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## IRS gets dose of own medicine in GAO audit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The folks who audit your tax returns are getting a dose of their own medicine.

The General Accounting Office, in its first-ever audit of the Internal Revenue Service, found "fundamental deficiencies" — including double payment for some services — in IRS management of its \$6.7 billion budget in 1992.

"The irony of it is if it were taxpayers with similar records, they would probably be given a hard time," said Gregory M. Holloway, director of civil audits for the GAO, an arm of Congress.

The audit, required under a 1990 law designed to improve the government's money management, covers the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 1992. It was performed while the IRS was in the midst of replacing its accounting system.

## Drug may prevent permanent brain damage from strokes

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Despite causing hallucinations and other side effects, a medicine that mimics the illicit drug angel dust is showing promise as a way to prevent permanent brain damage after strokes.

So far, the new medicine has been tested on only small numbers of patients, and experts caution that larger studies will be necessary before they learn its full potential.

However, Dr. James C. Grotta of the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, said, "I think this drug, or one like it, will ultimately be proven to be effective."

Grotta said patients did not seem to be harmed by the drug's unwanted side effects. The medicine, called selfotel, works on the brain in a manner similar to PCP, also known as angel dust. Those getting the medicine experienced such PCP-like effects as hallucinations, confusion, paranoia and delirium.

Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the United States. They strike about 500,000 people annually and kill about one-third. Often the survivors are left paralyzed and unable to talk, among other problems.

## First lady campaigns for health care reform

LENNOX, S.D. (AP) — For many in rural America, rising health care costs mean a choice between food on the table and insurance coverage, citizens at a health summit told Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"They choose food and some have suffered tremendously," Carol Koberman, a Minnesota farmer covered through a group dairy association, said Friday at the summit.

Mrs. Clinton stumped for the president's health care plan at a summit that featured several members of Congress, Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and about two dozen citizens, including a gritty 20-year-old with his own medical miracle: He had his arms reattached two years ago after they were ripped from his body in a farm accident.

## Schwarzenegger hires extra muscle

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger hired extra muscle to help him recover a strip of land he once owned.

Schwarzenegger, looking to regain a 300-foot-by-40-foot plot that adjoins his Pacific Palisades home, paid lobbyist Kei Uyeda \$3,150 last year to speed his application through City Hall.

The city took control of land from Schwarzenegger and other property owners to extend a road, but the plans were dropped and the owners were allowed to apply for the return of their land.

Uyeda, a former city planner, pumped up Schwarzenegger's case, pushing the actor's application ahead of his neighbors'. Uyeda "just knows the system. He asked the right questions," said Louie Yamanishi of the city engineer's office.

## City manager named after eight month search

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK  
Staff Writer

After a search that lasted more than eight months, Pampa has a new city manager.

Robert D. Eskridge, 40, was named the new city manager following an executive session of the Pampa City Commission Saturday.

"I'm very excited to be coming up here," Eskridge said. "It's an area of the state I wanted to come to. I grew up in southwest Oklahoma and wanted to get back to this area, closer to home."

Eskridge's salary as city manager will be approximately \$59,000

a year and benefits other city employees receive. He will also be furnished a car. He will start work April 1.

Following the unanimous vote by the commission, Mayor Richard Peet said he was pleased with the commission's choice.

"One of the things that I'm really excited about is his background and

experience in finance," Peet said. "With the lower tax base, the lower sales tax receipts and the (city's) tight financial situation, we feel confident Bob can handle himself and help us manage and find ways of helping the community without tax increases and so on."

Peet added that he doesn't foresee any major changes coming immediately from Eskridge but believes he shares the outlook of the commission in managing the city.

"We're not looking at down-sizing, we're looking at right-sizing," Peet said. "And we appreciate Bob's comments in saying that he's going

to have to be here for six months before he can become familiar with the city and get to know the people. We want him to evaluate what we have."

Commissioner Robert Dixon also seemed pleased with Eskridge.

"We've been working on this since last July, and we wanted to make sure that the person we gave the job to would do us a good job," said Dixon. "We all feel comfortable with him after the extensive interview we had with him. He's just our sort of people."

Although he grew up in Frederick, Okla., Eskridge has spent much

of his life in Texas, working in city government beginning as the director of finance in Jacksonville and Vernon.

Since 1991, he was the city manager of Rosenberg, a community of approximately 18,000 people in the Houston area. Two years prior to being named the city manager, he was assistant city manager.

After graduating from Oklahoma University with a degree in accounting and prior to his entry in municipal government, Eskridge was employed by Getty Oil.

Eskridge is married and has three children.



Eskridge

## Hot Dog! It's Easter Seal time



Sarah Morris, left, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Morris of White Deer, stopped for a hot dog Saturday afternoon while her mother was in Pampa shopping. Chris Keller puts mustard on another one for her. The hot dogs and soft drinks were being sold in the Homeland parking lot to raise money for Easter Seals. The hot dog and soft drink sale will continue through today, he said. (Pampa News photo)

## Group hopes to bring voucher system to Corpus

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — After helping hundreds of low-income students attend private schools in San Antonio, an education group is hoping its privately funded tuition voucher system will work in Corpus Christi.

The Corpus Christi program would raise money from private and corporate sponsors to pay for about half the tuition costs, said Mike Watson, senior vice president of Texas Public Policy Foundation.

And even though the system requires no tax dollars, some city educators are still concerned.

Leslie LeRoy, a former trustee of the Corpus Christi Independent School District, said the program concerns her because it rests on the assumption that private schools offer a better education than public schools.

"If there is an opportunity for businesses to try to support education, I'd hate to see them focus on taking kids out of public schools to put them into private schools. They should look at the educational needs of all of the students and not a select few."

## Great-aunt charged in 1992 kidnapping

ALICE, Texas (AP) — Five days after the skeletal remains of 9-year-old Trinidad "Trini" Gonzalez were found, murder charges were filed against the child's legal guardian, Frances Smithwick, and Ms. Smithwick's boyfriend.

Ms. Smithwick, 42, is the sister of the victim's grandmother. She had reported Trini missing on May 1, 1992. Ms. Smithwick and her boyfriend, Roger Yarbrough, 35, are both from Alice.

Police were called to San Diego Creek last Sunday after two boys found a child-sized skeleton hidden under dry weeds and dirt along the creek bed, just a few miles from the residence where Trini lived with her great-aunt.

Yarbrough was taken into custody Friday, and after several hours of questioning, he told police the child was beaten and left for dead 19 months ago, officials said. Ms. Smithwick was arrested Friday night.

The girl was a second-grader at Schallert Elementary School in Alice.

## Cowboys Super Bowl parade safe this year

DALLAS (AP) — City officials expressed relief that Dallas' official celebration of Super Bowl XXVIII went off without the crowd-clogged streets and post-parade violence that left the city flushed silver-and-blue with embarrassment last year.

Last year's parade was criticized for getting out of control, but some spectators and Dallas Cowboys complained that Friday's whoop-de-do was a little short on whoop.

The confetti that fell last year, the long procession of players atop slow-moving or sometimes stalled convertibles, and the contact between the players and fans who lined narrow streets were sacrificed in the interest of improved security.

This year, fans were kept behind barricades, and the players stood atop three flatbed trucks that followed owner Jerry Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson and the display of twin Lombardi Trophies. It was an uninterrupted procession that steadily coursed its way from near Reunion Arena to City Hall.

## Clinton hopeful air strikes can be avoided

By NANCY BENAC  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton told Americans there were "encouraging signs" Saturday that NATO air strikes on Bosnia could be averted. But his optimism came with a stern warning that Sunday's deadline to withdraw or surrender heavy weapons encircling Sarajevo was firm.

"If the Serbs and others fully comply with NATO's ultimatum, there will be no need to use force against anyone," Clinton said in a morning address from the Oval Office. "But we are determined to make good on NATO's word."

Bosnian Serb leaders appeared to be following through on their pledge to meet a 7 p.m. EST deadline Sunday to remove all big guns from a 13-mile "exclusion zone" around Sara-

jevo or surrender them to U.N. control.

Still, the president used his weekly radio address to try to prepare the public for the possibility of American military action abroad and to justify ongoing U.S. efforts to end the bloody conflict in the former Yugoslavia. In a rare move, he invited TV cameras, reporters and photographers into the Oval Office for the broadcast.

"We do not yet know whether air strikes will be necessary," Clinton told Americans. "But I want to talk with you about what American interests are at stake and what the nature and goals of our military involvement will be if it occurs."

"This century teaches us that America cannot afford to ignore conflicts in Europe," he said.

Before the address, Clinton consulted with his foreign policy team in the residential quarters of the White House and talked by telephone with French President Francois Mitterrand. The two

leaders renewed NATO's commitment to Sunday's deadline, said Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers.

Defense Secretary William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili were dispatched after the meeting to Aviano, Italy, to review the preparations for possible air strikes with western allies.

Clinton said recent days had brought "some encouraging signs in Bosnia that our ultimatum may be working."

Nonetheless, reflecting a wariness bred by past disappointments in Bosnia, Clinton warned that NATO was prepared to act if the deadline is not met.

"NATO stands ready to carry out its mission," he said. "American pilots and planes stand ready to do our part."

American warplanes would make up about half the NATO strike force, he added.

## Bizarre tale of abduction, rape and murder engulfs town

By MIKE COCHRAN  
Associated Press Writer

GILMER, Texas (AP) — On a winter night in 1992, a vivacious Gilmer High School senior named Kelly Wilson disappeared with little more than a trace.

Investigators found her car parked on the courthouse square, a tire slashed and her purse inside.

So began a spooky, small-town saga that, in time, escalated into an East Texas horror story with accusations of kidnapping, rape, torture, murder, perjury, deceit and child sex abuse.

As the case ran its serpentine course, it embraced rumors of satanic rituals, figured in a double suicide and wrecked or ruined reputations.

The community's 5,000 residents

reacted with shock, anger and disbelief.

"It's mystery on mystery," said the husband of a Gilmer native. "It's the damndest mess you've ever seen. Nobody is ever going to untangle it."

Calling the case an "emotional earthquake," the Rev. Ernie Turney,

pastor of the First United Methodist Church, said:

"I sense a lot of pain ... a lot of anxiety ... a lot of craziness and it's coming from many different places. This has become some kind of evil web that has engulfed us all."

A member of his congregation, James York Brown, was one of

eight persons accused of kidnapping Kelly Wilson and holding her sexually captive for nine days before stabbing her to death.

A veteran police officer, Sgt. Brown, 35, was also the chief investigator in the Wilson case until his indictment last month by an Upshur County grand jury.

And it was Brown who led a high-profile, two-year hunt for Kelly Wilson.

"I am innocent," he told reporters before his lawyer whisked him from the courthouse and off into a winter storm that left the area under a treacherous layer of ice.

The weather fit the mood. At least half the people in Gilmer say Brown is the victim of a "witch hunt" and demonstrate their support See BIZARRE, Page 10

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### Spelling bee winners



Winners of the Baker Elementary School spelling bee Friday were Holly Lawrence, left, and Lisa Torres. Lawrence won first place while Torres was runner up. Both Lawrence and Torres are in the fourth grade at Baker. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

### Texas State Guard names new commander

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas State Guard commander John H. Bailey, the first black appointed to the militia's high post, vowed Saturday to boost the force by 50 percent, improve training and include more minorities.

The 52-year-old decorated Vietnam War veteran was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards and promoted at a ceremony last week in Austin. But guard officials said a public relations mix-up delayed the public announcement until Saturday.

At a news conference in Houston, Bailey said his goals include developing youth programs and encouraging more support from communities and businesses.

He also wants to increase minority participation. There are about 2,000 people in the guard, mostly retired military personnel, but only about 1 percent are minorities.

"The state guard belongs to all the citizens of the state and must be representative of the population," Bailey said. "I urge all unit commanders to look into a man's eyes and see his heart and not just on his face to see the color of his skin or his ethnic origin."

Bailey said he also wants to boost membership to 3,000 by the end of his three-year term and initiate better training programs.

Bailey was promoted from brigadier to major general with his

appointment. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Marlin E. Mote, who resigned after 27 years in the guard.

The guard was established in 1940, but its roots go back to the first Texas militia in 1835. It is assigned to the governor's office to help with such natural disasters as hurricanes. The guard also helps at such events as the recent Mardi Gras celebration in Galveston, where 300 volunteers helped police the massive crowds.

Unlike the Texas National Guard, it cannot be called to federal service except when the National Guard is activated in times of war. The State Guard gets about \$100,000 per year from the Legislature, most of which pays salaries for three staffers who run the Austin headquarters. All guard members are unpaid.

Bailey, who joined the guard in 1985, served in the Army for 20 years, including two tours in Vietnam as a member of the Army's 101st Airborne Division and the 1st Aviation Brigade.

### Tier II reporting workshop planned

The Pampa Fire Department and the Local Emergency Planning Committee will be sponsoring a SARA Title III, Tier II reporting workshop from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25.

The workshop is designed for individuals and industries who are required to report the storage of hazardous chemicals.

Capt. Kelly Randall, of the fire department, will be giving an update on the most current changes made in the Tier II reporting requirements

from the Texas Department of Health's Hazardous Communications Branch.

In addition, Randall will be explaining changes in the paperwork and will have copies of the new forms on hand.

There is no cost to attend the workshop, which will be held in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. To sign-up, call Loretta Watie at the fire department at 669-5800 or 669-5801.

## Pampa school district considering longer class periods at high school

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK  
Staff Writer

Pampa High School Principal Daniel Coward wants to reduce the number of class periods most high school students take.

Most high school student days are divided into seven class periods, each lasting 50-minutes.

Coward's proposal would change that, making the average high school student's day four class periods long but lasting 90-minutes.

The change would cut down on the number of subjects students are exposed to during a day and gives them a better chance to focus more time on selected subjects, according to Coward.

To help gauge the feelings of parents and the general public, Coward is planning a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium of the high school to discuss the matter.

"It cuts down on fragmentation and lets the kids concentrate," Coward told the Pampa school board last week.

Another benefit to changing the number of class periods would be that students could complete a year-long course, such as English I, in a semester, Coward said.

As it is, students take the first part of the course in the fall semester, for instance, and the second part of the course in the spring semester.

The idea to change the class periods is not a new concept, said Coward.

Other school districts in the state have already experimented with the idea and have found it to be successful, according to Coward and a number of high school teachers at the meeting.

Coward, school board member James Frugé and a handful of teachers traveled to Mansfield High School earlier this year to talk with administrators, teaching staff and parents about the change.

Generally, the teachers at the school board meeting seemed to be supportive of the change.

If implemented, the change could come as soon as the 1994-1995 school year, Coward said.

In addition to hearing Coward's proposal at its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, the board of education voted 4-2 to overturn a decision by the school district's attendance committee and give a student full credit for the classes she missed due to illness.

The matters involved the student at Pampa High School who apparently missed more days than was allowed by the state and as a result was not given credit for any of the classes she took last semester.

The student's mother argued that a mistake was made in the attendance office and that her daughter should not be punished because of it.

According to school records, the student missed 12 days of class, more than was allowed by the state, and didn't have a valid excuse from doctors.

In overturning the decision, one member of the board said it was not an easy matter to decide and that the problem seemed to come down

to a simple misunderstanding.

In still other business discussed at the six-hour meeting, the board approved bids for carpeting, athletic equipment, computer hardware and the re-roofing of the Pampa High School Band and Music Building as well as the Pampa High School Auditorium.

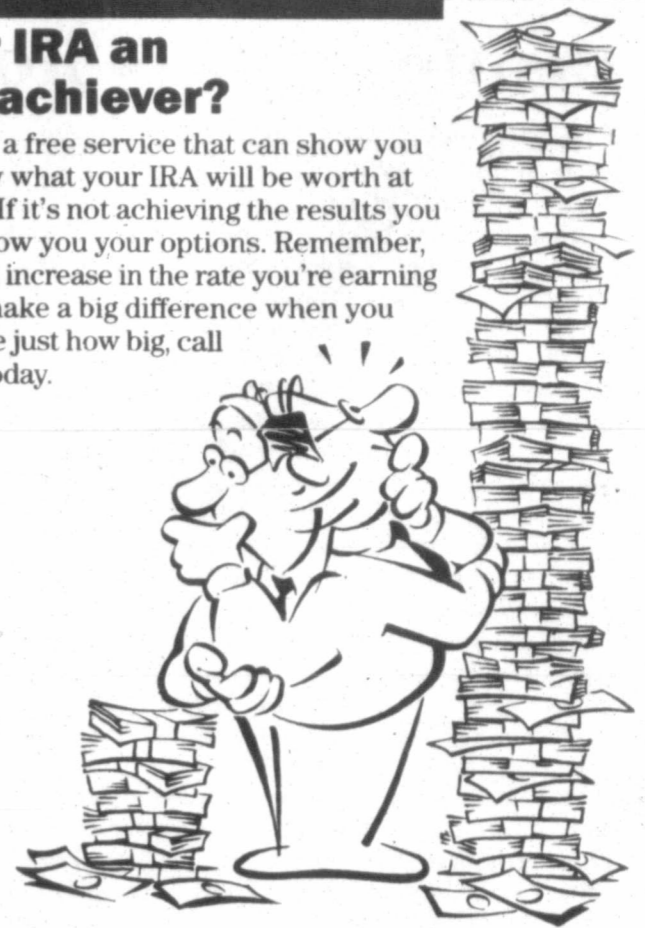
In a related matter, the board reconsidered awarding a bid for the school's physical therapy facility and asked for additional bids.

The school board also adopted a proclamation naming Feb. 28 through March 4 Texas Public Schools Week. The theme this year is "Creating Connections" and focuses on the how schools, students, teachers, administrators, local businesses and the community can help each other.

The board accepted the resignations of Barbara McCain, Janetta Lamb and Celeste Duncan, all teachers, and Tammy Walker-Brown, a speech therapist and coach.

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## Letters to the editor

### Keep land public

To the editor:

Well, this is another letter on the Canadian River issue, but I bet I know a solution to the problem. What is the most evil thing in the world? — Love of Money!

If we, the hunters and fishermen in the Texas Panhandle, don't buy our new licenses for the 1994-95 season, there probably will be no need for the game wardens, or Fish & Game biologists that are paid by the state through income from license purchases.

I have been told that the Gray County game wardens consider the public trespassing when they go to the river. Now Congressman Sarpalis is trying to be a "good ole boy" and help pacify the hunters with approximately 7500 acres of new hunting land, near Borger, that belongs to the Bureau of Mines. There are actually 10,000 acres in this plot of land. I wonder who has been hunting on this land and now, who will get to hunt the other 2500 acres. The next thing is that the latter will become part of the type I or type II land that will either cost us \$35 a year, or cause us to draw for hunting privileges.

People of the Panhandle, we need to band together if we are going to be allowed to use OUR public lands! We, as a hunting public, don't seem to be able to fight government and the large landowners who would benefit the most by the exclusive right to this public land. I wonder if, by hunters refusing to pay that \$35 license, the ranchers in question would pay the government of Texas the money to support the game wardens and other officials who refuse taxpayers the right to use THEIR OWN public lands.

It was refreshing to see the State of Texas file suit against a Hutchinson County landowner for unlawfully fencing public lands. I wonder why ALL the landowners along the Canadian River weren't included in this suit, since it seems to be a general practice among them.

I've also wondered about the government land around Lake McClellan that is overpopulated with deer and turkey. I understand hunters are not allowed for "safety reasons." Archery hunting could be allowed on this land and would be safe.

Hunters have a lot of questions about allowing special interest groups to use public lands which belong to ALL the citizens of this fine state.

A concerned citizen,  
Calvin Lacy  
Pampa

### Hospital bashing

To the editor:

The Pampa News seems to be leading the new community-based practice of Hospital Bashing. Hospital, physician and nurse related articles command front page and lead article status. This is the same paper that leads the way with "responsible" journalism, producing the great headlines "Chicken Express Fries" after an unfortunate fire, and the forgettable quote (after a car runs into Jay's Drive In) "Car Crash Turns Jay's Into Hash."

The hospital Public Relations Department called the paper and asked them to run an article based on new state-of-the-art anesthesia equipment and new practices we can now offer to provide the very best of care, only to be told by the reporter and editor "Oh! That is not news. It's advertising, and you must pay for that exposure in a paid advertisement."

Hillary Rodham Clinton recently told the story of how her good friend went to the hospital to have a baby. She wanted to have epidural anesthesia for the labor and delivery, but her medical insurance would not cover the \$1200 cost of an epidural, so she went without any anesthesia. Perhaps she did not have an epidural, but she DID have anesthesia — either a pudendal block, paracervical block or local infiltration

— all forms of ANESTHESIA.

If Hillary's friend had come to Pampa for her labor and delivery, she could have had epidural anesthesia for half of that cost. In fact, we charge half of what they do in Amarillo, half of what they do in Lubbock; and two-thirds less than the cost of epidural anesthesia in Dallas. How many businesses in town can make that claim? I guess to be more credible, we need to charge more. Is that the answer?

Granted, we do not always provide medical care here in Pampa that is equal to Amarillo, Lubbock or Dallas. Sometimes, we provide care that is just as good as those places, and sometimes we provide care that is better.

I am not asking the Pampa News to endorse the slogan "Shop Pampa First," but it would certainly serve the community if you would drop the practice of "Hospital Bashing First."

Major Jeffrey W. Purtle  
USAF, Retired  
Department of Anesthesia  
Pampa

### Museum needs items

To the editor:

I am writing in regard to the Freedom Museum U.S.A.

We are now ready to receive anything that you have that was involved with the Pampa Army Air Base or any military items left from the services that you have. We can use veterans stuff that is historical.

I am now going to list a few things that we are needing to add to the displaying of other things. We need officer insignia, enlisted insignia, caps, hats, hat and cap insignia, all kinds of belt buckles, web belts of all kinds, suitcases, B4 bags, laundry sacks, shoes, shirts, ties, I.D. cards, passes, orders, pictures, and anything else I have forgotten to mention. Please know that this must have something to do with the base or with duty in the military.

I would ask that you attach to the things your name, address and telephone number. You may drop anything that you have to give at the Veterans Building at 123 West Foster in Pampa. Thank you so very much for your help in preparing for our Grand Opening, to happen in the near future.

Myron J. Porter (Mike), First Vice President  
Freedom Museum U.S.A.  
600 N. Hobart St.  
Pampa, Texas 79065

### Wrong solutions

To the editor:

On Jan. 6, Larry King held a panel discussion on "Crime in Washington, D.C." This panel was made up of black leaders in the U.S., including Rev. Jesse Jackson, Bill Cosby and about six or eight other educators, sociologists and community leaders. This TV show encouraged participation from the local audience as well as call-ins from the listening audience.

There were many learned words espoused with numerous cliches as to solutions, particularly, what the GOVERNMENT needs to do and has not done. It was generally agreed that the 80 percent illegitimate birth rate, in the black community, is a contributing factor. Part of this large illegitimate birth rate can be blamed on the easy access to welfare programs for the teenage pregnancies and births, and since there apparently is no stigmas involved, teen pregnancies continue to escalate. There was much concern that the schools should receive more federal finances to enhance the condom education program. The GOVERNMENT should require businesses to pay higher wages to "those who do choose to work."

Always the answer to the crime and all other problems is by way of "THE GOVERNMENT." About two

days later MacNeil-Lehrer had a similar panel, with similar results.

There has developed, since the depression of the Thirties, a sub-culture that has become dependent on the "GOVERNMENT" for all their needs. The politicians have learned that by promising more "goodies" with government money, they can count on more favorable results at the polls. If these people were required to perform a service to pay for the "handout," there might be a reduction in the number getting the "handouts." Some personal responsibility must be developed.

In the Sixties, a period of permissiveness and promiscuity, the ACLU and others in their zeal to separate church and state, God was belittled and the religious moral codes were removed from the schools and, in too many cases, the home. At the same time, patriotism was scorned. A vacuum developed. The traditional definitions of RIGHT and WRONG were suspect. A hedonist cultural ethic moved into the vacuum. Only one or two nationalists mentioned this problem, nor were the present cultural tenets, of government dependence, questioned. There needs to be a reawakening of individual responsibilities as well as the rejuvenation of religious ethics and morality. Until that occurs, we cannot build prisons fast enough.

There are solutions. We need to develop self esteem and personal responsibility with jobs. Initiate, again, the CCC and the WPA, like in the Thirties. In our schools, stress economic principles and patriotism, e.g. the National Anthem, respect for flag, etc.

W.A. Morgan  
Pampa

### Where's 911 help?

To the editor:

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, we had a fire in the CRP land — I called 911. Carson County answered and told me they would contact Gray County since we live in Gray County. We had no response, except a sheriff's car did come out on Highway 70 and the occupants watched for a few minutes.

I also called an individual on the Groom Fire Department — a volunteer — and their response was immediate with three fire trucks. With their help and the help of neighbors, the fire was finally extinguished. After it had

### Babysitter sentenced

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A babysitter was sentenced to up to 25 years in prison Friday for fatally injuring a 9-month-old boy by smashing his head against the floor after he pulled her hair.

After months of denial, Franklin, 26, pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Franklin admitted that she shook Kieran and threw him across the room, smashing his head against the floor, because he pulled her hair.

burned a mile of CRP grass and pasture. There was no permanent damage except a mile of fence that has to be rebuilt.

But if the wind had been as high as it was on Saturday or Monday — and if the wind had been out of the opposite direction, we could have watched our house, barns, machinery, hay, fuel tanks, cattle — everything we own — go up in flames waiting for a response from a 911 call to Gray County.

We pay taxes in Gray County — we feel that we should have the same privileges, rights and protection that citizens in the towns enjoy — even if we do live in the far corner of the county. Maybe we should pay our taxes to Carson County!

Donald and Juandell Ritter  
Groom

### We're all disappointed

To the editor:

In *The Pampa News*, Feb. 16, there was an article informing us what our so-called president has done to us, the upright, law-abiding citizens of our own United States of America.

Listen to this! The gays said Tuesday they have a valuable new tool against anti-gay ballot initiatives from President Clinton, in the form of a letter supporting gays in their attempt to sway voters from adopting such measures.

The morals of our nation have gone to the gutter, and Bill Clinton is the leader.

Here is what God's word says about it (New International Version) in 1st Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verses 9-10, which says homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God. Put it pointblank: They are going to Hell!

One of our top city leaders brought this thought to me. God says you people have brought this upon yourselves, and until you change it, you are going to have to live with it.


Some dear friends of mine voted for Clinton. Now they're having second thoughts and wish they could go back and change their votes. They're all disappointed. We're all disappointed in our president.

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# Who won the litigation? Texaco or Louisiana?

By GUY COATES  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Who really won in the Texaco-Louisiana litigation that some call the \$1 billion sweepstakes?

There's no definitive answer but the debate will go on for years and probably be an issue in the 1995 elections.

While the background can be stated simply, the case - like all civil lawsuits - is so technical that Texaco set aside \$25 million for its attorneys and Louisiana spent \$11 million.

The state filed suit six years ago, basically claiming that Texaco had not paid the state enough on natural gas production from company leases on state-owned land. The company has held most of the leases for more than 60 years.

At the time the suit was filed, Attorney General William Guste said Texaco owed more than \$400 million in cash.

Gov. Edwards' top oil expert at the time laughed off Guste's claim,

saying the state probably owed Texaco a few hundred thousand dollars.

A few years later an official in former Gov. Buddy Roemer's administration contended the state could be owed as much as \$1 billion and Guste agreed.

Roemer's people were charging that the Edwards administration was trying to protect Texaco, which is a powerful political force.

Edwards bristled at that, noting that he's the one who filed the suit against the company.

Texaco said it owed nothing and that - in fact - the state owed the company based on some federal pricing regulations. So, Texaco filed a counter suit seeking \$225 million from the state.

Attorney General Richard Ieyoub inherited a political headache when he took office two years ago. Pressure was mounting from a fiscal crisis-driven Legislature to end the litigation and get the money - as much money as possible.

Any settlement that didn't give the state enough could cripple a political career.

Ieyoub has settled for \$250 million in cash and demands that Texaco:

- Drop its counter suit
- Give up 33,000 acres of its leases.
- Develop the other 200,000 acres or lose the leases. Much of the acreage has been idle for years.
- Spend \$152 million on development of resources in a five year period.

Is that enough to save Ieyoub political problems in the next election?

Here's his argument in comments before a legislative panel:

The mediator in the negotiations, a former federal judge from Illinois, told attorneys for both sides that if he was still on the bench, the state would get \$210 million tops. And the mediator doubted Texaco would have to give up any of its leases, Ieyoub said.

As for the \$1 billion, the attorney general said that amount was possible if the state had been able "to prove every single element of our case

(and) were able to overcome every legal roadblock put in our way."

With the mediator's comments fresh in mind, Ieyoub indicated that there was no way Louisiana could prove every single element and overcome all the roadblocks.

And, Texaco's counter suit was "formidable," said Ieyoub.

Rep. John Smith, D-Leesville, asked why Texaco was so willing to settle based on the mediator's comments and Ieyoub's contention that the company's case was so strong.

Ieyoub said Texaco is anxious to

begin production on its leases. He said the company has not done anything on the leases during the litigation for fear of losing them. Why spend money on leases that might be lost? Earlier, however, Ieyoub had told the panel that the negotiations showed that Texaco was in little danger of losing the leases.

Some legislators pointed out that the oil and gas industry has been allowing a number of leases to go idle because it's too expensive to produce the oil at a time when foreign oil is so cheap.

## Chamber Communiqué

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the R.D. "Jimmy" Wilkerson family. The Chamber lost a very respected friend and immediate past president.

Tuesday, the Chamber monthly luncheon, sponsored by Robert Knowles Automotive, will be held in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Lunch will be catered by Danny's Market at 11:45 a.m.

RANDELL SIMS, an attorney from Wellington, will speak on "The Law and the Community." As Potter County prosecutor for nine years, he was appointed as special prosecutor on four major cases.


The public is invited to attend by

calling the Chamber office, 669-3241, no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

To list your club or organization event(s) on the Chamber Community Calendar and the City of Pampa Community Access Channel 11, contact the Chamber.

**Meetings:**  
Tuesday - 11:45 a.m. Chamber Luncheon - M.K. Brown Room, Pampa Community Building  
2 p.m. - Tourism Committee - Nona Payne Conference Room  
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**Minding your own Business**  
By Don Taylor



## Sorry, not my game

(Last of two parts)

Last week in part one, I shared with you that we had decided to buy a new (used) car. I explained the process and that we were reluctant to play the "How much will you give for it" game.

Like most customers, we would prefer to find the car we like, have the salesperson quote the best price possible and decide whether or not to buy. Unfortunately, that is not how the process works.

Most dealerships force you to play their game. They want to make the most profit possible and they use many methods to maximize their returns.

Please don't misunderstand what I'm writing. I am in favor of profit and profitable dealers. We want the dealer we do business with to make a profit so they can provide service when we need it. We just don't want them to make this month's profit entirely from our purchase. And ... And, we don't want to play the game.

**How Much Is It?**

It sounds silly, but try to imagine this game at other businesses. Could you envision a Wal-Mart store with no prices on their products? When you ask a salesclerk how much a bottle of shampoo is, the clerk counters with "What price did you have in mind?"

"Around \$2.49," I reply.

"Oh my, we couldn't possibly go that low," the clerk responds.

"Well how about \$3.49?" I offer.

"I'll ask the manager," the clerk responds as he strides away. In a few minutes the clerk returns. "I'm sorry, but we have to make a little profit," the clerk says. "couldn't you go a little higher?"

"How much higher?" I ask.

"Well, we could fix you up with a payment plan," the clerk answers.

"I can't afford that much," I reply as I replace the bottle on the shelf.

A silly example, but that is exactly the routine we endured at not one, but four dealerships. Not once did we get a direct answer to the question, "How much is it?" Even when we found the ideal car at a solid dealership with an excellent reputation, we couldn't get a firm price.

Finally, we entered into the game. We were ready to buy a specific car and were prepared to write the check. We made a serious offer.

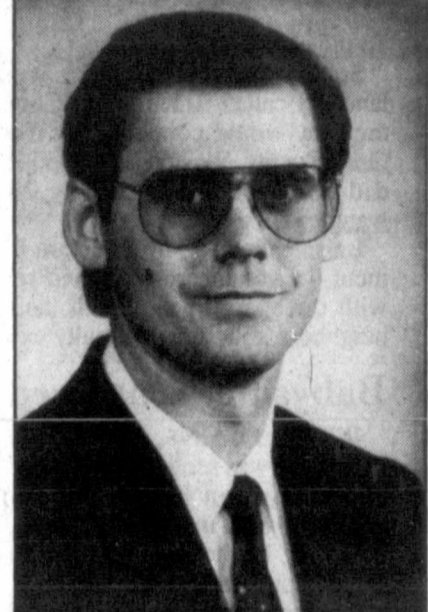
Obviously, our first offer was too low. The CATS - Customers Aren't Too Smart - sales system teaches that every customer is good for three "bumps" or "ups," that is, price increases. We couldn't solicit a counteroffer. The response was "we couldn't possibly, etc." So we "bumped" our first offer about a week's pay. It wasn't enough.

We'll never know if we were \$200 or \$2,000 apart. We never did get a firm price. We walked and we won't be a "be-back." We won't be a "grape" or a "lay down" either.

**A Better Way**

It looks like we'll spend a few hundred more on the old cars and be patient. Someday, somewhere a dealer is going to come up with a better way. A truly customer-oriented dealer will choose not to insult customers whose IQ's are over 40. Then I'll get in line - and there will be a line - and buy my car of choice and go home happy.

Or maybe I'll get into the car business myself. I believe with a calculator I could determine the mark-ups to cover costs and profit. We would need to raise some money. I wonder if David Glass, Paul Carter or any of the other folks at Wal-Mart have ever considered getting into the car business? Would any of your readers like a no hassle deal from Tay-Mart Motors?



Gary Willoughby

## Desk and Derrick to meet Tuesday

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

Speaker for the February meeting will be Gary Willoughby, who will present a program on self defense and demonstrate a few techniques in taekwon do.

Willoughby and his wife Jo Anne have three children: Crystal, 12; Starla, 11, and Stephanie, 8. They are all involved with taekwon do and enjoy helping people with defense exercises. Willoughby has studied taekwon do for 10 years and has been an instructor for three years.

Willoughby and his wife own and operate Dust-Rite Dust Control and Your Laundry and Dry Cleaners. They are members of Briarwood Church and Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and is now serving on the Crime Stoppers board.

For reservations, contact Scena Snider, 669-0742, Empire Operating Co. before noon on Monday.

## Workers' comp meeting scheduled

Workers' compensation insurance will be the topic of a town meeting in Amarillo sponsored by the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund.

All policyholders and the public are invited to attend. The meeting will be at the Amarillo Public Library, 413 E. 4th on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Fund CEO Jack Floyd said "our town meetings reflect the Fund's dedication to educating policyholders about workplace safety, fraud prevention, and other ways to keep insurance costs under control."

There is no charge for attending the town meeting, but seating is limited. Those interested in attending should call the Fund at (800) 859-5995 to sign up.

The Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund insures more than 19,000 businesses, covering 427,000 employees. Annual premiums are approximately \$404 million.

Established by the Texas Legislature in 1991, the Fund is a governmental corporation serving as a provider of workers' compensation in Texas.

## Peterson named assistant director for District 10, RRC

The Railroad Commission of Texas Oil and Gas Division recently appointed Kim P. Peterson assistant director for the District 10 office in Pampa, replacing W. Frank Groves.

Groves was promoted to district director in October after Bob Blakeney retired from that position.

Peterson, a native of Flint, Mich., began his duties with the commission on Feb. 1.

He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, San Antonio, and from The University of Texas in Austin. He and his wife, Gail, are the parents of one son, Darren Alan. Darren will be attending Pampa Middle School

and is looking forward to playing soccer in Pampa. They will be moving from the Houston area, where Peterson was previously employed by Eaton Industries. Prior to that, Peterson worked for the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission in Houston.

Peterson and his family enjoy square dancing, country and western dancing, soccer, rollerskating, hiking, camping and canoeing. He and his wife are members of the Cane Raiser Square & Round Dance Club at Sugarland, Sunbeam Squares at Houston and Happy Cousins C&W at Rosenberg. The family attended the Notre Dame Catholic Church in Houston.

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# Drilling Intentions

**Intentions to Drill**  
**HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE & PANHANDLE)** Gordon Taylor Oil Co., #6 C.S. Carver 'A' (640 ac) 4000' from North & 3000' from East line, Blk. 5, Wm. Heath Survey, 10 mi NW from Sinnott, PD 3600' (Box 670, Sunray, TX 79086)

**LIPSCOMB (N.W. BRADFORD Tonkawa & SOUTH BOOKER Lower Morrow)** Medallion Production Co., #1 Eléven Bar (640 ac) 1250' from South & 2390' from West line, Sec. 904,43,T&C, 8 mi SW from Darrouzett, PD 9700' (7130 S. Lewis, Suite 700, Tulsa, OK 74136)

**ROBERTS (CREE-FLOWERS Cherokee & Granite Wash & SOUTH KIM FLOWERS Morrow)** Medallion Production Co., #1 Kim (160 ac) 660' from South & 1830' from East line, Sec. 79,C,G&M, 13 mi NW from Miami, PD 9000'

**ROBERTS (S.E. PARSELL Douglas Canyon Exploration Co., #8 Theresa (640 ac) 1320' from South & 3000' from West line, J.C. Schule Survey, 18 mi NE from Miami, PD 6900' (Box 15205, Amarillo, TX 79105)**

**SHERMAN (TEXAS HUGO-TON)** Phillips Petroleum Co., #1R Silaz (640 ac) 1400' from North & 2550' from East line, Sec. 53,1-C,GH&H, 9 mi S-SE from Texhoma, PD 3300' (Box 358, Borger, TX 79008)

**Oil Well Completions**  
**OCCHILTREE (NORTH FARNSWORTH K.C. Marmaton)** Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Betty, W.J. Mitchell Survey, elev. 2996 kb, spud 12-27-93, drlg. compl 1-1-94, tested 1-31-94, pumped 72 bbl. of 37 grav. oil + 93 bbls. water, GOR 278, perforated 6230-6420, TD 7841', PBDT 7152'. Plug-Back

**POTTER (PANHANDLE Red Cave)** Gould Oil, Inc., #72-10 Masterson, Sec. 72,0-18,D&P, elev.

3669 gr. spud 11-21-93, drlg. compl 11-27-93, tested 1-21-94, pumped 36 bbl. of 35.7 grav. oil + 45 bbls. water, GOR 5470, perforated 1891-2217, TD 2305', PBDT 2256'

**POTTER (PANHANDLE Red Cave)** Gould Oil, Inc., #74-8 Masterson, Sec. 74,0-18,D&P, elev. 3649 gr. spud 11-15-93, drlg. compl 11-20-93, tested 1-21-94, pumped 31 bbl. of 33.7 grav. oil + 3 bbls. water, GOR 6968, perforated 1801-2232, TD 2325', PBDT 2262'

**Gas Well Completions**  
**HANSFORD (HUNTER Brown Dolomite)** Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Vanderburg 'A', Sec. 154,45,H&TC, elev. 3078 kb, spud 12-22-93, drlg. compl 12-24-93, tested 1-24-94, potential 242 MCF, rock pressure 487, pay 3066-3094, TD 3557', PBDT 3230'

**HUTCHINSON (S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite)** UMC Petroleum Corp., #3-67 McCloy, Sec. 67,5-T,T&NO, elev. 3214 gr. spud 11-18-93, drlg. compl 11-24-93, tested 1-13-94, potential 850 MCF, rock pressure 282, pay 2992-3094, TD 3330', PBDT 3278'

**SHERMAN (COLDWATER RANCH Kansas City)** Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Parmele 'A', Sec. 90,1-C,GH&H, elev. 3458 rkb, spud 11-30-93, drlg. compl 12-6-93, tested 1-18-94, potential 650 MCF, rock pressure 1090, pay 5220-5231, TD 5646', PBDT 5380'

**Plug-Back**  
**SHERMAN (TEXAS HUGO-TON)** Maxus Exploration Co., #31 Flores, Sec. 58,3-T,T&NO, elev. 3541 gr. spud 12-10-93, drlg. compl 12-20-93, tested 1-17-94, potential 57.6, rock pressure 132-2, pay 3080-3230, TD 3428'

**Gas Well Completion - Re-class**  
**MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE)** S&N Energies, Inc., #1 Byerley, Sec. 166,3-T,T&NO, elev. 3525 kb,

spud unknown, drlg. compl 12-29-93, tested 12-29-93, potential 480 MCF, rock pressure 19,95, pay 2954-3250, TD 3525', PBDT 3300' — (Lease changed from #3 Wilma to #1 Byerley) RRC# 740841, ID# 06270

**Plugged Wells**  
**GRAY (PANHANDLE)** P-2 Exploration Co., #2 Bruce Bull, Sec. 2,B-2,H&GN, spud 11-25-84, plugged 12-23-93, TD 3000' (oil)

**GRAY (PANHANDLE)** P-2 Exploration Co., #3 Gina 'D', Sec. 1-B-2,H&GN, spud 2-18-86, plugged 12-30-93, TD 3099' (oil)

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)** Pan Resources, Inc., #1 Whittenburg Draper '120', Sec. 19,47,H&TC, spud 12-1-49, TD 2785' (disposal) — Form 1 filed in Carl Westlund, Inv. & Beach Oil

**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT)** Cass Energy Corp., #1 Parsons, Sec. 966,43,T&C, spud 1-2-94, plugged 1-10-94, TD 6697' (dry)

**LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Tonkawa & BRADFORD Cleveland)** Phillips Petroleum Co., #1-U & #1-L King 'C', Sec. 680,43,H&TC spud 8-24-61, plugged 9-20-93, TD 7600' (gas & oil)

**MOORE (PANHANDLE)** Three 'D' Oil Co., B&T, Sec. 392,44,H&TC (oil) — for the following wells:

#1, spud 11-30-81, plugged 1-24-94, TD 3700' —  
 #2, spud 11-25-83, plugged 2-2-94, TD 3715' —

**ROBERTS (CREE-FLOWERS Lower Albany Dolomite)** Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Grain, Sec. 94,C,G&M, spud 4-17-57, plugged 10-21-93, TD 3945' (gas)

**SHERMAN (LARIAT Morrow)** Phillips Petroleum, #4 Files, Sec. 112,1-C,GH&H, spud 12-30-93, plugged 1-11-94, TD 6650' (dry)

## Panhandle State ambassadors



A former Pampa student is among eight Oklahoma Panhandle State University students who will be representing the university this spring as student ambassadors to assist the admissions office with the promotion of the university. Student ambassadors must exemplify high morals and academics as well as be outstanding representatives of the institution. Pictured are, front row from left, Joe Stepp, Perryton; Susan Masse, Guymon, Okla.; and Dean Dreher, Pampa; and back row from left, Brian Weaver, Grandfield, Okla.; Jana Scott, Guymon; Janet Kelly, Goodwell, Okla.; Ann Powell, Hooker, Okla.; and Kurt Baxter, Springfield, Colo. (OPSU courtesy photo)

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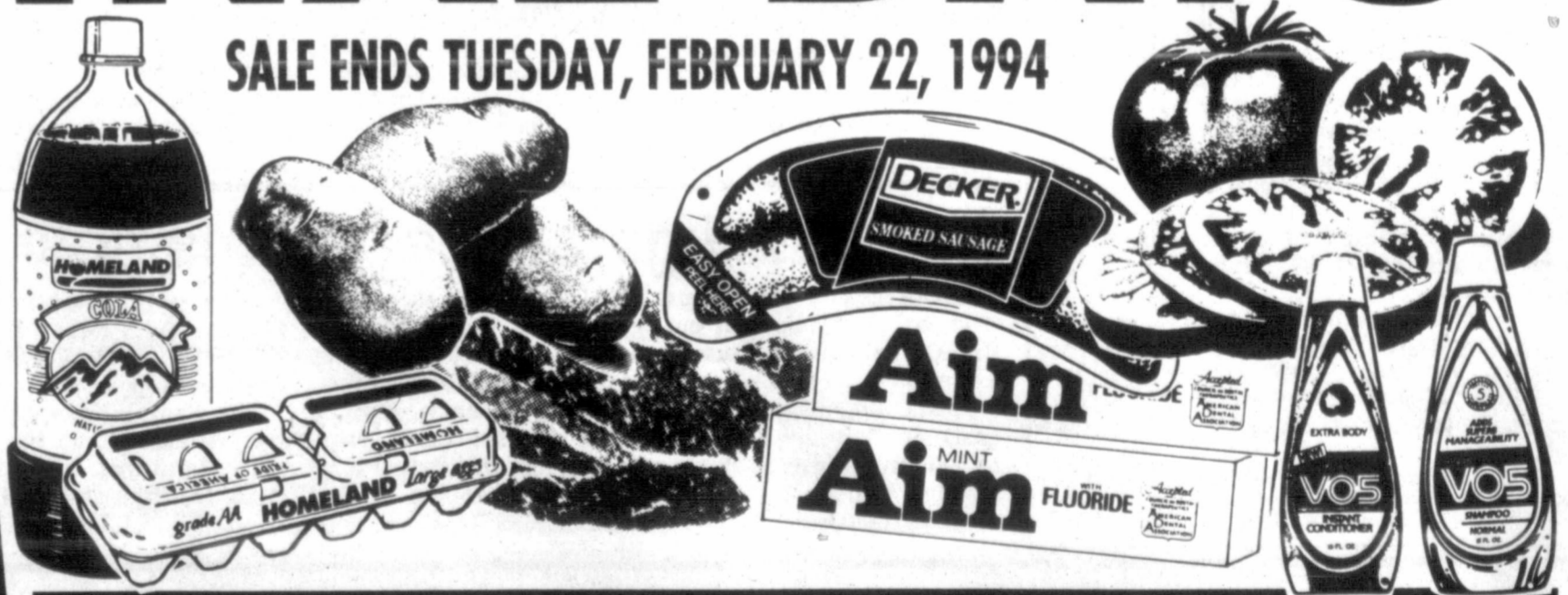
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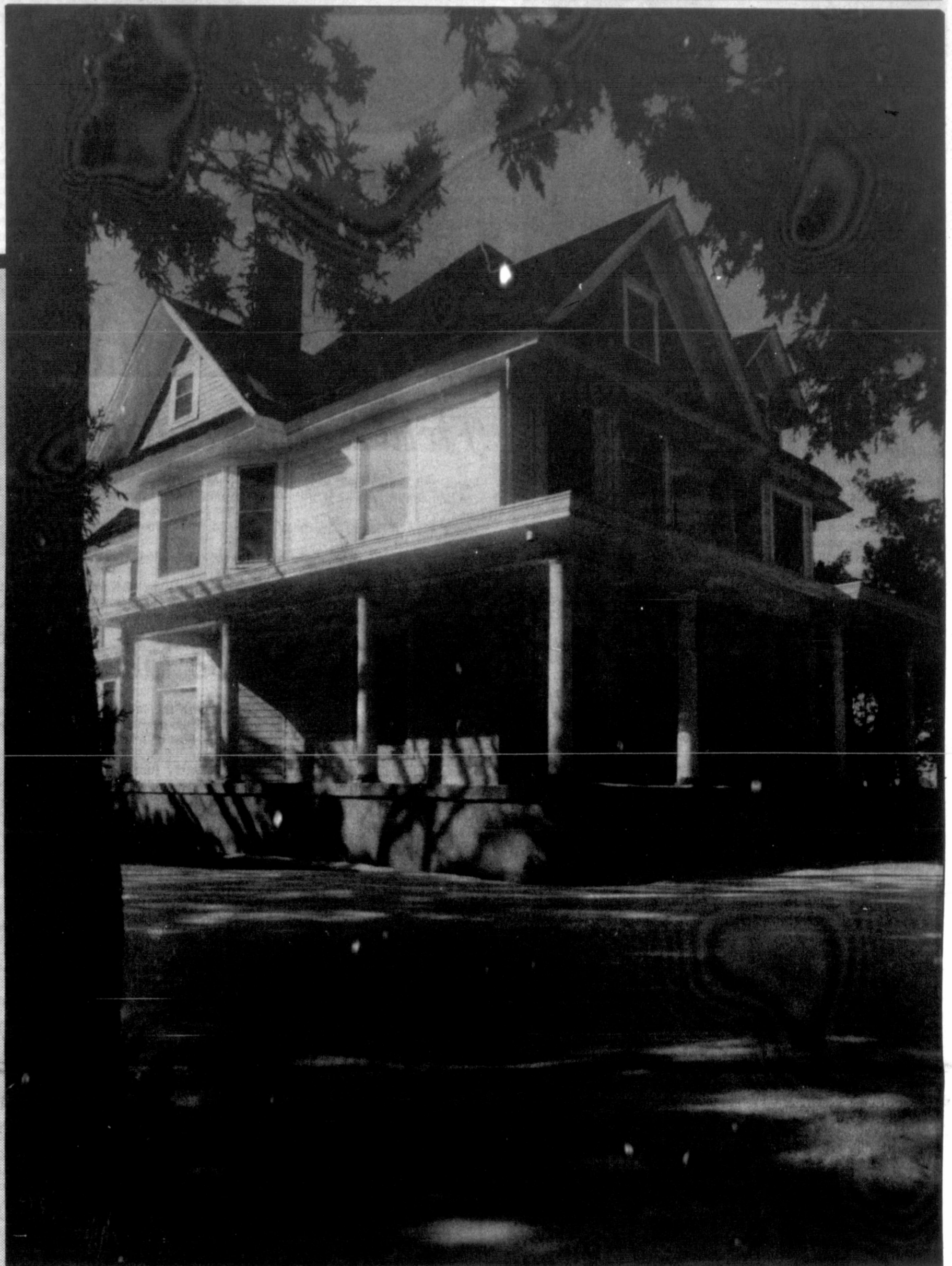








Lifestyles



For eight decades, the Hobart home has kept watch over the intersection of Alcock and Hobart Streets. Built by a man from Vermont, it was home to the two following generations of Texans. Steeped in history, the home is being refurbished by the grandson of the man who built the solid structure with its full basement, three stories, wooden floors and plaster walls.

# The Hobart House: *A piece of Pampa history*

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

For eighty years, the Hobart house at the corner of Alcock and Hobart streets has been a Pampa landmark, symbolic of the area's history and the tenacity of its settlers.

The three story house was constructed from 1912-1914 on five acres of bare land, which was once Panhandle countryside. It was built for Vermont natives T.D. and Minnie Hobart, pioneer settlers and ranchers, for their family of three.

They brought to the home their three living children: Fred, Laura and Mary who called the house home. In 1949, Fred and Minerva Hobart moved from the family ranch south of Canadian back to Pampa.

The homeplace continues to be occupied by Minerva Hobart and her son, Dwight, the third generation Hobart to occupy the house.

T.D. Hobart chose to build a house with a full basement and attic, coal chute and radiator heat. Water came by well and windmill. Gutting collected rainwater in a

cistern. Lighting was provided by acetylene gas. There are three bedrooms upstairs plus maid's quarters. On the main floor are dining, sitting and living rooms.

Through the years, the house has been modernized, but the feeling of history has not faded.

The house features lead glass doors in the library and dining room cabinetry. Bathroom fixtures are nearly all original including a claw foot tub. The kitchen was modernized in 1982 with cherry wood cabinets and slate from Vermont.

The floors and woodwork are oak. Furnishings aren't just furniture because many pieces have a history of their own. Twin spool beds held together by pegs came from Vermont. They are covered with quilts, one of which dates from the early 19th century. T.D. Hobart's photograph and that of his wife Minnie still hang in the living room. An oak desk came from Lee Bivins, pioneer settler of Amarillo, who sold it to Fred Hobart for \$30. Dwight Hobart uses the roll top desk today.

Through the years of family liv-

ing, Hobarts have married and borne babies in the house.

Two of T.D. Hobart's daughters, Laura who married Clyde Fatheree, and Mary, who married Guy Hutchinson of Arkansas City, Kan., were wed in the house. First cousins, Warren Fatheree, son of Laura and Clyde Fatheree, and Marilyn Hobart, daughter of Fred and Minerva Hobart were born in the house.

Dwight Hobart expects to maintain the historic homeplace.

"You do something with your life," he said, "This is what I do."



Looking from the foyer into the living room, left, the natural wood of the Hobart residence gives the rooms a warmth that has nurtured generations. Minerva Hobart and her son, Dwight, represent two of the last three generations that have lived in the home.



Mr. and Mrs. Eldon E. Lash

## Lash anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon E. Lash will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 26. Hosting the family dinner will be Vicki Dawson, Jimmy and Patty Baggett and Steve and Pam Lash, all of Pampa.

Lash married the former Betty Jean White on Feb. 26, 1944, in Vandalia, Ill. They are 37-year residents of Pampa. Lash is a veteran of World War II, serving with the 12th Armored Division. He has been an automotive and diesel mechanic since 1946, retiring in 1983 from Bob Johnson Motor Co. of Borger. Mrs. Lash was employed by Ideal Food Stores for 23 years, retiring in 1983. She holds offices in Family and Community Education Club and Gray County Council. They are the grandparents of Ricky Cloud, Chesapeake, Va., and Mandy and Jason Baggett of Pampa.

## More is better in roofing

By POPULAR MECHANICS  
For AP Special Features

When it comes to selecting a covering for your roof, generally speaking, the more durable the roof covering, the more expensive it will be, both in materials and labor costs. Try to select a roof covering with an expected durability of at least 20 years.

Besides cost, making a wise roof covering decision must take into consideration structural factors (heavy roofs such as slate and tile often require more-than-ordinary roof framing), fire resistance and appearance.

Asphalt shingles are the most common roof covering because they are inexpensive and easy to install and repair. Available in many colors and textures, these shingles are relatively durable and provide tight protection from wind and rain.

Roll roofing is another option. This is made from the same material as asphalt shingles, but is manufactured in long rolls. Roll roofing is applied in overlapping layers, giving it a varying lifespan of five to 20 years depending on the amount of overlap.

Roll roofing is inexpensive, easy and quick to apply, but lacks good appearance. Do-it-yourself home builders often consider applying a roll roof initially, then re-roofing with higher quality material later when financing permits. Roll roofing is only partially fire-resistant.

Wood shingles are normally sawn from cedar or redwood and normally come in uniform lengths and thicknesses. When applied, they lie flat and smooth on the roof. Wood shingles add beauty and resale value to a home. However, though easy to install, the process is time-consuming, and the shingles themselves are expensive.

## Things around the house easily get out spots

By COUNTRY LIVING  
A Hearst Magazine  
For AP Special Features

You don't have to worry about airing your dirty household linens in public — you can use simple household remedies to either eliminate or lighten most spots caused by foods, beverages and other familiar offenders.

There are two key factors, writes Mary R. Roby in the current issue of Country Living — in most cases a stain or a spot should be treated before you wash the item, and as soon as possible after the stain has occurred. Early treatment facilitates stain removal and limits damage to fabric.

Beth Eckert, a Vermont designer who also restores vintage quilts, recommended this formula for lightening the brown spots and yellowed areas on old linens: Add a few drops of lemon juice and distilled water to a touch of Orvus, a mild PH-neutral cleanser recommended for washable textiles, to form a runny paste. Wet the stained area, dab on the mixture and let it set for 15 minutes. Rinse the item thoroughly in warm water.

Eckert warned against using the mixture on colored linens, because the acid in the lemon can lighten or remove color.

English author Jane Newdick found a list of cleaning recipes in an

ing, and the shingles themselves are expensive.

Wood shingles offer no fire-resistance unless treated and are prohibited in some areas. Wood shakes are normally split from logs, rather than sawn, making them somewhat thicker and more irregularly-shaped than shingles.

Resawn shakes — split shakes sawn in half through their thickness — have one smooth side and one rough, so they lie flatter when installed. Shakes may last 40 years or more, and because of their looks and durability, add very high resale value to a home.

Shakes frequently cost twice as much as asphalt shingles, and take much longer to apply. Like wood shingles, they are combustible. Metal roofs, such as terne and copper, can be very expensive.

But most homeowners choosing a metal roof covering, select galvanized steel sheet or aluminum, which comes in 2-foot-wide strips up to 18 feet long. The panels overlap each other along raised crimps through which they are nailed with special nails. Sheet metal roofing, however, costs about the same as asphalt shingles and is easy to apply.

Slate is very expensive and difficult to apply. Slate roofs frequently outlast their houses and add high resale value. Easily broken by falling tree branches, slate is fire-proof.

Tile roofs come in traditional clay, which is difficult to apply, and the newer concrete tiles that are much quicker and easier to apply. Tile is beautiful and has a 30- to 60-year lifespan in addition to being fire-proof.

But materials and labor expense is high and like slate, tile breaks easily under impact.

old book, which included this one: Broil rhubarb stems, strain the juice and dab it, while still hot, on the stain. Then wash the item immediately.

Rhubarb treats stains effectively because it contains oxalic acid, an antidote for many of the brown spots found on vintage linen and cotton textiles.

Textile conservator Nancy Lane Terry, a member of the American Institute of Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, warns that you should work carefully when applying to fabric any agent that contains acid. In general it is best to use a weak solution.

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Mr. and Mrs. Reece Field

## Field anniversary

Reece and Delma Field were honored by their children, grandchildren great grandchildren with a 50th wedding anniversary dinner Saturday night.

Reece married Delma Satterfield on Feb. 24, 1944. They have lived in Pampa 48 years. He retired after 35 years service with Texaco. She retired after 17 years service with J.Q. Russell Electric.

They are the parents of Garry Field and his wife, Reta, of Kermit, and Lyndon Field and his wife, Joyce, of Pampa. They are the parents of three and great-grandparents of two.

## Manners are back

By PAMELA PERCIVAL  
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — As the country's first lady of etiquette, Elizabeth Post has an answer for every delicate situation — well, almost.

Post does admit to occasionally being stumped and flabbergasted. For example, a woman wrote to her saying she and her fiancé both smoked up to two packs of cigarettes a day.

"She wanted to know if it would be all right if they smoked a cigarette during the wedding ceremony!" Post said with a laugh. "I asked if she was going to have the ring bearer carry the ashtray."

"I have had some funny ones (situations) over the years," Post continued, speaking from her home in Florida. "A young boy wrote and said he wanted to give his sister 12 jars of peanut butter for a wedding present (because she really liked peanut butter). I thought that was actually kind of sweet in a way, but I told him she'd rather have something she could remember him by afterward."

However, most of Post's etiquette advice pertains to everyday situations. Her books deal with everything from how to host the perfect dinner party to how to introduce your live-in partner. And she says today's most abused etiquette rule is saying "thank you."

"It's a lack of consideration that really bothers me. I get hundreds of letters a month from people who have sent gifts and never know whether they've been received," Post said. "I think it's a very sad commentary on the state of our manners that people can't take the time to say thanks — call if you can't write, to say thank you. It's really never too late, you can apologize profusely and still send a thank you certainly up to six months later."

"The thing that bothers me about it is it indicates a lack of caring," Post says the same thing applies with responding to invitations.

"People aren't thinking about how what they're doing affects other people. If you put yourself in the host's place, you'd at least call to say 'yes' or 'no.' It's partly a lack of time — people don't have time to sit down at their desks and write responses. But a phone call is better than nothing, and that's why so many people on invitations now put a phone number rather than an address (for R.S.V.P.s), because they know people will phone before they'll write."

Post says people also seem more likely to respond to a "regrets only" note to phone if they can't attend.

Even with the lack of "thank you" and the dearth of invitation responses, Post believes etiquette is making somewhat of a comeback.

"It's partly just a pendulum swing," Post said. "Manners and those kind of things do swing back and forth. You go from periods when nobody cares, then people look around and decide they don't think much of the way children are acting."

Children are the key to having a manners society, she says. If kids learn basic manners early, those lessons should stay with them for life. Then they won't have to worry about which fork to use or what kind of impression they'll make when, as adults, they must go to the boss' house for dinner.

"It's so important for parents to teach their children the basic things — like how to come to the table clean and neat, and on time," Post said. "I think boys should take off their baseball caps when eating. If your parents take the time to teach you those basic things when you're a child, you won't have any problems later on; you shouldn't have to worry about what you're doing."

Part of the demise in manners came about when women went to work outside the home and "were not spending as much time with their children, working on the family's and children's manners," Post said.

"We lost the family dinner hour, and that led to a decline in children's manners, which has continued up until now."

Post seems to have adjusted her etiquette rules to deal with women's new role in society and her "Entertaining!" book provides tips for busy, working women.

"We deal a lot with doing it yourself and how to be your own cook/waitress and cleaner-upper," Post said. "Advance preparations, that's my big cry. Serve things like casseroles that you can have done in advance so you're not spending your time in the kitchen."

New technology also creates new etiquette questions. For example, how do you handle the "call waiting" feature on the telephone?

"I feel very strongly if you are on a telephone call and another call comes in, go to the second call and say 'I am on another line, I will call you right back just as soon as possible.' Your obligation is to the first person. It's infuriating, you're talking to somebody and all of the sudden they're gone."

And what about those telephone sales people who interrupt your dinner with a pitch for life insurance?

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## 4-H to host closet organization seminar

Closet organization will be the focus of a special program at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Gray County Annex, East Highway 60.

Donna Breugel and Christie Higgs, co-owners of Creative Closets, will present the program on cleaning out and evaluating clothes closets.

Breugel and Higgs will show the audience how to eliminate items that are not working to the best advan-

tage and which wardrobe items to keep. Closet organization tips and techniques to make the most of closet space will also be features.

The program is being sponsored by the 4-H Fashion Club. Cost for the program is \$3 person. Because of limited seating, pre-registration is required. Call the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033 to register.



Christie Higgs



Donna Breugel

## Scientist seeks DNA relation between dinosaurs, birds

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

Tyrannosaurus Tweety?  
Why did the tyrannosaurus rex cross the road? He thought he was a chicken!

Is that a bad joke or a true fact? According to dino expert Jack Horner, it may be true: dinosaurs could be the ancestors of chickens and other birds.

Horner and his team think they have found red blood cells in the fossilized leg bone of a T. rex. If so, the scientists hope to retrieve some DNA from the blood cells. (DNA determines a body's characteristics.)

Horner wants to compare the dino DNA to samples of DNA from modern birds. This would help scientists figure out if dinos were relat-

ed to modern birds.  
So who knows? Maybe Barney and Big Bird are one happy family!

Why Do Flies Make a Buzzing Sound?

If you've ever tried to sleep with a fly in the room, you know how much that buzzing sound can bug you. But did you ever notice that a fly only buzzes when it's flying?

The buzzing noise made by a fly is actually the sound of its wings beating. The wings move so quickly — about 200 times a second — that their vibrations smack against the air making a buzzing sound.

You've probably also heard a mosquito buzzing around your ears. Just like flies, mosquitoes buzz because of their flapping wings.

Bees are another example of buzzing insects.

## Lifestyles policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements, or anniversaries.

We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or they may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding, and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wed-

dning, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more, and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198

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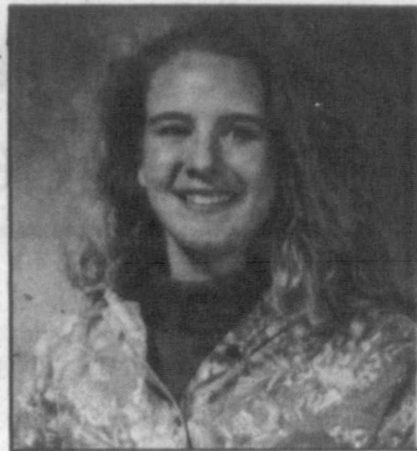
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## Six area high school seniors to be honored as DAR Good Citizens

Six area high school seniors, chosen DAR Good Citizens in their schools, will be honored by the Pampa chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at 2:30 p.m. today at Lovett Memorial Auditorium.

The Good Citizen award, established by the national DAR society in 1934, is given on the merits of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The honorees will receive certificates and a pin illustrated with books representing the four merits, 13 stars for the first colonies, a wreath of honor and a torch for understanding. National state and division winners will receive scholarships.

Also participating in the program will be this year's Pampa High School American Field Service exchange students Anna Jorgenson from Denmark, hosted by Joe and Connie Holland, and Frederic Barn-

abe of Quebec, Canada, hosted by Richard and Jan Morris.

The Good Citizen honorees and their respective schools include Kenzi Burger, Groom High School; Ginger Gail Hannon, Lefors High School; Sandra Ruth Ann Leftwich, White Deer High School; Deana Nazworth, Clarendon High School; Mindy Joe Magee, McLean High School; and Joyce Etta Osborne, Pampa High School.

### Kenzi Burger

Helping with the St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon in Groom for the last four years, Burger has baked cookies, counted laps and set up obstacle courses. Another of her service projects has been working with the Granny and Gramps program. She is editor of the Groom High School yearbook, first vice president of the Future Homemakers of America, active in the Junior Engineering

Technical Society, recipient of a Spanish II award and UIL qualifier in typing, spelling and science. She was homecoming queen candidate two years and a class favorite. She plans to attend college and pursue a medical degree and hopefully participate in the Peace Corps.

### Ginger Hannon

Hannon was elected secretary-treasurer of both her junior and senior class at Lefors High School. She is a student council representative, a UIL qualifier in computer, recipient of achievement awards in Spanish, member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who three years. She was a delegate to the Farm Bureau Leadership Seminar and plays the piano and sings for special church and school events. She plans to attend Clarendon College, Pampa Center, and hopes to major in pharmacy.

### Sandra Leftwich

Senior Class president, yearbook editor, and secretary of Buck Pride, the pep squad, are some of Leftwich's activities at White Deer High School. She is also active in FHA, the Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was elected to the homecoming court. Leftwich has participated in UIL and received citizenship and speech awards. She plans to major in elementary education and psychology in college.

### Mindy Magee

Magee has won numerous honors at McLean High School. She was chosen Miss MHS, Homecoming Queen, Most Spirited, Most Popular, Most Beautiful, a Class Favorite and Miss Congeniality. She has been elected to Who's Who and academic all state athletes. Elected offices include president of NHS, secretary of her class three years and vice

president one year. She has served as cheerleader four years. She was on the area drama team in UIL and was a regional qualifier in tennis two years. She qualified in track in two events for three years and was all district in basketball for three years. She received the Hugh O'Brien award. Magee plans to attend college and maybe major in physical therapy.

### Deana Nazworth

Nazworth served as president of FHA for two years at Clarendon High School, vice president of the Student Council and the Buddy Monitoring Program, and secretary of the NHS. She is a member of the Spanish Club, Future Teachers of America and has been a regional qualifier in UIL in newswriting, spelling, current issues and events. Nazworth has participated in all softball and basketball activities,

coached girls' Little League softball and Little Dribblers and been active in scouting 12 years.

### Joyce Osborne

During her four years in Pampa High School, Osborne has been a UIL qualifier in calculator, ready-writing and science. She has been a contributor to the school newspaper and literary magazine and active in the Science and Latin Clubs and the Texas Teenage Republicans. She is a member of NHS and recipient of several science awards including the Bausch and Lomb Medalist award. Active in her church, she has assisted in the drama and choir programs and helped with a series of children's Bible Clubs. She has studied piano for 11 years. Her plans for the future include attending either Georgia Institute of Technology or Texas Tech and majoring in chemical engineering.

## Dear Abby:

### Old Softy provides tribute to the furry friends of ours

DEAR ABBY: I received this beautiful tribute to our furry friends in our local humane society's newsletter, and knowing that you are a sincere animal lover, I wanted to share it with you.

If you print this, you had better warn your readers to get out their hankies before they read it. Sign me ...

AN OLD SOFTY  
IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

DEAR SOFTY: I'm sure that many readers will be as moved as I when they read it. (I confess, I shed a tear or two.) Regrettably, you did not include the name of the author. If anyone in my reading audience can verify authorship, please let me know.

**THE RAINBOW BRIDGE**  
There is a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth. It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of its many colors. Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge there is a land of meadows, hills and valleys with lush green grass.

When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place. There is always food and water and warm spring weather. The old and frail animals are young again. Those who are maimed are made whole again. They play all day with each other.

There is only one thing missing. They are not with their special person who loved them on Earth. So, each day they run and play until the day comes when one suddenly stops playing and looks up! The nose twitches! The ears are up! The eyes are staring! And this one suddenly runs from the group!

You have been seen, and when you and your special friend meet, you take him or her in your arms and embrace. Your face is kissed

again and again and again, and you look once more into the eyes of your trusting pet.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together, never again to be separated.

DEAR ABBY: In response to your column about the "hardship" of being a childless couple (it was tongue-in-cheek heavenly), may I present an alternative view:

"If I hadn't had children, I probably would have had more money and material things. I probably would have gone more places, gotten more sleep and pampered myself more. My life would have been much more boring and predictable.

"As a result of being a parent, I have laughed harder and cried more often. I have worried more and hurried more. I've had less sleep but somehow I've had more fun. I've learned more and grown more. My heart has ached harder, and I've loved to a capacity beyond my imagination. I've given more of myself, but I've derived more meaning from life."

This quote is from a speech by Marianne Neifert, M.D. (Reader's Digest, January '94, "Points to Ponder").

I wish I had said it!

CHRIS DE NAPOLI

DEAR CHRIS: Thank you, thank you, thank you! So do I.

**CONFIDENTIAL TO 'STRUGGLING WRITER IN SAN FRANCISCO':** You're not alone, my friend. Alex F. Osborn once said: "Creativity is so delicate a flower that praise tends to make it bloom, while discouragement often nips it in the bud. Any of us will put one more and better ideas if our efforts are appreciated."

## Americans find drugs over the border at bargain prices

By SALLY STREFF BUZBEE  
Associated Press Writer

**TIJUANA, Mexico (AP)** - Eleanor Hope used to come to Tijuana to buy silver jewelry, big pottery vases and leather purses. Now she focuses on antibiotics.

They're the real bargain in Mexico, the Los Angeles-area nurse says. And, with two grown children and no way to pay for prescription antibiotics if they get sick, Hope needs bargains.

"They're so much cheaper here, it's amazing," Hope said, gesturing to racks of drugs at a small "farmacia," or pharmacy, just blocks from the U.S. border.

"With the prices they charge in the U.S., a normal person can't even afford to buy antibiotics," Hope said.

Like a growing number of Americans - especially elderly people on fixed incomes - Hope has discovered a land of cheap, legal prescription drugs just over the Mexican border.

The reason is price controls - a hotly debated issue surrounding President Clinton's health care reform plan.

Mexico mandates the price that companies - Mexican, European or U.S. - can charge for medical drugs sold within its borders. The United States does not.

And so, Dr. Cary Present in Pasadena has pointed some of his patients to Tijuana's "farmacias" when they needed the drug Tamoxifen after surgery for breast cancer.

He's not altogether happy about it. Patients can get a lot more from a U.S. pharmacist than just medication, said Present, the head of the American Cancer Society in Los Angeles.

"The pharmacist can go over your drugs, make sure you have no adverse interactions, recommend when you may need to see your doctor, make sure there's no possible side effects," Present said.

"The problem is the drug companies charge a very high price on some of their products. When you've got someone who can't afford that price, but needs the drug, what are your choices?" he asks.

First, Present checks to see if a U.S. drug firm will provide the drug at a reduced price for an indigent patient, he said. If not, he tells the patient to go to Tijuana and look for

a U.S.-made drug.

"It's the same drug, often made by the same company, for a price that's about two-thirds less," Present said.

Other times, the patient is not necessarily indigent, but their health coverage won't cover prescription drugs.

That's the problem for both Hope's children, and for San Diego retiree Don Moore, who buys drugs including eyedrops for his elderly mother.

"It's just terrible, the prices in the U.S.," said Moore, shopping in Tijuana.

Two "very small" bottles cost \$4.10 in Mexico, compared to \$30 in the U.S., he said.

"I checked all this with her ophthalmologist and said, 'Is there any difference?'" He said no, so what's the danger?" Moore asked.

Medicare does not pay prescription drug costs incurred by the nation's 36 million elderly and disabled recipients. Elderly people buy about one-third of the \$51 billion sold in outpatient drugs in the United States each year.

Under Clinton's reform plan, the federal government would begin paying for some part of those drug benefits in 1996. Until then, an elderly person with arthritis, for example, pays for the drugs.

U.S. health officials warn that many of the consumers who head south may not have enough knowledge to safely buy drugs without a prescription.

Elderly people, especially, may be confused by the different dosages that drugs sometimes are sold in, in Mexi-

co, Food and Drug Administration spokeswoman Laurel Eu said.

"A person who is older may have more than one medication," she said. "It's important to be monitored by a doctor and talk to your pharmacist."

The FDA does not prohibit what Moore and Hope are doing, Eu said. But it does warn that it can't guarantee the safety of drugs sold in Mexico.

U.S. Customs' regulations mandate that Americans can bring back only a three-month supply for personal use, and that a prescription must be used, said spokeswoman Bobbie Cassidy.

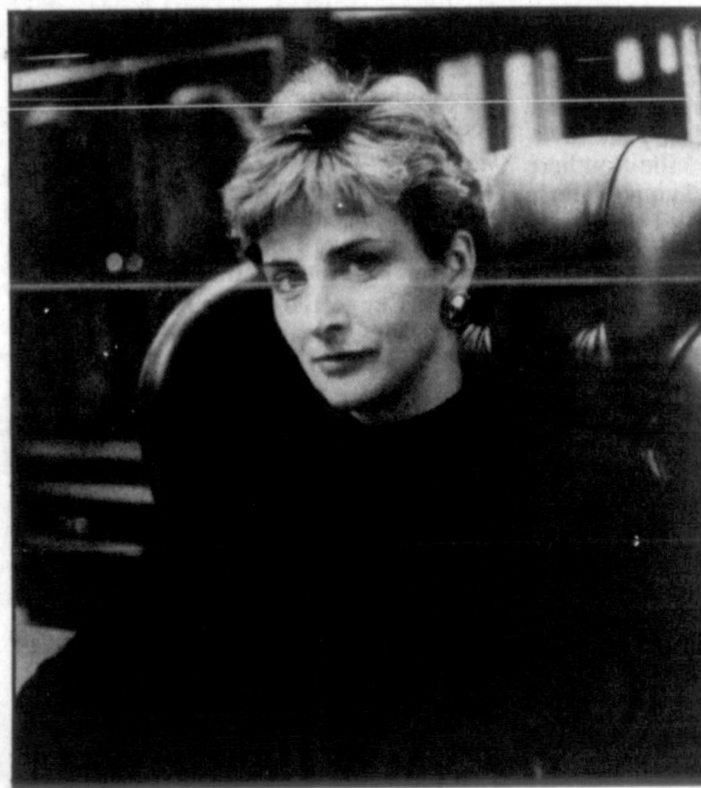
But in practice, many Mexican pharmacies don't ask for the prescription. And customs agents are so busy they have little concern for anything other than steroids.



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Entertainment

# Animated 'Rocko's Modern Life' takes off on Nick

By JOHN PACENTI  
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — When editorial cartoonist-turned-illustrator Joe Murray was approached by Nickelodeon in 1991 to develop a weekend morning cartoon, he was aghast.

"When I heard 'television,' a shake went through me," Murray says. "There was nothing there for me. What television had done to animation destroyed it for me. 'The Simpsons' were just coming out, but there was no way my work would be a children's morning cartoon."

But just three short years later, Murray is Nickelodeon's hot new property with "Rocko's Modern Life," a cartoon show airing at 11:30 a.m. EST on Sundays.

Each episode of what Murray calls his "anthromorphic social satire" deals with the trials of a transplanted Australian wallaby named Rocko, his dimwitted dog Spunky and his best friend, a steer named Heffer.

By assigning human characteristics to animals, Murray says he can examine society's underbelly in a comic form and still make his point.

"With Rocko as a wallaby, we have the personality of a smaller species," Murray says from his home in Los Angeles. "He is very humble; he keeps to himself. Sometimes I feel that (I am) the only sane one, and I think everyone else is crazy."

For a children's cartoon, "Rocko's Modern Life" seems very much aimed at adults. Most episodes deal with one of life's little horrors — from going to the grocery or the laundromat to the airplane and movie experience from hell.

Rocko is very much a progression of recent TV animation.

By the time it debuted, Nickelodeon already had a two-season

run with the crude adventures of an excitable Chihuahua named Ren and a fun-loving cat named Stimpny. "The Ren & Stimpy Show" — along with "The Simpsons" and later "Beavis and Butt-head" — are part of the new "Golden Age" of television animation, according to Murray.

Like its cartoon brethren, "Rocko" revels in dysfunction. Murray's crowning achievement this season was an episode in which Heffer takes Rocko to meet his family — literally, a pack of wolves.

The episode is complete with a racist grandfather, an abusive father, and a cross-dressing son. It is a tour-de-force that stands as a high-water mark for new animation.

"We took a big chance with that show," says Murray, 32. "We are exploring not only life as it is happening, but our back stories — when we grew up and developed our neuroses."

In the episode, Heffer learns he is adopted and searches for his biological parents. En route to eating himself into oblivion — an addiction explained in home movies shown to Rocko by the wolf family — Heffer learns his mother had been turned into a car seat and his father is a trailer park philanderer. In the end, he accepts the wolves as his true family.

"We definitely took into consideration the message of the show," says Murray, keenly aware that some of his audience may include adopted children. "In the end, it is very positive."

The artist says he knew nothing of Ren and Stimpy when he created "Rocko's Modern Life" and doesn't watch the teen-age delinquents Beavis and Butt-head. But similarities abound.

As with those two cartoons, it's hard to watch "Rocko" without exclaiming: "Gross!" In Murray's "toon-land, there's lot of upchuck-

ing and, in one episode, a flu-ridden Rocko is visited by the "Enchanted Upchucks" of Wretch, Hurl and Spew.

"None of our gags are done for shock value," Murray says. "This is a show to kind of explore the dark thing in life."

As with other Nickelodeon's cartoons and "The Simpsons," "Rocko" pays special attention to the musical score and voices. Its rock 'n' roll sound is scored by Pat Irwin, keyboardist for the B-52s. Comics Carlos Alazraqui and Tom Kenny supply Rocko and Heffer with plenty of ear-catching linguistics.

And like Mike Judge, creator of "Beavis and Butt-head," Murray took up cartoon animation as a hobby from his job as an illustrator, which eventually led to an award-winning short film called "The Chore." The film about a man's quest to put out his wife's cat caught the eye of Nickelodeon.

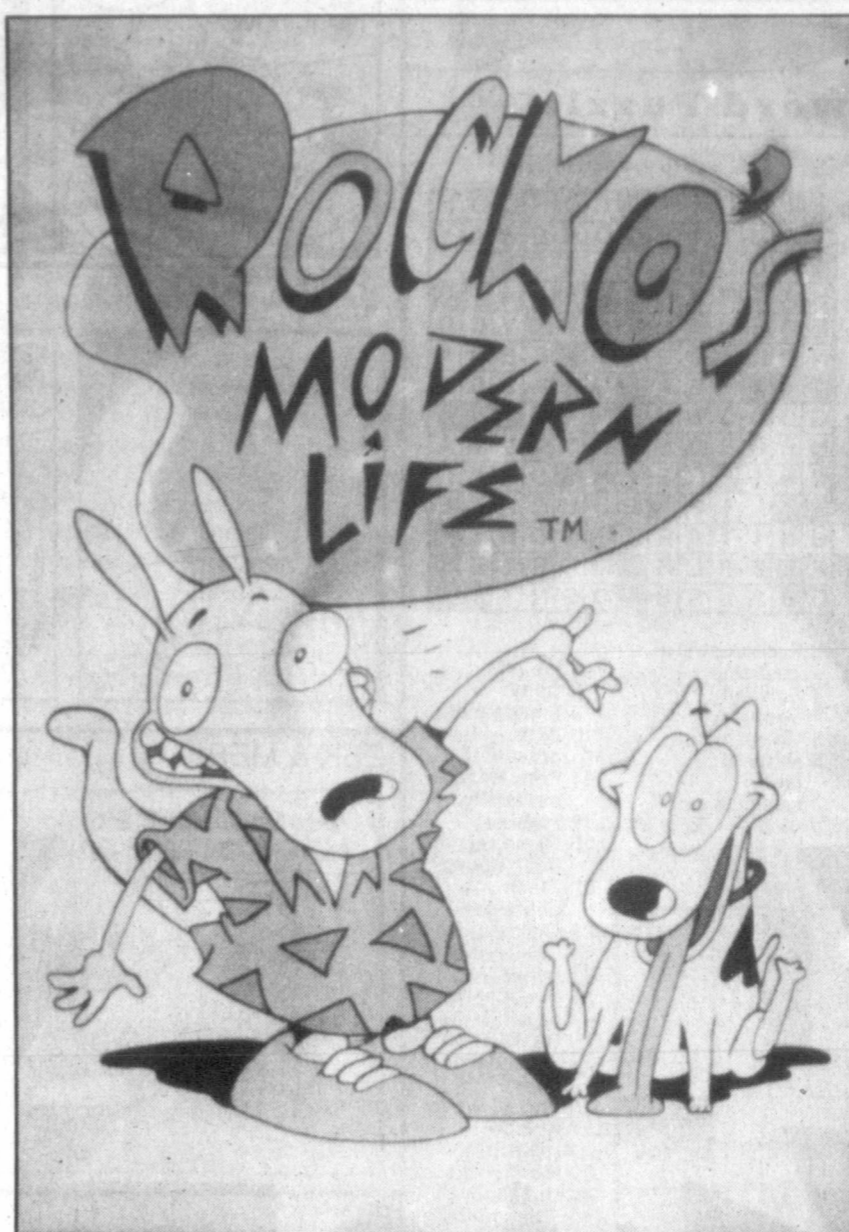
"We were looking for a character-based cartoon in the tradition of Bugs Bunny or Hanna-Barbera," says Herb Scannell, Nickelodeon's senior vice president of programming.

Scannell says Nickelodeon's cartoons are successful because the cable channel has tapped into a new generation of animators abandoned by the three major networks.

"There was a black hole in TV animation in the late '70s, early '80s," Scannell says. "The water got spoiled by toy-based animation with cartoons like 'GI Joe' and 'My Little Pony.'"

Meanwhile, Murray is reveling in television animation's newfound freedom.

"We can," he says, "take them a step farther."



Nickelodeon's hot new cartoon, 'Rocko's Modern Life' features an Australian wallaby Rocko, left, and his dog Spunky, drawn by cartoonist turned illustrator Joe Murray. 'Rocko's' airs 10:30 a.m. Sundays on Nick. (AP photo)

## Jackson family tapes special

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The names are big. The scandal is bigger. And so is the irony of "The Jackson Family Honors."

In the celebrity clan beset by internal squabbles, allegations of parental abuse and Michael Jackson's tidal wave of trouble, is there enough family goodwill left to share?

NBC apparently believes so. Saturday's show at Las Vegas' MGM Grand Hotel is being taped for broadcast 9-11 p.m. EST Tuesday. Actress Elizabeth Taylor and record mogul Berry Gordy must agree: They are the charity event's joint honorees.

And this is, after all, show business. If the joy is strained, if family counseling seems more appropriate than family celebration, you can always fake it.

In an elaborate and hermetically sealed evening, the Jacksons and guests will frolic untroubled by screaming headlines, whispered comments or comparative views of the perilous present and the sweetly innocent Jackson Five past.

Gary Smith, the show's executive producer, says the barbarians won't get past the casino gate.

"Not if I can help it," Smith said, firmly, in a call from Las Vegas.

"It's a well-intentioned show," he said, with proceeds from ticket sales going to Los Angeles earthquake relief charities, the American Red Cross and others. "Everybody is moving very positively ahead."

One concern, he says, is a potential LaToya Jackson bombshell. The sister who has made a profession of Jackson-bashing was initially invited but failed to respond, Smith said.

## Turntable Tips

By The Associated Press

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### TOP SINGLES

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1. "The Power of Love," Celine Dion (Music)
2. "The Sign," Ace of Base (Arista)
3. "Whatta Man," Salt-N-Pepa featuring En Vogue (Next Plateau-London)
4. "All for Love," Bryan Adams/Rod Stewart/Sting (A&M)
5. "Breathe Again," Toni Braxton (Lafayette) (Gold)
6. "Without You—Never Forget You," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
7. "Hero," Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)
8. "So Much in Love," All-4-One (Blitz)
9. "Understanding," Xscape (So So Def)
10. "Now and Forever," Richard Marx (Capitol)

### TOP ALBUMS

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1. "Toni Braxton," Toni Braxton (Lafayette) (Platinum)
2. "Music Box," Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)
3. "Doggy Style," Snoop Doggy Dogg (Death Row-Interscope) (Platinum)
4. "Kickin' It Up," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
5. "12 Play," R. Kelly (Jive) (Gold)
6. "Very Necessary," Salt-N-Pepa (Next Plateau) (Platinum)
7. "August & Everything After," Counting Crows (Geffen) (Gold)
8. "Greatest Hits," Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers (MCA)
9. "Jar of Flies," Alice In Chains (Columbia)
10. "The Colour of My Love," Celine Dion (Music) (Gold)

### COUNTRY SINGLES

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1. "I Swear," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
2. "I Just Wanted You to Know," Mark Chesnutt (MCA)
3. "I'd Like to Have That One Back," George Strait (MCA)
4. "Rock My World," Brooks & Dunn (Arista)
5. "Hey Cinderella," Suzy Bogguss (Liberty)
6. "A Little Less Talk and a Lot More Action," Toby Keith (Mercury)

7. "I've Got It Made," John Anderson (BNA)
8. "Tryin' to Get Over You," Vince Gill (MCA)
9. "T.L.C. A.S.A.P.," Alabama (RCA)
10. "He Thinks He'll Keep Her," Mary Chapin-Carpenter (Columbia)

### ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

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1. "The Power of Love," Celine Dion (Music)
2. "Said I Loved You But I Lied," Michael Bolton (Columbia)
3. "Please Forgive Me," Bryan Adams (A&M)
4. "Now and Forever," Richard Marx (Capitol)
5. "Everyday," Phil Collins (Atlantic)
6. "Breathe Again," Toni Braxton (Lafayette)
7. "Hero," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
8. "All for Love," Bryan Adams, Rod Stewart, Sting (A&M)
9. "I Can See Clearly Now," Jimmy Cliff (Chaos)
10. "Having a Party," Rod Stewart (Warner Bros.)

### R&B SINGLES

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1. "Bump N' Grind," R. Kelly (Jive)
2. "Understanding," Xscape (So So Def)
3. "Groove Thang," Zhane (Motown)
4. "Whatta Man," Salt-N-Pepa (Next Plateau)
5. "U Send Me Swingin'," Mint Condition (Perspective)
6. "Lay Your Head on My Pillow," Tony! Toni! Tone! (Wing)
7. "Cry for You," Jodeci (Uptown) (Gold)
8. "Can We Talk," Tevin Campbell (Qwest) (Gold)
9. "Never Keeping Secrets," Babyface (Epic)
10. "I'm in the Mood," Ce Ce Peniston (Perspective)

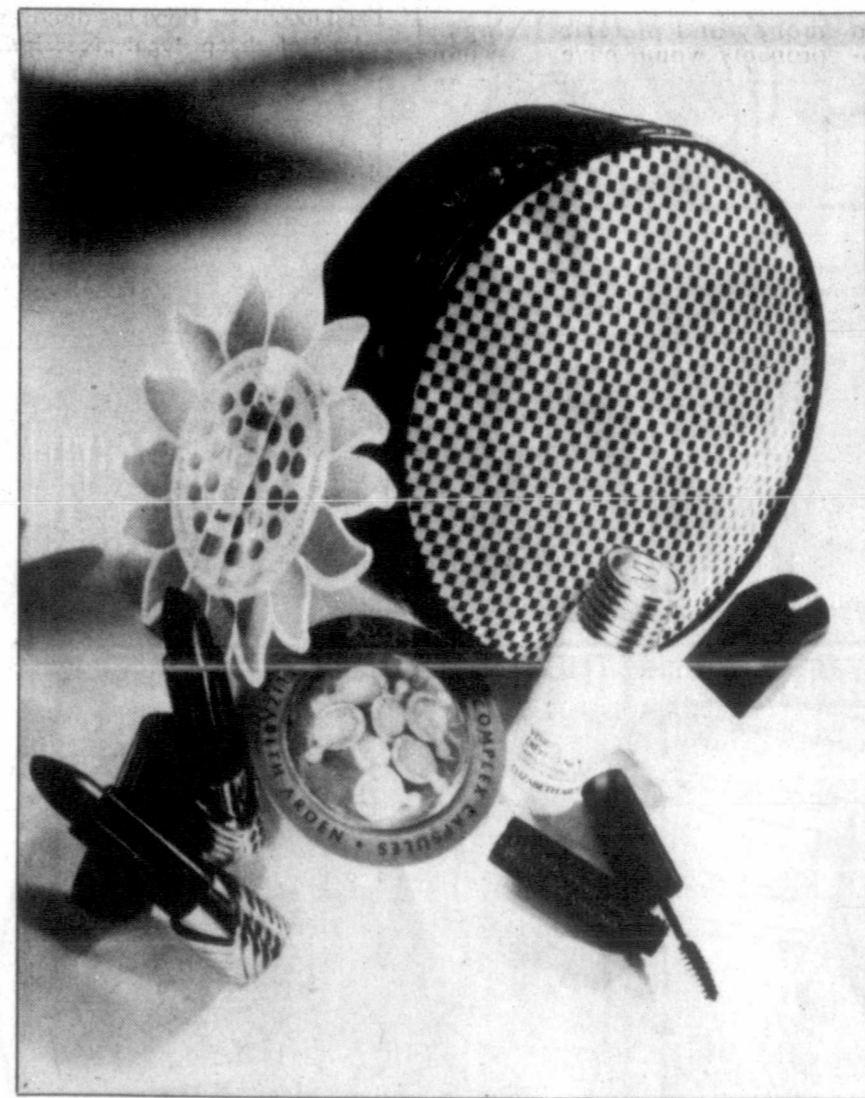
### MODERN ROCK TRACKS

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1. "Loser," Beck (Bongload)
2. "MMM MMM MMM MMM," Crash Test Dummies (Arista)
3. "Mr. Jones," Counting Crows (DGC)
4. "God," Tori Amos (Atlantic)
5. "No Excuses," Alice In Chains (Columbia)
6. "All Apologies," Nirvana (DGC)
7. "Get Off This," Cracker (Virgin)
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- 1 Ancient
- 4 Rule
- 9 Sault — Marie
- 12 Recent (pref.)
- 13 Tennessee — Ford
- 14 Pas' mates
- 15 What the Bunny brings (2 wds.)
- 17 Hewt
- 18 Say
- 19 Lessen
- 21 Actress — Arthur
- 23 Leading actor
- 24 Planets
- 27 Doctor
- 30 Dissipated man
- 31 TV's — Haw
- 33 — Griffin
- 34 Dye plant
- 35 Coolidge's

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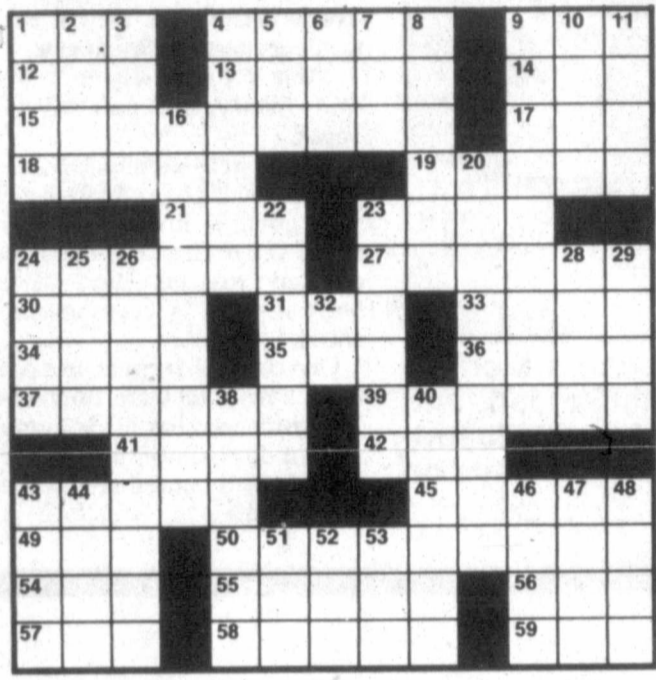
- 1 Dollar bills
- 2 Jump

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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NOD	DESIREBA
YEA	GRASSY
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**job (sl.)**

- 3 Deny
- 8 Smudgiest
- 10 27th president
- 11 Princely Italian family
- 16 Plateau
- 20 Game resembling tennis
- 22 Trash container
- 23 Odors
- 24 Cover with paper
- 25 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
- 26 Destruction
- 28 Algonquian Indian
- 29 Part of stove
- 32 Apiece (abbr.)
- 38 Money (sl.)
- 40 Uncannily
- 43 Think nothing
- 44 Bear constellation
- 46 Time period
- 47 Tennis player Arthur
- 48 Future attys.' exam
- 51 Room in harem
- 52 Skin cyst
- 53 Boy



## WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Panel 1: "This dress is awfully expensive. Is it 'in' right now?"  
 Panel 2: "Oh, yes Ma'am"  
 Panel 3: "We would never sell an outfit that wasn't 'in'"  
 Panel 4: "Okay, I guess I'll take it..."

## ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

Panel 1: "HEY! YOU AND I HAVEN'T PLAYED ANY VIDEO GAMES IN A LONG TIME!"  
 Panel 2: "HOW ABOUT A LITTLE 'SUPER MARIO'?"  
 Panel 3: "I HATE IT WHEN HE ROLLS HIS EYES AND WALKS OFF!"

## EEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

Panel 1: "WHY CAN'T PEOPLE GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER?"  
 Panel 2: "WHY CAN'T YOU LET ME READ MY BOOK IN PEACE?"  
 Panel 3: "WHY DON'T YOU GO SOAK YOUR HEAD?"

## B.C.

By Johnny Hart

"GET OFF OF THERE!"

## Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You will derive great personal gratification today by doing for yourself things you usually ask others to do for you. Self-sufficiency has great rewards. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your ability to determine the value of products or services you'll be using today could be quite good. This could enable you to spot bargains, as well as recognize inferior goods.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A hope you've been entertaining is not centered outside of the realm of probabilities. Study it again today to determine if practical measures can be taken.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** In career situations today, don't hide your visibility under a bushel. Let both friends and foes know you're prepared to meet and deal with challenges.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Someone who has your best interest at heart might tell you something today you may at first wish this person had not voiced. Later you'll be glad it was said.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your greatest returns today are likely to come from endeavors upon which you do not depend for your primary source of earnings. Explore secondary channels.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today you might have to make a difficult decision that affects others, as well as yourself. Listen carefully to their input, so everybody has a say.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** A significant, ambitious objective can be achieved today if you're prepared to do what it takes to bring it into being. The going could be a trifle tough.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If you have thought all of your moves through carefully, it might prove to your advantage today to take a calculated risk in order to improve your position. Be bold when necessary.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Success is indicated today, provided you are tenacious and consistent once you've established a course of action. Leave room for minor adjustments, but don't change your entire game plan.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Others will hold you in high esteem today if they see your word is your bond. Treat commitments seriously by following through to the letter on all that you promised.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Today you might find profit in several areas you'd least expect, so don't discount opportunities, even if they appear to be insignificant.

## MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

Panel 1: "I GUESS IT WAS INEVITABLE..."  
 Panel 2: "A PRODUCT SPECIFICALLY TARGETED AT OVERWEIGHT BABIES..."  
 Panel 3: "LOW-CAL COLORING CRAYONS."

## ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

Panel 1: "HEY, OOPS! BACK!"  
 Panel 2: "HOW 'Y DOIN' FELLAS? 'Y GOT ENOUGH ON THAT SPIT 'I FEED ALL OF US?"  
 Panel 3: "MORE THAN ENOUGH! AN 'WE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!"  
 Panel 4: "OH? I SURE TAKE A LOOK!"

## BEATTIE BLVD.

By Bruce Beattie

"The dog's shedding. Better use this on the rug before we vacuum."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"He's sendin' up smoke singles."

## MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Which one of us is telling this story?"

## KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

"WHAT'D YOU EXPECT?"

## WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

Panel 1: "WHAT DID THE BOOKSHOP CLERK SAY WHEN A LADY ASKED HIM..."  
 Panel 2: "IF HE HAD ANY BOOKS BY A CERTAIN 16TH CENTURY ASTROLOGER?"  
 Panel 3: "YES, WE HAVE NOSTRADAMUS. WE HAVE NOSTRADAMUS TODAY."

## CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

Panel 1: "WHAT'S THIS SNOWMAN?"  
 Panel 2: "HE'S A PALEONTOLOGIST."  
 Panel 3: "HE'S LOOKING FOR CRETACEOUS SNOW DINOSAURS."  
 Panel 4: "WHY DOES HE LOOK SO SAD?"  
 Panel 5: "HE REALIZED THAT SNOW DOESN'T FOSSILIZE. IT JUST MELTS."  
 Panel 6: "YOUR SNOWMEN LEAD TRAGIC LIVES."  
 Panel 7: "WELL, THEY'RE NOT VERY BRIGHT."

## THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

Panel 1: "I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THIS ALL DAY... WHAT'S IT DOING IN YOUR ROOM?"  
 Panel 2: "I WAS GONNA USE IT"  
 Panel 3: "YOU CAN'T WRITE WITH A STYPTIC PENCIL!"

## FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

"IF THEY CAN BRING BACK 'PERRY MASON' AND 'COLUMBO', WHY CAN'T THEY BRING BACK 'THE BIONIC WOMAN'?"

## PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: "I'M GLAD YOU'RE RESTING, SNOOPY... I'LL BE OUT IN THE WAITING ROOM WITH ANDY AND SPIKE AND OLAF..."  
 Panel 2: "BOY, IT TAKES SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO MAKE YOU THINK, DOESN'T IT?"  
 Panel 3: "WHEN FISH DIE, DO THEY GO TO HEAVEN?"  
 Panel 4: "NOT IF THEY'VE BEEN A BAD FISH"

## GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

Panel 1: "NO! NO! HAVE MERCY!"  
 Panel 2: "OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF MY HEART, I DIDN'T WEIGH MYSELF TODAY"



# Four vying for GOP attorney general nomination; Democrat Morales unopposed

By PEGGY FIKAC  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Four judges are vying for the Republican nomination for state attorney general. But they're saving many of their best shots for incumbent Dan Morales, who has a free ride in the March 8 Democratic primary.

A sampling from their arsenal: "In the private sector, lawyers who don't do their job are fired. It's a shame the state of Texas has to wait until November before they can replace Dan Morales." — Tony Garza, 34, Cameron County judge.

"Our attorney general is out of touch with the vast majority of Texans. His left-wing, Ivy League attitude has led him into cutting deals with criminals rather than protecting and defending law-abiding citizens." — Pat Lykos, 51, a state district judge in Houston.

"The state of Texas has been so badly served for the past 20 years by attorneys general who are driven by political agendas instead of by good lawyering. I think it's time the people of Texas had good representation." — John Marshall, 50, a state district judge in Dallas.

"He (Morales) doesn't know what he's doing, or worse, he knows what he's doing and he takes the political route rather than the legal route. Which is it? A lack of integrity or a lack of competency?" — Don Wittig, 52, a state district judge in Houston.

But Morales, 37, said he's proud of his record as the state's chief lawyer and looks forward to a "spirited campaign," citing a November telephone poll showing broad support from registered Democratic Party voters.

"Texans have been paying attention and agree with what we have been doing," Morales said.

Morales touts his efforts to remove state agencies from federal court control, citing as an example the settlement ending the 20-year-old Ruiz prison lawsuit.

He says he's initiated unprecedented crime-fighting activities, such as targeting money-laundering schemes, and points to \$1 billion collected in child-support payments from parents who owed it.

But some of the very accomplishments he cites are pounced on by opponents.

Garza has labeled the settlement of the Ruiz lawsuit — named after the inmate, David Ruiz, who initiated the action — the "Ruiz surrender."

He, along with Wittig and Ms. Lykos, say they'd like to reopen the case because they believe the state gave away too much in the agreement. Morales says the settlement simply requires the state to abide by the U.S. Constitution.

Marshall, while also criticizing Morales' handling of the Ruiz case, says it would be "completely impractical" to try to go back to federal court and get the settlement changed.

Morales' oversight of child support

enforcement also has come under fire. Marshall points to lottery winners who have had their prizes taken to pay back child support.

"No child in Texas should have to wait for a parent to win the lottery in order to collect back child support. That's an outrage," Marshall said.

Morales' office compares its total \$1 billion in collections during his three-year administration to \$18 million in 1983, the first year the program was operated.

While lobbing harsh words at the incumbent, the GOP candidates also tout their own credentials for assuming the responsibilities of the attorney general's office.

Those duties mainly focus on non-criminal matters, such as consumer protection and environmental lawsuits, child support enforcement and defending state laws when they are challenged in court.

Wittig, 52, was a prosecutor in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam and then a civil trial lawyer before becoming a state judge presiding over civil cases. He notes that he is certified as a specialist in personal injury trial and family law, which he calls "the main areas of the attorney general's practice."

"The problem with Dan Morales is his total lack of courtroom experience

before becoming head of the state's largest civil law firm, and it's shown up in his mishandling of every major case," Wittig said.

Garza, 34, touts his record as the first Republican in modern history elected county judge in the Rio Grande Valley's Cameron County, where he previously practiced law.

He says he has proven himself to be an effective administrator of the county and believes the attorney general's office needs good management and a strong advocate for issues important to Texas, such as juvenile justice.

"That's what drove me to run — the sense that there's been a leadership vacuum," Garza said.

Ms. Lykos, 51, a trial judge who presides over criminal cases, previously was a civil trial lawyer and, before that, a police officer. She cites her experience on the "front lines" and her work to implement such programs as a Harris County residential treatment center for probationers.

"Every day of my life I handle issues of constitutional dimensions," she said. "How the attorney general performs his or her job directly impacts public safety, education, the family, business."

Marshall, 50, presides over civil cases as a trial judge and previously

was a municipal court judge. He also has been a visiting law professor at universities in Poland. Before becoming a trial judge, he practiced law and, earlier, was a technical instructor on the Skylab program in Florida.

"I haven't always been a lawyer. I think that's an advantage. The world is more complicated than three years of law school," said Marshall, who claims former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall as an ancestor. "I think I'm the most overall qualified candidate for the job."

Here, in alphabetical order, are thumbnail sketches of the GOP candidates in the primaries for state attorney general:

**Tony Garza Jr.** Age: 34. Residence: Brownsville.

Education: Bachelor's of business administration — finance, University of Texas at Austin; law degree, Southern Methodist University. Occupation: Cameron County judge.

Political Background: First Republican in modern times elected county judge in Cameron County in 1988; re-elected in 1990.

Quote: "The people of Texas are outraged at a system that paroles con-

victs who commit crime after crime and are released time and time again. And they are outraged at the current shell game in which state prisoners are packed into local jails."

**Pat Lykos.** Age: 51. Residence: Houston.

Education: Bachelor of Science-political science, University of Houston; law degree, South Texas College of Law. Occupation: State judge, 180th District Court of Harris County.

Political Background: First elected state judge in 1980; re-elected in 1984, 1988 and 1992. Served as County Court at Law No. 10 judge 1980-81.

Quote: "I've been on the front lines all of my life. I know how we got to where we are today, and how we can turn it around."

**John McClellan Marshall.** Age: 50. Residence: Dallas.

Education: Bachelor of arts-history, Virginia Military Institute; master's degree, Vanderbilt University; law degree, Southern Methodist University law school. Occupation: State judge, 14th District Court of Dallas County.

Political background: First elected

judge in 1980. Re-elected in 1984, 1988 and 1992. Municipal court judge, Muenster, Texas, 1976-80.

Quote: "If I'm attorney general, no child in Texas should have to wait for a parent to win the lottery in order to collect back child support. That's an outrage."

**Don Wittig.** Age: 52. Residence: Houston.

Education: bachelor's and law degrees, St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Occupation: State judge, 125th District Court of Harris County.

Political background: Appointed state judge in 1988 by Republican former Gov. Bill Clements; elected to the post in 1988 and 1992.

Quote: "There's a time to draw a line in the sand and there's a time to compromise. But you don't compromise with criminals on criminals' terms, and you don't compromise with the constitution of the state."

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**Food For Thought**  
By **Danny Bainam**

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And to make the cocoa really festive, use a peppermint stick to stir.

Marinade for beef or lamb combines 1/2 cup soy sauce, 2 tbs. each minced fresh ginger and fresh garlic, 1 Tbs. each oil and vinegar, and 2 tsp. each red pepper flakes and oriental five-spice powder. Coat meat and chill overnight. Bring to room temperature before grilling.

Spread out beyond tabbouleh salad. Toss softened bulgur grains with a crunchy fennel bulb, cubed, red onion slices and nicoise olives, plus orange segments and pine nuts.

Raspberry syrup is a treat with pancakes. Combine a cup of frozen raspberries with 1/4 cup confectioner's sugar and 1Tbs. butter in a small, non-stick skillet. Heat gently, stirring. Puree if you like.

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Agriculture

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

**WHEAT — (BULL)**  
**OUTLOOK:** You may recall that last week I suggested the wheat market was finally at a level where good demand should start to resurface. I pointed out the supply situation remains tight, and the brisk pace of producer selling seen in January appears to be on the wane.

Well, prices are now about a dime off the recent lows, and it looks to me like there's upside potential. Export demand feels like it's improving. In fact, a recent USDA attached report predicted China still has room to purchase an additional 1 million metric tons in the next few months. The report went on to forecast China would import up to 10 million metric tons in the new crop year — up sharply from last year's 6 million.

I look for old crop to gain an additional 10 to 20¢ with an objective back over \$3.90 basis the March Chicago. Meanwhile, the new crop July has been well supported by ongoing concerns about the condition of the winter wheat crop. There are certainly some problems in southern Illinois and Missouri, but winterkill is hard to determine at this time and the crop does appear to generally be in good shape. It may be time to start working on a new crop selling program.

**STRATEGY:** *Hedgers:* Our advice remains the same. You've already sold on up to 50 percent of your old crop. Wait for rallies to move the balance of your old crop with objectives above \$3.85 basis the March Chicago contract, above

\$3.77 March Kansas City and greater than \$3.95 March Minneapolis.

*Traders:* Based on a previous recommendation, you are long March Minneapolis under \$3.72. The risk remains a close under \$3.62 for an objective of \$3.92.

**CORN — (BULL)**  
**OUTLOOK:** Ever noticed how negative news is rampant near market bottoms? Last week the negative news was accentuated. The South African corn production estimates were boosted. Feed usage estimates were lowered. New crop acreage estimates were raised. Yet, despite the negative news, the corn market has been climbing a "wall of worry."

I think it's because this market knows, deep down, that supplies are tight. Estimated ending stocks of only 800 million bushels leaves little room for problems. The recent cold weather probably has increased usage, and the huge new crop some are expecting isn't even in the ground yet.

It looks to me like the recent fund-induced sell-off is about at an end and the corn market should work erratically higher in the coming weeks.

*STRATEGY:* *Hedgers:* You've now rolled your "in the money" call options to "out of the money" \$3 calls — probably in the May. In this way you've reduced your risk but still maintain the benefits of corn ownership if corn moves back up. We've still not priced any new crop at this time.

*Traders:* You are long March in

the \$2.90-\$2.92 range. Risk 10¢ for an initial objective of \$3.02. Short term traders can take profits here, but buy back on a break to \$2.96 or a close over \$3.05. Longer term traders, hang tough.

**CATTLE — (BULL/BEAR)**  
**OUTLOOK:** I still believe this market could experience some problems in the very short term. Weights continue to be a problem (although harsh winter weather — particularly in Nebraska — may have made them less of a problem than they could have been). Also, fed numbers should remain high for the next few weeks. The numbers are in process of peaking, however, and should start their seasonal decline fairly soon.

Kill levels are now averaging about 625,000 weekly. This is a fairly large number. It should decline to under 600,000 by this spring. So our longer term bias is not that negative, but in the coming weeks we'd give the market room to break a bit. Sharp breaks should probably be looked at as buying opportunities — particularly in the feeder cattle arena.

*STRATEGY:* *Hedgers:* Cattle feeders are long April 76 puts, purchased for less than \$1.50. This is cheap "bear market insurance" and has "locked in" a profitable 7450 effective selling price (worst case scenario). You still will be able to benefit if prices rise into the spring.

For example, if early April prices do move into the eighties, just sell your cattle the same way you always do and let your puts expire. If the cattle market does decline, the puts will increase in value, which will help to offset weak cash prices.

*Cow/calf operators:* You own "at the money" puts to protect against potential feeder demand weakness (which could be brought about by rising feed prices).

*Traders:* Based on last week's recommendation, you are now short April at 7525 or better. The weakness I'm looking for may be short lived. We'll raise our objective to 7425. Risk to a close above 7640.

Big domestic price rise kept United States rice from many traditional export markets

By MARGARET SCHERF  
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An extraordinary rise in domestic rice prices in November and December kept U.S. rice from many traditional export markets, the Foreign Agricultural Service says.

"Recent reductions in prices for high-quality rice have yet to generate much interest, as prices are still over \$100 per ton higher than comparable rice from other origins," the Agriculture Department agency said in a recent report.

"Although the pace of sales since the beginning of the domestic marketing year on Aug. 1 surpasses the level at this time last year, U.S. exports in recent months have been hampered by the price situation relative to other exporters," it said.

Looking at other countries, the report said rice consumption in China is expected to remain at 1993 levels, while stocks are projected to post a year-to-year decrease in 1994 of nearly 3 million tons.

The export forecast for India, at 800,000 tons, is the second-highest level of rice exports for that country, exceeded only by the 919,000-ton level in the 1991 crop year, the report said.

"The recent suspension of the government-set minimum export price for basmati (aromatic) rice is indicative of the level of competition in the export market currently existing between India and Pakistan, as well as the continued storage difficulties in the northern sur-

plus-producing states of Punjab and Haryana," it said. Government procurement is running about 25 percent higher than this time last year, putting India in the unusual position of being one of the few exporters with an increased quantity of rice available for export in 1994.

"Government-held rice stocks could exceed last year's record level of 13 million tons, further aggravating the government's storage problem," the report said. "Historically, India has shown a willingness to barter rice for other commodities and finished goods, and may be able to fill the gaps left in the barter markets by Thailand's reduced export prospects."

The report noted that political and economic uncertainty are widespread throughout most of the countries comprising the former Soviet Union, "and the expected reduction in rice donations to (those states) in 1994 will likely not be supplanted with cash purchases."

Import forecasts for Belarus, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan were all reduced marginally, bringing the import demand for the region to 1991 levels, 385,000 tons.

Forecast rice consumption levels for the Middle East are at a record high level of more than 5 million tons, with the increased demand being met primarily by imports, the report said.

"The return of Iran to the U.S. rice market is occurring at such a level that it could overtake Turkey and become the second-largest U.S. market in the Middle East, surpassed only by Saudi Arabia," it said.

Report notes decline in world wheat trade

By MARGARET SCHERF  
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — World wheat trade for the 1993-94 marketing year is forecast at about 100 million tons, down 600,000 tons from last month's estimate.

A decline of about 1.3 million tons in expected imports by the former Soviet Union outstripped higher import prospects for North America, Latin America, the Middle East and Asian countries, said a report by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

The trade forecast represents a decline of about 9 percent from 1992-93 and would be the lowest level of trade of international wheat, flour and wheat products since 1986-87, the Agriculture Department agency noted.

The world wheat production forecast is up about 3 million tons to 562.4 million tons, due to larger crop projections in the former Soviet republics and an increase in the production forecast for Australia.

The forecast for world wheat

consumption is down about 3 million tons, to 561 million tons. That is still about 2.6 percent higher than last year.

"Most of the decline in consumption can be attributed to revisions made in the consumption forecast for the former Soviet Union," the report said.

Among exporters, the report said Australia's forecast was increased from 11.7 million tons last month to 12.1 million tons.

"Bolstered by large commitments to China and Iran, combined with continued strength in other traditional markets in Asia, Australia's large crop of relatively high-quality wheat should ensure continued firm demand on the world market," it said.

The export forecast for Russia was down 1 million tons this month.

The import forecast for North America was up 500,000 tons this month, due to continued strong imports by the United States and recent purchases of feed wheat by Mexico.

U.S. wheat imports from July

through November were about 35 percent higher than the corresponding period in 1992. As a result, the import forecast for the United States was increased to 2.7 million tons.

A recent purchase of about 200,000 tons of feed wheat led to a similar increase in the import forecast for Mexico.

Latin America's projected imports were up 125,000 tons this month due to strong import demand from Guatemala and reduced crop expectations in Uruguay.

The import forecast for the Middle East was up one-half million tons, due to a 400,000-ton increase for Iran and a 200,000-ton boost for Yemen, combined with a 100,000-ton decline in the import forecast for Syria.

"Reported shipments to Iran total almost 1 million tons to date, and outstanding sales are currently about 1.7 million tons," it said. "As a result, the import forecast for Iran was increased from 2.5 to 2.9 million tons."

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Fruit exports have potential in China

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Red Delicious apples, red grapes and plums have excellent market potential in China, the Agriculture Department says in a report on world horticultural trade and U.S. export opportunities.

Other U.S.-grown fruits with potential in China include nectarines, citrus, cherries and cantaloupes, said the Foreign Agricultural Service.

"With direct trade now being established, it is hoped that marketing U.S. fruits in China will become easier," the report said, noting that demand in that country for imported fresh fruit is strong and growing.

"Trade sources estimate at least 20 percent of Washington state apples exported to Hong Kong are actually destined for China while at least 10 percent of U.S. table grapes are also transiting Hong Kong on route to China," it said.

Official U.S. export statistics set the value of U.S. fresh fruit exports to China in 1992 at zero while exports to Hong Kong reached a record level of \$131.5 million, the report noted. During the first 11 months of 1993, the value of U.S. fresh fruit exports to China were recorded at \$194,000.

But, the report said, "one has only

to step into the streets of many major urban areas in Guangdong province, China's wealthiest province, to find an abundant supply of U.S. fresh fruit, primarily Red Delicious apples, table grapes and plums, to realize that official statistics are not capturing the true extent of the trade and demand for imported fruit."

"While one should be cautious not to exaggerate the size of the market, the \$10 million figure may actually be conservative based on discussions with wholesalers," the report said.

Although China has the potential to be a large market for U.S. fresh fruit, it is itself a large producer of citrus, pears and apples, the report noted. Apple production in China is forecast at 7.1 million tons in 1993-94, up 8 percent from a year ago, making it the largest apple producing nation in the world, the report said.

"More than 90 percent of China's apple production is utilized for fresh domestic consumption," it said. "However, domestic traders claim that production is not yet sufficient to meet increasing demand. Chinese consumers have a decided preference for fresh fruit, and rising per capita incomes have resulted in strong demand for high quality fruit."

Ag enhancement loans available

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture's Linked Deposit Loan Program has \$2.7 million available in low interest loans for companies involved in enhancing the production, processing and marketing of certain crops, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

The Texas Legislature also expanded the program last year to include assistance for crops that have dropped markedly in production due to natural disasters and for water conservation equipment purchases used in crop production, Perry said. Until this change, only project involving ag processing and alternative crop or livestock production qualified for financing under the program.

"Low interest loans are offered by the Linked Deposit program at a minimal cost to taxpayers," Perry said. "And under the program's expanded guidelines, we can

encourage water conservation in agriculture and assist agricultural sectors that have been hurt severely by natural disasters."

The Legislature also increased the maximum loan amounts from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for production loans for alternative crops and from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for processing and marketing loans. Production crops affected by a natural disaster and water conservation loans are eligible for up to \$250,000 in loans.

Through the Linked Deposit Program, the state treasurer deposits funds at qualifying banks at less than prevailing rates, which enables banks to loan money at below market interest rates.

For more information about these loans write to: Linked Deposit Program, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or call (512) 475-1614 or 476-1619.

Minimum acreage limit removed for policies

AUSTIN — Farmers and ranchers who have small operations of 10 acres or less can now qualify for a farm and ranch owners policy after a 10-acre minimum requirement was removed earlier this month by the Texas Department of Insurance, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

The previous acreage restriction required, in some cases, the owners of small agricultural operations to

buy multiple policies for their homes, livestock and barns if they owned less than 10 acres.

"Removing this acreage restriction will help those involved in organic vegetable production and other niche ag markets such as emu and ostrich operations," Perry said.

"I applaud Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Hunter for eliminating this restriction."

Sheep and lamb inventory drops

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. sheep and lamb inventory at the first of this year totaled 9.08 million head, down 9 percent from the record low set the previous year.

The value of sheep and lambs totaled \$638.6 million, also 9 percent below a year earlier, said a recent report by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average value per head was \$70, 10 cents above a year earlier.

"Stock sheep inventory decreased to 7.24 million head on Jan. 1, 1994, down 11 percent from 8.14 million last year," the report said. "This is the lowest level ever recorded. Ewes one-year-old and older, at 5.79 million head, were down 10 percent. This compares with the previous record low of 6.42 million head set last year."

Sheep and lambs on feed for the slaughter market in the 27 major producing states totaled 1.84 million head, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

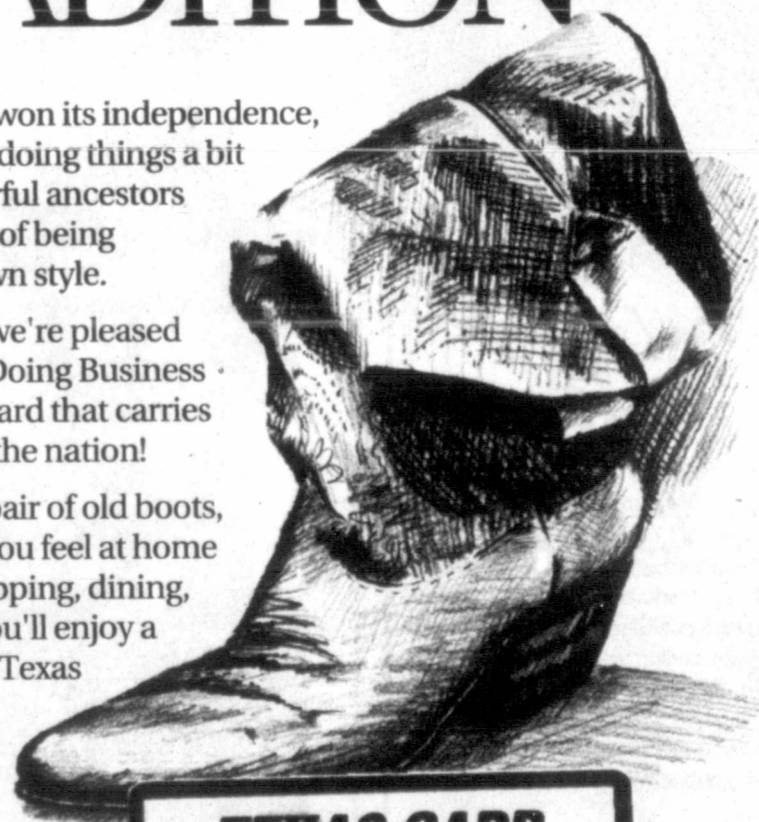
The 1993 lamb crop of 6.31 million head was down 13 percent from 1992, comparing with the lowest level of 7.21 million head set in 1988.

The 1993 lambing rate was 98 per 100 ewes one-year-old and older on hand, compared with 102 on hand as of Jan. 1, 1992.

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# USDA approves use of genetically altered cotton seeds

By CASSANDRA BURRELL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A California company says a new herbicide-resistant cotton seed it developed is a shining example of the advances agriculture can expect from genetic engineering.

Calgene Inc. of Davis, Calif., won approval from the Agriculture Department last week for the genetically altered seeds, which the company said could reduce the use of dangerous weed killers by as much as 40 percent.

But one scientific group said it wasn't impressed with the seed or with the fruits of biotechnology. Instead of reducing agriculture's dependence on chemicals, the seed will encourage greater use of one toxic chemical, bromoxynil, the Union of Concerned Scientists contended.

"This is not what biotechnology promised. It promised to get us out of herbicides," said Margaret Mellon, director of the group's agriculture and biotechnology programs. "Rather than moving us away from a chemically dependent agriculture, herbicide-tolerant crops deepen U.S. farmers' dependence on toxic chemicals."

USDA's approval removes all restrictions on the use of the seeds, which have been undergoing tests for four years. They are one of only a few genetically engineered products to receive government approval.

"That's basically because we haven't received all that many applications. It's a new field," said Brad Stone, a spokesman for the Food and Drug Administration.

The first plant product to be approved by USDA — a genetically altered tomato — also was created by Calgene. Flavr-Savr tomatoes were

engineered to stay ripe longer.

The department approved Calgene's application to grow them about a year ago, but the company is withholding them from the market while the FDA determines whether they are safe to eat.

The FDA also recently approved a genetically engineered hormone that makes cows produce more milk. The synthetic bovine growth hormone — or BGH — is made by Monsanto Co. and went on sale this month amid controversy.

The FDA, the American Medical Association and the National Institutes of Health have all pronounced BGH safe, but some consumers have said they don't want to drink the milk.

Calgene said its new cotton seeds — called BXN cotton — will save farmers money and production time.

The seeds could go on the market as early as 1995, spokesman John Callahan said.

Cotton farmers spend an estimated \$200 million a year for herbicides, but nevertheless lose about \$600 million in reduced yields because of weeds, the company said.

"We think this is a bellwether event for biotechnology," Callahan said. "Everyone knows what biotechnology can do for pharmaceuticals, but they haven't thought yet of what this can do for agriculture."

The new cotton contains the patented BXN bromoxynil-resistant gene, which dissolves bromoxynil, a weed killer that also kills cotton plants.

The added gene protects the plants, allowing farmers to use bromoxynil, a chemical used less frequently and at smaller doses than other herbicides. Farmers now control weeds with multiple applications of several different kinds of herbicides.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to PAMPA MANOR, L.P. (hereinafter referred to as the "Developer") will be received at the office of the consulting engineers, MERRIMAN & BARBER, 117 N. Frost Street, Pampa, Texas until 11:00 a.m., March 11, 1994 for the contract proposed to be let for furnishing material, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for "PAVING NORTH HOBART STREET AT PAMPA MANOR APARTMENT PROJECT".

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the engineer's office, 117 N. Frost Street, Pampa, Texas, at the above time and date. The bids will then be tabulated, checked and evaluated. A contract based on the best and lowest qualified bid will be awarded between the Developer and Bidder (Contractor). It shall be understood that work required to install the Storm Sewer portion of the project may not be done under this contract if the City of Pampa elects to do this work.

Plans, Specifications, Bidding Instruction and Contract Documents (including a schedule of the general prevailing rates wages) are on file for public examination and may be obtained from the office of MERRIMAN & BARBER, Consulting Engineers, Inc., 117 N. Frost Street, Pampa, Texas, 79065 (806/665-7171) without charge to interested bidders.

A Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Acceptable Bidder's Bond made payable without recourse to PAMPA MANOR L.P. in the amount of 5% of the total bid must accompany each bid as a guarantee if awarded the project the bidder will promptly enter into a contract.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish evidence of satisfactory qualifications to do this work and that he has sound financial capabilities.

The lump sum and unit prices shall be stated in both script and in figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating prices in the bids, the Developer reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done. Attention is called to the provisions of the Acts of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas concerning the wage scale and payment of prevailing wages established by this project.

No bid may be withdrawn for any reason for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids. The Developer reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality or irregularity in any bid received.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Pampa, Texas will receive sealed proposals for the following until 11:00 a.m., April 11, 1994 at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the City Finance Conference Room, City Hall, Pampa, Texas:

- General Liability Coverage
- Law Enforcement Coverage
- Public Officials Coverage
- Automobile Liability Coverage
- Property Coverage

Proposals and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, Phone (806) 669-5701.

Proposals may be delivered to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, Pampa, Texas or mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "INSURANCE COVERAGE PROPOSAL ENCLOSED, PR. OSAL NO. 93.04" and show date and time of proposal opening.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive any informalities or technicalities. The City Commission will consider proposals for award at the April 26, 1994 Commission Meeting.

Phyllis Jeffers  
City Secretary  
A-38 February 13, 20, 1994

Disconnect procedure of service will continue as previously established with the addition of a \$10.00 fee for reconection after 5 p.m. and harassment of employee/council member is a punishable offense for which charges may be pressed. \$42.07.

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Lefors ISD is taking bids on installation of football field lighting. Plans and specifications are available at Lefors School, 209 E. 5th Street or P.O. Box 390, Lefors, TX, 79054. Contact Fran Moore at 806-835-2533. Bid deadline and opening of bids in March 7, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.  
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### In Card of Thanks

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## Ag briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — First offenses which are serious violations against the Grain Standards Act, such as exporting without official inspections or weighing, may now be prosecuted as felonies rather than misdemeanors.

David Galliant, acting administrator of USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service, said the change results from reauthorization legislation enacted last Nov. 24.

The amendment gives the inspection service the means to effectively address severe violations of the act, he said.

Serious violations also include altering official samples or certificates, filing false load order factors or grades, loading grain to deceive official personnel and causing a false or incorrect certificate.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy has appointed 164 pork producers and six importers to the 1994 National Pork Producers Delegate Body to serve a one-year term.

The delegate body and the National Pork Board implement a national program designed to improve the marketing of pork. It is paid for by a mandatory assessment currently set at 0.35 percent of the market value of each hog sold in the United States.

Delegates meet annually to recommend the rate of assessment, determine the percentage of assessments that will go to state associations and nominate producers and importers to the 15-member National Pork Board.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agri-

culture Department is increasing some fees for its voluntary grading and inspection services paid for by the dairy industry.

The dairy grading program, like other industry-solicited grading programs, is paid for by user fees and must balance its income against costs, said Lon Hatamiya, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

The dairy fee increases, which became effective Feb. 9, included:

— From \$44.60 an hour to \$47.20 for intermittent grading and inspection services, with additional travel and per diem costs continuing to be charged.

— From \$39.60 an hour to \$42.20 for continuous resident grading and inspection — that is, for a grader-inspector permanently assigned to a plant.

## Champion pigs



In photo at top, Top O' Texas Livestock Show Grand Champion pig, shown by Amanda Freeman, center, White Deer FFA, was purchased by the Top O' Texas Pork Producers for \$1,000. Representing the pork producers are Weldon Waiser, left, and Art Rhine, right. In photo below, the Reserve Grand Champion pig, shown by Justin Freeman, White Deer FFA, was purchased by Herman Law of Dorman Tire Company for \$500. (Courtesy photos)



## To botanists, potato and tomato are the same

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tomatoes and potatoes don't seem to have much in common except a rhyme. But researchers say they actually are so much alike they belong in the same plant genus.

Agriculture Department and university scientists who collected wild potato and tomato plants and compared their genetic makeups say they both should be placed in the Solanum genus.

Originally, Swedish biologist Carl Linnaeus placed both vegetables in the Solanum genus, says a report in this month's issue of *Agricultural Research* magazine. But another scientist later moved tomatoes into the Lycopersicon genus.

"Scientists have debated the issue ever since," said the magazine, published by USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

David Spooner, a botanist with the service at its Vegetable Corps Research Unit in Madison, Wis., noted that most people don't think of tomatoes and potatoes as similar because the parts that are eaten appear to be so different.

It's not the fruits but the tubers that

grow on potato roots that are widely eaten.

"But in South America, it's not unusual to find a cherry tomato-size fruit growing on wild potato plants," said Spooner. "And wild tomatoes have small fruits that may never turn red and that have a color and shape similar to many wild potato fruits."

Spooner, Gregory J. Anderson of the University of Connecticut and Robert K. Jansen of the University of Texas examined the DNA from chloroplasts of 21 Solanum species, three Lycopersicon species and three other related genera. DNA is the molecule in an organism that contains its unique genetic pattern.

Chloroplasts are green structures in plant leaves that contain chlorophyll, which is involved in plant photosynthesis.

By comparing markers for certain genes, Spooner said, the scientists were able to match those genes among the various species — allowing them to establish how closely related potatoes and tomatoes are. They also based their finding on morphological traits such as the flowers and the form of the overall plant.

## Report: U.S. farm debt up slightly in 1993

WASHINGTON (AP) — Total U.S. farm debt rose slightly in 1993 but was still far below the peak of 1984, when the country's farmers were in the grip of a recession.

The 1993 figure of \$141.4 billion was up 1.5 percent from a year earlier.

The average interest rate on all outstanding farm debt declined from the 1982 high of 11.0 percent to an estimated 8.1 percent in 1993, said a report on agricultural income and finance by the Economic Research Service in the Agriculture Department.

It said interest rates on new loans are expected to increase modestly this year, with greater increases for non-real estate loans.

"Financial institutions serving agriculture experienced stable to improved conditions in 1993, and

some modest additional gains are expected in 1994," the report said.

Farm debt increased an estimated \$2.1 billion during 1993 and commercial banks, whose loan volume increased by 4 percent, comprised the leading category of farm lenders.

"A decrease in net farm income and modest growth in asset values in 1993 mean that farm borrowing is forecast to rise only 1 to 2 percent in 1994," the report said.

"This will be the fourth annual increase after six successive years of net debt retirement. Since 1990, farmers have added to their debt, but very cautiously, with total debt increasing only 2.9 percent by the end of 1993."

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# Elimination of state treasurer post is big issue among candidates in primaries

By MICHAEL HOLMES  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — In an unusual twist, the biggest issue in the race for state treasurer isn't how to best manage the state's money or whether the incumbent wants to move up to bigger things.

It's whether Texas needs a state treasurer at all.

Democrat Martha Whitehead, appointed to the \$79,247-a-year job last summer by Gov. Ann Richards, says the agency should be abolished and merged into the comptroller's office.

Her one Democratic primary opponent and both Republican hopefuls disagree.

"I truly believe that state officials ought to be responsive to the clear message that the taxpayers are sending: that we must indeed do more with less," Mrs. Whitehead said.

"The people of the state are truly desperate to see this kind of reform happen," she said, adding that combining the Treasury and comptroller's offices would save tax money and streamline the bureaucracy.

Her opponents see it differently, saying any savings could be matched without abolishing the century-old constitutional office.

"Contrary to what Mrs. Whitehead says, there are no benefits to merging. Any benefit achieved by merging could be done separately," said David Hartman, an Austin banker and GOP hopeful.

Whitehead said the main functions of her agency — with an approximately \$11 million-a-year operating budget

and about 250 employees — could be transferred to the comptroller's office.

Those jobs include investments, cash management and being custodian for unclaimed property and money that's turned over to the state, she said. The comptroller is the state's chief tax collector and provides state economic forecasts, along with other functions.

Because the treasurer's office is part of the Texas Constitution, eliminating it would require a constitutional amendment to be approved by two-thirds of the Legislature and by a majority of voters.

Whitehead said she would draft and support legislation to do away with the Treasury in the 1995 legislative session. She said she's already been talking with lawmakers and finding considerable support.

"I am convinced that we can save three out of every four dollars we currently spend ... on Treasury operations," she said.

A former Longview mayor, Whitehead, 53, was appointed treasurer after Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison was elected to the U.S. Senate on June 5.

In the March 8 Democratic primary, Whitehead faces Grady Yarborough,

57, a Tyler high school teacher, who says the treasurer's job is too important to abolish.

Yarborough was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican land commissioner nomination in 1990 and subsequently switched parties.

Both Republican candidates, Hartman and 17-year-old Mike Wolfe of Houston, also favor keeping the Treasury.

While opposing abolition of the office, Wolfe says he would trim the agency's staff and its budget. Wolfe, an 11th-grader, paid his \$3,000 filing fee and says he's a serious candidate, despite his youth. His inspiration was Ronald Reagan.

"His ideas about low taxes and items like that and a firm belief in God, in conservatism, are what inspired me. Growing up in the Reagan years, that would make any kid want to be a conservative, I hope," he said.

Profiles of the candidates for state treasurer in the March 8 primaries:

**DEMOCRATS**

Martha Whitehead, Age: 53. Residence: Longview.

Education: Honors graduate of Southern Methodist University; master's degree in health care management from East Texas State. Occupation: State Treasurer.

Political Background: Elected to the Longview City Council in 1987; won election for mayor in 1991; appointed treasurer by Gov. Ann Richards in 1993.

Quote: "I truly believe that state officials ought to be responsive to the clear message that the taxpayers are sending us: that we must indeed do more with less."

Grady Yarborough, Age: 57. Residence: Flint.

Education: Graduate of Texas College and Prairie View A&M; did graduate work at Chicago State College, Roosevelt College, East Texas State. Occupation: High school teacher.

Political Background: Lost bid for GOP land commissioner nomination in 1980.

Quote: "I don't believe being on the job six months qualifies her (Mrs. Whitehead) to make a judgment about an office that has been in operation 117 years."

**REPUBLICANS**

David Hartman, Age: 57. Residence: Austin.

Education: Graduate of Case Institute of Technology, MBA from Harvard. Occupation: Chairman, CEO of Hartland Bank.

Political background: First race for public office.

Quote: "Contrary to what Mrs.

Whitehead says, there are no benefits to merging (the Treasury and comptroller's office). Any benefit achieved by merging could be done separately."

Mike Wolfe, Age: 17. Residence: Houston.

Education: Currently attending high school. Occupation: Student.

Political Background: First bid for public office; student council parliamentarian at Northwest Academy in Houston.

Quote: "After I talk to people, they usually take me seriously."

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