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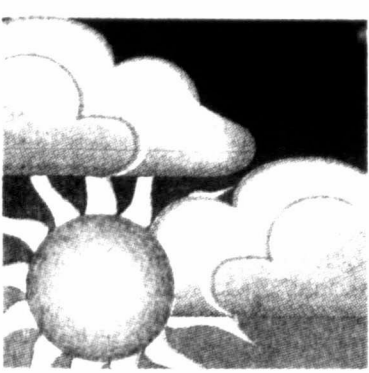
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High today in mid 70s,
low tonight near 40. See
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details.

PAMPA — Area emergency dispatchers will receive special emergency medical dispatch/crisis communications training Monday and Tuesday. The school is hosted by Pampa Emergency Communications.

Dispatchers will learn techniques in breaking hysteria thresholds, handling multiple calls, life-saving pre-arrival medical instructions, responder safety, and liability and legal issues.

PAMPA — Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr reported Linda Pitner of West Texas A&M University has applied for a grant with the Meadows Foundation on behalf of a proposed Multi Purpose Activity Center at Pampa High School.

Fund raising for the \$600,000 building has passed the half way mark with \$320,000 pledged.

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who had a pair of scissors embedded in her skull during an attack has astounded doctors by returning to work just weeks after the incident.

"I'm living the normal routine," said 24-year-old Tameka Grate. "People think I'm supposed to be in a wheelchair with an IV sticking out of my arm. But I'm fine, and I'm still me."

Other than a long scar over her left eye and another behind one ear, Ms. Grate says she has virtually no permanent damage.

Grate, a secretary at her family's insulation firm, was attacked New Year's Day when she let a casual acquaintance into her apartment to use the phone.

Her attacker left a pair of scissors embedded four inches into her head. They stayed there for 13 hours, until doctors delicately removed them.

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Education will address next month a proposal to increase the number of courses needed to graduate but allow students to take more physical education classes to help fill the new requirement.

The proposal was given tentative approval with a 9-1 vote Friday by the board, whose members emphasized that the action was preliminary and subject to change.

"I think you're still going to see a few changes," board Chairman Jack Christie of Houston said. A March 26 meeting is planned on the issue, with a final vote coming possibly in April.

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Investigators seek clues to deadly train accident

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — The engineer of a fast-moving commuter train jammed on his emergency brakes seconds before slamming nearly head-on into an Amtrak train, killing 11 people.

Federal investigators said they are considering operator error as a possible cause of the deadly accident.

Most of the victims were Job Corps trainees traveling home from West Virginia for a holiday weekend, but the three members of the commuter train crew were also presumed dead.

All 17 passengers aboard the wrecked train were Job Corps students. Another had gotten off the train minutes earlier in Rockville, Md.

President Clinton said Americans "extend our thoughts and prayers to the families" of the accident victims. "We are working hard to find out what caused this tragedy."

The Job Corps members were "taking a journey of personal responsibility," Clinton said. "They were working hard to better themselves, and we salute their

lives as we mourn their deaths."

The MARC commuter train was moving at about 40 mph when it collided with the Capitol Limited, moving the opposite direction at 30 mph, John Goglia of the National Transportation Safety board said Saturday night.

Moments earlier the MARC train had been going 63 mph, Goglia said, but the operator slammed on his brakes about 1,100 feet before the crash.

The speed limit on that section of track is 70 mph, Goglia said.

The investigation is "moving toward the operator, since we found absolutely no difficulties anywhere else," Goglia said.

If signals were operating properly, the MARC train should not have been going above 30 mph when the engineer slammed on the brakes, Goglia said.

Investigators have not found any problems with the signals, but Goglia said they cannot be fully tested until the wreckage is removed because it is resting on sensors mounted in the track.

Train movement is controlled

by red and green signals and Goglia said determining whether the signals had changed to warn the MARC train is "the critical question."

There is a mechanical recorder which keeps track of the signals and he said that is being reviewed. Crews from other trains in the area at that time are also being interviewed.

If the signal was operating properly, Goglia said, the MARC train should have slowed to 30 mph.

Goglia said that board investigators have interviewed conductors from the Amtrak train.

The CSX dispatcher directing train movement is being brought to Washington from Jacksonville, Fla., to meet with investigators, he said. "He is the choreographer of train movements, he has a very critical role and that's why we have asked him to come here," Goglia said.

Spilled fuel turned the wreckage into a fireball shortly after the trains collided. It was visible for miles in this Washington suburb.

Sheriff, constable candidates report contributions, expenses

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Two Republican candidates for sheriff are running neck and neck in raising funds for the March 12 county primary election, and have easily outpaced other candidates on the county ballot.

Incumbent Sheriff Randy Stubblefield has raised \$4,650 since Nov. 30 and spent \$1,061.90. Opponent Don Copeland, meanwhile, has raised \$4,612.34 in monetary and in-kind donations since Oct. 6 and has spent \$2,905.85.

All candidates recently filed 30-day before-primary reports of campaign contributions and expenditures in County Clerk Wanda Carter's office.

Opposed candidates, including those in sheriff's race and Precinct 1, 3 and 4 constables' races, must file a statement of contributions and expenses and an eight-days before-primary C and E report as well.

In order of original filing date, candidates' donations and expenses include:

• Chris Lockridge, constable

Precinct 2: \$60 donation from Sherry Henderson of White Deer on Oct. 18; spent \$60 at Country General on Oct. 18.

• Sammie J. Morris, Gray County tax assessor/collector: no reportable donations or expenditures as of Feb. 12.

• James H. Lewis, constable Pcts. 1 and 3: \$100 in donation from David Fatheree on Jan. 22; spent \$31.61 at Houston Lumber Company, \$32.42 at Pampa Office Supply and \$10.79 at Walmart, all on Jan. 22.

• Todd L. Alvey, county attorney: no reportable contributions or expenditures as of Feb. 12.

• Joe H. Wheeler, county commissioner Pct. 1: no reportable contributions or expenditures as of Feb. 12.

• David E. Livingston, candidate for constable Pcts. 1 and 3: spent \$300 for filing fees with Gray County Republican Party on Dec. 21, \$10 at Gray County Clerk's office on Dec. 26, \$113.66 at Creative Graphics on Jan. 5, \$31.73 at Walmart on Jan. 15, \$7.42 at Walmart on Jan. 16, \$15 at Gray County Tax Office on Jan. 16 and \$96 to the Postmaster.

• Randy Stubblefield, sheriff: \$100 donation from John Mann on Nov. 30, \$250 donation from Buster Carter on Dec. 1, \$250 donation from W.L. Stubblefield on Dec. 1, \$100 donation from Ben Woodington on Dec. 1, \$100 donation from Jerry and Janis Roberson of Plainview on Dec. 8, \$500 donation from James Bradley on Jan. 18, \$100 donation from Arrington Companies on Jan. 18, \$250 donation from Curtis Well Service on Jan. 18 and \$2,500 donation from Sandra Bowers on Jan. 23; spent \$600 to Gray County Republican Party, \$180.91 to Bartlett Lumber on Jan. 2, \$191.38 to Bartlett Lumber on Jan. 25 and \$53.18 to Walmart on Jan. 25.

• Johnny Lee Belt, candidate for constable Pct. 4: expenditures totaling \$39 to Groom/McLean News and Wanda Carter, \$33.50 to Pampa Print Shop on Jan. 16, \$18.39 to Builder's Square, \$8.99 to Sam's Discount Club, a total of \$26 to Phillips Petroleum Company, \$1.46 to Pampa Print Shop and \$6.37 to Walmart; donation of \$150 from an unnamed Borger resident on Jan. 22.

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Yo-yo quilt



(Pampa News photo by Dariene Hoimes)

Callie Palmer, 84, 907 E. Fisher, is busy working on a yo-yo quilt. While looking in her cedar chest recently, she found a chair-back coverlet she had made out of the round circles of material years ago and decided to make a yo-yo quilt out of it.

County to consider letter of support for lake grant application

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Gray County commissioners Monday are to consider a letter of support for a grant application which, if awarded, will further Lake McClellan's rehabilitation.

The court will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the second floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse to consider the letter which District Ranger Reggie Blackwell of the U.S. Forest Service told them would bolster the county's chances to win the \$180,000 grant.

"I thought it might be a good way to complete the dredging operation at Lake McClellan," Blackwell said Thursday when the court met.

Blackwell said the grant is through the National Forest Foundation and requires a match between private and public funds.

"I feel like the letter of support will be helpful getting the grant," he said.

"Anything we can do to enhance that recreational area, so much has been done I'd hate to stop now," said County Judge Richard Peet.

In other business, commissioners declined to authorize a typically routine intrabudget transfer for Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge in which he sought to move \$1,100 from fuel to maintenance line item apparently to outfit a newly obtained car for his office. Commissioners instead asked that Lockridge come to their meeting with information on that, and his mobile telephone.

The county, Greene said, is paying eight to 10 cellular phone bills.

"I don't remember voting to let anybody have a dang mobile phone that we paid for," he said.

Commissioners agreed to pay upfront the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department's budgeted \$4,000 and consider giving it more if necessary to cover its per

run price in the county. Chief John Chesher asked the court for \$10,000 to continue the pay-per-run basis, citing insurance and truck payments due March 1. He said the fire department spent \$15,900 in 1995.

"We can't keep going on a payment per run basis," Chesher said.

Gray County pays Hoover \$484 per run and in 1995 paid the department \$2,872 for eight runs, according to County Auditor A.C. Malone. In 1994, the department was paid \$24 per run for 20 runs totaling \$4,836. Nine of the 1994 runs were on July 4, Malone said.

The court heard a presentation by David Webster, representing American Medical Securities, who asked the court to change its health care network from Alliance to Accountable Health Plans of Texas. Webster told the court he estimated county and employee savings at \$10,000.

The switch will eliminate Northwest Texas Hospital as a choice, but will add High Plains Baptist to the network, Webster said. He said no local doctors will be eliminated as a choice due to the change.

In a divided vote, the court agreed to allow representatives of Atlac to address precinct employees during their regular safety meeting. Atlac representatives, who sell cancer, accident, intensive care and cash insurance policies, may pitch their products at the meeting and those who choose to buy them may pay through payroll deductions.

Peet voted against the motion to allow the sales pitch.

He said Atlac has competitors which he would like to see and study.

Voting to allow the representatives to address employees were Greene, Commissioner Gerald Wright and Commissioner James Helley. The motion was made by Greene and seconded by Wright.

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Austin School Science Fair winners



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Overall winners in the Austin Elementary School Science Fair last week include Ross Buzzard, Curtis Pritchett, Andrea Lee and Eric Scroggins, shown looking at Pritchett's study of organic fertilizers. All four winners were fifth graders.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BRIGGLE, Juanita M. - Graveside, 2 p.m., Mount Tabor Cemetery, Emberson.
FISH, Ray - 10 a.m., Church of Christ, McLean.
McELREATH, Jerry L. - 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Canadian.
SKIDMORE, Frank B. - 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.
WALCHER, James L. - 2 p.m., San Jacinto Church of Christ, Amarillo.

Obituaries

JUANITA M. BRIGGLE
 PARIS, Texas - Juanita M. Briggle, 70, mother of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Feb. 16, 1996, in Midland. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Mount Tabor Cemetery at Emberson. Arrangements are under the direction of Fry & Gibbs Funeral Directors of Paris.

Mrs. Briggle was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Paris, the daughter of the late Voy M. Harmon Sr. and Willie Harmon of Arthur City. She married Robbie W. Briggle on April 22, 1942, in Honey Grove, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Robbie, of the home; three daughters, Donna Smith of Pampa, Peggy Nutt of Arlington and Jenny Gunnels of Ballinger; four sons, Robbie Neil Briggle of Killeen, Reggie Briggle of Los Alamos, N.M., Darrell Briggle of Arlington and Rusty Briggle of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Voy Harmon Jr. of Paris; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

RAY FISH

McLEAN - Ray Fish, 74, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the McLean Church of Christ with Pat Andrews, minister of the church, officiating. Burial will be in the Alanreed Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Ferguson Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Fish was born June 27, 1921, at Temple, Okla. He had been a lifelong McLean resident, moving to the area as a small child. He was a rancher and a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving in World War II. He was a member of the McLean Church of Christ.

Survivors include two brothers, Bob Fish of Alanreed and Noble Fish of McLean; several nieces and nephews; plus a great number of great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

JERRY L. McELREATH

CANADIAN - Jerry L. McElreath, 86, died Friday, Feb. 16, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Lee, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Edith Ford Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. McElreath was born Dec. 6, 1909, at Marysville, Texas, to William and Emma McElreath. He was a Marysville High School graduate. He moved to Canadian from Marysville in 1934. He married Lora Baker on Jan. 26, 1941, at Canadian. He owned and operated the Mobil Service Center and the Gulf Service Center, retiring in 1984. He had served both as city council member and mayor of Canadian. He was a charter member of the Canadian Lions Club. He was a longtime member of the Canadian Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lora, of Canadian; and two sisters, Virgie Davidson of Canadian and Lucille Carroll of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

AARON LEE RUSSELL

WHITE DEER - Aaron Lee Russell, 63, died Friday, Feb. 16, 1996, at Pampa. The body was cremated. No services are scheduled.

Mr. Russell was born April 6, 1932, at Clarendon. He married Ruby Smitherman on Nov. 26, 1979, at Panhandle. He had been a White Deer resident for 35 years. In 1994, he retired from the Boiler Makers Union #531 after 25 years of service. He enjoyed restoring old cars and playing chess. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby, of the home; three stepdaughters, Margie Sims of Amarillo, and Shirley Womack and Lea Anna Davidson, both of Lubbock; four step-grandchildren; a step-great-grandchild; two nieces; and a great-nephew.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center at Amarillo.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests in the 32-hour period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Feb. 16

Criminal mischief was reported on Route 1.

Arrests

THURSDAY, Feb. 8

Clemente Valdez, 31, 231 King, Denver, was arrested on violation of probation.

FRIDAY, Feb. 16

Humberto Valdez, 506 N. Washington, was arrested on violation of probation.

Bennie Bee Owen, 55, 937 Brunow, is serving a sentence for driving while intoxicated.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Feb. 16

2:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North Nelson on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

10:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Somerville on a medical assistance call. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

Obituaries

FRANK B. SKIDMORE

Frank B. Skidmore, 71, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the First Christian Church with the Rev. Darrell Evans, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Skidmore was born Oct. 27, 1924, in Tillman County, Okla. He married Lavonia Mae Grimsley on Oct. 19, 1955, at Hedley; she died on Oct. 7, 1995. He had owned and operated the Pampa Auto Center since 1959. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Celia Selman of Garland, Beverly Stone of Pampa and Sherry Stripling of Fort Worth; two sons, Frank J. Skidmore of Carrollton and Gary Swinney of Pampa; three sisters, Leona Poole of Ucola, Utah, Dora Mae Winters of Cortez, Colo., and Roma Overland of Arizona; three brothers, Johnny Skidmore of Cortez, Ore, Fred Skidmore of Freeburg, Mo., and Freddie Skidmore of Ucola; two step-sisters, Margie Struell of Dumas and Dorothy Cochran of Clovis, N.M.; a stepbrother, Howard Langston of Riverside, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1225 E. Foster and requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

JAMES L. WALCHER

AMARILLO - James L. Walcher, 87, died Friday, Feb. 16, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the San Jacinto Church of Christ with Bret McCasland, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon • Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Walcher was born in Ellis County, Okla. He married Marie Reed in 1934 at Pampa. He had worked in the real estate business for 25 years and had also worked as a printer for the Amarillo Globe-News. He was a member of the Typographical Union. He was a member, past president and secretary of the Amarillo Optimist Club. He was a past board member of the Amarillo Christian School and was a past member of the Amarillo Real Estate Board. He was a member of the San Jacinto Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; a son, Dr. James Ronald Walcher of Baltimore, Md.; three sisters, Ida Roselius of Panhandle, Esther Vaughn of Wichita Falls and Elva Borden of Shreveport, La.; and two grandchildren.

The family will be at 4303 Olsen Blvd., and requests memorials be to the High Plains Children's Home, 1501 W. 58th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79110.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

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

T.O.P.S. #41

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

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

55/ALIVE MATURE DRIVING

James Cunningham of Spearman will hold a 55/Alive Mature Driving Course noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 20 and 21, at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call him at 659-3549 in Spearman. The course is sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons.

ST. MATTHEW'S PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will hold its 41st Annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 5-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 727 W. Browning. Tickets are \$4 and are available at the Parish Hall office, from parish members and from Day School students. Preschoolers are admitted free.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION

The Kingdom Cruisers, Pampa Chapter of Christian Motorcyclists Association, meets every third Tuesday at Chaney's Cafe at 7 p.m. for dinner and Christian fellowship. All motorcyclists invited. Call 665-8319.

PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS

Pampa Retired Teachers will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at Lovett Library Auditorium to hear Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele of Pampa Independent School District give an education update.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 32-hour period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Feb. 16

9:29 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to carbon monoxide investigation at 932 E. Francis. No carbon monoxide was found.

2:15 p.m. - Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 116 N. Nelson.

Man gets life in prison in forced slavery case

AUSTIN (AP) - A man called an "American nightmare" by prosecutors was sentenced to life in prison after two witnesses describing living in virtual slavery filled with beatings, forced sex and death threats.

Jose Fonseca Najera, 41, must serve at least 30 years before he is eligible for parole. On Thursday, a jury convicted Najera, who is HIV-positive, of exposing himself to a 15-year-old boy in the course of raping 16-year-old Maria Escalante. Days later, the girl died of exposure when Najera locked her out of the house.

Prosecutor Gail Vanwinkle called Najera an "American nightmare." In court Friday, two other illegal immigrants recruited by Najera relived that nightmare. Authorities say they know of six Mexican nationals, including Miss Escalante, who were physically abused under Najera's roof. Five came from the same rural area in the state of Guanajuato; one remains missing.

A man from San Luis Potosi in north-central Mexico said he was a 16-year-old illegal immigrant when Najera found him and two friends hitchhiking along Interstate 35.

He said Najera took them in, fed them and gave them work in his yard for two weeks before sending his friends on to Dallas, their original destination.

Najera said he could stay because he was a good worker, the man said. But after a few days, "he started changing. He started getting angry. He started threatening me," the man said.

He worked 14-hour days for Najera and tried not to anger his new boss, who had threatened to kill his family if he didn't do his work correctly. One day, he said, he felt Najera's hands on his shoulders and felt fear well up as Najera mentioned having a pistol somewhere in the house.

The man, now 23, said Najera forced him to have sex in the living room. Najera had sex with him three times, he said, twice

without a condom. Prosecutor Mary Farrington said the man took an HIV test, but did not want the results known.

The other person to testify Friday, a woman who comes from a poor family of 11 that lives in a hamlet near Escalante's home in central Mexico, said she was 15 in 1992 when a cousin persuaded her to join her as a domestic worker in Najera's northern Travis County home.

After a few weeks, she said Najera began forcing her to sleep with him.

"Two days later, he started threatening me, saying if I didn't do what he wanted he would get rid of my family," she said.

Najera forced her to submit to sex every few days, often without a condom. She said she didn't know Najera had the HIV virus, which causes AIDS.

When she disappointed Najera, he would lock her out of the house overnight without food or shelter.

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County

"What we were getting at was providing benefits to employees," Wright said. "This is an addition to hospitalization, like a supplement."

In order for the premium to be made through pre-tax payroll deductions, the county must approve it, Wright said.

Hefley said if a competitor asks for the same opportunity, it will be given.

County Clerk Wanda Carter, owner of an Aflac policy, noted in 1973, the court approved a voluntary group insurance program with the Family Cancer Plan Insurance Company - the same as Aflac.

"This is their choice. There's no pressure from the county to go with this," Wright said.

The meeting is voluntary for precinct employees, Greene said.

Chief Deputy Treasurer Judy Rutledge told the court her office's computer is not set up to handle the payroll deduction,

though it could be done.

In other action, the court • Postponed discussion on the personnel policy manual until March 1.

• Voted unanimously to vacate a portion of West Second Street, Alanreed.

• Agreed to contract with Brown and Graham for audit services. The county budgeted \$8,000 for the service.

• Met in executive session to discuss Misty Beck vs. Gray County litigation.

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 32-hour period which ended at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Feb. 17

Officer Fred Courtney reported possible violation of narcotic drug laws at 1440 Charles which occurred between 8 and 9:13 a.m. Friday.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Cuyler. Entry was through the back door.

Officer Fred Courtney reported disorderly conduct by fighting at Pampa Middle School, 2401 Charles, which occurred at 11:10 a.m. Friday.

A 13-year-old boy reported assault with injury which occurred at Pampa Middle School, 2401

Charles, at 11 a.m. Friday. He suffered blows to the face which dislodged a cap from a tooth.

A 12-year-old boy reported assault by contact at Pampa Middle School, 2401 Charles, at 1:10 p.m. Friday. Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported theft under \$50 at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

A 16-year-old girl reported assault in the 400 block of Perry which occurred at 4:20 p.m. Friday. She suffered a cut to the cheek and nose.

Arrest

THURSDAY, Feb. 16

Fredrick Johnson, 35, was arrested at 411 N. Starkweather on a charge of assault - domestic violence. He was released on bond.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly sunny today and unseasonably warm with a high in the mid 70s and southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Tonight, clear with a low near 40. Monday, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 70s.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Today, partly cloudy and unseasonably warm with highs in upper 60s to around 75. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 30s. Monday, partly cloudy. Unseasonably warm with highs in upper 60s to near 75. South Plains: Today, mostly sunny, patchy blowing dust possible. Highs around 80. Tonight, fair. Lows near 40. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in mid 70s.

North Texas - Today, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs 65 northeast to 75 west. Tonight, increasing clouds southeast. Partly cloudy elsewhere. Lows 46 northwest to 54 southeast.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, cloudy morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s, 40s Hill Country. Upper Coast: Today, cloudy morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the 60s coast, in upper 60s inland. Tonight, fair evening, becoming mostly cloudy after night. Lows near 60 coast, in upper 50s inland. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, cloudy morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon.

Highs in the 70s coast to upper 70s inland. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 60 coast to the 50s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Today and tonight, variable high cloudiness. Highs in the 50s and 60s mountains and northwest with mid 60s to 70s east and south. Lows in upper teens to 20s mountains with 30s to mid 40s elsewhere. Monday, increasing cloudiness northwest with partly cloudy skies elsewhere. Highs 50s to mid 60s mountains and northwest with mid 60s and 70s elsewhere.

Oklahoma - Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s and low 70s. Tonight, mostly fair. Lows from low 30s to near 40. Monday, mostly sunny and warm. Highs in the 70s.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

SUNTROL 3M Auto Tint - call now for Discount Winter Rates. Rock chip repair, auto glass replacement. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

G.T. MINI-Mart - Lottery scratch-off's now in. Try our breakfast sandwiches! Open 7-9 Monday-Thursday, 7-10 Friday and Saturday. 304 E. 17th at Duncan. Adv.

TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 665-8074 or 274-2142, 614 Davis. Adv.

BROGAN'S BOOZERY, Hwy. 60 East. All 18 packs \$10.49. 665-1208. Adv.

TRAVEL EXPRESS bus groups, Branson in April, Fredericksburg/San Antonio in May. 665-0093. Adv.

SUNDAY AT Kevin's - Chicken enchiladas, green chile, pork chops. Adv.

ABBY'S SALON openings Hairdresser and Nail Tech. 665-3509. Adv.

MEALS ON Wheels Garage Sale Collections and Sale - Mondays only, 2-5 p.m. south end of Pampa Mall, next to Mr. Gatti's. 669-1007. Adv.

1987 GMC, short wide bed, power steering, power brakes, tilt, cruise, dual exhaust, chrome bed rails and wheels. 665-6057. Adv.

IT'S TIME to get the tan you've always wanted! Hair Expressions, 319 W. Foster, 669-7131. Adv.

INCOME TAX preparation. Wm. L. Arthur. 669-3928 for appointment. Adv.

BACON AND PANCAKES, all trimmings. St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 727 W. Browning. Tuesday 5-8 p.m. Adults \$4. Under 5 free. Adv.

JENNIE HON, CPA - Income Tax Preparation. Leave message or call after 4:30, 669-0509. Adv.

TICKET DISMISSAL, Insurance Discount, 669-3871. Bowman Defensive Driving (NTSI). Adv.

SUNDAY BUFFET served every Sunday at the Coronado Inn Coffee Shop. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It's a traditional buffet featuring 3 entrees, salad and desert. Come and see our new look! Adv.

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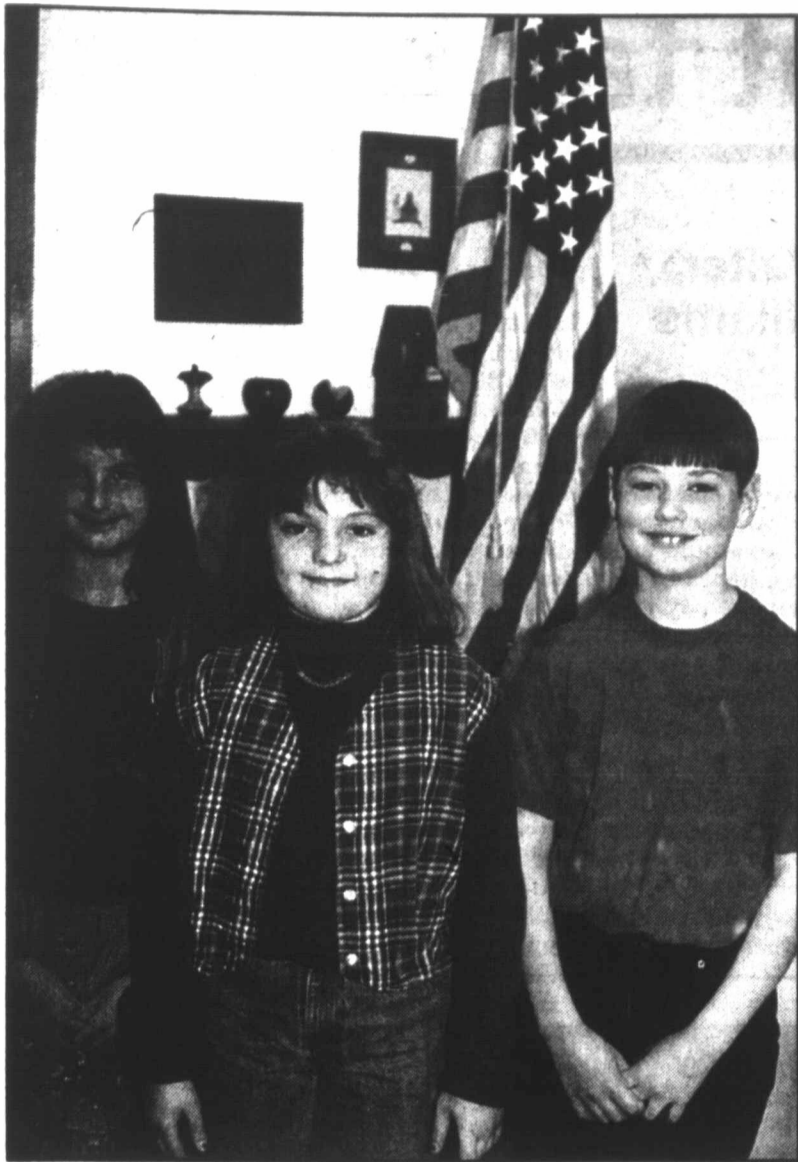
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Austin Spelling Bee winners



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Courtney Adkins, fourth grade representative, and overall winner Amber Driggs will compete as representatives from Austin Elementary School in the March 1 Gray County Spelling Bee. Jordan Roberts, right, was runner-up in the competition. Driggs won her school's bee by spelling "bitter" and "tiring" correctly.

Serbs flee Sarajevo, NATO orders seizure of weapons

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — In a tense standoff, American troops in Bosnia won access to a key Serb weapons depot on Saturday after threatening to unleash NATO firepower.

U.S. Col. Andy Batiste warned Bosnian Serb officers that he would order immediate airstrikes if his troops were not granted access to the compound in Han Pijesak, northeast of Sarajevo.

"I have available air support. I have helicopters, I have artillery targeted right here where we stand. I'll use it if I have to," said Batiste, in television footage carried on ABC News.

Earlier, Serbs began fleeing their districts of Sarajevo by the hundreds earlier Saturday, in an organized exodus that demonstrated how little faith they and their leaders place in Bosnia's fragile peace.

Saturday's incident — which occurred as NATO began an effort to seize up to 60 heavy weapons that violate the peace accord — was the first reported case that the NATO-led force has threatened airpower against the Serbs.

Serb authorities had twice earlier refused to allow the NATO-led peace force to visit the site.

ABC showed footage of the weapons the depot contained: rockets, missiles and ammunition. Under the terms of the peace pact, NATO has the right to inspect any weapons facility they wish.

In operations late Friday, troops in northern Bosnia took

one anti-aircraft gun from the Bosnian Serbs, said Maj. Peter Bulloch, a NATO force spokesman. The Americans will carry out most of the operations because most weapons violating the accord are in areas they patrol.

In Sarajevo, the exodus of 800 families of Serb soldiers killed in the war, the first organized flight of Sarajevo's Serbs, reflected how little faith they and their leaders place in Bosnia's fragile peace.

The Serbs say they fear retaliation from their former enemies after the five city districts transfer to government authority next month.

Women, children and elderly people — many weeping — boarded buses in the Serb suburb of Hadzici Saturday and headed for an uncertain future in a Serb-held town east of Sarajevo.

"Don't stay ... because the international community will not ensure the safety of Serb Sarajevo," the Serbs' self-designated foreign minister, Aleksa Buha, told his brethren on Bosnian Serb television.

The mass flight came as international mediators summoned Balkan leaders to Rome to underline the need for all sides to stick to the Bosnian peace accord.

But only one Bosnian Serb leader — the moderate prime minister Rajko Kasagic — was in Rome. Leaders like Buha made plain their real feelings about a peace forced on and negotiated for them by their erstwhile patron, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

Mauro to make stops to address river decision

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro will make two stops in the Panhandle on Wednesday, Feb. 21, to address a recent district court decision regarding the Canadian River that will have an adverse impact on the Permanent School Fund, recreationalists, taxpayers and the public schools.

Mauro will speak and answer questions at 10 a.m. at the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Hall, 111 E. Coolidge, in Borger.

In Amarillo at a noon luncheon, Mauro will speak at the Central Labor Council Hall, 702 Madison.

District Judge Kent Sims ruled against the General Land Office in favor of adjacent ranch owners in a dispute involving almost 14,000 acres of land along 37 miles of the Canadian River in Hutchinson and Roberts counties. The court ruled the land was not part of the riverbed but belonged to the plaintiff ranchers.

The court also awarded the mineral rights to the plaintiffs, which, if allowed to stand, would set a terrible precedent and spawn costly litigation in river basins across the state, according to Mauro.

Mauro and the Land Office contend the acreage in question has always been part of the Canadian River bed and thus is public

domain, and that the mineral rights belong to the Permanent School Fund which helps finance public education. Mauro and the land office contend the acreage in question was not included in state patents that conveyed in the land to private owners in 1888-1891.

"The patents ended the private ownership at the banks of the river but the court ruled the private land extends to the edge of the flowing water which has been severely restricted since the closure of the Lake Meredith Dam in 1965," Mauro said.

"River beds have never been determined by the amount of water in them which at times can be next to nothing in the Panhandle and western part of the state. A man-made structure such as a dam cannot legally result in the loss of property for the state or anyone else," he said.

The Texas Legislature dedicated the mineral rights in river beds to the Permanent School Fund. In fiscal year 1995, the Land Office deposited \$4.4 million into the fund from oil and gas production associated with river beds, according to a statement from Mauro's office.

Mauro has expressed outrage the court refused to permit the state to introduce its most recent survey of the river bed, com-

pleted in 1987, or to have testimony regarding the extent of the river bed by its expert witnesses, including the surveyor, geologist, hydrologist and botanist, heard by a jury in Collingsworth County where the case was tried on a change of venue from Roberts County.

In issuing a summary judgment at the request of the plaintiffs, the court ruled the state's defense was unreasonable or "frivolous" under state law, and therefore ordered the jury to set and award attorney fees and survey costs in favor of the plaintiffs, which would cost the state \$514,000 if allowed to stand.

"How can the state be frivolous in defending assets of the Permanent School Fund from raids by greedy private interests?" asks Mauro.

"How can the state be frivolous in defending public domain that has been used by hunters, fisherman, hikers, campers and other recreationalists for decades?"

The suit, styled E.H. Brainard II et al vs. the state of Texas et al, was filed in 1989. The plaintiffs are E.H. Brainard II, the Morrison Cattle Co., Ruth Wilson, Boone and Bea Pickens, the Catherine C. Whittenburg Trusts, J. Douglas Allen, Winifred R. Wardle, John Ydren and Bonnie Harvey Loopesko.

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Candidates

- William H. "Bill" King, candidate for constable Pct. 4: donation of \$50, \$134.50 donation in kind from Warren Chisum on Jan. 26; spent \$59.54 at Fast Signs Inc. on Jan. 15, \$53.04 at Leo Shuler Photography on Jan. 12, \$149.16 at Pampa Print Shop on Jan. 19, \$35 at Groom/McLean News on Jan. 24 and \$11.85 at Bartlett's Lumber on Jan. 30.

- Don B. Copeland, candidate for sheriff: \$100 donation from Herman I. Law on Oct. 6, \$75 donation in kind from Alvin Johnson on Oct. 17, \$100 donation from Robert Sailor on Oct. 17, \$676.50 donation in kind from Herman I. Law on Oct. 18, \$100 donation from Glen Free of Round Rock on Oct. 18, \$250 donation from Lynn Bezner on Oct. 26, \$100 donation from Jim Bishop on Oct. 31, \$250 donation from Orville Blades on Nov. 6, \$100 donation from R.L. Gordy on Nov. 6, \$100 donation from Billie Allen on Nov. 9, \$100 donation from Marland Hays on Nov. 9, \$64.95 donation in kind from Herman I. Law on Nov. 17, \$300 donation from Frank Johnson on Nov. 28, \$250 donation from Glen Dawkins on Dec. 14, \$100 donation from Garry Metts on Jan. 3, \$100 donation from Earl Hofer on Jan. 4, \$500 donation from Stan Hudson on Jan. 5, and \$200 donation from Carter Sand and Gravel on Jan. 9.

- Charles A. Buzzard, candidate for Gray County tax assessor/collector: \$100 in contributions less than \$50, \$100 donation from Mary A. Buzzard on Dec. 21 and \$100 donation from Mark A. Buzzard on Dec. 22; spent \$5 at Gray County Tax Office on Dec. 21 and total of \$600 to Gray County Democratic Party on Dec. 29.

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- Frank William Sparling, candidate for constable Pct. 4: contributions of \$100 from Steve Hall on Jan. 26 and \$50 from David Hall on Feb. 10; spent \$35 at Groom/McLean News on Jan. 9, \$69 at Custom Printing on Jan. 11, \$300 to Gray County Republican Party, \$107.82 to Custom Printing on Jan. 19, \$137.50 to Danelle Commer on Jan. 25 and \$98.28 to Bartlett's Lumber on Jan. 21.

Candidate expenditures typically went to sign materials, photography and advertisements.

- Supply on Dec. 5, \$42.61 at Walmart on Dec. 20, \$19.26 at Bartlett's Lumber on Nov. 9, \$2 to John Goes on Nov. 10, \$17.08 at McCarty Hull on Nov. 21, \$38.21 at Texas Printing on Jan. 3, \$1,332.12 at Price Rite Company in Florida on Jan. 8, \$251.80 at Pampa News on Jan. 25, \$35 at Groom/McLean News on Jan. 25 and \$129.90 at Pampa Office Supply on Jan. 15. Copeland also reported a \$400 no interest loan to himself.

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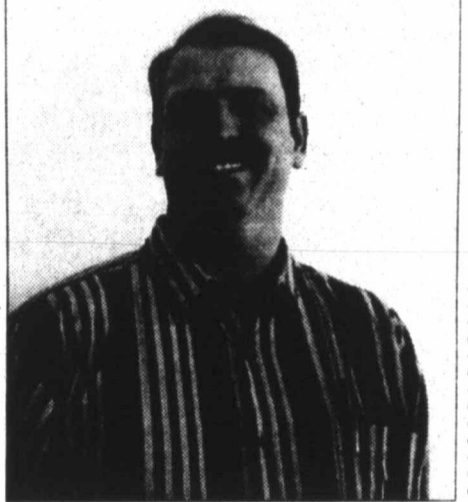
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MR. SPARLING lived in New Mexico working as a security guard, working at various times with the New Mexico State Police. He has been an employee of McLean ISD for the last 15 years, working as their Maintenance Supervisor and Bus Foreman. He also owns a plumbing business in McLean. He and his wife Rhonda, have seven children. Their two oldest, Donald & Daniel attend North Texas State in Denton. Their only daughter, Angel, is a student at Clarendon College. The other children are all students at McLean Schools.

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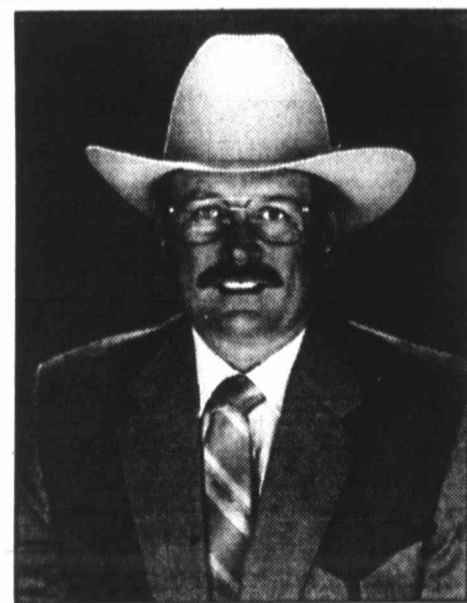
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Opinion

A transplanted lover of freedom

Joseph Brodsky, who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1987 and served as poet laureate of the United States, had a most unusual career, yet one in some ways emblematic of this troubled century. Born in the Soviet Union in 1940, he was constantly in trouble with authorities and was eventually exiled in 1972. He came to the United States, though he believed that his admiration of American society "made me an American long before I arrived on these shores."

Mr. Brodsky died Sunday, Jan. 28, 1996. And the world lost one of its most elegant and eloquent advocates of the freedom this country still represents to persecuted people the world over.

The country he had so long admired eventually embraced and officially admired him. But the manner of acceptance was paradoxical, though essential for the artist: "For years I was left all alone by myself to do whatever I could do," he recently told interviewer Dimitry Redyshevsky of the Moscow News. "And for this I am infinitely grateful..."

In short, what Mr. Brodsky appreciated most about this country was not that it wanted to subsidize him or cosset him, but that it left him alone to pursue his artistic vision. "In plain words," he told another interviewer, "I was more free."

Mr. Brodsky's generation in Russia "were all individualists. Not necessarily egoists, but individualists... Therefore when some of us happened to be here (in the United States), we had a feeling we had come home. We were more American than the local people."

Mr. Brodsky understood well that America was not always so individualistic as the country whose poetry he called a sort of relentless, nonstop sermon on human autonomy. In his Moscow News interview, he fretted about "political correctness" on the campuses. "You must see to it that you do not offend any group," he mused, but noted that those of an independent bent were still free.

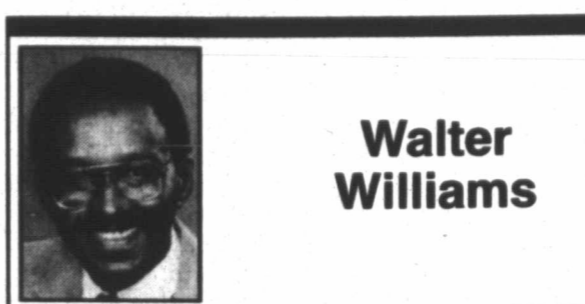
Mr. Brodsky's love of freedom informed all his writing without making it political or propagandistic. He had a broader view of poetry: "If we renounce poetry, we doom ourselves to the lowest form of communication - politics, trade, and so on. In general, poetry is the only means of ensuring against someone else's - if not our own banality."

That this subtle individualist could become poet laureate of the United States and be admired by many who found his outspoken individualism unsettling speaks well of the resiliency of the traditions of liberty on which this country was founded.

Most Americans view our current tax code as complicated, abusive and unfair, but politicians love it, and hence the attack on presidential candidate Steve Forbes for his advocacy of the flat tax proposed by Rep. Dick Armey and Sen. Richard Shelby. The proposal calls for a tax rate of 17% on all income. It contains a \$13,000 individual deduction, \$17,200 for a single head of household, \$26,200 for a married couple and a \$5,300 deduction per child. A family of four wouldn't pay taxes on income under \$36,800. To achieve this low rate, most deductions would be eliminated, including mortgage and charitable deductions.

The flat tax would instantly increase our gross national product. Americans spend 6 billion hours annually simply complying with the tax code: record keeping, tax planning, preparing tax returns, audits and court appearances. Those hours, spent productively, would produce the annual outputs of our auto, truck and aircraft industries.

Presidential candidate Lamar Alexander, probably assisted by the real estate and building lobby, is one of Forbes' attackers. He's telling people that if there's a flat tax, the value of their homes and farms will decrease. That's a fear mongering lie. Yes, loss of interest deduction has the effect of reducing housing and land values, but a flat tax will more than compensate. First, the flat tax is estimated to reduce interest rates by 25%. A



Walter Williams

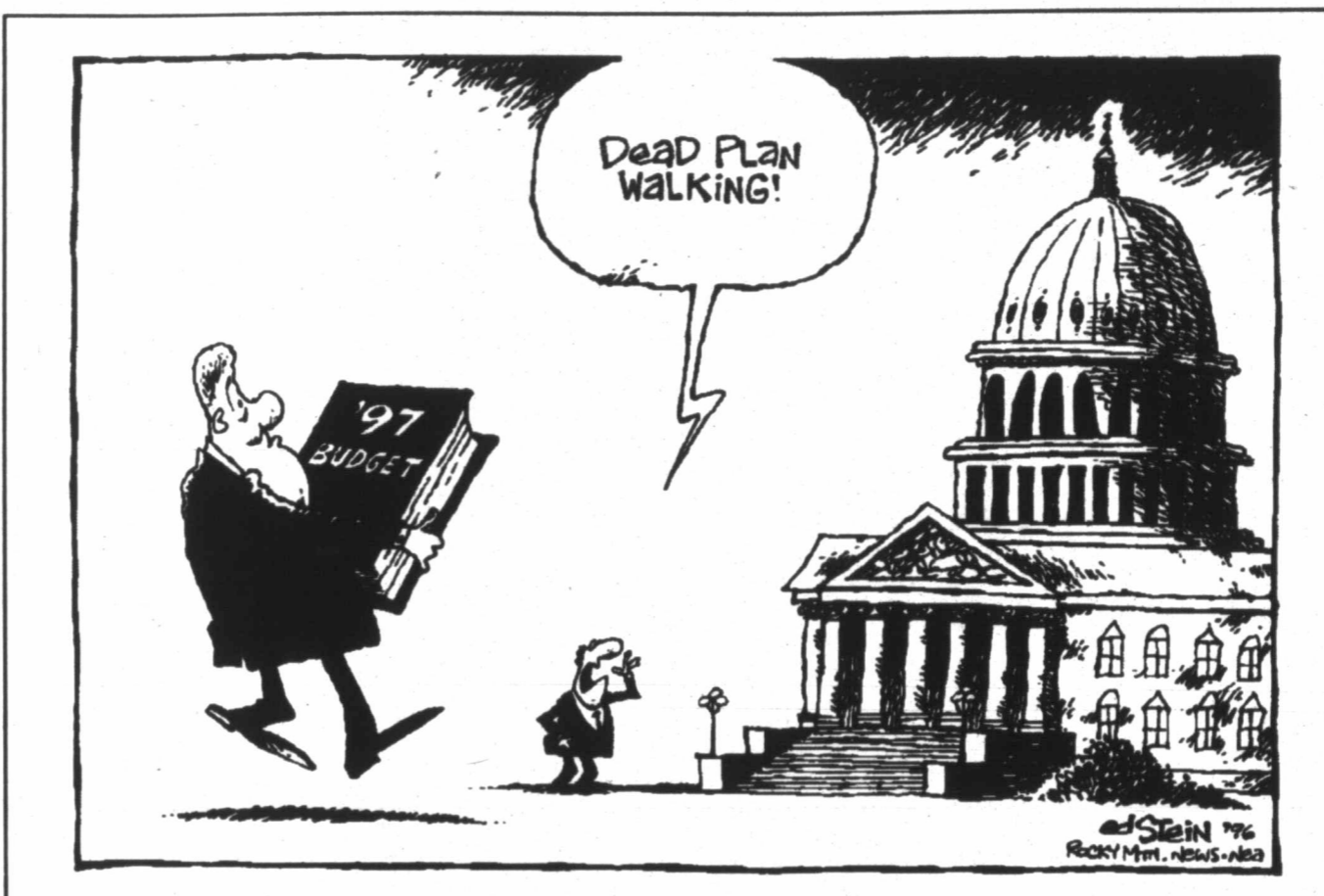
\$50,000-a-year family currently averages a \$3,834 mortgage deduction yielding a tax savings of \$575. But a 25% drop in interest rates would yield a yearly savings of \$959 for a net gain of \$384. Second, since lenders wouldn't have to pay taxes on interest income, they'd charge lower rates. Finally, there'd be benefits from lower tax compliance costs and higher economic growth.

The flat tax has 2-to-1 support in opinion polls, so the big question is: Why are politicians and some lobby groups against it? The answer is easy, and it's the same old story: Politicians love power. Congress' most powerful committee is the Ways and Means Committee, whose former boss was Dan Rostenkowski and which is now headed by Bill Archer. It's also the committee whose members have the fattest political war chests. Getting on the Ways

and Means Committee is a major goal for many congressmen because it's in charge of tax favors. Among their largest clients are the real estate and building industries. Washington's big-time lobbyists attend every public meeting to protect and advocate their special interests. With a flat tax, congressmen wouldn't have anything to sell in exchange for votes and campaign contributions (read: extortion).

As Bill Simon, former Treasury secretary, asks, "Now that Republicans control the levers of power, will they suddenly decide that big government is not so bad after all and decide to preserve the status quo?" I'm sorry to say that with the exception of those freshman congressmen who've earned the zealot label for having voiced respect for the Constitution, there's probably an affirmative answer to Simon's question.

To be fair, new Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer wants to scrap the income tax altogether and replace it with a national sales tax. Getting rid of the income tax would be a national blessing, but collection of the 30% sales tax needed to raise today's revenues would require an agency more abusive than the Internal Revenue Service. An idea better than either the flat tax or the national sales tax would be to get federal spending back to its historic levels of 3% to 4% of our gross national product. That way, we could live with any tax collection system.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Sunday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 1996. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 18, 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

On this date:
In 1516, Mary Tudor, the Queen of England popularly known as "Bloody Mary," was born in Greenwich Palace.

In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died.

In 1885, Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was published in the United States for the first time.

In 1930, the ninth planet of our solar system, Pluto, was discovered.

In 1953, "Bwana Devil," the movie that heralded the 3-D fad of the 1950's, opened in New York.

In 1960, the Eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened at Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Richard Nixon.

Out of sight, out of mind? Eh?

Charley Reese

Baby boomers, especially those with no taste for reading, probably have no idea what a depression is and are thoroughly convinced that "it can't happen again." That's what the Establishment experts keep telling them.

It can, and it's about to, in my opinion. That probably doesn't greatly alarm you. I make no pretenses about being a financial guru. All my life, I've worked for wages, and pretty low wages at that. Investments have never been a high priority with me. I wouldn't know an option if one bit me.

Moreover, my only "evidence" is just common sense: too much debt. Because debt is an obligation of future income to pay for past consumption, the more debt, the less future income available for purchases.

As purchases decline, production must decline. As production declines, jobs must be eliminated. As jobs are eliminated, more purchasing power is destroyed. And so on. The process is the same for individuals, families, businesses and governments.

"Ah, so what?" you say. "You're no expert." That's right, I'm not. But Robert R. Prechter Jr. is. He became famous in 1982 when the Dow Jones Average was 850 and he predicted it would hit 3873. Then on Oct. 5, 1987, he advised his clients to cash in their stocks. On Oct. 17, the market plunged 500 points.

And Prechter says, in his 1995 book *At the Crest*

of the Tidal Wave that the economy is headed for another depression. If you're interested and can't find it at your bookstore, you can order it from New Classics Library, P.O. Box 1618, Gainesville, GA 30503. Or call (800) 336-1618.

I won't go into the details of his theory, except to say it reeks of logic, and I can think of nothing to refute it. But it might be useful to tell you what a depression is. It's not a recession.

In a depression, banks are forced to call in their loans, including mortgage loans, so that people lose their homes, farms and businesses through foreclosure. Stocks (and mutual funds, of course) are apt to lose 90% to 100% of their value. Issuers of bonds default.

The great sell-off of assets by people and businesses scrambling for cash drives down the price of the assets, including real estate and gold. In Florida in the 1920s, real estate was selling for \$6,000 an acre one week, and the next week it couldn't be sold for \$6. And it couldn't be sold at \$6 for several years.

Businesses and banks go belly up, unemployment skyrockets, homelessness mushrooms. Even gov-

ernments go bust because you can't collect much income tax from unemployed people, any sales tax when there are no sales or much ad valorem taxes from real estate that has hardly any value.

Pension funds are apt to be wiped out, and because the governments themselves will also be short, little help will be forthcoming. Wage levels go in the sewer.

All of that will produce great social turmoil, to use a polite euphemism. In short, the world as we know it and expect to continue will be gone. Pessimism will replace both optimism and arrogance. Both the government and the people will be prowling in search of scapegoats, not to mention food and shelter.

In a few words, depressions are no fun.

Personally, I have this theory that God's patience runs in about 60-year cycles. He doesn't curse, of course, but about every 60 years or so, he says to himself, "Why those little twits down on earth are the slowest learners in the universe. Well, maybe this will get their attention." And, wham! - the best laid plans of mice and men once again go astray. Pride goeth before a fall. We humans provide the pride and the fall by tripping over our own greed.

Depressions are what people get when they think they can abandon the virtues of prudence, frugality, industry, savings and community. Justice, like truth, isn't always pleasant.

William F. Buckley can't be serious

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

This is a joyous occasion! William F. Buckley, for a quarter of a century my friend and moral superior, has given me an opportunity to disagree with him, and I shall do so with gusto. I am right, and he is wrong. I am for freedom, and he is for slavery. In a symposium on drugs in his otherwise brilliant fortnightly, *National Review*, he has come out for legalizing that which kills and (as the Founding Father of libertarian conservatism, Edmund Burke, might say) enthralls. Buckley favors not the thralldom but the instrument of that thralldom, drugs.

He feels we have lost the war against drugs. When did Buckley become so pessimistic? We seem to have, over the years, lost a lot of wars that have always been worth fighting - the war against crime, the war against the progressive tax, the war to balance the budget. Upon further reflection, we are not doing so badly in those wars today - and often because Buckley fought them so spiritedly yesterday. Let us then have high spirits in pursuing this war against drugs.

It is not as though a drug-free society takes the fun out of life. Druggies are about as amusing as cadavers. Buckley's friend Malcolm Muggeridge writes of his experience in the 1930s teaching English to the affluent children of decadent Egyptians somewhere along the Nile. They doze off. He sings Shakespeare to them. They wander out into the dusty streets, their minds inert, their spirits easily controlled by their colonial masters. One of the corrosives of contemporary America is the evasion of personal responsibility. My friends the martini, the bottle of Bollinger and the brandy are not solely an escape from responsibility. The gaiety and nonchalance that arise with a drink can be experienced without abandoning vigilance against departing reality. Drugs are indulged solely to depart reality: "Come, by darling, let us envelop ourselves in a dream" - and hope no one

steps on us while we dream.

Frankly, I find all this celebration over legalizing weeds that smell ghastly and concoctions that might or might not be what the seedy peddler says they are 1960s nonsense. How many of the prophets of drugs or the rock troubadours of drugs have achieved their average life expectancy? How many have left in their trail happy, elegant works of art, human or otherwise? I write as a libertarian. The free society is the wisest society; but surely society, being the embodiment of what generations have learned, has some obligation to nudge the citizenry in the right direction.

Most drug laws regarding possession amount not to much more than a nudge. When they are more draconian, liberalize them. But do not eliminate them. All of the people I know who work in drug therapy recognize that there are compulsive people in our society with a low tolerance for drugs. To legalize drugs is to sign these people's death warrants. Those who traffic in drugs are killers. It is they who should suffer draconian laws for preying on the weak and spreading a vice through our society that abets the flight from personal responsibility that today endangers the free society for which Buckley and my fellow libertarians have striven so ardently.

From about the 1960s on, arguments for the legalization of drugs have been dominated by intellectual sophisticates. In debate, a sharp logic and artistry with the syllogism has sent many opponents of drugs packing. But now, experience is catching up with these armchair liberators. The consequences of drug use have been appalling. Ponder the condition of the inner city; police

enforcement is so lax there that, in many areas, drugs are so freely available they might as well be legal. Is any aspect of this wretched scene what we want for the rest of America?

Over the years, sophisticated minds have absorbed our unhappy experience with drugs and developed arguments against them that I find overwhelming. Rachel Ehrenfeld, author of *Evil Money and Narco Terrorism*, has very successfully disputed Buckley on the op-ed page of the *Wall Street Journal*. She demonstrates that the war against drugs is being won. Peak usage occurred in 1979. Since then, usage has almost been halved. Over the past few years, it has risen somewhat, but have those not been the years in which the Clintons and their kind have celebrated the 1960s? Forgive me my prejudice. Ehrenfeld reminds those who say drugs are here to stay that so are other crimes, but we need not decriminalize them. She notes that our high prison population is composed of brutes who have committed heinous acts and are more likely to commit such acts on drugs. She soundly refutes the notion that drugs can be just another pharmaceutical product and that once legalized, they will be reasonably priced without a black market.

In thinking over Buckley's neatly argued but badly faltered case for legalization, I am reminded of one of his old antagonists. Michael Scriven, a professor of the philosophy of science, was a very liberal intellectual who relished debating Buckley in the 1960s. He was also a professor of mine - briefly! One of his arguments for legalizing drugs was that it was a civilized way to put inferior people on the shelf and out of society. Put them on happy pills a la Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, and get them out of our sight. Inhumane as that notion is, it has more appeal to me than the idea that legalized drugs will not drastically harm the commonweal.

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Letters to the editor

'Legal' murder?

To the editor:

How long did it take for our country to recognize the obvious fact that slavery was wrong, even though our honored constitution states that "all men are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights," etc. How long did it take our country to recognize women's rights, for the very same reasons? Now, how long is it going to take this same country to recognize that the same god-given rights extends to unborn babies?

I am concerned about obtaining legal protection for our most innocent, defenseless and vulnerable citizens, the unborn. The overwhelming majority of abortions are performed simply because the baby is not wanted. What a gruesome fact; newspapers constantly have adds requesting infants to adopt.

There have been convictions handed down when an unborn baby was killed as a result of a wreck, caused by an irresponsible driver, charging them with involuntary manslaughter. Is that not legal recognition of the fact that the baby in question was human, and entitled to protection UNDER THE LAW?

The vast majority of folks in our country are good, solid citizens. They go about the business of living in responsible fashion, and basically want to be left alone. However, that does not excuse me, nor you, from taking an active part in the operation of our country, and I hereby ask you to do all you can to help stop the murder of unborn babies.

So called "bleeding heart" types, in defense of legal abortion, always point out the tragedy of preg-

nancies that are a result of rape and/or incest, etc. I readily admit that these situations do occur, but they are rare. My primary concern, as stated above, is for the millions of babies who are murdered simply because they are supposedly not wanted.

The claim is made, that "there have always been abortions, so let's make them legal and safe" ... There have also always been deliberate murders - should we also make murder "legal" and thus "safe"?

John Grabber
Umbarger

Called to prayer

Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters,

In November of this last year a group of pastors and lay ministers from various churches met at Hilland Christian Church for prayer. Many denominations were represented as well as Christians from all neighborhoods in and around our city. We came together in one accord and prayed to our God for the needs of our churches, our youth, our families, our community and our country.

It was not a political or social gathering. Our only purpose was to answer the needs for prayer. I have never attended a more heart touching service. Brothers and Sisters from different walks coming together and kneeling in prayer for hours. To say the least, we were moved.

We will meet again on Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at The Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, in Pampa. You are called to prayer. Please attend this meeting.

In the Name of Jesus

Special Olympics posters



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Food production class members William Neal, Linda Tarango, JoNell Parsley and Michelle Guerra (far right) work on posters for the Saturday, Feb. 24, Special Olympics basketball tournament with the assistance of athletes Ameer Street and Mary Helen Rivera (second and third from right). Over 300 Special Olympics athletes on teams from around the area will play beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the Pampa Middle School gym.

Rural PRI leader shot to death in land dispute on ranch

MEXICO CITY (AP) - A rural leader of Mexico's ruling party has been shot to death on his ranch, the daily *La Jornada* reported.

Police said Everardo Zorrilla was killed in an apparent land dispute with peasants near his ranch. Other leaders of the Institutional

Revolutionary Party suggested political rivals from other parties might have killed him.

A group of armed men shot Zorrilla to death on his ranch in Santiago Yutepec on Friday, said Manuel Leon Sanchez, president of the PRI committee for the municipi-

pality, blaming members of the Democratic Revolutionary Party.

But state Police Chief Jose Trinidad Rodriguez said Zorrilla was recently shot and wounded by peasants from nearby Panixtlahuaca, who accused him of stealing their lands for his ranch.

AT&T to hike basic rate for long distance

WASHINGTON (AP) - Most of AT&T's 80 million residential customers will see their basic long-distance rates go up by an average 40 cents a month starting today.

The nation's largest long-distance company said Friday that the 4.3 percent increase - the first for residential customers in more than a year - is needed to bring prices closer to the cost of providing service.

AT&T spokesman Dan Lawler didn't know exactly how many residential customers would be affected by the increase, but said most of the 80 million customers would see their rates rise.

Brian Adamik, an analyst with the Yankee Group in Boston, predicted that the increase would not drive away AT&T customers and that other long-distance companies would follow suit.

Rivals MCI and Sprint had no comment. Lawler would not say how much revenue the rate increase would generate.

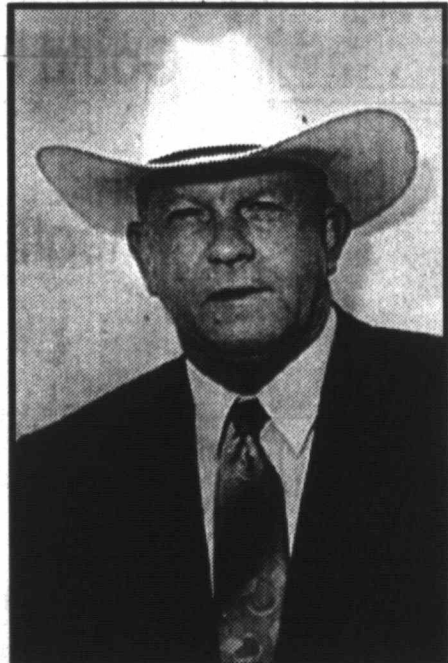
The basic rate is what customers generally pay if they are not part of a discounted calling program.

Discounts offered through various AT&T calling plans would not be affected by the basic rate increase, Lawler said.

AT&T also said it is increasing the service charge on long-distance calls billed to credit cards other than AT&T's by 20 cents a call to reflect higher costs of such transactions. Company officials would not say how much revenue that would generate.

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Poll: One-fifth opposed to all immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nearly eight of every 10 Americans believe immigration rates should be dramatically scaled back - and fully one-fifth want a halt to all immigration, legal or not, a new poll suggests.

The Roper poll, commissioned by a small non-profit group that advocates a substantially decreased U.S. population, comes as Congress is poised to tackle bills seeking to thwart illegal immigration and make a dent in legal entries.

Seventy-nine percent of those polled for Negative Population Growth Inc. said the United States should allow 600,000 or

fewer immigrants entry annually. Of that number, 70 percent favored immigration rates of 300,000 or less annually; 54 percent endorsing rates of 100,000 or less. Only 2 percent favored increasing immigration rates.

"This is clearly a mandate that people want low numbers of immigration," said NPG's Washington director, Sharon McCloe Stein, who provided the poll to The Associated Press in advance of its Monday release.

In 1994, the United States granted legal residency, asylum or refugee status to 804,416 foreigners. While illegal immigration numbers can't be pinpoint-

ed with accuracy, at least 300,000 people are believed to enter unlawfully each year.

The poll's findings were questioned by the National Immigration Forum, which is fighting efforts in Congress to reduce legal immigration.

Lumping legal and illegal immigration into one category and asking respondents to specify a permissible number skews the outcome, said Immigration Forum executive director Frank Sharry.

"You're asking people who are largely uninformed on the issue to say what's the right number," Sharry said.

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- A total of 31 years of law enforcement experience. Retired State Trooper August 1995.
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- Possesses a special Texas Ranger Commission.
- Began career with the Shamrock Police Department and the Wheeler County Sheriff's Department.
- In July 1968 became a Texas State Trooper.

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- Married to Marilyn for 38 years.
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- A Gray County citizen since 1980.

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Business


Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Luxor Oil & Gas, Inc., Charless (1941 ac) Sec. 14,S,H&GN, 6 mi south from Deahl, PD 3200' (Box 9973, Amarillo, TX 79105) for the following wells:
 #1, 330' from North & West line of Sec.
 #2, 1320' from South & 330' from West line of Sec.
HANSFORD (WEST LIPS CLEVELAND) Amoco Production Co., #2 McLain Unit (640 ac) 1250' from North & West line, Sec. 29,R,R&B, 7 mi south from Spearman, PD 6600' (Box 800, Denver, CO 80201) (WILDCAT)
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Southwestern Energy Production Co., #1-25 Shell Fee (640 ac) 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 25,42,H&TC, 20 mi NE from Canadian, PD 11500' (5600 North May Ave., Suite 200, Okla. City, OK 73112)
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN) Douglas Midgard Energy Co., #3 Frank Shaller 'B' (628 ac) 4000' from North & 3000' from West line, J. Calk Survey, 3 mi SE from Canadian PD 7550' (Box 400, Amarillo, TX 79188)
HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #2 C.W. Kirk '86' (640 ac) 2300' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 86,5-TT&NO, 16 mi NE from Stinnett, PD 8300' (20 North Broadway, Suite 830, Okla. City, OK 73102)
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J. M. Huber Corp., South Herring (3780 ac) Sec. 3,J,TWNG, 3.5 mi SW from Stinnett, PD 3500' (7120-140 West, Suite 100, Amarillo, TX 79106) for the following wells:
 #183, 466' from South & 1537' from West line of Sec.
 #184, 330' from South & 2295' from East line of Sec.
 #185, 1065' from South & 1635' from East line of Sec.
 #186, 330' from South & 875' from East line of Sec.
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & LIPSCOMB CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #2 Cary Nell Weis, et al (648 ac) 1200' from South & 1280' from West line, Sec. 453,43,H&TC, 3 mi SW from Lipscomb, PD 8300'.
SHERMAN (WILDCAT & TEXAS-HUGOTON) Midgard Energy Co., #32 Flores (640 ac) 1250' from South & East line, Sec. 89,3-TT&NO, 21 mi SE from Stratford, PD 3500'.
SHERMAN (WILDCAT & WEST PANHANDLE) Midgard Energy Co., #39 Price 'D' (641 ac) 1250' from South & West line, Sec. 52,2-B,GH&H,

20 mi NW from Sunray, PD 3200'.
WHEELER (MO-TEX Meisner) Cambridge Production, Inc., #1 Dunn (640 ac) 955' from South & 850' from East line, Sec. 25,A-5,H&GN, 2.75 mi south from Old Mobeetie, PD 13200' (2201 Civic Circle, Suite 216, Amarillo, TX 79109)
Application to Plug-Back
OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & HORIZON CLEVELAND) Sonat Exploration Co., #114 Clement (640 ac) 660' from North & East line, Sec. 14,R,B&B, 7 mi SE from Spearman, PD 8500' (14000 Quail Springs Parkway, Suite 100, Okla. City, OK 73134)
Oil Well Completions
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Midgard Energy Co., #4 Louise Hoover, et al 'C', 562' from North & 1008' from East line, Sec. 2,—Pinney & Barrow, elev. 2635 kb, spud 11-5-95, drlg. compl 12-1-95, tested 1-18-96, flowed 18.4 bbl. of 39.5 grav. oil + no water thru 7/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 1040#, tbg. pressure 380#, GOR 21739, perforated 10656-10930, TD 11100' —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #1 Herring 'F', E. McDaniel Survey, elev. 3109 kb, spud 10-23-95, drlg. compl 12-28-95, tested 2-7-96, pumped 29.2 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 37 bbls. water, GOR 10993, perforated 2859-3232, TD 3451', PBTD 3419' —
HUTCHINSON (WEST ARRINGTON) Arrington CJM, Inc., #31 West Turkey Track, Sec. 4,H,H&GN, elev. 2862 gr, spud 1-10-96, drlg. compl 1-23-96, tested 2-1-96, pumped 135 bbl. of 34 grav. oil + 3636 bbls. water, GOR —, perforated 7519-7600, TD 8584', PBTD 7700'.
LIPSCOMB (S.W. LIPSCOMB CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #1331 Hollene Peery, Sec. 331,43,H&TC, elev. 2605 gr, spud 11-1-95, drlg. compl 11-26-95, tested 12-28-95, flowed 9.6 bbl. of 42.9 grav. oil + 8 bbls. water thru 32/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 780#, tbg. pressure 100#, GOR 7396, perforated 8012-8118, TD 8250', PBTD 8235' —
Gas Well Completions
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Minco Oil & Gas Co., #2 Moore, Sec. 20,7,I&GN, elev. 2840 kb, spud 12-3-95, drlg. compl 12-6-95, tested 1-15-96, potential 1020 MCF, rock pressure 17, pay 2654-2800, TD 2829', PBTD 2810' —
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) G.H. Ranch, Inc., #2 Dauer, Sec. 236,B-2,H&GN, elev. 2840 kb, spud 12-8-95, drlg. compl 12-12-95, tested 1-22-96, potential 1050 MCF, rock pressure 47.6, pay 2680-2910, TD 2829', PBTD 2810' —
HUTCHINSON (HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Amoco Production Co., #3 Mathews Unit, Sec. 80,R,GB&CNG, elev. 3120 gr, spud 9-20-95, drlg. compl 10-9-95, tested 1-19-96, potential 1098 MCF, rock pressure 714, pay 8492-8540, TD 8730', PBTD 7500' —
LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB Douglas) Midgard Energy Co., #1 Alex Born 'F', Sec. 899,43,H&TC, elev. 2647 df, spud 12-4-95, drlg. compl 12-30-95, tested 1-8-96, potential 1375 MCF, rock pressure 1919, pay 6002-6022, TD 7580', PBTD 7420' —
Plug-Back
MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America, #2101 Thompson, Sec. 21,44,H&TC, elev. 3550 gr, spud 11-11-95, drlg. compl 1-4-96, tested 1-18-96, potential 3500 MCF, rock pressure 474.5, pay 2008-2237, TD 3231', PBTD 2480' —
Plugged Wells
CARSON (PANHANDLE) W.O. Operating Co., #77 Fee '244', Sec. 110,4,I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 6-8-95, TD 3260' (oil) —
HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Midgard Energy Co., #2 L.B. Lindley, Sec. —, W.E. Johnson Survey, spud 3-15-73, plugged 1-22-96, TD 7373' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.
HEMPHILL (MATHERS CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #2 Marsh, S.H. Bates Survey, spud 10-15-82, plugged 11-30-95, TD 14400' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Cotton Petroleum Corp.
LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #1 Jay D. Barton, et al 'B', Sec. 533,43,H&TC, spud 1-5-76, plugged 12-13-95, TD 8000' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.
LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #2 Crossley Estate, Sec. 425,43,H&TC, spud 11-12-81, plugged 12-21-95, TD 8350' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.
LIPSCOMB (S.W. LIPSCOMB CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #1-373 Alex Born, et al, Sec. 373,43,H&TC, spud 11-14-74, plugged 12-28-95, TD 8300' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.
LIPSCOMB (S.W. LIPSCOMB CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #2375 Hollene Peery, Sec. 375,43,H&TC, spud 11-30-95, plugged 1-10-95, TD 8250' (dry) —
LIPSCOMB (LIPSCOMB Tonkawa) Midgard Energy Co., #1606 Morris R. Merydith 'E', Sec. 606,43,H&TC, spud 5-22-76, plugged 112-6-95, TD 10410' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.
OCHILTREE (DUTCHER CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #2 John Luthi, Sec. 392,43,H&TC, spud 6-29-77, plugged 11-18-95, TD 7400' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.
OCHILTREE (DUTCHER CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #2 Luthi 'A', Sec. 401,43,H&TC, spud 5-9-76, plugged 11-28-95, TD 7410' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Apexco
OCHILTREE (DUTCHER CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #1 W.L. Pletcher, Sec. 915,43,H&TC, spud 3-30-62, plugged 1-24-96, TD 9370' (oil) — Form 1 filed in The Shamrock Oil & Gas
OCHILTREE (FARNSWORTH-CONNER Des Moines) Midgard Energy Co., L.R. Conner, Sec. 2,J,TWNG (oil) — for the following wells:
 #1, spud 8-7-56, plugged 12-27-95, TD 6825' — Form 1 filed in Warren Petroleum
 #6, spud 9-17-69, plugged 12-13-95, TD 6825' — Form 1 filed in Gulf Oil Co.
OCHILTREE (FARNSWORTH-CONNER Des Moines) Midgard Energy Co., #6 Christ H. Kellin, Sec. 8,13,T&NO, spud 4-29-63, plugged 12-4-95, TD 7030' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Shamrock Oil & Gas
OCHILTREE (HORIZON CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #2 R.E. Wamble Estate 'F', J.J. Ballentine Headright, spud 1-24-63, plugged 11-12-95, TD 8400' (oil) — Form 1 filed in The Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp.
OCHILTREE (HORIZON CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #2135 McGarrough-Edwards 'H', Sec. 135,13,T&NO, spud 5-29-77, plugged 11-10-95, TD 7300' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.
**ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Alpar Resources, Inc., #3D Barbara Lips '133', Sec. 133,C,G&M, spud 1-10-96, plugged 1-25-96, TD 8900' (dry) —
ROBERTS (HORIZON CLEVELAND) Midgard Energy Co., #1154 McGarrough, et al 'T', Sec. 154,13,T&NO, spud 11-9-76, plugged 11-3-95, TD 9250' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Diamond Shamrock Corp.**

Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



Little things mean a lot

Have you ever been bothered by a fly? Have mosquitoes ever ruined a pleasant evening on your patio? Were you enjoying a cool summer breeze until these little pests found your bare arms and legs and drove you inside?

Now let me ask a bigger question. How many of you have ever been bitten by an elephant or butted by a rhinoceros? No one? See it is the little things that bother us. It's the little details that spoil our plans and change our lives.

In the business arena, I've heard some speakers and consultants tell business owners not to sweat the small stuff. "Focus on the major issues and the details will take care of themselves," they say. I don't agree. The detail never take care of themselves. Someone must pay attention to the little things if your business is to be successful.

The burger business

This "detail" philosophy may be best illustrated by looking at the hamburger segment of the fast-food industry. There are more than enough choices to satisfy all customers. And yet, in markets where there are already too many stores. Someone often builds another.

I doubt that any of these stores are running close to peak production. Yes, they have a big lunch crowd and maybe a rush at breakfast or dinner, but most of them could do 20, 30 or even 50 percent more business.

I believe we have all these choices because few of these chains are totally focused on satisfying the customer. They rely on their brand name to bring customers into their stores. However, it takes quality products and caring service to bring customers back again and again. When someone figures out how to do this, they may do to hamburger chains exactly what Wal-Mart is doing to Kmart.

Customers come first

We covered a lot of territory while visiting family at Christmas time. We found one of the dirtiest stores we've ever seen in a national hamburger chain in North Kansas City, Mo. Tables were covered with litter, ketchup and crumbs. The floors were dirty with puddles of condiments and ice cream. The chairs, windows and window ledges were all in dire need of a good scrubbing.

The only thing dirtier than the store itself was the language of two employees who were on break. Their conversation was filled with four-letter obscenities that were both profane and vulgar. For my family, it created a very negative impression of the entire chain. I don't believe Dave would be proud.

Another incident happened a couple of days later in Trenton, Mo. We noticed two "national hamburger franchises" going head-to-head in this small rural market.

During the six days we stayed there, we noticed that one store was getting a much larger share of the breakfast business. We discovered why when we ate at the restaurant that appeared less busy.

As we went in, my wife and I realized that we were the only ones in the store. We were welcomed with a "what-do-you-want" attitude. No smiles, no friendly greeting, no desire to please.

We ordered our breakfast and then searched for a clean table. Four people behind the counter watched us wipe a table clean. We the food finally came-yes, we had to wait for it-part of it was very hot and part was already cold. Little things to be sure, but we took our business to the other restaurant for the remainder of the stay.

Next week we'll point out more of these little moments of truth, and give you some suggestions for focusing on the details. Don't miss "It's the little things" part two.

Modern Woodmen of America Pampa representative obtains new designation

Ray F. Hupp, Sr., Pampa, a Modern Woodmen of America representative for the Pampa area, has attained the Fraternal Insurance Counsellor (FIC) designation. The FIC title is an educational designation that can be earned by career life underwriters associated with fraternal insurance societies. Hupp devoted more than one year to meeting the examination and career development criteria set by the Fraternal Field Managers Association. He completed the academic requirements of the FIC program through correspondence with Modern Woodmen's home office in Rock Island, Ill. Hupp completed field assignments in estate planning and developing personal and business insurance programs. Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal life insurance society headquartered in Rock Island, Ill., serving nearly three-quarters of a million members nationwide.

Chamber Communique

Have you bought or reserved tickets to the Greater Pampa Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet to begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 22, in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium? If not, tickets are available at the Chamber office, 200 N. Ballard, or by calling 669-3241. The 1995 Citizen of the Year will be announced and Ben Burton, humorist from Hot Springs, Ark., will perform. The public is cordially invited. Danny's Market will cater. Come have a great evening!

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AG investigates Mrs. Baird's for antitrust violation

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Texas attorney general's office is investigating whether four bread companies, including Mrs. Baird's Bakeries Inc., violated state antitrust laws.

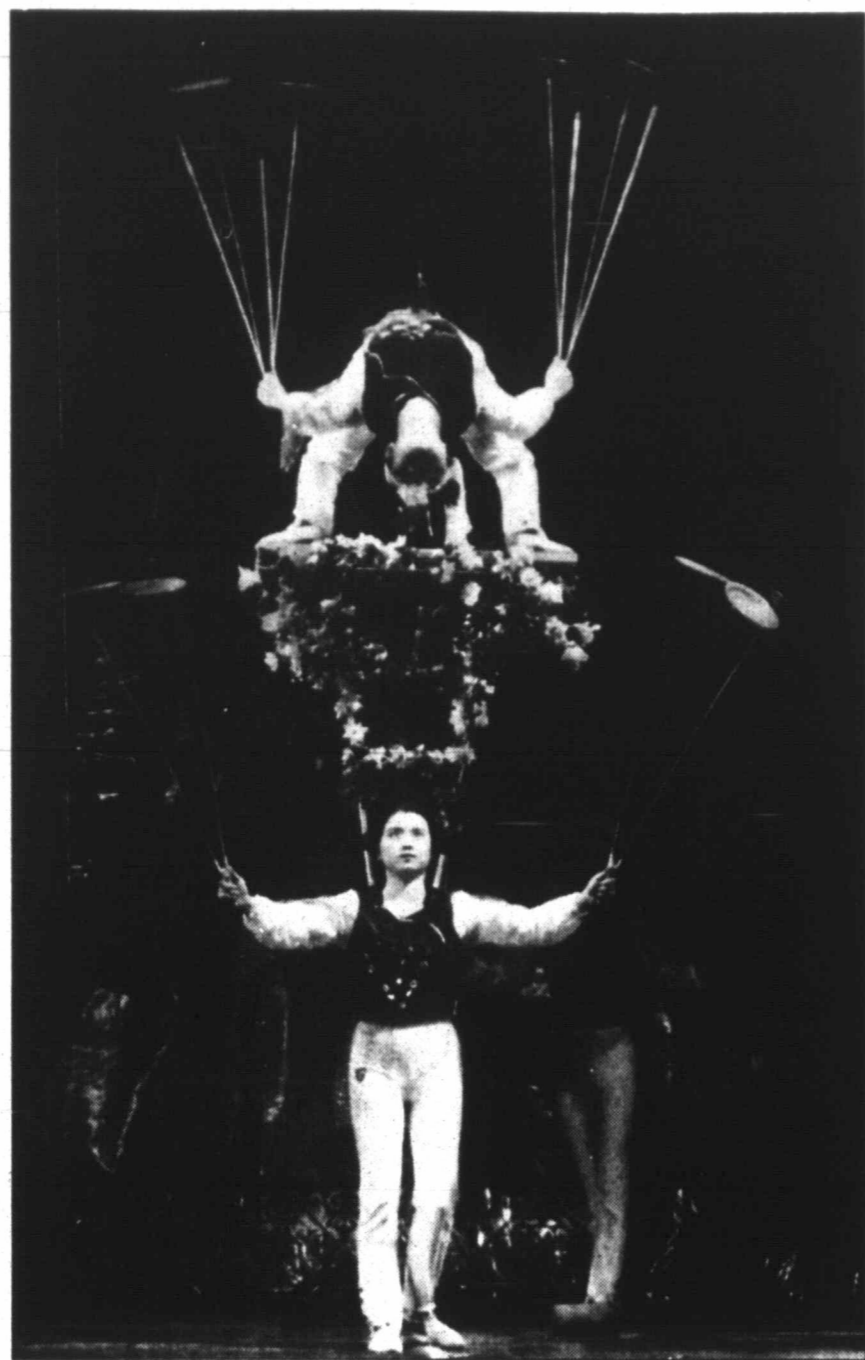
The investigation was disclosed by state officials Friday, two days after a guilty verdict in federal court against Mrs. Baird's, which was found to have fixed the price of bread in small towns in East Texas for more than 15 years.

The country's largest family-owned bakery was acquitted of fixing prices in West Texas. Former president Floyd Carroll Baird, 67, and a grandson of the company's founder, also was acquitted of price-fixing and bid-rigging.

Investigators are looking into whether the four companies colluded in ways that forced consumers to pay more at supermarket checkouts and caused taxpayers to pay more for state bread contracts.

"Obviously, the allegations brought forward by the federal government and the fact that a company was indicted ... made us take a look at the potential problem from a consumer protection perspective," Ron Dusek, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"Now that a company has been convicted, that adds a little impetus to this investigation," Dusek said. He declined to reveal the identity of the other bakeries except to say they are major corporations selling bread in Texas.



(Special photo) The Imperial Chinese Acrobats and Magicians will perform for the Pampa Community Concert Association at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Chinese acrobats to perform in Pampa

The Imperial Chinese Acrobatics and Magicians will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium for the Pampa Community Concert Association.

Critics have noted that the Imperial Chinese Acrobatics and Magicians perform almost unbelievable acts and magic, including the "Swinging Water meters," and provide hilarious antics in the "Chinese Lion Dance."

Attendance for the Pampa performance is by membership in the concert association and by reciprocal agreement with con-

cert associations in Borger, Plainview, Hereford and Dumas.

The Pampa Community Concert Association is currently in its 1996 membership campaign. Those interested in joining the association or renewing memberships may call (806) 665-0343 for information.

The Chinese Acrobats and Magicians were featured in the 1992-1993 North American tour of the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus.

In this year's tour of 50 American cities, the Chinese Acrobats will again be joined by Qin Ming Ziao and Yao Jin Fen,

magicians and conjurers from Beijing's China Acrobatic Troup. They are considered to be two of China's foremost magicians.

This is the group's eighth tour of North America. They have received the Award of Merit given by the Academy of Magical Arts.

Some of the almost unbelievable acrobatic acts that will be performed include "Rolling While Balancing Candelabras," "Jar Juggling," "Twirling Umbrellas and Rugs With the Feet" and "Tossing Saucers Onto the Head While Balancing on a Swinging Ladder."

Local leaders form health care coalition

Community leaders interested in quality health care for area residents met Feb. 14 at Coronado Hospital.

The Eastern Panhandle Health Coalition was organized earlier this year in an effort to plan ahead for the changes in government supported health care, particularly for the indigent.

The panel is chaired by Ernie Wilkerson and includes representatives from area health care providers, government and school officials and civic leaders.

The primary objective of the coalition is to provide an integrated, responsive, accessible health care network for the resi-

dents of Gray County and eastern Panhandle, Wilkerson explained.

The coalition plans to support present providers and encourage new ones and simplify the process of receiving care for everyone, particularly the elderly and underprivileged, according to its mission statement.

At the Wednesday meeting, the group approved an application for incorporation as a non-profit community service organization and selected a nominating committee for officers, according to minutes of the meeting. Plans were made to begin a demographic study of

current health care providers in the area.

Establishment of central office was discussed and ways to be responsive to corporate needs is to be pursued, they say.

Members of the board are Wilkerson, Bill O'Brien of Coronado Hospital, County Judge Richard Peet, Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr, Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage, Dr. Rene Grabato, Joe Martinez, Bill Hite, William Wade, Reed Echols, Donna Brauchi, Bette Dacus, Carolyn Hall, Dee Dee Laramore, the Rev. Robin Gantz and State Rep. Warren Chisum.

Nursing home in trouble over ABC's hidden camera

AUSTIN (AP) — A nursing home is in hot water because it found a hidden camera planted in a resident's room by ABC-TV's Prime Time Live, a weekly program known for its "gotcha" style of journalism.

The clandestine camera was found when the nurse's aide at the Hondo, Texas, home noticed a wire coming from an artificial plant, the Austin American-Statesman reported Saturday.

Now, state officials say the

nursing home failed to protect the privacy of residents, a violation of federal rules for nursing homes that receive Medicaid money. The network, however, says the family of the disabled child being videotaped gave permission, and the child's roommate was not captured on tape.

ABC was furtively filming the Hondo Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for an investigation on disabled children living in nursing homes designed for

elderly people, the newspaper reported. Twelve disabled children died in 1991 under suspicious circumstances at the home, about 40 miles west of San Antonio.

Nursing home officials returned the camera to ABC but kept two videotapes found with it.

No one is talking about what was captured on the tapes.

Mark Morris, administrator of the home, said he wants to meet with Prime Time Live officials to discuss the situation.

Guest artist to perform at WT's Coffee House Java Jam

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Coffee House Java Jam will sponsor Settie, a guest artist, at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the Legends Club on the WTAMU campus.

Legends Club's Coffee House

Java Jam will be filled with alternative, oldies, blues, jazz and some Patsy Cline songs as Settie performs.

According to Settie's promotional publications, she performs music ranging from Janis Joplin to Melissa Ethridge.

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BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros on Friday reached contract agreements with infielder Ray Holbert and righthanded pitcher Kevin Gallaher.

Holbert, 25, was acquired from San Diego on Oct. 10 in exchange for Pedro Martinez. In 63 games with the Padres in 1995, Holbert batted .178 with two home runs and five RBI.

Gallaher, 27, started last season late after suffering a rotator cuff injury in spring training. After returning in June, he went 2-2 with a 3.40 ERA in six starts for Double A Jackson and 1-1 with a 6.43 ERA in three starts for Triple A Tucson.

Terms of the deals were not disclosed.

BASKETBALL

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Marcus Camby scored 31 points and Donta Bright had 19 Saturday to lead top-ranked UMass to a 74-58 victory over No. 10 Virginia Tech, perhaps the Minutemen's biggest remaining barricade to a perfect regular season.

Virginia Tech (19-3, 10-2 Atlantic 10) had its 17-game home winning streak broken by UMass (25-0, 13-0).

Camby had 10 rebounds and five blocks and hit 14 of 22 shots, hitting from inside and outside. The 6-foot-10 center even made one while falling down after blocking a shot at the other end of the court to put UMass back ahead by seven with 14:05 left.

UMass led from the opening minutes and was up 33-28 at the half. The Minutemen quickly went ahead by nine early in the second half, but couldn't pull away until the final four minutes.

Virginia Tech, bolstered by a sellout crowd, kept the outcome in doubt with performances like Troy Mann's four-point play when he was fouled on a 3-pointer with 4:33 left. The free throw brought the Hokies within eight.

Camby put the Minutemen up 61-48 by rolling a shot over the rim with 3:41 remaining. Two free throws by Dana Dingle on the next possession pushed it to 15 after a 10-4 run.

DALLAS (AP) — The Wylie Pirates beat the Rockwall Yellow Jackets 92-88 this week, but it took both teams to put the game in the record book.

Their combined 76 free-throw attempts in the fourth quarter appear to be the most recorded for a quarter or half of high school basketball, said John Gillis, editor of the National High School Sports Record Book.

Pending verification two new categories would be created in the book's 1997 edition to record the feat, said Gillis, who edits the publication for the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The District 13-4A game total of 119 free throws tied for fifth nationally all time. There were 81 fouls; the federation does not keep records on most fouls in a game.

Wylie coach David Black said Rockwall started the spree in the fourth quarter after falling behind and intentionally fouling to get back in the game. He noted that of the 76 free-throw attempts, his team took 43 shots and the Yellow Jackets 33.

Despite the frenzy of fouling and whistle-blowing, Black said the game would stick in his mind for a different reason. "It was our first 4A win," he said. "I'm going to remember the win, not the number of fouls."

CANADIAN — Higgins won over Fort Elliott, 48-37, Friday night in a boys' District 4-1A championship playoff game. Booker led Higgins with 16 points, followed by Deal with 14.

David Helton and Donnie Barr had 12 points each for Fort Elliott.

The two teams were tied for the district title at the end of the regular season. Both teams are in the playoffs with Higgins the No. 1 seed and Fort Elliott, No. 2.

Higgins has a 15-12 record and Fort Elliott is 17-10.

Tigerettes fall in OT to Allison

PAMPA — Groom's Tigerettes launched a spirited second-half rally only to fall in overtime to Allison, 56-52, Friday night in a Region 1-1A bi-district girls game.

The Tigerettes fell behind late in the first quarter and trailed by 13 points at halftime. Groom outscored Allison, 12-4, in the fourth quarter and tied the score at 43-all on a 3-point goal by Angie Conrad that bounced in off the backboard just as the final buzzer sounded, sending the game into overtime.

However, Allison jumped out to a quick start in the overtime period, scoring the first nine points.

A 3-point goal by Jessica Friemel and three free throws by Angie Conrad for Groom cut the lead to four (53-49) with just 17 seconds to go.

The Tigerettes wouldn't get

any closer as Allison hit 3 of 4 free throws in the closing seconds to clinch the win. Friemel connected on another 3-pointer at the buzzer for Groom's final points.

Kay Case led Groom in scoring with 17 points while Darla Donaldson paced Allison with 15.

Friemel added 14 points for Groom, followed by Angie Conrad with 8, Sandie Conrad 7 and Sheridan Koetting 6.

Amber Dyer chipped in 14 points for Allison. Keri Grayson followed with 12 while Mi Maria Yowell had 10.

Free throw shooting percentages in the game were almost even. Allison was 14 of 24 (58.3 percent) and Groom was 11 of 20 (55.0 percent).

Groom ends its season at 23-5. Allison advances with an 18-9 record.



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strain)

Groom's Sheridan Koetting falls on a loose ball during Regional 1-1A girls bi-district play against Allison Friday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Sanders may skip baseball

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Deion Sanders says he'll announce this week whether he'll drop baseball for full-time football with the reigning Super Bowl champions.

"When I do what I'm going to do, it will be big," Sanders said. "Tell you what: You will know for sure next week."

With teams opening spring training, Sanders remains without a contract to play major league baseball. That's OK with the Cowboys who want him to be a two-way starter in football rather than a two-sport phenomenon.

If Prime Time sticks to only football, it will be to spend more time with his wife and two small children, he said.

"This is not about spending more time with football," he said. "This is about spending more time with the family. Football-wise there is no appeal. Family wise, there is appeal."

Team owner Jerry Jones seems confident Sanders is close to making a football-only commitment.

"We've had talks this week, and without saying any more, I think Deion and I both knew there was a legitimate possibility he might play only football

when he signed his agreement with us," Jones said.

Sanders made \$2.5 million dollars last season as a center fielder with the Cincinnati Reds and San Francisco Giants. He became an unrestricted free agent when released by the Giants.

If Sanders plays baseball, the Cowboys could start the season without their top four cornerbacks. Kevin Smith is recovering from Achilles' tendon surgery, Larry Brown is probably an unaffordable free agent and Clayton Holmes has been released. Sanders also plays wide receiver.

Lady Raiders overcome furious Houston defense

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Sophomore backup center Crystal Boles responded with just the kind of game Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp needed Saturday against a furious Houston defense.

Tech's Michi Atkins scored 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in an 81-72 victory by the sixth-ranked Lady Raiders over Houston. But Sharp had to sit her down after her third foul late in the first half and again after her fourth foul early in the second half.

Boles blocked 5 shots and grabbed 10 rebounds herself, while scoring 17 points as the Lady Raiders (21-2, 11-0 Southwest Conference) won their 27th straight game at home, tying Stanford and Alcorn State for the longest streak in NCAA Division I women's basketball.

"We had big plays off the bench when we had foul trouble. Boles played great. She found the boards for us and put the ball in the hole when we needed it," Sharp said.

Freshman guard Julie Lake also scored 20 points for Tech.

Houston junior forward Pat Luckey led all scorers with 30 points — 20 of them in the first half. She's the first player to score 30 points against the Lady Raiders in two years.

Sharp had both Atkins and Boles in the lineup for the final eight minutes.

Tanda Rucker lead an aggressive Houston defense that forced 15 Texas Tech turnovers. She had 5 of her team's 13 steals. Meanwhile, Tech was coming up with only 3 steals against the Lady Cougars, who finished with 10 turnovers.

But the Lady Raiders controlled the rebounds, 45-38, and blocked eight shots while Houston was blocking only two.

Tech led 39-29 at the half, but Luckey and Rucker led Houston back. Rucker, who finished with 17 points and 5 assists, made two free throws with 48.2 seconds left to cut the Lady Raiders' lead to 73-69 and hit a 3-pointer at 0:25 as Houston pulled to within 75-72.

But the Lady Raiders then scored the game's final six points.

PHS girls down Borger in soccer

PAMPA — Pampa High girls soccer team lifted its District 3 record above the .500 mark with a 7-1 win over Borger Saturday at the PHS soccer field.

Serenity King and Jessica Maddox led a balanced scoring attack with 2 goals apiece. Lucinda Silva, Candace Ramirez and Tina Dwight added one goal each for Pampa. "The girls are working very hard to get better. It was good outing for them."

That puts us at 3 and 2 in district, which is a first for Pampa girls soccer," said Pampa coach Scott Lewis.

Pampa's next match is Tuesday against Palo Duro at 4:15 p.m. in Amarillo. The next home match is next Saturday at 2 p.m. against Amarillo High.

Longhorns rout Southern Methodist

DALLAS (AP) — Reggie Freeman had 23 points, including five 3-pointers, and Sonny Alvarado added 18 points as Texas scored its most lopsided victory of the season, 101-66 over SMU Saturday afternoon.

Brandy Perryman contributed 15 points and Lamont Hill 12 to help the Longhorns (16-6, 9-2 Southwest Conference) to their fifth straight victory.

Jemeil Rich had 19 points and Mohammed Tijani 16 for SMU (6-16, 2-8). Jay Poirner scored 13 points and Troy Matthews had 12 for the Mustangs, who've lost five in a row and eight of nine.

The Longhorns built first-half leads of as many as 22 (46-24) and outscored SMU 35-20 over the last 14:28 of the first half. Freeman led the way with 11

first-half points.

Texas' biggest lead of the first half was 22 at 46-24, but the Mustangs closed with a 6-0 run over the final 51 seconds to narrow the deficit to 46-30 at intermission.

SMU then scored the first five points of the second half to pull to within 46-35, but the Longhorns exploded with a 42-15 spurt that included consecutive 3-pointers from Kris Clack, Freeman and Perryman, and Texas extended its lead to 88-50 with 7:23 remaining.

The defeat was the biggest of the season for the Mustangs, who previously fell to Arkansas by 34 points.

SMU was unable to handle the Texas press, which helped create 15 Mustang turnovers. The

Longhorns were also dominant on the boards, outrebounding the Mustangs, 49-27, 19-8 on the offensive glass.

UT has won 20 of the last 23 meetings with SMU, seven of the last eight at Moody Coliseum.

TEXAS 101, SMU 66

TEXAS (16-6) Alvarado 6-11 6-7 18, Hill 4-11 1-2 12, Clack 4-4 1-2 11, Vazquez 3-7 1-2 7, Reg. Freeman 8-19 2-23, Quarles 1-1 1-2 3, Coleman 0-2 2-2 2, Perryman 4-6 4-4 15, Warmley 0-1 0-0 0, Dixon 4-8 2-3 10, Rus. Freeman 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-69 20-26 101.

SMU (6-16) Rich 6-14 4-6 19, Poirner 5-7 2-5 13, Dimson 1-3 0-0 2, Matthews 5-13 0-4 12, Heam 0-3 2-4 2, Tijani 4-6 8-10 16, Carpenter 0-0 0-0 0, Fitzsimmons 1-3 0-0 2, Bracey 0-0 0-0 0, Bates 0-0 0-0 0, Grafenreed 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 22-52 16-29 66.

Halftime—Texas 46, SMU 30. Three-point goals—Texas 13-31 (Reg. Freeman 5-13, Perryman 3-5, Hill 3-7, Clack 2-2, Vazquez 0-1, Warmley 0-1, Coleman 0-2), SMU 6-23 (Rich 3-8, Matthews 2-8, Poirner 1-1, Fitzsimmons 0-1, Grafenreed 0-2, Heam 0-3). Fouled out—Clack.

McLean girls beat Hedley

CLARENDON — In bi-district action Friday night, McLean defeated Hedley, 50-36, to move into the area round of the Class 1A girls' playoffs.

Shaley Stalls paced the Tigerettes in scoring with 21 points, including five 3-point goals. Heather Hess added 14 points, Rachel Galley 13 and Kristi Tidwell 2.

The score was tied at 8-all at the end of the first quarter, but the Tigerettes broke on top by six, 25-19, at halftime. McLean extended the lead to 15, 41-26, going into the fourth quarter.

Jennifer Carson had 12 points, followed by Christina Woodard 11 to lead Hedley scorers.

McLean next will play Nazareth, a 77-27 winner over Lazbuddie. The site and date for that game has not been decided yet.

McLean's record is now 20-4 while Hedley closes its season at 15-11.

McLean and White Deer boys played a practice game Friday night with the Bucks coming out ahead, 70-53.

Nick Knocke had 17 points and Justin Brown 15 to lead White Deer.

Jeremy Crutcher scored 20 points and Blake Crockett added 14 to lead McLean.

Both teams finished in the runnerup spot in their respect districts to qualify for the playoffs.

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Pampa stuns Monterey in tuneup tilt

RANDALL — Last November, Pampa barely pulled out a 56-55 win over Lubbock Monterey in the Fantasy of Lights Tournament in Wichita Falls. The two teams met again in a practice game Friday night and this time around the score wasn't even close as the Harvesters notched a solid 69-51 win.

Both teams qualified for the playoffs by winning their respective districts. Pampa was a perfect 12-0 in capturing the District 1-4A title for the eighth year in row. Monterey went 10-2 in District 3-5A.

Leading at halftime by six (30-24), the Harvesters broke away to a big lead late in the third quarter by scoring nine unanswered points. Going into the fourth period, the Harvesters were up by 16 (47-31).

Rayford Young paced the Harvesters scoring attack with 25 points while Jason Weatherbee tossed in 13.

Ryan Bobo had 11 points and Dee Wilson 9 to lead Monterey scoring.

Others scoring for the Harvesters were Devin Lemons 7, Coy Laury and August Larson with 6 each, Chris Miller 5, J.J. Mathis 4, Lynn Brown 3.

The third-ranked Harvesters improve to 28-3 for the season. Monterey is 28-6.

Pampa in District 1 drew a first-round bye in the playoffs and will play either Friday or Saturday in the area round. The opponent and site has not been determined yet.

The Region 1 boys basketball playoff bracket is shown at right.

Individual statistics for the Pampa Harvesters' basketball team through 29 games are listed below:

Scoring average: August Larson 9.0, Coy Laury 15.8, Devin Lemons 8.4, J.J. Mathis 6.2, Jason Weatherbee 7.4, Chris Miller 6.0, Gabe Wilson 2.0, Lynn Brown 2.9, Bryan Waldrip 1.0, Rayford Young 24.8.

Rebounds: August Larson 56, Coy Laury 252, Devin Lemons 117, J.J. Mathis 50, Jason Weatherbee 93, Chris Miller 89, Gabe Wilson 35, Lynn Brown 37, Bryan Waldrip 11, Rayford Young 153.

Field goal percentage: August Larson 51, Coy Laury 55, Devin

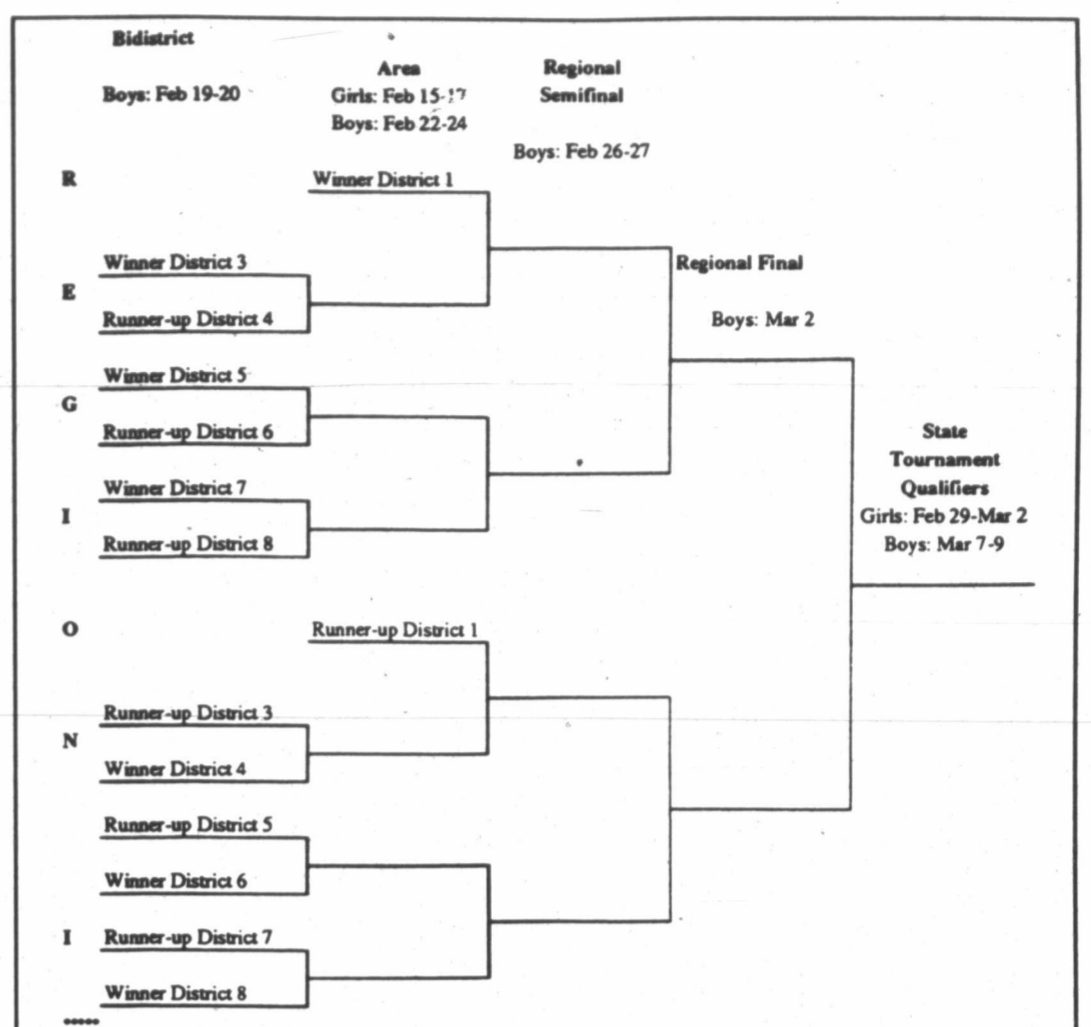
Lemons 58, J.J. Mathis 46, Jason Weatherbee 43, Chris Miller 56, Gabe Wilson 50, Lynn Brown 43, Bryan Waldrip 13, Rayford Young 56.

Free throw percentage: August Larson 68, Coy Laury 56, Devin Lemons 68, J.J. Mathis 68, Jason Weatherbee 53, Chris Miller 39, Gabe Wilson, 52, Lynn Brown 52, Bryan Waldrip 78, Rayford Young 84.

Assists: August Larson 55, Coy Laury 117, Devin Lemons 20, J.J. Mathis 43, Jason Weatherbee 76, Chris Miller 15, Gabe Wilson 7, Lynn Brown 71, Bryan Waldrip 21, Rayford Young 171.

Steals: August Larson 34, Coy Laury 57, Devin Lemons 15, J.J. Mathis 40, Jason Weatherbee 44, Chris Miller 16, Gabe Wilson 9, Lynn Brown 40, Bryan Waldrip 24, Rayford Young 133.

Three-point goals: August Larson 53, Coy Laury 10, J.J. Mathis 1, Jason Weatherbee 16, Chris Miller 1, Gabe Wilson 1, Lynn Brown 13, Bryan Waldrip 2, Rayford Young 46.



All-sports news channel to be launched

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN and Sports Illustrated, banking on the combined power of the Turner and Time Warner media empires, will launch a 24-hour, all-sports cable news channel in December.

"It's a partnership between the most respected name in TV news and the most respected name in sports journalism, coming together to create a world class sports channel," SI-TV president Ted Shaker said.

The announcement was made in Atlanta Friday morning after directors of Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc., which owns CNN, approved the launch. The new channel will be called CNN-SI.

Although neither Turner nor Sports Illustrated executives would speculate immediately on anticipated initial viewership or program content, the network promises to be a blockbuster.

It combines the CNN and Sports Illustrated staffs in one of the first projects of the new venture formed by Time Warner's \$7.5 billion takeover of Turner, which still is pending federal regulatory approval. Sports Illustrated is a Time Inc. magazine.

"On the Sports Illustrated side, we have about 100 journalists, and virtually all of them will be expected to participate in some fashion in CNN-SI," Sports Illustrated senior editor Steve Robinson said.

One programming decision already has been made. There will be no live event coverage. The network will concentrate on news.

"Certainly what CNN and S.I. are, are news services — one print, one TV," CNN Sports president Jim Walton said. "And we'll showcase our strength."

That would keep CNN-SI out of direct competition with ESPN, except in the area of "SportsCenter."

"SportsCenter" does a quality job, and we respect the job that John Walsh and his staff do at ESPN," Walton said. "We will combine our efforts at CNN and S.I. to cover sports news as well as imaginable using all our resources. We feel we'll be able to do a very good job of that."

CNN-SI actually will compete more directly with NewSports, the all-sports cable news channel that is jointly owned by Rainbow Programming Holdings, Liberty Sports and NBC Cable Holdings. NewSports currently is available in about 9 million homes.

"Rainbow and its partners ... welcome any potential competitors to NewSports," Rainbow CEO Joshua Sapan said in a statement.

Olympic officials to close loophole

ATLANTA (AP) — Two years after its most celebrated case of unsportsmanlike conduct, the U.S. Olympic Committee is about to close a big loophole in the rules of behavior for Olympic athletes.

The revision of the code of conduct for team members at the Games began after the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 and accelerated after the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan conflict at the Winter Olympics two years later.

Confusion over when an athlete becomes an Olympian — and therefore when the USOC's code takes effect — allowed Harding to avoid disciplinary action before Lillehammer and even threaten the USOC with a \$25 million lawsuit if she was kept off the team.

Although some fine-tuning — including the exact date when the rules go into force — is needed, the new code is expected to be approved by the USOC's executive committee this weekend and receive final passage at a board meeting in April.

"We've learned from experience," said Dr. Ralph Hale, a USOC vice president and the head of the code rewrite task force. "You can't live in a never-never land."

The pending revision also would stress the long-established priority of working through arbitration to resolve disputes over team selection and eligibility. But committee members said the new code would not make the courts off-limits.

"There's nothing in the code to preclude a U.S. athlete from going to court," said John Ruger, a former Olympic biathlete who has worked on the revision. "But we have to make this simple and we have to use common sense."

The idea to revise the code followed the '92 Games, where some members of the basketball "Dream Team" used pencils and pens to cross out sections of the rules forcing them to wear athletic gear manufactured by companies com-

peting with their own sponsors.

But the biggest push for change came from Harding and Kerrigan.

Despite growing evidence of her involvement in plotting the attack on Kerrigan, her archival, at the Olympic figure skating trials in January 1994, Harding was allowed to skate in Lillehammer and finished eighth. She later pleaded guilty to a charge of hindering the prosecution and was barred from skating.

Although that case was extreme, it exposed deep problems within the code, which says that America's Olympians must behave in a way that brings honor to themselves, their team and their country.

The current code does not govern behavior until an athlete is formally named to the Olympic team. That can be as long as eight months or just a few short weeks before the Games begin, and that unspecified timing was a key in the Harding case.

Rodriguez loses case

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez will have to settle for \$4 million this season after losing his salary arbitration case.

The team announced Friday that it won its case against the four-time All-Star's demand for \$4.95 million a year.

The Rangers now have 31 of 39 players under contract as they open the 1996 spring training camp. Thirty-five players participated in Friday's workout at Port Charlotte, Florida.

Rodriguez, 24, was excused from the workout after his arbitration hearing in New York on Thursday. He arrived in training camp during the middle of the first workout and was to take part in exercises Saturday.

The only other player missing from Friday's action was pitcher Julio Santana, who has been delayed from the Dominican Republic due to visa trouble, the team said.

Also, 37-year-old pitcher Joe Hesketh has decided not to pitch this season, the Rangers said. The left-hander had agreed to a minor league contract with a non-roster invitation with the team on Wednesday.

"Joe informed us today that he has decided that his retirement as an active player is permanent and thus he will not report to spring training," Rangers General Manager Doug Melvin said in a prepared statement.

Hesketh hasn't pitched in a regular season game since going 8-5 with Boston in 1994. He went to spring training with the New York Yankees last spring but retired at the end of spring after refusing a minor league assignment.

His final major league record was 60-47 in 11 seasons.

Lakers down Mavs

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Magic Johnson, hitting sky hooks in his best Kareem Abdul-Jabbar imitation, scored 18 of his season-high 30 points in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers held off the Dallas Mavericks 119-114 Friday night.

Playing the entire fourth quarter, Johnson added 11 assists and eight rebounds as the Lakers won their fifth straight and improved to 6-1 since Johnson came out of retirement.

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The New Testament reveals many things concerning the second coming of Jesus Christ. Peter wrote: "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works therein shall be burned up." (2 Pet. 3:10.) The apostle Paul wrote: "But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I should write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape." (1 Thess. 5:1-3.) From these two passages we learn that the second coming of Christ will be suddenly and with no forewarning. Furthermore, in that day, the earth and the heavens will be completely and forever destroyed.

The thing mankind should be concerned with, however, is whether we are prepared for that day to come. In 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Paul states that those who have died in the Lord will be raised first and then those left alive will be gathered together with them to meet the Lord in the air. Jesus spoke of the day of the resurrection as occurring at the sound of His voice and all shall come forth, those who have done good to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment (Jn. 5:28-29.)

"And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment." (Heb 9:27.) There is one thing sure and that is when we have finished our existence here upon this earth there will be no more opportunity to prepare for eternity. And so, whether we die before the Lord comes or whether we are alive when He comes, the important thing is that we be prepared by having believed in and obeyed the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Paul wrote that the vengeance of God will be rendered to them that know not God and them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus (2 Thess. 1:8.) And so, while we have the opportunities of this life, let us prepare for the day of judgment.

- Billy T. Jones

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NASA launches spacecraft on three-year voyage to study asteroid

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA launched a spacecraft Saturday on a three-year voyage to an asteroid that may contain clues to the birth of the solar system.

An unmanned Delta rocket blasted off in mid-afternoon with the probe, called Near for Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous.

The Near spacecraft is bound for Asteroid Eros, one of the largest asteroids orbiting the sun relatively close to Earth. It should reach Eros in February 1999, following a 1.3 billion-mile journey, and become the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid.

"We'll get the first really good close-up look at an asteroid,"

said project scientist Andrew Cheng of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Near will circle Eros for nearly a year, flying as close as 10 miles to its rocky surface. The potato-shaped asteroid is estimated to be 25 miles long, 9 miles wide and 9 miles deep, and may contain

materials dating back to the origin of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago.

The next two months will be crucial as Near hurtles farther from Earth and its five science instruments gradually turn on. After that, it will be a matter of "keeping our noses to the grindstone and making sure we bring

back the goods," Cheng said. "We just can't wait to get the data down," he said.

Near will fly within 750 miles of another asteroid, Mathilde, in 1997, and then head back toward Earth for a gravity assist that will put the spacecraft on the same orbital plane as Eros.

Once at Eros, Near will mea-

sure the mass, density and composition of that asteroid and, hopefully, provide a better understanding of how Earth and the other planets formed.

Scientists aren't sure whether Eros is a fragment of a ruptured, former planet or a primitive celestial body that never evolved.

Quake spawns killer tidal waves; villages wrecked, at least 10 dead

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Tidal waves whipped up by a mighty earthquake came crashing down on the coastal villages of New Guinea and its surrounding islands Saturday, sweeping hundreds of homes out to sea like "a giant broom." At least 10 people were killed and the death toll was expected to rise.

One town alone lost 600 homes.

Some waves towered an estimated 21 feet high, authorities said. The quake registered at least a magnitude 7, by some accounts as high as 8.

The quake hit at 2:59 p.m. Saturday. It was centered under the ocean floor 68 miles east of Biak island, off New Guinea's northern coast, the Indonesian government said.

The area, at the eastern end of the vast Indonesian archipelago, is about 2,000 miles northeast of Jakarta, the Indonesian capital,

No injuries or deaths were immediately reported on the main island of New Guinea. But waves up to 13 feet high swept the northwest coast "like a giant broom," said Bambang, a spokesman for the government meteorology agency. Like many Indonesians, he uses only one name.

"There were many houses built on stilts on the coastal area, and we think there are casualties," he said.

In the town of Biak on Biak island, 10 people were killed when they were swept out to sea, a police officer there said by telephone. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

"More casualties are expected because there were scores of houses swept away by tidal waves on Biak island," Bambang said.

Collapsing buildings injured 18 people in Biak, Bambang said by telephone from Jayapura, capital of the Indonesian half of New

Guinea. He said 94 aftershocks of at least magnitude 4 were recorded. One measured as high as 6.7, the U.S. Geological Survey reported.

Many residents of Biak, a town of 84,000, spent the night outdoors for fear of further earthquakes, said Joko, a telecommunication official in Jayapura.

In another Biak island town, Sopiori Selatan, 600 houses were swept out to sea. There was no immediate word on casualties, said Putu Puja, a meteorology official.

On the New Guinea coast, tidal waves were reported in Sarmi, 185 miles southeast of Biak, but there was no word on casualties, authorities said.

The government was sending rescue teams, marines and other military personnel to the area, said a soldier contacted by telephone at the military command in Jayapura.

JTPA offers college funds

AMARILLO — "Now is the time for Texas Panhandle residents to take advantage of special funds to help pay for college."

That's according to Laurie Dahl of the Panhandle Job Training Partnership (JTPA). This retraining program provides qualified individuals with money for college tuition and books.

JTPA funds studies at 11 area colleges, including Amarillo College, Amarillo Technical Center division, Frank Phillips, Clarendon, South Plains and West Texas A&M University.

The Job Training Partnership's mission is training people for high demand jobs that pay well. Through the program, students can receive funding for as much as two years of higher education. Individuals may choose educational programs leading to approximately 65 targeted job categories identified by the Texas Employment Commission as "high demand."

Students may meet with JTPA

representatives at any Texas Employment Commission office to discuss their options.

Federal money administered through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission funds the job training program. The Texas Employment Commission provides JTPA services at TEC offices throughout the Texas Panhandle.

To further assist students, the Job Training Partnership provides career counseling. The college and the JTPA program also help students find part-time jobs while they're enrolled and full-time jobs when they graduate.

"Students interested in Job Training Partnership funding must begin the application process early," Dahl said. "It usually takes a minimum of two weeks prior to registration to complete the program paperwork."

Any Panhandle resident who wants more information about the Job Training Partnership should contact the nearest Texas Employment Commission Office.

TxDOT taking project nominations

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is accepting project nominations through May 1 for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program.

The program funds a broad range of transportation-related activities, including landscaping and scenic beautification, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, historical preservation and water-pollution control. This is the third and final call for projects authorized under the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1991 (ISTEA).

One hundred ninety-eight projects, or about 20 percent of the nominations, were funded during the first and second program calls last year. Two projects in the Amarillo area are currently being funded through the program's second call: The Streetscape

Project on 6th Avenue (Historic Route 66) in Amarillo and the Magnolia Gas Station renovation on US 385 (Old Route 66) in Vega.

Texas has approximately \$40 million in its apportionment of federal funds to be awarded in this phase. This will be the last of the monies awarded to the state for the six-year period ending in fiscal year 1997. In 1997, the program will be reevaluated by Congress when ISTEA comes up for reauthorization.

Transportation enhancements are funded through the Surface Transportation Program, administered for the U.S. Department of Transportation by the Federal Highway Administration.

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Lifestyles

Reaching the Master's market

Christian authors write for faith and ministry

Christian authors write for different reasons - for fun, for profit, because it's an outgrowth of their own creativity or an end result of their first priority, which is ministry.

But consistently, for Pampa's Christian writers, it is an outgrowth of their faith.

Kelly Varner Ebel and the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman have published books. Hers is an inspirational romance in which a victim of rape finds healing, and his is a compilation of seven sermons on abuse.

Their reasons for writing are as different as night and day. Ebel cites a compulsion to write. Stories form in her mind that beg to come out. She wrote her first novel as a

"Ragdoll," Helena choked, surrounding Rebecca's shoulders with arms, embracing her in a hug that had waited two decades to be born. "You look just like Lyle! Thank God I've found you." She laughed. "I mean, thank God you found me!"

— from *Ragdoll*
by Kelly R. Stevens
Kelly Varner Ebel

12 year old, taking a new chapter to school each day.

Ebel is the author of *Ragdoll*, written under the pseudonym Kelly R. Stevens. Her character, Rebecca Westbrook, learns love and forgiveness as she deals with broken family relationships, and her own abuse at the hands of her uncle. It is set in Texas, including Pampa where Rebecca Westbrook finds her mother.

"What I enjoy most truly is being a wife and mother. I took up writing as a hobby and it turned into a full time business which I never really expected," Ebel said.

When she is at work on a novel - *Wings Like Eagles* was completed two weeks ago - writing occupies about six hours of her day.

"I feel a sense of accomplishment. Short of raising my children this is the hardest thing I've ever done," she said.

Christian fiction has taken off in the last five years with demand for the product

doubling in the last five years, according to Susan Graves, owner of The Gift Box.

According to Graves, Janette Oke, with best sellers such as *A Gown of Spanish Lace*, is popular.

Ebel agreed. "In my opinion Janette Oke is the one who kinda took off, and Brock and Bodie Thoenes," she said.

Ebel said she and her husband, Ron Ebel, are a little like the Thoenes with their popular *The Zion Covenant* and *The Zion Chronicles* series. She writes, he researches.

Ebel said she wants to turn out a quality product with believable characters and real life situations.

"I don't want to write like the Christian writers 10 years ago. Their hands were tied behind their backs as far as the reader was concerned," she said.

"I never could get through a Christian novel because it wasn't real. ... I really stress realism. 'Let's get real and stop being phony about it all,'" Ebel said.

She hopes to reach a wider audience than the already converted.

"I want to reach secular and inspiration both, but not in a preachy way," she said.

Ebel wants to tell them, "that this life and all the trials we have to endure is not the end and there's a purpose to it and the hope is Jesus Christ.

Besides the hope, I think the reason I want to show Christianity has changed. Life changes, we change, we have to move forward with that change. ... It's not a preachy form of writing. ... One of the things I live by is, 'I am my sister's keeper' not her judge."

"The ideas themselves come from real life. I know some women who have survived breast cancer," she said of *Wings Like Eagles*. "I know a woman who has just

gone through chemotherapy and has dealt with the fears. I have visited with them. I deal with the issues in their lives."

Wings Like Eagles is expected in the fall from HeartSong, which also published *Ragdoll*.

The craft of storytelling has improved in the inspirational market, and it is harder to break into than secular publishing, Ebel said.

"(Publishers) are looking for the top of the line," she said.

Glaesman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and coincidentally Ebel's pastor, tells a different story. *Pulling Dandelions* was not something he planned as a career move, but an outgrowth of a seven sermon series on conquering the effects of abuse.

The series, preached in the fall of 1995, "just opened up a flood gate in our church," Glaesman said. "I had no idea."

"Like David, you may have been the recipient of abuse and you want revenge. Let me warn you that to dispense revenge is to become an abuser yourself. This is why Christ stressed forgiveness rather than vengeance. Christ tells us to hold on to our dignity, hold tight to your character, cherish your integrity and don't allow an abuser to bring you down to their level. Flee if you must but stay above them in Godliness."

— from *Pulling Dandelions*
by The Rev. Lyndon Glaesman

Requests for his sermon outline evolved into the little book published locally by RDMC Publishing.

The book, he said, aims to spread the healing his people experienced to others.

"I am not compelled to write. I am compelled to reach people," Glaesman said.

Books do not make his ministry possible, he said. Instead, ministry made the book possible.

The first 500 were just swallowed up, he said, and a second printing is planned for March.

His sermons were structured around Christ's experience on the cross - rejection, neglect, insult and sexual abuse as He hung naked.

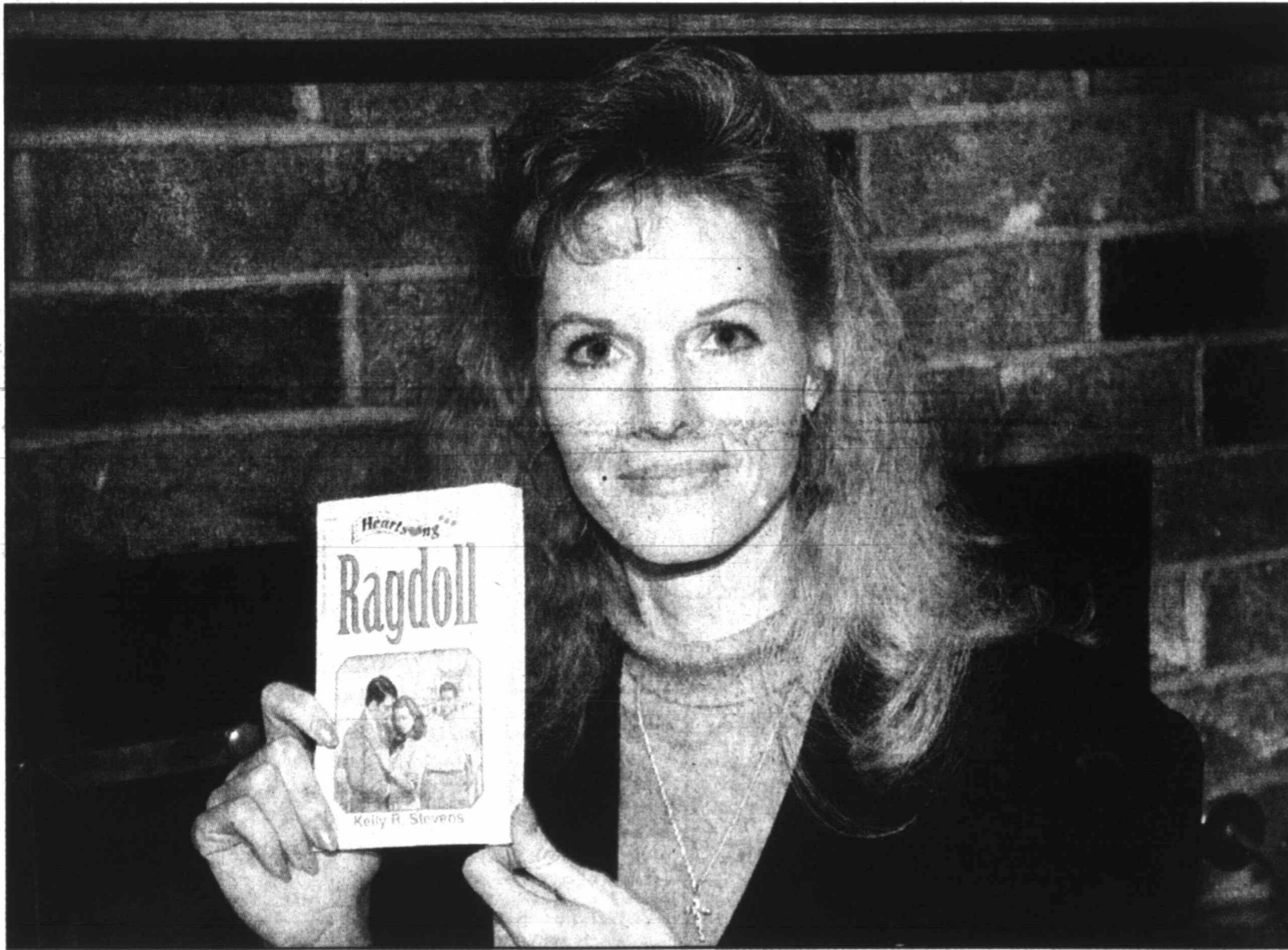
"He knew all that," Glaesman explained.

A seven sermon series, "Facing Death Courageously," is underway. They focus on the seven sayings of Christ, again, as He hung on the cross.

"They were not just seven statements from a man delirious from the loss of blood," Glaesman said.

Perhaps a book will come from those sermons, too, he said.

About his book he said, "I feel a little out of control. I feel I need to be careful that God has called me to be the pastor of a church and not head off into the field of professional writing."



Kelly Varner Ebel with her first book *Ragdoll*.

Demand for Christian fiction rapidly increasing

Susan Graves, owner of The Gift Box, reports the demand for Christian fiction has doubled in the last five years with 10,000 titles on the market.

Popular selections are *A Gown of Spanish Lace* by Janette Oke and *The Zion Chronicles* and *The Zion Covenant* series by the husband and wife team of Brock and Boede Thoenes.

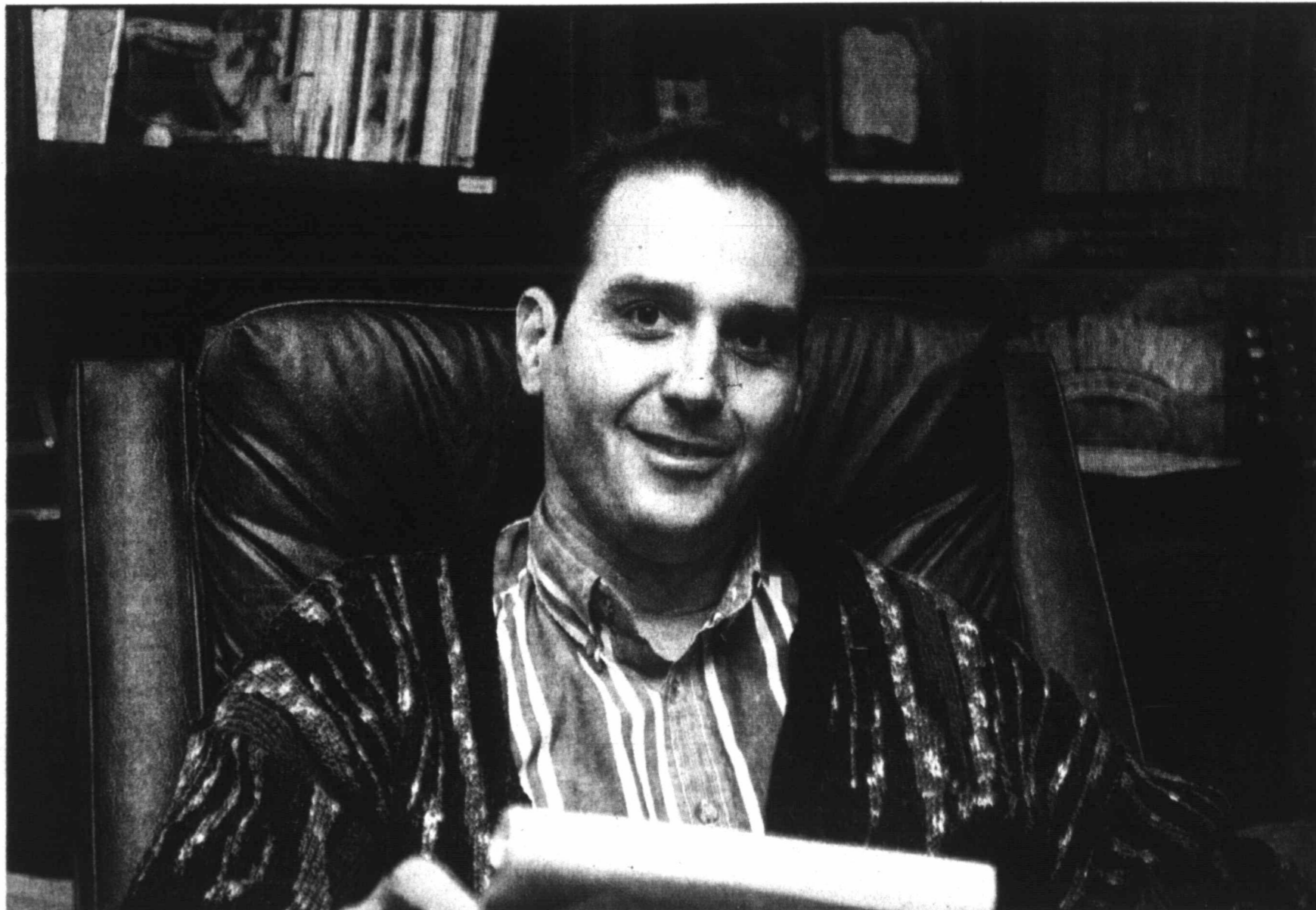
Many of those 10,000 titles are self help books which deal with recovery from divorce, addiction and counseling.

Devotional authors such as Kay Arthur who wrote *Lord, Only You Can Change Me*, and Oswald Chambers who penned the classic, *My Utmost for His Highest*, remain popular, Graves said.

"About 75 percent (of book sales) are sold for a gift for someone," she said.

Christian magazines are also gaining in popularity, she said.

(Darlene Holmes contributed to this story)



The Rev. Lyndon Glaesman studies for a Sunday sermon in his office at Calvary Baptist Church.

Books are available at
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Mr. and Mrs. John Dubor
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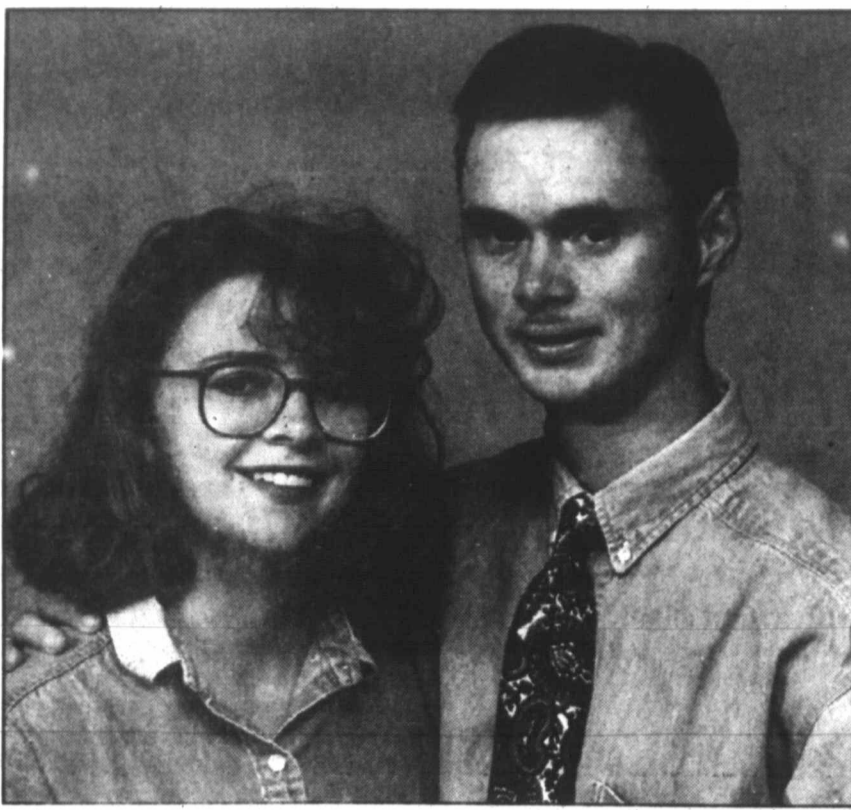
Martin - Dubor

Alma LaVern Martin and John Dubor were married Wednesday, Feb. 14 at New Hope Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Vurn C. Martin, Pampa. Rev. Martin married the couple. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dubor, Benin City, Nigeria.

Standing as best man was Jessie Sanusi, Houston. She is employed by High Plains Baptist Hospital and is a social work major at West Texas A&M University.

He is a graduate of West Texas A&M University where he earned a bachelor's degree in nursing. He is employed by Northwest Texas Healthcare System.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee Speedy
Debbie Lynn Kell

Kell - Speedy

Debbie Lynn Kell and Donald Lee Speedy were married Thursday, Feb. 15 in Muncie, Ind.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Loretta Rogers, Pampa, and Richard and Wilma Kell of Rogers, Ark.

She is a 1993 graduate of Pampa High School and attended Clarendon College and Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo.

The groom is the son of Joyce Speedy, Muncie, Ind. and the late Robert Speedy. He is a 1991 graduate of Yorktown High School. He attended Ball State University, Muncie, and Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

They plan to make their home in Muncie, Ind.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker

Walker anniversary

Robert and Louise Walker of Pampa celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Saturday.

Walker married Mary Louise Ledbetter on Feb. 17, 1961. They have lived in Pampa 35 years and are members of Central Baptist Church.

The Walkers are the parents of Gina and Dean Seitz, Mobeetie; Bobbie Walker, Pampa; and Mark Walker, Dallas.



Stacy Renee McConnell and Troy Rodney Klemke

McConnell - Klemke

Stacy Renee McConnell, daughter of Calvin and Sharon McConnell, White Deer, is to marry Troy Rodney Klemke on May 11 at First United Methodist Church of White Deer.

Klemke is the son of Janie and Glenn Forister, Lubbock, and Rod and Judy Klemke, Slaton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University, Lubbock. She is employed by Texas Department of Human Services. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Texas Tech University where he is now enrolled in graduate school. He is employed by Dr. Teb Thames/T Lazy T Ranch.



The Rev. and Mrs. Jim Fox

Fox anniversary

The Rev. and Mrs. Jim Fox of Red River, N.M. are to be honored with a 25th wedding anniversary reception 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

Fox married Nancy Mathews Feb. 27, 1971 at the First Baptist Church of Skellytown. They are Skellytown natives.

They have lived in Red River two years where he is pastor of First Baptist church.

They are the parents of Dawn Fox and Chris Fox, both of Red River.

Newsmaker

GEORGETOWN - Bingham, daughter of Mr. Southwestern University and Mrs. Michael Glenn Bingham of Pampa. She has announced its 1995 Fall Distinction List for academic excellence.

Students named to the list include: Anne E.



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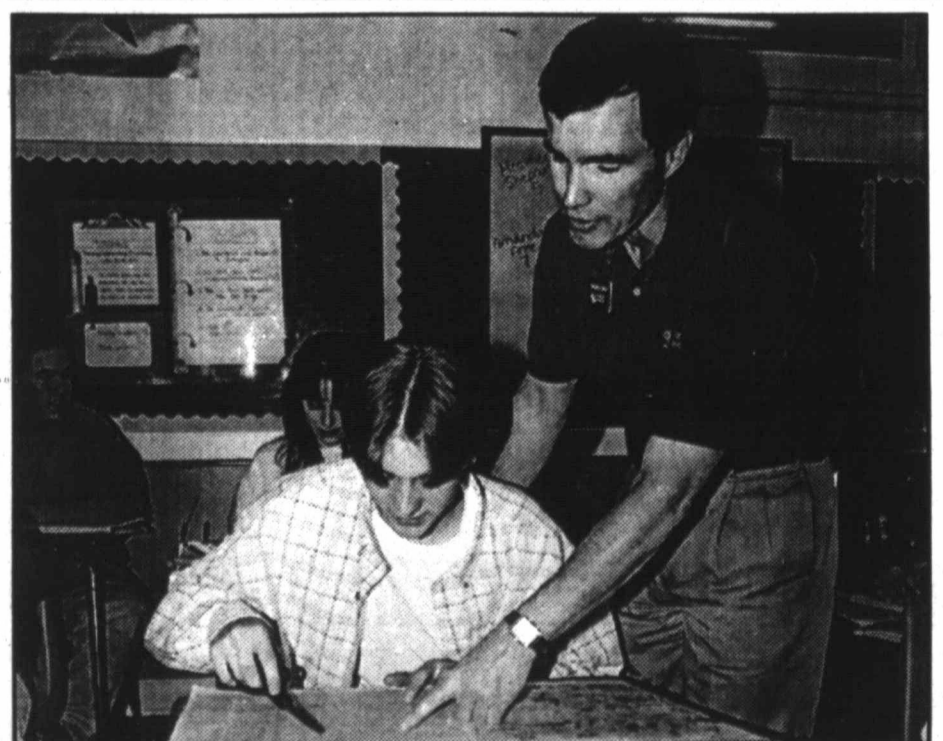
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Brian Sprinkle, PHS sophomore, and Duane Harp of FirstBank Southwest, peruse a sports story. "Newspapers give students a chance to read something of interest to them instead of just something out of a textbook," said Michelle Tapp, Pampa High school world history teacher.

Menus

Feb. 19 - 23

PAMPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONDAY
Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, applesauce, bread sticks, choice of milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Hero sub, vegetarian beans, potato chips, raisins, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon/raisin biscuits, jelly, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Steak sandwich, lettuce & tomato, orange halves, choice of milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.
Lunch: Corn dog, French fries, mixed fruit, cookie, choice of milk.

MONDAY NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, hot or cold cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: BBQ Wieners, macaroni/cheese, green beans, rolls, cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage on stick, hot or cold cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Ham, eggs, toast, juice, fruit, milk, peanut butter, hot or cold cereal.
Lunch: Baked potatoes, ham/cheese, beans, taco meat and cheese, break, round chips, pudding, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk, hot or cold cereal, peanut butter.
Lunch: Hamburger, bbq, oven fries, hb salad, fruit, milk.

MEALS ON WHEELS

MONDAY
Stew, cornbread, apple cobbler.

TUESDAY
Sausage/ricce, cauliflower, green beans, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY
Turkey pot pie, pickled beets, corn, Jello.

THURSDAY
Salisbury steak w/gravy, blackeyed peas, fried okra, peaches.

FRIDAY
Tuna casserole, English peas/onions, carrots, applesauce.

PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS

MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or meat loaf, mashed potatoes, fried okra, spinach, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, apple stuff or banana split cake, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Mushroom chicken w/past or ham w/ fruit sauce, yams,

California mix vegetables, beets, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, Mississippi mud cake or lemon cream pie, hot rolls, or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket w/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, green beans, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, rainbow cake or cherry cobbler, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Turkey and dressing or hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, Winter mix vegetables, corn, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, prune cake or pumpkin cake, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Fried cod fish or lasagna, French fries, Italian zucchini, broccoli, beans, slaw, tossed or Jell-O salad, sour cream squares or chocolate cream pudding, hot rolls, or cornbread or garlic toast.

LEFORS SCHOOLS

4-H Futures & Features

DATES
19 - Junior clothing project, 4 p.m., Annex
4-H Leaders Council meeting, 6 p.m., Annex
Shooting sports
Top O' Texas Livestock Association meeting, 7:30 p.m., Pampa High School vocational building
20 - Shooting sports
21 - Junior clothing project, 3:45 p.m., Annex
22 - Dog project, 7 p.m., Bull Barn
23 - 4-H Fashion design entries due to extension office by 5 p.m.
4-H Fashion show narrator entries due to extension office by 5 p.m.
24 - Intermediate/senior clothing project, Carson County Special Olympics

ADULT LEADER COUNCIL
Gray County Adult Leader

Council will meet 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 in the Gray County Annex. All 4-H clubs are encouraged to have at least two club representatives. Dates for county wide events and activities will be determined. All 4-H parents and leaders are welcome to attend.

FASHION DESIGN CONTEST
Entries for the 4-H fashion design contest are due in the extension office by 5 p.m. Feb. 23. Materials explaining the principles and techniques of design as well as entry forms and examples are available from the extension office.

TEXAS 4-H REUNION
Texas 4-H Center, Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and Texas 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association are cooperating with a number of 4-H affiliates to host

the first statewide Texas 4-H Reunion. Others involved include 4-H members, parents and adult volunteers, Texas 4-H Council, 4-H Alumni, extension faculty, former 4-H center staff and other friends of 4-H.

The event is to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Texas 4-H Center, the 25th anniversary of the Texas 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association and to reunite all of those who hold the Texas 4-H program dear to heart.

Many new and exciting programs will be presented along with a celebration of the rich 88 year history of 4-H in Texas. Many programs and activities are being offered beginning on Friday night, March 22 and continuing through brunch on Sunday, March 24. The main event will be on Saturday, March 23.

In Leadership Lodge, the cost

for Friday lodging through Sunday brunch is \$75 per person, with double occupancy required. The cost in the dormitory for Friday lodging through Sunday brunch is \$50 per person. For those wanting to arrive Saturday, the cost for lunch through Sunday brunch in Leadership Lodge is \$40 per person and \$30 in dormitories. For participants who come for day activities only on Saturday, the cost for lunch is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under and Saturday night banquet is \$8.30 per person. For additional information call the Texas 4-H Center at 1-800-432-8342.

'Beethoven Society' to support Amarillo Symphony Orchestra

AMARILLO - The Amarillo Symphony Orchestra has established a new fundraising program, called "The Beethoven Society," according to Joseph C. Street, president of the Amarillo Symphony board of directors.

"It is no secret that federal and state support for the arts is continuing to shrink," he said. "The Beethoven Society is our attempt to supplement our traditional sources of revenue."

Charter membership in the program is open to those who join before June 30, Street said.

"Membership is open to those who appreciate the wonderful work of the Amarillo Symphony and are eager to support the goals of the symphony with their personal resources," he said.

Membership begins at \$1,000 per year, with a three year commitment requested.

"The Beethoven Society donations will be designated for three main areas," Marlies Hatchett, chairman of the Beethoven Society development committee.

"A minimum of ten percent will be placed in an endowment to help insure the orchestra's future. A major portion of the money will be used to support current programs of the orchestra, and a small portion will be set aside for special future programs," she added.

Those who join the society will receive special listing in the annual symphony program book.

"Members will also receive special reserve parking in the front of the Civic Center auditorium for all concerts," Hatchett said. "Each member will receive a special pin, and will be invited to an annual Beethoven Society dinner each fall."

Street emphasized that membership in this society is in addition to regular support of the symphony.

"The Beethoven Society will be an enhancement of the regular fundraising activities. We will continue to ask for contributions during our annual ticket renewal campaign each spring," he said.

Those who wish to join The Beethoven Society may contact any symphony board member or call Jack Fishman, executive director, at (806) 376-8782.

Polish sausage dinner March 3

The Frank Keim Council of the Knights of Columbus of Pampa will host its 44th annual Polish sausage dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 3. The dinner will be service at the K of C Hall, corner of Ward and Buckler. There will not be an evening meal as in the past.

The menu includes Polish sausage, Polish cole slaw, red beans, potato salad, barbecue sauce, apricots, tea or coffee and dessert. Take out plates and bulk sales on all items will be available. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children between the ages of six and 12 and children under six eat free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any K of C member.

The secret recipe for the Polish sausage came from Poland over 130 years ago by great-grandparents of two of the council's members. The recipes are kept locked up from year to year and are only used in preparation for the annual dinner. The Knights of Columbus do not make the sausage themselves but it is made to their strict specifications and often several "test tastings" are done to insure the proper quality of the sausage before it is served.

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DEAR READERS: I received many gratifying thank-you letters from those who were a part of Operation Dear Abby '95. Some samples:

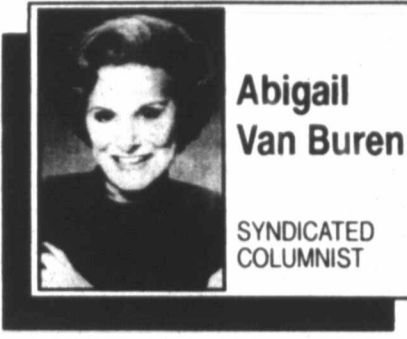
DEAR ABBY: I am a chaplain with the Third Battalion, Twelfth Marine Division on Okinawa, Japan. I was very moved a few days ago as numerous letters and packages were delivered for "Any Service Member." I would like to thank all those who participated in that wonderful program.

It is true that the holidays can be difficult when we are away from home, but such an outpouring of affection from the American public makes us realize how important our jobs are. The average age of the Marines I minister to is 19. Most have just graduated from high school within the past year. You can imagine the adjustment that is necessary for teen-agers to spend this time of year away from their families.

All you have done through our Operation Dear Abby/America Remembers campaign is greatly appreciated. Please keep all of your service members around the world in your prayers this year. God bless.

LT. FREDERICK A. MC GUFFIN, CHC, U.S. NAVY

DEAR ABBY: Once again, Oper-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

ation Dear Abby has lifted the spirits of those in the military who are far from home during the holidays. This past week almost every soldier in my unit found a card or letter in his or her mailbox.

This is the first time I have received a card through your program. I am from Sioux City, Iowa, and have been in the Army for 17 years.

Our heartfelt thanks to you, Abby, and to all of your fantastic readers who took the time to write.

A THANKFUL SOLDIER, TAEGU, KOREA

DEAR ABBY: Regarding Operation Dear Abby, I want to thank you for giving your readers the APO addresses for our servicemen and women overseas.

Since we live in Annapolis, Md., and are involved with the sponsor program at the Naval Academy, I decided to mail a box of goodies to the South Pacific APO.

Well, today we received a won-

derful gift — it was a letter of thanks from the crew of the Submarine Group Seven. It was signed by all the officers and crew, who expressed their appreciation for the Christmas package.

I shall continue to write to them and, in a month or so, I'll mail them another box of goodies.

God bless you, Abby, for allowing civilians to do something nice for the dedicated young men and women who serve our country.

LOUISA AND SHELDON NOBLE, ANNAPOLIS, MD.

DEAR LOUISA, SHELDON, CHAPLAIN MC GUFFIN AND "A THANKFUL SOLDIER": Thank you for the kind words, but the credit belongs to my readers who work so diligently every year to make this project such an overwhelming success.

CONFIDENTIAL TO SICK AT HEART IN SOUTH BEND: It's time to stop grieving and start living. Your problem reminds me of an old Chinese tale: "One tear met another tear floating down the river. Said the first tear, 'I am the tear of the woman who lost her love.' The other tear replied, 'And I am the tear of the woman who got him.'"

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Horoscope

Monday, Feb. 19, 1996

In the year ahead you may find several brand-new ways to generate additional earnings. Your treasure hunt might lead you to areas where fortune never existed before.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The people you love you may treat you in a very generous manner today. In fact, you might be pleasantly surprised by an individual you thought didn't give a hoot. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and \$ASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Nice things

could happen to you today if you get out and circulate. The chances of this occurring should increase with each personal involvement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The harder you try today, the more luck you will have. Do not be afraid to strive for challenging objectives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should have a broad, accurate grasp of both social and commercial situations today. Put your perceptions into practice when handling your affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something profitable may develop today. You can generate income outside your customary channels. Keep searching, and hope to tap into a lucrative vein.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you should be in your element in regard to partnership arrangements. If you do things your way, the alliance could be dynamic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can resurrect an old project and make it meaningful at this time. You will find a way to do it with a dab of ingenuity here and a touch

of elbow grease there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Social acceptance will not cause you problems today. Wherever you go, your charismatic personality will function like an appealing magnet and draw others to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions that affect your occupation will favor you today. In fact, you might even reap benefits from situations primarily engineered by others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This will be a good day to plan something fun to fulfill the social obligations you have toward others. Develop a plan, and invite everyone!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A favorable upswing in your financial affairs may occur at this time. In fact, there's a strong probability that some worries might end today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Good news pertaining to something of tremendous personal significance may be on the way soon. Keep your lines of communication open.

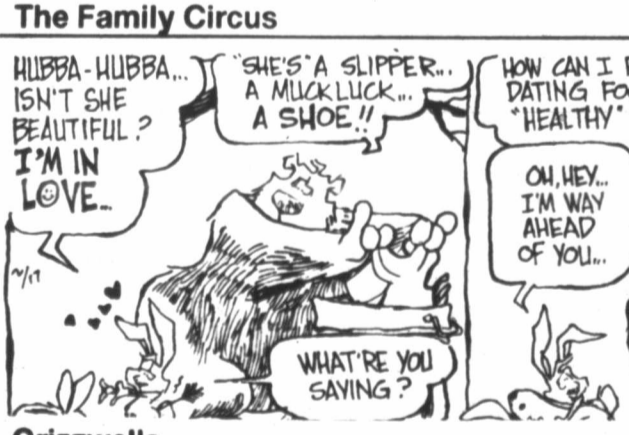
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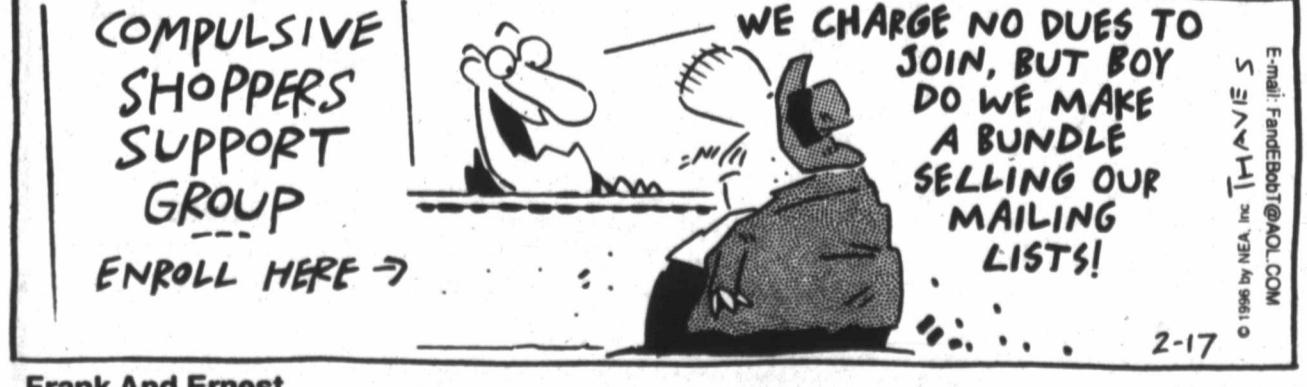
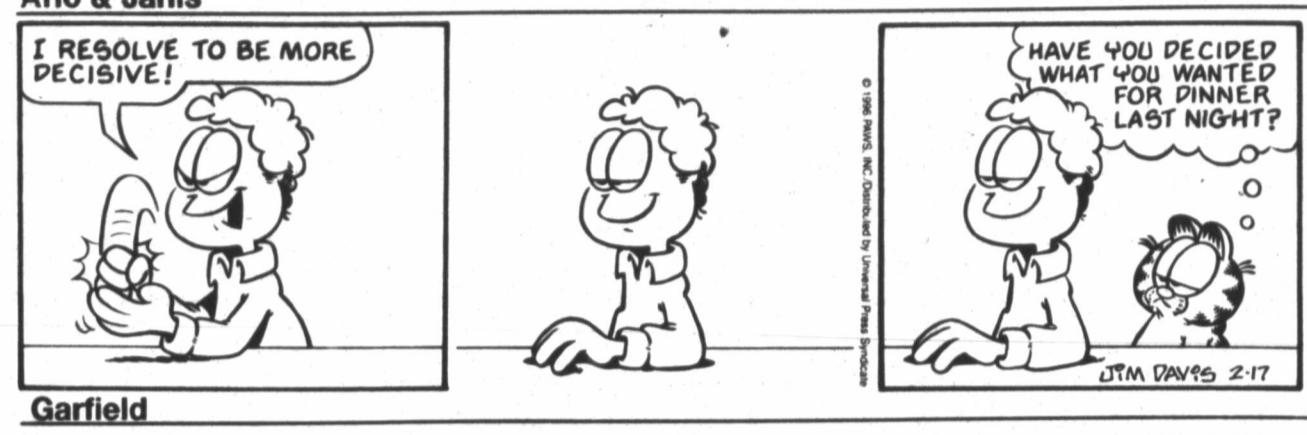
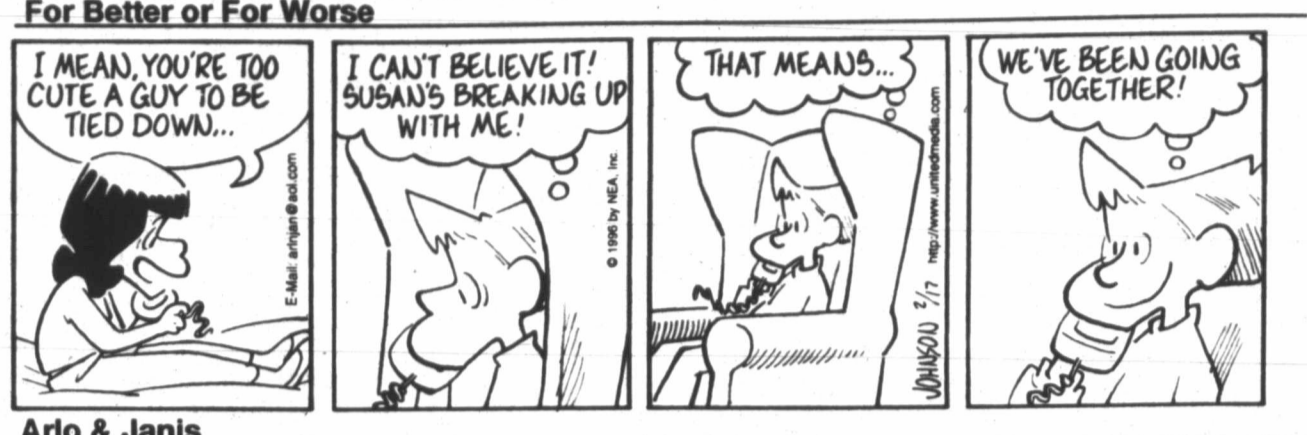
"Today we learned about the Top Ten Commandments."



"That's my laundry basket, not your nest!"



Peanuts



Mallard Filmore

Entertainment

'Highway Patrol' crooner in concert Thursday

AUSTIN — "A lot of people tell me they don't like country music, but they like what I'm doing," says Junior Brown.

"I hear that line more than anything else," he adds, which is ironic because a couple of licks is all it takes to erase any doubts concerning Brown's stylistic allegiance. His music combines the soul of country with the spirit of rock 'n' roll.

In Brown's case, playing everywhere from the Grand Ole Opry to rock showcases on the West Coast and his hometown of Austin, "crossover" is not synonymous with watered-down or lightweight.

"Just about the time they label me as some old time honkytonk singer," he says, "I throw something new in there that surprises them. And then they'll appreciate the traditional styles of country music, too. Do something to wow them without ruining the roots of country and they end up accepting the music that they would have been prejudiced against."

Following years as one of Austin's best-kept secrets, then a few more as the town's one must-see act for visiting musicians and label heads, Junior Brown and his music have since found an audience far beyond the Lone Star border.

Brown's first two releases on Curb Records, *12 Shades of Brown* and *Guit With It*, have helped to establish him as a crowd favorite from Texas roadhouses to the hippest clubs of New York City and Europe.

In July 1995 Brown released a five-song CD, *Junior High*, that includes updated radio air play versions of "Highway Patrol,"

"Sugarfoot Rag" and "My Wife Thinks You're Dead," along with two new songs.

To help facilitate his dexterity on both the standard six-string and steel guitars, Brown invented his own guitar hybrid, the "guit-steel."

"I was playing both the steel and the guitar, switching back and forth a lot while I sang, and it was kind of awkward," Brown says. "But then I had this dream where they just kind of melted together. When I woke up, I thought, 'You know, that thing would work!' They made double-neck guitars and double-neck steels, so why not one of each?"

A quick call was made to guitar maker Michael Stevens, whose expertise made the dream a reality, and the guit-steel was born. Later, Brown once again enlisted Stevens' services to make a second guit-steel, a cherry-red axe affectionately named "Big Red."

Brown's talents have led major magazines like *Musician* to herald Brown as a genius. *Life* magazine honored him as the only contemporary musician included in their "All Time Country Band," and *Guitar Player* magazine's 1994 "best of" saw him #1 lap steel player, #2 country guitarist and #3 country album (*Guit With It*).

He has also made numerous television appearances on shows like *The Late Show With David Letterman*, *Late Night With Conan O'Brien*, *Saturday Night Live*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *Austin City Limits*, *Good Morning America*, *TNN's American Music Shop*, *At the Ryman*, *The Road and Canada's Much Music*.

In the mid 1980s, Brown taught guitar under Leon McAulliffe,



Junior Brown

the legendary steel man for Bob Willis' Texas Playboys at Oklahoma's Hank Thompson School of Country Music, part of Rogers State College. There he met Tanya Rae, a talented student who would become his rhythm guitarist, backup vocalist and wife.

"I kept her after class," Brown

laughs. Later the couple set up shop at the legendary Continental Club in Austin, where slowly but surely their appearances there got people talking.

Brown will be bringing his talents to Pampa's City Limits on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Bestselling books

Publishers Weekly best sellers list

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. *Primary Colors* by Anonymous (Random House)
2. *The Horse Whisperer* by Nicholas Evans (Dell)
3. *Intensity* by Dean Koontz (Knopf)
4. *That Camden Summer* by LaVyrle Spencer (Putnam)
5. *Behind the Lines* by W.E.B Griffin (Putnam)
6. *The Celestine Prophecy* by James Redfield (Warner)
7. *Absolute Power* by David Baldacci (Warner)
8. *The Web* by Jonathan Kellerman (Bantam)
9. *The Cat Who Said Cheese* by Lilian Jackson Braun (Putnam)
10. *Contagion* by Robin Cook (Putnam)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. *Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot and Other*

Observations by Al Franken (Delacorte)

2. *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* by John Gray (Harper Collins)
3. *It Takes a Village* by Hillary Rodham Clinton (Simon & Schuster)
4. *How Could You Do That?!* by Laura Schlessinger (Harper Collins)
5. *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* by Deepak Chopra (New World Library, Amber-Allen)
6. *Emotional Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman (Bantam)
7. *The Way of the Wizard* by Deepak Chopra (Harmony)
8. *The Road Ahead* by Bill Gates (Viking)
9. *The Beardstown Ladies' Stitch-In-Time Guide to Growing Your Nest Egg* by Robin Delfabough (Hyperion)
10. *Time Present, Time Past* by Bill Bradley (Knopf)

'City Hall' a dynamic political drama

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

A not uncommon happening on a city street: a shootout leaves three people dead. This one has wide repercussions. The victims are a New York City cop, a minor member of a Mafia family, and a 6-year-old boy on the way to school with his father.

Thus the beginning of *City Hall*, a dynamic political drama with superior acting and wide significance. The competing forces of city governance have rarely been portrayed with such immediacy and incisiveness.

Al Pacino as John Pappas is pictured as "the best mayor New York has ever had." Well, maybe not as good as his hero, Fiorello La Guardia, the man who read the funnypapers to children on the radio during a newspaper strike.

Mayor Pappas runs a tight ship, managing to placate the

conflicting factions of the metropolis. His strong right arm is his young deputy mayor, Kevin Calhoun (John Cusack), a pragmatic political wonk from Louisiana, where politics is a way of life.



Calhoun begins to perceive the ramifications of the street shootout. He investigates further and finds the Mafia minion had been given probation on a serious charge. Someone had switched probation reports. It had to be someone high up in city government.

He first combats, then joins forces with a feisty lawyer (Bridget Fonda), who represents

the family of the slain cop. Others appear involved in the web of intrigue: Danny Aiello as a Brooklyn Democratic Party boss; Martin Landau, a respected judge who signed the probation report; Anthony Franciosa, a shrewd Mafia chieftain who knows how to massage the body politic; David Paymer, the mayor's dutiful chief of staff.

Cusack occupies the major role, peering into the inner workings of city government and growing more apprehensive with each new revelation. *City Hall* is a major step forward for this attractive actor whose bland face belies an inner fire.

Although he has less screen time, Pacino empowers his every scene. His oration at the funeral of the murdered boy ranks as one of the great movie speeches of all time.

The strong cast bolsters every scene, especially Aiello as the overconfident politico and

Franciosa, who plays the mob boss like the CEO of a major corporation.

Director Harold Becker captures the political rhythms of the big city and keeps the rather complicated plot comprehensible. But, audiences need to pay attention; this is not a by-the-numbers urban thriller.

Significantly, the original script was written by Ken Lipper, former deputy mayor for Ed Koch. He instilled a feeling of reality to the screenplay, which is also credited to Paul Schrader, Nicholas Pileggi and Bo Goldman. Unlike many multiple writing collaborations, this one turned out well.

The Columbia Pictures release of a Castle Rock Entertainment film was produced by Becker, Lipper, Edward R. Pressman and Charles Mulvehill. Rated R for violence and language. Running time: 111 minutes.

This Bud's not for them
Heston speech cancelled at Christian school

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — They love him, ma-a-a-n! (Sob.) Uh, unless he's going to sell beer.

Charlton Heston's appearance in a Bud Light commercial led an Alabama Christian school to cancel his speech at its annual fund-raiser March 22.

The commercial — which uses the catch phrase "I love you, ma-a-a-n!" and a fake sob — was first shown during the Super Bowl on Jan. 28.

"We had some complaints and concerns," said David Vester, president of the Mars' Hill Bible School. "We're a Christian school, and part of our purpose for being is to teach against the evils of drinking."

Heston's screen roles have included Moses and Ben-Hur.

"If my lighthearted commercial broadcast during the Super Bowl offended anyone, I respect their beliefs," Heston said Thursday in a statement released through an aide.

"I would not dream of holding the organization to their commitment if they would prefer I would not appear," he said. "I respect them and I wish them well."

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Gramm withdrawal sets up big GOP primary in Texas

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas GOP presidential primary, once viewed as a back yard stroll for Sen. Phil Gramm, became a big-time shootout as the Texan dropped out of the race Wednesday.

"We're going to have an interesting shift in the chemistry," said Tom Pauken, state Republican Party chairman.

Texas will send 123 delegates to the Republican National Convention. That's a prize second in size only to California, and it makes up more than 10 percent of the 996 delegates needed to win the GOP presidential nomination.

With favorite son Gramm's departure, those delegates are up for grabs on March 12.

"There's going to be a lot of attention paid here," said GOP consultant Karl Rove.

Officials of three campaigns — Sen. Bob Dole, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and columnist Pat Buchanan — all said they are looking to do well in Texas.

Pauken said he thinks Dole's strength is greater and that he would carry the state today. But he cautioned that the Kansas senator needs to keep winning in the primaries leading up to March 12.

"Right now, I think that it's Dole's to lose," Pauken said.

"Clearly, Buchanan is emerging as the principal conservative alternative to a Dole candidacy. But he's going to have to knock Dole off in one of the primaries before Texas to be competitive here," the GOP leader said.

One top Gramm backer, Gov. George W. Bush, withheld any endorsement, saying he "will now give a new look to the Republican candidates for president."

"I hope the candidates will bring to Texas their vision and ideas for America. I hope all the candidates ... will focus on our ultimate goal of electing a Republican president in 1996," Bush said.

In quitting the race, Gramm declined to endorse any other candidate.

Dole has made several campaign appearances in Texas, and he reported raising more than \$1 million in the state.

In Texas, Dole campaigner Gary Bruner said the Kansan already was hearing from Gramm's supporters.

"This gives us a tremendous boost in Texas," Bruner said. "We will get a great number of the Gramm people to come over to our campaign. It's a contest now, we think, between Bob Dole and Pat Buchanan, and we think Bob Dole's going to carry Texas."

Rob Mosbacher, a Houston oilman who heads Alexander's Texas campaign, said their campaign also was feeling new momentum, especially with Alexander's third-place finish in the Iowa precinct caucuses Monday night.

"Lamar Alexander is an optimistic conservative. I think the country and the party are desperately looking for someone who could beat Bill Clinton with a positive message. He could

GOP DELEGATE PLAN

AUSTIN (AP) — Here, at a glance, is the Texas GOP plan for allocating the state's 123 delegates to this year's Republican National Convention in San Diego, Calif.:

— Total Delegates: 123 (also 123 alternates).

— All delegates are awarded to presidential candidates based on the popular vote in the March 12 primary.

— 90 delegates are awarded based on how well candidates do in each of the state's 30 congressional districts.

— 33 delegates are awarded by statewide election results.

— If a candidate receives a majority of votes (50 percent) cast for president in a congressional district, he receives all three delegates from that district.

— If no one wins with a majority in a congressional district, the first-place finisher gets two delegates and the second-place candidate gets one if he receives over 20 percent of the vote.

— If only one candidate gets more than 20 percent, he gets all three. If no one gets more than 20 percent, the top three candidates get one delegate each.

— If a candidate receives over 50 percent of the statewide vote, he gets all 33 "at large" delegates.

— If no candidate gets over 50 percent, then those candidates receiving more than 20 percent of the statewide vote are apportioned delegates according to the ratio of votes those candidates received.

— The individuals who will serve as delegates will be chosen at the GOP state convention in June.

do extremely well in Texas," Mosbacher said.

Dr. Johnnie Bowen, a Palestine physician and Buchanan campaigner, told the Austin American-Statesman that Texans are responding strongly to Buchanan's message. "Our Houston office has been inundated with calls in the last few days from people wanting yard signs and bumper stickers. We can't keep up with demand," he said.

GOP consultant Rove said Dole "would have to be considered the front-runner while Alexander's coming on strong."

He estimated that Buchanan could receive up to 20 percent to 25 percent of the vote. As for millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, "the question is whether he can recover" from his distant fourth-place finish in Iowa, Rove said. Neither Forbes nor Buchanan have spent much time in Texas yet.

Texas Democrats also hold a presidential primary on March 12, but President Clinton faces no serious challengers. Texas will send 230 delegates to that party's national convention this summer.

Rylander faces Pampan in RRC race

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Railroad Commission has changed dramatically over the past two years, and chairwoman Carole Keeton Rylander says she has helped the agency find a new identity.

Mrs. Rylander, a Republican and the first woman elected to the three-member commission that regulates the state's oil and gas industry, is the only commissioner up for re-election this year.

In the March 12 GOP primary, she faces Robert A. "Bob" Wood, 66, who spent 29 years working in the Railroad Commission district office in the Panhandle town of Pampa before retiring in 1993.

Former state Sen. Hector Uribe of Brownsville is uncontested in the Democratic primary for Rylander's seat.

The Railroad Commission was reshaped beginning last year when its regulation of trucking was transferred to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

That move was the result of a 1994 federal law pre-empting states from regulating in-state trucking rates, routes and services.

Rylander actively pushed for the transfer and says she has helped lead a reorganization of the agency that has included reductions in the budget and staff.

"We have re-engineered the commission for the first time in its 104-year history to make it more efficient," Rylander said. "I reduced my own personal budget by more than 32 percent."

"My top priority has always been paychecks and jobs for Texans," she said. "I have done exactly what I said I was going to do."

Rylander also takes credit for promoting natural gas; working

for incentives for oil and gas drilling and production; and helping create a new railroad safety division.

"My ultimate goal is not just to be a strict regulator," Rylander said. "We want to deliver up the least costly regulatory process of any state while having the most effective and efficiently run process of any state."

Wood, who ran unsuccessfully for the commission as a Democrat in 1976, says he doesn't have a problem with the job Rylander has done. But he says he would bring more experience to the commission.

"There have been quite a few old timers retire from the commission, and I feel like they have lost a lot of experience and knowledge," said Wood, who switched to the GOP in recent years because he found himself more conservative.

"I would just kind of put my knowledge and information about the commission to work."

Wood, who worked primarily on plugging abandoned wells during his career with the Railroad Commission, says he would like to see more incentives for oil and gas production.

"I think there could be more incentives such as tax breaks for the small-time operators — those who produce less than five barrels per day," Wood said.

Without a primary opponent, Uribe is taking aim at Rylander, whom he says can't take credit for any downsizing at the Railroad Commission.

"Most of the reductions were done at the national level by a Democratic Congress because of the deregulation of trucking," said Uribe, whose many committee assignments in the Senate included the Natural Resources Committee.

Uribe, who served in the Texas Senate from 1981-90 and in the Texas House from 1978-81, says being out of politics the last six

years makes him an attractive candidate.

"People are tired of politics as usual, like people claiming to streamline agencies when in fact they are being forced to streamline due to national legislation," Uribe said.

Name: Carole Keeton Rylander.
Party: Republican.

Age: 56.
Family: Divorced; five children.

Occupation: Railroad Commission chairman.

Education: University of Texas.

Background: Railroad Commission member, 1994-present; member of State Board of Insurance, 1983-86; mayor of Austin, 1977-1983; president, board of trustees of the Austin Independent School District, 1976-77.

Quote: "I tell mamas at PTA meetings why we need to keep the rig count up. It means ad valorem (property) taxes are going to the state of Texas."

Name: Robert A. "Bob" Wood.
Party: Republican.

Age: 66.

Family: Wife, Bonnie; four children.

Occupation: Retired Railroad Commission district plugger of abandoned oil and gas wells.

Education: Odessa High School, 1947; Odessa College, 1951; Texas Tech, bachelor's in business administration, 1958.

Background: Railroad Commission, district oil and gas division in Pampa, 1964-93; U.S. Air Force, 1951-55. Ran unsuccessfully for Railroad Commission as Democrat in 1976.

Quote: "I am retired after working 29 years with the Texas Railroad Commission. I am 66 years old. I decided if I was going to run, now was the time. For anyone who believes in term limitations, I am it. I would run for one term only."

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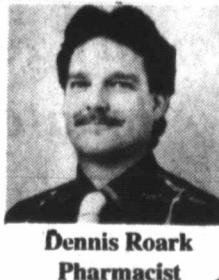
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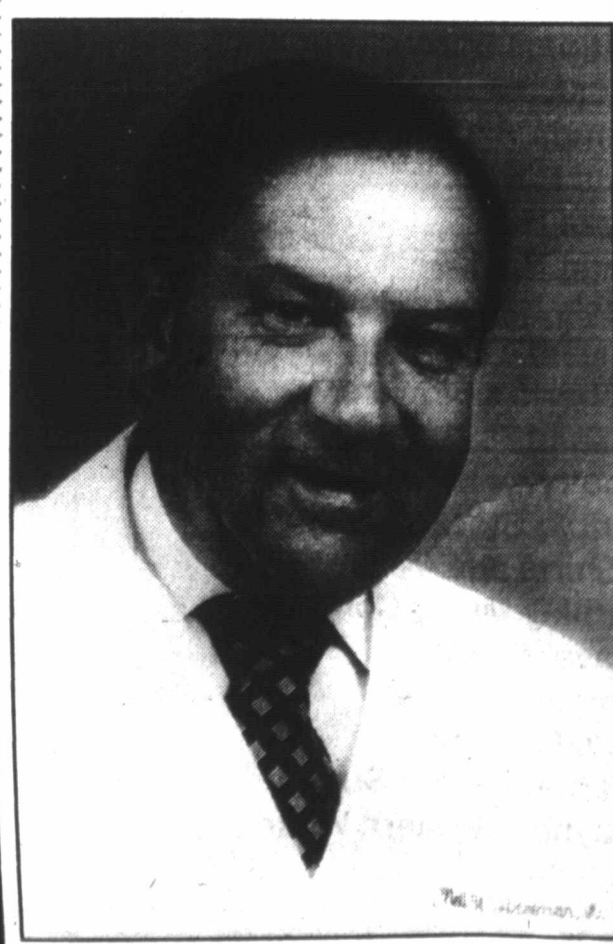
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Agriculture

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT - (BULL)

OUTLOOK: With global and domestic wheat supplies as tight as they are, this is one year the market can ill afford crop problems. And that's just what I believe is occurring in the Great Plains and areas of Montana. It's been dry and this is troubling. Plus the record low temps, experienced a few weeks ago, most likely resulted in winter-kill conditions.

This winter-kill is a strange animal. From what I understand, nobody really will know the extent of the damage for weeks to come. Yet, crop loss has been experienced in years less extremes than this one. There's a long time till harvest, and it's awfully early to see problems like this. Most years those who can wait till harvest time to buy wheat will. This year the squeeze just might be on with no letup.

I remain bullish wheat. After a near term sell off due to fund liquidation, look for new contract highs in both old and new crop.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: In a year with this much uncertainty, our preferred hedging method remains put options. Remember, puts will assure you a floor price, but will never limit your upside potential. Our program is 50 percent complete with prior purchases of July Chicago 420 and 430 puts for 19 cents. This will assure better than \$4 wheat on half of anticipated production. Hold off on additional pricing at this time.

Traders: Last week we recom-

mended the purchase of July Chicago futures on the first 10 cents price break from a top. This came at approximately \$4.52. Place the protective stop at a close only under \$4.38, for an objective above \$4.75.

CORN - (BULL)
OUTLOOK: Because of robust export and domestic demand, there's little evidence the rationing process has begun in earnest. Corn supplies need to be rationed so we don't run out this summer. Lower prices do not ration demand.

So why aren't prices surging? I believe it's because the futures market is overburdened with old longs, many of them in the March contract. Recent data we've seen places fund ownership of futures at a ten to one ratio - that's ten longs for every short. This needs to be liquidated out before the next leg up.

If it's going to happen, it will occur in the next week or so. The liquidation should be met with good user-type demand. However, prices could still work lower in the short term. This will be a buying opportunity, my opinion. Longer term, I look for the four dollar level to be exceeded prior to the expiration of the July contract!

STRATEGY: Hedgers: We continue to recommend "paper ownership" of corn after cash sales via option or futures buys. We've used different strategies to regain over 40 cents/bu. since harvest. Most recently we suggested the purchase of May 360 calls.

Traders: Continue to hold the March futures, previously purchased at \$3.32. Our stop is now \$3.49.

CATTLE - (BULL/BEAR)

OUTLOOK: Placements into feedlots are up due in large part to dry wheat pastures. This helps to maintain adequate beef production for the coming months.

While the recent inventory report showed the first signs of herd liquidation, it's not yet at a pace which points to a major rally anytime soon. Yet, there is some bright news and it's on the demand side. Exports last year were up 14 percent, particularly to Asia. There's no evidence this demand is moderating, and it certainly will help clean up additional supplies.

Some are talking about a free-fall in price, but I can't see it. Rather, look for a trading range, with prices well supported in the lower sixties. Look for rallies to be halted in the mid sixties. Not too exciting, but not a disaster either.

STRATEGY: Hedgers: Last week we sold the remainder of our Feb. 66 puts at profitable levels. Put profits helped offset cash market losses. If you took our previous advice to use 2 dollar rallies off the bottom to extend put protection in April, you had your opportunity last week. You should have been able to buy the April 65 puts for less than \$2.

Cow/calf operators: Recent weakness in corn prices has helped feeder prices, but not all that much. Since I look for the corn price rally to resume soon, I'd consider using futures rallies to expand downside protection. Use puts and/or futures, whatever you're most comfortable with.

Traders: I anticipate a trading range type market in the coming weeks. Look to buy April futures under 6270 and/or sell above 6515. Risk 120 points on a closing basis for a 180 point [\$720 per contract] profit objective minus commissions.

Beef checkoffs generate positive results

AUSTIN - Checkoff programs funded by Texas beef producers on both national and state levels in the last fiscal year generated positive results with domestic and international beef consumers, said Bob Nunley of Sabin, Texas Beef Council (TBC) chairman.

Nunley made his comments upon releasing the Texas Beef Council annual report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1995. The annual report lists financial information and results of domestic and export development programs conducted in Texas by TBC and nationally by the Beef Industry Council (BIC) and by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) during the fiscal year.

"Checkoff dollars allowed us to target key users of beef in domestic and international areas during an extremely trying year for our industry," Nunley said. "On both a national and state level, we saw progress in getting our message heard by consumers and gained access to new markets around the world."

The annual report shows that last year TBC received \$12,693,159 in checkoff dollars from Texas producers. TBC sent \$6,008,672 to

the Beef board, and approximately \$1.5 million each to BIC and USMEF, all of which helped fund national beef promotion, education and research programs. A summary of these national programs is included on one side of the annual report brochure.

TBC programs operated on approximately \$3 million. Here are some highlights of what these checkoff dollars helped fund in the last fiscal year:

- An interactive exhibit that related how cattle impact everyday life. Approximately 90,000 persons at stock shows and other events toured this 2,500-square foot exhibit.

- An increase in impulse beef purchasing by 20 to 23 percent among consumers who took TBC recipes at centers in 1,750 supermarkets.

- Partnerships with major Texas burger distributors. Wendy's promotions resulted in an additional 275,000 pounds of beef sold. Another partnership with Burger Street sold an additional 43,000 beef patties.

- Foreign trade teams that learned about the U.S. beef production system by visiting Texas

ranches, feedlots and packing houses. U.S. beef sales increased an average of 36.5 percent at three Mexican chains that participated.

- Programs to educate producers on the need to generate a product for consumers. Beef 706 and Quality and Consistency meetings have helped inform thousands of producers about what today's consumers want and demand from beef.

"All programs generated by the national plan," Nunley said. "This national-state relationship helps us leverage out checkoff dollars and prevents duplication of effort."

All TBC programs are approved by the TBC board of directors, which includes representatives of all major organizations dealing with beef and dairy cattle, livestock markets and meat processing in Texas. A list of directors is included on the annual report.

Annual reports can be requested by writing or calling TBC at 8708 Ranch Road 620 N., Austin, TX 78726; (512) 335-2333. The financial information in this report is summarized. For complete information, please specify an audited financial statement.

Japan top market for U.S. consumer farm products

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mention the words "trade" and "Japan" in the same sentence and a typical American is likely to have a negative reaction. After all, much of this country's trade deficit is caused by the difficulty U.S. manufacturers have in selling their goods in the Asian nation.

But farmers may have a different reaction. The Agriculture Department says Japan is the leading export market for U.S.-produced consumer farm products.

During the 10 months ended last October, the

value of such exports to Japan climbed 23 percent to a record \$4.4 billion, the department's Foreign Agricultural Service reported. Japanese imports of U.S. fresh, frozen and chilled red meat jumped 37 percent. Shipments of fresh fruit also rose.

The value of all U.S. consumer food exports was \$15.4 billion during the period, up from \$13.7 billion a year earlier.

Canada, the second-largest importer of U.S. agricultural products, bought \$3.5 billion worth during the 10 months, an increase of 8 percent.

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Youth Beef Industry Congress set in Denver

DENVER, Colo. - Youth leaders from across the U.S. will gather March 21-24 in Denver for the biannual Youth Beef Industry Congress (YBIC).

Representatives from national breed associations and state junior cattlemen's associations will meet to learn more about the beef industry and the challenges faced in today's industry. They will also be presented with leadership development opportunities.

With top junior industry leaders in attendance, the YBIC will be filled with speakers such as Dr. Tom Field, Dr. Ronnie Green and Dr. Bernie Rollins, all of Colorado State University; Greg Simonds, Desert Ranches; Colorado Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell; and Tim Schiefelbein, Monfort, Colo.

In addition to workshops on marketing, investments and leadership, the delegates will

tour the National Cattleman's Beef Association and Maverick Ranch Meats. The four-day congress will be capped March 24 with guest speaker Sonny Lubick, head coach of the Colorado State University football team.

The YBIC, supported by the U.S. Beef Breeds Council, began in 1981 and has continued to broaden the views and leadership abilities of the beef cattle industry's future leaders.

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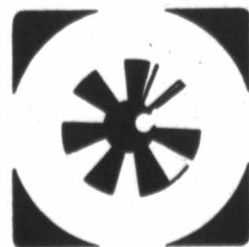
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What banks don't like to tell people

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — It's amazing, says Joe Mintz, whose mission in life is prodding financial institutions into being up front with the public, and educating the public about watching its dollars.

"Amazing," he says again in his Texas drawl. "When I buy a can of beans the label tells me clearly what I get and what I pay for. But when I lend money to my bank they can't tell me precisely what I'll get back."

All Joe wants from them is a clear answer to questions like this: If I lend my money to you — that is, buy a CD from you — for five years, will you please tell me in dollars and cents exactly how much I'll get back?

He has tested questions like this all around the country and is surprised when he receives a correct answer. Or any answer. Lenders prefer instead to just restate the simple interest rate.

Simple interest can be, and is often meant to be, deceiving. It hides from view, for example, how often the amount is compounded, and as you should know, compounding can make enormous differences in the total yield.

Joe wants them to tell him the annual yield, which eliminates all the bother about how often the interest is compounded. With that, he can calculate in seconds how much money he is due at the end of the time period.

In this way, he says, customers can shop for the best price, as they can for beans. Tiny differences in price, he reminds us, can turn into big sums over time, even allowing a couple, for example, to retire earlier.

"If I can do it, why can't lenders?" he asks a listener, and before the listener can answer he continues, his usually calm voice rising: "When you borrow money, they darn sure spell out your obligation in real money."

He's right. They can. And under the law, the Truth in Savings Act, they are required to declare the "annual percentage yield," rather than befuddle you with such vague promises as "We pay more," or "We pay interest daily."

Bad enough that the law isn't observed, says Prof. Richard L.D. Morse, the father of Truth in Savings, but proposals now before the Senate and House would trash it under the guise of reducing paperwork regulations and costs.

Those who defend the bills contend that: 1. Some items inevitably must be cut from the law if paperwork is to be reduced, and 2. An overabundance of information can confuse rather than inform consumers.

Says Morse, a legend in financial and consumer education and legislation, "Exactly what evidence has been presented by bankers that it costs them more to tell the truth? What is this fear, he asks, of consumers being informed?"

He scoffs. Do banks mean to suggest they cannot handle their own accounts? That their computers cannot do what the local gasoline pump accomplishes in pricing its product to the hundredth of a gallon and the precise cent?

Both Morse and Mintz are superactive 79-year-olds. With decades of effort endangered (testifying, writing, publishing, educating, etc.), Morse has been beseeching Congress and the Federal Reserve. Joe Mintz has another idea.

Says Joe: "Write a simple letter expressing your opposition to reducing requirements of Truth in Savings, and that you want the bill to show in real dollars the results at the end of the savings period."

If you send the letter to Joe at Box 12066, Dallas, Texas 75225, he promises to hand carry it to sponsors of the bills, H.R. 2520 by Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, and S.650, by Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.

In the meantime, you can find the yields in dollars and cents that bank and insurers find difficult to provide, and which wouldn't be required if the law is changed, with Joe's Instant Yield Calculations, offered at \$8.75.

Conservatives seek to increase majority on state education board

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Support for Republican State Board of Education Chairman Dr. Jack Christie ranges from Gov. George W. Bush to one of the most liberal members of the education board.

There is no one running in the Democratic primary for his District 6 seat representing southeast Texas, so it would seem that all is well in the Christie camp.

But surprisingly, Christie has to worry about a re-election challenge from his own party.

The most conservative corners of the GOP have voiced their disapproval with the Houston chiropractor for two votes he made in the past year — one supporting a program that gives Texas \$29 million in federal money, the other approving environmental science textbooks.

"Jack has made some liberal votes and I think there are some people who are less than pleased with that," said Jeff Fisher, executive director of the Texas Christian Coalition. "When you make votes like that, you're probably going to draw an opponent."

Christian conservatives have voiced their support for former teacher Terri Leo, Christie's only

opponent in the March 12 primary.

Ms. Leo, who is running on a "traditional learning" platform, says she wasn't recruited by the right wing of the GOP.

"They are supporting my ideas because I am the more conservative candidate," said Ms. Leo, whose 7-year-old daughter attends private school. "That doesn't mean I support all of theirs."

"I spent time in the housing projects and teaching in schools so I have firsthand knowledge in how the state board's actions affect local schools."

Some observers say Christie's primary election battle could be a measuring stick for future GOP candidates seeking election to the education board.

Republicans are attempting to gain a bigger margin on the 15-member board, where they already have nine members — up from five before the 1994 election.

"They (the right wing of the party) want political dominance without regard to educational needs of the children," said Christie, who describes himself as a conservative Christian. "Children are not political."

The discord over Christie hasn't affected Bush, who named Christie chairman of the education board.

"Gov. Bush thinks Dr. Christie is doing a great job in the role of chairman and has said so frequently," said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan.

At issue are the two votes by Christie. One was cast in favor of Texas to participate in the federal program Goals 2000, which gives the state \$29 million in federal money to enhance academic programs.

Conservatives, including Ms. Leo, say by voting for Goals 2000, Christie gave control over Texas education to the federal government.

Christie, whose 5 1/2-year-old child attends public school, and other State Board of Education members say that is simply untrue. He initially opposed the program, fearing it would give the federal government too much say in Texas schools.

But he eventually supported the program on the condition that the money be used solely to improve academic programs for elementary students and that the state be allowed to design its program to fit Texas students' needs.

"Because we held our ground, we got out of federal control," said Christie, who has been on the education board since 1991.

Christian conservatives are convinced Goals 2000 will lead to

such things as condom distribution in schools.

"For the first time, the government has a say-so in curriculum issues," Ms. Leo said. "Before, that was left to the state and local levels to handle."

Will Davis, a Democrat from Austin who is considered among the most liberal board members, rose to Christie's defense.

"There is no increased federal control as a result of Goals 2000," Davis said. "I think it's a very good indicator of how radical they are in their views."

"Dr. Christie is a very fine man. He was selected by Gov. Bush to chair the board and yet they challenge him, take him on and ridicule him when he is a man who treats everyone fairly and listens carefully to all sides."

Of the eight seats on the education board that are up for election this year, only three have contested primaries.

Here's a breakdown of the other races:

— District 3: Incumbent Republican Jose Garcia De Lara has no primary opponent. Vincent R. Alvarado, a food manufacturer from San Antonio, is facing Joe J. Bernal, a retired educator from San Antonio, in the Democratic primary.

— District 4: Incumbent Democrat Alama A. Allen of Houston is unopposed in the

primary. Earl J. Ehlers, an education researcher from Houston, is unopposed in the GOP primary.

— District 5: Incumbent Republican Bob Offutt, a pediatric dentist from San Antonio, is unopposed in the primary. Nettie Ruth Bratton, a retired teacher from Kingsland, and Joe "J.B." Richeson, a teacher from Helotes, are facing off in the Democratic primary.

— District 7: David Bradley, an insurance and real estate agent from Beaumont, is unopposed in the GOP primary. Rema Lou Brown of League City is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

— District 10: Incumbent Democrat Will Davis, an attorney from Austin, is unopposed in the primary. Cynthia Thornton, a teacher from Brenham; Charlie Weaver of Spicewood; and Don Clark of Flatonia are facing off in the GOP primary.

— District 11: Richard Neill, a dentist from Fort Worth, is unopposed in the Republican primary. Robert M. Platt of Fort Worth is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

— District 12: Incumbent Republican Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, a business executive from Dallas, is unopposed in the primary. Barbara V. Montgomery, a retired teacher from Rockwall, is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

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