

Inmate wants jail wedding

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AMARILLO — Condemned killer Charles Rumbaugh may want to get married but Potter County Sheriff Jimmy Don Boydston said the ceremony will not take place in his jail.

Rumbaugh, subpoenaed with three other convicts as defense witnesses in a trial beginning next week in Amarillo, was scheduled to be transferred from the state prison in Huntsville to the

Potter County Jail this weekend. Rumbaugh was sentenced to death for the 1975 murder and robbery of an Amarillo jeweler. D.J. Stubben, who wrote a book on Rumbaugh, said the convict had hoped to get married while in Amarillo because couples are not allowed to hold hands during such ceremonies in the state prison.

His fiancée was not identified, but was described by Stub-

ben as a 32-year-old divorced mother of three. "He is a whole different person. He cares for other people now," said Stubben.

But Boydston said no weddings would be held in his jail. "Rumbaugh is a temporary inmate. He is a regular inmate of the state prison. He can get married in Huntsville," Boydston said.

In a federal courtroom in

Amarillo earlier this year, Rumbaugh shouted he would set his own execution date and was shot by a U.S. marshal as he lunged at the officer with a pick-like weapon.

He was testifying at a competency hearing arranged by his parents at the time of the attack. His parents requested the hearing to prevent his efforts to waive his right of appeal and force his execution.

Feed to be offered at discount prices

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WASHINGTON — Deputy Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng Wednesday put in motion a program that will make government-owned livestock feed available at a discount price to livestock producers hurt by this summer's drought.

Lyng also stirred up a controversy by announcing that much less corn was available than was previously believed.

In an announcement, the Agriculture Department said 27 million bushels of corn would be available to livestock producers. That figure was considerably less than the 83 million bushels of corn that had been consistently mentioned in discussions of the drought relief.

Gene Hemphill, a department spokesman, said the 83-million-bushel figure was based on an August inventory and the 27-million-bushel fi-

gure was from an inventory made last week.

"Between August and last week we had the payment-in-kind entitlements come due," he said. He said that although the low-grade corn in question was not generally used for payment-in-kind, some farmers opted to take a larger

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quantity of low-grade corn instead of better quality corn.

The bulk of the corn is located in Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Illinois, the department said.

Jack DeVore, a spokesman for Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, who attached the drought relief provision to dairy legislation, questioned

the department's expansion for the difference in available corn.

"They have a lot more explaining to do," he said, urging officials to "go back and redo their inventory."

Hemphill said 10.7 million bushels of the total were available for Texas livestock producers, who pushed hard for drought relief. DeVore said that amount would take care of many Texas farmers, he said there should be more corn available.

DeVore noted that on Nov. 1, Agriculture Secretary John Block wrote to Bentsen. "Currently, CCC (Commodity Credit Corp.) has an inventory in 27 states a little over 10 million bushels of corn, U.S. No. 4 grade or less."

Hemphill said Block had that letter on the August inventory. "That's the figures we had then," he

Court allows Zenith to review fire report

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AUSTIN — An appeals court Wednesday revived Zenith Radio Corp.'s claim that it is entitled to see a fire marshal's report on a Feb. 6 fire that killed one person and did nearly \$3 million in damages to the Texas State Capitol.

The state attorney general's office is suing the Glenview, Ill., manufacturer, claiming a defective Zenith television set in Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby's private

second-floor apartment caused the pre-dawn fire.

Travis County District Judge Harley Clark on July 5 denied Zenith access to an investigative report written by Fire Marshal Ernest Emerson, who also refused to answer questions during a pre-trial hearing.

But the 3rd Court of Appeals ordered Clark to withdraw his earlier order, examine Emerson's report and determine if rules of evidence would prevent its disclosure to Zenith.

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Grocery price wars proving to be costly

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 A fierce price war pitting a national supermarket chain against smaller, regional stores has proved costly to two principal combatants, officials said Wednesday.

Golub Corp. of Schenectady, owner of the 58-store Price Chopper chain in eastern and central New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Vermont, revealed plans to delay pay raises for its 8,700 employees for five months, effective Dec. 1.

The move comes as the chain fights Grand Union Co., a national chain which plans to invest \$110 million in a price-cutting move to improve its market share — despite reporting a \$46.3 million loss from April to

October. The company lost \$36.5 million from July through October while sales climbed by 7.3 percent.

Food prices have remained steady while operating costs have increased, analysts said.

"We've come off a very difficult year," said Elaine Solomon, spokesperson for Golub. "We've put a lot of our profits back into the company."

Price Chopper employees have supported the company's move, Solomon said, describing the move as "a preventive measure" to avoid financial problems later. The company remains profitable, she said.

Price Chopper also cited deflation of food prices as a major reason its operating margins

have been reduced.

Store employees routinely receive pay raises at staggered times during the year. Raises have been pushed five months, meaning employees due for increases April will wait until September, Solomon said.

Grand Union said it is not for the year are directly related with its new price strategy, which began in August and spread to all the chain's stores in 15 states by September.

The losses came despite a jump in sales from \$800 million last year to \$865 million this year and an increase in revenue from \$1.9 billion to \$1.91 billion this year, the company said.

Southwest Texas State hosts the Magna Carta

United Press International
SAN MARCOS — King John of England, described by one historian as "bad news" and "a total loss," incurred the wrath of medieval nobles with his continued refusal to honor age-old rights and practices of law.

But on June 12, 1215, at Runnymede, the barons forced the king to sign the Magna Carta, a document many scholars call the cornerstone of British and American law.

Four of the original 20 documents still exist, and one of them — the Lincoln Exemplar — went on display Wednesday at Southwest Texas State University.

When it was signed 768 years ago, the Magna Carta was little more than an agreement between a bad king and England's rich aristocracy.

But it was eventually extended to common people, providing protection for "the man in the street and the field," said Dr. J. Norman Parmer, professor of English history at Trinity University in San Antonio.

"The barons were saying, 'Look, we have certain rights,'" Parmer said. "Things had never gotten so bad since the Normans came to England in 1066. King John was such a total loss. It is very hard to find much good about King John. He managed to get himself in all kinds of trouble with the English people and the church."

For Parmer, the Magna Carta, or the Great Charter, was the most important of several charters between the people of England and their kings, although it did not contain any new or radical

legal concepts.

"The Magna Carta is a major case," he said. "There were a lot of charters before but 1215 was a big one. It was the first major statement of the seeds of many things that relate to democracy."

The charter forbade the king from banishing people or taxing them without a consent — the root concern of modern jury system. It also contains language similar to that of habeas corpus, which prohibits illegal detention.

But signing the Magna Carta did not save King John from the barons, who revolted against him the following year.

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