney and her mother Blanch Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Meaker, Boydine Bossay, Sandra Bronner, Bobbie Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Freeman, Debbie Musgrave and sons Joshua, Jake and Chase, Maxine Jeffers and Vera Burton, Lowell's niece. Belated congratulations, Lowell!

Bride bends mom's ear about usher's new look

DEAR ABBY: About six months ago, my husband's niece, "Heather," became engaged and asked our younger son, "Don," to be an usher at her wedding, which will take place next month. Don accepted.

We felt that Heather asked Don instead of his older brother, "Doug," because Doug had long hair. (Doug's hair is a beautiful shade of auburn and is always kept clean.)

Well, Don let his hair grow and now it's as long as Doug's. Don also had his ears pierced, and he wears small stud-type earrings.

When Heather saw Don with his "new look," she blew a gasket and asked me, "What's the deal with Don's earrings? And does he intend to wear them at the wedding?" (She said this behind Don's back when he was in the next room.)

I told her I didn't know. Then she criticized me for allowing my son to pierce his ears, saying if she were his mother, she'd never allow it. I told her if she wanted to have a decent relationship with her children, there would be times when she would have to let them do their own thing or she would lose them. Then she tried to make it sound like the priest wouldn't allow a man who wore earrings to be in the wedding.

Abby, should Don put his feelings aside and take the earrings out to be in the wedding? Or should he tell Heather he plans to wear them and leave the decision up to her?

DON'S MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: I would hope that if Don is adamant about wearing the earrings in the wedding, he would tell Heather at once. Then she can decide to accept it or ask someone else to be an usher.

DEAR ABBY: On Valentine's Day, I sent my husband a small bouquet of flowers to show him how much I love and appreciate him.

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Second grade students at Travis elementary have been studying E.B. White's "Charlotte's Web," the barnyard escapades of Wilbur, a pig, Charlotte, a spider, and a myriad of friends. Students got the opportunity recently to see a "live" Wilbur when James Kirkwood, right, brought one of his young Berkshire porkers to school. Pictured from left are: Eelco Walters, Shane Flynn, Brooke Pope, Colby Kenner and Russell Robben.

Bride bends mom's ear about usher's new look



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

When the flowers arrived, his co-workers must have made him the laughingstock of the office, because when he came home he said, "Honey, please don't send me any more flowers at work." Then he told me that the guys at work teased him all day, calling him "Loverboy" because of the flowers.

Abby, I don't see why a man should be made fun of just because his wife wants his co-workers to know how much she loves him. I can't see where sending flowers is something to be made fun of, can you?

VALENTINE

DEAR VALENTINE: No. Your husband's co-workers may have been jealous. That kind of behavior might be expected of grade-school kids, but not grown-ups.

However, since your husband has asked you not to send any more flowers to his workplace, respect his wishes. Next year, send a box of candy he can share with his co-workers. They could use some sweetening up.

DEAR ABBY: Count me as one reader who is "grossed out" at the attitude of "Grossed-Out Grandma."

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Fine Arts sponsors poetry day Mar. 27

The Pampa Fine Arts Association is sponsoring a poetry day, Tuesday, Mar. 27, for English classes at the middle school in the morning and high school in the afternoon with Marianne McNeil, widely recognized Amarillo poet, as guest speaker.

McNeil has published more than 400 poems and has some 300 contest awards to her credit from Texas, Michigan, South Dakota, Louisiana and other states. Her book "Celebration for Sonneters" won the Crossroads Poetry Chapbook contest and the Oklahoma Writers Pegasus Award and was nominated for a Pulitzer prize because of its unusual format.

In addition to her own writing, McNeil devotes much of her

time to promoting poetry in groups of all ages. She organized and continues to coordinate the Senior Citizens Writers Group which has seen 35 of its members published.

McNeil spearheads the Tri-State Literacy Contests and sets up a booth at the Fair showing winners and area writers' poetry; arranged for a poetry display at Westgate Mall; has organized poetry readings at Amarillo Art Center; reads poetry on KGNC radio during October, National Poetry Month.

McNeil is in constant demand for conducting poetry workshops. Popular topics include: encouraging creativity, manuscript preparation, contest clues and chapbook preparation.



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Pack 480 awards banquet



(Special photo)

Members of Pack 480 recently received their one year pins. Pictured from left are Kory Nickell, Trey Ford, Bryce Hudson, Adam Keller, Michael Engel and Cubmaster Mark Ford. Not pictured but also receiving awards were Matthew Cook, P.J. Reed and Tyler Mitchell.

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CORONADO NURSING CENTER

Some of your friends at Coronado Nursing Center needs volunteers to direct exercises during the mornings and handcrafts in the afternoons. Also oil painting classes need another teacher. For more information contact Odessa East, 665-5746.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center is a non-profit organization which offers shelter, crisis counseling, and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. A support group for victims of domestic violence will meet every Monday at 6 p.m. at 119 N. Frost. Volunteers are needed for this program. For information on services or training call 669-1131.

PAMPA NURSING CENTER

Pampa Nursing Center needs volunteers to call bingo on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. and for the morning exercise program starting at 11 p.m., Monday through Friday. Simple stretching and strengthening exercises are required geared for residents who are in wheel chairs. For more information contact Ina Gail Rowell at 669-2551.

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The Texas Department of Human Services uses volunteers for a variety of services: paperwork for HUD recipients; taxiing disabled and elderly to doctor appointments, preparing food baskets, and serving as coordinators between clients and caseworkers. Occasionally special talents are needed to repair roofs, paint or handle small plumbing problems. For more information call 665-1863.

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LIFE AND LOVE ALTERNATIVES

Life and Love Alternatives is a group that provides help for women facing crisis pregnancies. Assistance is needed for donations of clothing, especially baby and maternity clothing; frozen and canned foods; and baby furniture. For more information, contact Lendy Woodridge at 669-9999.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for safety programs, youth programs, morning office work and fund development. For more information contact Katie Fairweather, director, 669-7121.

CORONADO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

CCH's Auxiliary program needs persons of all ages to work in various areas of the hospital. If interested, call Nancy Paronto, 665-3721, ext. 132, for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels, located in the basement of the First United Methodist Church, supplies hot meals to the elderly and home bound. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the kitchen and drivers are needed from 11 a.m. to noon to deliver meals. For more information contact Ann Loter, 669-1007.

SALVATION ARMY

Pampa's Salvation Army needs volunteers at the Thrift store and at the church. Help is needed to sort clothing and goods at the Thrift store, call 669-9024 for available schedule. Volunteers are needed once a month to help serve meals, coffee and tea during the Golden Ager's luncheon. A free lunch is provided to volunteers. Call the Army office at 665-7233 for more information.

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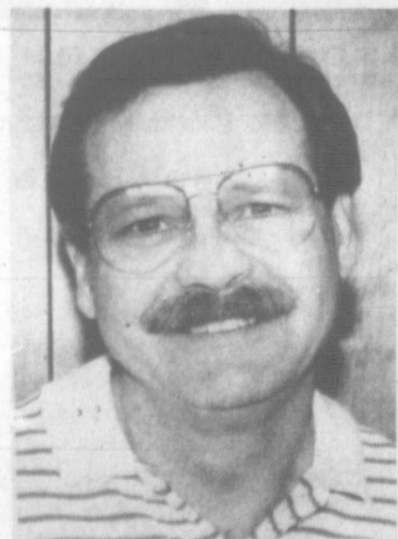
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The Book Report

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Author of the Month The Trail To Honk Ballard's Bones by Sam Brown

Sam Brown is a local Texas author. He was working as a cowboy on the Quien Sabe Ranch when his first novel was published, and now teaches science at Willow Vista School in Amarillo.

He is a native of Adrian and he and his wife, the former Vicki Burns, have two children. Their daughter, Michael, is a student at Texas Tech University. A son, Brian, attends Adrian High School. Brown is a graduate of West Texas State University. Brown's first book "The Long Season" was a finalist in the 1988 first novel category of the Spur Awards presented by Western Writers of America. Readers of "The Long Season" will be able to see that Brown has honed his professional skills to a new sharpness in "The Trail to Honk Ballard's Bones."

"The Trail to Honk Ballard's Bones" is a page-turner, strong on characterization, plot and background as it follows the adventures of a Texas cowboy from an ill-fated cattle drive to a showdown with a durable villain.

Most of the action takes place around the town of Liberty, N.M., a small community founded after Fort Bascom was established on the Canadian River north of the present site of Tucumcari.

Pain the Wind by Cathy Cash Spellman

Even with the drama inherent in the rule of kings and queens and dictators, the U.S. has had a rich history. So concludes Spellman in a novel that cuts a wide swath through American history in the last half of the nineteenth century. The tale opens with Fancy Deverell, a little Louisiana girl of genteel heritage, losing her parents to a campaign resulting from the Confederacy's fall to Union forces. As the nation puts its life back together, so does Fancy gather and repair the

fragments of her own. Joining a circus train, she preceeds westward, eventually meeting up with the brothers McAlister, who were raised in a cabin in Kansas and driven by frontier urges to make good. Married life for Fancy brings fortune, then ruination; in the final act, she finds peace of soul and heart. Spellman's characters are well defined and believable. A sprawling entertainment that is also an admirable work of fiction.

Mere Mortals by Neil Ravin

"Mere Mortals" is a love story about a doctor and a nurse who love each other and who love their work in equal measure, and it's about the pressure that each exerts on the other. It's a story about people who are trying to raise children, and trying to live an ordinary life while they work in a world of extraordinary demands and risks. And it's a story about how the world comes to claim them, how mortality always closes in.

Children of Fast-Track Parents by Adree Brooks

Children of accomplished or high-reaching parents are normally lucky enough to be blessed with the best of everything. But by giving them the best of everything are their parents always giving them everything that is best for them?

After spending more than a year interviewing dozens of children of high-achievers, their parents, teachers, therapists, and counselors, Adree Brooks was able to identify many of the frequently hidden difficulties faced by these children, examining for the first time the particular child-raising issues created by affluence or success.

"Children of Fast-Track Parents" will prove invaluable not only for parents but also for educators and mental health professionals. It is a compassionate guide to child-raising, as well as a portrait of what is happening to a growing number of youngsters and their parents.

Head First, the Biology of Hope

by Norman Cousins

Medical research has demonstrated that panic, depression, hate and frustration can have negative effects on human health. Now Norman Cousins describes his exciting quest for proof that positive attitudes are not merely "moods" but biochemical realities.

For the past ten years, Cousins has been working inside the medical community. His new book—drawing upon hundreds of exchanges with doctors, patients, and research scientists—presents the rapidly mounting scientific evidence that hope, love, the will to live and laughter can have value in combating serious disease. By galvanizing the immune system, positive attitudes also make the technology of conventional medicine more effective.

Hospice of Pampa plans program for this Thursday

Hospice of Pampa is conducting a grief recovery session on Thursday, Mar. 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hospice Office located in the Combs Worley Building, downtown.

John Southern, MEd., LPC, will be the facilitator for the session. Southern is a licensed professional counselor with expertise in the area of grief and bereavement.

Anyone who is experiencing grief as a result of the death of a friend or loved one is invited to attend.

For more information contact the Hospice of Pampa office by calling 665-6677.



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Entertainment

'Petra' keyboarder to bring Christian rock message here Wednesday

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Area fans of Christian rock 'n' roll will get a double dose of the best of the genre this week when Petra appears in concert Tuesday night, at the Amarillo Civic Center and John Lawry, keyboardist for the band, follows up with a Wednesday night appearance in Pampa at First Baptist Church.

Glenn Shock, minister of youth and discipleship at First Baptist, said the Pampa appearance will offer a more intimate format for contemporary Christian music, and a nice follow-up to the larger Amarillo arena performance.

"When we found out Petra was coming to Amarillo, we asked if any of the guys could come and speak," Shock said of the appearance. Instead of just a speaker, they ended up with Lawry, who will be performing cuts from his new solo album, *Media Alert*.

During a telephone interview from Nashville, Lawry said his solo project uses rock music to urge teen-agers and their parents to be more aware of what they ingest through the media.

"We are supposed to use discernment in the things we see and hear," Lawry said, "not just in secular media, but in Christian music and even in the things they are taught in churches."

"There is a theology ringing in the music of secular bands. You better know what that theology is. I've seen some of the secular rock concerts out there and kids just don't need to be subjecting themselves to that. We need to have God running the remote control of the TV as well."

"The whole album is about how the media affects Christians and how Christians ought to be affecting the media."

Lawry said churches need to realize they are losing youth to secular rock music, videos and lifestyles, which he said seduce them away from Christianity.

He pointed out that one of the best ways churches can fight for the souls of youth in their community is through investing in Christian contemporary and rock radio.

"It's a slow birthing process," he stated. "Instead of just sending their money to overseas outreach, local churches need to say that this (Christian radio aimed at young people) is a tool to reach kids in this area. They need to look at ways to link arms and support Christian radio."

"I Love the Lord," a rock song off Petra's new *Petra Praise: The*

Rock Cries Out, is currently a number one hit on Christian rock stations around the nation.

Shock, of First Baptist, said parents need to be aware that music is the driving force in the lives of most teen-agers.

"Like anything else, it is something that can be used for good or bad," he said. "Just because everything on TV is not good, that doesn't mean TV can't be used to reach people for Jesus. It's the same with rock music."

He also said, "It's like (Petra's new advertising campaign for their rock praise album) says, this (traditional church music) is Greek to them. It's not going to reach them. Rock music can reach kids for Jesus."

Noting that Petra has been around for 18 years, Lawry said their rock sound is reaching "a second generation of listeners" such as Shock.

"We have youth directors around the nation who come to us and say, 'I was saved at a Petra concert when I was a teen-ager and now I've brought my youth group to see you.'"

Petra has recently begun a worldwide program called "Petra Prayer Warriors," which Lawry said has improved the ministry of the band and created a feeling of fellowship among Christians of varying denominations around the nation.

Youth groups that become Prayer Warriors agree to lift up the band's ministry through regular outreach and are connected to other Christian teens across the nation to become pen pals and pray for each other.

"For me, prayer is when we humble ourselves and pray for things of good and noble report," Lawry said. "It's being in touch with the one who can provide all things for us, as we are in His will."

He added that prayer is not a way to collect things that only serve to benefit the individual, but better the kingdom of Jesus and His work on earth.

Lawry has personal experience with seeing that humbling process pay off. Five years ago he was an up-and-coming musician performing with Christian rocker Russ Taff and on the verge of releasing his first solo project.

However, he said, the Lord led him to drop the solo plans and join Petra.

"Petra really taught me the validity of ministry," Lawry said. "The guys were so neat. But, when you give things to the Lord, he gives back to you."



(Special Photo)

John Lawry, keyboard player for the popular Christian rock group, Petra, is to perform selections from his new solo album at Pampa's First Baptist Church.

Media Alert, Lawry's solo album, is the result of such a principle, he said.

In spite of Petra definitely being a rock band, their recent tour, which includes renowned Christian speaker and author Josh McDowell, is drawing teens and older people as well.

"I don't think a lot of people could pull off what Josh does," Lawry said. "We play half an hour of cranking rock. Then we introduce Josh and with his spirit of love, within five minutes you could hear a pin drop."

Lawry added, "When we take the stage again, the kids are even

more excited. Young people are hungry for someone who will ask them to make a commitment to something."

Though the short-haired, middle-aged McDowell and the long-haired, hip Christian rockers Petra may seem like an odd combination, Lawry said God brought the two together in an effort to reach young people and ask them to remain sexually pure and commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

"We are losing our kids to trash music, trash videos and a world where there is a lack of commitment," Lawry said. "When I stand up and say, 'I love the Lord and

with Jesus Christ I have hope,' the kids take notice."

He said, "We were in Midland last week. Young people in one of the high schools, 20 of them, stood up in their cafeteria and prayed out loud for their school during lunch time."

"When they got through, the other kids were applauding. That's the kind of thing we want to see - kids not afraid to make a stand for Jesus."

That display of boldness, Lawry said, reached the entire Midland community, even causing secular radio stations to begin playing Petra songs the week of the concert.

First Baptist's Shock said the Amarillo Petra appearance, and Lawry's 6:45 p.m. performance in Pampa, are opportunities for people

who like rock music to understand how the medium can be used for eternal good.

"The medium is not the problem," he said of rock music. "It's the message."

Lawry's message, which he consistently returned to during the telephone interview, is that Jesus Christ has made a lasting difference in his life and given him a happiness and enthusiasm for life that nothing else had ever matched.

He said that zest for a life with meaning will be a central theme of both concerts.

Tickets for Petra are available at the Gift Box in Pampa. There will be no charge for the First Baptist performance, which is slated for the churches chapel as part of their High Priority outreach program.

'A man and his duck' form headline act at local club

Ken and Casey - a man and his duck - ventriloquist act is to be the headline entertainment at Knight Lites, Monday, March 26.

The performance begins at 8:30 p.m. with comedian Dan Rodriguez opening the evening's program.

Ken and Casey have appeared in comedy clubs from coast to coast, appearing in The Comedy Club in Long Beach, Calif., to The Bottom Line in New York City and Governor's Comedy Shop in Long Island, and dozens of clubs in between.

The act's television credits include Entertainment Tonight, Center Stage, PM Magazine, a CNN news special about humor and health, Night Shift, and Braun Company. They have also appeared in the revues "Dazzle" at Resorts International in Atlantic City, N.J., and "10th Anniversary Follies" at Lily Langtry's Dinner Theatre in Valley Forge, Pa.

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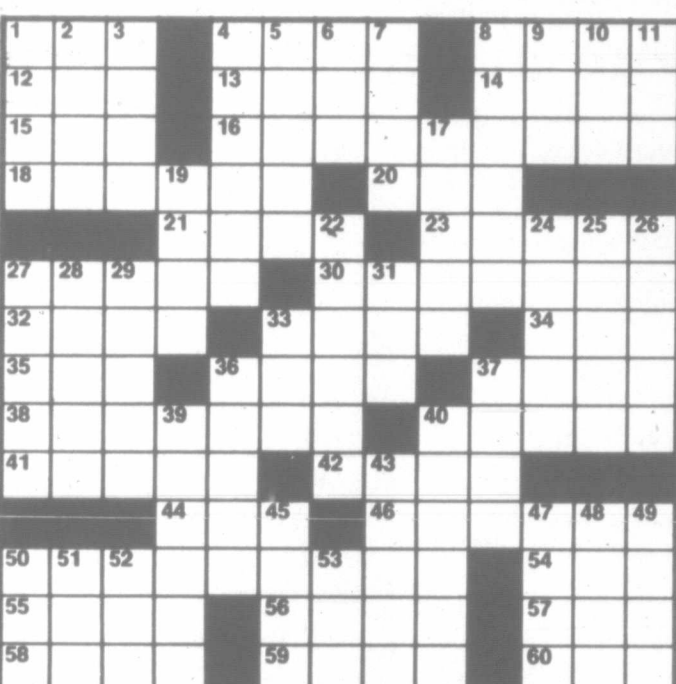
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The World Almanac Crossword Puzzle

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 - 15 Makes a saint
 - 18 Snoozing
 - 20 — the season to be ...
 - 21 Bohemian
 - 27 Tropical fish
 - 27 Fortune-tellers
 - 30 Parachute delivery
 - 32 Think ahead
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 - 34 — to lunch
 - 35 Grain
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 - 37 Carry
- DOWN**
- 1 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
 - 2 Story points
 - 3 — Roberts
 - 4 Indiana team
 - 5 Jumped
 - 6 Big coffee pot
 - 7 Chimney dirt
 - 8 At ease
 - 9 Actress Taylor
 - 10 Diminutive suffix
 - 11 Future bks.
 - 17 Explosive (sl.)
 - 19 Merit
 - 22 — Stadium, New York
 - 24 Military force
 - 25 Itinerary
 - 26 More likely
 - 27 Decay
 - 28 Fill with joy
 - 29 Swallowed
 - 31 Fish
 - 33 Out (Dutch)
 - 36 South African tribe
 - 37 Browns
 - 39 Theater district
 - 40 Peach type
 - 43 Slobber
 - 45 Snakes
 - 47 Something small
 - 48 Cozy
 - 49 Bye-bye
 - 50 Make a choice
 - 51 Greek letter
 - 52 Place to sleep
 - 53 Workers' assn.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to involve yourself today in ventures or projects where you already have knowledge, experience and expertise. Exploring unknown targets could be risky.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you have to negotiate a matter of importance today, try not to make unnecessary concessions. It's extremely important you deal from your strengths, not your weaknesses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Where your work or career is concerned today, strive to face issues squarely instead of trying to circumvent them. Problems could later result from anything swept under the rug.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Distractions could reverse your productive efforts today and turn them into something ineffective. If you hope to succeed you must have focus.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a chance you might get so involved in outside matters today you'll fail to take care of things you should be doing for your family. Keep your priorities in order.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to get others to do your bidding today, you might be tempted to bribe them with promises you'll not be able to deliver. This is not a good way to run a railroad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Some changes may be in store for you today where your finances are concerned. The effects of what transpires could be both adverse and beneficial.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Measures you take today that are predicated upon sober evaluations should produce desirable results. In situations you fail to properly study, the opposite could be true.

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Sperm competition may help determine how people look, act

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The lucky sperm gets the egg. But some researchers think evolution has gone to surprising lengths to improve the odds of winning the race.

In fact, this view holds that competition among sperm has shaped some of the ways that sexual creatures — people included — look and act.

"The egg is the prize in sperm competition," said Robert L. Smith, a University of Arizona biologist who presented one of several studies on sperm competition discussed at a recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Obviously the hundreds of millions of sperm released by one man in one sexual encounter compete to get to the prize. But these researchers are more intrigued by the consequences of a female having sex with more than one male during a single reproductive cycle.

Among chimpanzees (who are perhaps humans' closest imitators in matters of sex), a female may mate 50 times with a dozen males in a single day. Imagine all that sperm clawing toward the egg in a contest to contribute its donor's genes to the next generation.

Surely, these scientists argue, such contests are so important to successful reproduction that they must have helped shaped the way creatures are.

Some experts even believe that understanding sperm competition can help shed light on questions

that, at first glance, seem unrelated to the race to the egg. Why, for instance, do women have breasts? Or, why do couples usually have sex at bedtime?

Indeed, Geoff A. Parker of the University of Liverpool contends that competition among the earliest sex cells contributed to one of the most important evolutionary events of all, the emergence of two sexes.

The ultimate goal of sex is to pass on one's genes to a new generation. But in most of the animal world, males cannot be sure whether a female has just had sex with a competitor whose sperm are already swimming toward the egg.

Some experts believe that evolution has given female animals ways to use the obvious uncertainties about paternity to their advantage. They say males have worked out ways to minimize the competition.

"Sperm competition has explained a lot of otherwise puzzling observations," said Steven N. Austad of Harvard University.

For example, in many species, the sex act takes longer than would seem necessary simply to transfer sperm from a male to a female. But sperm competition suggests that the male drags out the affair the keep the female occupied so she can't turn her attention to other suitors.

Details have been easier to document in water bugs in lab jars than in homo sapiens in singles bars. But the experts suspect that many of the same principles apply to people.

When used to explain human traits, the theory of sperm competition works on the assumption that

humans are not as monogamous as they often pretend to be. Here are some questions about humans that Smith and others believe an understanding of sperm competition might answer:

Can there be evolutionary advantages for women in having sex with men other than their primary mates?

Yes. A woman may secretly choose a sex partner who is stronger, wittier, smarter or better looking than her husband. This would help her produce more suc-

cessful children and increase the odds that her genes will live on in succeeding generations.

Has male behavior evolved in response to sperm competition?

Apparently yes. While males typically try to monopolize one female through marriage, a typical male strategy is to mate with other men's wives or unattached females when the opportunity arises. This can dramatically increase a male's odds of leaving offspring.

Male sexual jealousy, with its

threat of violence, is another behavioral strategy intended to reduce sperm competition.

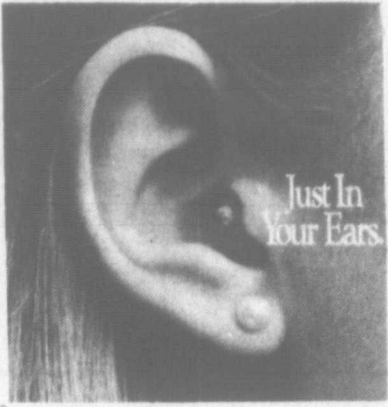
Have women grown in ways that facilitate sperm competition?

Yes. In most of the animal world, females show obvious physical signs, such as swollen sex organs,

that advertise when they are fertile. But in human females, there is no clear way to tell when a woman is ovulating.

Smith says this means that a male cannot guard his mate during the few days a month when she is able to get pregnant.

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Agriculture

Wheat growers cast wary weather eye toward Canada

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An icy weather monster in Canada is beginning to worry U.S. winter wheat farmers, whose crop is waking up and starting to grow. There has been "a vast improvement" in the crop recently because of much-needed precipitation, says Agriculture Department meteorologist Raymond P. Motha.

From southern Texas north through Oklahoma, Kansas and into Nebraska — where hard, red winter wheat was planted last fall for the 1990 harvest — the crop has responded well to the new moisture.

"The key thing right now is the possibility of cold weather as the crop comes out of dormancy," Motha said Tuesday. "It's growing and kind of tender, in case we get a hard freeze."

Motha said crop watchers are keeping tabs on "a situation" in Canada that could send cold weather scooting south by the weekend.

"As far as freeze danger, we've got another two or

three weeks of potential freezing weather" in the nation's breadbasket, he said.

Motha's comments followed a weekly report that showed too much rain in parts of the South have hampered farm work while other areas have benefited from widespread precipitation.

"Heavy rains added to the already-surplus moisture supplies in much of the (Mississippi) Delta," the government's Joint Agricultural Weather Facility said in its report for March 12-18. "Rain improved winter wheat prospects in most of the Great Plains and portions of the Pacific Northwest."

The facility is operated by the Agriculture and Commerce departments. Weekly reports cover crop conditions but do not include production forecasts.

Pastures were reported to be improving as a result of widespread moisture. Livestock was said to be in condition and spring lambing and calving continued in most areas.

Motha said the Southeast is "almost excessively wet" and that many of the drought-plagued areas of the last two years have recovered. Others, however, still

suffer long-term shortages of subsoil moisture.

"They've had some substantial and drought-relieving rains in the southern and central Great Plains, so that much of the hard, red wheat area of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas are in pretty good shape moisturewise," he said.

In the eastern Corn Belt, soil moisture is generally in pretty good shape, Motha said. But in the western Corn Belt, including Iowa, Nebraska and southern Minnesota, the long-term reserves of moisture are still below normal.

Those are the deeper reserves that allow crops to survive brief periods of dry weather. When this subsoil moisture is scant, the topsoil needs frequent rain to sustain the growing plants.

Motha said the long-term deficiencies still persist in Iowa, Nebraska and the Dakotas. But he said recent moisture has helped ease the situation from the last fall.

In the West, there are still large and troublesome areas of drought, particularly in Southern California, he said.

The weekly report said winter wheat was in generally

"good-to-excellent" condition in Idaho and "good-to-fair" shape in Washington. Spring planting of small grains was under way in the Columbia Basin of Oregon.

Looking at other crops, the report said:

"Although rain and wet fields continued to hamper field work in the Mississippi Delta, corn planting progressed as the weather allowed. Rice planting continued in Louisiana.

"Corn planting was about one-third finished in Georgia and was making progress in southern Texas, except in some rainy areas. Cotton and sorghum planting continued in the Rio Grande Valley and the Coastal Bend area.

"Irrigation was under way in Florida's citrus area, with trees setting new-crop fruit. Peaches were in "good-to-excellent" condition in Georgia, and peach trees were setting fruit in Texas.

"Spring-like weather prevailed over Florida's major vegetable areas and the harvest picked up steam. Vegetable growth was reported to be good in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, with harvests continuing for carrot, cabbage, celery and lettuce crops.

In agriculture

The Russian Wheat Aphid (RWA) has been found in several of our area wheat fields during the last week. Wheat farmers need to be on the alert and start routine checking of wheat fields for the tell-tale symptoms of the RWA.

The symptoms of Russian Wheat Aphid infestations are: leaves purplish in color, often with longitudinal white streaks and curled up like soda straws. The stems will be more prostrate than upright, often laying close to the ground. The RWA inject powerful toxins as they feed that can greatly reduce yields on even kill wheat.

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Research on the economic threshold (ET) has been accomplished by Dr. Tom Archer, TAES research entomologist at Lubbock. The study establishes the treatment level (percent of infested individual tillers) for RWA based upon cost of control and the market value of the crop.

If control costs around \$8 per acre and the market value of the expected crop is \$100 per acre, then 16 percent is the degree of tiller infestation to be economically justified to spray. Likewise, if the wheat crop is valued at \$150 per acre, then the ET level of infestation drops to 11 percent. If the crop is valued at \$200 per acre then the ET is eight percent of infested individual tillers. In making estimates of degrees of infestation, consider all the tillers in a certain area and not the percent of infested tillers on a plant.

Another explanation is if you have a market value of \$50 per acre for the wheat crop and a control of \$8 per acre, then the economic threshold would be 32 per-

cent of the tillers infested with RWA. This means that the control will be less than the loss in wheat yield and value, thus justifying treatment.

Wheat producers can expect the RWA populations to really expand in April based on past experiences. Also, winged forms of the RWA are being reported. Therefore these windy days have probably helped bring RWA here from areas south and west of Gray County. I hear a lot of spraying is occurring in Armstrong County.

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lation now residing on farms. This compares with 30 percent residing on farms in 1919.

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The average U.S. farm today is 463 acres, with assets of about \$373,700 and debt of about \$70,500.

Many modern farmers also work at jobs in their respective communities as well as farming or ranching. Nationally, 48.4 percent of people in agriculture also work second jobs off their farms.

The average age of farm residents today is 37.6 years, compared with 32 years for non-farm residents.

One American farmer/rancher today provides food and fiber for 114 people — 92 in the United States and 22 abroad.

In the United States today, the average personal consumption cost for food is 14 percent in Greece, 40 in the Soviet Union and 21 percent in Japan.

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Farm forecast favorable

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the arrival of spring and the observance of National Agriculture Day, it's also time for some serious economic forecasting.

Just in time, the Agriculture Department's seers have unveiled a new set of numbers for the nation's farmers in 1990. Generally, things are looking pretty good.

Not everything will be rosy, but USDA's latest economic outlook made it a lot easier for President Bush, Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter and other leaders to smile as they pay tribute to the nation's farmers at a scheduled White House ceremony today.

The picture is subject to change, of course. There's always the possibility of unexpected catastrophe when crops and livestock are involved.

"Combined with continuing

strong demand for agricultural products, currently higher prices due to tighter corn stocks and smaller hog inventories have brightened the outlook," the outlook report said.

The report, a digest of one to be issued later in USDA's Agricultural Outlook magazine, also had some encouraging news for consumers this spring.

"Increasing poultry supplies may push retail prices below last summer, giving consumers relief from rising pork prices," it said.

"Retail beef prices likely will remain near last year's highs through the second and third quarters. Milk and egg prices probably will decline in 1990 as recent favorable returns stimulate production."

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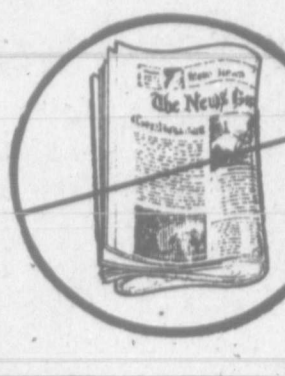
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Library offers computerized records for Hispanic genealogy

By ROB HARRILL
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — John Lopez hunched over a thick, rectangular book fashioned from computer printouts, scanning a long list of names of South Texans, all long dead.

Notes and documents created a collage of history on the polished wooden table where he sat in the Local History section of the Corpus Christi Main Library.

He summed up his mission in two words: "Roots, man."

Lopez is part of a steady flow of patrons pouring into the local library from across the state for something they say they can't get anywhere else in the region — computerized records of who was born, married and died in the area hundreds of years ago.

They have Dr. Clotilde Garcia to thank.

And an organization she founded, the Spanish American Genealogical Association, or SAGA.

Ms. Garcia and SAGA members have been gathering and computerizing records for public use at the library, a long, tedious process they hope may eventually lead to an on-line computer data base that would allow researchers to locate ancestors through computer terminals in the library.

For now, the records are in the form of 32 thick, well-used books of computer printouts. So far, more than 50,000 entries have been transcribed onto computer floppy disks from microfilm of parish records from towns in Texas and Mexico, organized both alphabetically and by date.

"We've had them for less than a year," said Corpus Christi Director of Libraries Herb Canales, leafing through the dog-eared pages of one of the books. "As you can see, they're quite popular."

And not just among local residents.

Ms. Garcia said she fields calls from all over the country from people interested in the records SAGA has gathered.

"We get calls from California, from New York," she said. But callers don't always understand the

purpose of the records or their capabilities.

A man from the Rio Grande Valley called Ms. Garcia a while back, she said, with a plea for help.

"He told me his father had been missing for 20 years, and asked if I could try to find him with our records," Ms. Garcia said. She pursed her lips, relaxed and laughed. "I told him he should go to the missing persons bureau. I couldn't do anything to help him."

Ms. Garcia said she began the project by purchasing 10 reels of microfilm from Mexico City.

However, she said, she quickly discovered it was easier and cheaper to buy the reels from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which boasts the world's largest collection of genealogical records in its Salt Lake-City archives.

Over the past couple of years, SAGA members have been taking donations to buy reels containing baptismal, marriage and death records of area towns.

So far, the society has gathered more than 100 reels, stacked in two tall file cabinets near the rear of the library's local history section. The oldest of the reels goes back to 1650.

The greater task, however, has been trying to computerize the records, said Mira Smithwick, a SAGA member who oversees the computerization project.

Computerized information is in high demand, but it takes a "long, long time," she said. "It is a very slow process."

The documents from the microfilm are invariably handwritten in Spanish several hundred years old, Ms. Smithwick said.

"It's not only the issue of being able to understand Spanish," Canales said. "A person who is fluent in Spanish today may not be able to read the handwriting. I mean, how many people have trouble understanding Shakespeare? That's the equivalent."

If someone has roots in South Texas, information can be fairly simple to track down, Ms. Smithwick said.

"The beauty of it is that everyone was registered at birth and at marriage," she said. "Everyone had to get married by the Catholic Church. When I started, I thought it would be hard to track down, but most of it is there."

"People come in and see how easy it can be, and they get very excited."

But she just can't keep up with the demand. Ms. Smithwick estimates that the group is nearly 100 reels behind in the computerization project.

"We would like to finish it by 1992, but I really have my doubts we'll make it," Ms. Smithwick said.

Ms. Garcia, who recently traveled to Salt Lake City to peruse the huge genealogical library there, said she soon hopes to take advantage of an effort to computerize the records there.

SAGA works hard, she said, but the Mormons are the ones who really take the work seriously.

"We're getting our records traced back to Spain," said Ms. Smithwick. "They, on the other hand, are going back to the beginning of records."

Mormon officials said the church's interest in genealogy goes beyond a fancy for members' roots.

"It's very much a theological interest," said Don LeFevre, director of media relations for the church in Salt Lake City. Church members believe that, through certain ordinances performed in Mormon temples, the family unit can extend into the next life.

The problem, LeFevre explained, is that many people have lived and died without an opportunity to take advantage of the ordinances. So church members gather the names of their ancestors so the ordinances can be performed, by proxy, in the temples, he said.

"They (the ancestors) then have the opportunity in the afterlife to accept or reject the work done for them," LeFevre said. "That's the goal — to bind the generations together."

As a result, the church has amassed a huge store of genealogi-

cal information — a storehouse containing 200,000 books, 1.65 million reels of microfilm and between 1.5 and 2 billion names, according to Tom Daniels, manager of public relations for the church's Family History Department.

Much of that information has been fed into a computer database, dubbed the Ancestral File, that uses software the church designed specifically for the task, Daniels said.

"It is on-line, but they are still running tests to get all of the bugs out," Daniels said.

"We expect to have it running for the public sometime later this year."

Ms. Garcia and Ms. Smithwick said they hope, someday, to tap into the database, but Daniels said it probably won't be set up that way.

"That would just be too expensive," he said.

Instead, the church will distribute the information on compact diskettes to its 1,500 Family History Centers around the world.

The public will have access to the Ancestral File through those

local outlets.

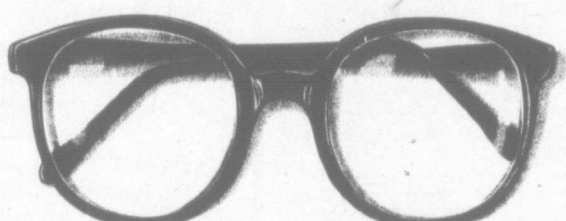
In the meantime, SAGA officials said they will continue the computerization program. They say they have no choice.

"You really get hooked," said Ms. Smithwick. "You really get a feel for what happened."

"Somebody said to me once, 'You are not doing genealogy — you're doing history,'" said Ms. Smithwick.

"I said, 'Yes. History is genealogy. Genealogy is history.'"

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