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Helicopter found

BORGER — Radio transmission from Texas Department of Public Safety officers shortly after 11 a.m. Saturday confirmed the identification number of a helicopter missing since Feb. 15.

A Canyon couple, Gene and Bobbie Sue Webb, have been missing since leaving a grandchild's basketball game in Gruver.

The crash site is believed to be on the Fouras Ranch, south of Borger in Carson County.

- Kevin Craig Bodkin, 28, oilfield worker
- Elliott Cano, 49, oilfield worker
- Justin Earl Folk, 21, oilfield worker
- Roy Dean Keys, 50, Vietnam veteran, U.S. Army
- Mildred Louise Stafford, 79, homemaker
- Billy Andrew Turner Sr., 82, service station manager
- Jo Dean Wisdom, 61, accountant

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Local landowner hopes permit will control water use

By David Bowser
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — A former Gray County judge is one of more than half a dozen landowners allying themselves with Dallas oilman T. Boone Pickens in an effort to pump water from Roberts County and sell it to cities downstate.

Carl Kennedy told the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors at a high volume pumping permit hearing in December that he has long fought the exportation of water from the panhandle, but with the City of Amarillo and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority poised to pump water from the Ogallala Aquifer in Roberts County, he was afraid that the precious liquid would be drained from beneath his land.

Pickens, who owns a ranch north of Pampa in Roberts County, formed Mesa Water, Inc., to sell underground water from Roberts County to either El Paso, San Antonio or the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Kennedy is one of the Roberts County landowners who has joined Pickens group.

Thursday, in a meeting here of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors, Kennedy said he was at the meeting, but not because he wants the water in Roberts and Gray Counties to leave those counties.

"In my heart, that hurts me deeply," Kennedy said. "I would much rather see industry come, whether it's agriculture or industry or whatever, to our counties, build or buy homes, establish farms or feedlots and feedmills, and maybe even an

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Former Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy tells the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors during a permit hearing in December that while he objects to water being transported out of the panhandle, he and other landowners have no choice but to sell their water before the City of Amarillo and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority drains it. Kennedy reiterated his message Thursday.

Officials answer questions about renovation

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Plans for the Gray County Courthouse restoration project have been placed on hold until it is decided if an election will be called for county voters to decide whether to issue \$1.5 million in certificates of obligation.

A petition is circulating in the community requesting the matter go to the voters. A majority of the Gray County Commissioners' Court approved the issuance of the certificates of obligation on Feb. 1 to match the \$3.8 million in the restoration project.

The commissioners voted several months ago to accept the grant which was announced in May, 2000. If the matter goes to a vote and the county voters don't approve issuing the certificates of obligation, the \$3.8 million will go back to the state.

Many questions and rumors have circulated concerning the issuance of the certificates of obligation and the financing of

the restoration project.

One question posed to *The Pampa News* was "Why can't the Pampa Economic Development Corporation fund the \$1.5 million needed for the 72 percent 28 percent match with the \$3.8 million grant?"

"PEDC Susan Triplehorn Executive Director responded, "It's not in our

scope." She explained the function of the PEDC is to create jobs and that the state legislature does not allowed PEDCs to fund such projects.

County Commissioner Joe Wheeley was appointed to represent the commissioners court as contact person on the project. He has worked closely with John

Kiehl, project coordinator in all phases of the proposed project.

Wheeley sat down with *The Pampa News* to answer the most often asked questions regarding the restoration project.

Q. Was the courthouse not maintained through the years?

A. The courthouse was maintained. The roof was patched when it leaked. The restrooms were fixed when there was a leak. As in any 70 year-old building, things get old. Our electrical needs are much more different than in 1929. The \$3.8 million grant is a perfect opportunity to upgrade and repair the courthouse. It's an opportunity we'll never have again.

Q. How much will it cost to move out of the courthouse?

A. We've received one rough estimate from a local mover of \$75,000 to move the office furniture, file cabinets, vaults, desks, and courthouse records.

Q. What needs to be done to the boiler?

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Petitioner speaks his mind

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

A little over 400 signatures of Gray County residents have been gathered on petitions seeking to bring to a vote whether the county should issue \$1.5 million in certificates of obligation bonds, Earl Smith said Friday afternoon.

Smith said petitions have been placed in approximately 60 locations locally in recent weeks for people to sign requesting the matter be brought to a vote. The organizers of the petition must secure 731 signatures. Smith said he was confident the group would obtain the needed number of signatures.

Smith said he didn't think anyone who has signed the petition is against the

(See PETITIONER, Page 2)

Construction plans continue for bridge

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Progress is being made in the planned construction of a bridge at the intersection of Price Road and U.S. Highway 60.

Numerous owners of businesses located in the area of Price Road and SH 60 were at the meeting in 2000 held in Pampa, requesting that a change be made at the intersection.

Department of Transportation officials were on hand in Borger Thursday night accept comments and to answer questions regard

(See BRIDGE, Page 6)

PISD board eyes fiscal year

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District board of education are pondering the pros and cons of ending the fiscal year on June 30 instead of Aug. 31.

Mark McVay, business manager, proposed the change during the school board's meeting Thursday.

"It's an option every district has this year," McVay said

adding that he could see a cost to such a change. It will probably align the budget with the school year," he said.

For example, she said, the board approved the purchase of band uniforms in March 2000.

The uniforms were ordered in April. The band wanted to wear their new uniforms when school started in August, but they

received them in September when funds to pay for them became available under

the new budget in September.

When preparing the budget each year, school officials estimate revenues for the coming year. These estimates include two major variables — ADA funds and property values, the business manager said.

"We have always used a crystal ball for the ADA estimates," he said. "As for property values, that's a crystal ball, too. The estimated values and the budget

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Sunday Snapshot



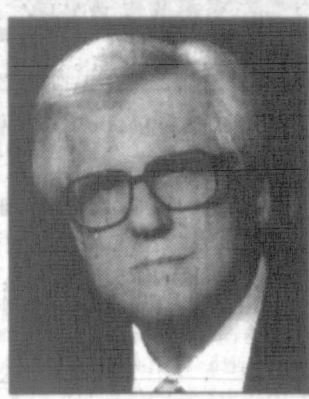
Name: Danny Nusser
Occupation/activities: Gray County Extension agent, agriculture

Birth date and place: June 1, 1961, Alva, Okla.
Family: Wife, Kelly; kids, Emily and Blake.
If I had a different job, I'd be a: Coach
My personal hero: My parents.
The best advice I ever got was: Always be willing to "learn."
People who knew me in high school thought: I was competitive.
The best word or words to describe me: Dependable and fair.
People will remember me as being: Ethical and caring.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: My grandfather, Abe Lincoln, Harry Truman and Henry Ford.
My hobbies are: Watching my kids do anything.
My favorite sports team is: Oklahoma State Cowboys.
My favorite author is: John Grisham.
The last book I read was: "Pelican Brief."
My favorite possession is: My family

The biggest honor I've ever received is: My master's degree.
My favorite performer is: Charles Bowers.
I wish I knew how to: Fly a plane.
My trademark cliché or expression is: Boys are pigs.
My worst habit is: Chewing tobacco.
I would never: Cheat to get ahead.
The last good movie I saw was: "What Women Want."
I stay home to watch: Oklahoma State basketball.
Nobody knows: How lucky I am.
Someday I want to drive a: Ford Power Stroke.
My favorite junk food is: Cherry marsh.
My favorite beverage: Lemon berry slush.
My favorite restaurant is: Chelmos in Edmond.
My favorite pet is: Beet.
I wish I could sing like: My mother or Joe Van Zandt.

I'm happiest when I'm: Working with my kids.
I regret: Not spending more time with the kids when they were young.
I'm tired of: Negative attitudes.
I have a phobia about: Raising a teenage daughter.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Lights.
My most embarrassing moment: Getting lost on the way back from San Antonio.
The biggest waste of time is: Talking on the phone.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Buy season tickets to Oklahoma State basketball games.
If I had three wishes they would be: 1) my parents to live happily ever after, 2) higher agriculture prices, 3) three more wishes.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Increased support of the youth involved in Gray County Livestock Show.

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A seriously Texas Panhandle woman represented by Amarillo Attorney Jack Hazlewood and his Dallas Co-Counsel awarded \$8.2 million Jury Verdict in Products Liability lawsuit against major automobile manufacturer (Case No. 93-10141, 116th District Court, Dallas County). Results obtained depend on the facts of each case.

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Calendar of events

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

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

AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon K ng, 665-2818.

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS
Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.

GCGS MEETING
Gray County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Education Classroom of the Gray County Sheriff's Office. The program

will be the Genealogy/History Connection Video "The Sweetwater Story." The facilitator will be Bobbie Hill of Old Mobeetie Jail Museum.

DIABETIC EYE SCREENING
Dr. Beverley A. Clark will offer a free diabetic eye screening on March 16 in Amarillo. The clinic is open to all patients diagnosed with diabetes. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (806) 358-3440. The caseload will be limited to the first 35 callers.

CLASS OF 1961
Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

CCS BANQUET
Community Christian School of Pampa will stage a fund-raiser banquet at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Bob Cornuke, president of Bible Archaeology Search and Exploration Institute. Cost of the catered meal will be \$15 per person. Tickets may be purchased from an CCS family, at the school office at 220 N. Ballard or by sending \$15 per ticket along with a SASE to: Community Christian School, P.O. Box 51, Pampa, TX 79066. Tickets are also available at the following businesses: Clifton Supply, Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance, First Bank Southwest, Fototime, Frank's Hardware, The Gift Box and the office of Dr. Greg Kelly, DDS.

EXTENSION WORKSHOP
On March 23 and 25 at Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will conduct a two-day "Wildlife and Leadership Development" workshop for adults interested in youth development, wildlife and natural resource management. Cost of the workshop is \$50. Topics will include: Quail behavior, ecosystem, management, deer aging and evaluating predation. Attendees will participate in a tacky deer survey, a hunter safety skills course and wildlife trivia activities. Registration deadline is March 9. To obtain a registration form or for more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at (210) 467-6575.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Lovett Memorial Library will

offer four introductory hands-on computer workshops: "Computer Comfort I" for beginners; "Computer Comfort II" for individuals who can open and close files and use the mouse; "What is the Internet?"; and "Introduction to E-Mail," for individuals who wish to learn how to establish a free web-based e-mail account. All classes are free but registration is required. Class size is limited to 10, so space is limited. For information, contact the library at 669-5780. The workshops will continue monthly through the spring.

LAD N' LASSIE PAGEANT
A new Pre-Teen Pageant is planned in conjunction with the Ninth Annual Lad n' Lassie Pageant to be held at 1:30 p.m. in Shamrock High School Auditorium at Shamrock during the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration. The Lad n' Lassie pageant is open to boys between 0-9 years of age and girls between 0-13. The boys may come dressed in either casual wear or Sunday best. The Pre-Teen Pageant is open to young ladies between the ages of 10 and 13. These contestants will compete in both Casual Wear and Sunday best as well as photo judging, short interview and public speaking. All participants must submit an entry form along with two photos and a \$10 entry fee. The photos will be published in the local paper. Late entries will pay an additional \$5. Deadline for entry is March 1. For more information or to obtain an entry form, contact Betty Lee at (806) 256-5337 or Lynette Kidd at (806) 256-3044.

3D PROGRAM
Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; Jamee McCarty, 669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713.

DISCOVERY CENTER
The Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo is introducing the exhibit "Air Discovery: Soar to New Heights" this month. For more information, call the center at (806) 355-9547.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

ACT
ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/oco-home.htm (career planning).

TWC WEBSITE
The Texas Workforce Commission recently unveiled its new website located at www.texasworkforce.org on the Internet. The new site is designed to meet the needs of five customer


groups — businesses and employers; job seekers and employees; service providers; boards and network partners; and researchers and policy-makers.

COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST
Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the 28th annual "Colgate Youth for

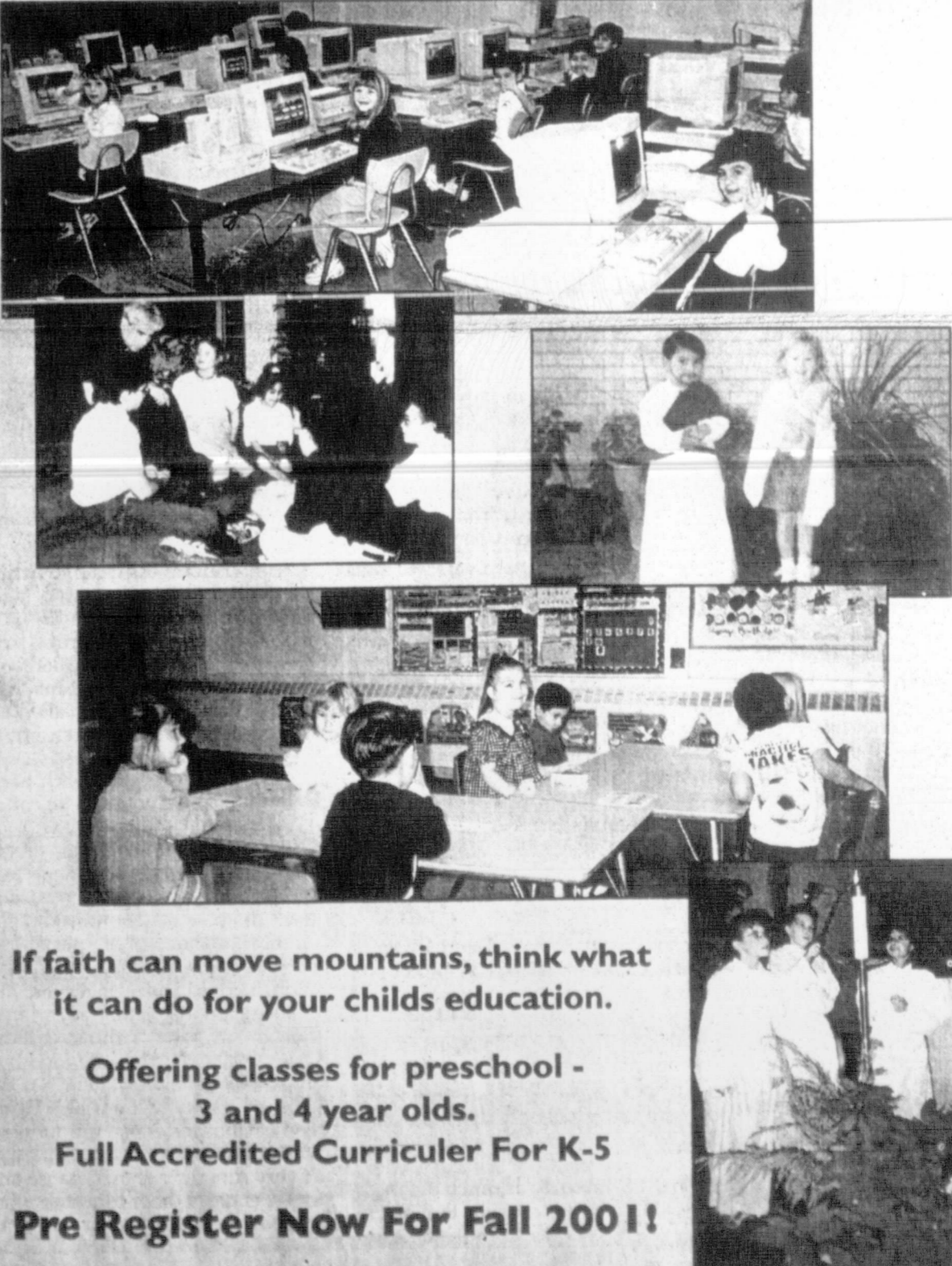
America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to the most creative and best executed projects from local clubs and troops. Entry forms are available through regional offices of the national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth for America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. Deadline for entry into this year's program is March 15. Forms are also available online at www.colgate.com.



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Mourning the 'Intimidator' ...

I don't know if I want to watch the race today or not. If I do, I know one thing, it won't be the same without the Intimidator — he of the ultimate cool.

It's still early in the week as I write this and I can't stop thinking about Dale Earnhardt and his family. I feel a little strange for doing it. It's not like I knew him or had even met him. Nevertheless, little time passes before I think about him again.

But somehow I don't feel like an oddball for feeling like I do or thinking about him. That's because I know I am not off in left field somewhere by myself. I am just one among thousands and thousands who are mourning the loss of the 49-year-old racer who won the Winston Cup Championship seven times.

The other morning I asked a cohort at work if she is a NASCAR fan. Before she spoke, I knew her answer. Her eyes were welling up with tears. She shook her head then spoke of crying over the death.

In case you have been in a cave for the last week, Earnhardt died on the last lap of last week's Daytona 500 when his black No. 3 Goodwrench Chevrolet crashed head on into the concrete wall bordering the final turn. The



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violent stop from 170-180 mph. to 0 fractured his skull and doctors said he died instantly.

I wish I could write eloquently of the psychology behind why so many of us feel bonded to Earnhardt and, for that matter, to our other heroes. For some it is a feeling of caring that rivals that of close friends, maybe even family. And that's evidenced by the tears, the thoughts, the tributes and, yes, No. 3 memorabilia purchases that were commonplace last week.

Family, I think does have something to do with it. NASCAR is a family sport. Families work in the sport and families join together in following it and their favorite drivers. But no matter who one has cheered for, to the

NASCAR world Dale Earnhardt was its Elvis.

The outpouring from his fans touched all measure of society — from rich and poor, male and female, and from little children to the oldest ones among us.

A friend who lives in Arkansas is married to a long-time NASCAR fan. Her husband's interest in the sport goes back to the days when only a handful of races were televised each year. I remember stopping by to visit on some Sunday afternoons and he'd be glued to the radio listening to the race.

Donna said she and Cordell had watched part of the race last Sunday then opted to record the rest while they went about other things.

So, they weren't watching when that last turn came. When Kenny Schrader climbed out of his wrecked car. When he took Earnhardt's window net down, looked inside and waved frantically to the paramedics. When someone draped a tarp — always a bad sign — over the car.

"Cory called me just a crying," she said of her young nephew. "Poor little thing. He just loved Earnhardt."

... And so did a lot of others.

Opinion

Texas has it good as far as taxes go

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander wants lawmakers to extend the state's three-day sales tax holiday, which falls on the first weekend of August, to five days. And she wants to expand the list of tax-exempt goods to include more items.

She says the tax burden on Texas taxpayers is too high and that citizens deserve "much-needed relief." City sales taxes are included in the holiday, too.

Her plan sounds like "good political" talk by someone who wants to keep getting the public's vote for this — or higher — office. Tax relief talk plays pretty well in many, especially conservative, circles.

Actually, Texans have it pretty good as far as taxes are concerned — it's one of only a handful of states where no state income tax is assessed on top of sales taxes. And there's federal tax relief coming — most likely in a bipartisan compromise form hammered out by Congress.

Also, Texas state government isn't quite as flush as it was before the current economic slowdown.

We believe acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, was right when he said, "I think we have to keep our powder dry for a little while ... It's not a real good session to be giving money away."

And closer to home, any loss of sales tax dollars hurts towns like Pampa and others that are struggling to keep services at a suitable level with a revenue stream that is shrinking.

It's pretty hard for Pampa officials and others in Texas in the same boat to come out against the sales tax holiday. So, most aren't going to say it publicly but all know it isn't good for our city.

And adding more sales tax holidays days will only make it worse.

From our files

40 years ago

Sunday, Feb. 26, 1961.
Dr. Godfrey Lowell Cabot, founder of the company that carries his name, is celebrating his 100th birthday today at the family home in Boston, Mass.

Monday, Feb. 27, 1961.

McLEAN (Spl) — A 7-year-old McLean boy is in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo today after being attacked by two dogs yesterday afternoon.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1961.

The actual designing of the Canadian River dam should begin in April, Leon Hill, regional director of the Bureau of Reclamation told the Chamber of Commerce yesterday at its monthly membership meeting.

25 years ago

Thursday, Feb. 26, 1976.
Vandals entered the Gray County Bull Barn Wednesday and removed 10 of the fluorescent lights and a dryer used for grooming cattle for shows.

Friday, Feb. 27, 1976.

Mrs. Richard Mills of Skellytown is mental health chairperson for the May 1976 campaign.

Sunday, Feb. 29, 1976.

Voter registration for 1976 elections is slow, according to Jack Back, Gray County tax assessor-collector.

10 years ago

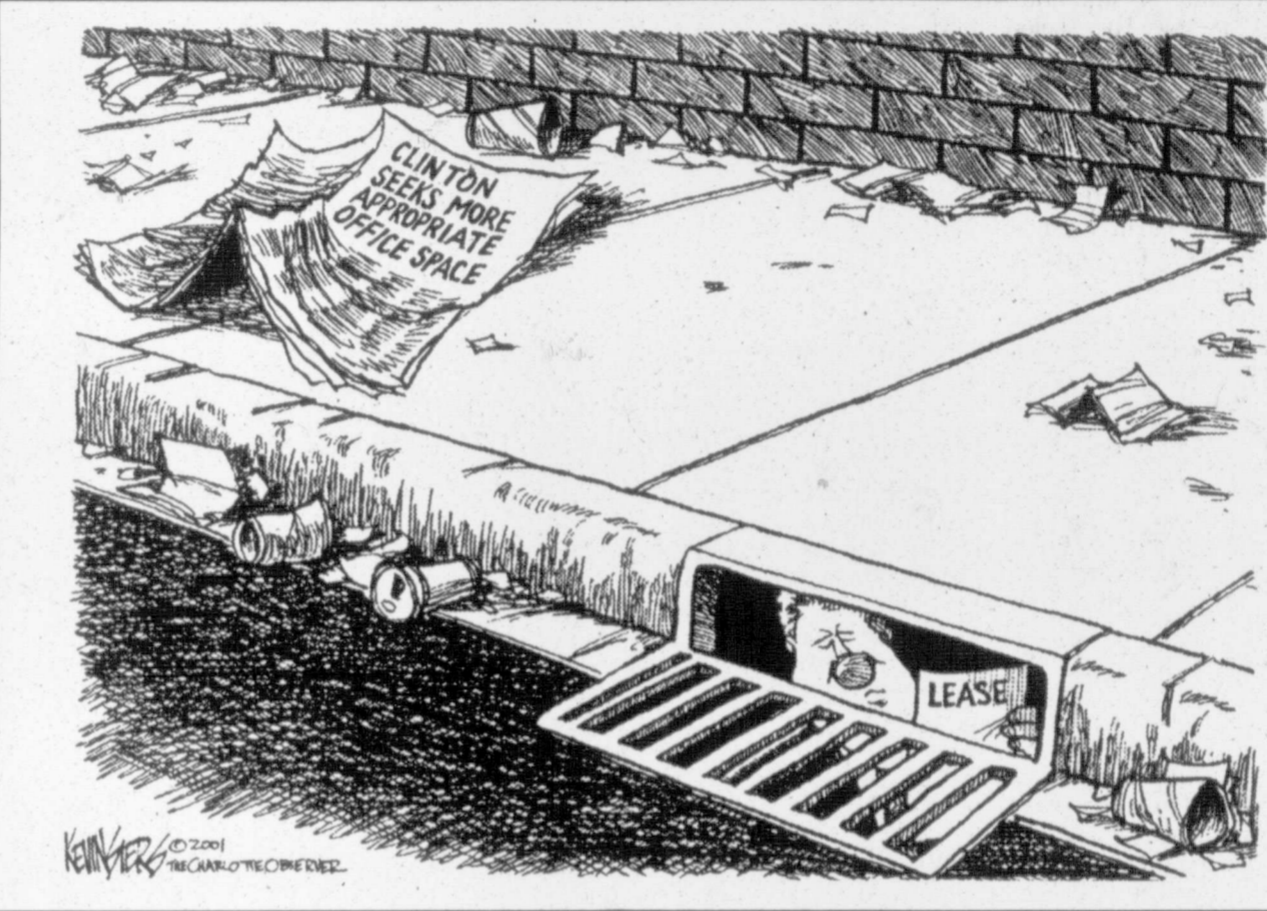
Monday, Feb. 25, 1991.
Gas prices in Pampa are running between 14 and 19 cents higher than the national average and 19 to 25 cents higher per gallon than those in Amarillo.

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1991.

What started as a parochial school project to support troops in the Persian Gulf is growing into a city-wide drive to send military personnel chocolate cookies, candy bars and copies of all the magazines they are missing during their time of service in the war.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1991.

A Pampa City Commission decision to do as much business with local merchants as possible may be causing the city to not get the lowest bid prices for the tax dollar, officials complained Tuesday.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2001. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Feb. 25, 1901, U.S. Steel was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

On this date:

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated Britain's Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1793, George Washington convened the first Cabinet meeting on record — at his home.

In 1940, a hockey game was televised for the first time, by New York station W2XBS, as the New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens, 6-2, at Madison Square Garden.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1950, "Your Show of Shows," starring Sid Caesar, Imogene Coca, Carl Reiner and Howard Morris, debuted on NBC.

Civil rights struggle is over and won

Racial charges by many black politicians, civil-rights spokesmen, self-appointed black leaders and guilt-ridden whites are just plain nonsense. They get away with them because we're ill-informed or are too timid to question their assumptions and assertions. Let's pretend we're social detectives, do a bit of investigative work and find the racists causing all the problems for black people.

Black illegitimacy hovers around 65 percent nationally. It's a devastating start to life when a child is born to a 16-year-old girl, his grandmother is 30 and he doesn't know who or where his father is. Let's search for the racist villain with a few questions for that child's mother; let's call her Tamika.

"Tamika, we know that giving birth, dropping out of school and going on welfare doesn't bode well either for your future or that of your child. We want to ensure that other young black women aren't victimized. We want to find, arrest and bring to trial the racists responsible for your plight. Can you help us by giving us a description of your victimizer?"

During our questioning of Tamika, we might come to realize that not all black 16-year-olds are victimized like that. As such, it creates an enigma for us: Why do racists victimize some black girls and let others off the hook?

Illegitimacy is not the only major problem facing black Americans; crime is another. According to Department of Justice statistics,



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

from 1976 to 1999, over 46 percent of all murder victims were black. How can we stop this racist atrocity?

We might begin our investigation by interviewing survivors. They might be able to give us descriptions of the assailants. Then we could arrest and prosecute the racists responsible for the havoc and misery in the black community.

But we should be alert to racist propaganda. The U.S. Department of Justice claims that, between 1976 and 1999, 94 percent of black murder victims were murdered by blacks. That's just an evil racist plot to protect racists and in the process frame, jail and execute innocent black men.

There are some cities where racists have completely taken over and have had a field day destroying black lives and prosperity. The nation's capital is one of them. In some of its neighborhoods, black people are huddled in their homes afraid to walk the streets, or even come to their windows, for fear of stray bullets.

It's so unsafe that retailers often refuse to make deliveries. Illegitimacy is the order of the day. Murder, rape and robbery is rife. Washington's public schools provide black children with the nation's worst education. The children are just one notch from the bottom in academic achievement.

The racists whose controlling Washington — rampaging its black community, destroying black families, and stifling black achievement and prosperity ought to be brought before the bar of justice. If we can't get the U.S. Department of Justice to act, we ought to ask Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. — a member of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee — to call hearings to find out why racists are allowed to destroy Washington, D.C.

Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, Kweisi Mfume, the Black Caucus and most guilt-ridden white people would never seek criminal or civil charges against racists for creating these and other monumental problems facing the black community. They'd look like fools, and it would be obvious to everyone.

At one time, black Americans didn't enjoy constitutional protections. Today, we do. As such, the civil-rights struggle is over and won. That doesn't mean that there aren't other problems, but they are not civil-rights problems. If we diagnose them incorrectly as civil-rights problems, however, their solutions will remain illusive.

America must learn art of disagreement

If you criticize affirmative action or attempt to defend the South's history against slander, you will be called a racist.

If you criticize Israel's brutal treatment of the Palestinians, you will be called an anti-Semite.

If you defend the Boy Scouts' right to exclude homosexuals, you will be called a homophobe.

If you defend the right of unborn children to live, you will be called a sexist.

If you are a Christian with firm convictions about your faith, you will be called an extremist.

All of these are examples of what logicians call argumentum ad hominem. Instead of dealing with the issue that was raised, you simply attack the person who raised it. It has become common in this age of special-interest groups and bitter partisanship.

You should be concerned. I say "you" because I am a genetic contrarian and will continue to say what I think without regard for whoever claims to be offended by it. I am contemptuous of name-callers but otherwise pay them no attention. I am also contemptuous of people who are easily intimidated by special-interest groups.

Every American should pause and think of the brave people in other countries who are unafraid to speak truth not just to power but to cruelty, murder and torture. How can any American shrink from a mere verbal confrontation?



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

The American model of self-government devised by the Founding Fathers is a whole concept. If parts of it are destroyed, the whole of it is destroyed.

Freedom of speech and assembly are guaranteed because they are absolutely necessary for self-government. If you are denied information, or if certain subjects are declared to be off-limits for debate, then you will no longer be able to participate in self-government. Your freedom will have been stolen. You will be governed, all right, but not by yourself and a majority of your fellow citizens.

There should be no topic, and I mean no topic, that Americans cannot discuss and debate publicly and in full without being subjected to attempted intimidation by character assassination.

If there is one thing that should be totally absent from American life, it is fear on the part of an honest citizen to exercise his or her rights.

The only way to achieve that is for all citizens to make a firm commitment to defend freedom of speech. Freedom of speech, by the way, is really freedom of thought. There is no right of any government or group to dictate what a person thinks.

In truth, there is no reason why any topic, however contentious, cannot be discussed in a civil manner, except for the malice of certain groups. Whenever people reveal themselves to be uninterested in discussion, they should be shunned by civilized people. They are following the totalitarian model where one's opponents are not bested in arguments but shouted down, intimidated and, in the end, coerced into silence.

Unfortunately, television is the demagogue's medium. Television hosts like the drama of insults and loud voices. Here again, Americans should shun such shows and complain to the employers and advertisers.

Americans frankly have not been that good at defending their basic rights simply because they have been unwilling to defend them when those rights are being exercised by someone with whom they disagree. That is a fatal attitude.

Unless everyone is free to speak, everyone else's freedom is in jeopardy. We don't have to agree, but we do have to learn to disagree without going to war.

Letters to the editor

U.S. Postal management difficult to deal with

To the editor,
I have been a federal employee for 31 years. During that time, I have been fortunate that I only had one supervisor who was hard to work with. She was terminated for her tactics. And during this time, I have never had to explain or prove any leave request.
Recently I had an encounter with management in the U.S. Post Office, Pampa, Texas, that was unbelievable.
My grandfather passed away earlier this month. The funeral was in Altus, Okla. My son-in-law, who has been with the Post Office 16 years, asked for leave to attend the funeral. A supervisor told him to bring in a death certificate to prove his request. My daughter went to the Post Office to let him know it was a family situation and he still insisted on proof. She asked him if he wanted pictures of the funeral. He said, "I don't care what you bring."
Since I work for Social Security, I called the funeral home and had them fax me a statement of death. I took this to the Post Office, handed it to the supervisor, and asked him if that was adequate proof for my son-in-law to be allowed off for the funeral. He looked at the form, grinned and said "this will be fine."
I am extremely hurt and resentful to think anyone would be so callous. I have lost my last grandparent which is the end of an era. To have my family treated in such a manner is adding insult to injury.
I have heard postal employees talk about the way they are treated by management. I never thought much about it until it affected me personally. No wonder postal employees go ballistic. This is the crudest form of mismanagement.
Sandra Alewine
Pampa

Let's vote to preserve historic old courthouse building

To the editor,
If (or when) an election is called for a bond issue on the funds needed to repair our courthouse, I'd like for the citizens to take into consideration just what they will be doing.
1. We'll be preserving a historical building — I personally can remember when this building was "younger" and one of the most beautiful courthouses in the panhandle.
2. That the interest on the bond to finance this repairing will probably be saved in the utilities alone.
3. I think a newer, safer elevator should be included as it looks like our town is getting older and these services can be used.
4. Our Post Office was "saved" and not nearly as old as our courthouse. I personally think our town should try to save as many of these buildings as we can afford to save.
5. When (if ever) will our state be willing to give us funds to repair our courthouse again — if ever? If we tear it down and start from scratch, how much will a brand new building cost? How would it look in our area with the fire department building and the city hall building? Kind of like having a new mansion built in your neighborhood and all the others are wood-frame houses.
6. I'm a senior citizen myself and not a rich person but it won't break me to pay the added taxes on the home I live in. I figured the most it could cost almost anyone in our town tax-wise is a nickel a day for 20 years. Is that putting bills on our kids? Cut out one Coke a week now that they waste or one candy bar and we can pay it ourselves for them, as they don't want that Coke or candy bar as they laid it aside. Think about how much you will miss the maximum of 35-cents a week and how long you will enjoy just looking at our fine old courthouse — upgraded and given dignity again.
I think once you all think about redoing the courthouse with the help of the state paying the biggest part of the price is an opportunity we can not pass up. Ask how much it cost to level Pampa Junior High and build the junior high that housed them both years ago? We've lost one historical building in that "pod," are we willing to loose another? How much will leveling and rebuilding a new building that can house all we need in a courthouse cost? Get these questions answered and vote the way you think is best for our town. We can't foresee what the future holds for our children and I don't think the small amount this will cost them will break them.
Keep our courthouse. Repair it. The pride in our town shows in how our citizens care for their property and town. We need to clean up, repair and keep what we've got and maybe new business can come in and see we are a group of people that care about our town — not a bunch of penny-pinchers. We can pinch those pennies better by taking the offer from the state and getting a bond started for our courthouse.
Sarah Blain
Pampa

The longer we wait, the higher the costs ...

To the editor,
Gray County does not need to become the Randall County of the eastern Panhandle with arguments for the next five- to 10-years about renovations of our courthouse. The courthouse we currently have will serve our needs for the next 20-plus years when remodeled and updated.
The state funds will be available to Gray County to assist in renovation of our county courthouse with additional funds from our

county should be taken advantage of as quickly as possible. The longer the project is postponed the more it will cost with the state funds remaining the same.

Whatever the architect estimates the cost of the project will be, we should increase this estimate by 10 to 15 percent to cover overrides in expenses. If a surplus occurs at time of completion, data processing, hardware and software and other workplace requirements need consideration. Any remaining surplus funds to be used as "pay back" on the indebtedness incurred for the renovation.

This "pay back" will be part of the agreement between the county's officials and the taxpayers and become part of the county commission meeting records when project approved.

James R. Braxton
Pampa

Cost of renovation is cheaper than new courthouse

To the editor,
We would like to express our support for the action taken by the Gray County Commissioners Court concerning repairs that need to be done to the courthouse.

This building not only contains the present day offices of our appointed and elected officials, it contains the history, the memories, the sacrifices, and all the hard work that the Gray County pioneers put into making Gray County a decent place to raise a family.

The building is a silent tribute to all those pioneers and the future generations to come that the American way of life is good and that the system works for all of us.

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Pampa school board members recognized Pampa High students making All-State Choir and All-State Band by presenting them with certificates at a recent board meeting. Pictured, from left, is Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent, Holly Myers and Sarah Teague, both All-State Band members; Josh Gibson and Shelby McGahen, both All-State Choir members; PHS Choir Director Fred Mays and PHS Band Director Bruce Collins. Not pictured are Meredith Hendricks and Michael Eskridge, All State Choir.

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BRIDGE

ing requests for road change requests in the Texas Panhandle.

Jerry L. Raines, area engineer, at the Pampa office said plans are to have a bridge go over the railroad track slightly west of the present intersection. He said the DOT is planning to have an elevated t-area at the intersection.

Raines said the area will be similar to the construction change planned at the intersection of FM1912 and SH 60 near Highland Park High School near Amarillo.

He said the DOT is hoping to get consultants on board in approximately six weeks and construction should begin on the Pampa-area project in approximately two years.

A major maintenance of State Highway 60 in the eastern part of Pampa is planned in the next few months. It will include widening the roadway, adding curb and gutter and extending the four-lane area to the loop.

A bridge improvement project over Red Deer Creek on Cuyler where the street becomes Mary Ellen is also planned locally.

Bruce Withers of Lefors asked the DOT representatives about the possibility of remedying water drainage problems in the small community.

He said the only paved streets in the town is the state highway. He said following a snowfall when the melting occurs the water just "holds" in one area and is heavily damaging the asphalt.

Withers asked that a DOT representative go to Lefors to see the problem and attempt to arrive at a solution.

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(certified) values has generally been about one percent. That's a very small percent.

"It is accelerating the process," McVay said. "We would adopt the budget earlier on when things are more unsettled. But even now, nothing is really set until the tax rate is set in September. If it changes, whether we adopt a budget in June or in August, we will be amending our budget."

Changing the fiscal year would cause additional work for the business office the first year, he said, and could initially lead to additional audit costs.

"You just have to weigh out those with the benefit of getting staff the things they need by the time school starts," he said.

"The main thing it would affect you as a board will be adopting a budget earlier," he added.

Board President Jay Johnson asked if the school district's cash flow would cover the expenditures made before tax revenue starts arriving in October.

"We looked at the cash flow and the cash flow is okay," Superintendent Dawson Orr said. "It's not a problem."

McVay said the district generally spends approximately \$1 million in September and October. "We'd spend maybe half of that

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in July and August if we do this," he said.

McVay said board members would not have to make a decision until this summer, but suggested the board "use this opportunity to be thinking about this."

"This year we're going to adopt a budget in August no matter what," he said.

In a closed personnel session at the end of Thursday's meeting, board members evaluated Dr. Orr's service as superintendent of schools and considered a new contract.

"Dr. Orr has done an excellent job as superintendent," Dr. Johnson said Friday. "And we want to keep him."

He said the board agreed to extend Dr. Orr's contract to 2004.

Problems plaguing two of the elementary schools were solved during the Christmas break, Denver Bruner, facilities management coordinator, said in his report.

A sewer odor at Lamar Elementary School was solved when a plumbing contractor rerouted the sewer line and installed a great trap, according to the report, with a later report of the odor eliminated by maintenance staff.

"I appreciate the facilities team trusting me and my team on this," Bruner said. "We were sure

it would work."

An unlevel tile floor at Travis Elementary was repaired through a new product designed to bond with the concrete and the tile, Bruner said, ending the problem for \$1,000, \$7,000 below the \$8,000 estimate to cover the problem area with carpet.

"We thought it might work and it did," he said. "It looks like it's supposed to."

Bruner said he has also applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to help pay for damages to the school district's parking lots and roofs from the recent snow and ice storms.

"I saw an article in *The Pampa News* about the city and the county qualifying for these funds and I thought, 'Why aren't we in on this?'"

After attending a meeting with emergency management officials, Bruner discovered that the school district probably qualifies for federal funds to reimburse staff overtime, cleanup and equipment rental costs.

He plans to meet with a FEMA representative soon, he said, adding "We'll show them the facilities, do the paperwork, and hopefully we'll get some of this."

Bruner estimates the school district qualifies for \$14,000 to \$20,000 in FEMA funds.

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WATER

electrical generation plant. But the truth is the decision to take the water out from under Roberts and Gray Counties and surrounding areas has been made."

Kennedy said that most landowners in the area think they need to find somebody to buy their water or else they're going to see the day when there is no water because it's been depleted.

Kennedy told the board that having been a county judge in Gray County, there were many issues that came before him that he had to make rulings on that he did not like.

"As a county judge, one of the most painful duties that I had was to approve alcoholic beverage permits," Kennedy said. "The reason it was hard for me to do that was because there's a lot of sadness and sorrow that comes from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and a lot of innocent people's lives and property get destroyed."

But Kennedy said that as a county judge, if someone asked for one and they qualified for it, he had no authority to invoke his personal feelings and tell them they couldn't have it.

Kennedy said that he could sleep at night because he knew that even though he had issued the permit, enforcement officials were there to protect the public.

"The system works," Kennedy said. The former county judge said the water board was struggling over issuing permits, but he questioned how the decision concerning the future of panhandle ground water could be based on permits.

"It's not the permits we're struggling with," said board member Phillip Smith said. "It's the volume of water."

Mesa Water wants to pump 200,000 acre-feet annually, one acre-foot for each acre of property it has rights to. To date, Mesa has rights to 150,000 acres. The permit requests were submitted by seven individual landowners involved in the project.

In comparison, CRMWA has a permit to pump one acre-foot of water from each of some 40,000 acres. The City of Amarillo has a permit to pump one acre-foot on about 70,000 acres, but under the terms of their permit, they won't begin pumping for 25 years.

Smith and Kennedy agree that the district can monitor the water withdrawn from the aquifer.

"That's the way you do it," Kennedy said. He said the district board is wrestling over a permit while the truth of the matter is that Pickens may never get the water sold.

"We may never pump a gallon," Kennedy said. Kennedy said it is his firm belief that issuing a permit does not remove one gallon of water from Roberts County.

Under the regional water plan, Kennedy noted, not more than 50 percent of the water stored in the underground aquifer in 1998 may be removed by the year 2050. Known as the 50-50, 50 percent in 50 years, the rule was also adopted by the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

The former county judge said that Pickens and his group have agreed to abide by the 50-50 rule. "Personally, I'm glad that you have it," Kennedy said. "It assures me that our family and my friends are going to have water in years to come. That's a good plan."

But he said landowners should have the right to at least offer their water for sale.

"I'd love it if CRMWA would come and buy our water," Kennedy said.

Pickens said during the December permit hearing that he had offered the water to both CRMWA and to Amarillo. Neither entity expressed any interest, Pickens said.

Still, the water district tabled the pumping requests Thursday, saying that the applications were not complete. Among other things, they said the applications did not say who was buying the water. Pickens told the board he couldn't sell the water until he had a permit to assure buyers that Mesa could pump and provide and steady supply.

Water district officials indicated that they would give Mesa the permit if and when the application was completed.

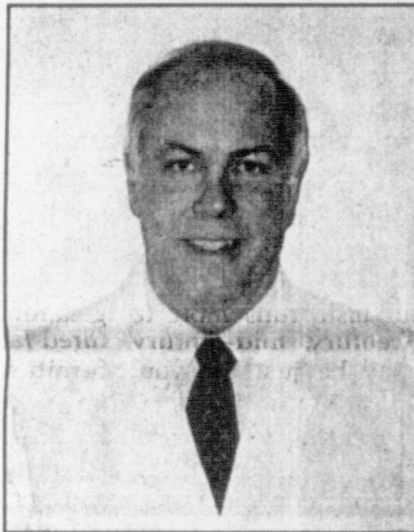
"The actual enforcement is going to come through the actual measurements because that the most defensible thing when we get down to that point in time," said C.E. Williams, general manager of the water conservation district, "but it just doesn't seem prudent to me, at least in our opinion with the hydrology studies that we have commissioned here at the district, to issue something that is beyond what is most likely reality."

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Color by the numbers

Preferences change with age

Color has a well-documented effect on how you feel, but does age make a difference in how you respond to color? Sherwin-Williams, the nation's largest paint retailer, says though color is a very personal — and often changeable — matter, generational preferences for various tones and hues do exist.

Sherwin-Williams color experts use their knowledge of color and trends to help customers create decorating schemes that enhance the pleasurable effects of color. For example, for senior citizens who may be retired or less active, color can have a more profound effect on well-being. So instead of muddy colors like earth tones, these experts advise using fresh, cheerful colors like buttery yellows, clear blues, fresh pinks and warm whites.

"But don't avoid greens," says Linda Trent, director of color marketing and design for Sherwin-Williams Stores Group, "because research shows that lush foliage colors can actually help people to feel more relaxed and less stressed." And, adds Trent, while hunter green has peaked in popularity, jade greens are currently on the upswing.

For baby boomers, the home is a sanctuary: a place for artistic expression and relaxation as well as inspiration. Baby boomers are drawn to soothing colors that cool and refresh the spirit — cleansing blues enhanced with purple tones, azure and intense, iridescent blues with the slightest tinge of green. Favorite neutrals are chameleon shades that take on the undertones of colors around them, like grays married with plum or green or even yellow-green undertones that bridge the gap from gray to khaki.

Generation Xers, those born between 1964 and 1980, are old enough to remember the fall of the Berlin Wall, but have primarily lived in a global economy. It's not surprising then, that they show strong acceptance of the global color palette. Look for exotic greens from the Australian landscape, violet, indigo and Asian reds to add drama to neutral spaces awash in contrasting textures, as Generation Xers experiment with styles from around the world.

For teen-agers, cool sophistication is the design goal, but don't expect childhood keepsakes to fade into the background. The best bet is to let teens, whenever possible, select colors for themselves. Faux finishes can be useful in teen rooms to add drama and sophistication.

Children, though generally easier to please than teen-agers, are far more sensitive to color than adults, so their wishes also should be considered whenever possible. Children love neon-like colors, especially green and yellow, and rich, tropical hues.

Research on the visual preferences of babies has shown that high-contrast colors and simple patterns that encourage scanning, focusing, tracking, orienting and pattern recognition are not only favorites, they also help to stimulate physical and cognitive development. These studies indicate that red and blue are the colors preferred by infants.

Though to some degree our reactions to color are psychological and culturally induced, Sherwin-Williams color experts say that clearly, age makes a difference in how you respond to color. It is one reason why your color preferences change over time as we move through our lives.

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Painting water-stained walls, ceilings

(MS) — This time of year, homeowners often have problems with water stains appearing on ceilings, walls and woodwork.

Water from melting ice, snow and rain seeps inside from insufficient flashing around windows, skylights, dormers and chimneys, and from ice dams forming in gutters and along roof edges.

Some may think all that is needed to hide these stains is a fresh coat of paint. However, water stains are resolubilized by the water in latex paints and will bleed through even multiple coats and ruin the paint job.

According to Wm. Zinsser & Co., a manufacturer of problem-solving primers and specialty paints, it is best to prepare water-stained surfaces with a "first coat" of a shellac-base primer before applying the finish paint.

The shellac resin in Zinsser's B-I-N Primer-Sealer forms an impermeable film that permanently seals off water stains. Unlike resins found in latex and oil-base products, shellac also seals out musty odors that can accompany such stains.

Easy to use, the primer contains an alcohol solvent, so it dries fast — ready for topcoating in 45 minutes. Unlike oil-base products, it leaves no lingering paint smell, as the alcohol dissipates very quickly into the air. And, brushes clean up easily in a solution of household ammonia and water, so there is no need for mineral spirits.

The primer can be used under all latex and oil-base topcoats. It comes in a white-pigmented formula that can be tinted by your retailer to match the color of the finish paint. It is available at hardware stores, home centers, and paint and decorating outlets in traditional pint, quart and gallon

sizes. It also comes in a handy aerosol for covering water stains on acoustical ceiling tiles.

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French style decorating creates fresh look

When you think of France, no doubt images of high fashion apparel, gourmet delights and romantic indulgences are apt to cross your mind.

Not the least of France's gifts to the world is French decorating style.

From the sun-drenched south of France, home to charming Provence and the glittering Riviera, to the glamorous and elegant boulevards of Paris, France abounds in decorative inspiration.

Stroheim & Romann often incorporates French design inspirations into its luxurious fabrics and wallpapers. Here are some tips from the design experts at Stroheim and Romann for bringing French style into your home.

• One of the fabrics most associated with France is the toile, which originated in that country in the 18th century. Toiles are prints that usually have a scenic design of one color on ivory or natural, often with a pastoral or country look. However, some of the freshest toiles are now done on richly colored backgrounds as well. Toiles combine a strong graphic appeal with a traditional look, and they work beautifully in every room of the house.

• Classic French country style often incorporates darker woods mixed with lighter elements like airy, delicate fabrics. The use of darker woods extends not just to furniture, but to floors, paneled walls, and even ceiling beams for a more rustic look.

• Fabrics and wallpapers associated with Provence usually have a lively, fresh color palette of clear cornflower

blues, vibrant reds, golden yellows and warm, grassy greens with crisp white accents. They're often used in small, neat geometric patterns, classic paisleys and florals, or in a mix of all three.

• Typical French style means lots of romantic touches. Delicate window treatments in lace, embroidered sheers, eyelet or gauze let in plenty of sunlight. Pretty florals in appealing colors turn any room into a garden bower. Scrolling metalwork accents furniture and accessories. Charming crockery filled with fresh or dried flowers instantly conjures up a romantic mood.

• Other symbols of French country style are whimsical, figurative motifs. Most emblematic are the rooster, used on fabrics, wallpapers, artwork, ceramic tableware and rustic accessories. Other natural elements that give a touch of the pastoral are acorns, berries, leaves and ferns. Stroheim & Romann includes all of these motifs in their new Provence fabric and wallpaper collections.

• For a more formal take on French style, look to the "Louis" — classic furniture inspired by the reigns of Louis XIV, XV and XVI. These pieces have graceful lines, elegant carving and often pale painted finishes. Upholstered pieces look best in opulent damasks, brocades and velvets. Billowing silk draperies in soft, refined colors add to this look of regal elegance.

• If your taste runs more to the 20th century, mid-century modern may be just for you. French interpretations of Art Deco and Moderne styles from



This charming room features fabrics and wallpaper from Stroheim & Romann's Provence collections in a lively red and white color scheme. The timeless beauty of toile is reflected in Chambéry Vine wallpaper complemented by the large-scale Colbert damask on the chairs, and a small berry pattern, Cassis, on the draperies.

the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s offer gleaming pale woods, plush textured fabrics, sinuous curves on furniture, and an understated elegance that epitomizes modern design at its best.

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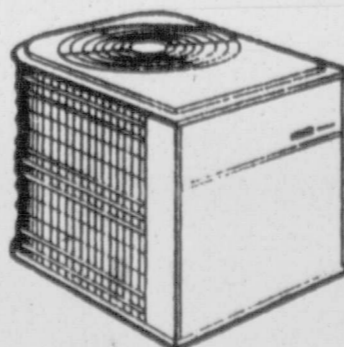
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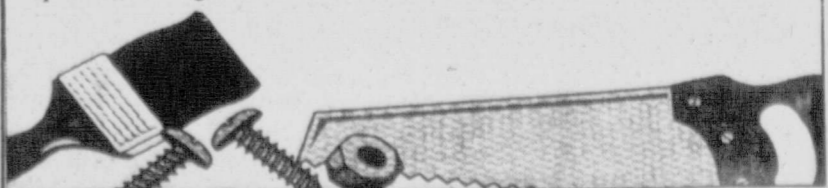
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Choose the best value in fine garden furniture

(MS) — How can you expand your living space without adding walls, floors, or a roof? The answer is simple. You can extend your home beyond its exterior walls when you furnish your garden, patio, or porch with high-quality wood garden furniture built for beauty, comfort, and many years of use.

Handcrafted garden furniture invites you to relax or dine in nature, soaking up the sunshine or feeling the cool breezes under a canopy of trees. Built using the finest grades of mahogany and teak and time-tested construction methods, furniture created by

master craftsmen like those at BenchSmith can be both functional and classically styled.

With the wide selection of wood garden furniture available today, how can a person decide which products are the best value? BenchSmith experts recommend you consider several priorities:

• **Grade of Wood** — When crafted of mahogany and teak, garden furniture can provide the owners with decades of enjoyment. BenchSmith's teak furniture, for example, comes with a 75-year limited warranty. Furnishings made of durable and

attractive mahogany are warranted for 35 years. Weight can indicate quality, as well. When compared to more common cedar, a mahogany chair can weigh at least one-third more than a cedar chair.

• **Comfort** — Without the right design, a chair or bench can be beautiful to look at and agony to sit in. With years of experience, BenchSmith has sculpted its furniture to feature deep, contoured seats and rounded edges for comfort. The height of the armrest, angle of the backs, and depth of the seat board have been carefully engineered to provide the best

vantage point for relaxation.

• **Styling** — Finding a manufacturer with the right selection of styles and products can be difficult. The company's artisans offer four classic styles that fit into any environment, even inside the home. In addition, each design style is available in complementary benches, chairs, dining tables, and companion tables.

• **Craftsmanship** — The best way to build furniture of exceptional strength and stability is by combining time-tested construction techniques with the latest engineering technology.

Bring out the beauty of wood

(MS) — Does the wood in your home have a dull, lifeless appearance? While wood floors and furniture add an element of elegance and style to any home, they must be cared for properly to preserve their beauty and long life.

The dull appearance you see is usually due to dirt and wax-buildup. Many people think this requires a new finish on their wood, but a good cleaning will restore the shine and bring out the natural beauty.

To give those floors and furniture a good cleaning, use a water-based or water dilutable cleaner like Murphy Oil Soap.

First vacuum or sweep your floors to remove dust. Then, dilute Murphy's according to the directions. Be sure to use a clean mop or cloth and wring it out well in the solution. After cleaning the floors, it's important to mop up any excess water.

To clean your furniture, you can use the same diluted solution, or try the Murphy spray that comes already diluted. Dust the furniture first, then clean with a soft cloth. You'll be amazed at the beauty of the wood that comes through after a good cleaning!



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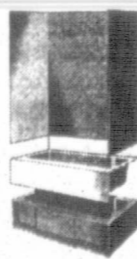
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What's your 'junk' worth? Top 10 mistakes when spring cleaning

You could be tossing out a small fortune when you clean house.

The values of ordinary looking items has skyrocketed in recent years according to Tony Hyman, host of "What's It Worth?" each week on CBS-TV network news. Because most folks don't realize how valuable these items have become, they get thrown away or sold on lawns for pennies.

Top Ten items you should never discard or sell at a yard sale include:

1. Balloon tire bicycles: Most balloon tire bikes (1934 to 1960) are worth \$100 or more; a lady's bike worth \$3,500 was recently found in an Ohio trash can; your newer banana seat bike can bring \$500 and up;

2. Costume jewelry: Costume isn't junk. A Palm Springs yard sale yielded a \$10 box of costume jewelry that the new owner resold for \$75,000;

3. Fountain pens: A Massachusetts church rummage sale sold a \$15,000 pen for \$55; a \$42,000 pen turned up in a Midwest dresser last year;

4. Baseball gloves: Gloves you played with in the 1960s can be worth up to

\$2,500;

5. Perfume bottles: The record price for a 20th century perfume bottle is more than \$40,000;

6. Marbles: 20th century machine-made glass swirls can be worth hundreds of dollars each. \$2,500 for a coffee can full is not unusual.

7. Toys of the 1960s: GI Joe®, Barbie®, and space toys of all sorts bring \$15 to \$500;

8. Fishing Tackle: Rods, reels and lures have all topped the \$1,000 each mark; a \$15,000 reel sold at an Illinois yard sale for \$50;

9. Advertising and packaging: Cigar boxes, coffee cans, cereal boxes, tobacco tins, signs ... anything featuring a product more than 20 years old;

10. Cast iron cookware: One of the biggest surprises is that more than 400 different cast iron pots, pans, skillets and lids can put from \$40 to \$1,000 in your pocket if you sell them to the right person!

Other common items with uncommon values include Hawaiian shirts, beer mugs, pocket knives, musical

'It's like having a roadshow in your own front room.'

instruments, briar pipes, old toasters and typewriters, war souvenirs, transistor radios, calculators, 78 and 33 rpm records, auto owners' manuals, cap guns, cartoon glasses, cookie jars, nodder dolls, Disneyland souvenirs, electric trains, rock and roll posters, lunch boxes, lace, yo-yos, television board games, china, cigarette lighters and hundreds of others.

To find out if you own something valuable you need expert advice and to find out who wants to buy your item at a fair price. There's only one good buyer of cigar boxes in the country, and people who want sewing machines, BB guns, and cocktail shakers can be equally hard to find.

The way to make the most money, according to Hyman's viewers, is to

contact buyers and appraisers by mail.

For 22 years, Hyman has been helping amateurs dispose of their possessions by publishing the names, addresses, phone numbers and now e-mail addresses of experts like those you see on television appraisal shows.

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"It's like having your own private roadshow in your home," says one reader, "even better, because I didn't have to stand in line for hours and could ask about hundreds of items, not just two."

"People are a lot richer than they think," Hyman says, "but until now they haven't been able to cash in on what they own because they didn't know what they have, who wants it, or how much it's worth."

You don't need to know whether you have a \$5 fishing lure or a \$500 lure, Hyman says, as long as you deal with honest experts. Ask them what you have. Experts will know, he says, and pay you fairly.

"Something as simple as a plastic Pez® candy dispenser is worth \$400 to one person and \$10 to another," Hyman points out, "and a 1966 Hot Wheels® Volkswagen toy can be worth twice as much as the real car to the right buyer."

Design dilemmas



Certain design elements in your home can pose potential obstacles, but the right decorator can help alleviate some of your concerns. Take for example this hexagonal sunroom showcasing a set of beautiful French doors. The key to dressing these windows is to clear the top of the doors and not cover up their striking design. Decorator Nancy Braithwaite hung the curtain rods at the ceiling line and attached billowy full-length organdy curtains tied with gold-colored fabric. The effect allows the light to shine through, frames the doors and gives some added privacy when the sun has set. Photo courtesy of "House Beautiful" (Hearst Books), by The Editors of House Beautiful magazine.

Lattice brings life to homes and gardens

Spring is in the air but the yard, house and garden are dull and drab after a long winter. Tired of gray, weathered wood and lifeless landscaping? Now is the time to think about more than repairs. Think about ways to add life, color and cheer to the home and garden, year-round.

With a little imagination, otherwise dull, outdoor landscapes can be transformed into an attractive centerpiece with lattice. Contrasting colors and a variety of patterns — diamond and square — can add an interesting architectural dimension to conventional backyard items. Try some of these unconventional, yet stylish ways to bring life to your yard, home and garden with lattice:

- Increase privacy around your backyard or pool with a lattice privacy screen.
- Add vertical greenery to your home, garage or shed with a lattice trellis and ivy. Allow plant growth behind the trellis — letting it weave in and out with standoff mounting spacers.
- Build a place for shelter from the sun and host a tea party under the lattice shading.
- Surround garbage cans, air conditioners and utility areas with decorative lattice.
- Make lattice planters and other lattice décor.

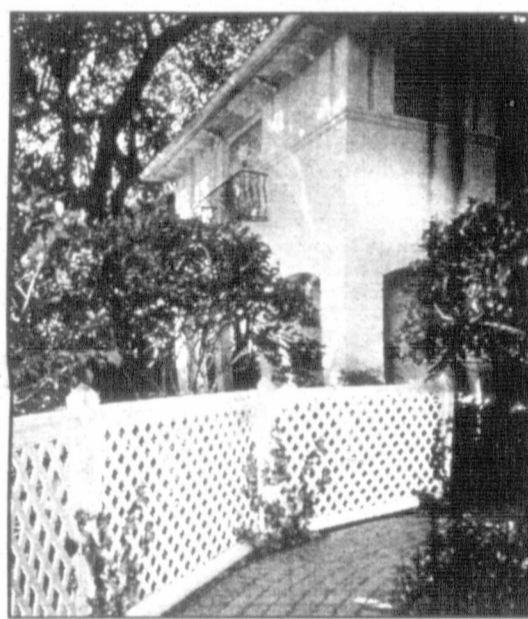
• Create an aura about your home with a lattice theme: white lattice and palms can create a heavenly oasis around a garden and pool; white lattice and rose bushes create a romantic look.

• Blend in an eye sore tool shed and complete the backyard atmosphere by covering it in lattice.

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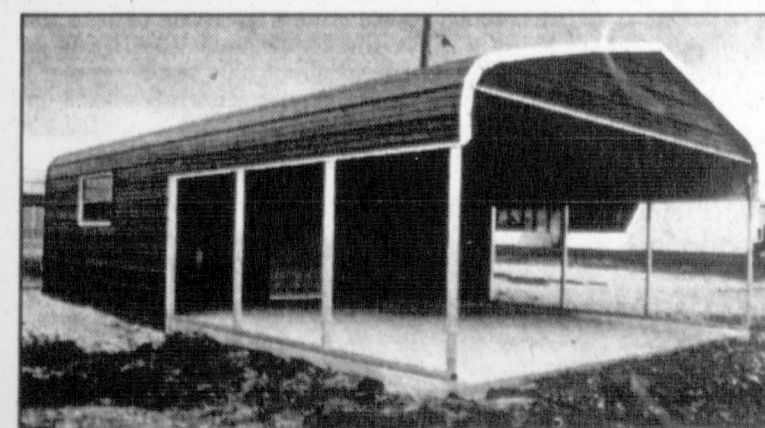


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Celebrating birthdays recently were Meredith House residents (top) Clyde Curry, Jennie Hinkley and (bottom) Margie Ford. Not pictured: Ruby Waite.

Oil business left mark on Texas society

By ELIZABETH ALLEN
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — It's true what they say: that Texas is a big state made bigger by oil, that Houston oil money literally built that city's exclusive River Oaks neighborhood, Dallas oil money built the fabled Neiman-Marcus, and West Texas oil money built Midland, period.

The fabulous wealth born of the stinking black stuff made for world-class spending and put Texans on the social map.

"Some of them have lived very glamorous and very lush lives. I live a very simple life," said Nancy Hamon, the widow of oil millionaire Jake Hamon and one of Dallas' leading philanthropists and party-throwers.

Famous for funding, among other things, the Cypriot wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, San Antonio-born Hamon has as living quarters only her penthouse in the Residences at Turtle Creek and a high-rise apartment in San Francisco. Her indulgences run more to parties, like in 1988 when she chartered the Cunard line's Sea Goddess, christened it "Ship of Fools" and took 100 friends on a cruise from the coast of Spain to Tangier.

It all started near Beaumont in 1901 with the great gusher Spindletop, and it bubbled up across the state and throughout the 20th century. The transformation hit West Texas, once called "graveyard of the wildcatters," when Santa Rita No. 1 tapped a vast deposit of black gold in the Permian Basin in 1923.

Jane Lynch, whose grandfather Levi Smith helped discover the West Texas fields, likens the oil era that gilded Texas to the California gold rush or the age of the great railroad barons.

"If you get a group like that and they all come into wealth at the same time, they all try to outdo each other," Lynch said. "These people who suddenly came into this great vast fortune, they just acted like asses."

Oil millionaires inspired the grand-scale 1956 film "Giant" and the wildly popular 1980s TV series "Dallas."

It was their money that made Midland's tall buildings rise like Oz from the flat West Texas plain.

The first skyscraper went up

Then the big buildings grew with the rhythms of the booms, and by the 1950s and 1960s, Midland and its warring, blue-collar sister city Odessa had become the metropolis of a vital Permian Basin, flush with a new kind of society.

in the 1930s and took a long time to fill, said Jim Henry, who started Midland-based Henry Petroleum in 1969.

Then the big buildings grew with the rhythms of the booms, and by the 1950s and 1960s, Midland and its warring, blue-collar sister city Odessa had become the metropolis of a vital Permian Basin, flush with a new kind of society.

"First you had a mass migration of the oil industry out into these small towns, kind of like a tidal wave swept over Texas," Henry said. "Then, in the last 20 years, you saw the tidal wave recede and now they've gone back to Houston where they started from."

One of the West Texas towns that sprouted and then sank back into the earth was Texon, built and managed by Levi Smith for oil workers. But Smith, who lived there with his family, didn't get rich quick. Dubbed the "wise man from the East" by Walter Rundell Jr. in his book "Early Texas Oil," Smith already had money and experience in finding oil.

Lynch allowed as to how her family was privileged, and that her grandfather was a great friend of Romania's Queen Maria, "and there was even talk that there was a little glow there."

They lived well at Texon, which had a school and a golf course. And after the Lindbergh baby was kidnapped in 1932, the family hired bodyguards for

Lynch then Jane Ransom and her sister Lou.

"That was a time when Pretty Boy Floyd and Bonnie and Clyde and all those types were running around, and a lot of them came through Texas," she said. "It was kind of a rip-roaring time in Texas."

Far from the sulfurous fields, much of the state's oil wealth took shape in the mansions and skyscrapers and exclusive shops of Dallas and Houston, and to a lesser extent in San Antonio.

"I would say a great percentage of our people are involved in the oil business," said Bernice Cantile, who has run the Menger Smart Shop for 50 years. "Of course, you get a variety of people in any public store."

Cantile opened her upscale boutique next door to the Alamo in the old cattle-money Menger Hotel. She and her daughter, Sunny Wager, now run it out of a low-key Alamo Heights shopping center.

The amount of oil money coming through Menger's front doors has ebbed and flowed with petroleum's fortunes.

"The way we've lost most of our customers has been from natural causes," Cantile said, but then admitted, "we certainly do not have the influx of people involved in oil from West Texas that we used to."

A native San Antonian who has paid for a few pairs of Menger shes with oil money is Jeanette Longoria, whose first husband was real estate and oil millionaire Morris Jaffe.

"Morris also grew up in San Antonio," Longoria said. "I think his first oil well was when the children were small, with Oscar Wyatt."

Wyatt is the legendary Houston oil and gas man dubbed "the meanest oilman in Texas" by Texas Monthly. He drew the ire of San Antonio's City Public Service and other entities when he backed out of contracts to supply them cheap natural gas during a 1970s jump in prices.

The rancor toward Wyatt and his high-profile wife, Lynn, nursed by public entities and fanned by media reports of their glamorous River Oaks life, did little to rend the social network spun more by Lynn's charms than those of her blunt husband.

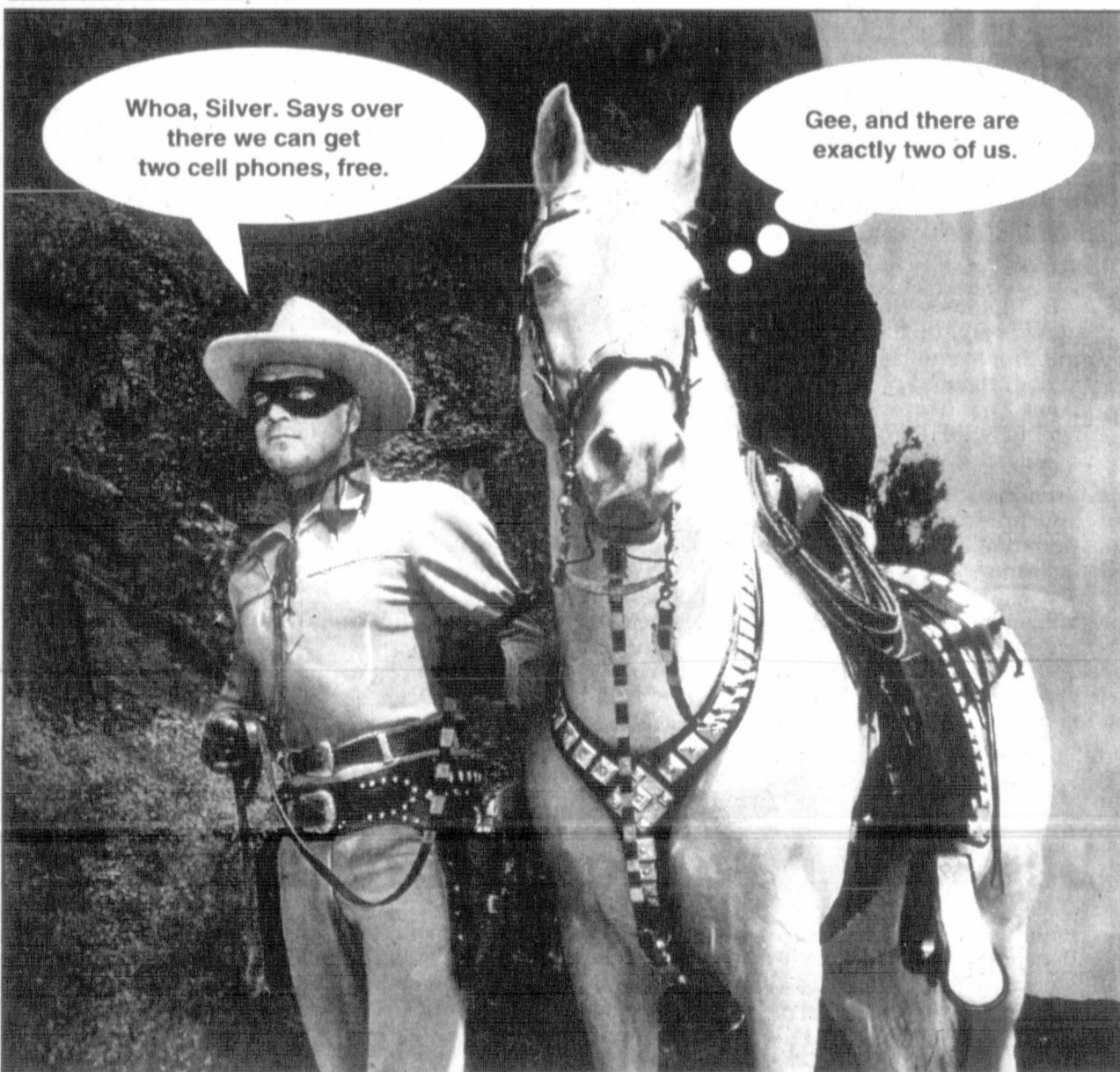
Along with elevating Texans to the jet set, oil money had created a society of its own.

"Among those of us that know each other there's kind of a triangle between San Antonio and Houston and Dallas," Longoria said. "There always seems to be some function or some marriage going on all the time."

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SOCIETY

She and her friends spent much of their San Antonio shopping at Menger Smart Shop and Frost Bros., with a regular Dallas dose of Neiman-Marcus.

Stanley Marcus knows his customers Longoria and Nancy Hamon both claim him as a friend. "People are warm in Texas," Longoria said. "It's a whole different thing, shopping in Texas."

But the glitz has peaked, she said, looking back to the heyday. "It's not as fun as it used to be," Longoria said.

Longoria, now widowed from Mexico City industrialist Octaviano "Chito" Longoria, now divides her time between San Antonio and New York when she isn't traveling.

She will pass part of January evaluating laces in Cyprus.

The Mediterranean is a popular receptacle of Texas oil dollars. Longoria also attended Hamon's 1988 Sea Goddess cruise.

"She is darling. Nancy is just darling," Longoria said of Hamon.

The seagoing party lunched at the villa of Adnan Khashoggi, overlooking Gibraltar and guarded by a stuffed leopard. Articles lovingly describe the cruise culture, from designer day suits right down to the diamond bees that swarmed about Longoria's luncheon sun hat.

Hamon still gets some of her designer threads from Neiman-Marcus — or rather, she has a saleswoman from the San Francisco store come over from time to time.

Lynn Wyatt, who attended the Sea Goddess cruise with her husband, comes from rival Texas department store family Sakowitz.

Sakowitz, run by Wyatt's brother Robert Sakowitz, vied with Neiman-Marcus glamour for glamour until the company, overextended and bankrupt, sold itself to Hooker Corp. in 1987 and gave up the ghost completely in 1990.

Yet oil money can earn a glamour puss a lasting place on the social scene, if she does it right. Lynn Wyatt's social star continues to shine brighter than the white marble on Sakowitz's former downtown Houston store now a parking garage.

She has garnered a spot in the International Best-Dressed List Hall of Fame, lunched with Truman Capote and chaired Monaco's 50th Bal de la Rose at the request of Princess Grace. For their summer European home, the Wyatts acquired the former Riviera villa of Somerset Maugham.

But much of Texas' oil money has been spent closer to home. The spending hit its apex during the days of excess that inspired "Dallas."

"In '79, gosh, everybody was making money. There was never going to be another troubled day," said Robert Cosby, executive vice president at First National Bank in Seminole.

Cosby said in the high spirits of those days, "money flowed very freely."

"There were a lot of new cars, a lot of new boats, a lot of airplanes," he said. The private planes were used for everything from family outings to business entertainment jaunts.

"Dallas Cowboy football games, that was just a regular occurrence," he said of the team that plays home games 350 miles from his town.

But long trips are part and parcel of West Texas life, as evidenced by the large number of motorboats that populated the arid region's driveways during the boom.

"Five hours in any direction will get you to a lake," Cosby said with a chuckle.

The oil barons of Midland, population 83,000 in 1980, sported numerous diamond rings and Rolex watches and a Rolls-Royce dealership. Things changed dramatically in 1986 when Saudi Arabia opened its spigots onto the world market and the price of oil plummeted.

"The toys were the first things to go," Cosby said.

Some West Texans now look back on the boom days with a helping of wistfulness and a dash of denial.

"I didn't see that kind of extravagance in my mind," said former state Sen. Pete Snelson, who served in the Texas Legislature from 1960 to 1983. "What I remember most in the '50s, '60s and '70s was a vigor. ... There was a lot of people that were able to be a part of the growth of the oil industry."

Henry's recollection of indulgence centered on flights to the Lowake Steakhouse, 150 miles from Midland.

"People are kind of conservative around here and kind of resentful of ostentatious displays of wealth," Henry said. "We don't like social status. What they've done and how they've helped the community is how we look at people."

Good works have been the fastest way to move up in Houston society, too, said Carol Barden, a contributing editor for Travel & Leisure who was once married to Houston oilman Gregg Wallace.

"One of the quickest ways to join the group was to step up to the plate and be charitable and write big checks," said Barden, who moved to Houston from Seattle shortly before marrying Wallace in 1986.

It wasn't uncommon for the Wallaces to be in black tie two to three nights a week, buying a table to support some cause, Barden said, and the tables could cost as much as \$10,000 or even \$25,000.

Oil money also has allowed her ex to feed his opera addiction.

Thousands of CDs, vinyl LPs and pre-1926 Mapleson cylinders line the walls of Wallace's 21/2-story library even though he doesn't often listen to the cylinders, which "sound like Caruso singing from the cellar."

He doesn't want to boast, but Harvard University wants them when he dies.

The 1986 Barden-Wallace wedding in Paris' Sainte Chappelle graced the cover of Connoisseur magazine.

"We hired the Paris Opera, orchestra and chorus to do a wedding concert and all of our Texas friends flew over," Barden recalled. Limousines hauled 140 guests from the chapel to dinner at the Crillon Hotel, then on to a disco for dancing until 5 a.m.

Because they were scheduled to marry in the darkness of a winter evening, Barden said, "we had huge scaffolding built all around the chapel and had lights shining in the chapel so that when you walked in, it was like three in the afternoon in July."

The French, she said, "could not imagine that Texans would spend this kind of money to get married."

The event heralded by world-class opera stars was an example of the beauty that can be created with money, Wallace said.

"You can't do that if you don't have dollars, sadly," he said. "I don't want to be boastful, because I've been up and down and in between."

One of the downs began at an inopportune time while the wedding party was still in Paris, Barden said.

"We got married on Feb. 2, and by the time we left Paris two weeks later oil prices were below \$20 a barrel and dropping fast," she said.

"It was horrible because so many of our guests were in the oil business."

"We were over there drinking champagne and wondering how in the world we were going to put our world back together."

The crash sank its teeth into education, charities, jobs and entire towns, and it has led to a more sober time among Texas' very rich.

But Barden believes the state's residents still have an innate flair that built the loud legend of Texas.

"Texans like to spread it all around and show off," Barden said. "They wear brighter colors, they wear bigger jewels."

And Texas oil people "all feel that if they're not taking a big risk, it's not worth getting out of bed."

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LETTERS

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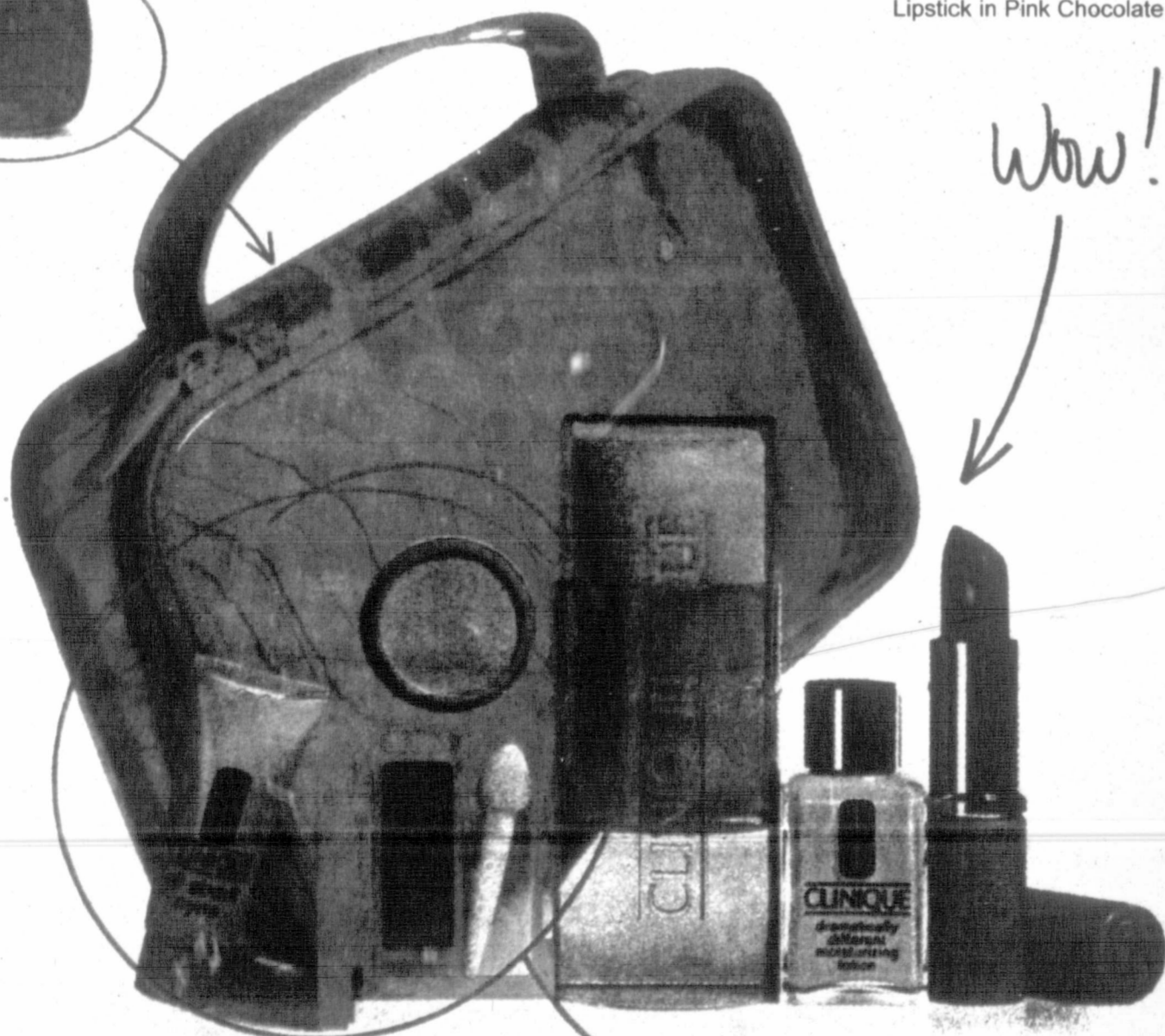
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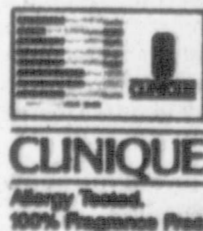
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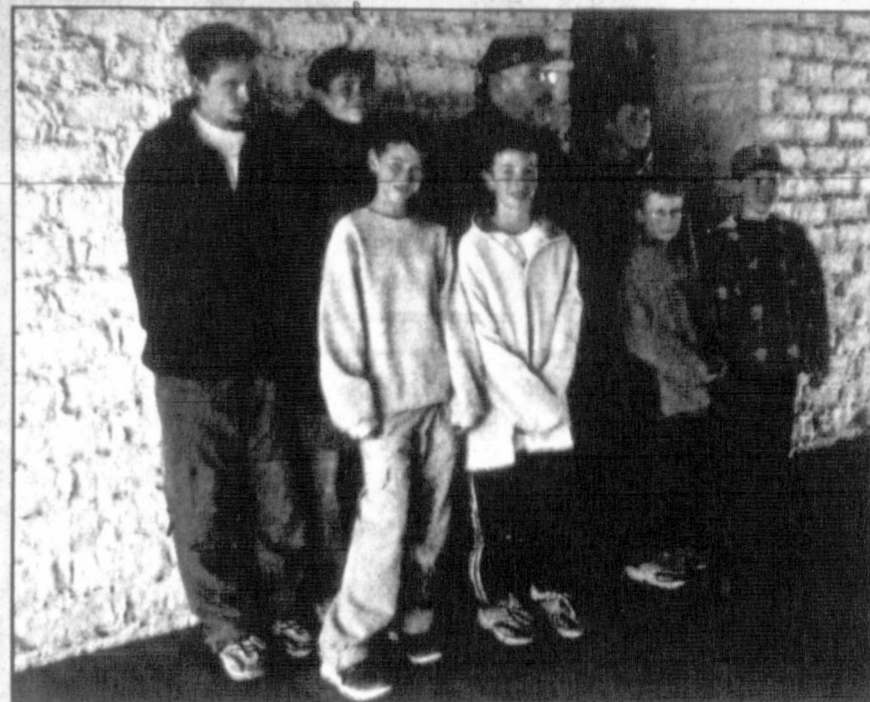
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Scouting is Fun



The scouts experienced exciting times riding bicycles in the Big Bend. Dylan Whitten is in the lead with Kenny Hightower and Cole Guyer close behind.



Stopping for a refreshment break, these scouts enjoyed a tour of the Davis Mountains. Front, left to right, were Billy Hightower, Kenny Hightower, Mitchell Kelly and Cole Guyer. Back, left to right, were Ben Whitten, Dylan Whitten, park guide, and Chase Guyer.



Visiting Santa Ellana Canyon the group made a stop while hiking. From left, front are Cole Guyer, Kenny Hightower, Mitchell Kelly, Billy Hightower, Billy Hightower and Chase Guyer.

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

50s while the morning temperature was 18 to 11 degrees.

Pampa's Boy Scouts of America Troop 413 was able to escape the Panhandle snow in December to spend several days of their Christmas vacation in the warmer climate of Big Bend National Park.

This was the third year the troop has spent Christmas vacation in a warmer climate.

The troop spent three action-filled days hiking, bike riding, and exploring as they visited Santa Ellana, Mexico, as well as Fort Davis and the Davis Mountain State Park.

Scouts making the trip were Ben Whitten, Dylan Whitten, Chase Guyer, Billy Hightower of the Webelos; Cole Guyer of Pack 414; and Kenny Hightower and Mitch Kelly of Pack 404.

The troop slept under the stars in their sleeping bags at Davis Mountains on New Years Eve. The day terature was in the upper 40s and

Adult sponsors were Leslie Albus, Craig Guyer, Billy Hightower, Brenda Hightower and Mike Albus.

The troop plans to return to a warmer climate again next year during the Christmas vacation.



These scouts, Chase Guyer, Dylan Whitten, Kenny Hightower, Mitchell Kelly, Ben Whitten and Billy Hightower, enjoy eating their evening meal after cooking it on their camping trip.



Scouts hiked two-and-one-half miles in Big Bend up to "The Windows" during their trip. From left, front, Mitchell Kelly, Cole Guyer, Kenny Hightower, and Billy Hightower made the long hike along with Dylan Whitten, Gen Whitten and Chase Guyer, back.

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The garden beauty that isn't a flash in the pan

Few flowers possess the show or the perseverance as the peony. This garden beauty is not a flash in the pan. Left alone, it is the least fussy of plants.

This lovely, large plant begins its life as a small, ugly, tuber-like thing called an "eye." The peony's insignificant growth for the first three years exasperates the most patient of gardeners. After its third birthday, look out!

Tricks to the trade abound in the nursery business. One of them involves the peony. If you promise not to tell, I will share a secret.

Avoid the impatience and exasperation. Purchase a nursery-grown plant. These plants, grown from eyes, have celebrated their young, non-flowering years at the nursery.

For a gardener short on money and long on years, planting an eye is perfect. Though never long on money, but getting short on years, a nursery-grown peony perfects my wishes.

Peony eyes may cost as much as \$10. Add that much a year for the care, feeding and waiting for three years. Treat yourself to a plant ready to bloom. Though sometimes pricey, an older plant offsets the cost difference of planting an eye.

Pride of the perennial bed, the prized peony shows off its magnificent blooms. Large, showy flowers, often 10-inches across, make stunning cut flower bouquets. Colors range from absolute white, to pink, to darkest magenta.

Peonies flourish in a sunny spot with fertile, well-drained soil. Avoid wetting the flowers

or the foliage. As with roses, damp clothes promote fungus. Peonies are deep breathing plants. Give them plenty of air circulation.

The peony pouts if disturbed. Bloom-where-you-are-planted



Kathy Davis Morris
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GARDEN WISE
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accurately describes this flower. Many peonies flourish with dividing only once a decade. Low maintenance and high satisfaction.

On a stellar summer day, a dear friend reported for nurse duty. Resting comfortably with a near-broken foot, I languished pitifully on the sofa. She carried a beautiful crystal vase packed to overflowing with a bouquet of peonies. The smallest bloom was nearly a half-foot across. For 10 days, these stunning blooms cheered my recovery.

How do you pronounce peony? PEE-o-nee or Pe-OH-nee?



Kari Ann Brogdin and Richard William Reeves Harris

Brogdin-Harris

Kari Ann Brogdin and Richard William Reeves Harris plan to wed April 28 in Paramount Terrace Christian Church of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Monte Brogdin of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Esta Lee Brogdin and the late Warren Brogdin of Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Harris of Dallas.



Hayle Suzanne Garrison and Scott Cameron Monds

Garrison-Monds

Hayle Suzanne Garrison and Scott Cameron Monds, both of Pampa, plan to wed March 3 in Priest Park Church of God in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rick and Rene Garrison of Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School in 2000.

The prospective groom is the son of Janice and Benny Monds of Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School in 1999.

Club news

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

20th Century Club
Twentieth Century Club met Feb. 13 at the home of Mrs. Darville Orr in Pampa with President Vonna Wolf presiding.

Myrna Orr served as hostess.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:
—Nancy Coffee led the club collect and pledge.

—Roll call was answered with "the most romantic Valentine ever received."

—Committee reports were given.

—Faye Harvey presented the program, following the theme "Stories of Notable Women." She gave an overview of 10 women: Susan B. Anthony, Helen Keller, Eleanor Roosevelt, Mother Theresa, Rosa Parks, Mildred D. (Babe) Zaharias, Jackie Kennedy, Barbara Jordan, Janet Reno and Sally Kristen Ride.
(See, CLUB, Page 17)



Stacy Michelle Brown and Kennard Cavness Windham

Brown-Windham

Stacy Michelle Brown and Kennard Cavness Windham, both of Midland, were wed Feb. 10 in First Baptist Church of Midland with the Rev. George Koehl officiating.

The bridal attendants were Jana Marie Broughton (honor attendant), Lyndal Suzanne Stephens and Cary Brown Schauer and Kimberly Brown Cooper, both sisters of the bride.

The groomsmen were Richard Nathan Branson (honor attendant), William Charles Thomas, Timothy Schuyler Page and Christopher Douglas Schmidt.

The ushers were Tracy Allen Derr, Richard William Greth II, Jordan Walter Bruce Frazer, Barton Weldon Rankin, Bretton Paul Dhanes and Christopher Michael Lillis.

The bride is the daughter of Vicki Brown of Midland and the late Kelley I. Brown and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pace and Irvin Brown of Skellytown and the late Fredda Brown.

The groom is the son of James Kennard Windham and Janas Morin of Midland.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Tahiti and the South Pacific. They intend to make their home in Midland.



Teresa Haag Cox and Melvin Andrew Bennett

Cox-Bennett

Teresa Haag Cox and Melvin Andrew Bennett, both of Pampa, were wed Feb. 10 at Red River, N.M., with Judge Jack Griffin of Taos, N.M., officiating.

The bride is the daughter of John and Martha Haag of Maumelle, Ark., and is currently at student at Clarendon College.

The groom is the son of the late Floyd M. Bennett and Charlotte Doughty of Boyd, Texas. He attended Amarillo College and is currently employed by National Oilwell.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Red River and intend to make their home in Little Rock, Ark.

Newsmakers

List, a student must maintain a 3.5-3.9 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Jacob Michael Mckean of Pampa.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Marine Corps Private **James E. Pederson**, son of Barbara J. and Mike J. Pederson of

Pampa, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and was promoted to his current rank.

Pederson successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.
(See, NEWSMAKERS, Page 17)

Newsmakers

LUBBOCK — Phillips Brooks Gentry IV of Pampa graduated summa cum laude from Texas Tech University at the close of the 2000 fall semester. Gentry was awarded a degree in petroleum engineering and was named to TTU's President's List.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

DENTON — The University of North Texas recently

announced its President's Honor Roll and Dean's List for the 2000 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Mitsziko Grace Mechler, Andrea Lynn Rodriguez, Thann Eric Scoggin and Kellen Elaine Waters, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.
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Feb. 26-March 2

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MONDAY
 Breakfast: Waffle sticks.
 Lunch: Cheese nachos or pizza, refried beans, Spanish rice, applesauce.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.
 Lunch: Turkey French fryz or steakfingers, whipped potatoes, corn, pineapple.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, chorizo, flour tortillas.
 Lunch: Macaroni and cheese or burrito, English peas, pears, cookies.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: French toast sticks.
 Lunch: Oven-fried chicken or chef salad, whipped potatoes, spinach, fresh fruit, hot rolls.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
 Lunch: Mini corn dogs or hamburgers, potato rounds, tossed salad, mixed fruit.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
 Breakfast: Waffles, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Spaghetti or lasagna, green beans, cottage cheese, peaches, garlic toast, salad, milk.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Sliced ham, backed potato, broccoli, macaroni and cheese, rolls, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Ravioli's or chicken patties, spinach, salad, rolls, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Yogurt, eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Popcorn chicken or meatloaf, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas, rolls, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch: Hamburgers, barbe-

cue, cheese, salad, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk.
Senior Citizens
MONDAY
 Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, spice cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY
 Beef enchiladas or ham salad, cheese grits, green beans, chuckwagon corn, beans, devil's food cake or cherry cheese-cake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY
 Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, diced carrots and peas, cabbage, beans, red velvet cake or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY
 Chicken strips or stuffed peppers, rosemary potatoes, California blend, turnip greens, beans, chocolate swirl cake or pineapple squares, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
 Catfish and hush puppies or beef stew, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, lemon pound cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.
Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
 Chopped sirloin, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, pumpkin bars.
TUESDAY
 Sausage and rice, cauliflower, English peas, cookies.
WEDNESDAY
 Stew, cornbread, vanilla wafers.
THURSDAY
 Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, green beans, cake.
FRIDAY
 Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, broccoli, jello.

Economic downturn could hurt older workers, advocates say

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — He operated a successful video production company for 14 years, but now Richard Krantz is looking for a job in his old field: journalism.

Krantz, 60, an award-winning former newspaper and television reporter, said he became tired of running his own business and longed for the camaraderie of the newsroom and the comfort of a steady paycheck.

Several months into the job search, Krantz has had few responses. He wonders if his age has anything to do with it.

"No matter how good you were in the past, the question becomes, how good are you now? Your potential employer doesn't know, and in some ways even you don't know," said Krantz, of Columbia, Md.

"It's very scary. You're very much fighting the fear of rejection," he said.

There's no question that older workers have been helped by the longest economic expansion in U.S. history. The booming economy had companies scrambling to find employees.

The numbers tell the story: In 1992, with the country emerging from a recession, the unemployment rate for workers 55 and older was 4.8 percent. It has declined every year since, to 2.6 percent last year, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Now that the economy has cooled off, some advocates for the elderly worry that older workers may soon encounter difficulty finding or keeping jobs.

And they question whether stereotypes about older workers have really melted away, or whether tight labor markets are the primary reason why workers over 55 have had an easier time the last few years.

The unsettled economy could provide some answers, but experts are divided over the effect it will have on the older work force.

"In a time when we are perhaps leading into a recession, older workers are going to be the hardest hit," said Deborah Russell, who studies work force issues for the AARP. The group maintains age discrimination is alive and well, despite the gains of the last several years.

Some employers still view older workers as frail, unmotivated and set in their ways, advocates say. And during an economic downturn, employers are often reluctant to hire or keep older workers because they are perceived to be more expensive, career counselor Ben Shuster said.

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CLUB

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the home of Evelyn Warner.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Feb. 12 at the Corner Drug in Canadian with President Kay Stiles presiding, opening the meeting with a prayer.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Scholarship Chairman Sandra Christner reported the Scholarship Committee changed the title of the essay — to be submitted by high school seniors vying for scholarships — to "Why Eat Beef?" The committee also made some adjustments to the rules. Members from different areas will distribute applications

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NEWSMAKERS

Pederson and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution culminating in the presentation of the Marine Corps Emblem.

Pederson is a 1998 graduate of Emmanuel Baptist High School in Dexter, Texas.

AUSTIN — The College of the State Bar of Texas recently recognized 3,900 attorneys as members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon in Austin. This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than eight percent of the total number of attorneys in Texas.

The College was created in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year.

To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education within a three-year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete at least 30 hours of CLE each year, twice the number of hours required of all lawyers in Texas.

Attorneys recognized as new or maintaining members included: Harold L. Comer, Phil N. Vanderpool, John William Warner and Judge Leland W. Waters, all of Pampa; and Steven Ray Emmert of Wheeler.

to schools covered by the local chapter.

—Amy Brainard brought the National Beef Cookoff to the group's attention, adding that non-cattle-owning amateur cooks can download entry applications by accessing www.beefcookoff.org on the Internet. There are several different categories of beef preparation one can try.

—Sena Brainard gave a report on the National CattleWomen's Convention held recently in San Antonio. There followed a lively discussion about the financial situation that ANCW finds itself in at the moment. There is also the issue of 100 percent states — states whose members pay dues to their local, state and national (ANCW) organizations, and states that don't require their members to join ANCW.

These states pay a flat fee to be affiliated with ANCW; therefore "100 percent states" with many members, such as Texas, seem to be bearing the brunt of ANCW's financing. More information on these issues will be provided during the Spring Convention, March 26-27 in Austin. Sena urged the local membership to attend.

—A board of directors meeting was held Feb. 17 in Austin.

—Berklee Clements, Ways and Means Committee chairman, gave a report of her efforts to find a fundraiser for the group. After some discussion, it was decided to stay with a style show in the fall. Clements and her committee will investigate and negotiate the details.

Among those present were:

Lilith Brainard, Anita Brown, Dianne Buckingham, Carolyn Buckingham, Mary Mitchell, Pat Youngblood, Glenda Adcock, Julie Watkins, Sally Wicker, Margaret Tolbert, Janet Parnell, Rachel Wicker, Resa Wicker and Edy Brainard. Guests were Kim Adcock, Karen Tellman and Bonnie Moore, and a very small guest, Grace Gill.

The next meeting will be March 12 at United Methodist Church in Shamrock.

Magic Plains ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association met Feb. 12 at Furr's Cafeteria with President Pat Winkleblack presiding. Eight members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Eltha Hensley read minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer's report was approved as printed in the bulletin.

—Winkleblack hosted a breakfast feast on behalf of the Executive Board members on Feb. 24 at her home.

—Margaret Hall presented a report on the recent pecan sale and LaNella Hensley on the Bosses Night Banquet slated March 16 at Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium. She distributed nomination ballots for boss of the year. Members will meet at 10 a.m. on the 16th at the library to decorate.

Hostesses were Wynona Seely and Jan Allen. Door prizes were won by Winkleblack, Ellen Malone, LaNella Hensley, Estelle Malone and Eltha Hensley.

The next meeting will be March 12 at Furr's Cafeteria.

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. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's), prior to Sunday insertion.

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

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

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

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IRS tax tips ...

Tax assistance for individuals with disabilities

WASHINGTON — If you are unable to complete your income tax return because of a physical disability or hearing impairment, you may get help from the IRS through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance/Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs or via a special TDD phone number that is available in both English and Spanish.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program has IRS-trained volunteers who provide free tax assistance at neighborhood locations such as churches, schools, libraries and community centers. VITA targets those who may find it difficult to pay for tax assistance. These may include people with low or fixed incomes, non-English speaking filers, people with disabilities or special needs and the elderly.

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly program is designed primarily for citizens 60 years of age or older — particularly those individuals confined to

their homes or retirement communities. Again, IRS-trained volunteers from local non-profit organizations provide free tax counseling and basic income tax return preparation to senior citizens. Volunteers may travel to your home if you are unable to get to a local TCE site.

Telephone help using TDD equipment is available to you in both Spanish and English if you have impaired hearing. The toll-free number is 1-800-829-4059. If you do not have TDD equipment, you may be able to get assistance through local agencies for the hearing-impaired.

To find a VITA/TCE site close to you, call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040. For information on areas of tax law that may affect people with disabilities, get the free IRS publication 907, "Information for Persons with Disabilities." You may download publications from the IRS website at www.irs.gov or order them by calling 1-800-829-3676.

Education IRAs can make college costs less taxing

WASHINGTON — The Education IRA is an incentive to help parents and students save for higher education. Up to \$500 may be contributed to a child's Education IRA each year. Earnings on contributions will be distributed tax free provided they are used to pay the beneficiary's post-secondary education expenses.

Any individual who meets adjusted gross income requirements can make a non-deductible contribution on behalf of a child under the age of 18. The AGI requirements are \$95,000 for single taxpayers and \$150,000 for married taxpayers. The \$500 annual contribution limit is phased out for single taxpayers with AGI of \$95,000 to \$110,000, and for joint filers with AGI of \$150,000 to \$160,000.

While a child may be the beneficiary of any number of Education IRAs, the total contributions for the child during any tax year cannot exceed \$500.

Distributions are tax-free as long as they are used for

qualified education expenses such as tuition, books, fees, room and board, etc. This income exclusion is not available for any year in which the Hope credit or the lifetime learning credit is claimed for that student. If the distribution exceeds education expenses, a portion will be taxable to the beneficiary and will be subject to a 10 percent tax penalty. Exceptions to the penalty include death, disability or if the beneficiary receives a qualified scholarship.

If there is a balance in the Education IRA at the time the beneficiary reaches 30-years-old, it must be distributed within 30 days. A portion representing earnings on the account will be taxable and subject to a 10 percent penalty. The beneficiary may avoid this tax and penalty by rolling over the full balance to another Education IRA for another family member.

For more information, check out IRS Publication 970, "Tax Benefits for Higher Education." It's available at the IRS website at www.irs.gov under "Forms & Pubs."

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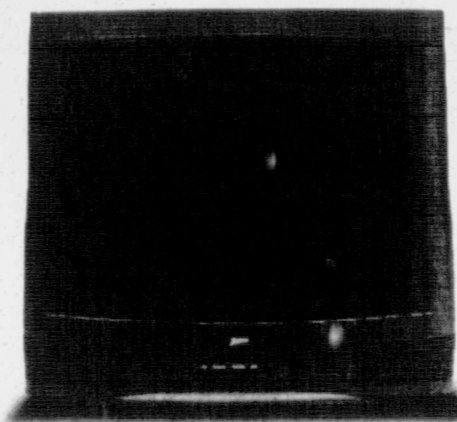
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WORKERS

"It's a false assumption. It's probably ultimately more expensive to train somebody to a level of competence than to take someone with experience," said Shuster, a board member of Forty Plus of Philadelphia Inc., a non-profit career counseling organization for professionals over 40.

Other labor experts said that employers have become much

more receptive to the strengths of mature workers.

Bill Perdue, a career counselor to older adults, said hiring executives have found older adults to be loyal and reliable.

"So even if the economy gets worse, we don't think the effect on the older worker is going to be disproportionate to the younger worker," said Perdue, a staffing specialist at Experience Works!, a nationwide staffing service for older adults.

Although her company gave

plenty of warning, Margaret McCaul was saddened and apprehensive when she was laid off in November — a victim of corporate restructuring.

McCaul, 59, of Cherry Hill, N.J., had grown comfortable in her job as an administrator for a mortgage company and was a bit jittery about the search for a new one. "It was the idea of going to a new job and not knowing how things were done, or the background of the company," she said. She also wor-

ried that potential employers might not be able to see past her age.

It turns out she had nothing to worry about. McCaul quickly landed work at a company that places human resources executives. She begins later this month.

"The biggest plus on my resume was being in school. It seemed a sure signal that I could learn, was able to change environments," said McCaul, who is pursuing a master's degree in industrial organizational psychology.

A demonstrated ability to change and grow can help prospective employees overcome any reservations an employer might have, according to career counselor Deb Koen.

"It's likely that an individual may be moving into a very dynamic work environment in which goals change regularly, management changes, and the ability to deal positively with that kind of change is a mar-

ketable quality," she said.

Koen recommends that older workers ask themselves several questions at the beginning of their job search:

- Are my salary expectations realistic?
- Are my skills current and does my resume reflect this?
- Am I technologically savvy?
- Am I flexible and open-minded?

"In many cases, older job seekers do face distinct challenges that in some cases translate into extended job searches," said Koen, vice president of Career Development Services of Rochester, N.Y.

Krantz, the businessman hoping to resurrect his career as a journalist, remains optimistic despite nagging doubts that employers no longer consider him a "prime prospect."

"You would think there would be a place for me somewhere, and there probably is," he said. "I just haven't come across it yet."

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For a total of 15 years, Phillips was employed with Levi Strauss, Catalina Sports Wear, Marie Foundation and The Gap Manufacturing, serving as a quality control manager as well as a plant manager and an engineer. He also worked in the chemical manufacturing/sales, services and consulting business with DI Chem Dresser, Texas Corrosion Control and Perfex Chemical Co. for 15 years.

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Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

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

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

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

1. "Stutter," Joe (feat. Mystikal). Jive. (Gold)
2. "It Wasn't Me," Shaggy (feat. Ricardo "RikRok" Ducent). MCA.
3. "Love Don't Cost A Thing," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.
4. "Again," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
5. "Angel," Shaggy (feat. Rayvon). MCA.
6. "Don't Tell Me," Madonna. Maverick.
7. "Ms. Jackson," OutKast. LaFace.
8. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty-Lava.
9. "Put It On Me," Ja Rule (feat. Lil' Mo & Vita). Murder Inc./Def Jam.
10. "The Loves U Not," Dream. Bad Boy. (Gold)

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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

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

1. "Hotshot," Shaggy. MCA. (Platinum)
2. "I," The Beatles. Apple. (Platinum)
3. Soundtrack: "Save The Last Dance." Hollywood. (Platinum)
4. "No Angel," Dido. Arista. (Platinum)
5. "J.Lo," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.
6. "Lovers Rock," Sade. Epic. (Platinum)
7. "Greatest Hits," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin. (Platinum)
8. "Rule 3:36," Ja Rule. Murder Inc./Def Jam. (Platinum)
9. "The Gift Of Game," Crazy Town. Columbia. (Platinum)
10. "Back For The First Time," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace/Def Jam South. (Platinum)

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "This I Promise You," N Sync. Jive.
2. "Shape Of My Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
3. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
4. "Back Here," BBMak. Hollywood.
5. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack With Sons Of The Desert. MCA Nashville.
6. "Cruisin'," Huey Lewis & Gwyneth Paltrow. Hollywood.

7. "I Need You," LeAnn Rimes. Sparrow/Capitol/Curb.
8. "My Baby You," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
9. "Taking You Home," Don Henley. Warner Bros.
10. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Gold)

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

1. "Jaded," Aerosmith. Columbia.
2. "Awake," Godsmack. Republic.
3. "Outside," Aaron Lewis Of Staind With Fred Durst. Flawless/Geffen.
4. "Breakdown," Tantaric. Maverick.
5. "One Step Closer," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
6. "Duck And Run," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
7. "Loser," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
8. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)," Fuel. 550 Music.
9. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
10. "Drive," Incubus. Immortal.

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

1. "Drive," Incubus. Immortal.
2. "Outside," Aaron Lewis With Fred Durst. Flawless/Geffen.
3. "Butterfly," Crazy Town. Columbia.
4. "South Side," Moby (feat. Gwen Stefani). V2.
5. "I Did It," Dave Matthews Band. RCA.
6. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
7. "One Step Closer," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
8. "Yellow," Coldplay. Nettwerk.
9. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)," Fuel. 550 Music.
10. "Walk On," U2. Interscope.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "You Shouldn't Kiss Me Like This," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
2. "But For The Grace Of God," Keith Urban. Capitol.
3. "One More Day," Diamond Rio. Arista Nashville.
4. "Ashes By Now," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville.
5. "Burn," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
6. "Who I Am," Jessica Andrews. DreamWorks.
7. "There Is No Arizona," Jamie O'Neal. Mercury.
8. "Wild Horses," Garth Brooks. Capitol.
9. "If My Heart Had Wings," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
10. "Tell Her," Lonestar. BNA.

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Top Country Albums

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

1. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Gold)
2. "I Need You," LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
3. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly." Curb. (Platinum)
4. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
5. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
6. "Fly," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
7. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
8. "One More Day," Diamond Rio. Arista Nashville.
9. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Gold)
10. "How Do You Like Me Now?!" Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Gold)

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(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "Stutter," Joe (feat. Mystikal). Jive. (Gold)
2. "Could It Be," Jaheim. Divine Mill.
3. "Put It On Me," Ja Rule (feat. Lil' Mo & Vita). Murder Inc./Def Jam.
4. "Promise," Jagged Edge. So So Def.
5. "It Wasn't Me," Shaggy (feat. Ricardo "RikRok" Ducent). MCA.
6. "Danger (Been So Long)," Mystikal (feat. Nivea). Jive.
7. "Southern Hospitality," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace/Def Jam South.
8. "It's Over Now," 112. Bad Boy.
9. "Ms. Jackson," OutKast. LaFace.
10. "A Long Walk," Jill Scott. Hidden Beach.

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Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

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1. "Hot Shot," Shaggy. MCA. (Platinum)
2. "Rule 3:36," Ja Rule. Murder Inc./Def Jam. (Platinum)
3. "TP-2.com," R. Kelly. Jive. (Platinum)
4. "Back For The First Time," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace/Def Jam South. (Platinum)
5. "Who Is Jill Scott? Words And Sounds Vol. 1," Jill Scott. Hidden Beach. (Platinum)
6. "Aijuswanaseing (I Just Want To Sing)," Musiq Soulchild. Def Soul. (Gold)
7. "The Last Meal," Snoop Dogg. No Limit.
8. "Lovers Rock," Sade. Epic. (Platinum)
9. Soundtrack: "Save The Last Dance." Hollywood. (Platinum)
10. "Street Money," Iconz. Landmark/Slip-N-Slide/Elektra.

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Hot Rap Singles

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

1. "It Wasn't Me," Shaggy (feat. Ricardo "RikRok" Ducent). MCA.
2. "Ms. Jackson," OutKast. LaFace.
3. "Cross The Border," Philly's Most Wanted. Atlantic.
4. "Dollaz, Drank & Dank," Mr. Short Khop (feat. Kokane). Heavyweight.
5. "Who's That Girl?," Eve. Ruff Ryders.
6. "...On You," D-12. Shady/Rawkus.
7. "The Wood," Papa Seville. New Millennium.
8. "Uhhhhh," The Bad Seed. J Grand.
9. "Where I Wanna Be," Damizza presents Shade Sheist feat. Nate Dogg & Kurupt." Baby Ree.
10. "The Blast," Talib Kweli & Hi Tek (feat. Vinia Mojica). Rawkus.

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(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Stranger In My House," Tamia. Elektra.
2. "Papa's Got A Brand New Pigbag," Thunderpuss. Tommy Boy Silver Label.
3. "Who The Hell Are You?" Madison Avenue. Vicious Grooves/C2.
4. "Needin' U II," David Morales Presents The Face (feat. Juliet Roberts). Definity.
5. "Me," Kina. DreamWorks.
6. "Just Keep Thinking About You," Gloria Gaynor. Logic.
7. "By Your Side," Sade. Epic.
8. "Sunny Trumpets," MDC. Groovilicious.
9. "Boy (Remix)," Book Of Love. Reprise.
10. "Star 69," Fatboy Slim (feat. Roland Clark). Skint.

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Hot Latin Tracks


(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)


1. "Abrazame Muy Fuerte," Juan Gabriel. Ariola.
2. "Te Quise Olvidar," MDO. Sony Discos.
3. "Yo Te Amo," Chayanne. Columbia.
4. "Solo Quiero Amarte (Nobody Wants To Be Lonely)," Ricky Martin With Christina Aguilera. Columbia.
5. "Por Amarte Asi," Christian Castro. Ariola.
6. "Me Da Lo Mismo," Victor Manuel. Sony Discos.
7. "El Amor Sonado," Los Tucanes De Tijuana. Universal Latino.
8. "A Puro Dolor," Son By Four. Sony Discos.
9. "Infiel," Rocio Durcal. Ariola.
10. "Y Yo Sigo Aqui," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.

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Grief inspires medical student's post-Civil War novel

By SONJA EARISIC
Associated Press Writer

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Chris Adrian won't talk much about the car accident that killed his older brother. The subject is too private, too close to his heart, to give details to strangers.

But he took the pain he had from that tragedy and turned it into "Gob's Grief," a novel set in the 19th century about a man who tries to build a machine to resurrect his brother, as well as everyone else killed in the Civil War.

"It was my ambition to tell a story where somebody gets his brother back," Adrian says.

For three years, he worked on his novel between midnight and 4 a.m. and attended medical school during the day — although he admits sleeping through some of his morning classes.

"Gob's Grief" was published in January. The reviews have been mixed, but for Adrian, the book is a personal success.

"It's not that it made me feel better about anything, but that I guess I did something I had to do," he says. "Whatever it was in me driving me to tell that story has been satisfied in the sense that I'm not writing that story anymore."

Adrian, 30, who is in his fourth year at Eastern Virginia Medical School, grew up in Miami and Orlando, Fla. He experimented with painting and sculpting when he was in high school and turned to writing, he says, "When I finally understood what a horrible painter I was."

He wrote what he called an "atrocious" novel, finishing it when he went to Germany as an exchange student for a year between high school and college. "That was the first of a few horrible novels," he says.

Adrian isn't sure what led him to artistic pursuits. His father had been an airline pilot and his mother a flight attendant. But his maternal grandfather was a commercial artist, and Adrian says that may have prepared his parents to seek out and nurture creativity in their children.

He majored in English at the University of Florida but had plans to become a doctor. A professor encouraged him to first go to graduate school to hone his writing, and Adrian was accepted into the highly regarded writers' program at the University of Iowa.

Shortly before Adrian left for Iowa, his older brother was killed in an auto accident in 1993. Shaun, 25, was in graduate school, studying to become a family counselor.

"There would be no book if that hadn't happened," Adrian says.

Then 22, he began working on an early version of "Gob's Grief." The original plot concerned a man playing a doctor on a soap opera, and the characters were obsessed with death. He abandoned it when a professor told him the story wasn't the right framework for what he wanted to say.

Then, Adrian happened upon an essay about 19th-century feminist Victoria Woodhull while looking through a friend's bookcase. Intrigued, he began writing a biographical novel about her.

"The same teacher pointed out that everything interesting in it was Victoria Woodhull's life and not my writing and not my story, which was harsh but true," Adrian recalls.

Then it occurred to him to merge some of the ideas from the two different versions.

"Gob's Grief" morphed into a tale about Gob and Tomo Woodhull, fictional twin sons of Woodhull. At 11, Tomo runs off to the Civil War and is killed in battle. Gob goes on to study medicine and to build his resurrection machine, which is powered by the energy of another real-life character, poet Walt Whitman.

Adrian did research at the Library of Congress, Civil War battlefields, historical societies in New York City and Washington, D.C., and the Woodhull archives in Carbondale, Ill.

His break came when an editor at Broadway Books, a division of Random House Inc., read his short story, "Every Night for a Thousand Years," in The New Yorker magazine in 1997.

The story was meant to be part of the novel, and Broadway Books offered to buy the book before it was finished.

Adrian wrote at night, and did a lot of reading to catch up in the classes he missed. He also took an eight-week leave of absence from medical school to finish the book. School officials were happy to oblige, as long as Adrian made up the work.

"It's no small thing what he has done," says Dr. Chris Matson, associate dean for education and Adrian's adviser. She said students often do a little creative writing, such as poetry, but it is unusual to be able to publish a novel while immersed in the rigors of medical school.

"He's an exceptional student. It's been a real privilege to hear him talk about developing the work and the challenges of exposing yourself by putting your work out."

The novel reached bookstores Jan. 16. His publisher declined to release sales but said the book had a healthy first print run.

Still, some critics scoffed at Adrian's effort. Newsweek called the book "plumb silly." And The New York Times wrote, "Adrian's effort at polymorphous transformation fails."

However, the literary journal Kirkus Reviews deemed the novel "a magnificent debut," and The Wall Street Journal praised the book's "masterly historical Impressionism."

"What Charles Frazier's overpraised 'Cold Mountain' was said to be — a masterpiece of retrospective mythology — Adrian's novel actually is," gushed GQ magazine.

"I'm surprised by the lack of middle ground," says the author. "People seem to have been either really excited about it, or really thought that it was a stinker."

Among the book's fans is Tom Campbell, owner of The Regulator Bookshop in Durham, N.C., where Adrian did a reading last month.

"The subject it really deals with is a very real historical situation that I've never seen mentioned in a history book," Campbell says. "In the aftermath of the Civil War, there was a whole country grieving and that had what we would today call survivor guilt. The whole

country was in a state of shock."

The store sold 130 copies of the book within three weeks — quite a feat for a first novel, notes Campbell.

Adrian now is working on another novel. "It's too stupid to talk about, unfortunately," he says.

And he's waiting for March 22 — Match Day — when fourth-year med students will find out where they will do their residencies. Adrian, who also graduated from the school's master's program in biomedical science, wants to be a pediatrician.

He also intends to continue writing, although he figures it will be harder to find time to do that as a practicing physician. It was different being a student.

"You're ultimately free of final responsibility for the patient, and that makes a difference," he says.

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Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

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DEAR NO COMMUNICATIONS: Of all the problems about which people write, yours may be one of the saddest. Your parents think by not talking about certain subjects, they can "protect" you. They fail to realize that what they are doing is isolating you. If you are afraid to talk to your parents for fear of being criticized or ridiculed, how can you learn their values and share in their knowledge? How unfortunate.

While it may seem "safe" to talk to your friends, the problem is they usually don't have any more life experience than you.

It is important that you find an adult in whom you can confide and from whom you can get straight answers when you need them. Perhaps a trusted teacher, a school counselor or the mother of one of your

friends could fill that role. No child should have to go through his or her teenage years without an adult to guide the way when the going gets rough.

DEAR ABBY: I appreciated your tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Because of his courage, and that of Mahatma Gandhi before him, we see more clearly how it is possible to elevate the consciousness of humankind by how we choose to live. The principles of nonviolence by which these men lived were based on the teachings of all great religions — not just Christianity. The message that both Gandhi and King gave their lives for was one of unity, not separation or exclusion.

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so it seems to others. Reveal your thought processes by expressing various ideas. You draw others toward you, this way. A child or loved one finds you endearing. Clear out unnecessary paperwork. Tonight: So what if it is Monday? CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Understand what motivates you with others. Sometimes your mind and behavior go in opposite directions. Understand that another might have a difficult time understanding you. Discussions draw someone close. Talk about bottom lines. Tonight: Schedule some cozy time at home. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You speak your mind, but do others hear you? Take a hard look at your communication style. You might rethink your words or delivery to express your essential meaning. Recommit to long-term goals involving relationships and friendships in general. Tonight: Run errands on the way home. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Speak to someone you clearly look up to or who is in charge. Understanding this person better marks a passage toward greater success. Spend a little to improve your professional image. Keep your spirits up. Don't worry about something before it is a reality. Tonight: Treat yourself.

BORN TODAY

Singer Johnny Cash (1932), plainsman Buffalo Bill Cody (1846), bluejean pioneer Levi Strauss (1829)

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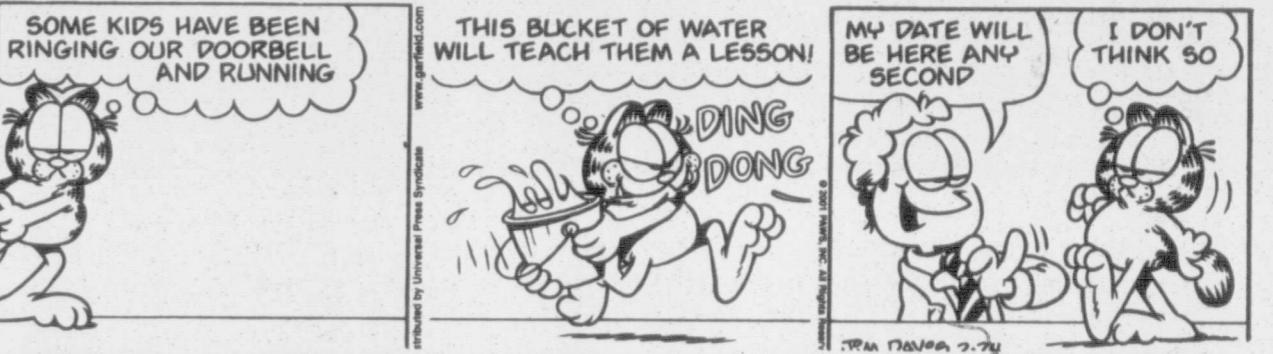
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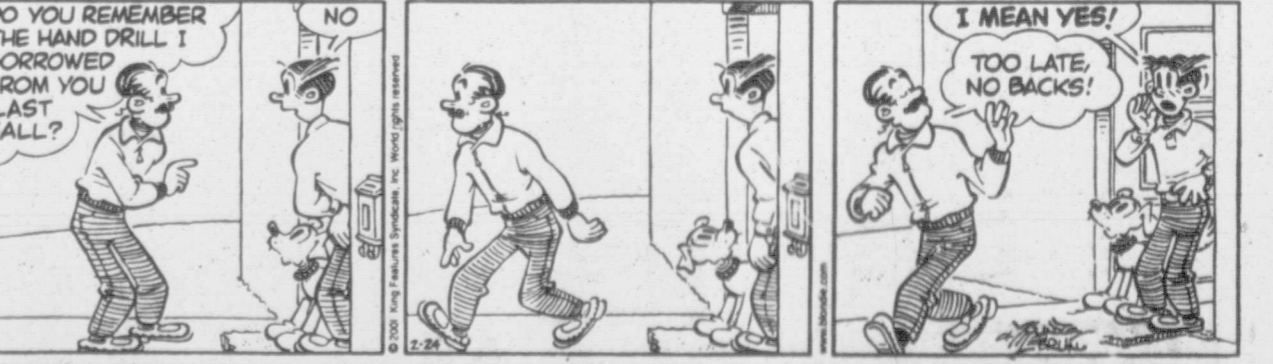
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Horoscope

MONDAY, FEB. 26, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Opt for new thinking, attitudes and information on the first day of the workweek. By starting at square one, you come up with new and better solutions. Be open to another's offer of help. Friends surprise you. Go along with the fun. Tonight: Opt for spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Sometimes you gain a lot more by doing nothing. Decisions come naturally by observing and sorting through information. Others seek you out for feedback. An associate has much to share. Listen. Those in power surprise you. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Someone who has often proven to be testy becomes helpful. Let this person know just how much you appreciate his support and feedback. Not everything is as you see it. Information from an expert or from a distance gives a new slant to a project or issue. Tonight: Get together with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You might not realize how much others depend on you. All eyes turn to you. Think about a project and be willing to start at the beginning if need

be. You could be pleased with an associate's feedback or input. Use your unique ability to make others feel important. Tonight: Work late, if necessary. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Given the opportunity, let others express their interest in what you are doing. If someone wants to take the lead, by all means let him go for it. Creativity flows, especially with you in the mix. Contribute and brainstorm, but let another demonstrate his skills. Camaraderie flourishes. Tonight: Pick up travel brochures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Deal carefully with a close associate or family member. You might rapidly change your perspective about what is going on. Review decisions and take advantage of an opportunity to rethink your logic with another. You could change horses midstream. Tonight: Surprise a loved one with a foot rub or another indulgence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You have a nice way with others. The key is understanding when you don't have control of situations. Express ideas but don't get stuck about being "right." Someone could delight and surprise you with innovative thinking. Follow a loved one's lead. Tonight: Say yes to a request.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Muster up enthusiasm about a project or work. What will it take to see the cup as half-full? Co-workers or day-to-day associates pitch in. Start thinking in terms of a diet or an exercise program. Tonight: Think "vacation."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You reverse your position, or

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 "Broad-way Joe"

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11 Flowery shrub

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14 Swedish singer

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18 Word of warning

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21 Supply with a crew

22 Hair-growth promoter

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37 Hand or foot

38 Now

39 Chess win



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Legendary border mayor plotting political resurrection

By MEGAN K. STACK
Associated Press Writer

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A gun-toting, Nixon-loving, union-hating onion farmer who, wittingly or not, became a symbol of 20th century struggle and progress on the frontier. Of the tension between big business and field workers; the evolution of Anglo-Mexican relations;

Longtime border mayor? Sure, but that never really did justice to Othal Brand, a political stallion who's adored and reviled, but seldom ignored.

His McAllen rule crumbled in 1997, when he lost the mayoral seat by a 144-vote sliver. For the first time in history, the predominantly Latino city tapped a Mexican-American mayor, a lawyer named Leo Montalvo.

Brand was a ripe 77 by then. With two decades of unbroken municipal power under his belt, folks figured he'd slip off into retirement.

But fading out quietly isn't exactly his style. Instead, at 81, Othal Brand filed Monday to run for re-election.

"I want to build an illustration of

what America can be," Brand says. "I almost had it finished, but not quite."

At the pecan-shaded ranch house, Kay Brand heaves a sigh. Her husband has gone and told the world he's running for mayor again.

"I told him, 'If you run, I'm running for the hills,'" she says. "If I'd had my druthers, he'd not be doing it. But he's just never able to sit still. He'll die working."

Life trickles back into the South Texas landscape in February. The oranges are swollen in the groves, the fields deep green. Sunflowers forgotten during the hard winter rains bend and bob along the roadsides.

In his windowless office in a defunct gas station, the silver-haired politician cracks open a bottle of Coca-Cola, takes a swig and hunkers down to plot a resurrection. A man with jug ears and great, spotty hands, he is a shadow of the stout, jowly fellow gripping President Ronald Reagan's hand in the hanging frame.

This Othal Brand is thinner, relies on a pacemaker.

"I'm old, but I'm strong," he says. "Who knows what causes us to live so long?"

Meanwhile, the news is rustling through McAllen fast as a Gulf breeze.

"There's something wrong with Othal," Ramiro Casso tells his wife, handing the newspaper across the breakfast table. "Why would he do this?"

There are arched brows and chorles.

"Don't you think those days are behind us already?" marvels Juanita Valdez-Cox, director of the United Farm Workers for South Texas.

"It will be fun to watch," City Commissioner John Schrock says. "I really didn't think he would do it."

Brand's exploits have long been the stuff of lore in this city of 110,000, traded over beer bottles in corner taquerias, murmured one worker to the next in dusty warehouses.

Remember the year Brand decided black grackles were ruining his city? He began a one-man extermination campaign. Soon it was common to see the mayor crouched beneath an ash tree at dusk, barrel of his pellet gun pointed to the heavens. Bang!

"If something needs to be done, I go do it," Brand says firmly. "I wore out my weapons on those birds."

That was the eccentric Othal. The legacy also has a darker side.

One afternoon, a seething mayor chased down a speeding trucker, made a citizen's arrest. When a police dispatcher's recording sur-

face, the city heard their mayor call the Latino driver "boy."

"You've got a hell of a lot to learn ... This isn't Mexico," Brand raged.

The driver, a legal U.S. resident, was later acquitted of speeding charges.

"I'm not abusive," Brand says. "But I have very strong opinions."

Not to mention an iron will. During years at the helm of Griffin & Brand citrus and vegetable company, Brand fended off accusations of child labor and illegally low pay. There were epic clashes with the United Farm Workers, Texas Rural Legal Aid and the American Civil Liberties Union.

"He just gets the bit in his teeth, and it's awfully hard to get it out," TRLA director David Hall says. "He was running his business, and he didn't like government investigators, people complaining or lawyers."

Brand has no idea how many times he's been sued — he says he doesn't keep track. He was the first farmer in the area to set up portable toilets for his workers, he points out.

"I tried to look after my people within the constraints of economy," he says. "We don't have the margin to be lavish."

As labor uprisings roiled across the farms of the Southwest, Brand was in the thick of the fray.

In 1975, when strike organizers rallied workers at the edge of his farm, Brand rumbled down to investigate. Infuriated by the sight of the armed union workers, he rammed his car into a pickup, hopped to the earth and waved his .357 Magnum. A sheriff's deputy ordered Brand to hand over the gun. He refused.

Remembering, color still rises in Brand's cheeks.

"It was not a strike. It was an effort to coerce my people out of the fields," he says. "If my people want a union, they'll tell me."

Those were bitter days. Tanks full

of sugar, nails scattered on his driveway. Death threats breathed over the telephone, rocks cracked the windshield of his Cadillac.

Brand refused to hide. Never took his home number out of the phone book.

"The man who would stand for his convictions," reads a framed motto behind Brand's desk, "should be prepared to stand alone."

He was born with nothing to lose, one of six children crowded into a hardscrabble household in Grayson, Ga. At the age of seven he peddled vegetables in the streets of Atlanta.

"There were no (child labor) laws then," he says scornfully. "And it didn't hurt me any."

At 16, he dropped out of the 10th grade, split the cost of pickup truck with his brother and began trolling the nation, doing the only work he knew: Selling produce.

In 1937, the young man with the drawl and the souped-up Ford rolled into the Rio Grande Valley in search of cheap vegetables.

The loose string of farm towns must have looked like the promised land: Fields open enough to make a man dizzy from looking. Enclaves of day workers who'd pick onions for pocket change.

"Those were different days," Brand says now. "So different."

Brand went on to fight in World War II and marry a Marine named Kay. Finally, in 1954, Brand needed a place for his four children and growing farming empire. The devout Baptist returned to the banks of the Rio Grande.

That's when the politics began. After a few years, the man who never got around to an equivalency diploma ran a successful campaign for McAllen school board. Then city commission. In 1977, Brand became mayor.

He was a dominant, fierce leader. Fans called him a can-do guy. Enemies considered him heavy-handed and hardheaded.

"Nobody ever questioned, his ability — it was his style," University of Texas-Pan American political scientist Jerry Polinard said. "He's the only man I've ever met who believes in the divine right to rule."

It's Brand's style, his opponent believes, that will imperil his comeback campaign. In the May 5 election, he'll vie against lawyer Bobby Garcia, a former migrant worker named Armin Narro and, of course, his successor.

"Othal for the most part was a one-man show," Montalvo says. "That style of leadership is over in this community."

Or so he hopes. Others aren't so sure.

Erica Pena grew up at Brand's side. She worked on his campaigns, and the mayor — a fervent education advocate — paid her way through Brigham Young University.

"I won't say he has a temper — I'll say he has a strong character," Pena says. "But, you know, that character gets things done."

As for Brand, the former Marine is anything but apologetic.

"Leading is not sitting back and asking what to do," he hunches forward, snapping his fingers to punctuate his points. "It's working harder than other people."

Snap!

"It's being out front."

Snap!

"It's dedication."

Snap!

Brand's dogged dedication came at a price. His old flagship produce company no longer exists. After the North American Free Trade Agreement, Brand's hand-picked melons and onions struggled to compete with the flood of imported vegetables. He moved most of his farms south of the border, where work can be had for penniennial qualifications with the fervor of a preacher.

"I'm not stuck in the days gone by," he says.

But some observers beg to differ.

"There's a season for everything, and our season is long past," says Casso, a 79-year-old family doctor who ran an unsuccessful campaign against Brand in 1981.

"It's like a sickness to need power that badly," he adds. "I feel sorry for him."

Brand still rails against liberals ("I don't like anybody who takes an illogical view"); college agriculture classes ("you can't teach plants in a book"); and environmentalists ("they have such tunnel vision they'd destroy everything").

But other times, Brand falls pensive. He describes the land. He says his plants talk to him from the dirt. He smiles over the Boys and Girls Club he founded on the scrappy south end of town.

Could it be that Othal has mel-
lowed?

"I want to work, because if I do, I'll live longer," he says, suddenly and plaintively, peering intently through his glasses.

"And I don't want to die."

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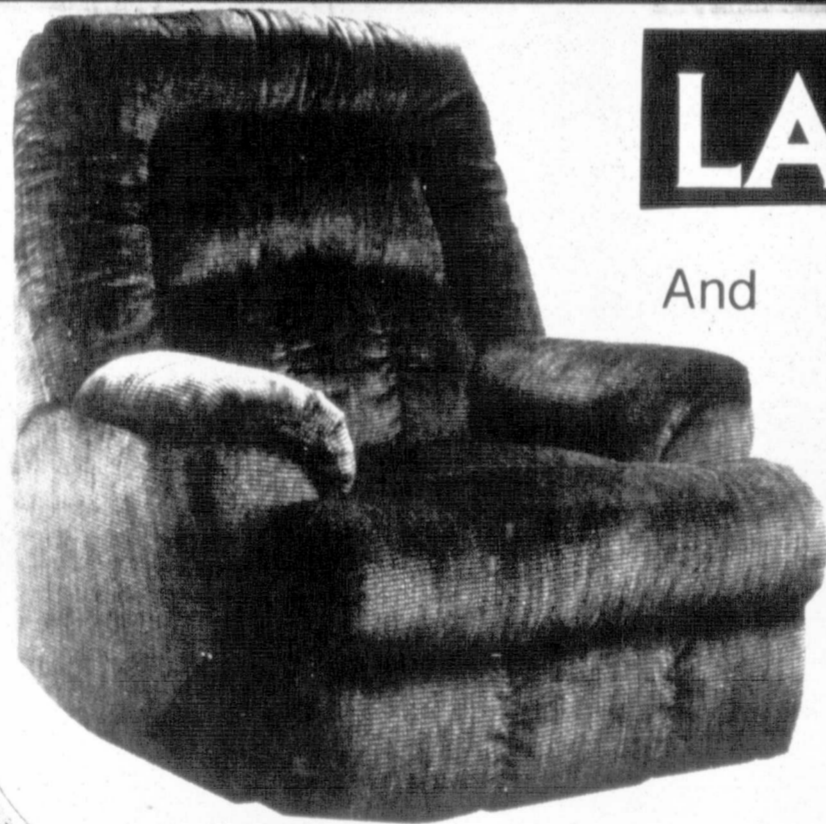
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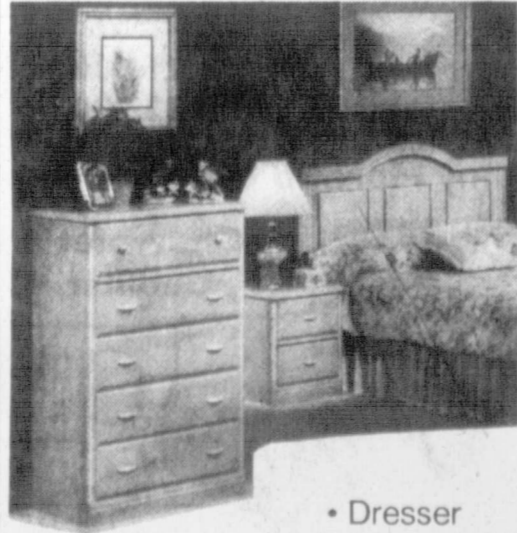
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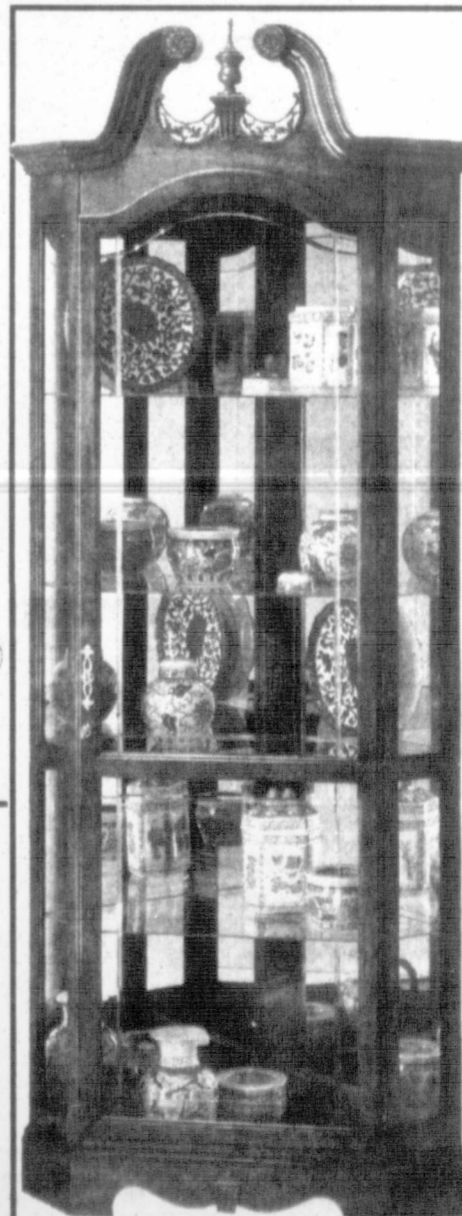


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