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OPEC freezes oil output after failing to agree on cut

By SALLY JACOBSEN
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GENEVA (AP) — OPEC agreed to freeze oil production for the rest of the year Saturday after failing to find a formula to cut output and push prices up.

Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh called the accord "unfortunate" and criticized rival Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer, for refusing to accept proposals for sizable production cuts to prop up prices.

"This is the best we could have done under the circumstances," said Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer.

Analysts predicted prices would skid at least a dollar or two more a barrel because of the cartel's inability to act.

"This is certainly not the best solution to the problem," acknowledged OPEC Secretary-General Subroto at the end of two days of bargaining at a luxury hotel in Geneva.

With the markets awash with oil, prices are hovering near their lowest levels in five years. OPEC oil is selling for more than \$7

a barrel below the cartel's \$21 target.

The OPEC nations said they would freeze production at 24.5 million barrels a day, the current output ceiling, for the rest of the year. The group currently pumps about 300,000 barrels a day above that. Iraq, barred from selling oil since its invasion of Kuwait in 1990, refused to endorse the agreement.

In deciding to freeze pumping, the ministers were counting on demand rising later in the year when the weather turns cold in the United States and other oil-consuming nations.

Most analysts had predicted the cartel

would not be able to muster enough support for an output cut in order to drive up prices.

Saudi Arabia was unwilling to cut its pumping below its current rate of 8 million barrels a day, delegates said.

A report from the cartel's executive staff warned that prices could drop into the single digits if the ministers failed to act. Prices would improve only if production was slashed by more than a million barrels a day.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Erwin Arrieta said the officials decided against a cutback because they didn't want "to lose our place

in the market" to non-OPEC producers.

The cartel called on non-OPEC producers also to freeze production for the rest of the year. Some non-OPEC countries, including Oman, Russia, Egypt and Malaysia, had offered to make small cuts if OPEC would do the same. Britain and Norway, blamed for much of the surplus oil on the market, did not offer to cut their pumping.

The OPEC members are: Algeria, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

Education reform bill passes

Last minute vote to save \$105 million

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WASHINGTON (AP) — They had to stay past midnight to do it, but the Senate passed President Clinton's education reform bill in time to save states and schools \$105 million this year.

The Goals 2000 bill, passed 63-22, authorizes \$647 million for school reforms nationwide, including \$400 million in grants to states and local school agencies.

The vote early Saturday came after Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., organized a filibuster over the rewording of a school prayer provision. One by one, Helms' Republican supporters took to the nearly empty Senate floor to talk about education and subjects ranging from Whitewater to Somalia.

Helms' tactic, which delayed the start of a two-week Easter recess, ended after Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, threatened to bring Senators back on Monday if necessary to vote on the bill.

Helms didn't show up for the final hours of talk or the vote.

The urgency to pass the bill was the result of a provision that would have subtracted \$105 million in funding for states and local school districts this year if the measure did not become law by April 1. Congress doesn't return from vacation until April 11.

The House had already approved the bill, 306-121, after five days of debate.

Helms lost his bid to deny federal funds to schools that bar voluntary prayer. The compromise worked out by a House-Senate conference committee prevents federal money from being used to help school districts adopt policies preventing voluntary prayer and meditation.

The approved version could allow schools already restricting prayer or using their own money to restrict prayer to continue the practice.

Monster beaver on the prowl

MOLINE, Ill. (AP) — The sightings, the rippled water, a blurred photograph. A beastly beaver terrorizing this Mississippi River city has all the makings of the Loch Ness monster legend.

The 5-foot-long, 80-pound beaver is gnawing its way through marina docks and birch trees. But no one's been able to snap a clear photo and the beaver has eluded capture.

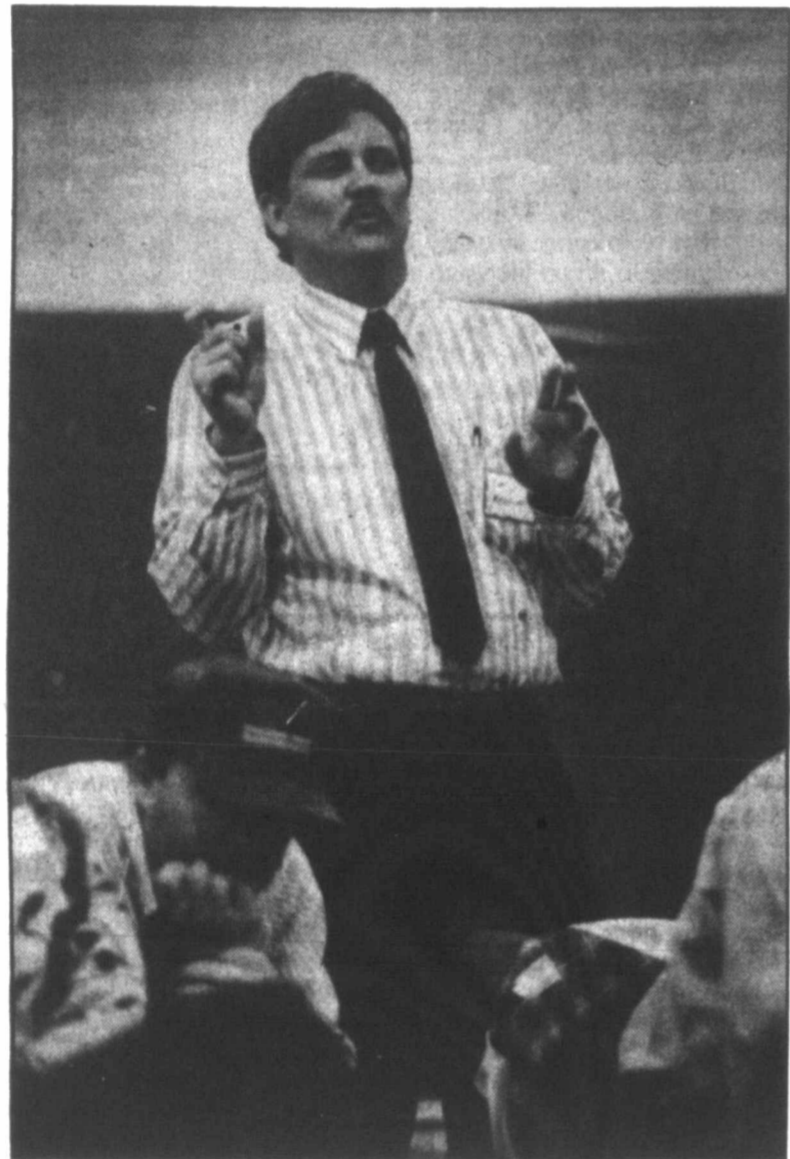
Some have dubbed the elusive beaver "Nessie" after the Scottish legend.

The beaver has expensive tastes: It has chewed \$1,000 in damage at Marquis Harbor Yacht Club since January. "It's pretty well-documented," said Brian Menage, assistant manager of Captain's Table restaurant at the marina.

Encyclopaedia Britannica said the aquatic rodents usually grow only up to 4-feet long and 60 pounds. Nessie's reported heftiness makes some skeptical.

"Yeah, right. The beaver that ate Moline," said visitor William Morris of Sterling.

Republicans, Democrats hold county conventions



Tom Mechler, left, talks to Gray County Republicans concerning term limits while State Representative Warren Chisum talks to Gray County Democrats about Richard Fisher, a candidate in the U.S. Senate race runoff. (Pampa News photo)

Republicans and Democrats gathered at their respective county conventions Saturday to select delegates for each of their state conventions in Fort Worth in June.

Approximately 35 Gray County Democrats convened for their county convention Saturday night in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium.

The convention selected delegates to represent Gray County at the Texas Democratic Convention June 3 and 4 in Fort Worth.

The delegation, headed by Gray County Democratic Chairman John Warner, includes Bill Graham, Kara Kay Skaggs, Judy Warner, Jim Greene, Jim Osborne, Brenda Moody, Billy Bruener, Bobby Johnson, Kathleen Greene and Tim Haigood.

The convention heard an overview of Democratic candidates running for statewide office

in the April 8 runoff from State Rep. Warren Chisum.

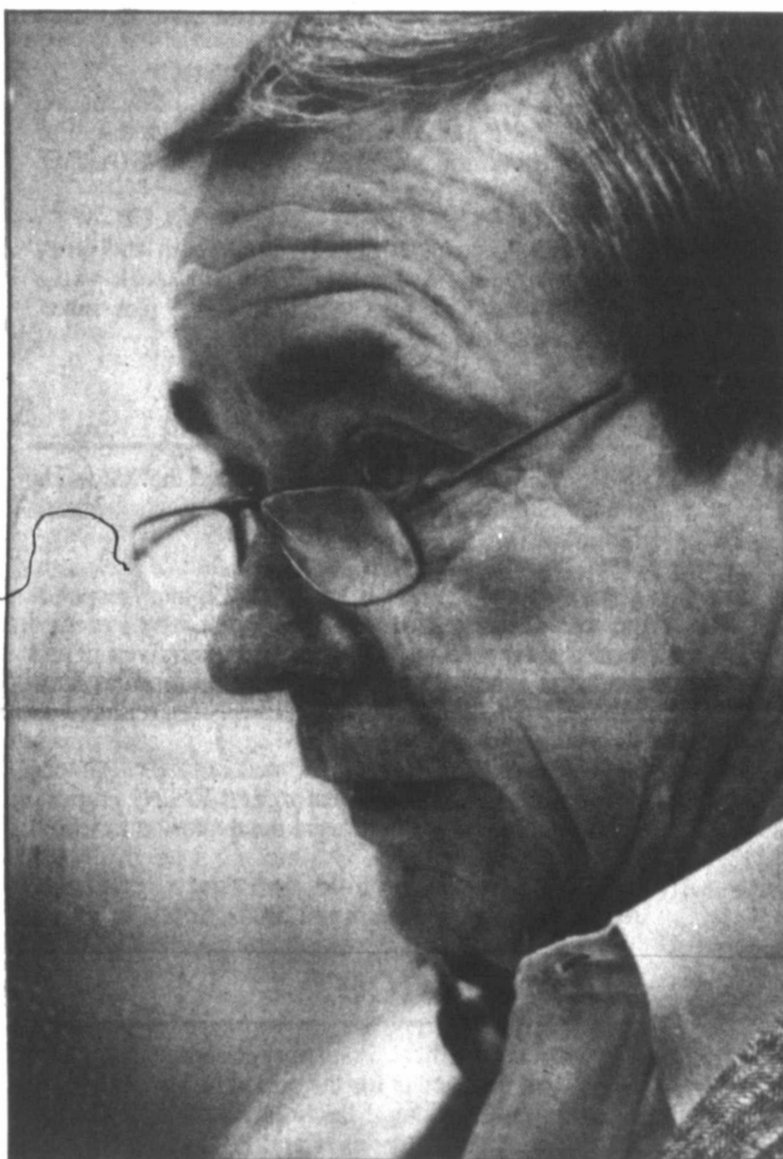
Jim Osborne praised the record of job creation by Gov. Ann Richards while Tracy Blades touted the governor's record on crime issues.

Delegates at the county convention also considered resolutions for submission to the state Democratic party.

The county convention passed a resolution calling for the Biblical theory of creation to be allowed for inclusion into the curriculum of classes in public schools that also teach evolution.

Delegates also defeated a resolution calling for the state Legislature to draw the district boundaries for elected judicial positions.

Sixteen Gray County Republicans were selected Saturday to represent the county at the state convention in June.



Sixteen alternates were also selected and a series of resolutions were passed for consideration at the state convention.

Tom Mechler, Richard Peet, Carl Kennedy, Cheryl Robbins, Deryl Robbins, Carolyn Stroud, Lonny Robbins, Jerry Guinn, Glenda Straub, Todd Alvey, Jolene Lewis, Majuanta Hills, Elizabeth Meers, Johnny Hoke, Marcia Hoover and Mary Duenkel were selected as delegates.

Carol Peet, Pat Kennedy, Gloria Robbins, Scott Nisbett, Mary Ann Carpenter, Maxine Watson, June Robbins, Kathryn Green, Wesley Green, Lynly Crawford, Lynn Crawford, Lewis Meers, Bobbie Nisbett, Johnny Carpenter, Benny Watson and Terry Ferguson were selected as alternate delegates to the state convention.

The 56 Republicans who gathered Saturday morning at Austin Elementary School also passed a series of resolutions to be considered at the state convention. The resolutions included supporting the constitutional right to bear arms, support of term limits for elected state officials, recognition of parental rights and responsibilities regarding sex education, support of student-led prayer in schools, support of restriction of abortion except when the mother's life is in danger and opposition to the teaching of homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle in public schools, according to Gray County Republican Chairman Tom Mechler.

The county convention also approved a resolution opposing the Outcome Based Education (OBE) curriculum, Mechler said.

The state Republican convention is scheduled for June 10 and 11 at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth.

Motel offers cash reward

There's money in telling the truth. Coronado Inn owner Mike Parker is offering a \$1,000 reward to witnesses who will give police information leading to a conviction in a recent armed robbery in which a gun-wielding, black-clad bandit made off with \$400 from a hotel clerk.

The hotel was reportedly robbed about 4 a.m. March 21 when a gunman threatened clerk Kim Fitzer before making off with the cash. He was described as a black male, 5-foot, 10-inches to six-foot tall, wearing a black bandana over his face, black jacket and pants. The weapon was described as a blue steel automatic pistol.

Fitzer told police that she was shoved to the floor and injured slightly before the robber ran away on foot.

Anyone with information about the robbery should contact Det. Terry Young at the Pampa Police Department, 669-5700, or call Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

Middle school students treated after taking stimulants

AUSTIN (AP) — Six Austin area middle school students were hospitalized briefly after taking excessive doses of over-the-counter stimulants, authorities said.

A similar case was reported earlier this week in Amarillo, where five teen-age girls reported breathing trouble and abnormal pulses after ingesting large amounts of "Go Power" pills.

In Austin, the students from Burnett Middle School were taken to area hospitals for treatment and then released.

The students became sick after taking large doses of Mini-Thins, which are described on the label as bronchial dilators for asthma. Bronchial dilators help open the bronchial tubes in the lungs of people who have asthma. They also can cause a rapid heartbeat.

Dr. Brian Dillon, an emergency room physician at Brackenridge Hospital who treated three of the students, said the girls thought the pills would get them high.

Dillon said each pill contained 25 milligrams of an amphetamine-like stimulant called ephedrine. He said it is not a controlled substance. He said the drug, taken in sufficient quantities, could cause a heart attack, stroke or seizure.

Meanwhile, in Amarillo, a chain of convenience stores has pulled a similar product, Go Power, from its shelves after five teen-age girls became sick from taking too many of the pills.

Greg Mitchell, Toot'n Totum vice president, said he removed the entire line of Go Power products, which includes diet pills and decongestants.

"If there's a chance somebody could be hurt, then we don't want to risk it," Mitchell said. "But it may be very temporary — we don't know yet."

The 14- and 15-year-old Tascosa High School students took five to nine pills apiece Thursday in hopes of boosting their energy during a physical education class, police said. The girls became ill with breathing trouble and abnormal pulses.

A spokesman from the Poison Control Center said Go Power comes in several forms, including one that contains ephedrine.

Lawyer suggests gunman didn't act alone

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — The man who investigators say confessed to killing Mexican presidential candidate Luis Donald Colosio has suggested that he did not act alone, his attorney said.

Mario Aburto Martinez, who was charged with first-degree murder on Friday, refused to tell investigators whether he had accomplices, but indicated that other people may have been involved, said Xavier Carvajal, a lawyer who represented Aburto during a three-hour interrogation.

"He never said who, but he insinuated that others were involved," Carvajal said Friday. "However, he gave no reasons, no names, no places."

In a similar report, a respected Mexico City newspaper, La Jornada, said Saturday that Aburto told authorities of contacts with various "armed groups" elsewhere in the country, but didn't elaborate.

Colosio, the candidate of the rul-

ing Institutional Revolutionary Party, was shot twice at a campaign rally in Tijuana on Wednesday. He died hours later.

Aburto told investigators he only wanted to wound Colosio and call attention to his own pacifist views,

according to Carvajal and Jose Luis Perez Canchola, the state human rights ombudsman who was also at the questioning.

Aburto, who worked and lived in both Mexico and the United States, apparently was politically active in the two countries.

Although he was not a legal U.S. resident, Los Angeles County records indicate he was registered as a Democrat and may have voted in U.S. elections. He had Mexican voting credentials as well, Tijuana news reports said.

Mexican federal law enforcement officials say Aburto was the only gunman, but they have not discussed a motive or ruled out a plot involving others.

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Police department, schools cooperate to combat violence among youths

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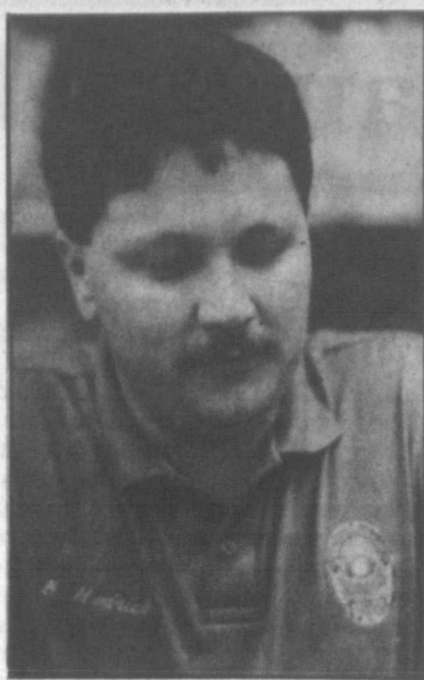
Pampa Police Department Officer Bryan Hedrick has gone back to school.

The youthful looking officer, often dressed in a Harvester green shirt and tan slacks, has been assigned by the department to work as a school resource officer to discourage youth violence and drug use on and off campus.

A main focus of Hedrick's work is heading off fights between students. In conjunction with Pampa Independent School District, which has adopted a zero tolerance policy for on-campus violence, Hedrick sees that offenders are hustled off to Municipal Court for trial.

"If you fight on the school grounds, you got to answer to the law and you got to answer to the school," said Police Chief Chuck Flemins.

A coalition of law enforcement agencies including the police department, county attorney's office, city



Bryan Hedrick

together when dealing with campus violence.

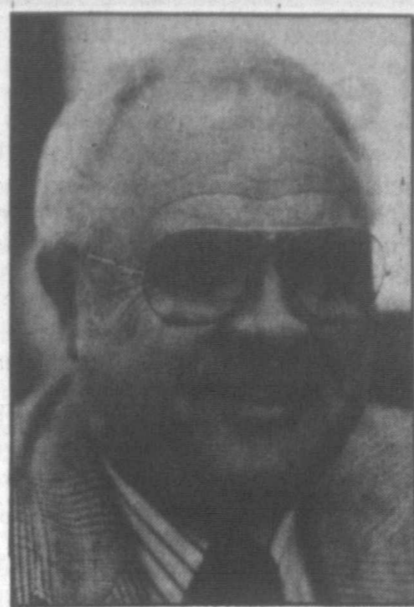
An unexpected benefit to the zero tolerance policy coupled with Hedrick's near constant school presence is that students approach him daily for help solving their problems, Hedrick said.

It is no longer "chicken" to avoid a fight, said Flemins, it is uneconomical to fight. A municipal court fine for fighting may run \$250, he said.

Flemins said that youth violence began to rise noticeably about two years ago when "ICU 'em" became the slogan some used to refer to serious assault injuries.

Flemins said the department tracked a 60 percent reduction in school fights since Hedrick went on the job full time in the fall. That accompanies a 55 to 60 percent reduction in calls received reporting students fighting off the school grounds.

From Sept. 1, 1993 until now, there have been 48 arrests, in and out of school, of people under the age of 18. That compares to 191



Chuck Flemins

arrests of those 18 and under from Sept. 1, 1992 to Aug. 31, 1993, and does not include arrests on school grounds. From four to five fights a week at Pampa High and Pampa Middle School previously, officers have now tallied 11 fights in the 25

weeks since school began.

"That's an unheard of cut," Flemins said.

Hedrick is paid through a grant funded by the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office. Flemins is optimistic that funding for the school resource officer will continue.

On March 15, the criminal justice review board of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission gave the go-ahead to present the grant request to the next level for approval. If it passes the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, it will be passed next to the Governor's Office for consideration.

Another facet of Hedrick's job includes gathering information about local gang activity or out-of-town attempts to recruit local young people for their gangs.

Flemins said that he's aware of three gang members, one each from Amarillo, Kansas and Wisconsin, who moved to Pampa and began to try to organize local residents. Because the system from police to

prosecutor to adjudication worked so well, the gang recruiters were forced to take their efforts to other places.

Five different gangs were identified in Pampa in 1993, Flemins said. "In our territory, you're looking at more 'wanna-bes,'" he said.

Gangs are not an organized threat in Pampa, Flemins said, though he notes the gang is really an alternative family.

"If one turns to gang mentality, you have a problem," Hedrick said.

On the weekends, Hedrick works the downtown drag manning a video camera to catch underage drinkers and carousers.

"That's our push now - alcohol," Flemins said.

Statistics point to alcohol as the up-and-coming pervasive problem for young people, Flemins said. During the summer, Hedrick will be assigned to the criminal investigation division to address alcohol purchases by minors and minors who drink and to investigate adults who provide alcohol for minors.

County officials review community justice plan

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
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Gray County is set to continue into 1995 with a community justice plan which includes literacy training, community service restitution, and drug and alcohol treatment for probationers, said Jean Roper, director of the community supervision and corrections department.

The community justice plan was unanimously approved last week by members of the Gray County Community Justice Council and Task Force who oversee policy implemented in the program.

In the plan presented Thursday to members of the council, Roper said that besides continuing programs underway in her department, she intends to apply for funding for a staff member to conduct field surveillance of probationers and also coordinate their community service restitution hours.

Roper told the council that probation officers carry over 100 cases each and are unable to be in the field often enough. It is important, she said, to see the environment in which probationers live and to communicate with their employers and schools.

As a term of probation, felony offenders may be assigned to do a specific number of community service restitution hours, said District Judge Lee Waters. The Optimist Club utilizes probationers for community service as well as Salvation Army, Tralee Crisis Center, Meals on Wheels, Red Cross and Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. A coordinator might also provide transportation and supervision for probationers who are completing their required service, Roper said.

Besides those already on probation, 20 people have been assigned to pre-trial diversion which includes community service restitution hours. If they are successful in com-

pleting the terms of diversion, they may avoid pending felony criminal charges, Roper said.

Assistant District Attorney Tracey Blades told the council that of the 20 assigned, only one named to pre-trial diversion had failed to meet his requirements and had charges continued instead of dropped.

Roper told the council that she believes there is a high probability the position will be funded through a state grant.

Roper was instructed by the council to draft a letter to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice urging them to name an executive director. She also noted that the closest state jail scheduled for construction is in Jack County.



From left, Mandy Wells, Sarah Bruce, Shanna Jameson and Deanna Dreher participated in the Women in Science Endeavors conference in Amarillo this month. (Pampa News photo)

Middle school students learn about science careers

Four students from Pampa Middle School recently traveled to a conference in Amarillo to hear professional females discuss career opportunities in a variety of scientific fields.

Mandy Wells and Sarah Bruce, both seventh graders, and Shanna Jameson and Deanna Dreher, both eighth graders, traveled to Crockett Elementary School in Amarillo on March 5 as part of the Women in Science Endeavors program.

"It's great to see that they were excited about this," said Margaret Williams, a science teacher at the middle school.

As part of the WISE program, the students in attendance had the opportunity to not only hear from female representatives in a variety of scientific field, but they

also got a chance to get some hands on experience.

By actually participating in the discussions, Williams said the students became more interested and more attentive.

The students that attended the conference seemed to agree. In all for cases they said they enjoyed the experience.

Specifically some of the scientific fields discussed by speakers included veterinary medicine, aerospace education, physical education, electronics and microbiology.

The conference was sponsored by a coalition of Amarillo businesses, Amarillo Independent School District, Region XVI Education Science Center and the Don Harrington Discovery Center.

Bumble Bee recalls cans of tuna from 17 western states

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Bumble Bee Seafoods is recalling cans of tuna in 17 Western states, saying the cans may have been damaged and could cause the fish to spoil.

There is little health risk and the recall is a precaution, Bumble Bee said.

Recalled were the company's multi-pack, plastic-wrapped 6 1/8-

ounce cans of solid white tuna in water.

The states where damaged cans may have been sold are Alaska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Damaged cans may not be appar-

ent to consumers, the company said, so it is asking customers who purchased any of the tuna in question since August to return it to the store where it was bought for a refund.

Consumers with questions can call the company at 1-800-437-4767.

Amish man convicted in wife's death

MEADVILLE, Pa. (AP) - An Amish man who beat his wife to death and cut out her intestines was convicted of a lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter Saturday.

The jury rejected Edward Gingerich's insanity defense, finding him "guilty but mentally ill" of manslaughter. A judge will decide whether to send Gingerich to a mental hospital or to prison for up to four years.

Gingerich, who was charged with murder, admitted to killing his wife, Katie, on March 18, 1993, in Rockdale Township, about 100 miles north of Pittsburgh. He beat her, kicked her in the head with heavy work boots and then used a kitchen knife to remove her organs, according to trial testimony.

Gingerich's lawyer said his client thought he was possessed by the devil because he had headaches, and that he was too mentally ill to know what he was doing.

The Crawford County Common Pleas jury deliberated for about four hours. Sentencing was set for April 15.

"He'll either be in a mental hos-

pital or a prison," said Assistant District Attorney Wes Rowden. "It's important that he'll be getting treatment."

Gingerich's family had him examined at several hospitals because of his bizarre behavior, such as crawling on the floor and barking like a dog.

He was hospitalized twice for mental problems, most recently for 10 days in 1992. He was given schizophrenia medication both times, but was not taking any at the time of the murder.

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Skellytown First Baptist Church sets revival

SKELLYTOWN - The First Baptist Church of Skellytown, 306 Roosevelt, will be holding revival services today through Wednesday.

Evangelist will be Bill Wright of Plains.

Leading the music for the revival services will be Sherman and Tammy Aten of Floydada.

Services today will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, there will be a special noon service and evening service at 7 p.m. daily during the revival.

Pastor Rob Lackey said everyone in the Skellytown area is invited to attend any or all of these special spring revival services.

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White House aides questioned hiring of former GOP prosecutor

By RICHARD KEIL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two top White House officials challenged a government agency's hiring of a former Republican prosecutor to probe a failed Arkansas savings and loan now at the center of the Whitewater investigation, according to government sources.

Senior White House officials George Stephanopoulos and Harold Ickes placed a conference call Feb. 25 to a ranking Treasury Department official to express outrage over the decision of the Resolution Trust Corp. to retain former GOP prosecutor Jay B. Stephens, RTC sources said. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

Stephens, who sharply criticized the Clinton administration after being fired as U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia last March, was hired to

handle possible civil suits growing out of the failure of Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan.

Stephanopoulos, in an interview with CNN, said he was "just trying to get information" and that he had expressed anger at the hiring of Stephens.

"Do I wish now that I hadn't have gotten angry, that I hadn't blown off steam? Of course I do," he said. "I wish I hadn't gotten angry."

He said he would not resign. White House spokesman Jeff Eller said the president and Chief of Staff Mack McLarty both had confidence in Stephanopoulos.

Eller described Clinton's reaction to the latest reports of contacts between the White House and federal regulators as "matter of fact."

Clinton administration aides have long regarded Stephens as a zealous political opponent of President Clinton and the two officials are said

to have described his appointment in the Whitewater affair as "an outrageous choice."

The Washington Post and Time Magazine reported that Stephanopoulos and Ickes asked Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman, the acting head of the RTC, "Can anything be done about it? Is it final?"

Time also said it learned that special counsel Robert Fiske has asked a grand jury in Washington to explore the question of whether the two officials used their influence to try to have Stephens fired.

The magazine quoted an unidentified administration official as speculating that the grand jury investigation could lead to one or more indictments for obstruction of justice.

It quoted Stephanopoulos as saying he merely asked Altman how Stephens came to be hired, adding that he "blew off steam over the unfairness of that decision."

Stephanopoulos did not return a message left on his answering machine Saturday.

Stephens was one of 93 Republican U.S. attorneys, all hired by former President Bush, who were fired by Clinton in February 1993. Stephens maintained the action was aimed at undercutting an investigation he was conducting.

Time reported that Joshua Steiner, the Treasury Department chief of staff, will be questioned by the grand jury this week about his own notes, contained in a personal diary, of a phone call with Stephanopoulos similar to the one Altman received.

But sources at the Treasury Department, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Steiner kept no such notes on that phone call.

Stephanopoulos, speaking to CNN of his conversation with Steiner, said, "I was very puzzled by this decision

(to hire Stephens) and I blew off steam because I thought it was unfair. ... But once I got the facts from Josh about the retention, that ended the matter as far as I was concerned."

He said his only recollection of the conversation with Altman was that he asked him "to explain his decision to recuse himself from all of the matters, and I suggested that as a courtesy to the president he write a note explaining the decision."

White House Counsel Lloyd Cutler issued a statement saying he did not know all the facts because Fiske had asked White House officials not to interview the participants in the phone conversation.

"What I do know is that Mr. Stephens was an outspoken political opponent of the president and it was perfectly natural that White House officials would be surprised by his appointment to look into the Madison Guaranty matter," Cutler said

in a statement delivered to reporters.

"As with other discussions with Treasury officials, it certainly would have been better had these conversations not occurred."

Cutler said he is confident such conversations won't be repeated because of recent orders directing White House officials to maintain a "firewall" between themselves and the Whitewater probe.

"At the same time, these conversations should not be blown out of proportion," Cutler said. "No one has suggested that any action was taken to remove Mr. Stephens. And of course he is still conducting the RTC's civil inquiry at this time."

Senate GOP leader Bob Dole said Saturday that news of the phone call "underscores the need for congressional hearings into the Whitewater-Madison affair and this administration's handling of it."

Search on for explosion's cause

EDISON, N.J. (AP) — Federal investigators said Saturday they found a gouge several inches long at the point in a natural gas pipeline where it exploded, causing a fire that flattened part of an apartment complex.

National Transportation Safety Board member John Lauber told reporters the dent could have been caused by a rock or construction work and could have been there since the pipeline was installed in 1961. There has been no construction work in the area recently, he said.

NTSB investigators spent Friday inside the 60-foot-deep crater created by the blast. They found the deformed piece of .675-inch thick steel pipe attached to the jagged edges of the 36-inch diameter pipeline jutting from either end of the gaping hole, Lauber said.

Searching by hand with the aid of metal detectors, investigators had recovered by Friday night about 50 feet of the 80-foot stretch of pipeline that exploded. They hope to reconstruct the damaged section, and the deformed piece of pipe will be sent to a board laboratory in Washington, Lauber said.

Lauber cautioned that attributing the explosion to the gouge was premature but such dents "can lead to stresses which can eventually lead to a fracture."

The agency is reviewing inspection records of Texas Eastern Transmission Corp., the pipeline's operators, to see whether there was any indication of the gouge, Lauber said.

The blast, around 12:05 a.m. Thursday, sent a fireball 300 feet into the air and could be seen and felt as far away

as New York City and Bucks County, Pa. The fire flattened eight buildings, leaving 300 homeless and another 1,200 residents temporarily displaced. None of the residents were killed, but 80 were injured.

The last missing residents of the apartment complex were located Friday, Mayor George Spadaro said. Earlier, rescue workers and dogs had combed the wreckage three times and found no evidence of human remains. "It's extraordinary," said Spadaro. "We're thrilled. When I first saw the site I was very concerned. It's really something that we were able to get everybody out."

A resident of a nearby apartment complex, 32-year-old Sandra Snyder, died of a heart attack while watching the evacuation.

Officials were opening a relief center this morning in an industrial park near the complex, where local, state and federal agencies were set to help the victims with everything from drivers licenses to food stamps and insurance claims.

Residents of apartment buildings deemed safe were scheduled to be bused back in this afternoon. But glitches in the plan developed early. Police Lt. Robert Ellmyer said a gas leak was found in one apartment. Many small leaks are likely to be found in stoves knocked askew by the impact of the explosion and fire, he said.

Small Business Administration officials, after touring the site Friday, declared residents of the complex eligible for federal disaster loans to offset an estimated \$23 million in damage.

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Will PCs become as common as VCRs?

By VIVIAN MARINO
 AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — With a flick of a switch and a click of a key or two, today's families can balance their checkbooks, message friends around the world, compose music, even study mating calls of exotic birds.

The technological advances in personal computers have made all this and much more possible. Yet only a third of the 96 million U.S. households are plugged into that world.

Many of the unplugged confess they're scared by the sight of a "mouse," not to mention a keyboard, monitor and modem. They're perplexed by the techno-jargon of bits, bytes, baud, RAM, ROM, DOS.

Part of the problem lies with the computer industry, which in the past catered mainly to experienced commercial users. Individuals were dismissed as "dead-end" users, a term technicians used for the painfully obvious questions novices could pose.

But that has rapidly changed as high-tech firms, nearing a saturation point in the corporate market, turn to consumers as a source of business. The technology has also made computers more powerful for less money.

"The PC industry has historically never really addressed consumers," said Rick Martin, director of product marketing for Compaq Computer Corp. "We have to tell our story to the people ... and explain all the benefits of having a PC in the first place. Then we have to provide the technology to do those things."

"Our goal is to go after the two-thirds of the households that don't have a computer."

To tap into that market, Compaq has been heavily marketing its Presario PC brand, unveiled last summer with individuals and small businesses in mind. It includes all-in-one-units that require no assembly, a software program that organizes computer files like a notebook and easy-to-read manuals.

Gateway 2000, a mail-order company, has been "advertising in magazines that we have never advertised in before — more consumer-oriented magazines," said Wendell Watson, a company spokesman.

Consequently, he said, sales have been brisk for its recently introduced Family PC, which comes equipped with a "multimedia" package that includes a CD-ROM player and speakers that allow users to both see and hear information from their software programs.

Other companies, including industry leaders like International Business Machines Corp. and Apple Computer Inc., have made their equipment easier to use and more fun to operate. Their lightweight laptop PCs pack the same punch as the larger desktops but can be used just about anywhere.

Improved software has helped. A standard installation in many machines now is the Windows program created by Microsoft Corp., which lets users point to on-screen pictures to tell the computer what to do.

Windows has made it easier to work with the computer's disk operating system, or DOS, the cumbersome foundation software that tends to be the basic functioning of all IBM-compatible computers.

"The technology has come a long way in a relatively short time. You can do so much with your PC," said Lawrence J. Magid, author of the "The Little PC Book," written for PC novices.

While technological advances have leaped, prices have fallen. Today, a fast, well-equipped PC unit can be purchased for between \$1,200 and \$2,000, with portable units costing about a third more than desktops.

About a year ago, the average PC sold for around \$3,000. Four years ago, it cost around \$5,000. Six years ago it wasn't even available.

The normal reaction may be to wait until technological advances bring down prices even more. But Magid's book recommends, "If you need a computer now, buy one. If you wait a year or two, you'll save money or wind up with a more powerful system, but think of the opportunities you'll have missed."

Magid says the safest bet is to avoid both the ultra-high end models and last year's leftovers. "You should try to buy as much technology as you can afford ... It's sometimes more expensive to upgrade," he added in a recent interview.

Before shopping, decide what you want a PC for: Will it be used mainly as a word processor for occasionally working at home? To organize family finances? Help with your children's homework? Play games? Perhaps a little of each?

The initial choice boils down to either an IBM compatible PC or an Apple Macintosh. Either will do the job; the main difference is each uses its own proprietary software and the IBM standard is more prevalent. (Apple recently has introduced Macintoshes that are IBM-compatible, however.)

While it's not necessary to fully understand a computer's components to run one, it's helpful to

become familiar with basic functions to make a more educated choice.

You'll need to know two key things: how powerful a PC is and its memory capacity.

The power, or main computing work, comes from the microprocessing chip, the computer's brain. IBM compatibles operate on the 8086-80486 family of chips or the new Pentium chip by Intel Corp. A chip's ability to process data depends on the level of megahertz. The higher the number, the faster the speed.

Each PC has random access memory, or RAM, which is where the computer stores programs and files in use. It also contains what's known as a hard disk, which acts as a warehouse by holding all data. Storage capacity is expressed in megabytes, with 1 MB storing 1 million characters. Again, the higher the number, the more information can be handled and the more you do with your PC.

Among the other important features: floppy disk drives, which provide access to data from card-like disks known as floppies inserted into the computer; the monitor, which displays data on a screen; the keyboard and hand-manipulated devices known as the mouse, which give the computer commands; the modem, which carries data over phone lines and lets users access on-line services; and the CD-ROM drive, which plays disks that contain multimedia programs.

Experts recommend a PC with nothing lower than a 386 chip, at least 4 MB of RAM and a hard drive with a minimum 105 MB.

They urge novices to buy from reputable dealers or manufacturers with a strong technical support system and warranty. Some suggest joining a local PC user group.

"New users always need a little extra reassurance," said Richard Schinnell, president of Capital PC User Group in Rockville, Md., among the largest of the nation's 1,000 user groups.

Capital, which offers a magazine and telephone hotline, has seen membership expand from 30 in 1982 to around 5,000 today.

Andrew Bose, vice president of the research group Link Resources, predicts PC usage will grow through the decade and that 60 percent of all households will own a computer by the year 2000.

"It will rival ... consumer electronics such as the compact disc player and basic cable television," Bose said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — The writer recently purchased her family's first PC, a Gateway 2000 with an Intel 486 microprocessor and 8 MB of RAM.

Citizens Bank and Trust Co. names assistant vice president, head teller

Larry J. Orman, president of Citizens Bank and Trust Company, announced the election of Daisy L. Bennett to the new position of assistant vice president and the promotion of Jeri Joiner to head teller.

"These new appointments reflect our commitment to providing a high level of customer service and will help support the growth of our bank," Orman said. "We are proud to be adding a fine new member to our team and to be honoring a long-time employee with a well deserved promotion."

Bennett has extensive financial institution experience gained during a 24-year career, including many years at Security Federal Savings and Loan. At Citizens, she will initially provide managerial support for the teller department. Her other responsibilities will include regulatory compliance and procedural analysis. In addition to her experience in these areas, she has also served as a mortgage loan officer and assistant branch manager.

"Daisy brings a wealth of experience to Citizens Bank and Trust," Orman said. "We feel very fortunate to have her join us and we look forward to her many contributions."

A native of Arnett, Okla., Bennett has been a Pampa resident since 1970. She is active in the Pampa community as a member of Altrusa International, the United Way and First Baptist Church. She attended Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Okla. She is married to William L. Bennett and has two children, Stacy, 26, and Monty, 19.

As head teller, Joiner will supervise all lobby and drive-in tellers at Citizens Bank and Trust. A long-time employee, Joiner joined Citizens Bank and Trust in 1980 as a Vocational Office Education (VOE) student. She has held positions in several bank departments including bookkeeping, tellers, and loans.

She is married to Warren Joiner and has one son, Joshua, 4. Joiner assumed the duties of head teller on March 1.

Citizens Bank and Trust Company was founded in 1940 and has total assets in excess of \$70 million. The bank recently held a grand re-opening to celebrate the extensive remodeling of their facilities on West Kingsmill Street in downtown Pampa.

PC buying tips

By The Associated Press

A few PC buying tips:

- Decide on an IBM compatible or an Apple Macintosh. To help determine which one, ask an employer or local school system what they use.
- Decide on the use for the computer. Are you setting up a home office, or looking to organize your household finances?
- Pick your components based on those needs. Someone interested mainly in word processing won't need a machine loaded with embellishments.
- Select a reputable dealer. Retail stores usually charge the

most but offer the best service, while discounters have better prices with less support. Mail-order buying can offer bargains, though support services vary.

- Consider used equipment. Check ads in newspapers and consumer magazines. The American Computer Exchange matches buyers and sellers. (1-800-786-0717).
- Do your homework. Books like "The Little PC Book," and the "Dummies" series are helpful. For added support take a computer class or join a PC user group. The Association of Personal Computer Users provides a list of local groups. (914-876-6678).

Pampa's Sonic Drive-in honored for 1993 operational performance

Sonic Drive-Ins honored its own at a recent convention in Albuquerque, N.M. Among the honorees were the crew and management of the Pampa Sonic Drive-In.

Managing partners Kim and Terry Wells, along with retiring Herman Kelly accepted an award on behalf of the Pampa Sonic crew. The award acknowledged the drive-in's outstanding operational performance in 1993.

New Mexico Sonic Chief Executive Officer Barbara Stammer said, "We are very proud of the job the Sonic crew in Pampa is doing. The efforts of the entire crew reflect a pride in their work and a winning attitude."

While accepting the awards, the Welles and Kelly praised the Sonic crew and Pampa area customers for their loyal support and cooperation.

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Pampa UPS driver Jim Bruton honored for 10 years safe driving

Jim Bruton, a delivery driver for United Parcel Service, recently was recognized by the company for completing 10 years of safe driving without an accident.

Bruton works out of the Pampa UPS facility located at 2015 Alcock.

"Safe driving is a way of life," commented Safety Manager Scott Barker. "In my experience a safe driver at work for UPS is also a safe driver at home. It is an attitude that cannot be turned

on and off at will; rather, it is an integral part of the character of a UPS driver."

The U.S. Department of Transportation has issued the following statement: "A corporate commitment to safety backed up with a comprehensive safety program has helped United Parcel Service achieve a highway safety record considerably above the industry average."

Bruton was presented the 10-year safe driving award at a ceremony honoring his achievement.

NACE to meet Tuesday in Amarillo

The Panhandle Section of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) will meet Tuesday at the Coulter's Restaurant in the Amarillo Inn, 1610 S. Coulter, in Amarillo, across Coulter west from the High Plains Baptist Hospital.

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Potting trees



Surrounded by pots and potting soil, Curt Beck, above, was one of the Pampa Rotarians who turned out to pot 3,000 trees that will eventually be placed around town. Right, Dr. Joe Lowry inspects one of the twigs potted Saturday by the Rotarians. The trees will be kept at the city's Water Station No. 3 until next fall, then made available to church groups and organizations for planting in public places. Those saplings not picked up by private organizations will be planted by the City of Pampa. (Pampa News photos)



Conference bans all toxic waste exports

GENEVA (AP) — After years of dumping their toxic wastes in poor countries, industrialized nations agreed Friday to ban the practice despite opposition from the United States, Japan and Germany. The decision was seen as a victory for environmental groups and Third World nations, which have argued that they should not be used as garbage dumps for potentially poisonous products from industrialized nations. With space running out for dumping toxic waste and local opposition to such dumps growing, wealthy nations have increasingly sent waste abroad. Some developing nations in need of money have continued to accept shipments, while others have imposed a formal ban but lack the

resources to monitor it. The ban on waste exports for final disposal — incineration or burial — was made effective immediately. Exports of wastes for recycling, about 90 percent of toxic-waste exports, will be illegal as of Dec. 31, 1997. "At last, the loophole of being able to export waste under the guise of recycling will be eliminated," said Kevin Stairs of the environmental group Greenpeace. The U.N. conference's chairman, Chris Lamb of Australia, hailed the ban but conceded it would not prevent illegal shipments. It is up to individual governments to take action against companies that try to dump their waste secretly abroad. The United Nations estimates about

400 million tons of hazardous waste are produced every year, 98 percent of it in the 24 wealthy nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The five-day conference was held to review a hazardous waste treaty that has been ratified by 64 nations. The United States has not ratified the treaty and was at the conference as an observer. The U.S. delegation leader, Rafe Pomerance, said it was not clear whether the total ban would deter Congress from ratifying the treaty. A bill now before Congress would ban hazardous waste exports to developing countries in six months and phase out exports to other countries over five years.

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Duke is back in Final Four

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Duke muzzled the Big Dog and is back in the Final Four.

The second-seeded Blue Devils shackled Glenn Robinson like no one else had all season and beat top-seeded Purdue 69-60 Saturday night in the Southeast Regional championship game to advance to the Final Four for the seventh time in nine years.

They are unbeaten in seven regional final games under coach Mike Krzyzewski and this one comes after a second-round exit last year as two-time defending champions.

Robinson, the nation's leading scorer at 30.8 points per game and who had averaged 36 points in his three NCAA tournament games, finished with a season-low 13 points and for just the third time this season he didn't lead the Boilermakers (29-5) in scoring.

Duke, meanwhile, got a big game from freshman Jeff Capel, who stepped up to score 19 points.

The Blue Devils (27-5) will play the winner of Sunday's East Regional championship between Florida and Boston College next Saturday in Charlotte, N.C.

The Duke-Purdue game was hyped as the matchup of All-Americans Robinson and Grant Hill. It was, except neither came near his scoring average and Hill dominated where he usually does, on the defensive end. He guarded Robinson throughout the first half and until foul trouble sent him to the bench with 9:54 to play. Antonio Lang took over the assign-

ment and did just as good a job as Robinson finished 6-for-22 from the field, a far cry from the 44-point effort he had in the regional semifinals against Kansas.

While Hill finished with just 11 points, Capel, Lang and Cherokee Parks picked up the slack as the four combined for all but five of Duke's points.

Lang joined Capel with 19 points and Parks had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

"I'm filled with pride, especially when Grant had four fouls, all our guys picked it up," Krzyzewski said.

As for shutting down Robinson, Krzyzewski said, "Hill and Lang had great concentration."

Matt Waddell led Purdue with 16 points, while Cuonzo Martin, who had 29 in the win over Kansas, had 12.

Purdue was trying to get to the Final Four for the first time since 1980 when it beat Duke in the regional final.

Robinson's previous low for the season was 15 points in a loss to Wisconsin and he was below 20 only one other time.

Hill's fourth personal came with 9:54 left and Duke leading 46-41. Robinson scored on a turnaround move eight seconds later, but he would only get two more points the rest of the game.

The Boilermakers, who were 15-for-27 from 3-point range against Kansas, were just 5-for-19 from that range against Duke.

Michigan topples Maryland

DALLAS (AP) — Juwan Howard gave Michigan another big game when they needed him most and put the Wolverines in position to withstand a late rally.

Howard had 24 points and 11 rebounds Friday night to put Michigan only one game away from a third consecutive Final Four appearance with a 78-71 victory over Maryland in the NCAA Midwest Regional.

"The team knows what I can do and they do a great job of getting me the ball in places where I can be successful," said Howard, who hit his last eight shots and all seven he took in the second half.

Michigan (24-7), which has lost the championship game for two consecutive years, will play top-seeded Arkansas today for the right to advance to Charlotte. President Clinton, an avid Arkansas fan, has made plans to attend.

Arkansas routed Tulsa 103-84 earlier Friday in the other semifinal at Reunion Arena.

Howard, a junior who had 62 points and 17 rebounds in two earlier tournament games, dominated freshman sensation Joe Smith, who scored only 12 points after getting 29 and 22 in the Terps' two tournament wins.

"I think I played only average," Howard said. "I was a little shaky in the first half. Coach (Steve Fisher) told me at halftime I have to be more aggressive."

Smith thought Howard played aggressively on defense.

"The Michigan did a pretty good job," Smith said. "Everytime I got the ball in my hands they double-teamed me."

After the game Howard embraced Smith and gave him some advice.

"He told me I have three more years of this and don't put my head down," Smith said.

Michigan led by 21 points at 66-45 with 8:47 to play, but Maryland made a series of runs and cut the lead to 73-64 with 3:29 to go.

Howard then scored a basket before he fouled out with 2:49 left. A basket by Exree Hipp cut the lead to 75-69 with 1:27 to play, but Jimmy King scored on a breakaway.

Maryland, which started two freshmen and three sophomores, missed shots on two straight late

possessions when it had a chance to cut the lead to three.

Maryland coach Gary Williams said, "We didn't bend at the end. But poor foul shooting hurt us. Michigan also did a good job getting us out of our offense."

Fisher said he was disappointed the way the Wolverines finished.

"I thought we would win big," he said. "But Maryland did a nice job of fighting back. We didn't play well the last five minutes, but we played well enough for 40 minutes. We'll have to play a lot better Sunday and we will."

Howard said of Arkansas: "They're big but we've played bigger teams."

Jalen Rose scored 16 points, King had 13 and Dugan Fife added 12 for the Wolverines.

Maryland (18-12) was led by Keith Booth with 17 points and Duane Simpkins with 11.

Michigan had two crucial 14-5 runs, one at the end of the first half and the other at the outset of the second half.

The second one, it turned out, put Maryland too far behind to make a successful comeback.

The No. 3 seeded and 11th-ranked Wolverines led 39-32 after a ragged first half in which 10th-seeded Maryland's fullcourt press forced 10 turnovers. Michigan's tight man-to-man defense caused nine turnovers.

Smith, double-teamed by Michigan, missed all four shots and had only two points from the free throw line by halftime. Rose had 10 points and Howard contributed nine in the first half.

Maryland, making its first NCAA appearance since 1988, made only 19-of-36 free throws. Michigan hit 19-of-31.

Michigan, the second-place finisher in the Big Ten, advanced to the regionals with two close encounters, beating Pepperdine 78-74 in overtime and Texas 84-79. Maryland, fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference, survived with a 74-66 win over St. Louis and a 95-87 victory over Massachusetts.

The Wolverines and Terrapins hadn't met in basketball since Michigan defeated Maryland 32-26 in College Park, Md., 55 years ago.

Arkansas turns back Tulsa, 103-84

DALLAS (AP) — Arkansas got just about any shot it wanted against Tulsa, and almost two-thirds of them were good. The result was a blowout in the semifinals of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

The top-seeded Razorbacks, behind Scotty Thurman, Corliss Williamson and Clint McDaniel, shot a season-best 66 percent Friday night to beat No. 12 seed Tulsa 103-84 and move within one game of the Final Four.

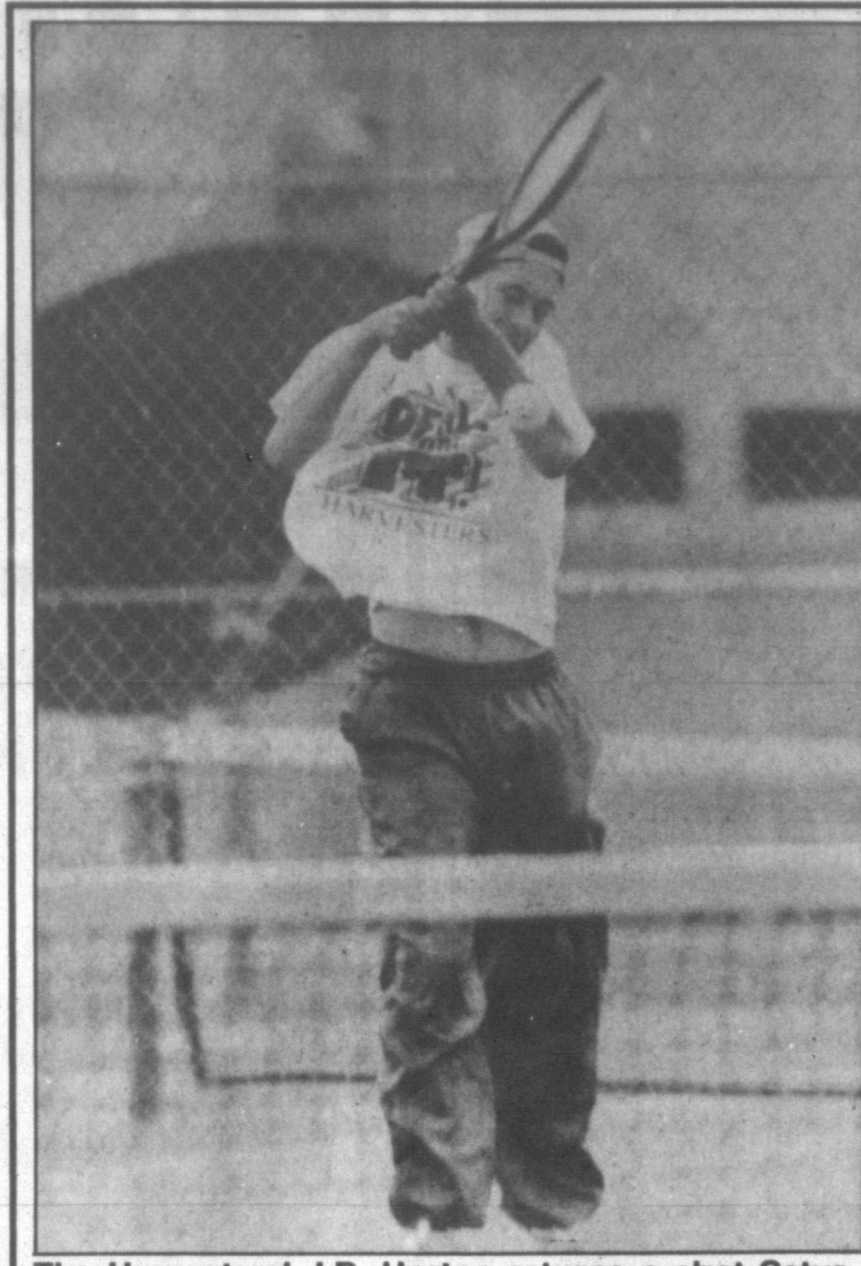
"Our team played an exceptional game tonight," coach Nolan Richardson said. "The kids took the game plan and their practices

straight to the floor."

The Razorbacks (28-3) were able to pound the ball inside to Williamson if they wanted, or pop it back outside to McDaniel and Thurman if Tulsa double-teamed. On defense, Richardson used a zone most of the time and Tulsa wound up shooting 35 percent.

"Everybody's waiting for our 40 minutes of pressure-pressure-pressure, but our matchup zone is pretty good," Richardson said. "We can go to a halfcourt game and play. We can do a lot of things people don't expect us to do."

Tulsa (23-8) expected to do much



The Harvesters' J.B. Horton returns a shot Saturday during the Pampa Invitational Tournament. (Pampa News photo by Susan Adeletti)

Harvesters take second in local tennis tourney

Borger finished in the top spot at the Pampa Invitational Tennis Tournament held Friday and Saturday at the high school courts.

Borger finished with 106 points while Pampa was second with 96. Other team scores were Plainview 87, Randall 86, Perryton 68, Pampa junior varsity 25, Borger junior varsity 23, and Plainview junior varsity 22.

Pampa didn't win a match, but came in second four times.

In boys doubles, Pampa's Stefan Bressler and Aaron Witt reached the finals where they lost to Plainview's Clark-Pitt, 6-7, 6-0, 6-3.

"I was real happy with the way Stefan and Aaron played. Clark and Pitt have won something like their last three tournaments and they beat us pretty bad in the Plainview Tournament. We played them pretty close," said Pampa coach Larry Wheeler.

Bressler and DeWitt had won 11 of their last 13 doubles matches.

Lora Carlisle and Lorrie Ful-

ton of Pampa also reached the finals in girls doubles, losing to Borger's McNeese-Jordan, 6-1, 6-2. Jordan and McNeese are the defending district champions.

J.B. Horton for the Pampa boys and Jamie Barker for the Pampa girls advanced to the finals in singles play.

Horton fell to Plainview's Zack Gibson, 6-3, 7-5. The loss snapped a six-game win streak for Horton, who is the No. 1 boys seed for Pampa. Gibson was the No. 1 seed in last year's regional tournament.

Barker lost to Dawna Denny, the defending district singles champion, 6-2, 6-2, in the girls championship match. It was only Barker's second loss this season compared to 33 victories. She had won her last 11 singles matches.

"We did pretty well. We had to fight the weather Saturday but we were able to get all the matches in," Wheeler said.

The Pampa teams play at Borger next Friday and Saturday.

Pampa girls win Hereford track meet

HEREFORD — The Pampa Lady Harvesters fought windy weather conditions to win the Deaf Smith County Invitational Saturday.

The Pampa girls have not lost in four meets this season.

Amarillo High and Hereford finished tied for second with 102 points.

"We would have liked to have had better times, but the stiff winds came up in the afternoon and it was hard to do much better. However, we still got in some good conditioning," said Pampa coach Mike Lopez.

Deaf Smith County Invitational

Team totals: 1. Pampa, 211; 2. (tie) Amarillo High and Hereford, 102; 4. Randall, 84; 5. Levelland, 48; 6. Littlefield, 24; 7. Floydada, 6.

Pampa results

400 relay: 1. (Chesher, Rainey, Calloway and Young), 51.59.
800: 3. Denise Eppison, 2:40.56; 6. Julie Rushing, 2:52.08.
100 hurdles: 1. Mechelle Abbott, 16.74; 2. Kim Sparkman, 17.63.
100: 2. Kendra Rainey, 13.62; 3. Tammy Chesher, 13.95; 5. Alisha Tollerson, 14.19.
800 relay: 2. (Chesher, Hutch-



Pampa's Marcy Leal breaks the tape in winning the 3200-meter run at the Deaf Smith County Invitational Saturday in Hereford. (Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

erson, Atwood and Young), 1:49.14.
300 hurdles: 1. Mechelle Abbott, 47.81; 4. Kim Sparkman, 51.19; 6. Julie Rushing, 55.70.
400: 1. Renee Johnson, 61.63; 2. Elisha Calloway, 63.27.
200: 4. Jamie Hutcherson, 27.05; 5. Alisha Tollerson, 27.31.

1600: 2. Marcy Leal, 5:54.06.
1600 relay: 1. (Johnson, Abbott, Calloway and Young), 4:21.63.
3200: 1. Marcy Leal, 12:22.58.
Triple jump: 2. Shelly Young, 34-1; 3. Laura Marie Imel, 33-1/2.
Shot: 5. Katy Forten, 29-3 1/2.
Discus: 6. Jane Brown, 94-5.

High jump: 1. Mechelle Abbott, 5-0; 3. Regina Holt, 4-10.

Long jump: 1. Jamie Hutcherson, 16-2 1/2; 2. Laura Marie Imel, 15-3; 3. Candi Atwood, 15-1 1/2.

Pampa finished third in the junior varsity girls' division with 80 points.

Smith, Stinnett lead Mets past Astros, 3-1

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Pete Smith threw six shutout innings and received offensive support from rookie catcher Kelly Stinnett as the New York Mets defeated the Houston Astros 3-1 in an exhibition game Saturday.

Smith allowed four hits while walking one and striking out one.

Astros starter Doug Drabek

also worked six innings and yielded only four hits. But one of them was Stinnett's second spring homer, a first-pitch shot with one out in the second inning.

Stinnett went 3-for-3 to lift his exhibition average to .387.

New York scored again in the seventh when Ryan Thompson drew a walk from left-hander Mike Hampton, went to third

on Stinnett's hit-and-run single and scored on Luis Rivera's single through a drawn-in infield.

The Mets added an eighth-inning run off Shane Reynolds. With one out, Joe Orsulak forced Fernando Vina at second base

and was safe when Astros shortstop Andujar Cedeno threw wildly. Orsulak was awarded second base and scored from

there on Jeremy Burnitz's single. Houston mustered a run in the eighth against Frank Seminara. James Mouton doubled leading off, moved to third on Steve Finley's infield out and came home on Craig Biggio's sacrifice fly.

New York right-hander Josias Manzanillo earned his second save despite allowing a pair of ninth-inning singles.

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Braves, Giants again; Central up for grabs

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Critics who hate baseball's new realignment simply point to last year's race between Atlanta and San Francisco to illustrate why the game is now wrecked.

That kind of chase, they claim, can never happen again because those two teams would've easily made the playoffs without their late-season drama.

True, a team that wins more than 100 games won't get shut out in the future. But there still will be intrigue: just try to figure out who will win the NL Central or who will wind up with the wild card.

The Braves, again, begin the year as perhaps the best team in the league. They should hold off Montreal and Philadelphia in the East, which might put them in position to become the first-ever team in the majors to reach the postseason for four straight years and not win the World Series.

The Central is full of look-alikes with Houston, Cincinnati and St. Louis. The Giants figure to romp in the West, now that the Braves are gone.

A team-by-team look at the NL, in predicted order of finish:

NL EAST

Atlanta Braves

As long as they keep the rotation intact, the Braves will be hard to beat in a 162-game season.

Greg Maddux (20-10, 2.36 ERA) shoots for his third straight Cy Young, while Tom Glavine (22-6, 3.20) tries to win the award for the second time. John Smoltz (15-11) and Steve Avery (18-6) each are playoff MVP winners. All of them are signed for awhile, too.

Once again, the bullpen may determine how far the Braves go. Gregg Olson (29 saves, 1.60 ERA for Baltimore) did not pitch down the stretch because of arm trouble, but seems healthy. He could become the closer that Atlanta has needed for a long time.

Fred McGriff (37 HR, 101 RBIs) begins his first full season with Atlanta and Deion Sanders (.276, 19 SB) starts his first year as a full-time player, thanks to Otis Nixon's departure. Rookies Tony Tarasco and Ryan Klesko starred at Triple-A, and get their chance now that injured left fielder Ron Gant was cut.

David Justice (40 HR, 120 RBIs) had his best season, although Jeff Blauser (.305) was the only Atlanta regular to make the All-Star team.

Montreal Expos

Even with the trade of Delino DeShields and the loss of free agent Dennis Martinez, Montreal remains a young team on the rise.

Marquis Grissom (.298, 95 RBIs, 53 SB) is a Gold Glover in center. Larry Walker (86 RBIs, 29 SB) and manager's son Moises Alou (85 RBIs), back from a leg injury, fill out the outfield.

Cliff Floyd (29 HR, 121 RBIs, 33 SB in three levels last season) may be ready at first base at only 21.

Pedro Martinez (10-5) came from the Dodgers for DeShields and joins surprising Jeff Fassero (12-5) in the rotation. John Weteland (43 saves, 113 strikeouts in 85 1-3 innings) can be a dominant stopper.

Philadelphia Phillies

The Phillies put everything together last season in climbing from last place to first. To stay on top, they'll need a lot to go right — even with Mitch Williams long gone.

John Kruk (.316, 85 RBIs, 111 BB) will miss the start of the season after undergoing surgery for testicular cancer. Terry Mulholland (12-9) was traded to the Yankees, and unproven reliever Bobby Munoz was mostly what the Phillies got in return.

Lenny Dykstra (.305, 129 BB, 37 SB) hit four home runs in the World Series and showed the down-and-dirty spirit that made the Phillies the fans' favorite. Darren Daulton (24 HR, 105 RBIs, 117 BB) adds to a high-scoring offense that featured a league-best .351 on-base percentage.

NL playoff MVP Curt Schilling (16-7), Tommy Greene (16-4), Danny Jackson (12-11) and Ben Rivera (13-9) lead a starting staff that slowed down at the end. The big question is who will make up the 43 saves Williams had before he was traded to Houston; Doug Jones (26 saves, 4.54 ERA for the Astros) is the leading candidate.

New York Mets

The Mets lost 103 games last season, and had even more problems off the field. Vince Coleman, who threw a firecracker at fans, was traded, and sullen Eddie Murray was not resigned, leaving the Mets hoping they've added by subtraction.

Kevin McReynolds (42 RBIs for Kansas City) returns to New York to bat cleanup for a team that does not have much offense. Bobby Bonilla (34 HR) can hit, but may have trouble at third base. Jeff Kent (21 HR) needs to improve at second base.

Dwight Gooden (12-15) is the Mets' last link to their World Series championship team of

1986. Bret Saberhagen (7-7) remains a topic of trade talk.

Florida Marlins

Like most expansion teams, the Marlins are going through growing pains. They might be better this season, although it will be tough to move up in a division that now includes Atlanta.

Gary Sheffield (.294, 20 HR) brought Florida a major presence last season when he was traded from San Diego. The Marlins hope he won't present too many problems in his new spot in right field.

Center fielder Chuck Carr (.267, 58 SB) showed he could do more than run, and Orestes DeStrade (20 HR, 87 RBIs) came back from Japan and showed he could hit. This season, the Marlins' No. 1 pick in the expansion draft, Nigel Wilson (.292 at Triple-A) may move into the outfield.

NL preview

Florida's pitching was presentable, mostly because Bryan Harvey (45 saves) re-established himself as one of the game's best closers.

NL CENTRAL

Houston Astros

The Astros hoped to move up last year after an active and expensive offseason. They didn't, but could do it this year under rookie manager Terry Collins.

Doug Drabek (9-18) and Greg Swindell (12-13) were big disappointments in returning to their home state. Darryl Kile (15-8) pitched a no-hitter and was Houston's lone All-Star and Pete Harnisch (16-9, 2.98 ERA) pitched well.

Mitch Williams takes over the closer role that Doug Jones held. Williams, who gave up Joe Carter's home run to end the World Series, might find that long fly balls in the Astrodome end up as outs, not homers.

Luis Gonzalez (.300) and Jeff Bagwell (.320, 20 HR) had good seasons. Steve Finley (.266, 19 SB) and Ken Caminiti (.262, 13 HR) can do better.

Cincinnati Reds

On paper, this team is pretty good. With Marge Schott back from her suspension, however, it's hard to tell what will happen with the Reds.

Tony Fernandez (.333, 9 RBIs in World Series from Toronto) was signed to play out-of-position at third base, replacing Chris Sabo. Pitcher Erik Hanson (11-12) and second baseman Bret Boone (.251) came from Seattle for catcher Dan Wilson and pitcher Bobby Ayala.

Kevin Mitchell (.341, 19 HR, 64 RBIs) needs to stay injury-free and play more than 93 games. Reliever Rob Dibble (19 saves) hurt his arm in spring training, and could leave the Reds without a closer.

Roberto Kelly (.319, 21 SB), Reggie Sanders (20 HR, 83 RBIs) and Jose Rijo (14-9, 2.48 ERA) are among the top talents returning.

St. Louis Cardinals

For years, the Cardinals made their living

running wild on the bases. That's still their reputation, although more power has moved them up.

Mark Whiten (25 HR, 99 RBIs) had one of the greatest games in history last season, hitting four homers with 12 RBIs against the Reds. Gregg Jefferies (.342, 16 HR), Bernard Gilkey (.305, 16 HR) and Todd Zeile (17 HR, 103 RBIs) give St. Louis more pop.

Pitching may be problem now that Donovan Osborne is injured and out for the year. Free agent Rick Sutcliffe joins Bob Tewksbury (17-10) and Rene Arocha (11-8) in the rotation. Mike Perez (7-2, 2.48 ERA) is not eager to take over Lee Smith's role as the bullpen ace.

Chicago Cubs

Manager Tom Trebelhorn takes over a team that went a surprising 84-78 under Jim Lefebvre last season. There may not be too many surprises left for the Cubs, however.

Randy Myers (53 saves), Rick Wilkins (30 HR), Sammy Sosa (33 HR, 93 RBIs) and Glennallen Hill (.345, 10 HR in 31 games) exceeded expectations. Mark Grace (.325, 98 RBIs) and Ryne Sandberg (.309) were good, as always.

Shortstop Shawn Dunston is ready to return after missing almost all of last year because of injuries. What the Cubs need is Mike Morgan (10-15) and Jose Guzman (12-10, 4.34 ERA) to return to top form.

Pittsburgh Pirates

The Pirates plunged in their first year without Barry Bonds, and the slide should continue until the team is willing to spend more money.

Al Martin (.281, 18 HR), Carlos Garcia (.269, 18 SB) and Kevin Young (.236) all played more than 140 games as rookies. Andy Van Slyke (.310) was limited to 83 games by injuries.

Catcher Don Slaught (.300) will have to work hard on a staff that returns no one who won more than 10 games last season. Knuckleballer Tim Wakefield (6-11, 5.61 ERA) may never regain the form that nearly made him the 1992 NL playoff MVP.

NL WEST

San Francisco Giants

Even if they don't win 103 games again this year, and even without Will Clark, the Giants appear to have too much for the rest of a weak division.

Barry Bonds (.336, 46 HR, 123 RBIs, 126 BB, 29 SB) is the leading contender for a fourth MVP award, and third in a row. Matt Williams (38 HR, 110 RBIs), Robby Thompson (.312, 19 HR) and Willie McGee (.301) make up a strong middle of the order.

San Francisco will surely miss Clark's fire at first base. Rookie J.R. Phillips (27 HR at Triple-A) and Todd Benzing (288) will take over.

John Burkett (22-7), Bill Swift (21-8) and Bud Black (8-2) will get a boost from free agent Mark Portugal (18-4 for Houston). Rod Beck (48 saves, 86 strikeouts in 79 1-3 innings) established himself as a bullpen ace.

Los Angeles Dodgers

For once, the Dodgers seem to start the season with enough offense and not enough pitch-



Atlanta shortstop Jeff Blauser was the only Braves' regular to make the All-Star team in '93. (AP photo)

Borger takes lead in district golf race

Pampa is second in boys division

Borger grabbed the lead in both boys and girls divisions after the first two rounds of the District 1-4A golf season.

The two rounds were played at Comanche Trail in Amarillo and Palo Duro Creek in Canyon. The next district round for the Pampa boys will be played April 8 at Dumas. The next district rounds for the Pampa girls will be Thursday in Dumas and Friday in Hereford.

Pampa boys are second behind Borger. Fred Barnabe and Phil Everson for the Harvesters are tied for fourth in the medalist standings.

Pampa is third in the girls division. Angie Everson, Pampa, is fifth in the medalist standings.

The Pampa boys are entered in the Amarillo Relays Friday and Saturday.

District 1-4A standings (after two rounds)

Boys
1. Borger, 624; 2. Pampa, 676; 3. Hereford, 707; 4. Caprock, 712; 5. Randall, 718; 6. Pampa junior varsity, 720; 7. Dumas, 727; 8. Borger junior varsity, 728; 9. Hereford junior varsity, 754; 10. Randall junior

varsity, 755; 11. Dumas junior varsity, 832.

Girls

1. Borger, 756; 2. Hereford, 798; 3. Pampa, 816; 4. Dumas, 841; 5. Hereford junior varsity, 863; 6. Pampa junior varsity, 903; 7. Randall, 963; 8. Caprock, 1,077.

Pampa individual results

Boys varsity

Fred Barnabe, 83-81-164; Phil Everson, 84-80-164; Chris Duncan, 86-86-172; Chad Ziegelgruber, 92-84-176; Kyle Sparkman, 95-90-185; Bryan Rose, 87-93-180.

Boys junior varsity

Shawn Hurst, 93-98-191; Wes Lang, 88-84-172; Jeff Brown, 88-88-176; Cullen Allen, 92-97-189.

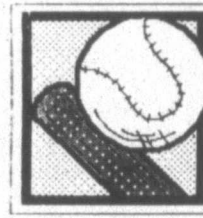
Girls varsity

Angie Everson, 100-91-191; Anna Nail, 98-108-206; Crecia Lindsey, 110-134-244; Amy Bradley, 107-107-214; Katie McKandles, 100-105-205.

Girls junior varsity

Kameron Harris, 105-105-210; Melinda Randall, 107-104-211; Mandy Tyrrell, 118-115-233; Chris Gage, 125-130-255; Lori Walling, 119-135-254.

PAMPA OPTIMIST CLUB BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS



April 9th 9:00-6:00 Optimist Club

Players Fees: Ages 6-12 \$55
Ages 13-15 \$60

Families with more than two children participating in the program may make financial arrangements.

Players fees must be paid at sign-up
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Players ages 9 thru 15 must attend 2 out of 3 tryout sessions.

Optimist Player Fees - THE REAL STORY

Fundraisers, player fees and Allstar qualifications have all been hot topics of discussion for the Optimist Club and the parents of participants. The parents and the Optimist Board of Directors have agreed that allstar qualifications should be based solely upon the ability and sportsmanship of the individual players. Fundraisers are held in almost every organization in the Pampa area and the citizens and businesses of Pampa have participated in these functions to the best of their ability. In reviewing the costs of participation for each child in the Baseball and Softball programs, the Optimist Board has determined that an average of \$25 per player is needed over and above the original sign-up fee in order to eliminate the fundraiser activities. The calculation was based upon including the original sign-up fee, sponsor fees, fence sign fees, fundraiser proceeds and donations made from various community and civic minded organizations. The Board of Directors voted on this issue and the decision was made to eliminate the coordinated fundraiser activities and their associated requirements. This required an increase in player fees to accurately reflect the actual cost of each player. It was also agreed that each player should have an indirect opportunity to get their player fee subsidized through a program coordinated by the Optimist Club. The Board then approved a discount coupon program where each player would receive four packets of discount coupons with a potential value of at least three times the actual player fee. Each packet could be used by the player's family or the packet could be sold by the player to a third party for no more than five dollars for each packet. Sales proceeds would be retained by the player since the packets were "paid" for at the time of sign-ups. It was agreed that the coupons would be to businesses in Pampa which are commonly frequented by the players and their families. "These coupons are a way for the players to offset the cost of participation in our programs", stated Optimist President Truman Lowrance. "The program is probably not the best idea available because many people won't understand the potential savings they can get, but it is a very good way for parents to get their kids' fees back simply by using the coupons." Businesses such as Dyer's Bar-B-Que, Alco Discount Store, Chicken Express, Mr. Gatti's Pizza, Hastings Books & Videos, Sirloin Stockade, Harvester Lanes, SkateTown and Holmes Sporting Goods are participating in this coupon program. The Optimist Club would like to thank each of these merchants for their participation and would encourage everyone to join us in supporting them for their generous contributions. In addition to the coupon program, the Board of Directors recognized the financial impact to families with multiple children in the program. The Board then voted on and passed a resolution stating that a family with more than two children in the program could elect to defer part of the total sign-up fee for thirty days. For families with three children, at least 2/3 of the total fees must be paid at sign-up. For families of four or more children, at least 1/2 must be paid at sign-up. The remainder of the fee would be due Monday, May 9th, between the hours of 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Board room of the Optimist Club. We hope this clarifies any misunderstandings or miscommunications about the reasons or intentions for increasing player fees for the Optimist programs. We hope we see everyone at signups - LET'S PLAY BALL!

Stroud, Cates win pool tournament

Terry Stroud and Rusty Cates won the Derrick Club pool tournaments on March 17th and 19th respectively. On the 17th, Jessie Floyd placed second in the 13-player tournament, with Silvia Martinez finishing third.

On Saturday the 19th, Layne Cosby placed under Cates, followed by Tom Short at third in the 20-player tournament.

Grand slam champions

The Seattle Mariners, Philadelphia Phillies and Detroit Tigers led the Major Leagues in grand slams with 8 each in 1993.

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Limbaugh pitching OJ? The idea leaves some Florida lawmakers sour

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Rush Limbaugh being paid \$1 million to pitch orange juice on his show? Some state lawmakers think the idea is a lemon, and they're responding by trying to shake up the Florida Citrus Commission.

The lawmakers say they're afraid that Limbaugh's combative conservative ideology will spoil the state's citrus industry.

And they're flabbergasted that he would be hired by the same commission that dumped former spokesmen Anita Bryant and Burt Reynolds for making too many waves.

"We're concerned about Florida's image and the

image of our most important agricultural products should not be enmeshed in politics," state Sen. Peter Weinstein said. "It boggles the mind that the Citrus Commission would choose somebody with such strident political views regardless of what they are."

In response, a Senate committee has withheld confirmation of Gov. Lawton Chiles' latest three nominees to the Citrus Commission until the governor assures them he'll make the panel more diverse.

All 12 of the commission's members are white; 11 are men. The three nominees are all white males. The governor also has nominated a white woman to join the commission in June, but the Senate has not begun her confirmation process.

Weinstein, a member of the Senate committee, said he

thinks a more diverse panel would have chosen a spokesman other than Limbaugh.

The commission hired Limbaugh in mid-February, shortly after Reynolds was canned because of his bitter divorce with Lori Anderson.

Since Limbaugh was hired, the commission said, it has received 10,000 letters, faxes and phone calls. About 55 percent think Limbaugh ought to be dropped. Among those complaining are gays, feminists and environmentalists; some have urged a boycott of Florida orange juice.

The response caught commission officials by surprise. By comparison, only 30 people called when Reynolds was dumped.

The commission also dropped longtime spokeswom-

an Anita Bryant in 1980 because she publicly opposed homosexuality.

Commission officials say they hired Limbaugh to protect the state's hold on the \$4 billion domestic market for orange juice. Florida produces more than 70 percent of the nation's oranges and virtually all of its juice oranges. It ranks second only to Brazil as a producer of citrus worldwide.

More than 20 million people a day listen to Limbaugh's syndicated radio show. A spokesman for Limbaugh said that no one is forced to hear the ad if they don't want to.

"The only place you'll see or hear him do it is on his radio program," said Stuart Krane, producer and syndicator of the daily show carried by 637 stations nationally.

Used-home sales decline, but experts say it's an aberration

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter weather and rising mortgage rates slowed sales of previously owned homes in February, but analysts said housing activity will remain strong.

The National Association of Realtors said Friday that sales fell 9.9 percent last month, to a rate of 3.83 million a year, lowest since 3.70 million last June. Sales were off in every region in the nation.

But Realtors President Robert H. Elrod contended the loss should be viewed in the context of following the highest sales rates on record in December and January. Sales shot up to a 4.35 million annual rate at year's end before slipping to 4.25 million as 1994 began.

"We anticipate any loss in terms of market activity because of adverse natural conditions will be made up later in the year ... 1994 still has the potential to be a record-breaking year for home sales," he said.

Despite the drop in February, sales remained 10.4 percent above the 3.47 million rate of a year earlier. And the 3.83 million rate was higher than the 3.80 million total sales in 1993.

"January and February, in my mind, were just a pause due to really cruel weather," contended economist David Lereah of the Mortgage Bankers Association. "Once we see spring, I think we will see some pickup in activity."

Still, "rising rates definitely are starting to take effect," Lereah acknowledged. "I still believe the housing market will be relatively strong because the economy is

strong, but higher rates are starting to be felt."

Fixed-rate, 30-year mortgages averaged 7.15 percent in February, up from 7.07 percent in January and a 25-year low of 6.74 percent in October, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

Rates reached 7.80 percent this week, and many economists believe they could hit 8 percent by year's end. If so, it would mean an increase to \$733 in the monthly principal and interest payment on a \$100,000 mortgage, from \$665 for a 7 percent loan.

Nevertheless, Daryl Delano of Cahners Economics in Newton, Mass., said an 8 percent rate would be relatively low in historical terms. Rates were in the double digits as recently as 1990.

And although it might curb some housing activity, it is unlikely to choke off the market, he added. "If we get stronger income and job growth and the economy is fundamentally healthier, it won't have a dramatic impact."

The median price of a previously owned home dipped 0.9 percent in February, to \$106,900 from \$107,900 in January. That indicated first-time buyers dominated the February market, the Realtors said. The median is the midpoint, meaning that half of the homes cost more and half cost less.

Regionally, sales plunged 15.6 percent to a 920,000 annual rate in the Midwest, where the median price was \$84,100, down 1.8 percent from January. In the South, where the median price was off 0.4 percent to \$95,400, sales dropped 9.6 percent, to a 1.42 million rate.



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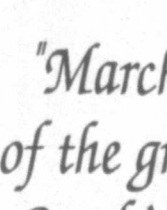
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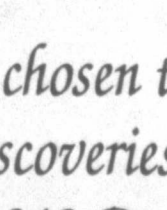
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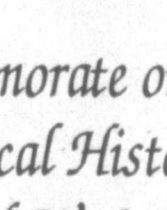
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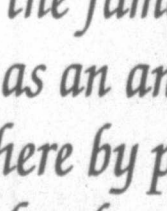
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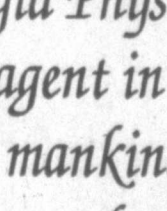
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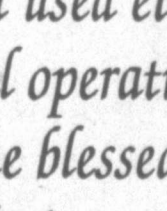
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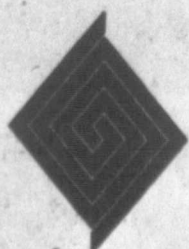
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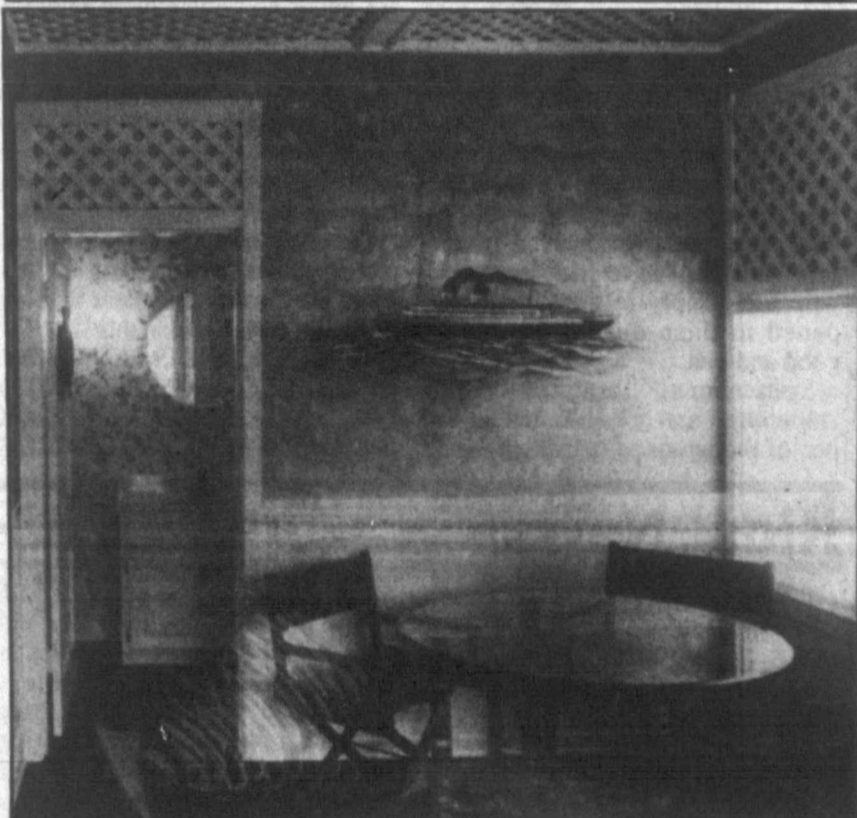


CORONADO HOSPITAL

Lifestyles



The Abraham family homeplace began life as a Baptist Academy. Originally clapboard, the Abrahams bought the house and made it a home reflecting their Mediterranean roots. Grand cruiseliners grace the walls in the sunroom of the home. They were painted by Maurice Bernson of Canadian in 1949.



Historic Canadian home reflects American Dream

by Cheryl Berzanskis and David Bowser



The chandelier known as Mary's Tears hangs in the large living room of the Abraham homeplace in the pictures above and to the left. Between the north windows looking out across the covered flagstone porch is another fresco painting commissioned by Mrs. Abraham reminiscent of her home in Lebanon.

One of Canadian's historic homes has been preserved as a loving tribute by the grandson of its early owners.

The Abraham Homeplace, originally a clapboard home housing the Canadian Baptist Academy, has evolved over the years to a Mediterranean look which reflects the couple who called it home beginning in 1938 and whose grandson, Dr. Malouf Abraham, continues to maintain in memory of his grandparents, Nahim and Alia Abraham.

"Each decision I make on this I made with them in mind," Abraham said, "It's really a loving tribute to them."

The spirit of the immigrant couple who made their American fortune

on the Texas Plains is alive and well in the three story stucco house. In the den are brightly colored frescos - typical of Middle Eastern custom - of famous sailing ships. On the walls are painted the Conte di Savoia, Rex and Esperia which were painted by Canadian resident Maurice Bernson in 1949. The trio of sailing ships were sunk during World War II after being pressed into service for their country.

Another typically Mediterranean change made to the home built in 1902 included fencing the front yard of the house unlike any other in Canadian.

"They lived a very old country kind of life," Abraham said.



Dr. Malouf Abraham on the porch of his family's homeplace

While the house hasn't been lived in for 15 years, the interior has been fireproofed, rewired and prepared for the next occupants. "Mary's Tears," a crystal chandelier possibly

of Venetian origin and more than 100 years old still hangs in the high ceilinged living room.

"It needs to be a home," said Abraham, "I hope that someone in

the family will take it and live in it." The house once had an entire city block to itself though now it neighbors with another family and Abraham's office.

Abraham recalls his Lebanese grandmother's bejeweled hands filthy with garden dirt as she labored in the 17-acre family orchard and vineyard. What Alia Abraham didn't grow and preserve she ordered from the European market in New York City or from Beirut, he said.

"Gardening and cooking were her big things," Abraham said.

Abraham tells the story about his grandmother's high standards in homemaking. It was not until 1955 that she installed draperies in the house, instead using Venetian

blinds. She insisted, he said, that until she was able to install Dust Stopper windows, she would forego draperies. She did not want just any draperies, but only those lined in pale green taffeta which would swish as they opened, Abraham recalled.

Despite moving to Canadian in 1913, Abraham says his grandmother was only a sojourner.

"I think my grandmother never moved to this country. She just visited for about 80 years," he said.

The Abraham Homeplace which boasts pineapple finials on its roof, was, as the pineapples symbolize, a place of hospitality, he said.

"There are just so many memories here," Abraham said.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Forbes

Forbes anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Forbes are to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at the Mobeetie City Hall, 2-4 p.m. April 16. It is to be hosted by their son and daughter-in-law Tommy and Christie Forbes of Las Animas, Colo., and their seven grandsons.

Forbes married Velma Patton April 16, 1944 at her parents' home near Hamlin. They have lived in Mobeetie 16 years. He retired from the Methodist Church in 1978. She is a homemaker.

They are members of the Gageby Baptist Church in Gageby.

They are the parents of the late Lonnie Ray Forbes who died in 1978. They have two great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Randolph Kinnard
Shiela Yvonne Brinsfield

Brinsfield - Kinnard

Shiela Yvonne Brinsfield and Kelly Randolph Kinnard, Odessa, were married March 26 in the Ector County Courthouse with Judge Richard Hungerford officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brinsfield, Pampa. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Kinnard, Fort Stockton.

She is a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Texas Tech University. She is employed by the Petrie Corp. as manager of Stuarts in Permian Mall.

He is a 1985 graduate of Fort Stockton High School. He graduated from the Texas Basic Peace Officer Academy in 1986 and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed by JMB Corp. as security director for Permian Mall, Odessa.

Following a honeymoon to San Antonio, the couple is making their home in Odessa.



Stacey Marie Phillis and Jeffrey Neal Haiduk

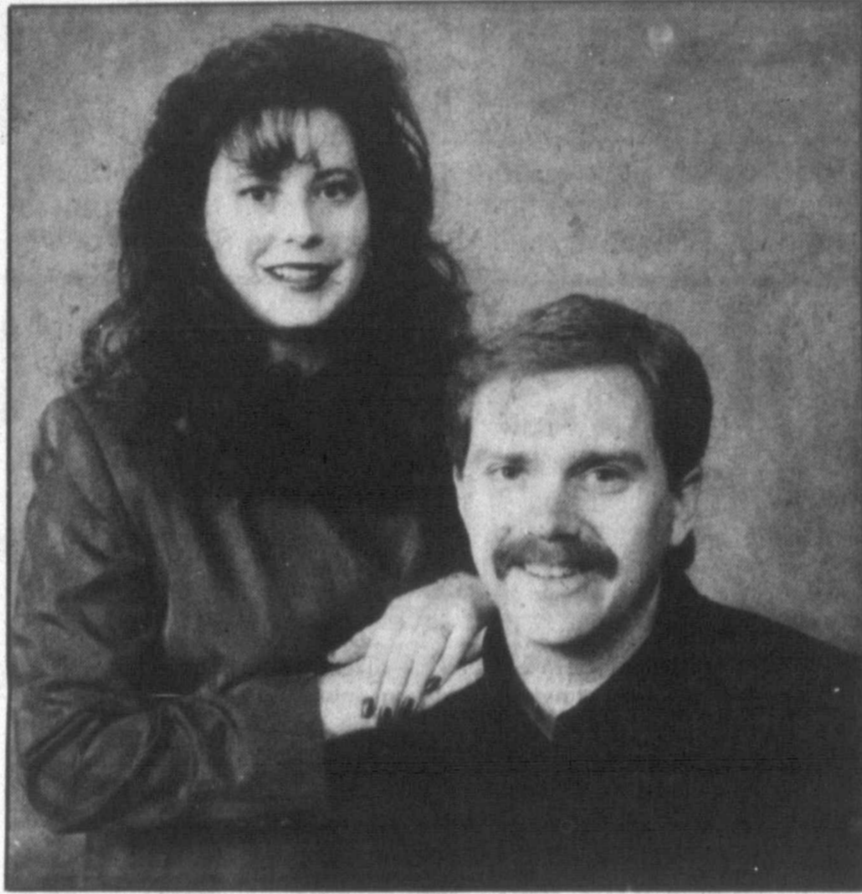
Phillis - Haiduk

Stacey Marie Phillis and Jeffrey Neal Haiduk, Amarillo, plan to marry May 14 at the First Methodist Church of White Deer.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Charles and Edith Phillis of White Deer. The groom-to-be is the son of LeRoy and Anita Haiduk, White Deer, and Jim and Kathy Dowd of White Deer.

She is a 1992 graduate of White Deer High School. She attended West Texas A&M University and is majoring in physical therapy at Amarillo College. She is employed by IHS of Amarillo as a physical therapy technician.

He is a 1993 graduate of White Deer High School. He attended West Texas A&M University. He is employed by the The Autoplex in Amarillo. They plan to honeymoon in Jamaica.



Stefanie Jones and Brian Bailey

Jones - Bailey

Stefanie Jones, Amarillo, and Brian Bailey, Pampa, plan to marry May 21 at Trinity Fellowship Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Larry and Vicky Jones of Pampa. The groom-to-be is the son of Betty White, Ransom Canyon, and Weldon Bailey, Lubbock.

She is a Pampa High School graduate and attends West Texas A&M University pursuing a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

He graduated from San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, and Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. He is employed by Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors, Pampa.

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.
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4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
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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.

Wheeler native honored at WT

CANYON — Lori Ray of Wheeler, a junior reading major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon was among those elected to receive an honorary award recognizing service and leadership to the Residence Hall Association.

The honor was presented during the Texas Residence Hall Association annual meeting Feb. 24-27 at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

The WTAMU association received a total of nine awards and recognitions at the state meeting, including being named the School of the Year for Texas. Student of the Year award went to WT student Mindy Rendon, RHA vice president for internal affairs and a junior psychology major from Stratford.

The 17-member delegation from WTAMU also received the Most Spirited Delegation distinction.

Ray was one of four WT students inducted into the Society of Distinguished Leaders (SODL).

Dry skin may have multiple causes

NEW YORK — Many people live with the discomfort of itchy skin. For most, the problem of itchiness has a simple cause — dry skin, and a simple solution — skin moisturizer.

Itchiness sometimes isn't that simple and may be a sign of a wide variety of problems, including underlying medical conditions.

Dry skin is the most common cause of itchiness. The likelihood of suffering from dry skin increases as you age and your skin loses suppleness. The legs are especially prone to this aging-related dryness. Also, dry skin is more common in the winter because of arid, indoor heating and the irritating effects of clothing. To treat dry skin, use a moisturizer, especially after bathing. The petroleum jelly in most moisturizers traps water in the skin and thus slows drying. Avoid harsh soaps that dry out skin.

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Dear Abby:

DEAR ABBY: I can't believe you agreed with that woman who complained about those insensitive people who sent bragging mimeographed newsletters every Christmas. She said they told of their teenagers' sports awards, proms, trips, etc., and all the while she was sitting there with a teenaged son who was facing neurosurgery.

She cited people who went on and on about their wonderful year sending that newsletter to someone "whose relative is battling a life-threatening illness," or the writer who talks of a job promotion to someone who's unemployed.

This woman's viewpoint is totally self-focused. How is everyone who sent her a Christmas card supposed to know what is going on in her life?

What has happened to her good sense — and yours? In case you think I am writing from a picture-perfect life: I was caring for my terminally ill mother one Christmastime (she died at Easter, weighing 60 pounds). I was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a mastectomy two days before Thanksgiving. My beloved father-in-law died 10 days before yet another Christmas. And one year, I had to write to say that my brother had been brutally murdered.

The Christmas of '94, I will include the news that I buried the fifth and final member of my parental family. Three weeks ago, the last of my three brothers died of cancer. So now, I am the sole survivor. (Eight of my family have died of cancer.)

Do I want to hear from "insensitive" people who might tell me that someone in their family has cancer? Of course I do! If it's terminal, I will commiserate with them. If not, I will rejoice! Do I want to hear about the wonderful family reunion you had last summer because my own family is gone? Yes! Families are what keep this planet going!

Hardly anybody makes it through this life without feeling the sting of splinters from a heavy cross. Hearing others' good news while bearing your own sad news is called "maturity." It is not fair to criticize people who are simply telling what happened to them during the year — good and bad.

Sometimes, "bragging" and "moaning" are not so much in the pen of the writer as in the eye of the

reader.

Abby, if you use this, you'll probably have to whittle it down, but I had to write what was in my heart. Sign me ...

UNDERSTANDING IN IOWA

DEAR UNDERSTANDING: As you can see, I didn't whittle — even a little. Thank you for a great letter. You have mastered the art of disagreeing without being disagreeable.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter writer who found the authors of photocopied holiday brag sheets insensitive. I have a solution to her dilemma:

These brag sheets are not written to you personally; they are self-published advertising brochures. You have no obligation to read or even open them. If you find them irritating or annoying, handle them the same way you do junk mail, because that is what they are. Fill your holiday with peace and joy by following these steps:

(1) Pitch this junk mail — unopened — into the nearest sack of recyclable paper goods.

(2) Cross the sender's name off your holiday greeting list. If you are lucky, the sender will remove your name from her mailing list in a couple of years if she receives no correspondence from you.

If you are a person who prefers more direct action, continue to Step 3.

(3) Write a polite note to sender explaining why you would prefer to receive a short handwritten note instead of the impersonal brag sheet, and include a copy of Dear Abby's column of Feb. 6, 1994.

People who send this type of correspondence crave attention. You are under no obligation to reinforce this trait. If each of us would take action to eliminate just one of these offensive publications, we could stop these people before they progress to graphic-enhanced, four-color, desk-top-published extravaganzas.

One final note: Dear Abby, please repeat your Feb. 6 column on Dec. 1, 1994, for those readers who did not save it. Please sign this ...

AN ILLINOIS FAN WHO IS
RECOVERING FROM THE
BAD HABIT OF READING
HOLIDAY BRAG SHEETS

Kids' News

NEW YORK (AP) — "Carmen Sandiego: Out of This World" is a 10-track pop album from Zoom Express and Fight Records.

The album is an all-new collection of songs. Greg Lee, host of the "Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?" game show, is featured on five tracks, including a reworking of the original theme song, "Carmen's Song." Guest stars include XTC and They Might Be Giants.

The Carmen Sandiego craze began nine years ago when Broderbund Software introduced the computer geography game. The game's success was the inspiration for PBS-TV's "Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?" game show, as well as an animated series on Fox Television, and a variety of video and board games, books and clothing.

CHICAGO (AP) — *Outside Kids*, a new outdoor magazine for kids ages 8 to 14, features articles on participatory sports, adventure, wildlife and the environment. Modeled after its parent publication, *Outside* magazine, *Outside Kids* will be published quarterly.

Each issue includes: Green Scene, checking up on the latest environmental movements for kids; Sports Clinic, profiling different sports from snowboarding to surfing; and Gear, a review of the latest in outdoor equipment and gadgetry.

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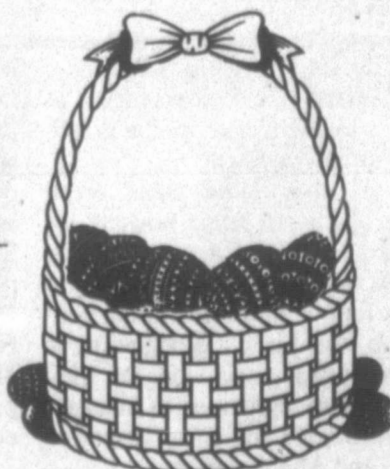
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4-H Futures & Features

DATES
 March 28 — 4-H Consumer meeting, 5 p.m., Annex
 — 4-H Photography project meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
 — Rifle Project meeting, 7 p.m.
 March 29 — Sew Fair, 1 p.m. — Afternoon session; 6 p.m. — evening session, Pampa Community Building, M.K. Brown Meeting Room, 200 N. Ballard
 — 4-H Rodeo Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
 March 31 — 4-H Consumer meeting, 5 p.m., Annex
 — Beginner Sewing, 6:30 p.m., Annex

— Dog Project meeting, 7 p.m., Bull Barn
SPEC-TRA '94
 4-H'ers, ages 14-18, are offered a unique educational experience at the Texas 4-H Center July 31 through Aug. 5. Spec-Tra '94 features project enhancement, leadership development, self-image enrichment and career exploration.

There are 10 project areas from which to choose. Each brings five hours of training per day. The project areas include creative leadership, field and stream, advanced computers, entomology, public speaking, recreation, video production, canoeing and sailing, agricultural enterprises, and nutrition, health and well being.

Total cost for 4-H'ers is \$143. Applications are due in the Texas 4-H Center office by May 2. For more information, call the Extension office.

PRIME TIME '94
 4-H'ers, ages 9-13, have the opportunity to get away to the Texas 4-H Center for Prime-Time '94 camps this summer. Activities include swimming, canoeing, shooting sports, new games and initiatives, crafts, outdoor cookery, recreation and parties.

Total cost for the three-day event is \$78. This includes all meals, lodging, refreshments and limited accident insurance.

Dates for camps this year are July 17-20 (ages 9-11), July 20-23 (ages 9-11), July 24-27 (ages 12-13) and July 27-30 (ages 9-13).

Applications are due in the Texas 4-H Center office by May 2. Call the Extension office for more information.

1994 DISTRICT 4-H CONTEST DATES
 Here are some upcoming dates to put on your calendars:

— Meats Judging — Canyon — April 9.
 — Consumer Decision Making — Pampa Mall — April 12.
 — Livestock Judging — Canyon — April 23.
 — Horse Judging — Canyon — April 23.
 — Rifle — Amarillo Rifle Range — April 23.
 — Range and Pasture Grass — May 7.
 — Method Demonstration and Illustrated Talks — May 14.
 — Fashion Show — Canyon — May 14.

GRAY COUNTY 4-H FASHION SHOW
 Make plans now to enter this year's Gray County 4-H Fashion Show. This year's activity will have a different format than past years. Seniors (4-H'ers ages 14-19 as of Jan. 1.) will be judged at 7 p.m. April 21 in the Gray County Annex.

Junior and intermediate participants will compete Saturday morning, April 23, at the Gray County Annex. A salad luncheon and tea-room style fashion show will be conducted at noon for contestants and their guests and other interested persons. The noon activities will conclude with the Fashion Show awards program.

All Fashion Show entry materials will be due in the Gray County Extension office on April 18. 4-H'ers may enter garments in either or both construction and buying divisions.

As a special part of this year's Fashion Show awards program, brothers and/or sisters or guests of Fashion Show contestants are invited to model in the Fashion Show.

For 4-H Fashion Show entry materials or more information, call the Extension office.

4-H FASHION DESIGN CONTEST
 Any Gray County 4-H'er with an interest or flair for design is invited to enter the 4-H Fashion Design Contest. Entries are due in the Extension office by April 11.

4-H'ers may submit an entry in either the accessory design, apparel design or textile design category. For entry forms and information, call the Extension office.

4-H RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING
 There will be a 4-H Rodeo Committee meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Gray County Annex. All interested persons can attend.



Mr. and Mrs. Rick McClelland
 Mitzi Hupp

Hupp - McClelland

Mitzi Hupp and Rick McClelland, Pampa, were married Feb. 26 at Highland Christian Church of Pampa with Mike Sublett officiating. Maids of honor were Summer Ziegelgruber, Lubbock, DeDe Boyer, cousin of the bride, Garland, Delisa McGill, Amarillo, Julie Mayfield, Pampa, and Amy Cross, Canyon. Niece of the bride Erin Hupp, Tulsa, was flower girl.

Standing as best man was Russ Rabel, Pampa. Groomsmen were brothers of the groom, Brian McClelland, Scott McClelland and Kevin White, all of Pampa, and Randy Atwood, Pampa. Marty Boyer, cousin of the bride, Garland, was ring bearer.

Serving as ushers were R.F. Huff, College Station, and Eric Hupp, Tulsa, brothers of the bride.

Candles were lit by Cassie Crockett and Stephanie Moore, Canyon, and Teri Mogus, Lubbock. Guests were registered by Julie Stedji, Gruver.

Julie Long, Pampa, provided piano music and Corey Coon, Amarillo, and Carol Ziegelgruber, Pampa, were vocalists.

Following the service, the couple was honored with a reception in the fellowship hall of the church. Guests were served by Jennifer Harper, Jennifer Bolin, Amy McClelland and Amy Atwood, all of Pampa, Kelly Seratt, Amarillo, and Pam Dinsdale, Tigard, Ore.

The bride is a senior psychology major at West Texas A&M University. She is employed by Maurice's. The groom is employed by Larry Beck Electric. They are making their home in Pampa.

Stop the dieting - change eating habits instead

As March - National Nutrition Month draws to a close, health experts have a message for the estimated 65 to 80 million Americans who are currently dieting: "Stop!"

For many people, a more effective approach to weight control and even weight loss is to eat a balanced diet that is low in fat and exercise regularly!

About 90 percent of people who lose 25 pounds or more gain it back within two years, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Many dieters repeatedly experience weight fluctuations of more than 10 pounds, which is called yo-yo dieting. Recent studies suggest that yo-yo dieting may contribute to health problems such as heart disease and diabetes.

Here are some tips that may help in losing weight and keeping it off:

- (1) Set modest goals - don't be lured by promises of quick and easy weight loss.
- (2) Eat three healthy, low-fat meals a day. Stop eating when you are no longer hungry instead of continuing until you feel really full.
- (3) You don't need to starve your sweet tooth simply because you're trying to control your weight. Excess calories in any form can cause weight gain. However, a good share of excess calories come from fat. Some low-fat alternatives to try are:
 - Choose fresh fruit.
 - Indulge in sorbet, low-fat ice milk or low-fat soft frozen yogurt instead of full-fat ice cream.
 - Enjoy angel food cake or baked meringue topped with fruit.
 - Top baked fruit with crumbled graham crackers and a sprinkle of brown sugar.
 - Opt for two or three ginger cookies, fig bars, vanilla wafers or animal crackers rather than higher fat cookies.
 - Treat yourself to fruit dip made from low-fat yogurt and juice concentrate.
 - Freeze grapes or bananas for snacking.
 - Warm up with spiced baked apples.
 - Snack on dried fruit, nonfat yogurt, raisin bread or graham crackers, spread with a thin layer of fruit jam.
 - Eat a cinnamon or blueberry bagel instead of a doughnut or croissant.
 - (4) Enjoy meals at a leisurely pace. The slower you eat, the less food it takes to satisfy your appetite.
 - (5) Drink 8 to 10 glasses of water or other non-caloric liquids each day.
 - (6) Begin an exercise program slowly, increasing to a minimum of three weekly exercise sessions of at least 20 minutes each. Regular physical activity can make your heart and lungs stronger, increase your muscle strength and flexibility, and help you feel good. You can improve your shape and decrease your body fat.

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If you are a physically inactive adult, before you start a vigorous exercise or sports program, check with your doctor to help decide what activity is best for your general physical condition.

(7) Try a variety of exercise activities, such as walking, biking, swimming, low-impact aerobics or tennis. It will add to the fun and provide good overall exercise.

(8) Beware of stress and boredom, as they can lead to inactivity and overeating. Keep a list of things to do in your free time and accomplish one of the tasks on the list instead of eating.

The number of calories you need depends on how much energy your body uses. People have different metabolic rates (level of energy required to support involuntary body processes such as breathing and heartbeat, levels of physical activity, body sizes and body compositions.)

Your genes are unchangeable, but you can change eating habits and activity patterns. In the battle of the bulge, two weapons are needed - diet and exercise. Whatever body type you have, you can be fit, not fat.

No one plan for losing weight is best for everyone. If you are not physically active, regular exercise may help you lose fat and keep it off. If you eat too much, decreasing your calorie intake may help.

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Pampa Meals on Wheels	Pampa Schools	Pampa Schools	Pampa Schools
Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Chopped sirloin, English peas, mixed squash, pears.	Breakfast: Biscuit/gravy, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Breakfast: Biscuit/gravy, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Breakfast: Biscuit/gravy, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday	Lunch: Sloppy joe, vegetarian beans, applesauce, choice of milk.	Lunch: Sloppy joe, vegetarian beans, applesauce, choice of milk.	Lunch: Sloppy joe, vegetarian beans, applesauce, choice of milk.
Hamburgers, tater tots, pincapple.	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Breakfast: Rice, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Breakfast: Rice, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Breakfast: Rice, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Oven-fry chickens, scalloped corn, broccoli, jello.	Lunch: Sausage on a stick, cheese potatoes, mixed fruit, hot roll, choice of roll.	Lunch: Sausage on a stick, cheese potatoes, mixed fruit, hot roll, choice of roll.	Lunch: Sausage on a stick, cheese potatoes, mixed fruit, hot roll, choice of roll.
Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Ham, dressing, green beans, fruit salad.	Breakfast: Scrambled egg, biscuit, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Breakfast: Scrambled egg, biscuit, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Breakfast: Scrambled egg, biscuit, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Friday	Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, peaches, bread sticks, choice of milk.	Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, peaches, bread sticks, choice of milk.	Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, peaches, bread sticks, choice of milk.
Closed for Easter.	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
Pampa Senior Citizens	Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.	Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Monday	Lunch: Hamburger, burger salad, pickle slices, French fries, chocolate cake, choice of milk.	Lunch: Hamburger, burger salad, pickle slices, French fries, chocolate cake, choice of milk.	Lunch: Hamburger, burger salad, pickle slices, French fries, chocolate cake, choice of milk.
Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos with cheese; mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, pinto beans; slaw, tossed or jello salad; yellow cake or rice pudding, cornbread or hot rolls.	Friday	Friday	Friday
Tuesday	No school.	No school.	No school.
Chicken fried chicken breasts or hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, creamed corn, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, banana pudding or German chocolate cake, cornbread or hot rolls.	Lefors Schools	Lefors Schools	Lefors Schools
Wednesday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, fried okra, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, butterscotch pie or cherry cobbler, cornbread or hot rolls.	Breakfast: Oats, toast, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter.	Breakfast: Oats, toast, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter.	Breakfast: Oats, toast, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter.
Thursday	Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, peaches, cottage cheese, milk.	Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, peaches, cottage cheese, milk.	Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, garlic toast, peaches, cottage cheese, milk.
Barbecue chicken or baked ham with fruit sauce, potato salad, baked beans, fried squash, slaw, tossed or jello salad, carrot cake or chocolate pie, cornbread or hot rolls.	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Friday	Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter.	Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter.	Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cereal, juice, milk, peanut butter.
Fried cod fish or lasagne, French fries, English peas, macaroni and cheese, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or pineapple pie, garlic bread, cornbread or hot rolls.	Lunch: Soft tacos, salad, ranch beans, fruit, milk.	Lunch: Soft tacos, salad, ranch beans, fruit, milk.	Lunch: Soft tacos, salad, ranch beans, fruit, milk.
	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
	Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage on a stick, juice, milk, peanut butter.	Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage on a stick, juice, milk, peanut butter.	Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage on a stick, juice, milk, peanut butter.
	Lunch: Corndogs, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk.	Lunch: Corndogs, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk.	Lunch: Corndogs, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk.
	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
	Breakfast: Ham and eggs, toast, cereal, peanut butter, juice, milk.	Breakfast: Ham and eggs, toast, cereal, peanut butter, juice, milk.	Breakfast: Ham and eggs, toast, cereal, peanut butter, juice, milk.
	Lunch: Fish, salad, corn, fruit, milk.	Lunch: Fish, salad, corn, fruit, milk.	Lunch: Fish, salad, corn, fruit, milk.
	Friday	Friday	Friday
	No school.	No school.	No school.

Sew Fair set for Tuesday

Creative sewing for the '90s will be the focus of a Sew Fair to be held Tuesday, at the Pampa Community Building, M.K. Brown Meeting Room.

The event will feature speakers, exhibits and door prizes in the afternoon and evening. The afternoon session will begin at 1 p.m. with registration and exhibits. An evening session begins at 6 p.m.

Alma Fonseca, Extension clothing specialist from College Station, will lead off the 1:15 p.m. session with a presentation on "Quilted and Belted Treasures." She will share a new layered cotton jacket technique similar but easier than the "blooming" jacket and vests. She also will share ideas for belts using twisting and knotting of different fabrics.

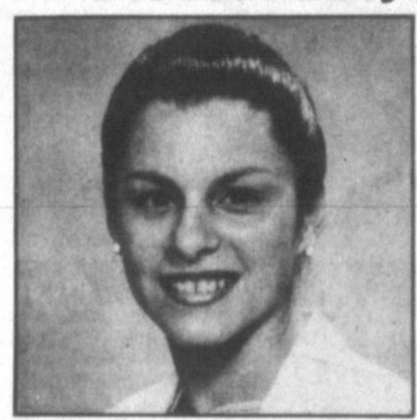
In addition to her full-time position with the Extension Service, Fonseca owns and operates a small, home-based sewing business.

"Vests, Vests and More Vests" will be the featured program at 2:15 p.m. Alby Peters, Potter County Extension agent, will be the guest speaker. Peters is well known in the Panhandle for her creative sewing ideas. She will share ideas in this session on making a variety of vest styles and how to use them in enhancing the wardrobe.

The popular jackets and vests made from cotton afghan throws will be the featured program at 3:15 p.m. Karen Babitzke, free-lance home economist from Spearman, will share tips and techniques for making them. Babitzke is a former county Extension agent in Hansford County.

In the evening session, "What's Old Is New: Clothing Recycling as an Alternative Buying Style" will be featured at 6:30 p.m. Becky Johnson, seamstress and free-lance home economist from Mobeetic, will share ideas to help women look and feel great on a shoestring budget.

Johnson has studied fashion history and design in London, taught home economics for eight years and is now involved in studying clothing recycling for environmental, aesthetic and economic reasons.



Alma Fonseca

"Cotton Bale Bag Jackets" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. by Debbie Davis, seamstress from Pampa, and June Lowrance, seamstress and clothing construction consultant from Sand's Fabrics in Pampa.

Davis and Lowrance will share tips and techniques from fashion success with the cotton bale bag fabric.

Amanda Kludt, 4-H member, and Eileen Kludt, 4-H Clothing Project leader, will present "Sewing With Laminated Fabric" at 8 p.m. Amanda Kludt used laminated fabric to construct a raincoat as part of her 1993 4-H Fashion Show contest entry. The Kludts will share their experiences with the fabric.

Rounding out the program will be a presentation on "Creative Fashion Touches" by Pam Lash, seamstress from Pampa. She is a Pampa fifth-grade teacher and is well known for her fresh, low-cost fashion ideas.

The fair is sponsored by the Gray County Family and Community Education Council. Admission is \$5, which includes one or both sessions.

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Surprise birthday celebrations tickle Pampans' fancy

A quick look around town during the first few days of spring and spring break nets a variety of events. Give bad news the brushoff between breakfast bites and sips while we check last week's bright spots.

The recent birthdays of Mary Maggard and Margie Ruff did not go unnoticed. The two ladies attended the community sing at the Pentecostal Holiness Church and sang to their hearts' content. At the end of the program Rev. Albert Maggard announced a reception for all those in attendance. The surprised look on Margie's face when she discovered Nancy, Mike, Julie, Caryn and her brother Floyd at the back of the church told the world the party was a complete surprise to her. At least 50 family members and friends of both ladies shared cake, punch, pleasant conversation and smiles galore. On Margie's real birthday a week and a day later Nancy took the birthday girls and Fay Fleming to Sirlain Stockade, Margie's choice for lunch and a pleasant time. Belated birthday wishes to Mary and Margie, who was 80 years old. Both ladies are well loved and pure of heart with no room in their lives for ugly thoughts.

Last week Nancy changed gears from wedding plans for Caryn to prom plans for Julie, Nancy and Julie, Sue Fran Bass and Paige spent part of spring break on a fun trip to Oklahoma City with emphasis on shopping for prom dresses. Caryn and Bobby Martinez with a five year romance to their credit will be married in the First Presbyterian Church the day after Julie graduates from Pampa High School. As a college junior Caryn made a 4.0 average last semester at Texas Tech on her way to becoming a registered dietician. Bobby's major is economics.

Beginning a month ago a small group meets at Nancy's house on

Monday morning for Bible study under her leadership with full group participation. Anyone interested in attending may give Nancy a call.

Recently Nita and Tommy Hill, Bill and Wanda Passmore, Yvonne and Jake Winborne and Chuck Noe joined a group from Borger for a weekend of fun and horse racing at Remington Park in Oklahoma City. A penny says accommodations were posh with an all day Sunday buffet. Good times and fun probably exceeded winnings.

Spring break came just when students and parent realized they were in overload. Dr. John and Julie Sparkman and children Kim and Kyle, and James and Gaylene Bradley and daughters Amy and Abby used spring break for a family cruise.

Charles and Sheila Massey of Plainview and Doye Massie shared a weekend in Pampa a family ski trip to the slopes.

Darnell and Mary Boyd of Lometa spent last weekend in the home of their daughter Denise and Todd Mecharg.

Little Madison Erwin proved to be a good traveler when she took her first plane ride, a trip to Galveston with her parents Amber and Ryan and grandparents Jim and Deb. Madison loved playing on the beach and watching the sea gulls. Ryan took a look see in preparation for entering Texas A&M at Galveston to major in marine biology.

Rita and Gene Sewell spent two weeks in Chicago visiting Ricky and Marci and baby Ciera. You will remember that Ciera was born in Japan.

Patsy and Danny Strawn took off for a few days of rest and recreation. While Danny golfed, Patsy galloped.

Brandon Strawn and Dusty Weatherly plus 18 more students of Southwestern Oklahoma State Uni-

versity in Weatherford spent spring break on South Padre Island.

Marge and Ken Lemons, Jason, a student at Baylor University in Waco, Jessica and Jeffrey spent spring break having family fun in Corpus Christi.

A group of 19 youth and sponsors from First Baptist Church in Skellytown took to the slopes of Santa Fe, N.M. with sleeping accommodations at Glorietta last week with reports of good times without a single accident. Sponsors were Robert and Terry Lackey, Mike and Peggy Chaney, Bruce and Debbie Braine.

Oopsydoodle! One item in the long list of civic involvement of Seleta Chance's in last week's column needs an adjustment or two. Seleta is shelter officer under the able supervision of coordinator Ken Hall of emergency management of the city and Lynda Duncan, director of the local Red Cross office. All three work together well.

Judy Wood was one of three judges for the Miss Irish Rose Pageant in Shamrock last Saturday afternoon. Brooks Cameron of Claude was named Miss Irish Rose of 1994 out of 22 contestants to succeed Miss Irish Rose of 1993, Kalina Kotara of White Deer and a freshman at the University of North Texas in Denton. Kalina was featured in a float during the morning parade as was Warren Chisum of Pampa. Both were cheered by the crowds along the parade route. Kali-

na was cheered again at the pageant with support of her father, John Alden Kotara, her sister Karla, brother of John, and his children Jarrett and Haili, brother Tracy, grandmother, Mary McDaniel, friends Betty Ray Brown of Groom and Lennie Sims of Wellington, coordinator of the Collingsworth County Peanut Festival Pageant. Kalina was Miss Peanut Festival Queen of 1992.

Aspiring variety and J.V. cheerleaders of Pampa High School are working out daily on jumps, cheers, chant and dance under the expert coaching of senior cheerleaders. Katina Thomas is the dace choreographer. Other senior coaches and cheerleaders are Kimberly Martin,

head cheerleader, Ginny Hopper and Shelly Young.

Accolades to David Webster, a local insurance agent, who is developing a health care program for a segment of our youth through the Lions Club. What began as a local program to fill an urgent need is in the process of becoming a national project for Lions Clubs all across the USA. It all started here in Pampa with David.

Glyndene Shelton is now in the League of Doting Grandmothers as an instant grandmother with long-time yeamings. Her son David Shelton and Tammy Nelson of Amarillo were married in David's home with only family members in attendance. Seven-year-old Katie Nelson, who provided the instant parenthood bit for David, Glyndene and her mother Ellen Swindle, further endeared herself to her new family by singing during the ceremony. Look for Glyndene in stores carrying lacy and fluffy clothing for girls. In no time at all Glyndene will know the latest styles for elementary school girls.

W.C. and Betty Epperson recently had a delightful visitor, Mario Zaratti of Italy who was an exchange stu-

dent in their home 1967 through 1968. He came from a meeting of research scientists in New Orleans, La. last week for a visit with them. Mario is a bio-physicist at the University of Podava, Podava, Italy. He was in Louisiana for five days and was returning to Italy and his wife Christina after leaving Pampa.

Several friends enjoyed getting together and eating at Dyer's and then visiting in the Epperson's home. Mario and W.C. went to visit W.C.'s dad, Orban Epperson in the nursing home Friday and enjoyed the day visiting and catching up on news - such as Mario and Christina's expected baby in June. W.C. and Betty will have an Italian grandchild!

The beauty of the trees in bloom at City Hall and the First National Bank drive-up will require a whole year to forget. Crocuses and hyacinths blooming straight from the dormant grass in Bill and Grace Gething's yard always seem to be Pampa's first to bloom. Welcome signs of spring and new life.

See you back here next Sunday and at church on Easter Sunday. Katie.



Peeking at Pampa
By Katie

County government week set for April

Across America, counties are focusing on the week of April 16-23 as County Government Awareness Week to illustrate how counties serve the public.

The Texas Association of Counties is sponsoring a statewide photography contest to capture on film what counties are all about. The contest in Gray County is being organized by the Gray County 4-H Photography Project. The contest is open to anyone in Gray County.

Entries will be accepted in two categories: Courthouse Architecture and County Government at Work.

The Courthouse Architecture category includes photographic representations of Texas courthouse

buildings, annexes or other county structures, including architectural details of those facilities.

The County Government at Work category includes photos of county employees or work processes that illustrate the value of county government services or the interesting nature of county government as a place to work. Entries in this category may consist of photo essays of up to five photos.

Entries must be in the form of prints or enlargements, color or black and white, and mounted on white posterboard. Each entry must include the county's name and name, address and telephone number for the photographer. This information should be affixed to

the back of the posterboard.

Entries are due in the Gray County Extension office, Gray County Annex, East Highway 60, by 5 p.m. on April 14. Photos will be exhibited in the Gray County Courthouse April 15-23.

Four entries per category will be selected for submission to the state contest. Winners selected in the state contest will be printed in *County Magazine* later in the year. In 1995, the Texas Association of Counties will present the entire collection of entries in a show at the newly renovated State Capitol.

Entry blanks and information are available at the Gray County Extension office or by calling 669-8033.

Museum shows kids where milk REALLY comes from

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — "Henrietta Holstein" quickly became the central attraction of the Marvelous Moo Machine exhibit at the Children's Museum at Yunker Farm in north Fargo.

She's a life-size fiberglass cow that children can hook up to a real-life milking machine to learn all about the dairy business.

"One of the goals of the exhibit is to show that milk doesn't just appear in the grocery store, that it has many processes," says Paula Carlson, the museum's executive director. "There are many steps, and we try to simulate an experience that's as real life as possible."

Kids dress up in white coveralls and farmer baseball caps and go through a series of chores — everything from the initial cleaning of the cow's teats, to milking and sweeping up behind the cow.

The exhibit is loosely patterned after a similar display in Madison, Wis., and involves a number of role-playing experiences at kid level that involve production and retail ends of the business.

In the International Dairy Bar display, kids can find themselves on either side of a food stand dishing up real or pretend delicacies such as chocolate malts,

pizza, milk and cheese.

Then there's the graphic input-output display on what goes into a cow and the milk it produces.

A dozen gallon jugs indicate the average daily output of a single Holstein, and 84 gallon jugs hang from the ceiling to represent a week's production.

On the input side, there's a drum, representing the 25 gallons of water a cow drinks daily, and containers that show the 90 pounds of hay and grain cows

consume to make that milk.

"Even some of the dairy people who have seen the exhibit say they do this every day, but don't really think about the pounds or the amount of water," Carlson said.

Carlson said the Marvelous Moo Machine exhibit meets the museum's Exhibits and Programming Committee's long-range goal of exposing children and families to the region's culture and heritage.



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By The Associated Press

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Top Singles

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Top Albums

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Country

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Adult Contemporary

- Copyright 1994, Billboard 1. "Now and Forever," Richard Marx (Capitol)

- 2. "Everyday," Phil Collins (Atlantic) 3. "The Power of Love," Celine Dion (Music) 4. "Breathe Again," Toni Braxton (Laface) 5. "Without You," Mariah Carey (Columbia) 6. "Said I Loved You But I Lied," Michael Bolton (Columbia) 7. "Having a Party," Rod Stewart (Warner Bros.) 8. "Please Forgive Me," Bryan Adams (A&M) 9. "Because the Night," 10,000 Maniacs (Elektra) 10. "Love Sneakin' Up On You," Bonnie Raitt (Capitol)

R&B

- Copyright 1994, Billboard 1. "Bump N' Grind," R. Kelly (Jive) 2. "U Send Me Swingin'," Mint Condition (Perspective) 3. "Feenin'," Jodeci (Uptown) 4. "Groove Thang," Zhane (Motown) 5. "I'm Ready," Tevin Campbell (Qwest) 6. "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World," Prince (NPG) 7. "Whatta Man," Salt-N-Pepa (Next Plateau) (Gold) 8. "Never Forget You-Without You," Mariah Carey (Columbia) 9. "I'm in the Mood," Ce Ce Peniston (Perspective) 10. "So Much in Love," All-4-One (Blitz)

Modern Rock

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Latin

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Aussie film industry plays David to Hollywood's Goliath

By PETER JAMES SPIELMANN Associated Press Writer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Try to imagine visiting Paris and being unable to find a French film showing in a local theater, or an Italian film in Rome, or an American film in New York or Los Angeles. Unthinkable. But weeks, even months have gone by when it's been impossible to find a theater showing an Australian movie in Sydney, the nation's biggest city. It is a sign of the David-and-Goliath struggle that local filmmakers wage against Hollywood even in their homeland. A film buff could see the latest U.S. releases ("Schindler's List," "Flesh and Bone") and films from Britain, Spain, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, France, Mexico, Italy, even Chile and Finland. But you have to look hard to find an Australian film — quite a surprise in the country that produced

the world's first full-length feature in 1906, "The Story of the Kelly Gang," and regularly releases films that win critical acclaim. Yet the local film industry battles on, releasing 24 features last year against more than 200 churned out by the United States. Few of them played more than a couple of weeks, and few were on more than one or two screens in any Australian city. The multiscreen theaters in the suburban malls and downtown are almost exclusively devoted to Hollywood productions. Now and then a film breaks through to international success, such as last year's "Strictly Ballroom," and the "Mad Max" and "Crocodile Dundee" films of the 1980s. "Crocodile Dundee," for example, grossed \$174 million at the box office in the United States alone in 1986; the 1988 sequel pulled in \$109 million in America, the only Australian films to break the golden

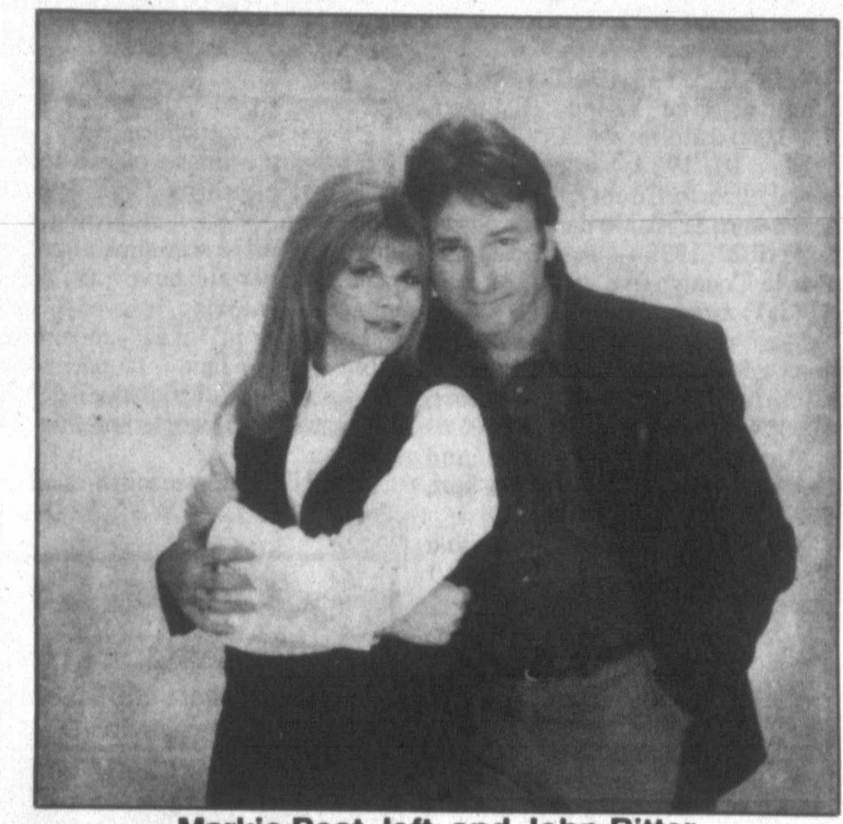
\$100 million-plus mark. Australians aren't used to big hits. "Strictly Ballroom," the last international success story, grossed \$6.5 million in the United States, and \$14 million in Australia. That's about how much a popular American film would gross over a three-day holiday weekend. A more typical Australian success story was "Proof," a 1990 film with a budget of just \$720,000 that grossed \$1.3 million in Australia and \$900,000 internationally. "It did good business for a film of that size. ... It's not 'Jurassic Park,'" conceded Jock Given, policy adviser for the Australian Film Commission, which provides funds for small-budget and experimental films, and films by new directors. To be a smash hit, a movie has to play on 1,000 to 2,000 screens worldwide. When "Strictly Ballroom" was released, only 40 prints were sent to theaters; when it became obvious that the film was

more successful than anticipated, another 160 prints were made. Miramax, the distributor of "The Piano," a film set in New Zealand and jointly funded by France, New Zealand and Australia, is rushing 200 new prints to American theaters to capitalize on the movie's eight Academy Award nominations, including best picture, director (New Zealander Jane Campion), actress (Holly Hunter), and supporting actress for 11-year-old Anna Paquin of New Zealand. "The Piano" has earned more than \$20 million. But Australian and New Zealand filmmakers concede they are swimming against the tide, which flows from Hollywood. "The grim fact is that out of every 100 bucks spent at the box office in Australia, 94 or 95 go back to Los Angeles," said Phillip Adams, a critic and columnist who helped revive the moribund film industry in the early 1970s.

Can you beat that? 'Hearts Afire' is back again

By FRAZIER MOORE AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Will the third time be the right time this time? "Hearts Afire" first blazed onto CBS' schedule in fall '92 as a cheeky Washington, D.C.-based sitcom starring John Ritter and Markie Post as hot-blooded singles on Capitol Hill. Then last fall the show's temperature cooled, as the couple — by now wed — moved to the sticks and found a down-home sensibility. Monday, after six weeks on hiatus, "Hearts Afire" heats back up. The powerhouse team of Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason has resuscitated "Hearts" yet again. For how long remains to be seen (no segments were available for review). The rural setting still applies and the couple are still betrothed, but in this later time slot (9:30 p.m. EST) the show — so goes the thinking — is free to return to its racy roots. In one of the four episodes awaiting you, conservative bigmouth Rush Limbaugh makes his acting debut, albeit as himself. While on a book tour, he squares off with political antipode Georgie (Post) for a radio debate, during which they find themselves eerily attracted to each other. In another episode, John (Ritter) and Georgie engage in impromptu hanky-panky in the dressing room of a department store — and get arrested. In yet another episode, they check into a singles condo in Florida.



Markie Post, left, and John Ritter

But in Monday's episode, Lonnie (played by sawed-off Southern-drawling Leslie Jordan) infiltrates an all-male club to give outraged Georgie a report on the secret goings-on. The renewed and re-improved "Hearts" is "sexy and smart," promised Conchata Ferrell, who plays the grumpy psychologist Madeline. After weathering an unscheduled shooting day in L.A. (see below), then flying the red-eye East, she had joined co-stars Ritter, Post and

Jordan Tuesday morning in a Manhattan hotel suite, where they chatted with a reporter — and cut up with each other. "You filmed yesterday?!" a startled John asked Conchata. "Can you believe that?" she asked with a laugh. "It was a day off, but I went out to the studio on an errand. They come running after me: 'Harry's been looking for you everywhere.'" Markie: "Not good news." Conchata: "He said, 'We need to shoot a new ending for next week's

show.'" Markie: "The drive-in scene?" Conchata: "Now I cry at the end." Markie: "Ahhhh, that's cute! I like that!" Conchata: "I told Harry when I left, 'There's not another man on the planet I would have done this for.'" Markie: "He must have loved hearing that." John: "Working for Linda and Harry, you're never overheard." Markie: "We have a lot of fun." Leslie: "Just a bunch of kee-yids putting on a show." Markie: "But it's also been a struggle for us. Not knowing what time we're gonna be on..." John: "Fires! Floods! Drive-by shootings! Earthquakes!" Markie: "We had a great first year, even if it was — what's the word? — controversy-ridden. But we were on at 8:30 Mondays! Then they put us on Friday at 9 o'clock, which Linda was very upset about. Then they moved us to 8 on Wednesday. So there was a lot of adjusting to that earlier hour." Conchata: "Some TV shows slaughter people from 8 to 9 o'clock, but touching each other is another whole matter." Markie: "But now we're at 9:30, right after 'Murphy Brown.' And these next four shows will be like the old 'Hearts,' when we were getting ourselves in trouble. But now we won't be getting in trouble, because we're at 9:30!" John: "Hey, if you can't stand the heat, get out of the bedroom! Isn't that what Harry Truman said?"

McBride, Shenandoah to play

AMARILLO — Two major country artists will appear in Amarillo within the next two weeks. McBride & The Ride will play at Midnight Rodeo in Amarillo. The concert begins at 10:30 p.m. on March 30. The group, which has appeared at the Top O' Texas Rodeo dance in Pampa, was recently involved in its film debut in 8 Seconds. Following the success of their current single, McBride & The Ride is currently recording its fourth major label album. Also stopping in Amarillo is past Academy of Country Music vocal group of the year winner Shenandoah. The group will perform at the Amarillo Civic Center on April 2. Shenandoah recently topped country music charts with "I Want To Be Loved Like That," a track from their third album entitled Under the Kudzu. Another cut from that album, "If

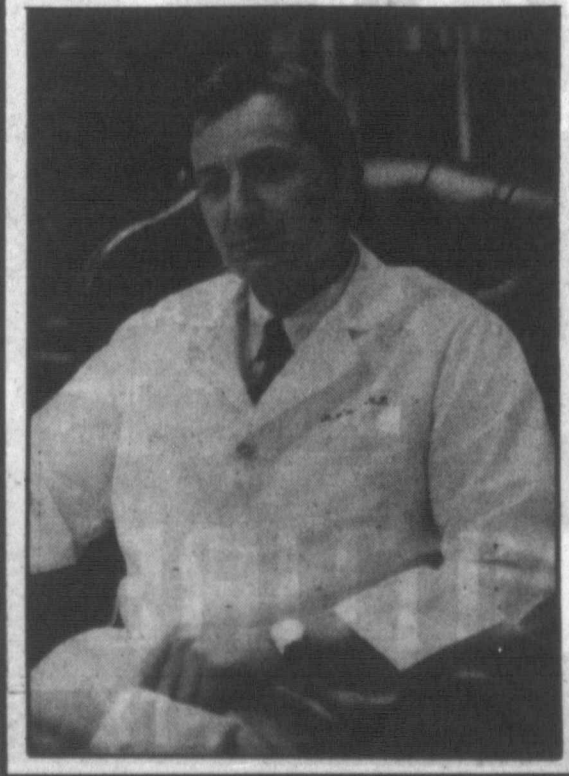
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Wonder credits black radio

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stevie Wonder says he owes it all to black-owned radio. If it weren't for black stations and disc jockeys playing his music back when he was just a boy wonder, "it would have been impossible for my career to have ever existed," said the 43-year-old star. The Grammy and Academy Award-winning performer was

honored Thursday at the 10th annual National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters awards. Other honorees were Whitney Houston, "Soul Train" founder Don Cornelius, musical producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis and Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.



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TEXAS TORNAOES

By The Associated Press

A list of recorded Texas tornadoes causing major property damage and loss of life:

May 9, 1993 — Dallas and Collin Counties; one dead, more than 60 hurt, property damage estimated at \$18 million as twister skipped from Sachse to Wylie.

June 1, 1990 — Pecos and Upton Counties; two dead, 19 hurt, widespread property damage as tornado swept 20 miles, crossing FM 305.

May 17, 1989 — Jarrell, Williamson County; one dead, 30 injured, extensive damage as twister struck about 4:05 a.m., staying on the ground for seven miles.

Nov. 15-16, 1987 — Palestine, Anderson County; Jacksonville, Cherokee County as more than a dozen twisters hit East Texas, 10 dead, about 160 hurt. Storms also hit Beeville, Caldwell, Giddings, Bay City, Port Arthur, Smith County, Madison County; \$35 million damage.

May 22, 1987 — Saragosa, Reeves County, 30 dead, 162 hurt, town destroyed, \$1.4 million damage.

April 19, 1986 — Sweetwater, Nolan County; one dead, 100 hurt, \$20 million damage.

May 13, 1985 — DeSoto, Dallas County; 16 hurt, \$1.5 million damage.

Dec. 13, 1984 — Balch Springs, Mesquite, Garland; all Dallas County; 28 hurt, 600 homes damaged or destroyed, \$20 million damage.

May 20, 1983 — Harris, Montgomery, Liberty, Waller counties; 10 killed, \$400 million damage.

April 2, 1982 — Paris, Lamar County; 11 killed, more than 200 hurt, \$50 million damage.

May 13, 1981 — Emberson, Lamar County; 30 hurt, \$2 million damage, city 90 percent destroyed.

April 10, 1979 — Wichita Falls, Wichita County; also Archer, Clay, Foard and Wilbarger counties; 53 killed, 1,812 hurt; \$500 million damage.

May 11, 1970 — Lubbock, Lubbock County; 26 killed, 500 hurt, \$135 million damage with 15 square miles of the city damaged.

April 18, 1970 — near Clarendon, Donley County; 17 killed, 42 hurt, \$2.1 million damage.

June 2, 1965 — Hale Center, Hale County; four killed, 76 hurt, \$8 million damage.

April 3, 1964 — Wichita Falls, Wichita County; seven killed, 111 hurt, \$15 million damage.

March 31, 1959 — Hill County; six killed, 31 hurt, town of Vaughan destroyed.

May 15, 1957 — Silverton, Briscoe County; 21 killed, 80 hurt, \$500,000 damage.

April 2, 1957 — Dallas, Dallas County; 10 killed, 200 hurt, \$4 million damage.

May 11, 1953 — Waco, McLennan County; 114 killed, 597 hurt for largest casualty toll, \$41.1 million damage, with 1,735 buildings damaged or destroyed.

May 11, 1953 — near San Angelo, Tom Green County; 11 killed, 159 hurt, \$3.24 million damage.

March 13, 1953 — Haskell and Knox counties; 17 killed, 25 hurt, \$600,000 damage.

April 29, 1950 — Clyde, Baird, Callahan County; 5 killed, 4 injured, thousands of dollars damage.

May 15, 1949 — Amarillo; Potter and Randall Counties; 6 killed, 83 hurt, \$5.3 million damage.

May 3, 1948 — McKinney, Collin County; three killed, 43 hurt, \$2 million damage.

April 9, 1947 — Carson, Hemphill and Lipscomb counties; 68 killed, 201 hurt, \$1.55 million damage with town of Glazier destroyed by one of the largest twisters on record — 1.5 miles wide that cut a 221-mile swath across portions of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

May 18, 1946 — Clay, Montague and Denton counties; four killed, \$112,000 damage.

Jan. 4, 1946 — Angelina and Nacogdoches counties; 13 killed, 250 hurt, \$2 million damage.

Jan. 4, 1946 — near Palestine, Anderson County; 15 killed, 60 hurt, \$500,000 damage.

May 10, 1943 — Rusk and Gregg counties; four killed, 25 hurt, \$1 million damage.

April 28, 1943 — Crowell, Foard County; 11 killed, 25 hurt, \$1.5 million damage.

June 10, 1938 — Clyde, Callahan County; 14 killed, nine hurt, \$85,000 damage.

July 30, 1933, Dallas, Dallas County; five killed, 30 hurt, \$500,000 damage.

May 10, 1933 — near Brownwood, Brown County; four killed, seven hurt, \$250,000 damage.

April 25, 1933 — near Texarkana, Bowie County; five killed, 38 hurt, \$14,000 damage.

March 30, 1933 — Angelina, Nacogdoches and San Augustine counties; 10 killed, 56 hurt, \$200,000 damage.

May 6, 1930 — Karnes and DeWitt counties; 36 killed, 34 hurt, \$127,000 damage.

May 6, 1930 — Hill, Ellis and Navarro counties; 41 killed, \$2.1 million damage.

April 24, 1929 — Slocum, Anderson County; seven killed, 20 hurt, \$200,000 damage.

Jan. 4, 1929 — near Bay City, Matagorda County; five killed, 14 hurt.

May 9, 1927 — Collin, Hunt and Lamar counties; 28 killed, more than 200 hurt, \$900,000 damage.

May 9, 1927 — Garland, Dallas County; 11 killed, \$100,000 damage.

April 12, 1927 — Rocksprings, Edwards County; 72 killed, more than 200 hurt, \$1.2 million damage with city almost demolished.

May 24, 1923 — Howard and Mitchell counties; 23 killed, 100 hurt, \$50,000 damage.

May 4, 1922 — Austin, Travis County; 12 killed, 50 hurt, \$500,000 damage.

April 8, 1922 — Oplin, Callahan County; five killed, 30 hurt, \$15,000 damage.

April 8, 1922 — Rowena, Runnels County; seven killed, 52 hurt, \$55,000 hurt.

April 15, 1921 — Wood, Cass and Bowie counties; 10 killed, 50 hurt, \$85,000 damage.

April 13, 1921 — Collin and Lamar counties; 12 killed, 80 hurt, \$500,000 damage with town of Melissa almost destroyed.

New radar provides high-tech eye into storms

By JEAN PAGEL, Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK (AP) — Meteorologists on the South Plains armed themselves with new technology just in time for the springtime storms that can brew into black masses of fury.

The sophisticated radar package WSR-88D serves as an eye in the sky to watch rotating winds that might form tornadoes.

At the National Weather Service in Lubbock, where the \$2.5 million radar was installed in March, forecasters say they've gained an edge tracking when and where tornadoes touch down in a 150-mile radius.

'As good as that new radar is, there's just no substitute to having a trained spotter in the right place.'

— Andy Anderson, NWS meteorologist

"We have tornadoes every year, but it's just a matter of bad luck if they hit anything," said Andy Anderson, NWS meteorologist in charge. "We've seen time after time where if people have just a few minutes of warning, it saves lives."

Each year in Texas — most often from April to June — thunderstorms spawn about 120 tornadoes that on average kill 15 people and hurt 200 others.

The NWS in Amarillo received the state's first WSR-88D last

spring; others operate in Houston and the Dallas area.

Amarillo weather watchers credit the new technology with helping detect 17 of the Texas Panhandle's 20 tornadoes last year. The three that slipped by the radar were weak, said meteorologist Douglas Crowley.

"It's been a tremendous help to us," Crowley said.

The Doppler works like this: Scanning radar beams bounce off atmospheric conditions like hail or raindrops. The Doppler's screens reflect a rainbow color scheme — from powder blue to dark purple and reds — measuring the energy intensity in a thunderstorm.

Meteorologists can "watch" the speed and direction of a rotating air column by monitoring the colors on their computer screen.

Crowley said the radar allowed the Amarillo NWS to issue warnings four to 25 minutes before the tornadoes touched down. No one was hurt or killed in Panhandle tornadoes last year, he said.

"It's finally knowing that you're moving into modern science and technology, giving you information to make proper decisions to protect the public with," he said.

Anderson called West Texas a tornado breeding ground, where upper-atmosphere systems tap into warm moisture from the Gulf of Mexico.

Seventy percent of Texas' tornadoes are classified as weak: They travel less than three miles and last only a few minutes.

Less than 2 percent of the tornadoes in Texas are classified as violent: These 200-mph monsters can

grow more than one mile wide and stay on the ground for more than one hour.

Such "violent" tornadoes hit Waco on May 11, 1953, killing 114 people; Wichita Falls on April 10, 1979, killing 45 people; and Saragosa on May 23, 1987, killing 30 people.

"We just frankly don't know enough about them," Anderson said. "What initiates that rotation? What gets them started?"

At NWS stations around the country, Doppler technology is gradually replacing World War II-era radar that can't trace moving air currents.

Anderson was pleased but cautious about the new tool in Lubbock.

"I don't want to give the impression that we're going to find every tornado and give adequate warning, because that's not the case," he said.

"As good as that new radar is, there's just no substitute to having a

trained spotter in the right place."

Tornado studies of another sort — how to protect life and property — have been under way at Texas Tech University since a Lubbock tornado killed 26 people and caused \$135 million in damage on May 11, 1970.

Kishor Mehta said the Wind Engineering Research Center is finding ways to make schools and homes more tornado-resistant.

Mehta, director of the Texas Tech center, said research there helped disprove the myth that closed windows make houses explode during tornadoes.

Mehta and his associates use Doppler and videotapes in their work analyzing storm damage. Yet, his best advice for staying safe in a tornado is relatively low-tech and old-fashioned:

"As long as the bathroom is in the middle of the house ... get in the tub with a mattress."

Tips for surviving tornadoes

By The Associated Press

Tips for surviving tornado strikes:

— Seek shelter in a basement, closet or room protected by as many interior walls as possible.

— Never waste time opening windows to counteract pressure differentials. Buildings

won't explode if windows are closed.

— Move from a large open building, such as a gym or auditorium, into a hallway or small room.

— Get out of your vehicle or mobile home.

— If you're outdoors, get in a culvert. Avoid drainage ditches that might flood.



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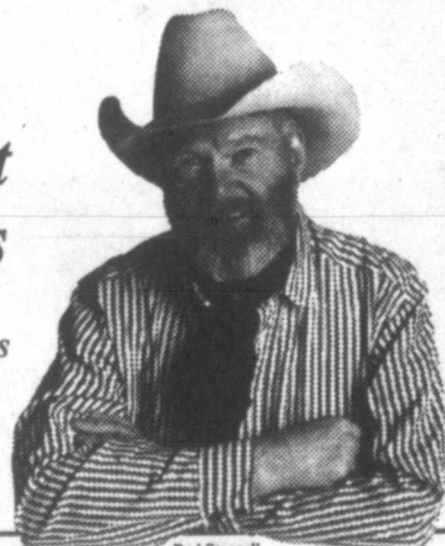
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Encounters with atomic radiation: 'Why didn't anyone tell us?'

By MICHAEL BEZDEK
Associated Press Writer

From Hiroshima to the nuclear test ban treaty of 1963, about 250,000 servicemen and scientists were exposed to radiation in varying levels from nuclear bombs. Following are scenes from some of those encounters with the atom:

H.R. "Pat" Patton of Oakley, Kan., stumbled out of a Japanese slave labor camp along with several thousand other American prisoners in 1945, liberated after a bombing they had seen light up a nearby city.

It was but one bomb—Little Boy. And Patton and a few other POWs would see what had been wrought by that 28-inch-wide device when they made their way to Hiroshima about a week after the Aug. 6 explosion.

"We roamed around for seven days seeing the devastation and dying. There were some military men around, but nobody told us to stay away," he said. "Then, they got their act together and herded us up and shipped us out—through the port of Nagasaki." That's where the bomb Fat Man had been dropped Aug. 9.



This is a May 1956 U.S. Naval Photographic Center file photo showing an atomic test explosion at the Bikini Atoll test site in the Marshall Islands of the South Pacific.

Patton—a survivor of the Bataan death march, a fighter with the Phillipine resistance, a POW who weighed 67 pounds at liberation—imagines now that Hiroshima might have contributed to his cancer, which he also overcame. But he worries about all atomic veterans, and echoes their almost universal cry:

"Why didn't anyone tell us? There were all those occupation troops who came in after us and they didn't tell them anything either. Why didn't they take care of us later?"

About 42,000 servicemen and scientists were gathered at the Pacific islands cluster of Bikini Atoll for Operation Crossroads and the first postwar atom bomb tests. Able and Baker, in July 1946.

The men, mostly Navy, were handed certificates for the "Grand Council, Exclusive Order of Guinea Pigs."

The joke has long since lost its humor as thousands, especially those charged with cleaning up Crossroads target ships, wonder if they might have been exposed to dangerous levels of radiation.

The government has said all were closely monitored and well-shielded.

Dr. David Bradley of Norwich, Vt., was part of the safety section that measured fallout and distributed film badges to record radiation exposure. His recollection: "There were very few trained monitors, and the instruments themselves were fragile and often conked out on us. There weren't enough film badges to go around."

Claude Richard of Rayne, La., helped clean one of dozens of target ships that eventually had to be sunk because of contamination. He said no film badges were distributed during the month he spent cleaning the troop transport ship Carteret.

According to an Aug. 6, 1946, memorandum from the officer in charge of the monitor ships: "The large number of personnel to be protected when working in ships with radiation above tolerance has required the monitors and equipment to be so widely scattered that proper protection and adequate control are not possible."

The Bravo shot of Operation Castle was the big bang of nuclear testing. It came at Bikini Atoll in 1954 from a 15-megaton hydrogen bomb, the largest detonation ever by the United States. It was the equivalent of about 750 Hiroshima bombs, and it vaporized the test island.

That thermonuclear blast was bigger than anyone expected. An unexpected wind shift left residents of nearby islands burned and sickened, and it killed the radio operator of a Japanese fishing vessel. Tuna from the area were so contaminated the Japanese banned the fish.

Navy personnel, in lessons learned from Crossroads, hunkered down in their ships for hours to avoid the fallout. Others were more exposed to the immense radiation cloud, such as Ramon Bertolino of the Air Force and other military weather observers 125 miles from ground zero.

"We started calling on the radio, 'What's happening?' And we never got any response," said Bertolino, 64, a retired schoolteacher. He said rescue came more than a day later from a flyer who defied orders.

Although exposed to more than 90 times the maximum amount of radiation the military found acceptable in those days, Bertolino is in good health. But like so many service men, he wonders about others. And he's still mad.

"They knew the wind carried the stuff out there," he said, "and they just let us sit there."

Sheldon Wallerstein was in a trench about a mile away for part of Operation Plumbbob at Camp Desert Rock, Nev., in 1957.

"It was the most beautiful sight of colors I have ever seen in my life. My first thought was how could anything so beautiful be so devastating," said Wallerstein, of Lanoka Harbor, N.J.

'Why didn't anyone tell us? There were all those occupation troops who came in after us and they didn't tell them anything either. Why didn't they take care of us later?'

As the dust settled, Wallerstein and other officers walked across the desert floor, which had turned to shards of glass, to ground zero.

Later, he was brushed off with a broom and told he was OK.

"The whole purpose of all the exercises that were conducted at that time was to see if our troops could be mobile and go in and actually occupy an area (of a blast)," said Wallerstein, then an MP, who noted he once saw the bones of his hands as he held them over his tightly shut eyes.

Wallerstein still is not questioning why he was there for the blasts. He just wants the government to tell all now.

"They have made it very difficult to find out what happened," he said. "If we keep stringing this out, most of these people will die."

Michael Thomas got his glimpse of atomic power in 1962 when Naval Patrol Squadron VP6 of

specially trained submarine killers was diverted to Johnston Atoll to clear the area of shipping before an atmospheric bomb test.

The stay was longer than expected. A 1.4 megaton Thor rocket fizzled on the launch pad of the atoll's Johnston Island during test Bluegill Prime of Operation Dominic. The warhead had to be destroyed by a remote-controlled explosive, leaving contaminated debris that blocked the runway and prevented the departure of Thomas and about 100 other men.

"For five days, we just walked around, fishing and laying in the sun. We had no protective clothing. And no one told us about any dangers," said Thomas, 52, an air freight executive from Hinsdale, Ill.

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Haunted by concerns about that exposure and pregnancy problems in his family, Thomas in recent years started looking for his former mates.

"Of the 20 I have found so far, only four are OK," Thomas said in a recent telephone interview. Of those, he said, nine contracted cancer and three of them have died of the disease.

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The government, according to Defense Nuclear Agency documents, had been concerned about Johnston Island ever since, running contamination tests from 1964-1980. A cleanup eventually was done to remove gamma-ray-producing isotopes of americium-241 and plutonium-239, with half-lives of 460 years and 25,000 years, respectively.

"We got fried," said Thomas. "Five guys I found had terrible skin cancer. One guy had to have nose and ears replaced. There was a civilian there I talked to recently, and he has not a hair on his body."

Thomas keeps looking, mostly to let the veterans know medical aid might be obtained from the Veterans Administration. He does it alone. When he contacted the VA for help in his search, he was informed by letter that his query would be handled like any other "reunion" request; his letters would be forwarded once he found all the names.

Meanwhile, windswept little Johnston Island is back in duty, now home for the government's first incineration plant for aging chemical weapons, including mustard gas and the deadly nerve agent GB.

Who to contact
By The Associated Press

Some contacts for veterans concerned about radiation exposure during their time in the service:

—Veterans Affairs Radiation Help Line, 1-800-827-0365. Information from the federal government about radiation issues and benefits. Line is heavily used, and messages may not be returned for two or three working days.

—National Association of Atomic Veterans, 1-800-955-1186. A private organization of concerned veterans who provide guidance to, and lobby for, veterans who believe they were harmed by radiation while on duty.

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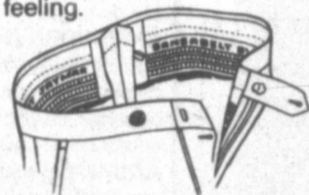
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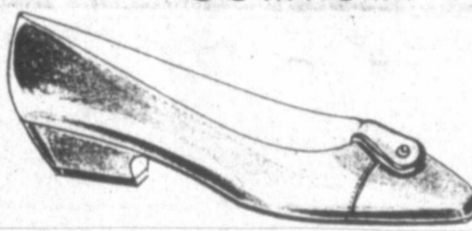
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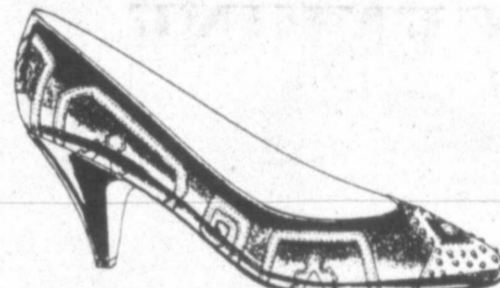
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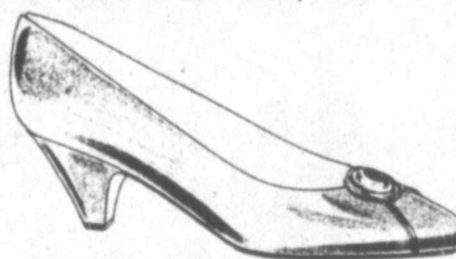
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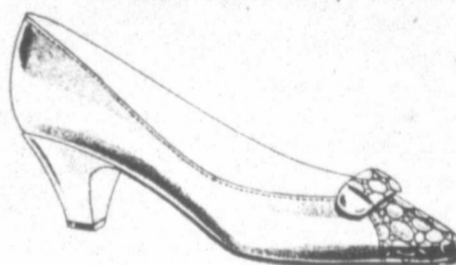
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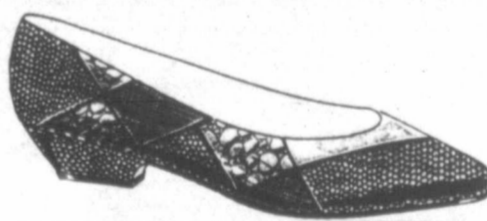
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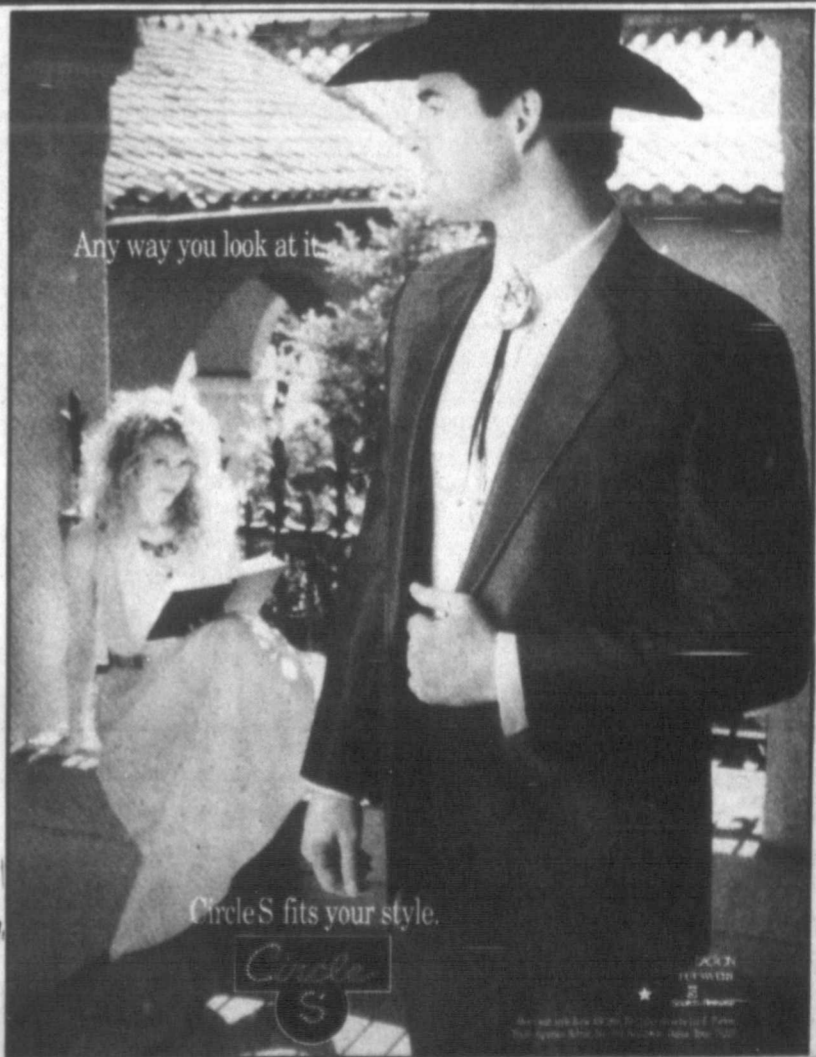
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- 1 Prison compartment
- 5 Early inhabitant of Britain
- 9 Animal's stomach
- 12 Singer — Adams
- 13 Black bird
- 14 — de France
- 15 Singer — Turner
- 16 Motley — (music group)
- 17 Born
- 18 Short jackets
- 20 Sault — Marie
- 21 Stringed instrument
- 22 Emperor (war.)
- 24 Piquant
- 26 It follows April
- 28 Bit with beak
- 31 Catch sight of

33 Actress — West

- 34 Cheese
- 38 Fastens
- 39 Hotel
- 40 Zola heroine
- 41 Degree
- 44 Signal
- 45 Greek marketplace
- 48 — St. Laurent
- 50 Pas' mates
- 51 Large tub
- 54 Cape Kennedy rocket
- 57 A rose —
- 58 — Pop
- 60 Pacific island
- 61 Limb
- 62 Troquois
- 63 Actual being
- 64 Language suffix
- 65 Floating device
- 66 College

Answer to Previous Puzzle

DOWN

- 1 Whale
- 2 Revise the wording of
- 3 Printing machine
- 4 Is inclined
- 5 New Deal program
- 6 Does wrong
- 7 Oaf
- 8 Pluck (eyebrows)
- 9 King of Crete
- 10 An Alaskan know
- 11 Overgrown
- 19 Tree 'ud
- 23 Send a: payment
- 25 Paradise
- 26 Ran into
- 27 As far —
- 29 Walking stick
- 30 Singer — Rogers
- 32 River in Belgium
- 35 Ballerina
- 36 Year (Sp.)
- 37 Crazy
- 42 — Cugat
- 43 Federal agcy.
- 45 A miss is as good as
- 46 Vapors
- 47 — orange
- 49 — on: incited
- 52 Site of Taj Mahal
- 53 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
- 55 Space agcy.
- 56 So be it!
- 59 Still

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Oh, honey... that's silly

I mean, we've got a VCR...

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I'VE HAD MY PONYTAIL, THANK YOU.

REALLY? YEP

I'M ON MY SECOND TRIP AROUND THE FASHION CYCLE.

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EEK & MEEK

WHAT'S UP?

I JUST HAD ANOTHER BIG ARGUMENT WITH MONIQUE

I'LL NOT SAY ANOTHER WORD TO THAT WOMAN TILL THE DAY I DIE...

OR TILL TOMORROW, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST

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By Johnny Hart

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might not be able to have your cake and eat it too today. Something may develop where you have to choose between feathering your own nest or the nest of someone with whom you're involved. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be extremely selective regarding your choice of companions today or else you may collect guilt through association. What they do will reflect on you for good or ill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might get involved in a social arrangement where everyone knows one another, except you. If you don't want to feel completely isolated, you'd better take a friend along.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your personal ambitions and your expectations might not compliment one another today. You'll want certain things, but chances are you may not expend the necessary effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you fall short of your expectations today, it could be due to your inability to properly evaluate information essential to your plans. Don't make judgments before the facts are in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Unrealistic optimism could work against you today. Disappointment is likely if your expectations are built upon a questionable premise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you expect others to be nice to you today, you must set the proper example. Waiting to first see what the other guy is going to do for you is the wrong approach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You have only one person to please today where your work is concerned and that is yourself. If you personally know you've done the best you can, you'll not need additional applause.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A friend who is quite fond of you might be unnecessarily hurt today through either your indifference or a selfish act. If this occurs, it could take a rather long time to repair the damage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone you recently met might not be all that he/she pretends to be. This may become apparent to you when you watch this person perform under testy conditions today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A friend of yours might come to you for advice today. Instead of telling him/her things you think this person will want to hear, be as frank as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This might not be one of your better days for shopping in stores that carry expensive merchandise. Your ability to recognize real bargains may not be operating.

MARVIN

NEW TAPE?

YEAH, I SENT AWAY FOR IT.

I GOT IT FOR MARVIN.

IT'S "HOOKED ON PHONICS FOR BABIES"

AH...AAH... MA-MA! AH...AAH... DA-DA...

By Tom Armstrong

ALLEY OOP

WE GOT 'IM, GOOD WORK, FELLAS! NOW LET'S GET OUTA HERE WHILE WE CAN!

WHAT ABOUT GERTIE?

I'M AFRAID SHE'S ON HER OWN OSCAR! COME ON, WE GOTTA GO!

By Dave Graue

BEATTIE BLVD.

"You said you needed a pink shirt...so I washed your red shirt with a white one..."

By Bruce Beattie

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"My piano teacher is very religious. She kept closing her eyes and saying, 'Good Lord!'"

By Bill Keane

MARMADUKE

"If he won't get up, try barking. That's what he does to us."

By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE

I'LL BET WE'RE RELATED! I WAS BORN IN A TOASTER BOX TOO!

By Larry Wright

WINTHROP

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? CAN I GO WITH YOU?

I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO SPEND.

By Dick Cavalli

THEN WHY ARE YOU OUT?

By Dick Cavalli

THE BORN LOSER

DID I EVER TELL YOU I WAS IN THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA?

I'LL BET YOU PLAYED THE FRENCH HORN

WHY, HOW DID YOU GUESS?

I FIGURED YOU'D BE A NATURAL WITH A WIND INSTRUMENT

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By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

I THINK YOUR SHORTSTOP IS ASLEEP

IT'S THE DREAMING THAT GETS ME..

WOOF! WHIMPER... WHIMPER! WHIMPER!

By Charles M. Schulz

GARFIELD

GARFIELD, IT'S DANGEROUS UP IN THAT TREE!

NOT FOR THE GRACEFUL CAT!

AT LEAST NOT FOR THE GRACEFUL CAT WITH A PARACHUTE

By Jim Davis

For the record: What they knew and what they said about atomic radiation

By ROBERT DVORCHAK
AP National Writer

It's the 1950s. The Cold War is getting colder, the Soviet Union seems ever more menacing ... and you live down wind from the Nevada Test Site, where the government is exploding atomic bombs.

Should you worry? Not according to the Atomic Energy Commission, forerunner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The explosions, the commission says in a Jan. 11, 1951, press release, come with an "adequate assurance of safety."

But here at the beginning of the Atomic Age, there's a lot you don't know.

You do not know that in secret documents compiled by the scientists who built the world's first atomic bombs, references are made to the side effects of radiation — leukemia, cancer, genetic damage and death.

"Depending upon the intensity and time of exposure, incapacitation or death may occur," according to a 1943 staff memo written for Gen. Leslie Groves, leader of the effort to build the atomic bomb.

In fact again and again, the government has issued blithe assurances that there was no reason to fear nuclear experiments — even as their secret and classified communications suggested there was every reason to fear.

"It was a classic cover-up," says Stewart Udall, former secretary of the Interior and author of a forthcoming book on the blasts.

"What the AEC launched evolved into the most long-lived program of public deception in U.S. history. They were determined that under no conditions would they admit that radiation doses were large enough to harm human beings."

Listen to Col. Stafford L. Warren, who worked in the medical section of the Manhattan Project. A professor of radiology, Warren said that no test bombs should be detonated within 150 miles of human populations.

He had witnessed the first explosion in the New Mexico desert on July 16, 1945. And he had studied the effects of radiation after the mushroom clouds over Hiroshima and Nagasaki ended World War II.

"You need only to absorb a few micrograms of plutonium and other long-life fission materials, and then know that you are going to develop a progressive anemia or a tumor in five to 15 years," he said, in a 1946 lecture.

"The atomic bomb furnishes its own blast, disperses its own poison, kills at great distances. You can destroy not only the military but the civilian significance of an area, and put it out of commission permanently, probably for a generation," Warren said.

But Warren's statements were still classified on May 19, 1953, when a 32.4-kiloton bomb, code-named Harry, discharged its fireball and a cloud of fallout. Because of a wind

shift, the cloud drifted over the 5,000 residents of St. George, Utah.

If you listened to the radio that day, you heard the AEC say: "It is suggested that everyone remain indoors for one hour, or until further notice. There is no danger. Parents need not be alarmed about children at school."

Later, the AEC made a film shown to Utah civic clubs and schools with a reassuring message.

"When the invisible cloud had passed, the total amount of radiation deposited on St. George was far from hazardous. Then, you may ask, why were the people asked to stay indoors? For a very simple reason. The Atomic Energy Commission doesn't take chances on safety," the narrator said.

If you needed more reassurance, the AEC printed a pamphlet dated Jan. 1, 1955, to explain the rationale behind the tests — which President Truman had chosen instead of Pacific island tests to save manpower, time and money.

The pamphlet depicts a cowboy on horseback, with a mushroom cloud rising from grazing grounds in the background.

Part of the text said: "An unusual safety record has been set. No one inside the Nevada Test Site has been injured as a result of the 31 test detonations. No one outside the test site in the nearby region of potential exposure has been hurt."

You also received this open letter from test site manager James Reeves. It said: "I want you to know that in the forthcoming series, as has been true in the past, each shot is justified by national and international security need and that none will be fired unless there is adequate assurance of public safety," he said.



Sailors scrub down the deck of a Bikini Atoll target ship in the Marshall Islands to clean off suspected radioactive material on Aug. 8, 1946. (AP photo/U.S. Naval Institute)

That differs in tone from this exchange at a Feb. 23, 1955, AEC meeting.

Commissioner Willard Libby: "People have got to learn to live with the facts of life, and part of the facts of life are fallout."

Commissioner Thomas Murray: "We must not let anything interfere with this series of tests — nothing."

Martha Bardoli Laird, a Utah rancher, had heard the government's public pronouncements about bomb testing. But she had a very personal gauge on the dangers of radiation.

Her son died of leukemia. Her neighbors in the St. George area told of leukemia cases. Fellow ranchers said sheep and livestock were dying.

So she circulated a petition to stop the tests.

She got this reply from Louis Strauss, chairman of the AEC: "This letter is in response to the petition regarding nuclear weapons on which you were the initial signer. Former President Truman said the dangers that might occur from the fallout in our tests involve a small sacrifice when compared to the infinitely greater evil of the use of nuclear bombs in war."

In 1965, the U.S. Public Health Service recommended a study to analyze the increase in leukemia deaths in 1959-60 for southeastern Utah.

The AEC advised against a formal investigation, stating through general

manager Dwight A. Ink that the studies "will pose potential problems to the commission. The problems are: (a) adverse public reaction; (b) law suits; and (c) jeopardizing the programs at the Nevada Test Site."

The atmospheric tests were banned by treaty in 1963, and the detonations were moved underground. Still, public outcry grew, prompting four hearings by the House subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Mrs. Laird told the panel in 1979: "I feel that we were used more or less as guinea pigs. The forgotten guinea pigs, because guinea pigs — they will come to the cage and check. To this day, they have never checked anyone in my family or anyone that I know of from the fallout of these bombs."

Peter A. Libassi, former general counsel for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, told the committee: "The American people were not informed of the evidence that was gathered during the 1950s and 1960s of the uncertainty as to the health effects of radiation from these atmospheric nuclear tests."

The committee ultimately found that "The only victims of U.S. nuclear arms since World War II have been our own people."

It also concluded: "All evidence suggesting that radiation was having harmful effects was not only disregarded but actually suppressed ... The residents of this area merely became guinea pigs in a deadly experiment."

In all, there were 235 above-ground detonations in Nevada and the Pacific. About 250,000 military personnel and uncounted civilians witnessed the blasts.

As of last year, 14,374 military veterans who witnessed atomic blasts had

filed radiation-related claims. The Veterans Administration verified a relationship in 1,250 cases.

Pat Broudy sued the government unsuccessfully in 1978, alleging that her husband, Marine Maj. Charles Broudy, died from a rare form of lymphoma after witnessing three atomic tests. She claimed the government had a duty to inform veterans about the dangers of radiation as more was learned.

Officials denied that the tests caused sickness. But the government did not deny that it knew about the risks; its lawyer, Paul Figley, said, "The government has been aware of the hazards of radiation since the inception of the nuclear weapons program."

That was an early glint of daylight; four months ago, Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary promised much more, a review of 32 million pages of Cold War documents to lift the veil from "a dark passage in American history."

But the people who claim they were victimized by the tests say little can be done to repair the damage caused by a half-century of deception.

"They deliberately bombed us with nuclear weapons spewing deadly radioactivity to see how it would affect us and our equipment in nuclear warfare on land sea and air," wrote Oscar Rosen of the National Association of Atomic Veterans in his newsletter this year.

"They didn't need our informed consent because we were under military discipline. They devalued our lives. They made widows of our wives. They crippled and killed our children. They denied repeatedly and publicly that there was never any danger ... We pray their evil web of deceit is finally beginning to unravel."

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Serve one potato two times! Micro-cook baking potatoes until tender and cut in half. Scoop out most of the fluffy white part and mash for dinner. Save the fleshy skins, cut into quarters, and top with cheddar cheese and vegetables. Bake 10 to 12 minutes at 450 degrees.

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Texas Beef Council board supports review of forming national industry organization

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) supports the industry task force's recommendation for focusing checkoff dollar expenditures against eight strategic points and for creation of one national organization that consolidates the functions of the four current groups, Lucille Sterling, TBS chairman, said recently.

"Every decision is not always popular," Sterling said. "That's particularly true when we have to shake off the old, comfortable ways of doing business to adapt with the time. We believe that examination of one national organization is a good marketing decision for our industry. It's good business, and beef production is our business."

The Beef Industry's Long Range Task Force last year recommended combining functions of the Meat Board's Beef Industry Council, the Beef Board, the National Cattlemen's Association and the U.S. Meat Export Federation into a single organization.

The task force's immediate calls for approval of a new organizational structure by early 1995. The new organization would be operational by mid-1995.

At their recent board meeting, TBC directors unanimously adopted a policy statement that supports the task force report. The resolution further supports the efforts of the task force's oversight committee "for an orderly transition and implementation of a single organization."

"The TBC board of directors was pleased with the task force's initial report," Sterling said. "We agree that

if the beef industry is to remain viable into the 21st century, all segments of the industry must focus on consumer demands. Through this resolution, we have encouraged further study of the task force's recommendations, which include one national organization."

Nationally, the Long Range Plan has been approved by the Beef Board, the National Cattlemen's Association and the U.S. Meat Export Federal executive committee.

In Texas, TBC's action closely follows similar approval of the task force's concept by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association's board of directors. Other Texas cattle organizations are expected to consider the issue in the coming months.

"I am glad that TBC has followed the lead of NCA, USMEF, the Beef Board and TCFA in adopting this resolution," said Bryon Gossett of Dumas, who represents TCFA on the TBC board. "It is my hope that the Meat Board's Beef Industry Council will do the same, and allow the task force's oversight committee to complete its work."

Gossett said the task force's plan focuses the industry on specific objectives. It also provides a mechanism of control to assure results, coordination among all industry participants and cost accountability.

The Texas Beef Council is the promotion and marketing arm of the Texas beef industry. Its board of directors are appointed by the following organizations: Independent Cattlemen's Association, Livestock Marketing Association of Texas, Southwest Meat Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas CattleWomen, Texas dairy organizations, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Purebred Alliance, and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Earth's magnetic field, scientists have discovered.

"We are investigating the relationship between the ant's magnetic sense and its attraction to electrical current, including the potential for attracting fire ants to traps," said Robert K. Vander Meer of the Agricultural Research Service in the Agriculture Department.

The fire ant is a serious household and outdoor pest across the South, feeding on insects and crops. It multiplies rapidly and stings painfully, making it a multiple nuisance.

The aggressive ants have been reported to be attracted to electrical fields such as those in air conditioning units and telephone switch boxes, Vander Meer said. Wherever there is electrical current, there is an associated magnetic field, he noted.

WASHINGTON (AP) - There were 9.5 million bushels of barley imported into the United States in December and high import levels are expected in the months ahead, says the Agriculture Department.

"Shipments are coming primarily from Canada, with unit trains expected to go to Southeast poultry-producing regions while several vessel loads have been purchased by California feeders," said a recent situation and outlook report on feed.

It said barley imports are forecast to reach a record 55 million bushels

in 1993-94, up 20 million from last month's forecast.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Farm prices for U.S. alfalfa hay rose for the sixth straight month in February, with the mid-month price \$94.70 per ton, up from \$91.80 in January.

"The higher prices reflect generally tight feed supplies and reduced supplies of high-quality alfalfa hay desired by dairy producers," said an Agriculture Department situation and outlook report on feed.

"According to industry producer groups, livestock producers in Wisconsin and Minnesota have found supplies of high-quality hay especially limited and have purchased some from other states," it said.

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT - (BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: Rumors have been circulating regarding new export business, and the technical aspects of the wheat market are improving a bit. Export business is sorely needed - the pace has been one of the worst I've seen, but talk is that a number of African countries and maybe even the big boy (China) will be bidding sooner for U.S. wheat.

Meanwhile there's a possibility Ag Secy. Espy will be successful in persuading Canada to curb wheat shipments to the U.S. Without imports, domestic supplies will be tight and there still is room for one decent old crop rally.

Looking ahead to the new crop, if all goes well, supplies will be larger next crop year and prices somewhat lower. For now, however, it's too early to state with any degree of certainty what kind of yields we'll see. If Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, new crop prices will rise to old crop levels and beyond. If She does, the downside for July futures is perhaps 20-30¢ from current levels.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: By now you should have completed your old crop cash marketing program. For those who wish to benefit from the short term rebound I see coming, we've recommended the purchase of "at the money" May call options in Chicago. Last week we were able to buy the 330s for just over a dime.

Sell them if the market trades into the 350s and add these option profits to lower priced cash sales for an overall better average price.

Traders: We're holding our "butterfly" spread - Long one unit of May Minneapolis wheat, short two units of May Kansas City and long

one unit of July Kansas wheat. This was placed with Mpls. trading no more than 5¢ over the May K.C., and the May K.C. trading at least 10¢ over the July. Look for a profit objective of at least 20¢/bushel (\$1000 net) on each spread. Risk 10¢/bu. (\$500 per spread plus commissions).

New recommendation for future traders: buy Minneapolis May under \$3.43. Risk a close under \$3.36 for a move to \$3.60.

CORN - (BULL)

OUTLOOK: Due to the tight supplies and good feeding rates, I don't look for corn to break under the recent lows (280 on the May futures) prior to the all important March stocks report at month's end. If export business (which has been poor) picks up a bit, the market could rally, in my opinion, another dime or so before the report.

The report will set the tone for the month of April - it's that important. If the government confirms the near record feed usage I'm anticipating, corn futures should easily slice through the three dollar level in early April. Significant additional appreciation will depend on planting condition and crop development.

This year the market will be super sensitive to any problem, even small, real or imagined.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: If you sold your old corn at this point (as I've recommended) and now wish you still owned it, or would like to repurchase it at today's lower levels, you can. The safest way would be to buy "at the money" (current market price) call options. July 290 calls are running just about a dime. This is around \$500 for the

right to buy July corn at 290.

The option expires in mid June and will take you part way into the weather scare season. The risk is limited to the cost of the option. The alternative means or replacing corn ownership (higher risk higher profit) is to buy futures.

Traders: Last week we were able to re-purchase May in the \$2.81-\$2.83 area. Risk 10¢ for an objective of \$3.00.

CATTLE - (BEAR)

OUTLOOK: My near-term bias remains negative. This week the three major packers have cut production. The reason is poor demand. IBP is cutting hours at all 11 plants. Monfort will be closed Saturday and Cargill will reduce hours as well. This is traditionally a slow demand week since retailers tend to feature turkeys and hams for Easter. Beef featuring may pick up next week, but for now there isn't a real exciting story as far as the cattle market is concerned.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: \$74 June puts now cost about a buck. For those not hedged during this time period, this amounts to relatively cheap insurance against a price collapse anytime during the coming 70 days. Futures hedges have previously been recommended for April above \$77. Remove the contracts as you market your cattle.

Cow/calf operators: We continue to recommend the use of feeder cattle puts (82 Aprils and Mays) to protect against lower prices. These options are now running between \$1 and \$2/cwt. This is a cost of \$500 to \$1000 per option. Each option covers 50,000 pounds and will increase in value should the market drop in price. In effect, as a producer you hope you're wrong when you buy these options. You hope they expire worthless and you market your cattle for big bucks. But if the market heads south, you have a safety net in place!

Traders: Based on a previous recommendation, you are short Aprils at minimum \$76.25 to possibly over 77. Our objective remains \$73-\$74 with the risk point being a close over \$77.42.

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Americans develop big taste for strawberries

By MARGARET SCHERF Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans are popping more strawberries into their mouths and doing it year-round, according to the Agriculture Department.

"U.S. strawberry consumption has doubled since the early 1970s, and among U.S. grown fresh fruits, strawberries are now second only to apples in value," said a report this month in Agricultural Outlook magazine, published by USDA's Economic Research Service.

"U.S. strawberry production has been climbing steadily at an average of almost 8 percent a year for two decades, providing consumers with nearly year-round supplies," it said.

Development of improved varieties, routine soil fumigation and California's switch to an annual cropping system have raised yields and decreased production costs.

This has kept retail prices relatively stable during the last two decades, the report said.

"Good-quality strawberries are now available to consumers nearly year-round, thanks to new varieties that bear fruit for months

rather than weeks, although shipments and prices still fluctuate with the seasonal supply pattern," it said.

The 1993 U.S. strawberry crop was estimated at a record 711,900 tons, worth nearly \$750 million to growers. California output was up 10 percent from 1992, while Florida, Oregon and other smaller producers showed small change from the previous year.

About 70 percent of the U.S. crop was fresh-marketed strawberries in 1993.

"The outlook for the 1994 strawberry crop is favorable, and the crop's value is likely to set another record as it has almost every year for the last 20," the report said.

And it noted that the elimination of Mexico's tariff on fresh U.S. strawberries early this year, a provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement, could increase demand in the Mexican market.

"In the longer term, the U.S. strawberry industry could face problems maintaining the strong growth in production and value seen over the last two decades, as use of a key crop chemical is phased out," the report said.

Last November, the Environ-

mental Protection Agency announced that use of methyl bromide, a soil fumigant that helped increase strawberry yields over the last several decades, will end by Jan. 1, 2001.

"Unless an alternative is found, U.S. strawberry output could actually decline," the report said.

Strawberry prices have risen more slowly than prices in general, it noted.

Nominal retail prices for fresh strawberries increased about 5 percent annually between 1980 and 1993, but inflation-adjusted prices were nearly flat over the 14-year period.

"Real prices for many other major fruits - including apples, bananas and grapes - were down during this period, but orange and grapefruit real (inflation-adjusted) prices were up 9 and 14 percent, the report said.

U.S. output of fresh strawberries nearly tripled between 1970-72 and 1990-92, while imports declined from 13 to 3 percent of the U.S. fresh strawberry supply.

At the same time, U.S. exports of fresh strawberries increased from 3 to 11 percent of the domestic supply.

Ag briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) - All four major sources of farm loans are in a stronger financial position now than they were during the mid-1980s, says USDA's Economic Research Service.

"Farmers who are good credit risks will have no difficulty in acquiring credit in 1994, mostly from commercial banks and the Farm Credit System, the largest suppliers," it said in a report in this month's Agricultural Outlook.

"Banks' low loan-to-deposit ratios, despite some recent modest increases, can provide sufficient liquidity to meet increased credit needs," it said.

In addition to commercial banks and the FCS, the major farm lenders are the Farmers Home Administration and life insurance companies.

Total farm debt is expected to increase 1 percent to 2 percent in 1994, the fourth annual increase after six consecutive years of net debt retirement, it said.

Farm real estate debt should increase slightly this year, the report said. U.S. farmland values are expected to rise between 2 percent and 3 percent in 1994, compared with increases of 2 percent in 1992 and slightly over 2 percent in 1993.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Fire ants, those scourges of the South, have an "internal compass" that enables them to find their way home at night by sensing the

Farm Credit Bank of Texas releases videotape concerning property rights

AUSTIN - The challenge to individual property rights is the focus of a new Farm Credit Bank of Texas videotape released this week.

In the 20-minute video *Who Owns This Land?*, landowners, government officials, environmentalists and lenders explore the complex issues surrounding property rights, particularly as they are affected by the Endangered Species Act and other environmental laws. More than 20 individuals were interviewed for the documentary.

Copies are available to community, civic and professional groups, youth clubs, schools and other interested organizations. Copies may be ordered by calling 512-465-0620, or writing Public Affairs, Farm Credit Bank of Texas, P.O. Box 15919, Austin, Texas 78761.

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New technology aids search-rescue teams

By JOAN GOESSL
Associated Press Writer

The story had the happiest of endings.

A 9-year-old boy who wandered away from a school field trip was rescued after two cold and hungry nights in the Manzano Mountain wilderness southeast of Albuquerque.

Volunteers combined high-tech communications and old-fashioned tracking to find the boy before hunger, thirst and the nighttime sub-freezing temperatures of early April 1992 took their toll.

That joyous rescue occurred not long after New Mexico search and rescue volunteers began using some advanced tracking equipment to strengthen their missions, says Rick Goodman, the state Department of Public Safety's search and rescue resource officer.

Two hand-held devices — the Loran-C navigation system and a Global Positioning System that works off satellites — are helping rescuers chart their courses with amazing accuracy, Goodman says.

"They're fabulous little devices," he says. "You get out in the sticks and they can really be a godsend."

He describes the devices as "super-duper compasses," about the size of walkie-talkies, that record longitude and latitude.

Scores of searchers were led to within 100 feet of the boy's tracks that April afternoon once his footprints were discovered, thanks in large part to the Loran-C.

"They (the searchers who discovered the tracks) radioed in the location and we could direct teams to that area," Goodman says. "That can be kind of difficult. You can be a quarter of a mile off easy. This way we knew where they were within feet."

"They were crossing an area that had canyons and tracks toward the canyon. If they were a quarter mile off, it would have sent everybody up the canyon. It was a major solution."

People who use the devices can determine not only where they are, but also how fast they're moving, what direction they need to go to get to a pre-programmed spot, and what time they'll arrive.

The Loran-C is a ground unit, a Marine navigation system that has been upgraded to cover the entire United States, Goodman says. The Global Positioning System works off a series of satellites that let users know where they are anywhere in the world.

About 150 of New Mexico's roughly 1,000 search and rescue volunteers have bought one or the other of the devices for their work, Goodman says.

He says the Loran-C runs between \$250 and \$500; the Global Positioning System between \$500 and \$1,000.

"We're using them in the search and rescue realm so search teams know where they are and, if they find a subject who needs aid, can radio in coordinates and we can fly a helicopter right to them," Goodman says.

But the high-tech devices are also catching on with outdoor enthusiasts — hikers and picnickers, hunters and anglers, boaters and rock-seekers.

The devices can be programmed by keying in locations of destinations, Goodman says.

"You can tell it what direction you want to go, how far you are from your car, and as you start to walk it will tell you the direction you're going," he says. "If you go around a lake it will always point you to your car."

Anglers can use the devices to log a favorite fishing hole. Hunters can record the spot where they've killed a game animal, get help to fetch it and be led back to the area.

Want to picnic at a mountain meadow? Find its location on a map, record it and the device will point you in the right direction.

"They're just starting to catch on because up until last year the prices were exorbitant," Goodman says. "Now they're the same price as a weapon or a good camera. I think more and more people will get them."

If they really catch on, he says, search and rescue teams at best might see a 20 percent to 25 percent drop in their time and see lives saved because as many people won't get lost.

"If you have one you won't get lost," Goodman says. "You don't need a map or anything else as long as you can tell it where your location is. When you're out there and you want to go back to your car, it will tell you, 'OK, go this way.'"

There are some bad points to the devices, but they appear relatively minor in light of the benefits.

Goodman says the Global Positioning System won't pick up a strong-enough signal in heavy foliage — but that can be resolved by moving to a meadow, for example.

And the Loran-C "can go dead from lightning," he says, but that can be remedied by waiting out the thunderstorm.

Under study but not yet sold in the United States is a device called the personal locator beacon, also about the size of a walkie-talkie.

The locator beacon, which works off of weather satellites, enables people in trouble to pull a pin and send a distress signal to authorities telling officials exactly where they are and who they are.

Don't get lost is good advice

Volunteer search and rescue teams in New Mexico embark on a new mission every 36 hours, says Rick Goodman, the state Department of Safety's search and rescue resource officer.

Goodman, who's gone on between 500 and 600 missions over the years, has this advice for hikers and others who take to mountain trails and isolated areas:

— Let relatives or friends know where you're going and when you plan to return. Instruct them to call state police if you're not back within a couple hours of that time.

"Calling any other (law enforcement) agency will prolong it because it ends up with the state police," Goodman says.

— Dress properly. Goodman says perhaps the biggest problem is that people are not prepared for changing weather conditions.

It can be 20 degrees cooler at Sandia Crest than in the city of Albuquerque, for example, and extra clothing can be essential.

Goodman says people think it will be chilly in the mountains but that they'll be OK. But if they get lost and a storm moves in, they become easy candidates for hypothermia.

— Take plenty of water. It could save your life.



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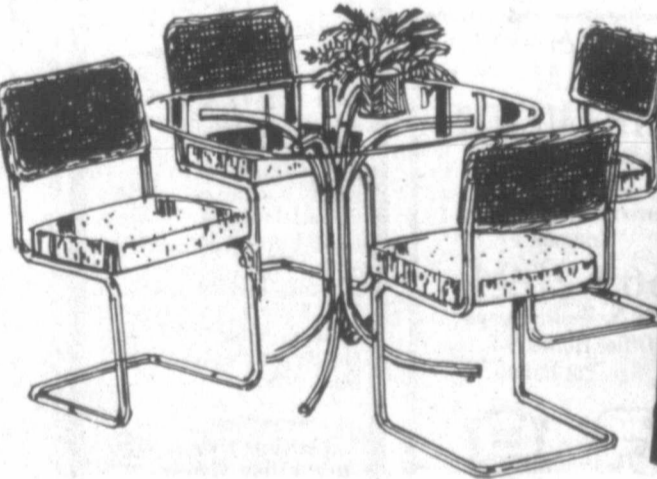
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