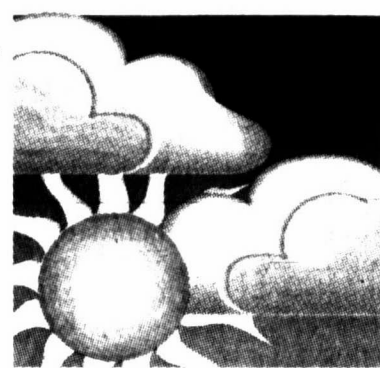


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PAMPA — Gray County expenditures for the prosecution and defense of Henry Watkins Skinner, who was convicted of killing Twila Busby and her two sons on Jan. 1, 1993, total \$291,685.93.

Of the total, \$157,956.59, has been expended for defense attorneys and \$133,729.34 has been paid for travel, witness expenses, expert testimony, security and investigation.

Skinner is currently on death row while his case is appealed.

PAMPA — Lovett Memorial Library currently is signing up youngsters for its annual Storytime program.

Storytime '95-'96 will begin Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 10-10:30 a.m. and continue on Tuesday mornings at the library for youngsters ages 3 to 5. The program will include stories, games, parties and fun activities.

Parents and guardians may sign up youngsters at the library, 111 N. Houston.

LONGVIEW (AP) — A federal judge has issued a preliminary injunction that bars the removal of two city councilmen who claim that a city charter provision they are alleged to have violated is unconstitutional.

In a 32-page order, U.S. District Judge John Hannah wrote a trial is needed for a final ruling on the constitutionality of the provision that says that to serve council members cannot owe the city money.

Councilmen James W. Hunt and Tony Powell owed money when they ran for office and continue to owe the city money.

Hannah ruled Friday that Hunt and Powell, who filed a lawsuit Aug. 1, have "a substantial likelihood of success" in proving the provision unconstitutional.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Medical research at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio saw the greatest gain in scientific influence over the past decade of any university in the country, according to a new study.

The health science center is ranked No. 9 among U.S. universities in terms of the overall impact of its clinical medical research, according to the September issue of *Science Watch*, a publication of the Philadelphia-based Institute for Scientific Information.

The rankings were based on the average number of times a university's research papers were cited by other scientists in their own papers.

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Saddam says U.S. spreads fears of war

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — As U.S. troops deploy around Iraq, Saddam Hussein sought Saturday to reassure Jordan while accusing the United States of whipping up hysteria and spreading false fears of war.

"Why Does America Heighten the Situation?" asked a headline in the state-run daily *Al-Jumhuriya*, a day after the Pentagon announced that 1,400 U.S. soldiers are being sent to Kuwait for a military exercise.

Some 2,000 U.S. Marines and Special Forces are also in Jordan, Iraq's western neighbor, for joint maneuvers, and Washington is moving warships and military supplies toward the Persian Gulf to deter possible military action by Iraq.

The United States has been alarmed by unusual Iraqi troop movements south of Baghdad following the defections to Jordan this month of two Iraqi officials close to Saddam. U.S. officials say the Iraqi defectors indicated he had contemplated attacking Kuwait or Saudi Arabia.

Iraq denies it is engaged in any unusual military activity, but says its armed forces have held several training exercises lately.

Kuwait said Saturday that while it is concerned about the Iraqi troop movements, Saddam's forces have not advanced south of a boundary line agreed to last year.

Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel al-Majid, head of Iraq's weapons program, and his brother defected to Jordan Aug. 8 along with their wives — both Saddam's daughters.

More defections were reported Saturday. An Iraqi opposition group, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, said in Damascus, Syria, that another of Saddam's advisers has also defected with a "large number" of military officers.

It identified him as another of al-Majid's kinsmen, Hashem Hassan al-Majid, and said Iraqi security forces were searching for the defectors in northern Iraq after demolishing their homes. There was no independent verification of the claim.

The exercises in Kuwait had been scheduled for later this year, but now will begin this

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week, apparently to intensify U.S. efforts to keep Saddam off balance.

The United States is sending 1,400 soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas, to man tanks, artillery and other equipment in Kuwait.

The joint exercises that began Friday in Jordan also were previously scheduled, but took on new significance in light of President Clinton's pledge two weeks ago to protect Jordan from any reprisals by Iraq for granting the defectors asylum.

The Iraqi newspaper called the U.S. military moves part of propaganda campaign against it.

"America is behaving in a hysterical manner," *Al-Jumhuriya* said. "America is not only declaring an all-out media war against Iraq, but it is trying to convince world public opinion that this war in the region is real."

Saddam's regime said Saturday that it wants to boost Iraq's relations with Jordan, apparently seeking to reassure Amman that it does not plan any retaliatory action after the kingdom gave asylum to the top-ranking Iraqi defectors.

"Iraq from its side is still keen on these relations and is desirous to develop them in various fields," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted an unidentified government spokesman as saying.

The official struck out at "the hostile horns and circles which are talking about Iraqi mobilization toward Jordan, or the possibilities of reducing economic relations."

That was a reference to U.S. efforts to persuade Jordan to break off all links with Iraq to tighten the squeeze on Saddam's regime, internationally isolated since it invaded Kuwait in 1990 and suffering under crippling U.N. trade sanctions.

In Kuwait, officials said Saddam's forces have not moved south of the 32nd parallel, the boundary of a "no-fly zone" for Iraqi warplanes.

Water play



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Josh Swaney pushes Jonathan Bolz down into the shallow lake at North Crest Park in northwest Pampa. Parts of the small park were flooded Friday morning as city employees allowed the water tower there to overflow after some new equipment was installed.

Doolittle Tokyo Raiders member recalls bombing mission to Japan

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The skies were clear that spring day in 1942 over the land of the rising sun when the bomber Bert Jordan was in the first blow of World War II struck against the Japanese homeland.

"It was the first time they'd ever been hit," Jordan said as he sat in the lobby of the Coronado Inn in Pampa, headquarters for the annual Pampa Army Air Field Reunion Association activities which end today.

Sixteen planes with four bombs apiece couldn't do much damage, he said, but the reason for the attack was to boost morale at home.

The U.S. had just faced a devastating defeat at Pearl Harbor. Its battleship fleet lay at the bottom of the ocean. Europe had been overrun by the Nazis, and England was trying to stay afloat. The country was just beginning to gear up for war in Europe and the Pacific. The first days of America's entry into World War II were dark.

A squadron of 16 twin-engine B-25 Mitchell bombers under the command of Gen. James Doolittle was to take the attack to the Japanese.

The Army Air Corps bombers were loaded onto an aircraft carrier in California and taken as close to the Japanese islands as possible to launch an attack on the cities of Nippon. Among the warriors aboard these land-based bombers flying from the pitching deck of an aircraft carrier was Bert Jordan, an Oklahoma native who had joined the army, looking for a job.

Jordan, in Pampa for the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame banquet this weekend, was born at Covington, Okla., near Enid. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1939.

"I was hungry," he said. "They



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Bert Jordan, a gunner on a B-25 bomber in 1942, is one of the survivors of Gen. James Doolittle's bombing raid on Japan in the early days of World War II.

promised me three squares a day and \$21 a month."

After completing basic training at Randolph Field, San Antonio, he was made flight line crew chief for a squadron of B-9 training aircraft.

"I didn't have to do anything except put gas in them and send them on their way," he said.

Then he headed for March Field in California to learn about B-18 bombers. The latter part of 1940, he went to McCord Field in the state of Washington. The squadron there began receiving B-23 bombers, then turned to the B-25.

"We trained in B-25s at Pendleton, Ore.," Jordan said. "That's where we were when war was declared Dec. 7."

The squadron went to work patrolling the west coast. One of

the pilots that Jordan was to fly with again, years later, sank a Japanese submarine off the west coast during these patrols.

By early 1942, Jordan was sent to Columbia, S.C., to a squadron that was again training in B-25s. Bored, he decided to violate the first law of the military — he volunteered.

"I had come off guard duty one day," he said, "and people were gathered around holding up their hands. I asked what was going on and somebody told me they wanted volunteers to go to Eglin. I said that's for me."

At Eglin air base in the Florida Panhandle, Jordan joined a B-25 squadron led by Gen. Jimmy Doolittle that was practicing takeoffs on short runways. A portion of one of the runways had been marked off a thousand feet long.

"That was where I joined what turned out to be crew number four," Jordan said.

The group at Eglin was to deliver the first blow against the Japanese homeland.

From Florida, they went to California, where their planes were loaded aboard the USS Hornet, an aircraft carrier home ported at Alameda.

Jordan said Gen. Jimmy Doolittle stood on the pier and asked each man in his outfit boarding the ship how their plane was doing.

Sailing across the Pacific, the Hornet was joined by the aircraft carrier Enterprise. Each carrier was accompanied by two cruisers and four destroyers.

On April 18, the task force was spotted by a Japanese ship. The decision was made to go ahead and launch the attack.

"We were supposed to get within 400 miles from Japan," Jordan said. "We were 800 miles from our targets when we took off."

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4-H calf roper



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Craig Seely of Lefors roped his calf in 4.847 seconds Friday night during the breakaway roping at the 19th annual 4-H Youth Rodeo in Pampa. The 4-H rodeo action continued Saturday night at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

Mexico's PRI replaces its top two leaders

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Faced with lost elections, internal divisions and dwindling credibility, Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party Saturday replaced its top two leaders.

Labor Secretary Santiago Onate replaces Sen. Maria de los Angeles Moreno as president of the party. Sen. Juan S. Millan will replace Pedro Joaquin Coldwell as the party secretary general.

The government news agency Notimex referred to Mrs. Moreno's departure as a resignation.

Saturday's newspapers reported rumors that the party's entire executive committee would be changed in a matter of a few days.

Saturday's changes took part at a meeting of the

party's 206-member Political Council.

Mrs. Moreno took over the party leadership last Dec. 3, replacing Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza, who was appointed to a Cabinet post by President Ernesto Zedillo.

Onate is backed by the powerful Mexican Labor Congress but is seen as a tactful conciliator who has the ear of the various factions within the PRI. Millan has his power base in the labor congress as well.

Onate served as a federal deputy from 1985-1988 and was a close associate of Luis Donaldo Colosio, a former PRI president and PRI presidential candidate assassinated in March of 1994.

Letters to the editor

Night parade better

To the editor:
It has recently come to my attention that the Christmas parade is going to be held during the day this year. I must say that this news is disappointing, to say the least. We have a new lights festival this year, and I personally feel that the parade should be held at night if but for no other reason than to show off the new festival. It would seem logical to me that a parade would be held in conjunction with the lights festival as a complement to the festivities. However, it seems that the organizers of the parade neglected to take this into consideration.

I remember when I was a child and how I had to go to the Christmas parade every year. I remember waiting breathlessly under a blanket on the trunk of the car. I remember the exhilaration from the first sound of the beating bass drum. I remember watching as the lighted floats drove by sending showers of candy in all directions. I remember feeling that Christmas was finally here when I saw Santa riding that fire engine at the very end of the parade, but, most of all, I remember the lights. Lights on the stores, lights on the trees, lights on the telephone poles, lights of all colors, shapes and sizes. I know that Christmas isn't about lights, but somehow, it seems to me that if we have the parade during the day, we would be robbing the children of an experience that most adults have forgotten.

I have a favor to ask of each and every person that reads this editorial. Remember the last time you saw your child, grandchild, godchild or stepchild smile. A smile that shot you in the heart like a silver bullet. Could you deny them even one of those smiles? I couldn't.

I urge everyone who feels as I do to contact the Chamber of Commerce and voice their opinion. It's time the citizens of Pampa began to have their say and ultimately their way.

Andy Smith
Pampa

Say no to tax hikes

To the editor:
This letter is to protest the proposed increase in property taxes by the city and the school system.

Rumor is that the city wants to raise taxes due to a shortfall in the water usage because of the abundant rainfall this summer. They pulled that one on us a few years ago if you will remember and that increase was never relinquished.

In reality (unless you don't read the paper) the tax is to pay for the judgment against the city in the Fortner-Wilkenson case.

Just because the city was found at fault doesn't mean that we as taxpayers should foot the bill for actions taken by a few in City Hall. I believe a class action lawsuit should be brought against all parties at fault involved and that they should be made to pay restitution to the officers who were wronged.

In the matter of raising school taxes, it seems to me that just year before last my taxes were increased by 40 percent, and now they want another increase, for what? The quality of education isn't getting better. In fact, it seems that the more money we spend the worse it gets.

We as citizens need to protest the frequent increase in taxes due to mismanagement or whatever the problem may be. Taxes are high enough. Let's "Just Say No" to this one, or, better yet, we can call it the "Wool Tax" because they intend to pull it over our eyes and fleece us once again.

Jerry Mulanax
Pampa

One world vision

To the editor:
As the proponents of world government continue to thump their tubs for the United Nations, boobus Americanus needs to see what is in store for himself and his fellow citizens. The liberal media keeps boobus confused with its usual upside down reporting and ignoring of the dangers of potential tyranny from the socialist elite whose agenda is protected from exposure by the liberal media.

The New World Order (NWO) is the bait on the hook. Although it is portrayed as being desirable, it is not adequately defined in the media by the liberal world order so boobus and his fellow boobii can understand their fate.

Lenin was not the first to call for the NWO, but he was probably the most influential. In 1916, Lenin wrote: "The aim of socialism is not only to abolish the present division of mankind into small states and all-national isolation, not only to bring the nations closer to each other, but also to merge them." The great merger of nations was to be on socialist terms. This meant brutal deaths for many people.

Mikhail Gorbachev gave his vision of the NWO in a speech before the United Nations in December 1988. As a dedicated communist and Leninist, his vision is "merger."

Willy Brandt was president of Socialist International for several years. The Brandt Commission (also known as the Fifth Socialist International) met in West Germany in February 1991. Robert McNamara, former head of the World Bank, and Katherine Graham, owner and editor of Newsweek, were among the socialists internationalism elite present.

The definition of the NWO was officially approved and signed by the participants: "A supranational authority to regulate world commerce and industry; an international organization that would control the production and consumption of oil; an international currency that would replace the dollar; a world development fund that would make funds available to free and communist nations alike; an international police force to enforce the edicts of the NWO." Who decides what edicts are enforced on whom?

For a free copy of the vision of President George Bush, write to your congressman or senator for: "The U.S. Role in New World Order: Prospects for George Bush's Global Vision," 91-294 RCO. If that does not make boobus's hair stand on end, he is just not paying attention. Mikhail Gorbachev plays a major role in the "vision," and it is suspiciously similar to the Brandt Commission's NWO with harsh enforcement plans.

It is past time for boobus Americanus to wake up!
MacDonald Hays
Amarillo

FEMA aid request

To the editor:
The following letter was sent to President Clinton:

Dear President Clinton,
It was very disappointing to many of the less affluent citizens of Pampa, Texas, to learn that your Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has twice denied FEMA funds to Pampa, Texas, to assist in our city's recovery from the catastrophic tornados that struck our town on June 8, 1995.

These tornados decreased appraised property values by \$9.6 million. City officials have estimated that the cost to replace destroyed property will be between \$15 and \$25 million.

FEMA assistance is not needed by wealthy Pampans. Their damages were covered by insurance. Financial assistance is needed for the City of Pampa's clean-up operations, and

by the many middle class Pampans whose homes were destroyed or damaged.

Please ask your FEMA organization to reconsider Pampa's request for assistance.

Curt Beck
Pampa

Thank you, Bubba

To the editor:
I would like to address this to Bubba, the dummy that greets those who pass by Electric Motor & Equipment Co.

Dear Bubba,

Thank you very much for the happy stress-relieving cheer that you offer Price Road motorists.

For several months, I have driven by your business on my way to Claude, Amarillo and Panhandle almost daily taking care of my mother. Your antics always give me a smile and make my responsibilities seem lighter and much easier to bear.

Thanks again, please keep up the good work.
Virginia Jones
Pampa

Letters policy

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

Letters should be 300 words or less. Letters submitted for publication should be neat and legible, typed if possible, or at least handwritten in a clear manner. Letters must be edited for length, clarity, spelling, grammar, taste, style and potentially libelous statements. Submission of a letter does not guarantee its publication, nor can we guarantee a date of publication due to space and time limitations.

ALL letters must be signed for publication; no unsigned, name withheld or anonymous letters will be published. The writer must list an address and a telephone number or numbers where he or she may be contacted for verification; addresses and telephone numbers will not be printed, unless requested for a specific reason.

Poetry, candidate or political endorsements, letters to third parties and "thank you" letters will not be published except at the discretion of the editor, depending on general interest.

Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to The Pampa News, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

Soldiers from Texas find themselves leaving for Kuwait sooner than expected

FORT HOOD (AP) — After completing Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1991, Army Sgt. Esteban Jimenez hoped his days in the Persian Gulf were over.

On Saturday, Jimenez was one of hundreds of soldiers in a sweltering gymnasium at Fort Hood making out their wills, signing over power of attorney and receiving medical shots in preparation for deployment to Kuwait

in the next couple of days.

Approximately 1,400 troops from Fort Hood's 1st Cavalry Division are expected to take part in the coming days in training exercises with Kuwaiti soldiers that previously had been scheduled for October or November.

The exercise — expected to last four to six weeks — was moved up after two top Iraqi officials defected to Jordan and reported-

ly indicated Saddam Hussein was considering sending Iraqi troops to attack Kuwait or Saudi Arabia.

"I am just trying to use my experience over there to help soldiers who are making their first trip," said Jimenez, who experienced front-line fighting during Desert Storm.

"I can't say that I am looking forward to possibly being

involved in combat, but this is what I came in the Army to do."

Jimenez, 26, said this trip to the Persian Gulf will be more difficult because he now has a 3-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter.

"It's much harder this time. When I first went over, I was pretty much a newlywed," said Jimenez, who oversees part of an armored platoon. "Now, I

have children as well."


Fort Hood sent 26,500 troops to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, with the last troops returning from the Persian Gulf in August 1991.

Soldiers preparing for departure were publicly guarded about their views of Hussein and the fact that the U.S. is still having to grapple with the Iraqi leader.

One soldier who asked not to

be identified said, "I really don't feel that we should have to go over there to do this again because I think everything should have been taken care of the first time."

Spc. Aaron Tallman, 25, who was sent to both Haiti and Somalia from Fort Drum in New York, said the soldiers being deployed are "in a state of confusion."



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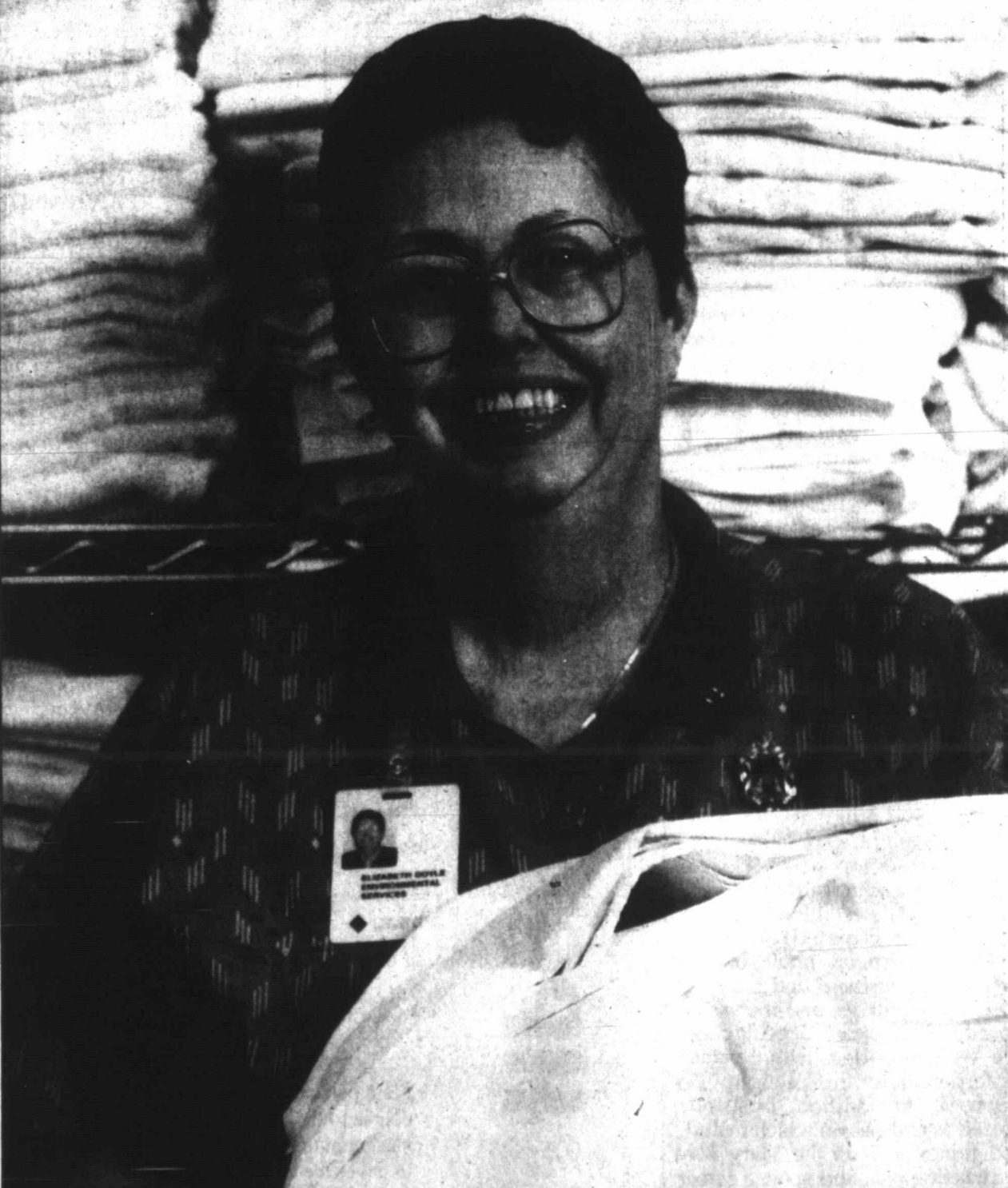


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Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame adds four new inductees

Four veterans were inducted into the Freedom Museum USA's Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame during a Friday banquet.

Three of the honorees were present to accept the honor. Another veteran was inducted posthumously with his family on hand to accept the honor.

Inducted were Dr. Raymond Laycock of Pampa, Everett S. Simpson, Leo C. Fletcher and the late Garrett C. Parnell Jr.

The museum provided biographical information about the honorees:

DR. RAYMOND LAYCOCK

On July 1, 1940, as a newly commissioned second lieutenant of infantry from Texas A&M's class of 1940, Raymond Laycock reported to the 23rd Regiment of the Second Infantry Division at Fort Sam Houston. Placement in an old regular army unit was a choice assignment for Laycock, as he planned a career in the Army. His first command was Company "A."

The parade ground police of a peacetime army soon changed. The 2nd Division undertook the training of new soldiers, creating three new divisions including airborne units. The division practiced airborne logistics, Ranger tactics and pioneered the use of modern weapons, including a new thing called the "jeep."

Promoted in October, 1942, Laycock and the 2nd Division were sent to Camp McCoy, Wis., for winter training. In September 1943, they shipped to Northern Ireland, where intensive hand-to-hand combat training continued and they learned amphibious procedures. In April 1944, the division sailed to South Wales, then to the staging area ports along the English Channel. The 2nd Division went ashore in France, at a place code-named Omaha, as part of the D-Day invasion of Europe.

The beaches of Normandy, Foret de Cerisy, St. Lo and Brest. On to the Seigfried Line and the Battle of the Bulge. Now the Rhine River, Leipzig and the Mulde River. Always looking to Berlin. Then south to the Czechoslovakian border and east to Pilsen.

VE Day came May 8, 1945. The highly decorated and combat-weary 2nd Division had spent 217 days in continuous contact with the Germans. They had taken some 30,000 prisoners and covered 1,665 miles, some of it inch by inch and on their bellies. Rotated back to the United States and reassembled at Camp Swift,



Dr. Raymond Laycock



Everett S. Simpson



Leo C. Fletcher



Garrett C. Parnell Jr.

the division prepared for the invasion of Japan when the war ended.

For his service, Laycock received the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, EAME Theater Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, the French Fourragere and the Belgian Fourragere.

Profoundly changed by the war, Laycock re-entered school, choosing medicine over combat. Graduating from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine and after an internship in New Orleans, Dr. Laycock returned to the Panhandle in 1950 to practice medicine in Pampa.

After nearly 45 years as a family practitioner, he retired in April. He plans to write a book about his life as a small town doctor.

EVERETT S. SIMPSON

Everett S. Simpson was born in Clarendon on Feb. 17, 1915. He graduated Amarillo High in 1932, New Mexico Military Institute in 1934 and University of Texas in 1936. He completed law school in 1939 at the University of Colorado, receiving his LLB degree in 1940. He left his law practice in 1940 when the National Guard was mobilized by President Roosevelt.

Simpson was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Texas National Guard on Nov. 16, 1940 and mobilized with the 36th Division as a member of Company F, 142nd Infantry later that month.

Simpson participated in the invasions of Salerno, Italy and southern France. For extraordi-

nary heroism in an action near Remiremont, France, on Sept. 28, 1944, Simpson was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. While under intense enemy attack and despite severe wounds and while being given first aid, Simpson continued to lead his men in defending their position.

For gallantry in action on Feb. 12, 1945, Simpson was awarded the Silver Star. When communications proved inadequate during an attack, Simpson, a radio operator and a runner moved forward under enemy fire to direct the ongoing attack. His courageous and aggressive leadership aided the battalion in seizing its objective.

Simpson was awarded the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with V Device, the French Croix de Guerre with Star, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman's Badge, American Defense Medal, Victory Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Two Devices, European East African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Five Stars and Two Devices. Decorations awarded from Texas include the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Texas Medal of Merit, Texas Federal Service Medal, Texas Service Medal and the Texas Faithful Service Medal with One Silver Cactus.

Simpson returned to his law practice following his 1946 discharge. His service in the National Guard continued until 1975, when he retired with the rank of major general. In 1969, a training range in Brownwood was dedicated as the Major General Everett S. Simpson

Training Range and in 1985, the armory in Amarillo was dedicated as the Major General Everett S. Simpson Armory.

He is a member of many military, law and civic organizations. He is married to Carlie Barnes Simpson and is the father of two children and six stepchildren.

LEO C. FLETCHER

Leo C. Fletcher was born at 223 E. Kingsmill on June 20, 1916, the son of Ernest and Anna Lee Fletcher.

On Nov. 23, 1940, he joined the 1st Calvary Division at Fort Bliss, and on Dec. 7, 1941 decided to become a pilot in the Army. Graduating as a pilot and a second lieutenant on June 25, 1943, he was assigned to the 459th and its four squadrons moved as a unit overseas in December 1943, via South America and Africa, and in January 1944 began flying missions against the German war machine.

From December 1943 to July 1944, Fletcher flew 35 missions over Europe — from Ploesti in France to Germany. While accomplishing these bombing missions against Germany, he was forced to crash land twice due to enemy fire, once "ditching" in the sea after a bombing raid on Munich, Germany.

During this time he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the

Distinguished Flying Cross (with clusters), the Purple Heart (with cluster), the Air Medal (with five clusters), the Presidential Citation, EAME Theater Ribbon with four bronze stars and American Theater Defense Medal.

In 1945, Fletcher was released from active duty and was employed by American Airlines as a pilot until 1948 when he was recalled by the Air Force as a pilot and reserve officer. He remained in the Air Force until retirement on Jan. 1, 1970, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

GARRETT C. PARNELL JR.

Garrett C. Parnell Jr. was born in Pampa on Jan. 23, 1923. He attended Pampa, Canadian and Higgins schools. He attended Texas A&M for one year.

Parnell was inducted into the Army Air Corps on Jan. 24, 1943. He trained in aerial gunner and was assigned to a B-24 as a ball-turret gunner. The entire crew was designated the "Thompson Crew" after its pilot, Lt. Abe M. Thompson. Parnell arrived in England in early July 1944. They were assigned to the 492nd Bomb Group, 856th Bomb Squadron, 2nd Division, 8th United States Army Air Force.

Parnell's first mission was July 17, 1944. He and his crew flew eight high-level bombing missions. The last two bombing missions were the worst they experienced

on high-level bombing and the aircraft they flew never flew again.

On Aug. 7, 1944, the 492nd Bombardment Group was withdrawn from high-level missions. The crew was transferred to a base at Harrington, Northamptonshire to a very different mission. The aircraft were painted solid black with the ball-turret, waist guns and nose guns removed. They had only the tail guns and upper turret guns. They flew only at night and usually at very low levels.

Flying black B-24s specially modified for "Carpetbagger" work, these missions were credited with much of the success of the resistance forces in the occupied countries in fighting the Germans. The 856th Squadron especially figured in this operation.

Working with the underground armies in occupied countries, they flew in at night and dropped agents, arms, supplies and propaganda leaflets. They sometimes retrieved downed airmen from under the noses of the Gestapo. Always flying at night, individual flights without the usual radio contact without aircraft lights, they were fired on by both German and Allied anti-aircraft batteries and fighters. A number of Carpetbagger airplanes and crews were shot down by Allied guns and lost.

On the night of Nov. 15, six B-17s and nine B-24s took off from Cheddington to bomb targets in Germany and Holland. All 15 aircraft were diverted to other bases in England upon return. On Nov. 18, one of the B-24s crashed after hitting a Norfolk oak tree with a low wing when attempting to return to land, instantly killing the crew. Parnell, tail gunner, was one of those killed.

Parnell was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the American Campaign Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously, and the French Croix de Guerre with Gold Palm, which was awarded to all airmen who flew with the Carpetbaggers.

Lutherans elect new presiding bishop

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A moderate college president who called on Lutherans to be active in a world starved on "spiritual junk food" was elected Saturday to lead the nation's fifth-largest Protestant denomination.

The Rev. H. George Anderson, president of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, received 698 votes to become only the second presiding bishop in the short history of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

He defeated Wisconsin Bishop April Ulring Larson, the denomination's first woman prelate. She received 334 votes at the church's biennial assembly.

"Our only task is to be sure that we are still God's church, and not just dressed up to look like it," Anderson told cheering church delegates immediately after his election.

The 63-year-old Anderson succeeds Bishop Herbert Chilstrom, who led the 5.2 million-member denomination since its founding in 1988 with the merger of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. Chilstrom decided against seeking re-election.

In a denomination young enough that church roots still matter, Anderson benefited from strong ties to the two largest predecessor bodies of the ELCA.

From 1970 to 1981, he was president of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C., formerly part of the Lutheran Church in America. He has headed Luther College, once an American

Lutheran Church school, since 1982.

He also has been a leading figure in the ecumenical movement, serving as co-chairman of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue from 1979 to 1990.

"The problem of our world is that they're eating spiritual junk food, including secularism, to satisfy that hunger. And the tragedy is they're still hungry," Anderson said.

Anderson also said he agreed with a Church Council decision earlier this week to indefinitely postpone work on a social statement on human sexuality.

"We still have really some foundational discussion to do as a church on the authority of Scripture as it relates to homosexuality," Anderson said.

In remarks before the assembly this week, Anderson sought to be a conciliatory voice in the church, which has been divided by sexuality issues and still faces lingering tensions over the merger.

"Friends, it's time for us to recognize we need one another," he said.

He said the church should have a "continued deep conversation" about sexual issues, and invited homosexual Lutherans to be part of the dialogue.

At a news conference, Anderson said he is still trying to figure out his own position on issues such as the ordination of homosexuals and whether same-sex relationships are part of God's plan.

At the assembly, however, he also told U.S. Lutherans they cannot avoid dealing with sexual or other social issues.

Escape artist convicted — again

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities will have another chance to demonstrate whether they will be able to contain Dennis Wayne Hope, who has become notorious for his daring escapes.

Hope was convicted Friday on eight counts of robbery, felony possession of a firearm and carjacking. Because of crimes he committed after his most recent breakout, he has gotten at least 45 more years added onto the 80-year sentence he was already serving.

Because of Hope's reputation, six bailiffs and two federal agents were in the courtroom as his verdict was pronounced on Friday. Hope was first arrested in 1990 for a series of supermarket heists in which he posed as an armed-car security.

A friend slipped him a key that

he used to unlock his handcuffs as guards escorted him to the courthouse on the first day of his trial.

He was captured a week later in a car chase with state troopers and spent three years in a prison unit near Houston before concocting another escape plan.

Last Thanksgiving, he eluded prison guards with a scheme that involved switching off the prison's main power supply, disabling the backup generators and putting pepper in his socks to throw off search dogs.

Police say Hope carjacked an 83-year-old man and robbed the same supermarkets that he robbed in 1990 before police arrested him in Memphis, Tenn. He was driving a Jaguar that he had purchased with his robbery proceeds.

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Third jury unable to reach a decision in murder case

HOUSTON (AP) — For the third time, a jury has failed to reach a decision in the case of a Houston man accused in the slaying of a 4-year-old girl.

In the latest trial, nine jurors favored a capital murder conviction, two thought the case was too circumstantial and one abstained from voting after 16 hours of deliberations.

State District Judge Mike McSpadden declared a mistrial Friday and 24-year-old Demetrius Simms was returned to jail, still a suspect in the 1991 death of Monique Miller.

Minutes after informing McSpadden that they were hopelessly deadlocked, jurors were dismayed to learn additional information about Simms.

"The problem we had was we had to base our decision on the evidence," said jury foreman John Lowrance, one of two holdouts for innocence. "And even with what I know now, I can't say I would have done anything different."

"But I can't tell you what it feels like to have a judge tell you that (Simms) just got out of jail two days before for attacking a child and to have a detective tell you he (Simms) is a sexual predator."

Monique disappeared June 1, 1991, from a northeast Houston apartment complex, where Simms had returned just days earlier from prison after serving a sentence for molesting a 5-year-old boy.

He was arrested the day the girl's decomposing body was

found. She had been strangled, sexually assaulted, and her skull fractured.

Jurors heard of Simms' reputation for making sexual advances at several women, young and old, and heard from a child he was chasing down and attempting to abduct the day of his arrest. But they weren't privy to his criminal history.

Simms admitted to seeing Monique in the woods, but said she followed him there against his wishes and was alive when he left.

Not much at the scene could link Simms to the crime. Some small black fibers on Monique's clothing were matched to some clothing in Simms' possession. But no other physical or eyewitness testimony could be presented to any of the three juries that have heard the case.

Defense attorneys have taken a two-pronged approach at each trial. First, they have pointed the finger at someone in a white car two boys said they saw take off with Monique. Second, they say Simms was not competent to comprehend the result of his actions and could not have legally undergone the arrest process.

Simms is borderline retarded with a hearing disability and a speech impediment.

Prosecutor Chuck Rosenthal remains confident a jury could be found that would not only convict Simms of capital murder but also sentence him to death.

Three top U.S. officials killed en route to peace talks

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Three top U.S. diplomats heading to peace talks in Sarajevo were killed Saturday when their armored vehicle plunged 100 yards off a muddy road and exploded.

A French peacekeeper was also killed in the accident, and two Americans and two French peacekeepers were injured.

Robert Frasure, a deputy assistant secretary of state, and Nelson Drew, a National Security Council aide, were killed instantly. Joseph Kruszal, deputy assistant secretary of defense for European and NATO affairs, died at the scene of injuries he suffered in the crash, officials said.

President Clinton said the deaths of the "immensely talented, patriotic Americans" would not halt U.S. peace efforts in the former Yugoslavia.

"The thing that they would want us most to do is to press ahead, and that's what we intend to do," he said in Jackson, Wyo., where he is vacationing.

Nonetheless, the loss of expertise — Frasure had been chief U.S. negotiator for Bosnia since early this year — dealt a severe blow to diplomatic efforts to end the war.

Former President Jimmy Carter, who traveled to Sarajevo last December to try to end the war, said the accident was "a tragic loss to our country and to prospects for peace in the Balkans."

The leader of the U.S. negotiating team, Assistant Secretary of



State Richard Holbrooke, said he and the other diplomats would fly back to Washington with the bodies, then continue their mission in Sarajevo.

"Three brave, brilliant, fine American career government officials, who were devoting their lives to the cause of peace in this part of the world, have died in this accident," Holbrooke said.

Holbrooke and other members of the team met Saturday afternoon with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, said State Department spokesman David Johnson.

Izetbegovic offered his condolences at the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo, and said the diplomats

"were on their way here to serve us in trying to find the true path to peace."

The crash occurred less than four miles outside of Sarajevo, on a dirt road muddied by rain and fog. The road led to the Mount Igman route — the only way to reach Sarajevo since Serb threats to target aircraft closed Sarajevo's airport early this year.

Serb gunners have often attacked convoys on the route, which Bosnian Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey called "the most dangerous road in the world." But officials said the crash was an accident.

"There was no shooting by the Serbs. The driver lost control of the vehicle because of bad conditions on the road," said Lt. Col. Pierre Briere, a U.N. spokesman.

The vehicle had moved onto the soft shoulder of the road to avoid an oncoming U.N. convoy when it slipped, plunged down a steep slope and rolled over several times, said State Department spokesman David Johnson.

U.N. officials said it hit two land mines during the plunge, but Johnson said an investigation had indicated there apparently were no mines.

A U.N. helicopter was to fly the three wooden coffins, covered with American flags, to Croatia on Sunday. Bosnian Serbs gave permission for the flight over territory they control.

The delegation was on its fifth day of shuttling around the former Yugoslavia with a peace initiative that got a warm reception

from Croatian President Franjo Tudjman and generally positive response from Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

Details have not been officially disclosed, but reports have said it would lift economic sanctions against Serb-led Yugoslavia and provide international aid to rebuild Bosnia. If any side refuses to participate, the plan would allow arms sales to its enemies.

Izetbegovic had announced his own peace plan on Friday. It included points believed at the core of the U.S. initiative: mutual recognition between Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia and a division of Bosnia between the Muslim-led government and the Serb rebels.

But it also contained demands that were likely to prove difficult. He said he would not accept any U.N. administration of Sarajevo, insisted that Milosevic — not the Bosnian Serbs — represent the Serb party in negotiations, and demanded that any agreement not preclude the future reintegration of territory held by Bosnian Serbs into Bosnia.

Izetbegovic also wants troops from nations in the Bosnia Contact Group — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany — to be deployed in Bosnia to oversee the implementation of any peace plan.

The U.N. Security Council on Saturday called on Bosnia and Croatia to stop blocking the full deployment of a heavily armed U.N. force designed to protect peacekeepers.

Country singer Tracy Lawrence plans to sue for impersonation

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — County-western singer Tracy Lawrence, who hit the country music scene in 1991 with his No. 1 song "Sticks and Stones," has sued a New Mexico man for allegedly trying to pass himself off as the singer.

Lawrence filed a civil lawsuit in Las Cruces Wednesday seeking to stop Robbie Harrison of Chaparral from impersonating him to sell western shirts to a local retailer.

Lawrence has asked state district court to stop Harrison from using his name and is seeking unspecified damages for alleged invasion of privacy, defamation and unfair trade practices.

Cliff Yarborough, owner of Yarborough's Western Wear in Las Cruces, said he ordered \$500 worth of shirts from a Lawrence look-alike sometime in June, but the man never delivered.

Although Yarborough never turned over any money for the shirts, he said he gave the man a \$100 cowboy hat to replace the old, ugly one he was wearing.

"The son of a buck knew

everything about Lawrence. He must've studied the guy from A to Z," Yarborough said. "He knew everything about his kin-folks, and I gave him an order for about \$500."

After making the order, Yarborough had a sign printed announcing the shirts' anticipated arrival. About 25 people showed up at his store.

"I looked real stupid," he said. "I still got that sign and I'd like to wrap it around his neck and choke him to death."

Yarborough was not the only one taken.

An El Paso, Texas, banker said he gave Harrison a \$2,000 business loan and that he and his secretary believed Harrison was Tracy Lawrence.

Gary Sanchez, vice president and commercial lender for Texas Commerce Bank's Northgate Branch, said Harrison applied for the loan using his real name.

Later, however, Harrison alleged Tracy Lawrence was his stage name and that he had come to the El Paso area to visit his mother, lose weight and rest before going back on tour.

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Clinton administration turning up heat against Saddam, Iraq on several fronts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is stepping up military and psychological pressure on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, moving warships and military supplies closer to the Persian Gulf and hinting U.S. diplomats in the region may be reviving a war coalition against him.

"There is no alarm, but there is concern with what we see," the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Shalikashvili, said Friday. "Hopefully, they will signal sufficiently to Saddam Hussein that we are aware of what he is doing and secondly that we will not sit idly by."

The Pentagon said it would move up a scheduled exercise in Kuwait, which Iraq annexed in 1990 and was forced to surrender in 1991, while Assistant Secretary of State Robert H. Pelletreau and Mark R. Parris, director of the Middle East desk at the National Security Council, held talks in Egypt. Other, unannounced stops were also planned.

The military and diplomatic steps were similar to those taken in preparing for the U.S.-led war against Iraq four years ago. The clear intention again was to rattle Saddam and force cracks in his regime — a campaign that began last week when two sons-in-law and a contingent of other military officers defected to Jordan.

"What we're doing now is we're taking our own steps, working with our friends and partners in the area, acting prudently and out of an abundance of caution," said David Johnson, a State Department spokesman.

"Actions in the past have led us to believe that this is a very unpredictable regime which is capable of some things which are inimical to our interests," Johnson said. "We have tried to be very cautious and prudent and make sure that we are not caught unawares, and that's exactly what we're doing now."

Shalikashvili, watching military exercises at Ft. Polk, La., told reporters: "I think it is important to understand that what we have seen are activities and movements that cause concern."

U.S. troops move toward Iraq

Indications from two prominent Iraqi defectors that President Saddam Hussein had contemplated attacking Kuwait or Saudi Arabia prompted the U.S. to take these new steps:

- Moving ships loaded with weapons and supplies closer to the Persian Gulf.
- Sending 14,000 troops to begin a military exercise in Kuwait.
- Keeping the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln in the Persian Gulf longer than scheduled.

The exercise in Kuwait had been scheduled for late October or early November. A senior military official said at the Pentagon it was a U.S. idea to move it up. He also told reporters under rules that shielded his identity that there were no Iraqi combat operations or major troop movements under way.

On the economic front, the Clinton administration was hoping to induce an oil-producing nation to take Iraq's place in supplying Jordan with oil. Jordan is Iraq's only significant remaining customer, but may be willing to purchase oil elsewhere now that it has repaired its relations with the United States and been granted U.S. aid again.

Shannon Faulkner quits The Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Although Shannon Faulkner is no longer in the fray, the battle continues over women in the all-male corps of cadets at The Citadel.

Ms. Faulkner announced Friday she was withdrawing as the first female cadet in the military college's 152-year history because of the stress of her 2 1/2-year court fight to get in, and her isolation among 2,000 male cadets.

Ms. Faulkner said Saturday that she finally felt relief that her ordeal was over.

"No one ever said anything, but I felt like I was not treated the same way" as other first-year cadets, she told CNN. "I could feel that I was alone."

But as John Banzhaf, a law professor at George Washington University, pointed out: "She did get in" to The Citadel.

"The barrier is broken, the egg cracked and there is no way to unscramble it," he said.

It was Banzhaf who originally filed a complaint with the U.S. Justice Department about The Citadel's all-male policy. In that case, the department said it could

not bring a lawsuit because no South Carolina woman had complained.

But in 1993, Faulkner sued and the Justice Department did intervene. And since the government is still a plaintiff, the case continues with or without her.

"The Citadel obviously was prepared to operate the same as it did, with minor modifications for one woman," said Banzhaf, who said the development weakens The Citadel's contention that admitting women will destroy its system.

Banzhaf also filed a complaint on behalf of an unidentified Virginia woman that led to the government's challenge of the all-male admissions policy at Virginia Military Institute, the nation's only other state-supported, all-male military academy.

Both schools are proposing alternative women's programs as a way to keep women out, and the U.S. Supreme Court has been asked to consider both cases.

Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, an Emory University women's studies professor who designed the alternative programs for both

states, said Faulkner's brief stay at The Citadel shouldn't have much of an impact.

The real question, she said, is whether there is a place for single-sex education.

That view is shared by Karen Johnson, the national secretary for the National Organization for Women.

"The issue is gender discrimination in publicly funded schools," said Johnson, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel. She said Faulkner was under great stress. While there were 119 women in the first West Point class with women, "she came into The Citadel one person alone," Johnson said.

Novelist Pat Conroy, who attended The Citadel and used the school as the model for his 1980 novel *The Lords of Discipline*, agreed that Faulkner faced an impossible task.

"The only solace you get in the place is from your classmates, and what can you do when your classmates are taught to hate you?" he told *The Washington Post*. "The corps of cadets could run Arnold Schwarzenegger out in two days."

Clinton celebrates his birthday — again and again

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — If Bill Clinton grew a year older every time somebody threw him a birthday party, Bob Dole could run as the youthful alternative for president in 1996.

Clinton, who turned 49 Saturday, planned to celebrate with friends and family at a party thrown by World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn, who owns a home in this exclusive Rocky Mountain retreat.

This would be Clinton's third party in the last two weeks, in keeping with his history of serial birthday celebrations.

But local merchants were doing their best to make this party, a private affair, a standout.

Four dozen balloons were on order together with 26 arrangements of wild flowers for the guest tables and other strategic spots at the Wolfensohn residence.

Then there was the cake, a large, round, carrot cake that it's maker, Patty-Cake Patisserie in Wilson, Wyo., said would feed 60 guests, the number the bakery was told to anticipate.

The round surface shows Clinton teeing off against a background of the Teton Mountains, all of it detailed in multicolored frosting.

Patisserie owner Jessie Martell said she was supplying two other cakes, just in case. One was a white and dark hazelnut tort, the

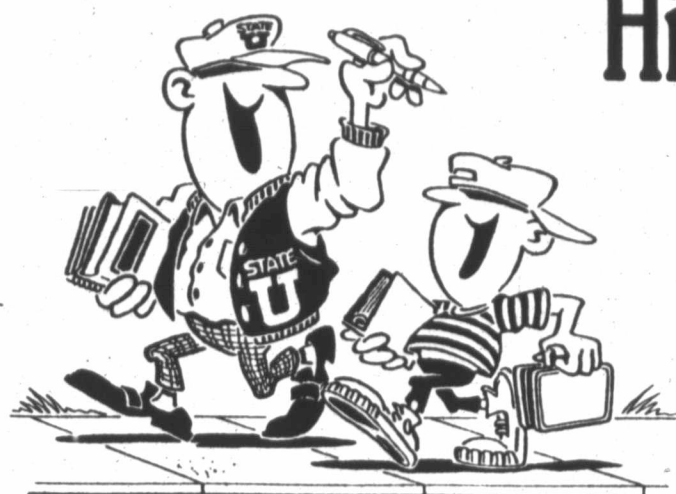
other a mocha walnut tort.

Dole, meanwhile, recently turned 72, dismissing suggestions that he is too old for a presidential bid. The Senate majority leader is the front-runner for the GOP nomination.

This year's round of presidential partying began nine days ago, when singer Jimmy Buffett led a celebration at the White House. The party gave the staff a chance to wish Clinton a happy birthday before he left for vacation.

Actor Harrison Ford threw the president a party in Wyoming on Thursday, though aides said it was not necessarily a birthday tribute.

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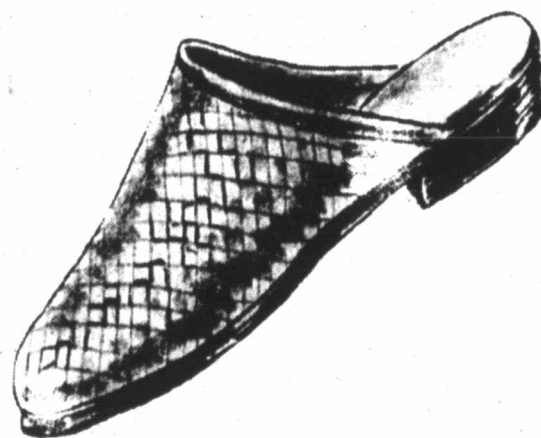
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'It takes a little of the first day jitters away'



Above: Wilson kindergarten teacher Susan Stucki helps new student Ashley Bowers examine the magnet playing area in her new classroom.

Right: Middle school art teacher Barbara Bigham shows new student *The Girl with a Watering Can* based on a painting by Renoir. Students in Bigham's class will also study drawing, weaving and sculpture.



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School starts tomorrow across the district, but for some students, the first day of classes carries more significance than for others.

Students starting kindergarten, sixth grade and ninth grade not only have the trauma of the first day of school to deal with, but they also must contend with a completely new atmosphere.

To help those students adjust, Wilson and Austin Elementaries, Pampa Middle School and Pampa High School recently hosted new student orientations.

The elementary schools sponsored "meet your teacher days" Friday afternoon, in which elementary students of all ages received a packet of information and found their desks.

Most importantly for the kindergartners, though, was coming face to face with the per-

son who will be in charge of them for the rest of the year.

"This takes a little of the first day jitters away," Wilson Principal Debbie Robertson said.

Monday will also be a milestone for Robertson — her first day as principal of a school she attended as a child.

The day had been a tradition in all elementary schools, but this year only Wilson and Austin participated.

At middle school, teachers and counselors hosted a sixth grade orientation meeting Thursday night.

Art teacher Barbara Bigham read a poem entitled "The First Day of School," listing a series of increasingly terrifying common fears of students at the first of the year. A number of the students in the audience smiled in understanding.

Sixth graders were able to walk

through their schedule, meeting teachers and getting acquainted with the building.

Pampa High School hosted freshman orientation Friday afternoon — what student council sponsor Sherry Seabourn called a "fun intro to the high school."

Freshmen were encouraged to sing songs, learn class chants and compete against the student council in "Fish Camp Olympics."

Olympic Games were based on "Spring Explosion," and included such events as the dizzy bat race, flipper relay, a three-leg race and a new event, the dizzy bat/flipper relay.

Incoming freshmen also saw a skit on school rules and learned about various campus organizations.

They also were introduced to vice principals, student officers and foreign exchange students.

1995-96 School Calendar

- School Begins — Aug. 21
- Labor Day Holiday — Sept. 4
- Teacher Inservice Day — Oct. 20
- Thanksgiving Holiday — Nov. 22-24
- Christmas Holiday — Dec. 21- Jan. 2
- Teacher Inservice — Jan. 26
- Teacher Inservice — Feb. 21
- Spring Break — March 11-15
- Easter Holiday — April 5
- Snow/Make-up Day — April 8
- Snow/Make-up Day — April 19
- School Ends — May 23



Right: Tana Gardner, left, introduces new classmates Cody Graves and Ryan Been during Friday afternoon's "Meet Your Teacher Day" at Wilson Elementary. Each student was given a pack of necessary information and shown their official desk.

Back to school safety tips

ATLANTA (AP) — Brush up on safety rules with your children before they go back to school, advises Beth Strickland, executive director of the Safe Kids of Georgia program at Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University.

"Parents need to be aware that over the summer their children may have forgotten the safety lessons they learned from the previous years," she says. Review these rules with your youngsters:

Pedestrian safety
Take the safest, most direct route, with fewest street crossings (Mom or Dad should make the walk with you to help you map it out). If you're under age 8, walk with an adult or older child every day.

Understand and obey traffic signals and markings. Look in all directions before crossing a street. When the crossing is clear, keep looking and be alert. Always should cross at a corner or crosswalk.

Never enter the street from

between parked cars or from behind bushes or shrubs.

Be extra alert in bad weather.

School bus safety
Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is due. Stay out of the street and avoid horseplay. Wait for your parents on the same side of the street as the school bus loading-unloading zone. If you cross while the bus is at the stop, keep at least 10 feet in front of the bus.

On the bus, remain seated at all times and keep aisles clear. Don't throw anything or shout or distract the driver. Keep your head and arms inside the bus at all times.

Bikes
You must by law wear a helmet every time you bike to school. If you're under 10, you should not ride on the road without direct adult supervision. Choose safe cycling routes, keeping in mind that fast-moving traffic streets are not appropriate for young cyclists with limited traffic experience.

If you commute by bike, you

should follow the same rules of the road that apply to all vehicles. Avoid risky behavior and learn to not make false assumptions about other vehicles at intersections. Don't swerve suddenly or change position without signaling or looking for approaching traffic. Don't ride against the flow of traffic.

Your school should provide cyclists with safe areas, with racks in areas where there are few vehicles and pedestrians. When you're on your bike, avoid drop-off and pick-up points around the school.

Arriving by car
You and your parents should arrange a safe spot away from car congestion for a pickup point. They should drop you off as close to the school as possible so you don't have to cross the street. Always enter and leave the car on the curb side.

Make sure every person in the car wears a belt and that they remain bolted until time to exit the car.

Allow plenty of time.



Amy Howell and Kent Kotara

Howell - Kotara

Amy Howell of Pampa and Kent Kotara of White Deer plan to marry Oct. 21 at First Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronald J. and Sandy Howell of Pampa and the prospective groom is the son of Gary and Sam Kotara of White Deer.

She is a 1993 graduate of Pampa High School and a 1995 graduate of Frank Phillips College where she earned a degree in business administration. She is employed with Shepard's Crook Nursing. He is a 1990 graduate of White Deer High School and is employed with Kotara Farms Inc.

Family tree untangles after author's search

By JANET JACOBS
Longview News-Journal

CARTHAGE — Family is everything to Barbara Ann Bonner, but it was family that she had to defy in her search for the truth.

After five years of intensive research and countless interviews, Bonner has written a book called "The Legacy," which traces the families of Holland Quarters, a community about 5 miles north of Carthage.

It also reveals a complicated history of accidental incest that surprised even Bonner, who had suspected it from the beginning. "The family's like a spiderweb, you can't come to the end of it," Bonner said.

The family — Bonner's parents descended from common ancestors — includes the Hollands, Horns, Johns, Bankhams, Rowletts, Bryants, Holts, Browns and Stevensons, all of whom are from the Carthage/Holland Quarters area.

The book, written more as a genealogical text than a novel, begins with the first recorded name of an ancestor: Toby, who was brought as a slave to Holland Quarters in the mid-1800s by slave master Spearman Holland.

(Bonner was, incidentally, able

to document that Holland was responsible for the naming of Carthage. He recommended the name to local officials as a tribute to his own home of Carthage, Miss.)

For writing the book she relied on census information, slave sale records, marriage and death certificates and interviews. Her personal standards required her to receive verification from three independent sources before she would use it. Included in the book are family legends and stories that have been told from one generation to the next.

"It's just little bits and pieces throughout," Bonner said. "I had to show how it all began in order to put it together."

The book begins with Toby and the journey to Texas. The deaths, births and intermarriages that took place on the long trip to Texas are unknown, since most slave activities, particularly marriages, weren't recognized or recorded. The trip took years because Holland was a slave trader who would frequently stop on his journey to trade or buy slaves.

"I also didn't talk about the mixing of slave masters and the slaves, although some of it is obvious from the skin tones," Bonner said. "I didn't want to make a racial thing out of it."



Monrow and Pat Finney

Finney anniversary

Monrow and Pat Finney of Pampa plan to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary 2 to 6 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Pampa Community Building. It is to be hosted by their children Marvin Finney, Dale Finney, Connie Finney and DeAnna and Jerry Finney, all of Pampa.

She is the former Patsy Hatcher. The Finneys were married Aug. 18, 1970 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. Finney retired from Cabot after 36 years and Mrs. Finney is a homemaker.

After the Civil War, Holland left his Texas plantation and the former slaves inherited the land.

Although the new owners' names began appearing on census and tax records in the latter part of the last century, it was still hard to track them because many of them didn't write and left few records.

"It's harder to track blacks because they had no last names," Bonner noted.

The children born of incestuous relationships presented the greatest challenges, though.

"It was taboo. This (or that) person wasn't talked about because of the way he was conceived," Bonner said. "I could write about it, but I couldn't talk about it."

Despite the interminglings, Bonner found no genetic problems in the children of the family. Rather, she found at least one instance where cousins looked like identical twins because of their similar genetic lineage.

"They didn't have any deformities, and they had a lot of children," Bonner noted.

The more recent intermarriages came about because the family simply didn't know where it began and ended. The small communities of Carthage and Holland Quarters didn't provide a wide circle of potential

mates, and, as Bonner found out, coincidence also had a hand in it.

Bonner and her children were living in Wilmer, just south of Dallas, when her son began dating a girl from Carthage. Bonner warned her son that many of the people from Carthage were relatives in one form or another. Still, Bonner has a grandchild from the relationship, and it was her determination to find out the baby's heritage that began her journey.

"The family's still meeting in other places," Bonner said. "That's why I wrote this."

Even as the family's journey was long and torturous, so was the birthing of the book. It took her five years to complete and was once sidelined when a house fire destroyed some of her documentation and she had to start over again.

The praise she has received since then from fellow genealogists and family members has helped to make the effort worthwhile, she said.

"People are calling me saying, 'I knew he was related, I just didn't know how it all fit together,'" Bonner said. "It's a lot of fun."

"If I don't do anything else in my lifetime, I'm proud of this," she added.



Mrs. David Chad Etheredge
Jodi Millican

Millican - Etheredge

Jodi Ann Millican and David Chad Etheredge, both of Abilene, were married Aug. 19 at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman of Pampa officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Pam Millican and the groom is the son of Jessie and Sherry Etheredge, all of Pampa.

Serving as maid of honor was Meredith Horton of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Melissa Holt of Amarillo and LeeAnn Lichnovsky of Abilene. Standing as best man was Shannon Cook of Abilene.

The groomsmen were Brett Etheredge and Jerred Etheredge, brothers of the groom, both of Pampa.

Serving as ushers were Michael Carter and Andy Carter, both of Abilene.

Guests were registered by Charissa Young, cousin of the groom, of Amarillo.

Providing music for the event were Estelle Morgan, organist, and Dicky McGahen, soloist, of Pampa.

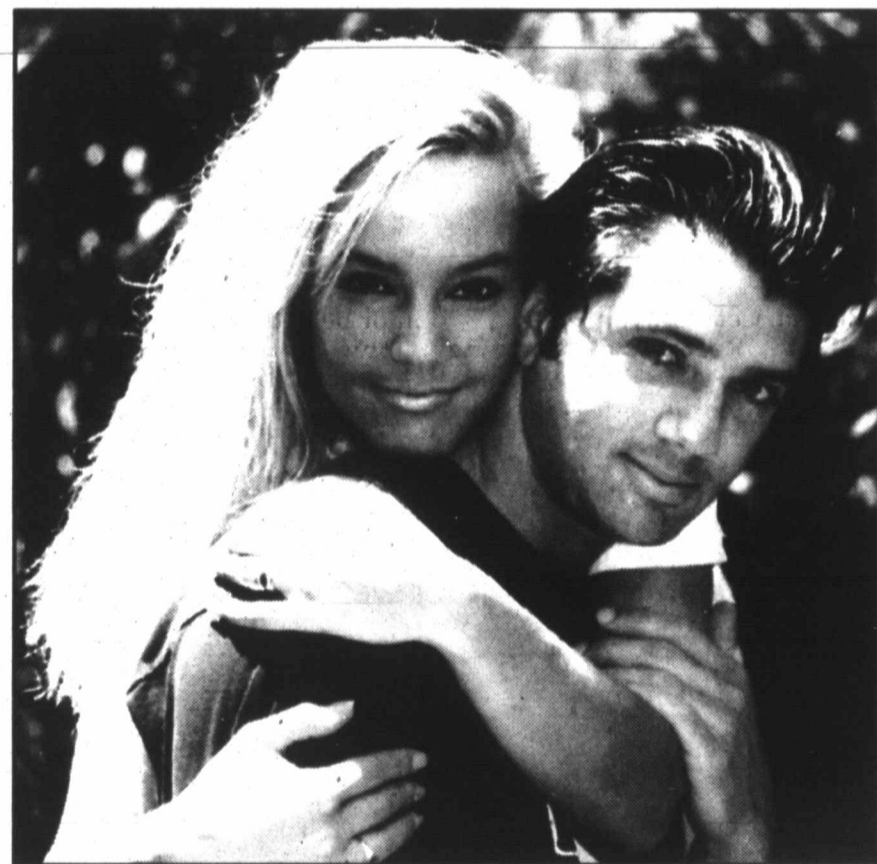
A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.

Serving the guests were Tammy Stevens of Pampa, Tonya Webster of McLean, Julie Massick and Amy Houseman, both of Amarillo, and Hanne Zevenberger of Utrecht, The Netherlands.

The bride is a graduate of American Commercial College in Abilene and is employed by Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The groom is a student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and is employed by Contractors Service Company.

After a honeymoon to Red River, N.M., the couple plans to reside in Abilene.



Cherie Lynn Rawls and Todd David Tedesco

Rawls - Tedesco

Cherie Lynn Rawls and Todd David Tedesco, both of Tampa, Fla., plan to marry Sept. 23 in Tampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Buddy G. Rawls of Alexandria, Va., and the granddaughter of Willie Rawls of Pampa and Pauline Rankin of Weatherford.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tedesco of Tampa. She attended schools in Lawton, Okla., and West Germany. She is a

graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

She is the director of catering for Le Bordeaux Restaurant in Tampa.

He attended schools in Nashville, Tenn., and Tampa. He is a graduate of Hillsborough Community College in Tampa and New Horizons Computer Graphics and Illustrations in Clearwater, Fla.

He is the director of computer graphics and illustrations for Depot Press in Tampa.

Club News

The Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Aug. 14, in the Biaritz Room of Coronado Inn, Pampa.

Carolyn Buckingham called the meeting to order, and asked Amelia Sims to offer the invocation. Nadyne Williams read minutes of the previous meeting, and Treasurer Louise Coulter gave the treasurer's report.

Coulter reported a memorial contribution on behalf of Charlotte Dauer to the Texas State CattleWomen's

Association. Memorials are used for scholarships for students studying beef-agriculture dietetics or hotel/restaurant management.

Diane Buckingham reported sending 32 letters to feedyards, schools and others requesting donations for beef gift certificates.

Coulter moved to change the expiration date on the certificate. The motion carried.

State officers were nominated. The nomination deadline for

state officers is Sept. 1.

Special guest, Kathy Hommel, vice-president of the Palo Duro Pioneer CattleWomen of Clarendon, spoke on visions of things to come - or hoped to be. She and her husband went to the United States' and Mexican Cattlemen's meetings.

Kathy Hommel, Clarendon; Nadyne Williams and Diane Buckingham, Shamrock; Louise Coulter, Allison; Bonnie Abraham, Canadian; Lilith Brainard, Pampa; Anita Brown,

Sandra Christner, Mary Mitchell, Carolyn Buckingham and Amelia Sims, Wheeler, were present.

The CattleWomen's Top O' Texas Style Show is set for 10:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at the Pampa Country Club. The local group is to arrive at 9 a.m. to prepare for the show.

Tickets are \$12 for brunch and raffle.

The National Beef Cook-off is Sept. 22 and 23 in Little Rock, Ark.

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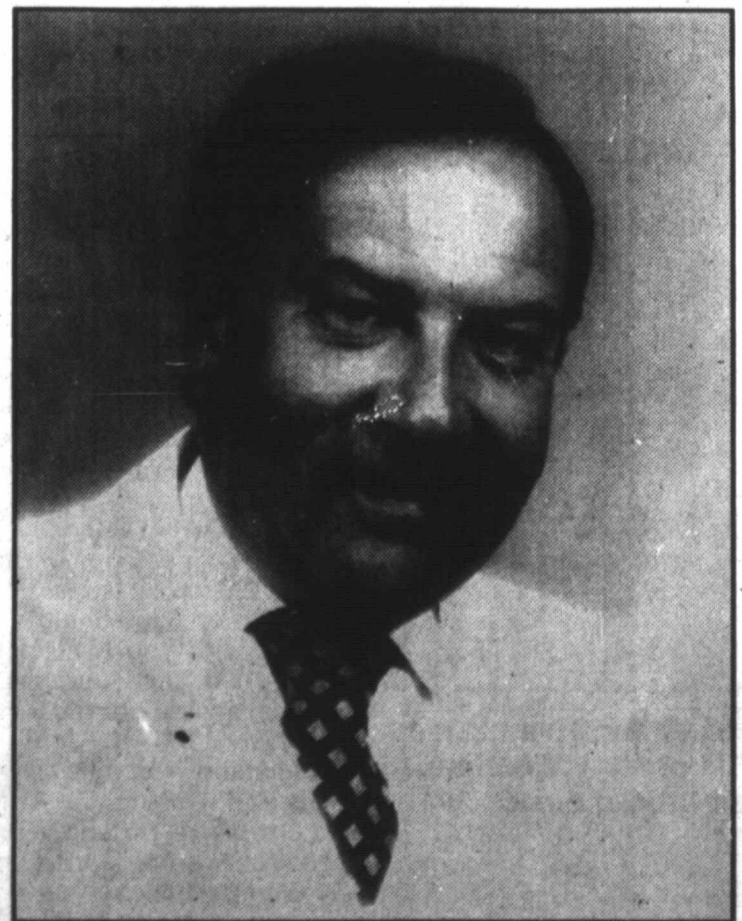
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Mrs. Kent Tice
Lisa Ann Stamp

Stamp - Tice

Lisa Ann Stamp of White Deer and Kent Tice of Skellytown were married Aug. 19 at White Deer United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Dorn of the church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Donna Stamp of White Deer and Dawn Meyer of Baxter, Minn.

The groom is the son of Ralph and Barbara Tice of Skellytown.

Serving as the matron of honor was Stacey Haiduk of White Deer. The bridesmaids were Lori Bichsel and Kayla Blount, both of White Deer. The flower girl was Cassidy Tice, cousin of the groom, Pampa.

Standing as best man was Glenn Wise, White Deer. The groomsmen were Keith Tice, brother of the groom, Dakota City, Neb., and Ty Stamp, brother of the bride, White Deer. Ushers were Eddie Tice, brother of the groom, Ogden, Iowa; and Jesse Stamp, brother of the bride, White Deer.

Candles were lit by Randy Tice, Pampa, and Ty Stamp, White Deer. Registering the guests was Pam Tice of Dakota City, Neb.

Providing music were Shawn Jeter, vocalist, of Artesia, N.M., and Peggy Dennis, pianist, of White Deer.

Serving the guests were Amy Lynn of Pampa and Jody Smith, Tommie Blount and Stephanie Furgason, all of White Deer.

The bride is a hairdresser. The groom is employed by GPM Gas Corp, Guymon, Okla.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nev., they plan to live in Gruver.



Mrs. Timothy Paul Bowles
Holly Michelle Jones

Jones - Bowles

Holly Michelle Jones and Timothy Paul Bowles, both of Amarillo, were married Aug. 19 at First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo with the Rev. Garvin McCarrell of Trinity Fellowship Church of Amarillo officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stokes of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Vickye Cagle and Bill Bowles of Amarillo. Serving as matron of honor was Jodie Weatherly, Pampa. Bridesmaids were Brandi Rabel and Denise Garrett, Pampa. Flower girl was Laci Sailor, Pampa.

Standing as best man was Bill Bowles of Amarillo.

Groomsmen were Jeff Falkenburg, Katy, and Lowell Lay, Odessa. Serving as ushers were Blane Jones and Paul Robertson, both of Amarillo.

Registering the guests was Keitha Stokes of Amarillo.

Providing music were Krystal Hare, soloist, and Yvonda Stokes, organist, both of Amarillo.

A reception followed in the parlor of the church. Serving the guests were Tina Beck and Melissa White.

The bride is a graduate of West Texas A&M University, Canyon, and holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology. She works for Potter County Community Supervision and Corrections Department as a supervision officer.

The groom is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, and holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. He works as a case manager at Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority.

After a honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico, the couple plans to reside in Amarillo.

Menus

August 21-25

PAMPA MEALS ON WHEELS
MONDAY
 Chicken nuggets, potato salad, pork and beans, cookies.
TUESDAY
 Cabbage rolls, green beans, squash, pears.
WEDNESDAY
 Baked ham, hominy casserole, yam patties, Jell-O.
THURSDAY
 Beef patties, sliced potatoes, tomatoes, pudding.
FRIDAY
 Fish, macaroni and tomatoes, brussel sprouts, peaches.

PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS
MONDAY
 Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos with cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, Spanish rice, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, strawberry swirl cake or tapioca, cornbread or hot roll.
TUESDAY
 Lasagna or Polish sausage and kraut, vegetable medley, boiled potatoes, English peas, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, caramel cake or chocolate icebox pie, cornbread or hot roll.
WEDNESDAY
 Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, turnip greens, butter beans, German chocolate cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, cornbread or hot roll.
THURSDAY
 Meat loaf or chicken and dumplings, twice baked potatoes, fried okra, Harvard beets, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, cheesecake or Boston cream pie, cornbread or hot roll.
FRIDAY
 Fried cod fish or tamale pie, French fries, spinach, squash, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, brownies or vanilla pudding, garlic toast, hot rolls, cornbread.

PAMPA SCHOOLS
MONDAY
 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
 Lunch: Burrito supreme, corn, Spanish rice, applesauce, choice of milk.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Toasts, jelly, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
 Lunch: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes/gravy, English peas, peaches, hot roll, choice of milk.
WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
 Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, ranch dressing, orange quarters, choice of milk.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Cowboy bread, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
 Lunch: Pizza, tossed salad, diced pears, choice of milk.
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
 Lunch: Corn dog, French fries, vegetarian beans, cookie, choice of milk.

Children's book review

Everyone loves a good ghost story.

"Can't Scare Me" by Melissa Milich (Doubleday, \$14.95) is a wonderful read-aloud story. Two old friends - the storyteller, Mr. Hayman, and the listener, Mr. Munroe, sit for hours on the front porch of Mr. Hayman's home.

Mr. Hayman knows lots of stories; stories about kinds of African tribes; stories about outlaws just over the side of the mountain; and stories about ghosts. When Mr. Hayman told ghost stories, Mr. Munroe's rocking chair really speeded up.

Trouble was, after Mr. Hayman's told his ghost stories, Mr. Munroe would be afraid to walk home, even though he lived only 200 yards away.

"You're a grown man, you can get on home by yourself," Mr. Hayman told Mr. Munroe night after night. But Mr. Munroe was still afraid.

Children will be charmed by the notion that an adult can be afraid of ghosts. And Tyrone Geter's illustrations conjure up all sorts of scary images - or are they just shadows? Boo! For ages 5 to 9, and anyone else who loves a not-too-scary story.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates
 20 - Rodeo Arena clean-up, 2 p.m.
 21 - Horse project, 6:30 p.m., Arena; Deadline for livestock entries for Tri-State Fair and South Plains
 26 - 27 - Officer/Leader Retreat, Ceta Canyon
State Recordbook Judging Results
 Congratulations to Gray County 4-H'ers for their excellent showing in State 4-H recordbook competition. Results were:

Amanda Kludt - second place, clothing; Barry Brauchi - third place, consumer education; and Kim McDonald - sixth place, leadership.
Rodeo Thanks!
 Thanks to all who participated in or helped conduct the rodeo. This is the primary Gray County 4-H fundraiser.

Did you know this about guns and ammo?

Saturday night special is the popular name for a cheap pistol used for impulsive crimes.

The weapons' term "shell" applies to military or naval ammunition and to shotgun ammunition.

"Shot" is small lead or steel pellets fired by shotguns. A shot-

gun shell usually contains 1 to 2 ounces of shot. The term "buck-shot" refers only to the largest shot sizes.

A shotgun is a small-arms gun with a smooth bore, sometimes double-barreled.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R. Brazile
Sherry Bradford

Bradford - Brazile

Sherry Bradford and Jerry R. Brazile, both of Pampa, were married Aug. 12 at Riviera Royale Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev., with the Rev. William Petersen of Las Vegas officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond V. Smith of Yukon, Okla., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brazile of Amarillo.

The bride is a licensed vocational nurse and certified emergency medical technician. The groom is a contract welder with Etheredge Construction Company.

The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas.

English: The American polyglot

NEW YORK (AP) — We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, created our own unique polyglot of language along the way.

Through cultural experiences and liberal borrowing, Americans have amassed such linguistic morsels as "gerrymander," "varmint," "kitchenette" and the sadly obsolete "slobberchops."

Author Bill Bryson puts it all together in "Made in America," an engaging account of how the American experience helped American English part from its British elder brother and spread its influence across the globe.

It's hard to imagine someone better suited for this than Bryson, an Iowa sports writer's son who fled to Britain two decades ago. Today, he cantankerously eyes American culture from afar, a sort of trans-Atlantic H.L. Mencken.

Equal parts dilettante and detective, Bryson follows the routes of revolution, immigration, advertising, sex, dining, transportation and war to exhume origins of words Americans take for granted.

"Made in America" (or "Freedonia," as some wanted to call the country) is great fun but

also an impressively broad piece of research. He found everything from the origin of "tycoon" (Japanese, from "taikun," or military leader) to "how come?" (a phonetic translation of the Dutch word "hoekom").

"Doing this book was so indulgent," Bryson said in a telephone interview from Yorkshire, England. His words come out in an odd mix of British accent and Midwestern twang.

Two themes emerge: No language is safe from Americans' linguistic pillages. And no matter how much second-grade teachers and curmudgeons push for standards, usage takes precedence.

"If enough people want to use the word incorrectly, then there's nothing you can do about it," Bryson says. Eventually, it ceases to be incorrect.

Americans early started looting words, from the British, Dutch ("how come") and Indian tribes ("succotash").

By the 19th century, Bryson says, a torrent of words and expressions were entering U.S. English.

A sampling: "to whitewash" (1808), "no two ways about it" (1818), "conniption fit" (1833), and "hold your horses" (1844).

Make the most of family time when school starts

School days are here again and with them comes the challenge to parents to cope with new schedules and demands and at the same time try to keep family life meaningful. Here is a potpourri of information to help you make the most of your personal and family time.

Balancing Work and Family

The alarm goes off and you "hit the ground running." Every morning seems to be a battle with the clock as you get yourself and your family out the door. Is the clock winning the battle? If so, try some of these ideas for making your morning routine a little easier.

- Allow yourself enough time to get ready without having to get a child ready at the same time.

- Be sure to eat a quick, but nutritious breakfast. Bagels, fruit, yogurt, frozen waffles, juice and cereal are good choices.

- Have a morning routine. Children feel a sense of control when they know what to expect each morning.

- Allow extra "wake-up time" for the slow to wake-up child. Giving them the extra few minutes they need can reduce everyone's stress level.

- Reduce distractions. Set rules about when the television can be on and when it's O.K. to play.

- Designate a place for coats, keys, school work, lunches, etc., so there is only one place to check before going out the door.

- Be sure to have an extra set of keys in a convenient place (just in case you can't find yours).

- Allow children to do what they are able to do. Teach preschoolers how to dress themselves. Let them help "make breakfast" by keeping utensils and cereal at a level where they can reach them.

Humor - A Great Stress Reliever
Need a low cost stress reliever

Homemaker's News

By Donna Brauchi

for your family? Try a little humor! Humor provides a means of dealing with family conflict. Spoken at the right time, humor can immediately relieve a tense situation. So many family tensions arise because we take ourselves too seriously. We then set ourselves up to be hurt - causing more stress. We need to have a balance among work, play and laughter. People who use stress reducing humor: (1) reduce tension by joking about everyday frustrations and faults; (2) encourage people to relax and laugh; (3) delight in poking fun

at themselves - not at others; (4) unite others by building rapport; (5) create a supportive atmosphere of fun and caring; (6) include everyone in the fun; (7) note the positive aspects of relationships; and (8) give everyone a chance to participate.

Family Mealtimes

In our "come and go" lifestyle, family mealtimes are sometimes a rarity. Perhaps bringing them back to life would provide that extra stability and communication opportunity that we often need.

Family mealtime encourages strong values, improved nutri-

tion and health, preservation of traditions, positive self-esteem, and enhanced social skills and manners. Everyone in the family can benefit from the time and effort necessary for sitting down to eat together.

Why not start the school year with a family challenge to have at least one meal together each day. It may mean changing your schedule some to make it work. It may mean that everyone has to get up earlier in the morning to have breakfast together. Involve all family members in making the decision.

The other key to success is making mealtime pleasant. We sometimes use mealtime as a place to bring up problems. Instead, if we use mealtime as a place to share the positive aspects of our day, ideas or plans, mealtime becomes an enjoyable time. Remember mealtime is a great time to involve every family member in preparation for the meal and clean-up afterward.

Party supports cancer patients



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Christie Higgs, left, and Dana Terry, hostesses of the Pampa Circle of Friends Annual Party, and Janyth Bowers, chair of the event, prepare invitations for the party set for 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Hayhook Ranch. Tickets are \$25 per couple. Valet parking is available. For more information, call Bowers at 665-8006.

Newsmakers

CANYON — Janice Nash and Corey Coon have been awarded scholarships as cast members of the musical drama TEXAS.

Scholarships were funded by the "TEXAS Originals" variety show Aug. 13 to raise funds to reward outstanding cast and crew members of TEXAS. The variety show highlighted the singing, dancing and acting talents of company members.

Also contributing to the funding of the scholarships were a car wash and a bake sale and donations. Contributions to the fund may be mailed to TEXAS Originals, Box 268, Canyon, TX 79015.

Twenty-four students received the scholarships this year.

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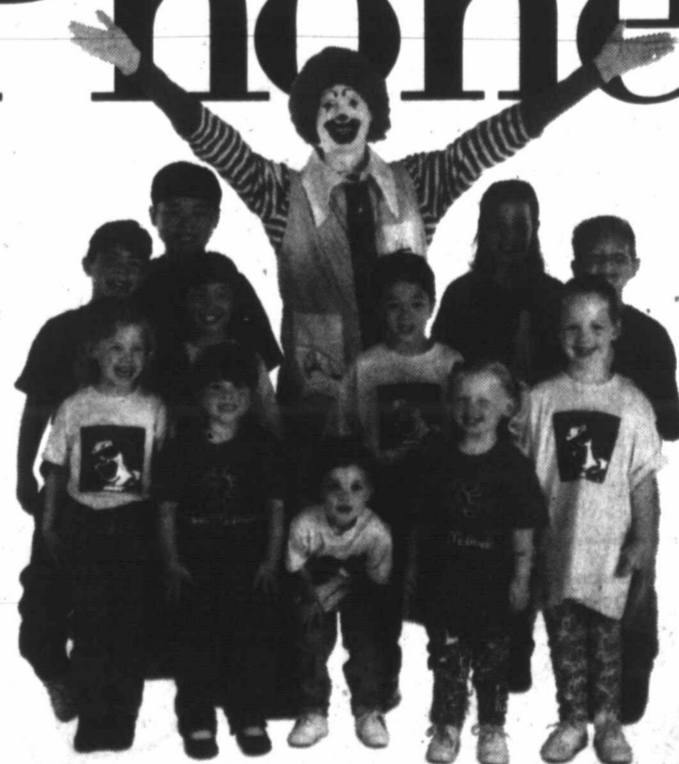
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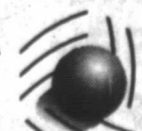
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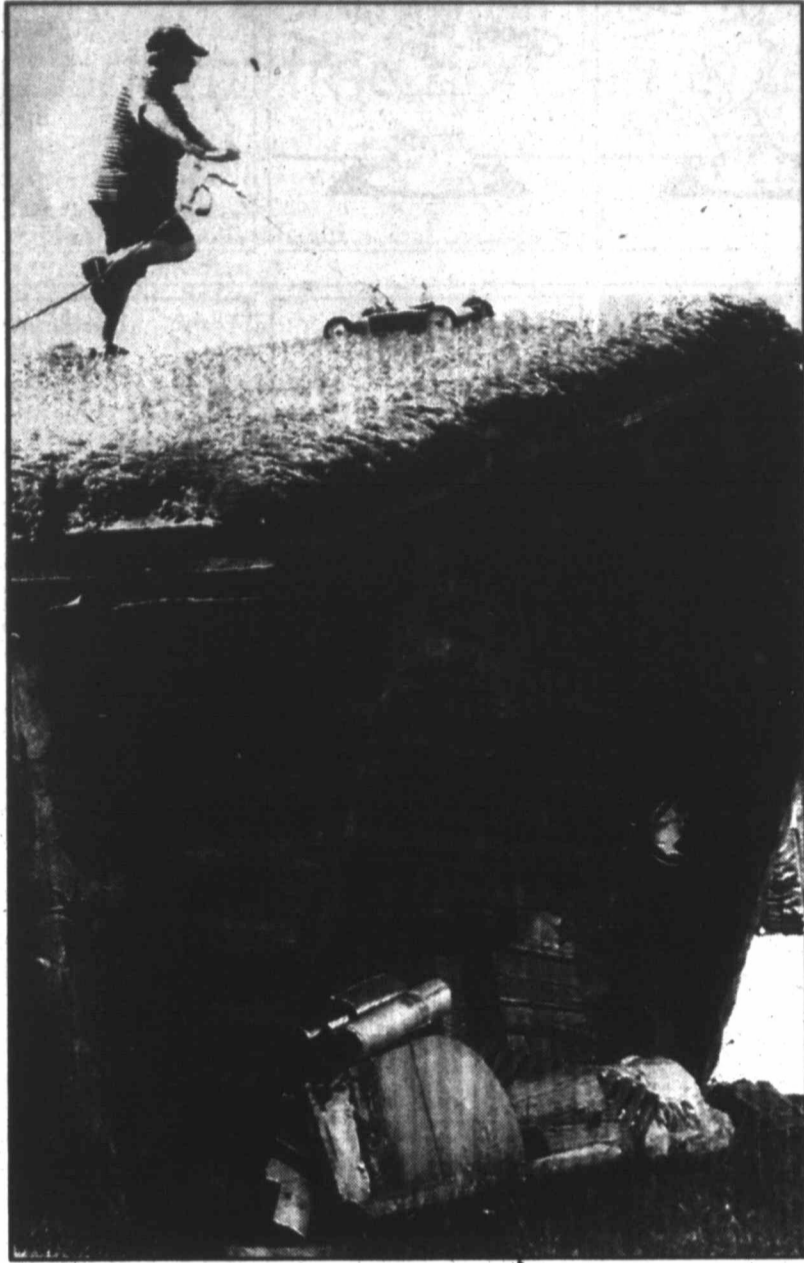


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Up on the grassy roof



Like a number of other teenagers around the valley, Nick Cagnoni, 15, of Kelowna, British Columbia, does his chore of cutting the grass. But who would have ever thought they would have to climb on a roof to do it? The grass roof, which has been on the log cabin on the Cagnoni property for years, is cut every two weeks and takes about 20 minutes to mow.

The human factor — trust, despair — moves to space

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — It was space shuttle commander Bryan O'Connor's call.

Worried someone might open the hatch and kill everyone — inadvertently or otherwise — O'Connor had a trusted crew member place a padlock on the hatch's handle as soon as Columbia reached orbit that overcast June morning.

Besides O'Connor, only two or three others on the seven-member crew knew the combination of the lock, which stayed put until it was time for the shuttle to come home nine days later. Among those not informed were the two payload specialists — NASA terminology for guest fliers, usually scientists.

"I'd known these other people for years and years," O'Connor explained. "These payload specialists, they're a little bit less of a known entity."

With Americans spending longer periods in orbit and construction of an international space station just two years away, the human factor — trust, boredom, despair — takes on added import.

Like it or not, people of varied nationalities, abilities and tastes will be stuck with each other for three to six months in orbit once the space station is up and running.

Luckily for Dr. Norman Thagard, the astronaut-physician got along well with his two Russian crewmates aboard Russia's Mir station.

His only moment of distress, compounded by cultural confusion, came when the mother of Mir commander Vladimir Dezhurov died unexpectedly in June, three months into the mis-

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sion. The news was radioed up from Russia's Mission Control outside Moscow.

"I didn't know whether the typical American response, which is to try to console, would be the exact wrong thing to do," Thagard said.

He took his cue from the other Russian on board.

Such devastating news easily could trigger depression, something space programs want to avoid because of the potentially deadly consequences in a confined craft.

O'Connor, who now directs NASA's shuttle program, expects this to become a more common problem as Americans spend more time in space.

As it stands now, NASA would notify an astronaut in orbit about the death of a family member only after consulting with the next-of-kin. While a shuttle mission would not be cut short because of a family emergency, O'Connor said every effort likely would be made to quickly bring a grieving crew member back from the international space station.

Until Thagard's 115-day space stint, the longest an American spent in orbit was 84 days — more

than two decades ago. A Russian physician holds the world record of 439 straight days.

"If we expect to send people on (Mars) missions of two or three years, we darn well better deal with the psychological aspects in addition to the physiological ones," NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin said after Thagard and his Russian crewmates returned to Earth on July 7. "This hasn't been our tendency in the past."

For Thagard, spending almost four months in orbit posed no psychological problem. Had it been six months or more, he's not sure he would have made it, given the lack of news, sporadic family contact and sometimes slow work pace. He did not get most of his research equipment until the beginning of June because of a laboratory-delivery delay.

"May seemed to be a real long month," Thagard said. "I found myself, really, with too much time on my hands."

Throughout Thagard's stay on Mir, Russia's Mission Control monitored the crew's conversations and appearances, on the lookout for signs of stress.

The longer the flight, the less intense it is, and boredom and compatibility can become crucial factors, said Italian engineer and physicist Franco Malerba, who flew on a padlock-free Atlantis in 1992.

"I'm not saying claustrophobia, but that feeling of imprisonment," Malerba said. "That probably requires a personality that is similar to that of a monk, of somebody who likes loneliness."

NASA goes out of its way to select hardy individuals as astronauts, putting candidates through hours of psychological tests.

O'Connor, a 6-footer, recalls being zipped inside an inflatable ball about one yard in diameter for what seemed to be an hour when he applied to the astronaut program in the late 1970s.

Payload specialists, on the other hand, are not subjected to such intense scrutiny. Among those hitching shuttle rides over the years — a U.S. senator, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, even a Saudi prince.

"They show up later. They don't go through the same selection criteria. They don't have all the meetings with the shrinks. They're kind of a different group," O'Connor said.

As for his flight in June 1991, O'Connor said a urine-monitoring machine was located near Columbia's hatch, used by the crew to get in and out of the shuttle. That machine meant a lot of traffic at one of the most potentially hazardous spots in the ship. Open the hatch even a crack in the vacuum of space, and the crew compartment instantly loses pressure and everyone dies.

Even though the handle has a safety pin to prevent an accidental opening of the hatch, O'Connor decided it would be "prudent" to use the combination lock. He said he discussed it with his crew and no one objected.

Payload specialist Millie Hughes-Fulford wasn't the least bit offended at not being told the combination.

"There were so many things on the shuttle we didn't handle," said Hughes-Fulford, a scientist at the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Francisco.

Besides, she said, "I had no desire to get out while I was in orbit."

Continental drops skycaps in 10 cities

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines, in continuing aggressive cost-cutting measures, will eliminate 95 uniformed airport porters who check bags curbside in 10 cities.

The Houston-based carrier instead will contract out services to International Total Services, a Cleveland-based aviation services firm.

Continental spokeswoman Peggy Mahoney said the move takes effect Sept. 7.

The skycaps are being offered the choice of a job with

International Total Services, the right to bid for another position at Continental or an early retirement package, she said.

She noted the airline already contracts out skycap services at all other airports it serves.

Also, an undetermined number of other airport service employees were told they now will work part time instead of full time.

The moves are among a restructuring effort that at last count had trimmed 4,230 jobs nationwide.

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Good Book Finds Good Home After a Journey of 50 Years

DEAR READERS: About six months ago, I received a letter from World War II veteran E.G. Jackson of Houston, stating that in 1945, he had been a soldier in the Battle of the Bulge. He said that he had taken refuge in a bombed-out building where he found a New Testament with bloody thumbprints beside the inscription, "From the young people of Cyclone Union Church."

Mr. Jackson had been searching for 50 years to locate the soldier who had left the Bible there, but his search was futile. Finally, he prevailed upon me to ask my readers for their help.

Hallelujah! Today, I received news from Roger Newton, a staff writer for the Bradford (Pa.) Era, stating that Mr. Jackson had narrowed the candidates down to two men from Cyclone, Pa. And since it was not possible to determine which of them had lost the Bible, he decided to return it to the church from which it came.

Mr. Jackson, and his wife, Nola, traveled 1,700 miles, from Houston to Cyclone, Pa., to present the Bible to the local church at a special service.

Thanks to you, my readers, the Bible is finally back "home." An interesting footnote: In his search, Mr. Jackson discov-



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ered 78 locations named "Cyclone." However, most of them were mountain peaks or reservoirs; only eight were villages, with populations ranging from seven people to 256 people.

DEAR ABBY: This letter is very difficult to write, but on the chance that it may help someone, please print it.

My husband died recently of metastatic melanoma. I learned much from that experience that I'd like to share with your readers.

First, if you are having a test done to determine if you have cancer, always get a second opinion — even if the results come back in your favor. My husband had a suspicious mole removed in 1991. The tests came back negative for melanoma, so we celebrated and forgot about it. Three years later, at the age of 48, he was dead.

Frequently I hear women talk about a suspicious lump on their mammograms. If the doctor says it's OK, great — but have another doctor take a look at it. Early detection is the key.

Second, understand that skin cancer can be deadly. If you notice any change in a mole (or a new mole), have it checked and removed immediately. And by immediately, I mean the next day, not next week or next month. Unless it is surgically removed very early, it is almost untreatable. No current chemo drugs have a good success rate, and it is resistant to radiation. It spreads fast and it spreads everywhere.

Finally, please take the threat of melanoma seriously. It is one of the fastest-growing cancers in our society because of the sun-loving baby boomers and the reduction of the ozone layer. And it doesn't strike just the old — it strikes people of all ages.

Thanks, Abby, for helping to spread the word. You may use my name.

Laura Healey de Vos,
Cincinnati

DEAR LAURA: Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your husband. And thank you for writing a letter filled with life-saving information.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, Aug. 21, 1995

In the year ahead, you might experience a consistent rise in popularity. Events will unfold in a manner making people, not things, the critical factors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your associates will appreciate you more today if you don't try to upstage them. Stay in the background and let others take the curtain call. Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If there is

someone you recently met who you would like to know better, don't wait for the object of your interest to give you the go sign. Make the overtures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will have substantial influence over your peers today, and you'll conduct yourself in a commendable manner that will further enhance your popularity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Mentally, you'll be quite receptive today and you will store the knowledge you acquire for future use. Spend your day listening and learning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Commercial conditions appear favorable for you today. When conducting business, hold out for your best deal without bruising anyone else's ego or wallet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Listen to the input and suggestions of others today, but don't disregard your own judgment if you have to make a critical decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Being industrious and productive will prove far more fun today than wasting time, although you may not think so when you

first assess the tasks facing you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will have a charisma and charm about you today that will endear you to romantic prospects. If you've hoped to attract someone special, today's the day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have an instinct for accurately gauging the needs and desires of others today. This could be a valuable tool when dealing with the public. Use it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your restlessness won't be easily appeased today unless you have a busy agenda that keeps you moving. Get out and cover productive ground.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus your efforts today on things that could enhance your material security and stability. The time you dedicate to firming up your foundations won't be wasted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It would be best not to delegate critical assignments to others today. Even your most effective surrogates may not be able to live up to their reputations.

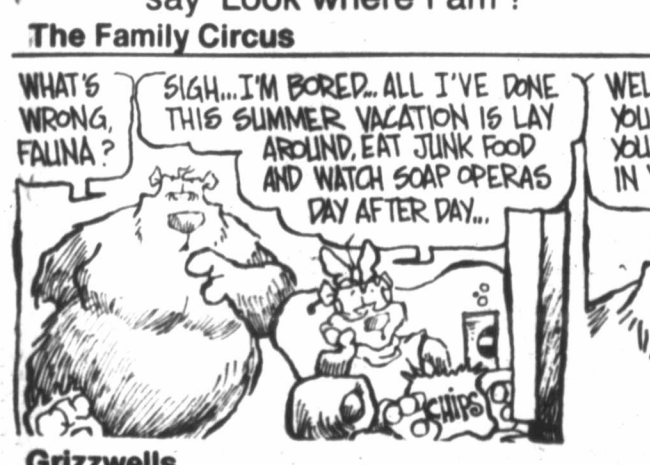
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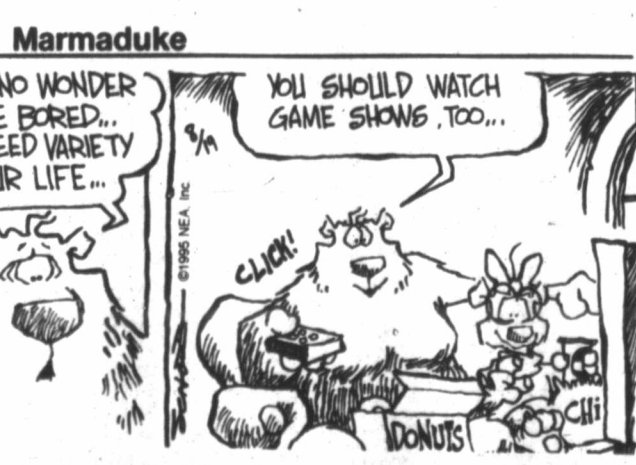
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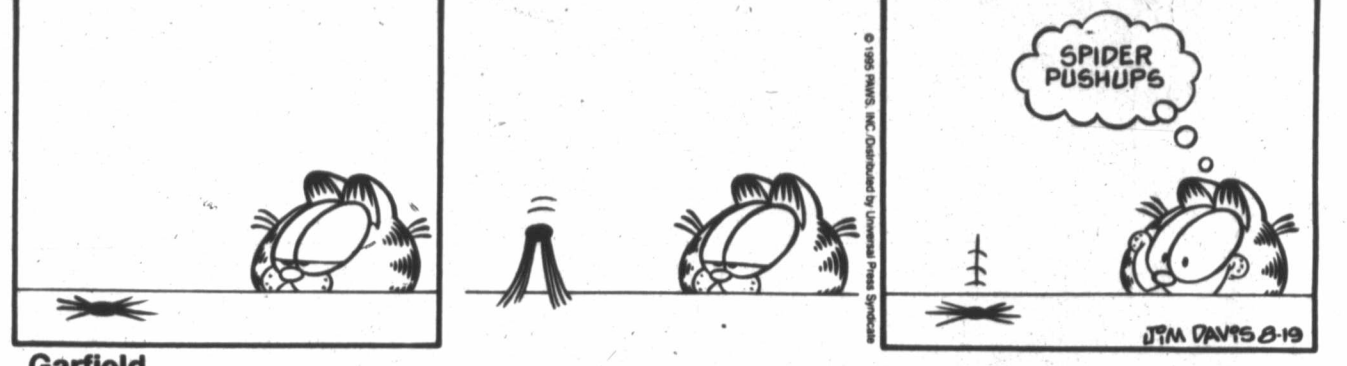
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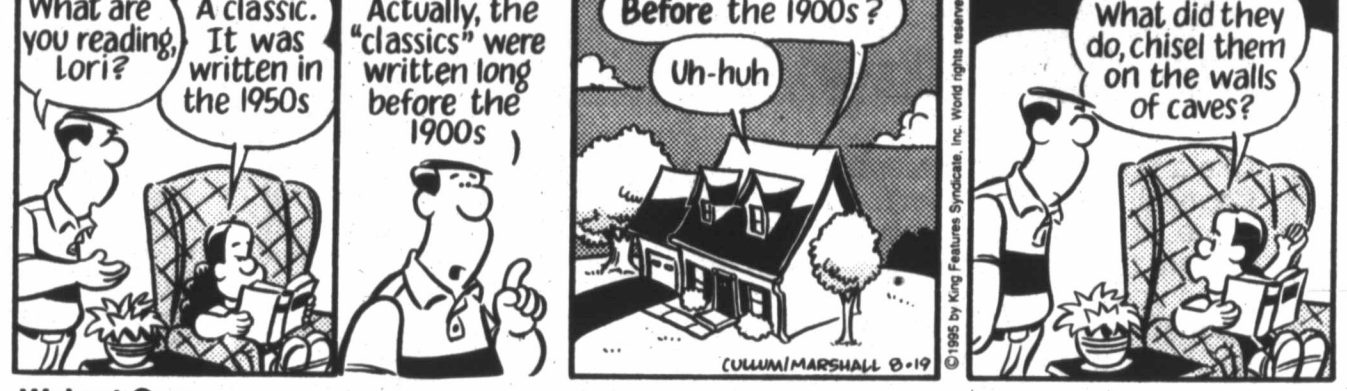
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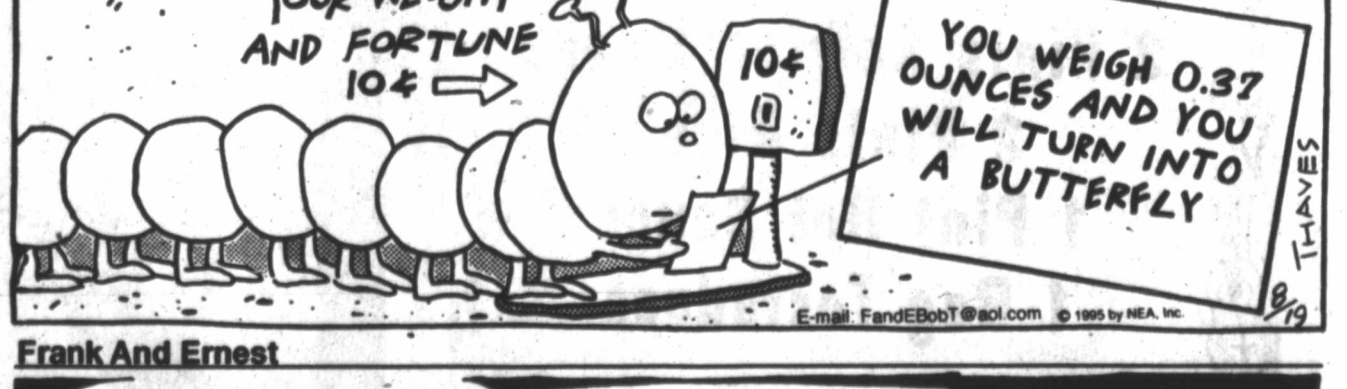
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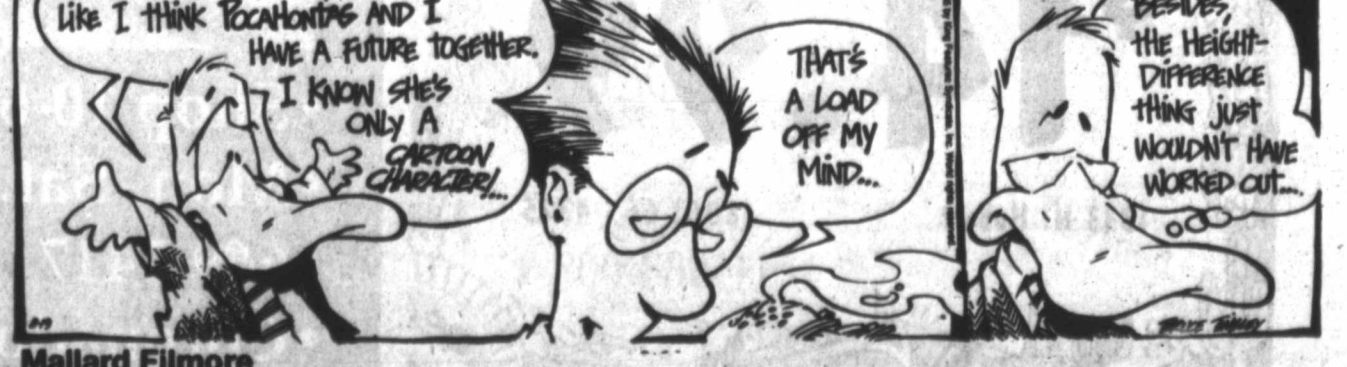
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Entertainment

Christian country singer Susie Luchsinger to perform free concert in Pampa Sept. 9

The Top O' Texas Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys Inc. will be presenting Christian country singer Susie Luchsinger, sister of country star Reba McEntire, in a free concert in Pampa on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Appearing with her will be her husband, Paul Luchsinger, a five time National Finals Rodeo steer wrestler.

The two will be providing an evening of music and testimonies for the 6 p.m. concert at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion, east of Pampa on Highway 60.

One of America's premier country gospel singers, Susie Luchsinger is a frequent guest on both the Trinity Broadcasting and Nashville networks.

In her solo career, Luchsinger has released eight gospel albums, with at least four singles hitting the No. 1 spot on the Positive Country playlists. She also has received honors for her music from the Dove Awards and Christian Country Music Association, as well as other organizations and publications.

In 1994, she received the Female Vocalist and the Vanguard Award from the CCMA, was named Christian Country Artist of the Year by *Gospel Voice Magazine* and earned the Entertainer of the Year honor from the International Country Gospel Music Association.

In 1993, Luchsinger was named Christian Country Female Artist by *Cashbox Magazine* and received the Performance Excellence Album honor for her album *No Limit* from *Gospel Voice*. In the same year, she also earned the Female Vocalist and Favorite Album (*No Limit*) honors from the *Christian Country Research Bulletin*.

Gospel Voice also honored her as the 1992 Country Gospel Vocalist, while the ICGMA named her Female Vocalist and awarded her the Video of the Year honor for "So It Goes."

Her award nominations include CCMA Christian Country Female Artist, 1993; *Music City News* awards, Christian Country Artist, 1994 and 1995; Dove Award nods for New Artist of the Year, Country Song of the Year and Country Album of the Year, 1994, and Country Song of the Year for "For Pete's Sake," 1995.

Her television appearances have included *Music City News Awards*, *Crook & Chase*, *Country News*, *Nashville Now*, *Music City Tonight*, *Hee Haw*, *Grand Ol' Opry Live*, *Hot Hip & Country* and *Hour of Power* with Dr. Schuller, along with guest appearances on Family Channel 700 Club, Trinity Broadcast Network and Inspirational Network.

Critics say one of the reasons Luchsinger is such a popular singer is that her songs are about maintaining hope through the struggles and hardships of everyday life.

Luchsinger often draws from her own experiences for her songwriting inspiration, including the difficulties she and husband Paul have had during their marriage.

"If you're talking about something that you've never lived through before, people can see you can't really relate to it," she says. "But Paul and I believe in being honest. We can't paint a pic-



Susie Luchsinger

(Integrity Music)

ture that our lives are perfect."

The two met during the 1980 National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City. He was a professional steer wrestler and she was touring with her older sister, Reba, playing at concerts, television shows and fairs across the country.

Eleven months later, Susie and Paul were married, but Susie continued traveling with Reba McEntire for two years while Paul was busy on the rodeo circuits. The separation and career demands created distance between them, but then they attended a church service that changed their lives.

"God spoke to us and said, 'Paul's going his way and you're going yours. If we had not gone to that service, I don't know where we'd be today,'" Luchsinger says. "I think it would have ended in divorce."

Instead, the two have remained together, doing on the rodeo circuit as a family, with Paul competing and Susie singing. Today, they continue to travel together, with three children, sons E.P. and Samuel Clark and daughter Lucchese joining them for Susie's performances across the nation.

Among her most prized possessions, she says, are her children's baby things and her 12th year anniversary ring from Paul.

Born in McAlester, Okla., Susie lists Loretta Lynn, Reba McEntire and Paul Overstreet as her musical influences. She currently resides in Atoka, Okla., with her family.

KACV to have fund raising event

AMARILLO — KACV-TV is cooking up some hot entertainment Aug. 23-27 for an end-of-fiscal-year fund raising event.

Some of the best grillers in the Panhandle share their secrets for an on-air cooking marathon Wednesday. The Texas-size cook-out titled "G Is for Grilling" kicks off the public television station's August membership drive.

KACV has produced a cookbook of great recipes from throughout the area as an incentive for viewers who call in to support the PBS station. In addition, a cooker, value of \$490, will be given away Wednesday evening, with anyone who calls in a donation of \$65 or more being eligible for the drawing.

"Membership dollars provide an important part of our operating budget," said Linda Guthrie, KACV membership director. "We've set a goal of \$20,000 for these five days. We seldom go

on-air to fund raise, so we count on good response when we do."

Entertainment is also on the menu for the five-day fund raising effort.

Thursday will feature music by George Gershwin, Nat "King" Cole, with *Pavarotti and Friends 2* for Friday, and *Nature's Symphony* and *The Great Love Songs for Sunday*. Saturday will feature a viewers' favorite program, *Lawrence Welk: Then & Now*.

Guthrie added that corporate sponsorship is a cornerstone of fund raising efforts. Southwest Airlines is providing six round-trip tickets to any of its destinations as a drawing prize, and Civic Amarillo is offering tickets to either of the Broadway shows, *Crazy for You* or *Will Rogers Follies*.

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What America is eating: The favorite vegetable is the potato, followed by iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, onion, carrots, celery and corn.

Combine equal amounts of olive oil and minced fresh herbs, then brush them over a split loaf of peasant bread. Brown lightly under the broiler, then turn and top with a little parmesan cheese and broil again. It's like a trip to Italy.

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Learning on the 'Net: Teachers hope to make science more fun

By CHRIS LONG
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — For the past six years on the job, Stevenson Elementary School teacher Alfred Vigil has faced a challenge: How do you make science fly off the pages of dry textbooks and into the imaginations of young children? The answer — as 20 Houston Independent School District elementary and middle school teachers are discovering in an intensive three-week seminar — may be by catching the wave of the Internet, the global computer network that offers the world at a child's fingertips.

"Unfortunately, most science in elementary schools is taught by just memorizing from a textbook," said Nanda Kirkpatrick, coordinator of The Galveston Bay Project at The Rice School/La Escuela Rice. "Our philosophy of science is that if it can be made more relevant, the students will be more interested in it."

To that end, the teachers are learning how to use the Internet to facilitate existing lesson plans about the diverse ecology of Galveston Bay and the bayous, inlets and other

waterways that flow into it.

Two teachers from each participating school are designing a collaborative project with another team. Throughout the year, the teachers will share data their students collected about local bayou conditions through electronic mail.

"It doesn't matter what area of science you're trying to emphasize, Galveston Bay has it," said Mary Bell, who teaches sixth grade science at M.C. Williams Middle School.

Ms. Bell said she and partner Wanda Thomas' classes will

collect data from nearby White Oak Bayou and share it with students at Johnston Middle School. Using a water-collecting device Ms. Bell made at the seminar, her students will analyze dissolved oxygen content, pH levels and aquatic life and produce a newspaper about problems they find.

Rice professors and other marine biology experts have lectured to the teachers. All-day field trips have taken the group to the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center and to the Houston Ship

Channel for a dolphin-watching expedition.

Each afternoon, the group meets in a computer lab at The Rice School for lessons on spreadsheets, electronic mail, the World Wide Web and other aspects of the Internet.

"They're learning how to teach kids to go and find what's out there," said Janet Dean, a spokeswoman for Compaq Computer Corp., which outfitted the year-old Rice School/La Escuela Rice with computers.

"They are in situations that prevent them from being able

to travel around, but through the Internet the kids are being exposed to Galveston Bay or places they would never encounter otherwise."

To encourage teachers to follow through on their Galveston Bay Project lesson plans, Rice University will subsidize their fees for access to the Internet for a year. Rice consultants will be on hand for a month to answer questions, and each project teacher will have a \$200 expense account to order supplies for their lessons.

Kirkpatrick hopes that teach-

ers use the Internet to gather environmental data on Galveston Bay, read about other computer-assisted lessons and publish their projects for teachers around the world to use.

"Once you get into the Internet and realize where this information is coming from, the idea that this is a planet makes sense to (children)," said Christina Schraeder, a project participant who teaches third through fifth grade at Stevenson Elementary. "Suddenly, the world is no longer out of their reach."

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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT - (BULL)

Outlook: The spring wheat harvest, the last harvest in the U.S. this year, is gaining momentum and will soon reach the half-way point. A quick rule of thumb, which has served us well in the past, is to look for a market turning point [from down to up] when the harvest is about half over. This worked good in early July as we reached the half-way mark for the winter wheat harvest.

I anticipate it should again focus on export prospects, and the extremely tight global supply situation surrounding wheat. As we've said before, the supply in relation to use could be record low this year. Why then couldn't prices reach record highs above \$6 later this year?

Strategy: Hedgers: For those who are still unsure about our option strategy, I want to underscore, the recent volatility has confirmed the advantages this year. We've replaced cash wheat sales with the purchase of call options.

To lock in profits and reduce risk, about three weeks ago we rolled up to the at the money calls and took nice profits on our in the money calls. This reduced your risk and generated cash to pay down debt and/or earn an interest return. Your maximum additional risk was the price of the options, generally less than 16¢.

You can relax. This strategy still makes sense for those who want to maintain ownership, and have a maximum price floor. Look to roll to the December at the

money options at this time.

Traders: Last week, we were stopped out of our Chicago wheat position at an approximate break even. Look to buy back the December Minneapolis [this has been our most profitable market this year], at either \$4.32 or the first close above \$4.65. This is a higher risk position. Use a 25¢ stop for an objective above \$5.04.

CORN - (BULL)
Outlook: As we go to press we do not yet have the latest USDA crop report numbers. I'm assuming the estimate will come in at under 8 billion bushels [although some analysts are looking for a number greater than eight]. At less than eight, the ending supplies project to be record low in relation to usage.

Current prices are doing nothing to ration excellent demand both here and abroad. Export demand, particularly to China, projects to be quite robust. While near term price action could very well be two-sided, I still can't rule out a move to new contract highs before year end!

Strategy: Hedgers: Roll the 25 percent we had hedged via the September 280 puts to the December 280s this week. We're remaining unsold on the balance at this time.

Traders: In last week's speculatively based sell off, we were stopped out of our December corn position at \$2.74. This resulted in a profit of 17¢/bushel [or \$850 per contract before commissions], but we lost our position and need to get it back. Look to buy December corn on the first

close above \$2.80. Risk to the recent lows.

CATTLE - (BULL)
Outlook: Supplies are large when measured on an historical basis. When you look at the largest and most important seven cattle feeding states, the feedlot numbers are even bigger - the largest on feed supplies since the early '70s. It's these numbers which have produced a large number of bears looking for another price collapse.

I'd suggest the supply is only half the story. Demand is the other half, and it's been quite impressive. Supplies have been large all summer. Marketings from the feedyards have been brisk. Yet, this market is climbing a wall of worry and is now about \$4/hundred weight higher than levels seen a few months ago. Demand must be the reason, since the USDA keeps telling us how big the supplies are. Until the wholesale beef prices start to fall, we'll remain bullish.

Strategy: Hedgers: In this type of market environment, puts remain our preferred hedging tool. As readers of this column know, puts are simply options which allow you to retain a fair portion of any upside price potential, but give you a guaranteed floor price during weak periods. We're suggesting using at the money puts for October. Sell these back to the option market when you market your cattle. If the market's sharply lower you'll have option profits to offset cash market losses. But it's better to have the market up and not need to use your options.

Cow/calf operators: Some of you still own the September 66 and the October 64 puts. Selective hedgers lifted these positions a few weeks ago when corn started to stabilize. No new recommendations at this time.

Traders: Look to buy October cattle under 64. The objective is new contract highs above the 6655 level reached last January. Risk to a close below 63.

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Summer Crops Field Day set for Wednesday

AMARILLO - It's been a tough year for area wheat farmers, and for some cotton producers to the south. Yet, two other crops important in the area, corn and grain sorghum, look reasonably good right now. Most farmers agree these summer crops will fare much better.

A Summer Crops Field Day has been set for Wednesday, Aug. 23, by scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the USDA Agricultural Research Service at Bushland. The program has been designed to show how the right cultural practices can yield positive results for corn and grain sorghum.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with exhibits and refreshments at the Bushland research laboratories of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and USDA Agricultural Research Service. The Station is located 0.75 miles west of Bushland on the 1-40 access road.

"Producers in the area have come to expect the Bushland lab to focus primarily on wheat," noted Dr. Nolan Clark, USDA lab director. However, field day organizers wanted to add an event designed around summer crops, especially corn and sorghum. The two best bets in a year which saw wheat and cotton production suffer adversely by weather.

The program will highlight sprinkler irrigation systems, irrigation scheduling, drip irrigation, and short-season hybrids. Solutions to problems with weeds, diseases, and insects also will be addressed. Field tours will start at 9:30 a.m. and end with a noon lunch and program. The tours will be repeated in the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m. for the convenience of producers who cannot attend the morning segments.

New Hampshire farmer pegging future on emus

CHICHESTER, N.H. (AP) - Dave Bickert is pegging part of his financial future on two birds named Adam and Eve that look like turtles on stilts and can run 40 miles an hour.

These 5-foot-tall, 85-pound Australian birds are emus, and about 400,000 of them are being raised on an estimated 8,500 farms in the United States.

While emu farming is strongest in the West, more and more farmers in the Midwest and in the Northeast are becoming interest-

ed in the birds for their low maintenance and ability to withstand hot and cold temperature extremes. Also, they require much less acreage than most traditional livestock.

"Anyone with 10 or 15 acres of land could easily farm these birds," said Bickert, a paralegal who sees emu farming as "a perfect part-time occupation."

The American Emu Association, based in Dallas, says about 95 percent of an emu is usable. The meat tastes like lean, tender

beef, athletes use the oil for its healing properties and the supple leather makes a pair of chic boots, the association says.

"The challenge will be to genetically produce the kind of bird desired in order to meet the market for meat, oil and hide," said Pierce Allman, managing director of the association.

Bickert and his wife, Cathy, recently bought their first pair of emus. They eventually want 25 pairs that would breed 500 chicks each year.

Texas Tech to host beef forum

LUBBOCK - The third annual Southwest Beef Efficiency Enhancement Forum (BEEF) will be held Sept. 14-15 at Texas Tech University, in conjunction with the annual Golden Spur Award weekend.

"Breeding and Managing Cattle for Profitability" will headline this year's conference. Meeting organizers have designed the program for cow-calf and stocker producers in western Texas and Oklahoma, and eastern New Mexico. Speakers will discuss strategies for producers to increase production efficiency and show how their animals impact all segments of the U.S. beef industry.

Beef producers will hear Dr. Chuck Lambert of the National Cattlemen's Association discuss ways to prepare for value-based marketing. Legislation impacting production, and the beef industry will be the topic for Mark Ellison of Texas Department of Agriculture. Bill Pratt with Micro Chemical Inc. of Amarillo will address electronic cattle identification and sorting issues.

Other topics include genetic influences and management practices affecting beef quality, calf management and marketing alternatives, evaluation of herd production efficiency, utilization of different genetic resources and various supplementation considerations. Each session concludes with a panel discussion involving cattle producers who will describe their individual operations and challenges.

Registration packets will be available Sept. 14 at 9:15 a.m. at the Livestock Arena on the Texas Tech campus. The conference officially begins at 10 a.m. Thursday and concludes at 3 p.m., Friday. A pre-

registration fee of \$55 will be valid through Aug. 31. This fee also includes the cost of lunch on both days and dinner on Thursday evening at the Ranche Heritage Museum. A printed proceeding is included with registration. After Aug. 31, a fee of \$80 will be required.

"This year's program was developed for beef producers of the southwestern U.S. and largely based on comments and suggestions from last year's participants," says Dr. Andy Herring of Texas Tech University, who is the conference coordinator. "The conference provides a special, annual opportunity for beef producers and university personnel in three states to share information about different aspects of the U.S. beef industry," he said.

The Beef Forum is being organized by Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, New Mexico State University and Oklahoma State University, in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Cooperative Extension Services of Oklahoma and New Mexico.

To register for this year's conference, contact Dr. Andy D. Herring by telephone at (806) 742-2825, or by mail at the Department of Animal Science and Food Technology, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409.

USDA increases forecast for wheat production

WASHINGTON (AP) - With yields looking better than expected, the Agriculture Department has slightly increased its forecast for U.S. wheat production for 1995-96.

The forecast - up 2 percent from the July forecast - now puts wheat production at 2.23 billion bushels, down about 4 percent from 1994-95.

The higher forecast boosts U.S.

wheat supplies just 1.4 percent, but USDA's Economic Research Service says "the increase is significant in a year of tight world supplies."

U.S. wheat supplies are pegged at 2.84 billion bushels, the lowest in six years and the third lowest in the last 20 years, the service said in its Wheat Outlook report late week.

Yields were hurt last year by late frost and rain at harvest time

in key winter wheat areas and by delayed planting and disease problems in major spring wheat areas.

While Kansas has a reduced production forecast, the August forecast was pushed up by increases in Nebraska, Colorado and Montana for hard red winter wheat and in Illinois, Missouri and Ohio for soft red winter wheat.

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National spotlight about to shine on church-state case in Boerne

By J. MICHAEL PARKER
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio lawsuit over a church's demolition plans is about to bring national focus onto the relationship between church and state in a pluralistic society.

A decision is expected soon in a federal appeals court and is expected to affect church-state relations all over the nation.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio sued the city of Boerne last year under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 after the city prohibited demolition of an old parish church because its mission-style facade lay inside Boerne's historical preservation district.

Boerne is located about 20 miles northwest of San Antonio.

The archdiocese claims the growing St. Peter's Parish needs a new sanctuary but plans to keep the old facade. The city claims that would violate its architectural integrity.

"We're not in the business of preserving buildings. We're in the business of serving people, and we need to be free to respond to their needs," Archbishop Patrick Flores said.

In March, Senior U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton III declared the religious freedom act unconstitutional in the San Antonio case; however, other federal judges have upheld it.

The law requires government agencies to demonstrate a compelling public interest before they can interfere with religious practice — a high standard of proof that was discarded by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 1990 decision that allowed Oregon to prohibit the use of peyote in American Indian religious rituals under its general anti-drug laws.

More than 60 religious bodies ranging across the theological spectrum have joined the archdiocese by filing briefs asking that the 1993 law be upheld.

"Many people believe their religious freedom has been infringed upon, the largest group being evangelical Christians who have attempted to have the state acknowledge their religious traditions," said J. Gordon Melton, director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion in Santa Barbara, Calif.

"They feel threatened by the discontinuance of long-established practices which have been re-examined in light of contemporary religious pluralism," he said, adding:

"Small, relatively new religious groups believe they haven't been accorded the same privileges as

the more established groups."

The First Amendment's guarantees of religious freedom and disestablishment of any official state religion have been called the genius of American democracy, but applying them has been a major challenge, several church-state experts said.

Among today's church-state issues:

— Public educators are pressured to allow students more freedom in practicing their faith in school and to teach them about the role religion has played in U.S. history.

— Many parents want tax assistance to send their children to religious schools since they pay taxes to support the public schools they don't use. Critics say that would violate the First Amendment.

— Church leaders discussing the moral relevance of political issues are told that religious tax exemptions disqualify them from engaging in public debate.

Melton said the Supreme Court generally seems more sympathetic to claims under the Free Exercise Clause and less so to those under the Establishment Clause.

A major source of the tension is that the Founding Fathers couldn't foresee the diverse situations in which the First Amendment would be applied, said Derek Davis, director of the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies at Baylor University.

"Public education, for example, was virtually unknown to them. To predict what they would have done on all those issues is impossible," Davis said.

"The best we can do is to glean the principles that came out of the religion clauses and do our best to apply them," he said.

Even the U.S. Supreme Court, which referees the resulting disputes, has shifted on some issues because of changing circumstances and composition of the court, Davis said.

"For example, the early Mormon cases outlawing polygamy in the 19th century were decided by a conservative court.

"Reading the Free Exercise Clause literally, polygamy should be protected, but the court said religious freedom isn't absolute.

"But if polygamy had come up in the 1960s, when religious freedom was being emphasized, those cases might have been decided differently," Davis said.

Davis applauded the president's effort to help clear up confusion among educators on what religious expression is permissible in public schools and what isn't.

"They need a lot of help. Many religious people believe it's necessary to use every avenue possible to help children become more religious."

"I don't want to communicate to children that religion isn't important. It is."

"But do you really want government teaching children religion?" Davis asked. "That's not its business."

He added that with many opportunities available in society to practice faith, it's not necessary for schools to make children religious.

"It's unfair to say the Supreme Court is preventing the American people from being religious," Davis said. "We need to educate the educators, not to pass an amendment."

But Kenneth Craycraft, a church-state scholar at St. Mary's University, said the religious freedom act "guarantees individuals the right to express themselves religiously — which I'm not sure is threatened — but does nothing to protect the right of religious authorities."

He said the First Amendment is hostile to traditional revealed religions and their claims of authority over their members, and the 1993 act doesn't change that.

"It's difficult for religious authorities to have any meaningful role in the public arena," which is problematic for any religious institution that sees itself as divinely instituted and teaches that religious faith has public policy and political implications, Craycraft said.

He said Christianity by nature claims that its members' first duty is to God. "I don't think there can be a Christian nation in a legal sense because Christianity must remain free to criticize the government when they believe that government is wrong," Craycraft said.

But he said Americans have always been religious and many Christians become politically active, hoping to make government reflect traditional Christian religious and moral values.

Craycraft said secularists in government seem unable to understand this deep religious commitment most Americans have.

"Every theologian I know predicted that the Branch Davidian siege in Waco would end in a conflagration, and it did," Craycraft said.

"David Koresh may have been a charlatan, but most of his followers deeply believed what he taught them, and the Clinton administration just didn't understand that," he said.

Failed launch a risk of business in space

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The failure of Lockheed Martin's first commercial rocket during launch of a GEMstar satellite last week underscores the dependence of emerging telecommunications enterprises on Cold War-era missile technology.

The destruction of the \$16 million rocket and its \$2 million to \$3 million communications payload also points out a hazard of trying to do business in space.

"It's gotten to the point where you make three to get two up there," said Jack Modzelewski, an aerospace and defense analyst at PaineWebber in New York.

"It's pretty clear that rockets are not an easy business," he said. "All of this stuff is really old technology: Titan, Delta, Atlas. All have been around 30 years."

Many of the workhorse rockets have had recent problems.

Failures in test firings delayed upcoming launches of Lockheed-built Titan IV rockets for the Air Force. A McDonnell Douglas Delta rocket didn't get into the proper orbit when it launched a Korean satellite carrying television, video and data services technology on Aug. 5. Even the newer Pegasus rocket built by Orbital Sciences Corp. has been grounded and isn't expected to fly until early fall.

Among recent international failures:

— A control system aboard an experimental Russian Start booster rocket failed on March 28, destroying three satellites, including Israel's Gurwin-1.

— On Jan. 26, a Chinese Long March-2 rocket exploded, along with a U.S.-made Apstar-2 satellite carrying television, telephone and digital communications for Asia.

— Last December, an Ariane rocket built by the commercial arm of the European Space Agency crashed, destroying two communications satellites. It was

the seventh failure in 71 launches.

While insurance covers the satellite, there is a loss of revenue from the service the satellite would generate, according to Don O'Neal, a spokesman for Hughes Space and Communications Co.

He said the reliance of the U.S. launch vehicle industry on military technology has been a concern of the satellite industry for a long time.

"There's no vehicle in the U.S. inventory designed exclusively

for commercial use," O'Neal said. But even with its satellite losses, "we have a high degree of confidence in most of the launch vehicles that we use," he said.

Jeff Torkelson, a spokesman for satellite operator Hughes Communications Inc., said his firm has anticipated risks by dedicating spare satellites. "so if we lose a satellite during launch, in most cases we are able to provide uninterrupted services for our customers until we build a replacement."

KEY CHURCH-STATE DECISIONS

By San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Other major Supreme Court cases on church-state issues:

Watson vs. Jones, 1872 — Declared that a member of a religious organization may not appeal to secular courts against a decision made by a church tribunal within the area of its competence.

Pierce vs. Society of Sisters, 1925 — Denied a state can require children to attend public schools only.

Cochran vs. Board of Education, 1930 — Upheld a Louisiana statute providing textbooks at public expense for children attending public or parochial schools.

United States vs. MacIntosh, 1931 — Denied that anyone can place allegiance to the will of God above his allegiance to the government since such a person could make his own interpretation of God's will the decisive test as to whether he would or would not obey the nation's law. Court said the nation, which has a duty to survive, can require citizens to bear arms in its defense.

Cantwell vs. Connecticut, 1940 — Granted Jehovah's Witnesses right to distribute literature without obtaining a license. Made Free Exercise Clause applicable to the states.

Everson vs. Board of Education, 1947 — Upheld a New Jersey statute authorizing free school bus transportation for religious as well as public school students. Made the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment applicable to the states.

Engel vs. Vitale, 1962 — Declared voluntary recitation in public schools of a prayer written by the New York State Board of Regents unconstitutional.

Sherbert vs. Verner, 1963 — Ruled government must prove a compelling state interest before interfering with religious practice. Abington Township School District vs. Schempp; Murray vs. Curlett, 1963 — Ruled Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools with voluntary student participation unconstitutional.

Walz vs. Tax Commission of New York, 1970 — Upheld consti-

tutionality of tax exemption of church-owned property.

Lemon vs. Kurtzman, 1971 — Established three-part test for laws involving religion, saying they must have a clearly secular purpose, must neither advance or inhibit religion and may not cause excessive entanglement of government with religion.

Stone vs. Graham, 1980 — Denied to public schools the right to post the Ten Commandments in classrooms because it would be devotional in nature rather than instructional.

Employment Division vs. Smith, 1990 — Upheld a state law punishing use of peyote, a prohibited drug, in Native American religious rituals. Reversed ruling of Sherbert vs. Verner and led to enactment of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

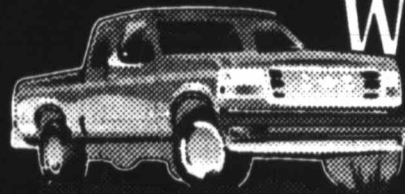
Rosenberger vs. University of Virginia, 1995 — Ruled a state university must allow use of state funds to support an evangelical Christian publication if it does so for other religious and nonreligious publications.

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Divers who scour giant aquariums are immersed in their work

By CHARLES ORNSTEIN
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — Richard Ware loves fish. He wears fish hats, eats from fish plates and plays fish computer games.

If he could grow scales, he probably would. You see, Ware swims with the fish. Literally. As one of a handful of trained divers who clear fish tanks, he makes the water his home and the fish his friends.

"It's like a different world," says Ware, who works for Living Interiors of Dallas, a company that builds and services tanks and aquariums. "It's quiet, serene, relaxing. There's no stress at all."

Once a week, he splashes into the 4,300-gallon, \$100,000 tank at the Meadow Park office building on North Central Expressway to clean off residue from the glass and vacuum dirt out of the gravel.

He delicately cares for the tank as he would a prized possession so it will look good for the public. And more important, he spends time with his friends in a fairy-tale fish fantasy land.

"I'd stay in there if I could," he says. "I'd be a fish."

Ware, a certified diver, knows every aspect of the critters' behavior, from the way they eat to the way they communicate, from reading books and working in the field. Aside from just cleaning the tank and rearranging the plants each week, he is charged with detecting abnormalities in the fish and finding solutions.

That's not as easy as it sounds, says Steve Gustafson, operations manager for Living Interiors.

"It's not something anybody can do," Gustafson says. "You've got to be able to come in and diagnose sick fish for diseases. ... Otherwise the fish will start dying if you don't treat them properly or on time."

Bradley Ward, one of two aquarists at the Dallas World Aquarium, says visitors expect the fish tanks to be crystal clear when they visit. It can take between one and two hours of straight cleaning and scrubbing to achieve this level of meticulousness.

The acrylic walls, the sand, the rocks — divers can't afford to miss a spot.

"Public perception is everything," he says. "If the tanks are dirty, that's the first thing they are going to notice. And then they're going to say that we don't care about our fish."



(AP photo/Dallas Morning News)

Richard Ware dives into his job, cleaning a fish tank in a Dallas office building.

Ward became interested in fish at age 6, when he first went snorkeling off the coast of his native Florida, and he has not lost interest since. "I saw how beautiful it was underwater — it was like a fantasy land," he says.

At age 10, he had a fishing boat and was gathering lobsters and stone crabs every day after school. At 12, he earned his diving certification. And by age 18, he was putting his skills to work in the U.S. Navy, retrieving missiles and cleaning out seaports.

Although Ward still travels to remote sites to scope out the fish and coral reef, he has mostly substituted the tanks at the aquarium for dives in the ocean. He points to his friendship with "Mary

Jane," a 50-pound, 3-foot-long maori wrasse, a grouperlike fish, to show that he has adjusted.

"She knows me," he says confidently. "I hug her every time I get in the tank. I go up and I touch her and I hug her. And now when I get in the tank, she'll come down and she'll play catch with me and kind of tease me a little bit."

The prospect of this one-on-one contact with the fish has many interested divers flocking to Scott Morgan, vice president of Lone Star Scuba, who trains students how to dive and clean large fish tanks.

"It's a very overpowering feeling for the diver or the cleaner in that he is accepted by animals that normally wouldn't have anything to do with him," says Morgan, whose students go on to volunteer at the Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park. "You're entering somebody else's home and you're not being asked to leave."

To teach the aquarium's seven tank-cleaning volunteers how to do their job, Morgan lectures for about an hour and offers 3 1/2 hours of practical underwater training. He teaches them how to move, how to keep track of their movements and how to respond in a weightless environment.

All of this is important, Morgan says, because if fish feel as if humans are invading their territory, they will flee.

"If you are comfortable in the water and if you blend with the reef, the animals on the reef will accept you and will allow you to be present with them," he says. "If they perceive you to be out of control, they're gone."

Since he started diving, Morgan has given up his home fish tanks. He prefers to spend his time swimming with the fish in their natural habitat.

"Animals are very perceptive and can pick up on characteristics," he says. "So, if you're allowed to stay, it's truly overwhelming. A sense of freedom. A lack of gravity. Weightlessness. The same rush that a sky diver has in free-falling."

Morgan's enthusiasm is contagious.

It sure has caught on with Dave Butts, a Fort Worth resident who volunteers twice a month to clean the 10,500-gallon Amazon Flooded Forest Exhibit at the Dallas Aquarium.

"I always thought that it would be pretty cool," says Butts, a ramp service agent for TWA Airlines. "I just never thought that I would get the chance. Now, I get a lot of personal satisfaction in helping

out, in making sure things are done the right way." Sometimes what guests see, though, does not adequately reflect what divers must go through to give it to them.

At the World Aquarium, for instance, the 55-degree Australia and British Columbia exhibits often give divers a big chill. And at Meadow Park, the 11 feet of swimming space occasionally leaves the diver in a bit of a bind, with little room to swim.

That doesn't even take into account nips and bites.

"I've been bitten by sharks, I've been bitten by the moray eels, I've been punctured by spiny sea urchins, I've been stung by the sea anemones and I've been stung by the jellyfish," Ward says, as if reading off a shopping list. "Nothing major, you know?"

Still, he says, diving and cleaning helps him notice changes in the tank.

"There are some things you can only notice when you get inside and take a real close look," he says: growths on rocks and sick fish huddled in the back of the tanks, for example.

Lisa Ware, who accompanies her husband on dives, says she has learned a lot about fish since he started cleaning tanks — more than she ever needed or wanted to know. While she has not entered the tank herself, she has developed a system of hand signals to point out what still needs to be cleaned.

"This is different than a regular job," Mrs. Ware says. "It's fun. It's not an everyday experience."

Ware agrees, saying his work is also personally rewarding. His clients have nicknamed him "Fishman," "Fish Dude" and "The Fish Doctor."

"It's neat to clean something up for people to make it look decent for the people to enjoy," he says. "It makes me feel good when I clean the tank and the next day some people come out and say the tank looks really good, it looks really nice. It makes me feel like I've done my job."

Divers say they have the most fun explaining their activities to children, who run around, knock on the windows and toss questions at them like inquisitive reporters.

"Kids go nuts," Morgan says. "They absolutely go bananas when they see a diver in the tank with those fish. Those kids just have their faces pressed up against the glass. They really get to see the association of man in another environment with all those fish. It's incredible."

New Mexico's governor says no conflict exists in appointees to spaceport commission

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Gov. Gary Johnson sees no problem with his appointing two aerospace executives to an advisory committee on a proposed New Mexico spaceport, his spokeswoman says.

"The governor is completely confident that they will do the right thing, and it's before the

public eye what the right thing is," Diane Kinderwater said.

Johnson recently appointed J. William Dettmer and Pete Conrad to the New Mexico Spaceport Commission, which by law serves a purely advisory role.

The state Department of Economic Development and its

Office of Space Commercialization are responsible for making decisions such as determining the feasibility of developing and operating a regional spaceport.

State law also requires the governor to appoint at least three members to the commission who are "knowledgeable of the commercial space industry."

The law does not spell out what that means or prohibit any industry people from serving on the board.

Dettmer works for Lockheed-Martin Technical Operations Co. and Conrad, a former astronaut, is employed by McDonnell Douglas Aerospace.

The companies, along with Rockwell International, are seek-

ing a National Aeronautics and Space Administration contract to develop a prototype of a reusable, one-stage rocket.

Dettmer said he would step down if any potential conflict arose involving Lockheed-Martin, and noted that the division he works in isn't involved in the rocket program.

Conrad works directly on

McDonnell Douglas' rocket program as operations director of the Delta Clipper rocket research effort. He saw no problem with his participation on the commission.

Spaceport supporters hope to lure to New Mexico test operations on the NASA prototype and then commercial operations of the rocket.

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