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Microbrewery boom loses a little foam

AUSTIN (AP) — The microbrewery buzz of the mid-1990s has lost some of its foam, and a few Texas beers have fizzled in the process.

Nationwide, more than 300 breweries and brewpubs have shut down since 1996, the year sales peaked for the largest specialty brewers. The small guys have been hurt by inconsistent quality among the specialty brews and tough competition from large beer producers.

But surviving microbrewers remain upbeat.

"Breweries like us, small regional ones that stick to their own home turf where people know you and have pride in your product, we will continue to do well," Chip McElroy, brewer and co-owner of Live Oak Brewing Co., told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

"There was a little shakeout," added Bill Forester, owner and operator of Waterloo Brewing Co. and the Dog and Duck Pub in Austin. "Some people who weren't making beer for the love of it, they went by the wayside. The public makes those decisions."

From 1995 to 1998, more than 900 brewpubs and microbreweries popped up across the country. In Texas, the movement was

helped when the Legislature decided in 1993 to allow restaurants to brew their own beer. Brewpubs opened the next year in Austin alone.

As a result of development like those, the craft beer industry posted annual sales volume increases ranging from 25 to 50 percent from 1992 through 1998. But growth slowed to 5 percent in 1997, was flat in 1998 and gained only 2 percent last year.

Along the way, Texas beers such as Balcones, Granite, made in Austin, ended production. Closings were inevitable, said David Edger, director at the Institute of Brewing Studies in Boulder, Colo. He predicted a single-digit

growth among craft brewers in the next several years. "I think what you're finding in this segment of the beer market was more of a flash in the pan," said Skip Carpenter, an analyst at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. Several years ago, many observers thought microbrewers could grab up to 10 percent of the national beer market, but they remained stuck below 3 percent with a product that costs more than the brand names and has a short shelf life.

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Relatives to solve death of Jesse James

GRANBURY, Texas (AP) — Months after a judge cleared the way, relatives of outlaw Jesse James hope that unearthing remains from a North Texas grave can help solve a longtime mystery surrounding his death.

Today's scheduled exhumation from Granbury Cemetery and subsequent DNA testing comes at the request of two of James' reputed descendants. If their hunch is true, it would mean that the famous bandit was buried southwest of Fort Worth at age 104.

The exhumation order by Hood County Judge Linda Steen in March came despite DNA testing of remains in 1995 from a grave identified by historians and relatives as James' grave in Kearney, Mo.

Results from that 1995 test are consistent with what is known of the 19th-century outlaw, experts have said. James, according to historians, died at the hands of Bob Ford on April 3, 1882, in St. Joseph, Mo.

However, others believe James faked his apparent death in Missouri to elude authorities as he moved to Texas under the assumed name of J. Frank Dalton. Dalton died in 1951.

One theory goes that the famous outlaw, his brother Frank and perhaps Ford all conspired to get rid of a fellow gang member and collect the \$10,000 reward offered for Jesse James.

One man who rode with the gang, Charlie Bigelow, resembled James and delighted in passing himself off as the famous outlaw. The gang's plan was said to have worked, with members collecting the reward and dividing it among themselves.

This version of events even has James singing at his own funeral the next day, having shaved off his trademark black handlebar mustache to go unnoticed among those at the services.

D.M. Biggs of Granbury, who said he knew James and devoted years researching the outlaw, said Pinkerton's Detective Agency had gone along with the ruse.

Those who hold that James survived and died in Granbury in 1951 believe Pinkerton's covered up the faking of his death.

Later, the James family was said to own ranch land "west of Fort Worth." Various accounts place James in the Hood County area, with the former outlaw touring with a wild west show and appearing under the name Frank Dalton, who gave shooting exhibitions.

News in Brief

Guitarist seeks preventive care Tug boat sinks in channel

HOUSTON (AP) — Guitarist Eddie Van Halen, co-founder of Van Halen, is to undergo preventative treatment at a noted cancer center.

The band's Website said Van Halen, 43, visited the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston on Thursday to begin outpatient treatment there to prevent cancer.

Hospital spokesperson Jane Brust said the California rocker does not currently have cancer and has not had it. He will be treated as part of an outpatient clinical trial to prevent tongue cancer, and may have some risk factors for that type of disease, Brust said.

HOUSTON (AP) — Part of the nation's second-largest port was paralyzed Tuesday when a tug boat sank in the Houston Ship Channel, causing the U.S. Coast Guard to close off part of the waterway.

The 77-foot tug UTV Vectorian was reported sunk near the Washburn Tunnel at about 6:20 a.m. Tuesday.

Two crewmembers were safely rescued by another tug, the John G. Morgan, Lt. Robert Schoen said. Fuel cleanup and salvage operations were underway Tuesday morning, although Schoen said he did not know if the segment would be reopened before Wednesday.

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Barnhill's Buffet hiring experienced dependable servers. Apply in person Mon.-Thurs. 2-4pm, 1701-S. Texas Ave. Drug Free Work Place.

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Enjoy working with children? Join our nursery staff at Christ UMC. Sundays, 8am-12:30pm. Minimum wage. Pick-up application at 4203 State Hwy-6 South, CS.

Full-time position available in Oral Surgeon's office. Please call 764-7101 Monday through Friday, 8-12 or 1-5.

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Great Opportunity! Insurance office working with schools and athletes needs bilingual individual w/excellent computer skills. Hours are flexible and pay based on skill. Call 774-0305 for interview. E.O.E.

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