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Burned boy made millionaire

By PAUL PINKHAM
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Wheeler

A Tampa youth is a lot richer today following settlement Tuesday of his family's multi-million dollar lawsuit against Charles Douthit, owner of Charley's Fire Extinguisher Service.

Timmy Wheeler, 16, will receive \$4 million to \$5 million if he achieves his normal life expectancy, according to attorney Dale Friend of Houston, lawyer for the Wheeler family.

Wheeler, 1309 Coffee, still bears the scars from burns he received while he and two friends were cleaning the fire exting-

uisher business at 401 S. Starkweather nearly three years ago.

The teen-ager, 13 at the time, received second- and third-degree burns over 45 percent of his body, including his face, head, neck, arms, chest, hands and back, following an explosion at the business Jan. 8, 1984. The flash fire occurred when the boys were cleaning the business with solvent.

Friend said the youth probably will need at least five more surgeries in connection with his burns.

Wheeler's suit against Douthit was scheduled to go to trial Tuesday, but attorneys for the Wheelers and Douthit's insurance

company reached a settlement late Monday.

The settlement was formalized during a brief hearing before 223rd District Judge Don Cain on Tuesday. Cain approved the settlement.

Friend said current value of the settlement is \$1.27 million, of which one-third will be attorney's fees.

However, he said Wheeler should receive \$4 million to \$5 million during his lifetime from annuities and interest. According to terms of the settlement, Wheeler will receive lump-sum cash payments and monthly payments for the rest of his life.

Friend said the cost of the suit will be borne by Douthit's excess liability carriers: U.S. Fire Insurance Co. and Canal Insurance Co.

The carriers will pay \$680,000 cash immediately, much of which will go to attorney fees and past medical bills. Of the amount, \$83,000 also will go to Prudential Insurance Co. for past medical payments.

The remainder will be placed in a trust fund until Wheeler's 18th birthday.

In addition, the settlement calls for Wheeler to be paid \$2,000 per month for rest of his life, with a 3 percent annual

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Santa dead, priest says; parents mad

WOODBIDGE, N.J. (AP) — Angry parents lashed out at a priest some said "tried to kill Santa" by telling youngsters the jolly old elf was dead, the North Pole didn't exist and that Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was a fake.

The Rev. Romano Ferraro was "horribly misquoted" by the parents, said Paul Fenmore, a lawyer who represents the parish. But a statement issued by the Diocese of Metuchen apologized for "any lack of sensitivity... that may have caused disappointment or disillusionment" among the children.

"He told the children that there was no such thing as a living Santa Claus who delivered gifts, that it was just a fairy tale," said Nick Andrusko, whose 7- and 10-year-old children were in the audience Saturday.

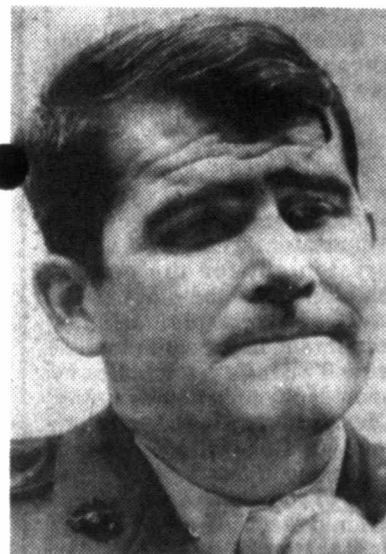
"I am appalled by the church going far beyond jurisdiction in regards to these young, impressionable children," said Andrusko, adding that until the sermon, his younger child believed in Santa Claus.

"He tried to kill Santa," said Joanne Apolonia, the mother of a first-grade girl and one of the parents who attended the Mass at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church. "That's how the kids took it."

Saturday was the Feast of St. Nicholas, and Ferraro was discussing the spiritual nature of the Christmas holiday and how the folklore of the 4th century bishop who bestowed gifts on the poor has developed.

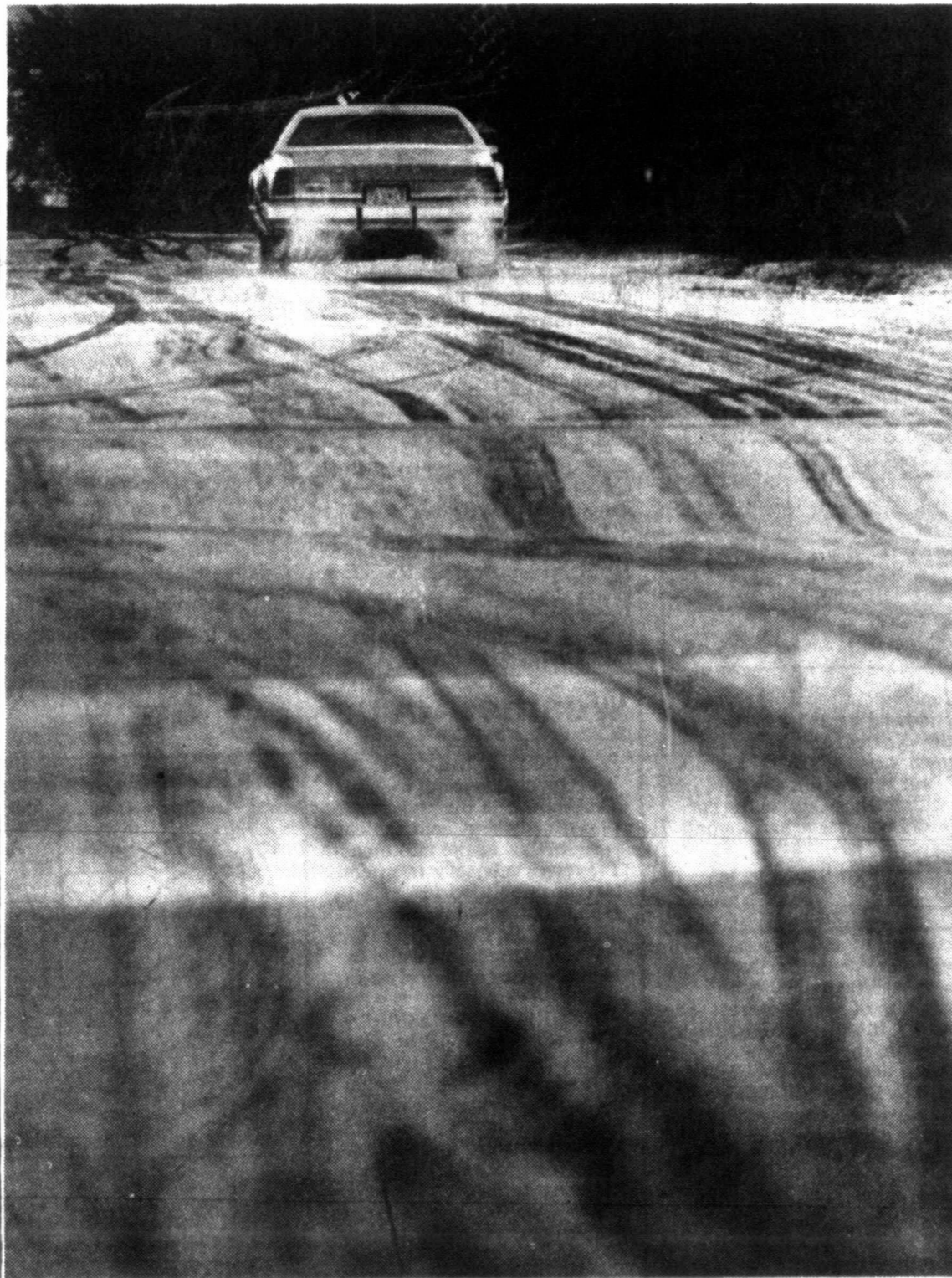
The Mass, part of a weekly religious instruction class designed for Catholic youngsters who attend public school, began "very nicely," said Mrs. Apolonia. But then Ferraro said that just as St. Nicholas is dead, so is Santa Claus. The priest also told the scores of children that there is no North Pole and no Rudolph.

During a later question-and-answer session, a fifth-grader asked whether the sermon meant parents were liars. Mrs. Apolonia said, Ferraro said, "Yes."



North

Finally



After three days of waiting, the weatherman eventually delivered the promised snow. Pampa residents awoke this morning to light powdering that was almost enough to see and just enough to make roads slippery.

(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Nixon talk revives scandal memories

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
AP Political Writer

PARSIPPANY, N.J. — Just when President Reagan didn't need a reminder of Watergate, along came Richard M. Nixon.

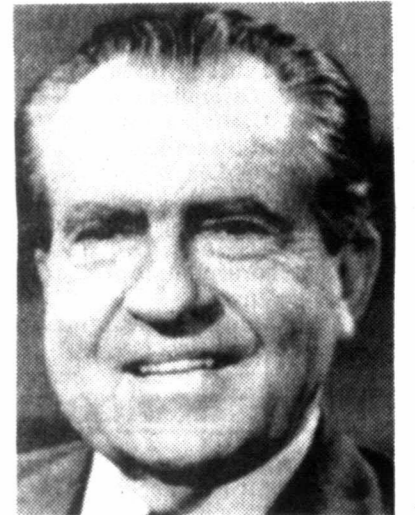
Despite periodic assertions that Nixon has managed to overcome his Watergate legacy and don the mantle of an elder statesman, the former president remains a symbol of how not to handle a controversy like the one troubling the Reagan administration.

Nixon himself has described the handling of Watergate as "abysmal."

The memory of Watergate clearly haunts Reagan and his advisers as they struggled to recover from the initial blow of the disclosures of secret arms sales to Iran and money being slipped to the Contras.

Mitchell Daniels, Reagan's assistant for political affairs, made that clear when he spoke to the annual meeting of the Republican Governors Association Monday and conceded that "many Americans are troubled that we may relive the events of 1974."

But the Republican governors,



Nixon

meeting a few miles from Nixon's Saddle River, N.J., home, thought a private session with the former president to hear his views on foreign policy would be a fascinating addition to their conference agenda.

The timing couldn't have been worse and they found themselves unwitting players in a bizarre piece of political theater, clo-

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City seeks funding for downtown park

By LARRY HOLLIS
News Editor

Pampa city commissioners Tuesday agreed to apply for a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a proposed park in the 100 block of South Russell.

Parks and Recreation Department Director Reed Kirkpatrick explained the park proposal and grant procedures during the commission's regular meeting.

Kirkpatrick said the proposal had been recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The park would be located on the site presently occupied by the

old Pampa Motel, across the street from the old Schneider Hotel now under renovation for apartments for the elderly and handicapped.

Kirkpatrick said the grant is funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, with grant allocations determined by the TPWD on a 50-50 matching basis.

If the city's application is approved, the state department will reimburse the city for up to 50 percent of the cost of the park's development, Kirkpatrick said. He said the grant application "is very competitive," noting that

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Immunity sought for North, Poindexter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee said today he plans to seek legal immunity for two former National Security Council officials whose testimony is crucial to investigating the Iran-Contra affair.

But the committee chairman said he thinks such a move now would be ill-timed. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Mich., said on the NBC-TV "Today" show:

"We can't have a prolonged investigation on this entire Iran initiative. I don't think it deserves that kind of lengthy investigation. I think the press and other people have made a mountain out of a molehill on this particular investigation." Broomfield said he believed Vice Adm John Poindexter, who resigned last month

as the president's national security adviser, and Lt. Col. Oliver North, who was fired from his NSC staff post, "deserve immunity" from prosecution for their actions.

Both men appeared Tuesday before the committee and both refused to answer questions, citing the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

But the Democratic chairman of the panel, Rep. Dante Fascell of Florida, told a news conference that he's "certainly not ready to do that right now at all" because much work remains to be done on the investigation.

A Democratic member of the committee, Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana, said the issue of immunity needs to be discussed but he thought it was too early to grant it.

"I'm not prepared at this moment to say what kind of immunity should be granted (or) whether it should be granted," said Hamilton, who was interviewed with Broomfield.

CIA Director William Casey appeared before a closed session of the committee

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today, even though some Democrats on the panel say he should be required to testify in public.

The Senate and House intelligence committees also continue their separate private hearings on the Iran-Contra affair today, although witnesses were not announced.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State George Shultz said he had told the European allies the administration was dealing with the Iran-Contra crisis openly, in "absolutely total contrast" to Watergate.

After meeting in London with the foreign ministers of Britain, West Germany and France, he said the allies were "reassured to see how the president's dealing with it."

The New York Times, citing three government officials it did not identify, reported today that Casey learned of the diversion of money to the Contras a month before it was uncovered in a Justice Department investigation.

The officials said that Casey confronted Poindexter with the information and that the national security adviser said he would

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Texas/Regional

Segregated prisoners may be nonviolents, officials say

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Prison officials say some nonviolent inmates are put in administration segregation for their own protection and can be released without posing a threat to society.

Texas Department of Corrections Director O.L. McCotter disputed on Tuesday media reports that hundreds of dangerous inmates were being released from solitary confinement.

The media has confused solitary confinement with administrative segregation, he said.

"There's a clear distinction between solitary confinement and administrative segregation," McCotter said. "Solitary is punitive while administrative segregation is a common correctional practice of administratively separating groups of inmates with similar characteristics."

Inmates in administrative segregation are routinely released early from prison for good behavior, as required by federal court orders, he said.

"Several of them are there because they need protection," prison spokesman David Nunnelee said. "Some may have been assaulted by other inmates. Some may be on a hit list."

TDC officials used administrative segregation as a tool in dealing with prison violence in 1984 and 1985, McCotter said.

Prison administrators are required by federal

court orders to give administrative segregation inmates the same privileges as those in the general prison population, McCotter said.

The media reports were based on a new legislative study that says TDC officials allowed the parole of convicts who were not kept with other prisoners because of concerns about "community safety within TDC."

The budget board report also said TDC's practice of classifying all inmates as a trusty upon entering prison appears to violate a state law. The immediate trusty classification allows inmates to accumulate good time faster.

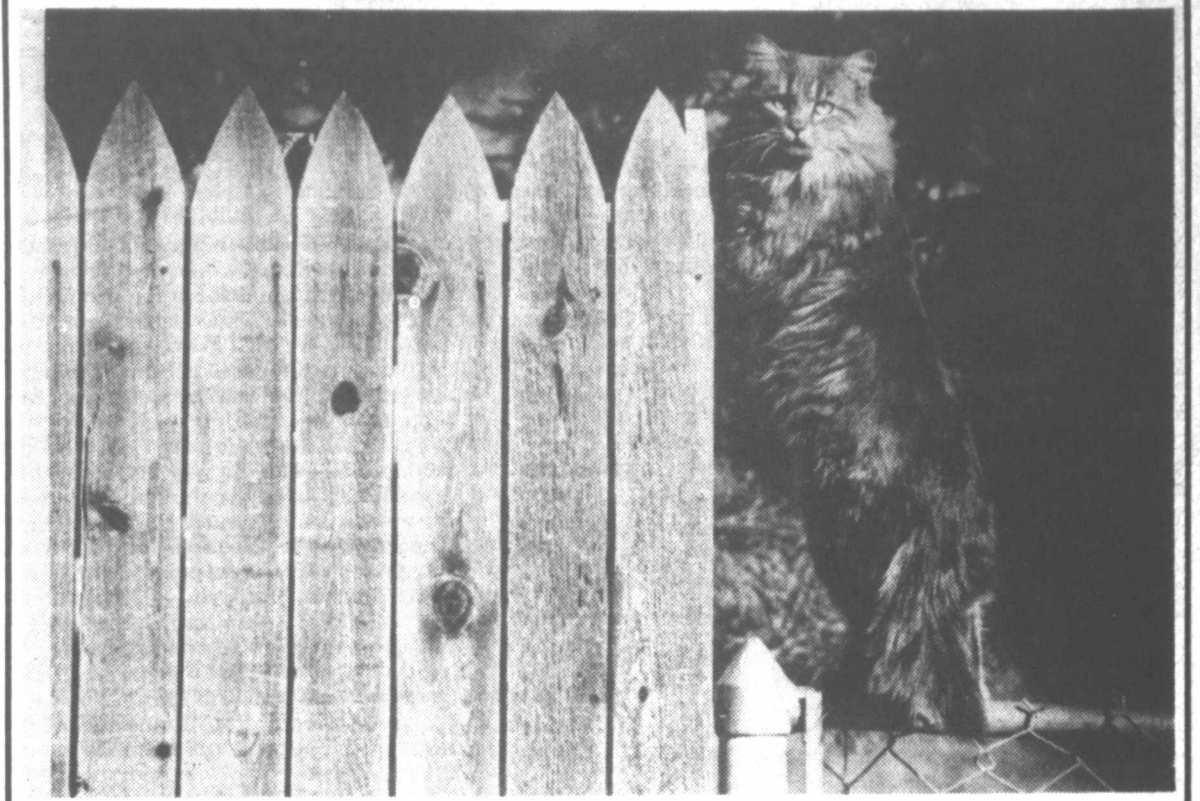
McCotter said in a written statement Tuesday he had not seen the report and could not comment on its specifics.

But he said former TDC Director Raymond Procnunier made the decision in late 1984 to classify an incoming inmate as a trusty. McCotter said he asked Attorney General Jim Mattox on Tuesday to review TDC's policy and give an opinion.

Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee, already has said legislators will review TDC's awarding of good time.

McCotter said Tuesday he welcomed the opportunity to talk to legislators.

Feline fencewalker



(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverly)

A curious feline takes a peek at the cars on Harvester Street recently as he hopped on a fence. The sun was out, but as snow and cold weather sets in he will probably have to find warmer places to play.

Governor's staff trimming due

AUSTIN (AP) — The governor's office staff will be trimmed to meet a reduced budget for the office, says the transition office of Gov.-elect Bill Clements.

Employees of Gov. Mark White who want to work for Clements have been told in a letter from Clements' office that the staff must be streamlined to eliminate a deficit in White's operations, said Reggie Bashur, Clements' press secretary.

However, Bashur said that "we are confident that working with White's administration we can resolve the situation and there will not be any major deficit when Clements is inaugurated Jan. 20."

"The White people have been very cooperative," Bashur said.

White's employees who have applied for jobs with the incoming governor have been informed by Carol Frost Cook, a personnel deputy to the governor-elect, that Clements would be reorganizing the office in view of the state's fiscal crisis.

Ms. Cook told The Dallas Morning News that the situation was compounded by current estimates that the current governor's budget was "by sever-

al hundred thousand dollars" over budget.

Rich Thomas, deputy chief of staff of Clements' transition office, said Ms. Cook's letter was based on "our own projections after the budget cuts were made in the special session this summer."

"We don't really have any exact figure," Thomas said. "The White staff has been helpful in advising us on the situation. This is just a projection that was in the possibility of a budget overage."

Michael Regan, director of accounting for White, said the governor's office was running over budget, in a large part because of the cuts proposed by White and made by the special session. He said he could not give a definite figure.

Regan said that three years ago, at the end of White's first year, there were 232 employees in the governor's office. He said there are now 169.

Regan said the 1985 Legislature originally approved a \$38 million budget for the governor's office for this fiscal year. After the special session cuts, when a total of \$582 million was trimmed from the entire state 1987 budget, the governor's office budget was reduced to \$36.3 million.

Refugee shelter fate up to court

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The fate of a Central American refugee shelter is in the hands of a state district judge now that Cameron County commissioners have reversed their earlier decision to keep it away.

Under pressure of a lawsuit filed by the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville, the commissioners voted Tuesday to grant the diocese building permits for Casa Oscar Romero.

"The district court can now decide if the permits should be revoked," said County Judge Moises V. Vela, referring to a lawsuit filed by four Brownsville residents seeking to bar Casa Romero from moving to six acres near their homes.

The commissioners' decision came during an emergency meeting less than 24 hours after the diocese filed a lawsuit asking that permits for Casa Romero be reinstated.

Cheerleader's parents sue high school

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — A Port Arthur high school unlawfully dismissed a student from the cheerleading squad, the girl's parents allege in a lawsuit.

Cecil L. and Charlotte M. Ware, on behalf of their daughter, Dawn Sherise Lockett, filed suit on Tuesday. They charged Stephen F. Austin High School officials with unlawfully delegating the administration of the cheerleading program to head cheerleader Wendy Spillers.

Officials dismissed the girl from the varsity cheerleading squad Nov. 24 after the head cheerleader, with the approval of adviser Betty Jacobs, assessed demerits against Miss Lockett, the suit claimed.

She received demerits for such infractions as missing or arriving late to cheerleading practice, the suit said. Other cheerleaders broke the same rules but were not penalized, according to the suit.

The advisory board to the cheerleaders reviewed the girl's dismissal, but decided against reinstating her to the elected position, the suit said.

Banker Phares, the school district's lawyer, said school officials reviewed and upheld the dismissal.

The Wares are asking for \$10,000 in damages and a temporary restraining order directing school officials to immediately reinstate their daughter to the cheerleading squad.

New Scout council will hold awards banquet in Pampa

The newly formed Golden Spread Council of the Boy Scouts of America will have a joint awards banquet in Pampa in February to permit the two combining councils to present their separate awards for 1986.

The banquet has been scheduled for Feb. 13 in the M.K. Brown Auditorium, with a reception beginning at 6 p.m. and the banquet at 7 p.m.

The Adobe Walls Council, headquartered in Pampa, and the Llano Estacado Council, headquartered in Amarillo, voted this fall to form a new council for economic reasons.

The new council will become official on Jan. 1, with headquarters in Amarillo. A combined executive board has been appointed to work out the final details of the merger of the two councils.

But the first joint banquet of the new council will permit each former council to present its separate awards for scouting activities during the past year.

Silver Beaver recipients and Eagle scouts from both councils will be honored at the banquet.

Both councils presently are accepting nominations for the Silver Beaver, the highest honor awarded to scouting leaders. Forms have been sent out to scouting leaders, with others available at both council centers.

All nominations are due by Jan. 1.

The banquet also will recognize the 1986 Class of Eagles from both councils for those scouts earning the award in the past year.

As Jan. 1 nears, both councils are finalizing plans for the formation of the new Golden Spread Council.

The Adobe Walls Council service center at 815 N. Sumner in Pampa will be closing by Dec. 31. The service center has also sent out the December 1986 issue of the Adobe Walls Council Scouter newsletter, its last publication.

After Jan. 1, all council records will be located at and publications will come from the Golden Spread Council service center at 2808 Canyon Drive in Amarillo.

In others of its last official activities, the Adobe Walls Council is also accepting district Award of Merit nominations, due Friday.

The council service center also will be handing out applications for the American Legion nominations for Scout of the Year.

The American Legion honor offers Eagle Scout youth the opportunity to be a district guest at the legion's 69th annual convention and receive an \$8,000 scholarship.

White Deer-Skellyton trustees seek another bus, approve painting two

WHITE DEER — After buying two buses from the Jayton Independent School District, White Deer-Skellyton trustees are keeping their eye on a third one.

At their regular meeting Monday, trustees authorized Superintendent Tom Harkey to try to buy a 19-passenger bus that Jayton is trying to sell.

In November, trustees bought two activity buses from Jayton for a total of \$22,000. They agreed Monday to send the two buses to the Texas Department of Corrections facility at Palestine to be painted. Harkey said the paint job will cost \$1,450 each. New floor mats for the buses will cost \$595.

High School counselor Dwight Huffman presented the board results of the Texas Education

Assessment of Minimum Skills. He said that out of 33 juniors who took the exit level TEAMS test in October, 33, or 94 percent, mastered math and 29 (88 percent) mastered language arts.

He told the board that in the math section students had problems with equivalencies, fractions, multiple operations, percentages, measurement units, geometric properties and formulas. In language arts, students had problems with punctuation, proofreading and finding the main ideas of paragraphs, he reported.

In other business, trustees:

- Agreed to pay for lodging for band students participating in the All Region Band Concert.
- Band Director Dana Reynard said that because of the length of

the All Region Band rehearsals in Amarillo, allowing the students to spend the night is an "award." He estimated that lodging plus one meal for the students would cost about \$250, which he has already budgeted.

Reynard added that the band will take their spring band trip to the Cavalcade of Music festival in May in Colorado Springs, Colo.

- Accepted the 1985-86 school audit, prepared by Cornell and Co.
- Accepted a bid of \$1,749 from CEC Sales of White Deer for shelves for the White Deer Elementary School.

City board will consider appeal

The Board of Adjustments will consider an appeal on the revocation of a building permit during a meeting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Commission Room at City Hall.

The appeal has been requested by Paul Peters concerning the revocation of a building permit at 112 S. Sumner.

According to the board's agenda, a city building official revoked the permit because of a violation regarding side-yard setback requirements.

Peters has asked the board to consider reinstatement of the building permit.

Lefors school trustees will review TEAMS tests results

LEFORS - Trustees of the Lefors Independent School District will review a report on the results of the 1986 Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests during their regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The tests are administered annually to students to measure their skills in basic academic areas.

The board also will review and approve the Annual Performance Report on the schools.

In other matters, trustees will review grades for the second six-weeks period, receive information about the school Christmas party, consider the dismissal time for Friday, Dec. 19, and approve bills for payment.

The board also has scheduled an executive session.

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Opinion

Each person must take responsibility

During Attorney General Edwin Meese's press briefing on the arms-to-Iran-and-money-to-the-Contras debacle, one reporter asked a question that provided an unintentional insight into modern attitudes about the presidency. How could the president not have known, he asked almost plaintively, about something so important?

Meese answered briskly that the president didn't know because nobody told him. That was a reasonable answer as far as it goes. The president is only human, and he can't be expected to know everything. But the unspoken assumption behind the question deserves some thought from time to time.

Many Americans have come to expect our president to be some sort of superhuman demigod, fully in charge of every aspect of every activity performed by the thousands of toilers in the bureaucratic vineyards. At some subconscious level there may be some necessity to want to believe such impossibilities, because we have acquiesced in the government taking over micro-management of so many aspects of our daily lives. We know that only a superhuman power can perform the tasks assigned to government with any degree of competence.

At the same time, perhaps on some other level of consciousness, most of us are secretly or openly delighted when a president fails to meet the superhuman specifications. We gripe that Jimmy Carter immersed himself too deeply in the day-to-day work of the job and complain that Ronald Reagan makes gaffes and is a hands-off manager, letting subordinates make important decisions while having only the loosest grasp on what is being done in his name. There is justification in both criticisms. What we expect of presidents is clearly impossible for any mortal. Our subtle psychological expectations are even more absurd.

We routinely respond to poll questions like "How is the president managing the economy?" or "Has the president restored national dignity?" with little appreciation for their inherent absurdity. The president (thank goodness) can't really manage the economy, although his policies can affect it. Dignity is an attribute of individual Americans, not of some abstract entity we choose to call a nation-state.

Once that dust from the present flap has settled, perhaps there will be time to reflect on just how much we have asked the government to do — urged on by government officials at every step, of course — in recent years. It has demonstrated that, being populated by imperfect human beings, it can't eliminate poverty, usher in perfect peace, provide meaning and fulfillment to our individual lives and assure undisturbed tranquility.

Perhaps it's time to demand that the government stop trying to do so much, to take back from government agents full responsibility for our own lives and decision, along with the freedom to make them ourselves. If those populating the government are only human too, why have we given them so much control over our lives?

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Stephen Chapman

Congress anxious to move

Confronted by the biggest inside trading scandal in Wall Street's history, Congress is now contemplating measures to curb hostile corporate takeovers. That makes about as much sense as trying to stop drunk driving by forbidding the manufacture of cars: It would eliminate one problem and create dozens more, at a huge net loss to society.

Those who have always disliked corporate raiders see Ivan Boesky's fall as the perfect opportunity. Democrats William Proxmire of Wisconsin and Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, who will head key Senate committees in the next Congress, both plan to propose measures to discourage such takeovers. Metzenbaum fairly salivates about the happy prospect for new laws, telling *The Wall Street Journal*, "If we get another Boesky about February or March, it'll really give us a shot in the arm."

For American corporations and the economy, this sort of action would be more like a stick in the eye. Takeovers — and the threat of takeovers — are a crucial means of spurring managers to their best performance. As such, they protect corporate shareholders and constantly stimulate economic efficiency.

Takeovers are of course necessary for the kind of abuses for which Boesky was fined \$100 million. Arbitrageurs, acting on inside information, buy shares in target companies before the takeover bid is made public, enabling them to make big profits when the stock's value rises — as it usually does.

But as University of Chicago law professor

Daniel Fischel points out, the spread of inside trading is paradoxically due in large part to existing restrictions on tender offers — which make secrecy harder to maintain and encourage acquiring firms to let arbitrageurs in on their plans. More of the same will aggravate the problem, forcing ever greater efforts by regulators and prosecutors.

Even worse is that new restrictions would deter the best use of capital and labor. Tender offers reflect the judgment of knowledgeable outsiders that a corporation's assets are being poorly exploited by its executives, to the retirement of the shareholders and the economy. They permit the quick transfer of those assets to a new set of managers who think they can do better.

Everyone wins. The acquiring firm gets resources with which it expects to earn substantial profits, and its shareholders typically see their investments appreciate. Those target firm shareholders who sell benefit from the rise in the value of their stock. Only the managers who lose their jobs in the deal come out worse off, and they have only themselves to blame.

That's also why the mere possibility of a takeover is economically valuable. It forces managers to concentrate on maximizing the return to shareholders. If the company's assets can't be used more profitably, then a raider will have nothing to gain from a takeover. But if takeovers are discouraged by new regulations, managers will have less of an incentive to do their jobs well and more latitude to waste

money on projects which only benefit them personally.

Any number of harebrained theories have been offered as an excuse for curbing takeovers: that they encourage short-term profits at the expense of the long-term interests of shareholders, that they squander resources in battles among egomaniacal executives.

These are excuses unsupported by evidence. In fact, takeover targets don't invest more heavily in long-term projects than other corporations, and they actually spend slightly less on overall capital investment. Would-be looters have little incentive to pay a premium to acquire such firms, because they can't use their resources any better, and in any case they face penalties if caught looting. The resources expended in takeover battles are trivial compared to the value they add to poorly used economic assets.

So why would anyone want to stop them? Corporate managers prefer a quiet life. Organized labor fears the intrusion of outsiders who aren't parties to the cozy, expensive arrangements of the status quo. Some members of Congress distrust anything that produces bigger corporations.

That sort of thinking is to the economy what the Luddites were to technology — an insidious obstacle to broadly beneficial progress. If Ivan Boesky's escapades lead to new restrictions on takeovers, the damage will be vastly greater than any caused by insider trading, and the blame won't lie with him.



H. ROSS PEROT CUTS GM TIES — NEWS ITEM



Paul Harvey

Stop and smell the roses

I am haunted by a bittersweet memory of my son, Paul, when he, age 4, stood with his mother at the door while Daddy left on another trip.

These were the days when I was doing much of my own legwork, chasing elections and wars and crises across continents while carrying a heavy schedule of speaking engagements stateside.

Little Paul was standing with his mother at the front door and after I had kissed both good-bye and turned to leave, I heard the little fellow say to his mother:

"Will daddy come see us again?"

I stopped, turned, returned to hug and reassure him.

I would like to say I canceled the trip.

I did not.

The price of prominence. I have watched fame and fortune tear marriages apart and

leave children seeking a surrogate father on "Sesame Street."

From Bing Crosby, who was out of town when his own baby was born, to Bill Cosby, whose TV family is separating him from his family-family — such is the price of prominence.

Touring golf pros try for a while to take their wives along, but that, too, can be stressful and the practice seldom lasts past the first baby.

One of the history's most cruel ironies is the fact that Sir Winston Churchill was able to save the Western world but was unable to find time for his own children. They turned to alcohol.

And churchmen.

My acquaintance includes families so busy with church work — so busy "doing good" for the unfortunate of the rest of the world that their own children are virtually orphaned.

I remember Mrs. Billy Graham and my own wife had to make a stubborn, determined effort

to see that our children, growing up, had at least one full-time parent.

Recently Pastor Robert Schuller of Garden Grove, Calif., world-renowned evangelist, visited 14 cities in one week to promote one of his books. This in addition to other responsibilities which had to travel with him. Then his office advised that when he got home he was scheduled for a luncheon with the winner of a charity raffle. Raffle tickets had been auctioned off for "a lunch with Robert Schuller."

He hurried home, prepared to squeeze the luncheon into his crowded schedule, then learned that one person had bid \$500 to have lunch with him. Dr. Schuller was suddenly sobered.

He happened to know that \$500 represented that individual's entire savings.

And the girl willing to bid her entire savings to have lunch with him was his own school-age daughter.

Men pay more attention to appearance

By Rusty Brown

My husband strides out of the house each morning in a cloud of Aramis spray — a gift from a male friend. By 7 a.m. he's gone, but his memory lingers on, scenting the rooms for several hours.

I shake my head in disbelief. This is the man who, some years ago, when his hair grayed, was horrified that I suggested a little dab of Grecian Formula. He resisted with equal disdain my demonstrations that hair, if carefully directed, could disguise a widening bald spot.

Now, he's wearing cologne? Yet his obedience to self-enhancement is minor compared to what other men are doing these days. Some pay \$50 and up for haircuts at upscale salons or have their hair permed. Some are stocking up on skin-care products — from moisturizers and "toners" to expensive facial soaps. A few even go the mud-pack route to cleanse their pores.

The newly-elected governor of New

Mexico, Garrey Carruthers — first successful Republican candidate in 18 years — had extensive dental work before the campaign. A large gap between his front teeth was narrowed and over-large incisors reduced in size. The media had a ball running photos comparing the "before" and "after" of his winning smile.

Of course, movie stars are the major leaguers of image impact. Heavy-hitter Richard Chamberlain, for example, after a TV interview reportedly looked at his hair and demanded, "Did it look that weird?" Assured it was OK, he nevertheless instructed his PR man, "Don't let me do interviews with my hair like that."

At last month's annual meeting of the American Academy of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, it was announced that men now account for 10 percent of all face lifts, 14 percent of the eyelid lifts and 25 percent of all nose jobs. And, endorsing their own product, nearly one out of five plastic surgeons has undergone aesthetic

surgery.

"It's normal for people to want to look their best," said conferee Dr. Bruce Connell, associate clinical professor at University of California-Irvine, adding, "A wide-awake, alert and eager-looking man has a real advantage in today's market."

A Newsweek article a few months ago reported that big bucks are being spent by men to get the competitive edge in business. Designer suits have never been more popular. Hart, Schaffner & Marx, according to Newsweek, now markets "The Right Suit," promoted with the slogan, "The Right Suit might not help you close the deal. But the wrong suit could easily close you out."

Some execs shell out \$645 for three days at a California make-over clinic for hair, skin, body, nail and eyeglasses analysis, plus a shopping trip with a fashion consultant.

The Newsweek article prompted Washington columnist Judy Mann to predict new marital stress if hus-

bands and wives both splurge on expensive dress-for-success clothes. She also dreaded all the "his" and "hers" cosmetic potions competing for space on the bathroom shelf.

And then there's the matter of time, as Mann pointed out: "Men are expected to be in and out of the bathroom, showered, shaved and ready to go in 10 minutes flat." But what will happen, she wondered, if men take as much time as women?

I can identify with that dilemma. While I'm applying the finishing touches for an evening out, my husband busies himself fixing the dog's dinner, locking doors and arranging house lights. How will we get anywhere on time if he too is primping and preening up to the last minute? We'll be elbowing each other for space and wanting two separate mirrors.

And, whatever shall we do if our scents clash?

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Ugly, smelly toys



(AP Laserphoto)

A pair of Breath Blasters, left, that come with unpleasant smells and Rude Ralph, right, that will burp on demand are some of the ugly and smelly dolls being offered by Silicon Valley entrepreneur Nolan Bushnell. Other disgusting dolls are Garbage Mouth, Mackerel Mouth, Ms Morningmouth, Dogbreath, Deathbreath and Victor Vomit.

Probers say huge arms sales profits may have been made

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressional investigators say there are growing signs that middlemen and brokers may have siphoned off large amounts of the millions of dollars in profits from the Iran arms sales that were meant for Nicaragua's Contra rebels.

While the Reagan administration has said \$10 million to \$30 million in proceeds from the sale was deposited in a Swiss bank account for use by the Contras, it seems much of that money may have gone for sales commissions and fees, said congressional sources.

The House and Senate intelligence committees are making the trail of the money that paid for the weapons a focus of their investigations, members of both panels said.

"There's a lot of money unaccounted for, a awful lot of money. A lot of people were trying to get their piece of it," said one congressional source.

"I'm personally a little disgusted with the rip-off by some of the international arms merchants," said another source familiar with the investigation. "I think they may have ended up getting more money than the Contras."

The sources, who spoke on condition they not be identified, raised several possibilities that will be probed by the intelligence panels, including the appearance that commissions totaling one-third or more of the proceeds were raked off by various middlemen in the deal.

One source also suggested that brokers may

have collected excessive commissions, then used part of the money to make a "private donation" to the Contras that might be intended to skirt legal problems of misuse of government money.

Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said that without access so far to bank records, and without full cooperation from some witnesses, his committee has been unable to pinpoint how much money was involved and who benefited from it.

"There were a lot of brokers" between the Iran and Contra deals, said Durenberger, "and obviously they were compensated."

CIA analysts who have testified before the Senate intelligence panel over the past week have described the weapons that have been flowing to the Contras and concluded that there is no evidence the rebels are receiving substantial new aid from the Iranian deal, Durenberger said Tuesday.

Some of the key figures in the arms deal have been called to testify before both intelligence committees and the House Foreign Affairs Committee, but have invoked their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination and have refused to answer questions. That has left gaping holes in the panels' knowledge, investigators concede.

Among those who have refused to speak was retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord, who remained mum Tuesday during a brief appearance before the Senate intelligence panel.

Adoptive parents saddened by court ruling

SPANISH FORK, Utah (AP) — Pat and Dan Carter vividly recall the day Jeremiah Holloway moved in with them, a 2-year-old with sores on his legs, two paper sacks and a dim memory of life on a Navajo Indian Reservation.

"The first two nights he kept coming into our bedroom and looking at us off and on," Mrs. Carter said.

"The first morning when I woke up he was standing by the door with the paper sacks, and I wondered if we had done the right thing."

Two days later, Jeremiah unpacked his sacks. He lined up his toy trucks next to his bed and started calling the Carters "Mom and Dad."

Now, after seven years, the Utah Supreme Court has ruled that state courts improperly took jurisdiction, and has returned the adoption to the tribe. The 4-1 ruling Monday re-

versed former 4th District Judge David Sam, who said the boy was a resident of Utah, not the reservation, when he granted the adoption.

"I don't want to go," Jeremiah, who goes by the name Michael Jack Carter, said. "I would miss my mom and dad, and I would miss football."

"We didn't really think it was going to happen this way," Carter said of the decision. "We don't know what will happen."

Michael will stay with the Carters until the Navajo Tribal Council takes some action, Carter said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

"I think if the mother were to pursue wanting him back, I don't think we would stand much chance in tribal court," said Carter, adding he didn't know if the boy's mother, Cecelia Saunders, wanted him back.

Ms. Saunders is a full-blooded member of

the Navajo Tribe who lived on the reservation at Church Rock, N.M. The boy lived with her for six months, then was cared for by a grandmother, according to court records. In March 1980, an aunt brought the boy to Utah with the mother's consent.

The private adoption was arranged after Ms. Saunders asked her foster sister if she knew anyone who was interested in adopting him, Carter said. The foster sister approached the Carters, whom she knew. Ms. Saunders signed papers drawn up by the couple's lawyer, but later withdrew her consent. Carter said the tribe pressured her into doing so.

"I think she loved him enough to know he could not have the kind of life she wanted him to have," Mrs. Carter said. "We have formed a bond with Michael, and he is our own child."

Secord said to be under criminal investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Richard V. Secord refused to answer questions in a closed congressional hearing, federal investigators confirmed that the retired Air Force major general is under investigation in the Iran-Contra case.

Two federal law enforcement sources, who spoke on condition they remain anonymous, said Tuesday the criminal probe involves two Swiss bank accounts that may have been used to channel profits from clandestine Iranian arms sales to Nicaraguan rebels, or Contras.

The Justice Department has requested that two Swiss bank accounts be frozen. Swiss officials in Bern, Switzerland, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said U.S. investigators were probing alleged fraud.

The sources in the nation's capital said

federal investigators were looking at the dealings of Secord and Marine Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, the fired National Security Council aide who allegedly engineered the cash-for-the-Contras money diversion program.

A third person is reportedly connected with the accounts, but the sources would not identify that individual.

Investigators were also questioning people about Secord's business partner, Albert Hakim, a resident of Los Gatos, Calif., according to a White House official, who was also speaking anonymously. Hakim is Secord's partner in the Northern Virginia firm of Stanford Technology Trading Inc.

On Monday, Secretary of State George P. Shultz identified Secord as having secret communications about the American hostages in Lebanon with John Kelly, the U.S.

ambassador in Lebanon. The communications, which were conducted outside State Department channels and also involved North, occurred between Oct. 30 and Nov. 4.

Secord, 54, a West Point graduate who retired from the Air Force in May, 1983, has also been linked to the private network that provided aid to the Contras.

In an appearance before the Senate panel, Secord refused to answer any questions, invoking his constitutional right to remain silent under the Fifth Amendment, according to Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., the panel's chairman.

Since Attorney General Edwin Meese III disclosed the Iran-Contra link two weeks ago, Secord has been unavailable for comment. Neither he nor his attorney, Thomas C. Green, returned telephone calls.

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World



(AP Laserphoto)

Government and communist negotiators take a champagne toast after guesting on a television talk show Tuesday night in Manila after both panels met to iron out details on the cease-fire agreement.

Cease-fire in effect

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The first national cease-fire of the 17-year Communist rebellion began on schedule today, despite continuing differences between the two sides on a weapons dispute which had threatened the accord.

Government negotiator Teofisto Guingona, appearing with a rebel counterpart, declared the 60-day truce in force at noon. He called on both parties "to exercise the utmost restraint and good faith" in the mutual search for peace.

President Corazon Aquino, who made peace with the Communists a cornerstone of her national reconciliation policy, expressed hope the cease-fire would produce a "longer and honorable peace to which we look with all our hope and prayers."

The cease-fire agreement, signed Nov. 27, provides for second stage talks to begin within 30 days on issues such as land reform, political change and the

status of U.S. bases in hopes of ending Asia's last major Communist insurgency.

There were no reports of clashes as the cease-fire began.

The army said one soldier and three paramilitary civilian volunteers were wounded in a late night clash with rebels Tuesday in Davao City, 610 miles southeast of Manila.

But rebel officials expressed concern over the future of the agreement and said they had been pressured by the government into going ahead with today's starting time before adequate security mechanisms were in place.

U.N. reports on world poverty

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The lives of 4 million children in the world's poor nations have been saved in the last five years through simple, low-cost measures, according to a report of the U.N. Children's Fund released today.

The "State of the World's Children" report said that poverty will always be a factor in meeting children's health needs, "But even within those limits a new era in child health can now begin."

In the past 12 months, the annual report said, 1.5 million children under the age of 5 have been saved.

Advances in communications mean the developing world now has the capacity to reach the majority of its people with low-cost treatments and simple health education which could save the lives of 7 million children under age 5 each year, said the report by James Grant, the director of UNICEF.

Of the more than 14 million deaths of children under 5 each year, about half could be readily prevented by implementing the low-cost solutions now available, the report said.

"The time has come for governments and peoples to decide

that it is just as unacceptable for so many millions of children to die every year of needless malnutrition and infection as it is for them to die in sudden droughts or famines," the report said.

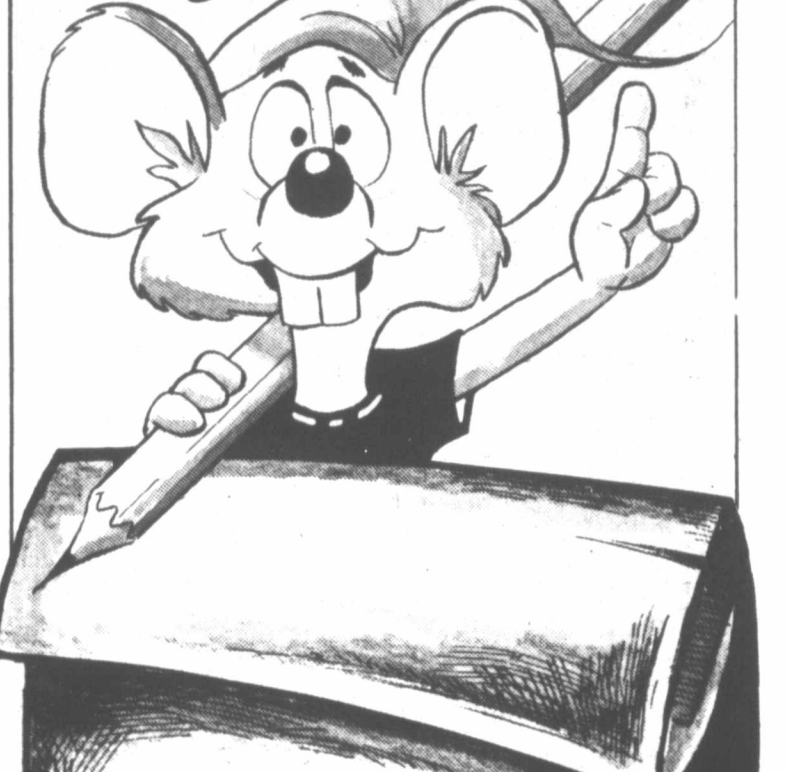
"It should frankly be a matter of national shame" if a country doesn't institute campaigns for immunization against six killer diseases or fails to encourage the use of oral rehydration therapy to combat often fatal dehydration due to diarrhea, the report said.

Oral rehydration therapy is the use of a simple solution of water and salts. It costs only pennies.

Other low cost solutions are immunization against the six major diseases — measles, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, diphtheria and tuberculosis — and the spread of basic health education on weaning, Vitamin A and respiratory diseases.

UNICEF supplied 377 million doses of vaccines to more than 100 developing countries in 1985

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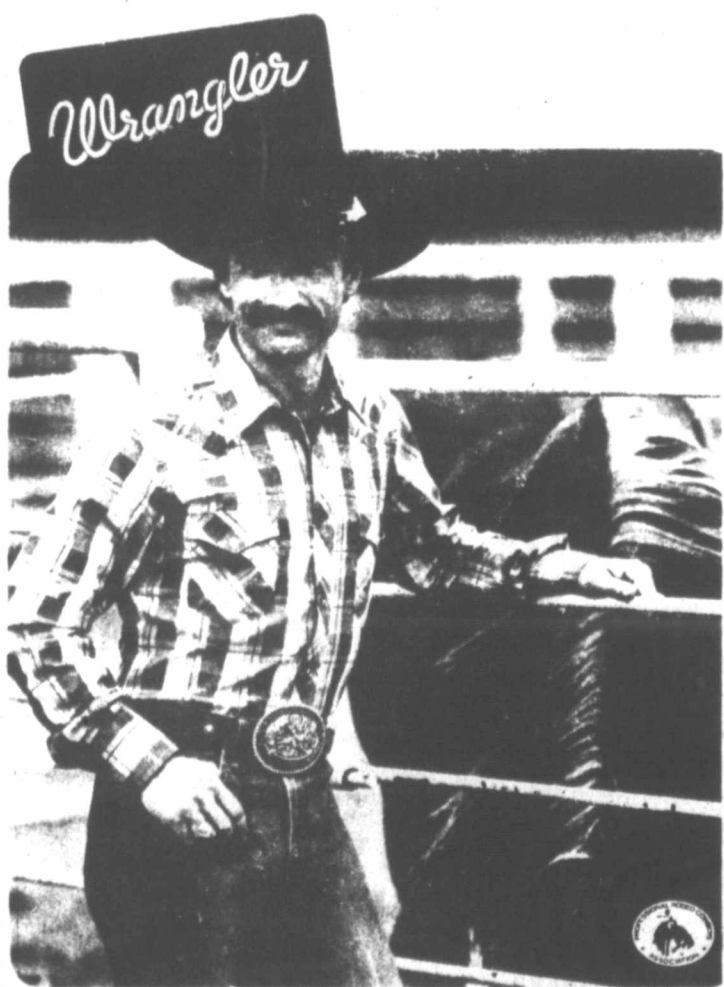
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Small woman really tall on ambition

By CINDY SMITH
Plano Star-Courier

PLANO (AP)—What is it like to be a small person in a tall world? Vee Ragsdale, 22, of Plano, stands only 4 feet, 4 inches tall. But she doesn't let her height stand in the way of her life.

"I watched a show on television about a little people's club and I couldn't understand why they were all so depressed. They seemed real hostile and asked 'why me, why me' and I think 'Why not you? What's so terrible?' I would rather be 4-foot-4 than 8-foot-4," Miss Ragsdale said.

Miss Ragsdale is in her second year at Richland College with a double major in English and advertising.

"The Texas Rehabilitation Center finances all of my schooling, my books and tuition. All I have to do is make something of myself, which is basically what we are all trying to do, isn't it?" she said.

Miss Ragsdale says she does have one concern in common with other "small people"—gaining weight.

"All the girls get to the stage, saying 'I'm fat-I'm fat,' but I was really getting fat. Up until about the eighth grade I was really chubby. I weighed, and I know it doesn't sound like much to you, but I was getting to where I weighed 100 pounds. I was a roly-poly," she said.

Miss Ragsdale says she watches what she eats but just stays active to burn all those calories.

She says another concern that plagues dwarf-sized people is clothing. She wears size 3 or 5 in women's clothing, but she cannot wear girls' clothes.

"I wear size 1 in children's shoes, which is great because they are cheaper. The only drawback is that they don't make pumps for little girls. I don't even own a single pair of high heels," she said.

She could have special shoes made by a mold, but the mold alone cost \$500 and the first pair of shoes averages \$200.

Miss Ragsdale has an extension on the pedals in her car, and when she goes shopping, she doesn't hesitate to ask someone to reach something on the shelf for her.

And she says she is not insulted by jokes about her height. "If it's funny, it is funny," she said. "No one has ever hurt my feelings or insulted me so why should I take it as an insult."

Miss Ragsdale says her parents first noticed something was wrong when she was about 9 months old.

"My parents would pick me up and I would cry all the time because it hurt; the bones were too soft," she said. She says she did not notice her own size until she was in the second grade and everybody else kept growing.

"It's just a form of dwarfism. The short bones grow a lot faster pushing on the long bones which makes them bend," she said. "The doctors really don't know why some people are affected this way. My mom didn't drink or take drugs or anything when she was pregnant."

Miss Ragsdale is part of a normal-sized family. Her parents, Janie Dobbs and Sammy Ragsdale, are of normal height and her brother, Sammy Jr., stands 6-foot-5.

Miss Ragsdale's parents took her to several doctors during her first few years. Then she went to a "little people's place," Dallas' Scottish Rite Hospital, which specializes in dwarfism. "And a lot of the doctors that work there are little people too," she said.

Miss Ragsdale, needing surgery badly on her legs, was hospitalized. "I was practically pigeon-toed and bow-legged at the same time," she said.

During two summers, when she was 9 and later when she was 10 years old, Miss Ragsdale was in the hospital to have the shin bones broken in different places to heal back properly. The second time she went in, doctors had to redo the left leg because it did not heal well.

"I was just scared to death, I mean here I was just a little kid and those people were so nice to me," Miss Ragsdale said. "And I also saw a lot of people that were a lot worse off than me."

Her legs were placed in full-length leg casts. After the casts were removed, she had to learn how to walk again.

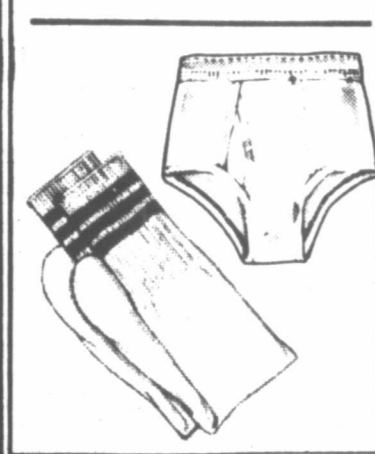
"It was weird. My head remembered how to walk but my legs didn't," she said.

She recalls finishing up her school work early to have the operations and start back in the fall like everyone else.

"I have never worried too much about my size," Miss Ragsdale said. "My folks didn't worry too much about it. My mom has always told me to do anything and everything and I have always been involved in school, in the pep squad, the drama club."

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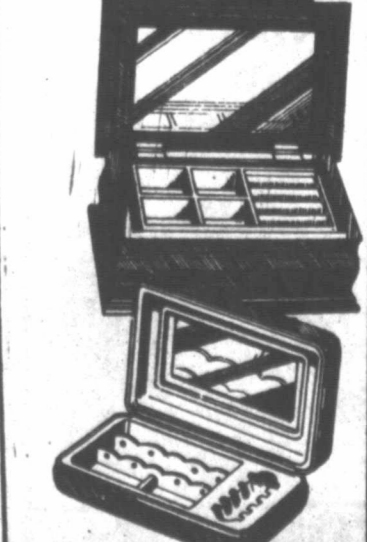
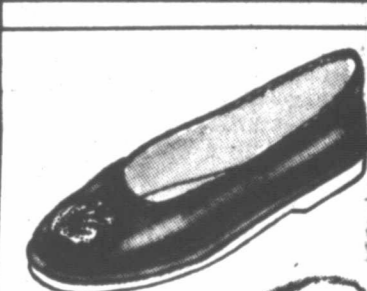
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Hunts may have lost almost \$5 billion

DALLAS (AP) — Documents recently made public show for the first time that the wealthy Hunt brothers of Dallas may have lost more than \$4.95 billion in sugar, silver and oil.

The three heirs of H.L. Hunt, Nelson, Herbert and Lamar Hunt still have enough wealth to be called multimillionaires if not billionaires, the Dallas Morning News reported today.

The money the three brothers have lost would be enough to make nearly 5,000 people millionaires, the newspaper reported.

A spokesman for the family declined to comment on the estimate and said the Hunt brothers will not talk about the size of their wealth.

The brothers have always operated their financial empire behind a cloak of secrecy so there is no concise record of their fortune, but the recently released documents from civil and bankruptcy courts along with filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission show a picture of how three men engineered what historians say may be the largest personal loss ever.

"(Their is) likely to be the winner in dollar amounts," says Tom Barton, a Colorado College historian who follows changes in wealth. The documents also show that the brothers

have managed to hold on to at least \$2 billion among them. And they are battling to save what they have.

The three brothers sued 23 banks in July, saying that the lenders tried to run their oil companies out of business.

A half-brother, Ray Hunt, worth millions on his own, is not involved in the suits.

The banks filed countersuits, seeking to collect on \$1.5 billion in loans to the brothers.

Known losses chronicled in the thousands of documents include \$453 million in silver, \$1.42 by Placid Oil Co., \$1.67 billion by Penrod Drilling Co., \$781.131 million by Hunt International Resources Corp. and subsidiaries, \$554.88 million in silver holdings by Placid Investment Co., and \$75.14 million by Great Western Sugar Co., two sugar subsidiaries and other real estate subsidiaries.

The losses have been attributed to ill-timed investments, legal and financial problems and risky investments and the oil price slide.

Bunker and Herbert's plunge into the silver market may have cost them a total of \$1 billion.

One example of how the Hunt family lost money in staggering amounts was in the sugar industry.

The Hunts purchased Great Western United Corp. in 1974 and later changed the name

to Hunt International Resources Corp.

The largest company in Hunt International is Great Western Sugar, which was founded in 1904 and at one time was the fourth-largest sugar beet processor in the United States.

Great Western and two related sugar companies did not last long under the new ownership and racked up some mammoth losses. Industry observers pass blame for the losses between the company and the federal government, which has an elaborate system of price controls over the sugar industry.

Other industry officials say Great Western had management problems before the Hunts entered the scene and the problems became worse.

The companies problems were part of the industry's overall problems, according to Glen Adams, president of Great Western.

During the 1970, major soft drink manufacturers switched from a sugar-based sweetener to a corn-based sweetener, wiping out more than 40 percent of the sugar company's market.

When the Hunt brothers didn't like the way sugar contracts were negotiated, they filed suits against 75 of Great Western's largest clients. The clients then refused to do business with the company, Adams said.

Dogs' hearts supplemented with pump from muscle

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Two dogs are alive after receiving an auxiliary heart pump made from the animals' back muscles, and doctors say the same type of operation may one day keep human heart-attack victims alive.

"We could do one tonight on a human and I'm sure it would work," said Dr. Larry Stephenson, an associate professor of heart surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. "It's very simple to do this type of surgery once you learn the principle," Stephenson said Tuesday.

Because "you don't need a heart-lung machine" and other sophisticated tools, he said, the procedure could be done in hospitals not normally equipped for complex heart surgery.

However, it would take several years of tests and government approval before the procedure could be applied to humans, he said.

As of Tuesday, the mixed-breed dogs, Bruno and Bosco, have lived 28 and six days, respectively, with the pumping chamber supplementing the efforts of their healthy natural hearts. The heart and pump alternate beats with a pacemaker controlling the beats of the implant.

The muscle is fashioned into a pouch-like pumping chamber lined with a synthetic material and connected to the pacemaker. The device is smaller than a human fist. In humans, it would be fist-sized, or about that of a normal left ventricle, the heart's

main pumping chamber. The implanted pump and pacemaker are contained within the dog's body as they would be in a human's, and take up less room than the plastic and metal pumps that have been used in recent years as replacement organs.



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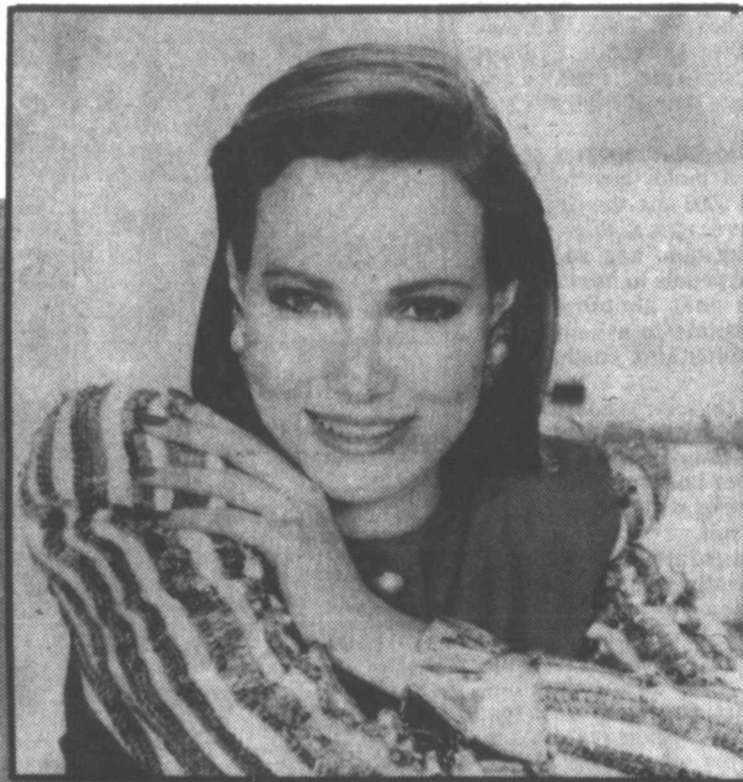
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Nepalese blessing covers everything

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — The ancient Nepalese belief that spilled blood can be a blessing is taken for granted here in the Himalayas in 1986 — by taxi drivers, soldiers, housewives, farmers, blacksmiths and pilots of Boeing 727s.

"We sprinkled fresh blood on the wheels of the aircraft to make sure that it has its share of blood and will not have any accident and seek human blood," said Rama Bahadur Thapa, a security guard for Royal Nepal Airlines, the national carrier.

Every year, for 27 years since its founding, the airline has consecrated each of its aircraft by sacrificing a goat to the Hindu

goddess of destruction, Durga. The offering is said to bring good luck.

Thapa, 55, recently took part in a sacrifice during the annual autumn "Dasain" Festival as a means of protecting the plane and its future passengers. The entire fleet, including three 727s, are so protected.

In Nepal, the world's only Hindu kingdom, almost everything is sanctified with blood during the festival in which worshippers call on Durga for protection against their enemies.

Soldiers ask blessing for their weapons, artisans for their tools, housewives for their homes, even drivers for their taxis.

Cab driver Mukti Man Maharjan explained why he smeared his Toyota with blood. "I am actually avoiding accidents for the whole year because the vehicle has received its required quota of fresh blood and it will not seek any more in a crash," he said.

While this seems a grisly business, most Nepalese regard it matter-of-factly and Hindu priests say it has its origins in religious tradition.

Only five species are sacrificed, each chosen because it represents "an undesirable human quality," he said. The buffalo represents anger, the goat lust, the sheep stupidity, the rooster

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timidity and the duck apathy.

Hindus believe the animals were humans in a previous life in an eternal cycle of reincarnation.

This year more than 5,000 animals were sacrificed, including some imported from Tibet or India because of shortages in the Himalayan mountain kingdom.

Many families bless their homes with the blood of ducks, then serve the unfortunate birds for a holiday meal. The practice is such a part of life here that some merchants even take advantage of the season by hiking prices on sacrificial birds.

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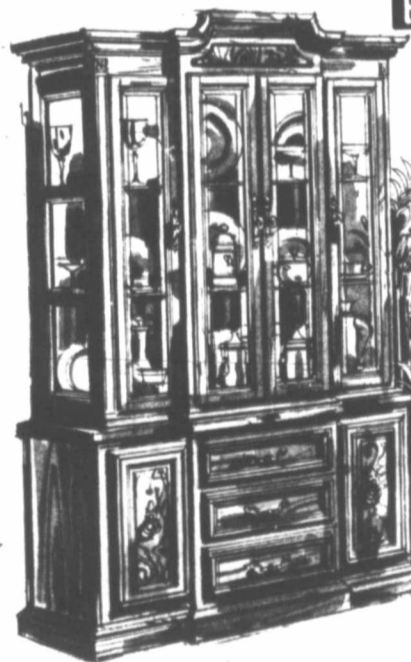


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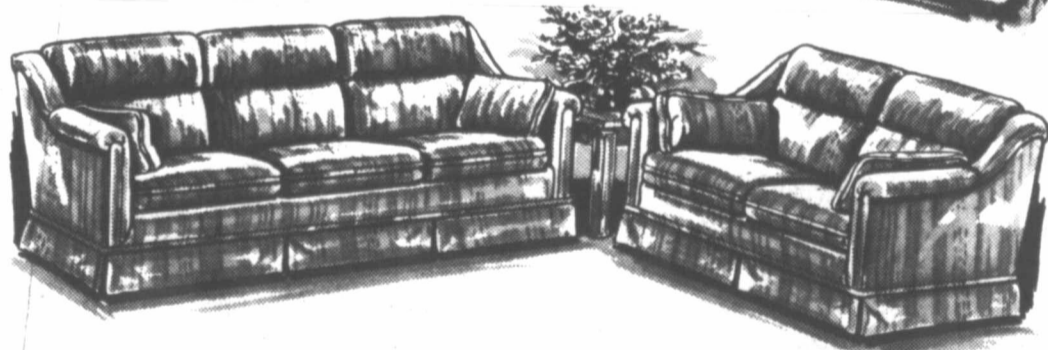


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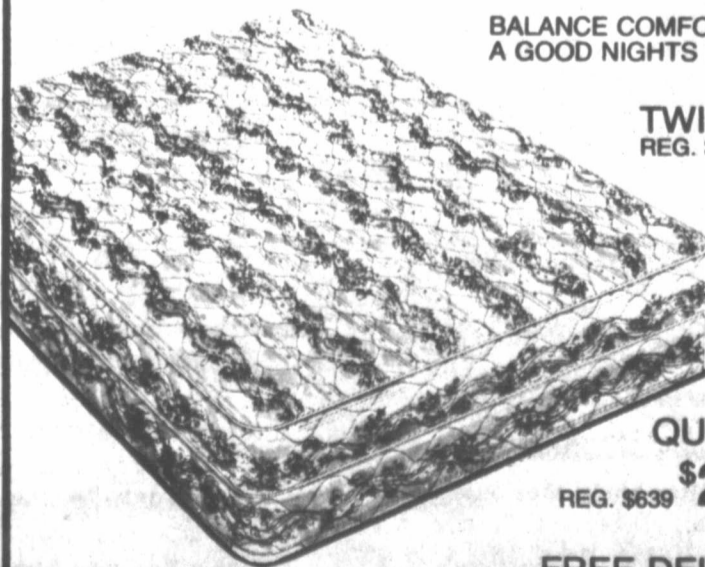
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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Latin poet
- 5 405, Roman
- 8 Baking chamber
- 12 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
- 13 Clear Day
- 14 Reside
- 15 Secret scheme
- 16 Boat gear
- 17 Internal organs
- 18 Doddering
- 20 Devise
- 22 Refer to (Lat. abbr.)
- 23 Motoring association (abbr.)
- 24 Fins
- 27 Japanese sash
- 28 410, Roman
- 31 French yes
- 32 Nocturnal birds
- 33 Belonging to us
- 34 Half a score
- 35 Fulfill a command
- 36 Physicians' association (abbr.)
- 37 Highest note
- 38 Comedian
- 39 Marcus M.D.
- 41 401, Roman
- 42 Fair grade
- 43 Sends forth
- 46 Romantically involved (2 wds.)
- 50 Milky gem
- 51 Stand by
- 53 Farm implement
- 54 Tattle
- 55 Compass point
- 56 Amorous look
- 57 Holds in wonder
- 58 Seaman
- 59 Makes lace

DOWN

- 1 Fumbler's exclamation

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 2 Rodent
- 3 the ground floor
- 4 Grammar term
- 5 Purred
- 6 Genetic material (abbr.)
- 7 Inconstantly
- 8 Gastropod
- 9 Despicable
- 10 Smooth
- 11 Undiluted, as liquor
- 12 Fleur-de-
- 13 River nymph
- 14 Cast ballot
- 15 Author Jean M.
- 16 Columbus' ship
- 17 Was indebted to
- 18 Mine product
- 19 Not bright
- 20 Aid in diagnosing (comp. wd.)
- 21 Making a token of respect
- 22 Markdown
- 23 Wavy (var.)
- 24 Skin problem
- 25 Fish trap
- 26 Selects
- 27 Electrical unit
- 28 Rams' mates
- 29 Actress Claire

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It looks like the funds are going to be available to enable you to get something that you've wanted, but considered an expensive luxury. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Matchmaker set can help you understand what it might take to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your influence over your friends is much stronger than you think. Today they'll be swayed by the example you set.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) For best results today, keep a sensitive matter to yourself and to those who are directly involved.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A close friend may tell you something in confidence today. It will be left to your discretion as to how or whether another pal should be let in on it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Material desires will serve as powerful motivators today. If there are things you truly want, you'll work out ways to acquire them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) At this point in time, it's better to take a long-range view of your self-interests, rather than to worry too much about immediate concerns.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone who loves you is well aware of your present needs and will take measures to ease the burden you thought you'd have to deal with unaided.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be a good listener today. Someone with whom you'll be associating could provide you with fresh alternatives that will help you make a more sensible decision on an important matter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In career situations today, perform to the very best of your abilities. Don't worry about rewards; they'll be there if you do a good job.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't put on an act today; just be yourself. You have real charisma that will appeal to others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If everyone is in accord regarding a confidential family interest, this is the time to put the wheels in motion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An important decision that you may have to make today should not be based solely on its material aspects. Give equal credence to the other factors.

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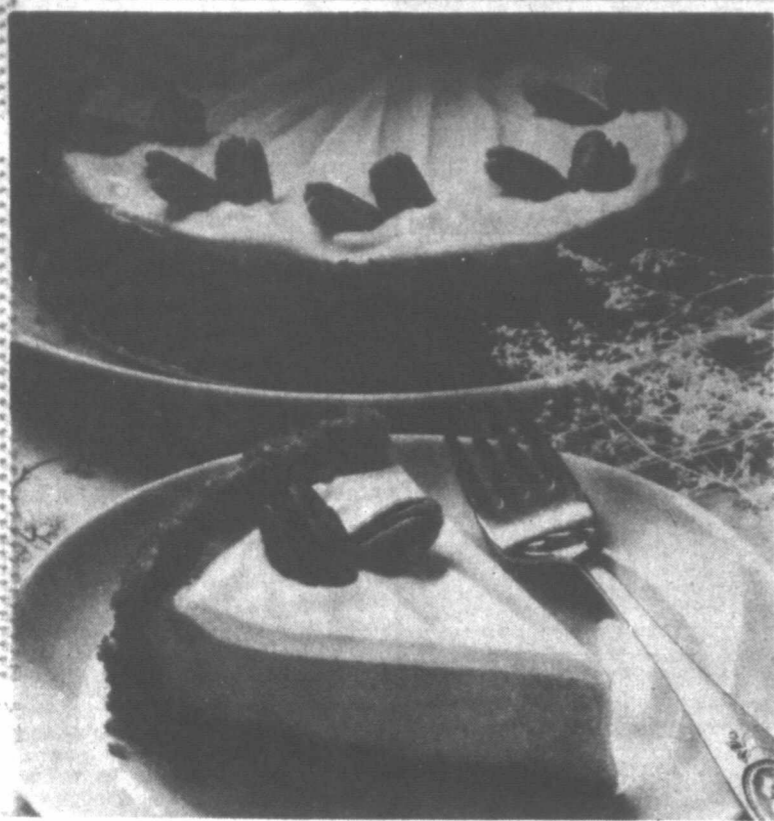
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LUSCIOUS CHEESECAKE — This caramel pecan cheesecake features a toasted pecan crust.

Bake a caramel pecan cheesecake

By Nancy Byal
Better Homes and Gardens
Food Editor

Cheesecake purists say there is nothing better than the rich, compact New York variety. This cheesecake recipe, shared by a California reader, is that type. It won top marks from our recipe tasters because of the sensational toasted pecan crust and caramel filling.

CARAMEL PECAN CHEESECAKE

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3/4 cup ground pecans
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup caramel ice-cream topping
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk

- 1/2 cup dairy sour cream
- 1/4 cup caramel topping
- Pecan halves

In a mixing bowl combine crumbs, pecans, sugar and melted butter. Pat onto bottom and 1 1/2 inches up sides of an 8-inch springform pan. In a large mixer bowl beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in the 1/2 cup caramel topping. Add eggs and milk; beat just until blended. Turn mixture into crust. Bake in 350-degree oven for 40 to 45 minutes until center is set. Cool in pan 15 minutes. Combine sour cream and remaining caramel topping; spoon over cheesecake. Loosen sides of cheesecake from pan with spatula. Cool 30 minutes more; remove sides of pan. Chill. Garnish with pecan halves before serving. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 380 cal., 7 g pro., 30 carbs., 26 g fat, 138 mg chol., 286 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 17 percent vit. A, 11 percent riboflavin, 11 percent phosphorus.

Molasses makes these rich

These cookies are similar to old favorite Sandies or Russian Tea Cookies, but molasses gives them a richer flavor and color.

MOLASSES BUTTERBALLS

- 1 c. butter or margarine
 - 1/4 c. molasses
 - 2 c. all-purpose flour
 - 2 c. very finely chopped walnuts
 - Powdered sugar
- In a mixer bowl beat butter or margarine with electric mixer on

medium speed for 30 seconds. Add molasses and beat until fluffy. Add flour; beat at low speed until well blended. Stir in nuts. Shape dough into one-inch balls, using about one tablespoon dough for each. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in 325-degree oven for 20 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool. When cookies are cool, gently roll in powdered sugar to coat. Makes about four dozen.

Brighten brunch with brioche

By Nancy Byal
Better Homes and Gardens
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Take the blahs out of brunch with rich, tender brioche. What sets this nut-filled bread apart is its double pin-wheel shape. For a picture-perfect loaf, roll out the dough and spread with filling. Then roll the short ends of the dough jelly-roll style to the center, making equal-size rolls. Bake the bread in a greased loaf pan; the pan holds the rolls in place during baking. Because the dough is very rich, it's easier to handle if it's chilled overnight before rolling.

NUT-FILLED BRIOCHE LOAF

- 1 package active dry yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water (110 degrees to 115 degrees)
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon shredded lemon peel
- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 eggs
- 2-3/4 cups packed brown sugar

- 2 beaten egg yolks
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups chopped walnuts
- Sifted powdered sugar

Soften yeast in warm water. Beat together 1 cup butter, granulated sugar, salt and lemon peel; add 1 cup of the flour, 6 eggs and yeast. Beat well. Stir in remaining flour until smooth. Turn into greased bowl. Cover; let rise in warm place until double. Cover; chill overnight. Stir down.

For filling, in a bowl combine brown sugar, yolks and 3 tablespoons of the melted butter. Stir in milk and vanilla. Add nuts. Divide dough in half; return half to refrigerator. Turn other half out to floured surface. Roll into a 14-by-9-inch rectangle. Brush with 1 tablespoon of the remaining melted butter; spread with half of filling. Beginning at short ends, roll each side up jelly-roll style to center. Place, rolled side up, in greased 9 by 5 by 3-inch loaf pan. Repeat with remaining dough, butter



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and filling. Brush loaves with remaining melted butter. Cover; let rise until double. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 35 minutes. Remove from pans; cooling. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes 2 loaves, 32 slices.

Art student overcomes his handicap

By LINDA K. WER THEIMER
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Patrik Norstrom ushers visitors into his dormitory room with his own style.

Swinging a leg up to his door, he unlocks it with the key between his toes, and shoves the door open with the same foot. Norstrom, 20, also uses his feet to play ping pong, drive, shoot arrows and to do what he hopes will make a living for him some day — paint.

Norstrom, a student at the Columbus College of Art and Design, was born without arms, a phenomenon physicians cannot explain.

The native of Boras, Sweden, refuses to be angry or complacent, or indulge in self-pity.

"I don't have time for that. If I was bitter, I wouldn't do all this stuff," says the blond-haired, blue-eyed, fair-skinned artist, sitting in a dorm room decorated with his and his roommate's work. Norstrom said he wanted to study art in this country and applied to three schools in the United States. Then a friend recom-

mended the one here. He arrived Aug. 21.

Norstrom says his parents gave him artificial arms when he was 10 months old so he wouldn't appear different.

"If people don't see the handicap, they just say, 'Hi, Patrik.' Then they can't treat me different when they realize it later, because they already know me," he says. "I want people to treat me normal. Then I can be normal."

"If I tell them about my arms before they see my art, everybody will say I am a great artist," he says. "Some still have the attitude that they feel sorry for me. They say, 'look at this guy. He has to draw with his feet.' I want them to be honest."

Norstrom shows what gained him limited fame in Sweden by clutching a pile of photographs of his art with his toes and displaying them on the floor.

"I sold these pictures of girls to hairstylists at a hundred dollars apiece. It paid for the \$900 trip here," he says. "I know I can make money off my art."

Norstrom has a degree in chemical textile engineering from a

Swedish school, and says art used to be a way to relax.

"Engineering was very exciting, but now I want to do art," he says.

Frank Laskowski, an associate professor who teaches Norstrom in two classes, says he has to kneel on the floor to see Norstrom's work.

"I think of Pat as like everyone else, except his work is above average," Laskowski says. "His dexterity and concentration level are higher than most of the others. I don't view it as a handicap. I say, 'hey, the person's here.'"

Norstrom wishes everyone had his teacher's viewpoint.

"My parents usually encourage me to do everything. They treated me like a usual kid," he says, "but it was very hard in the beginning to convince them I wanted to do archery."

In two years he mastered the sport, as he has swimming and snow skiing. In August, he finished 13th in the world archery championships for the disabled in Sweden.

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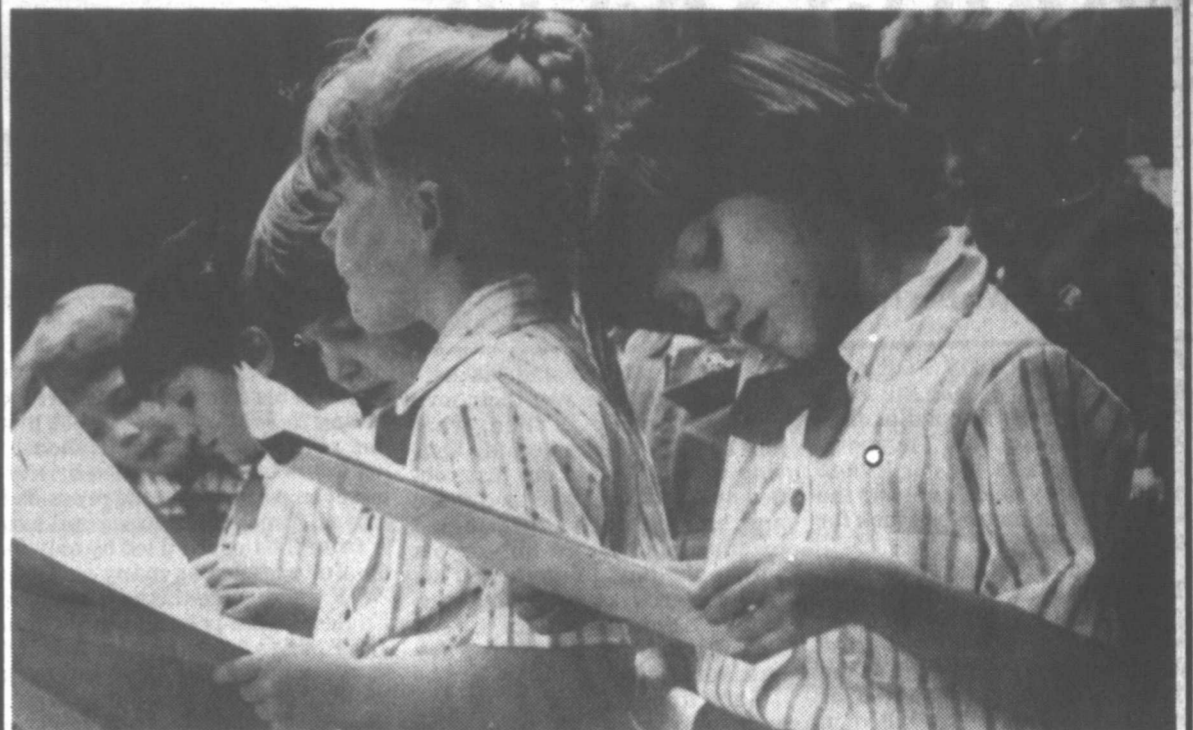
Boys Ranch begins annual new suit drive

The annual drive has begun to provide the 390 young residents of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch with a new suit or clothing package. The purchase of new clothing for the boys through the Christmas Suit Fund has become a favorite way of Christmas giving among friends of the boys who contribute for this purpose, noted ranch president Roy E. Turner. Special discounts by Amarillo merchants and differences in clothing prices for younger and older boys make the average \$45 cost per boy possible, Turner said. The suits replace those that have been worn out or outgrown. In many cases, these are the first new suits some boys have ever known, Turner said. "Many of the ranch's boys are now shopping for the clothes of their desires in Amarillo stores, and the job of trying to outfit each one is tremendous," Turner said. "In addition to clothing packages for the younger boys, the new

suits will be worn by graduating seniors next spring." Turner added that a new suit is one of the best Christmas gifts a boy can receive because it is a year-round reminder of those who care about him. "This is probably the most exciting time of the year for our boys, with the holiday season coming on and the Christmas Suit Fund drive under way," said Louie Hendricks, ranch representative. "The boys will be wearing their new clothing for the first time and will be grateful for these gifts from friends in the Pampa area," Hendricks said. The Boys Ranch Varsity Choir will be singing at banks and retirement homes on Dec. 17 in the Amarillo area, with a Christmas cantatas program scheduled Dec. 20 in Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo. On Dec. 22, Christmas parties will be held in each of the ranch

homes. On the following day, those who have someone to pay for their transportation will leave to spend one week in their various hometowns across the nation, Hendricks said. Founded in 1939, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch is dedicated to providing homes, education, and vocational and religious training to deserving boys who are accepted on the basis of need. The ranch is a modern community of up to 400 boys ages 4 to 18 who live as a family with their house parents and a dedicated staff. Some of the staff members grew up at the ranch, completed their educations and have returned to the ranch to help boys as they were helped. Contributions of any amount to the Boys Ranch Christmas Suit Fund may be mailed to the ranch office, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174. Donations also may be presented at the offices of 600 W. 11th Street in Amarillo.

Checking her lines



Jennifer Britten, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Britten of Groom, makes sure she gets her lines right as she and other Girl Scouts perform at Groom's Second Annual Festival of Trees Sunday.

'Short' visit stretches to years

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about a problem I feared I would have sooner or later. My father-in-law died eight years ago. My mother-in-law moved in with my husband's sister and her family immediately after the funeral, saying she needed some family around her "for a couple of months." Eight years later, she's still there, and my poor sister-in-law is at the end of her patience. Last week Mom wrote to say that she would like to come and stay with us for a "couple of months." (We live 600 miles from her.) This could be another eight-year visit. We have a boy, 13, and a girl, 11, and no guest room, but even if we had one, it would not work out here, as Mom is a very demanding, bossy and interfering woman. My husband knows how I feel, and he doesn't want her living with us any more than I do, but says he "owes" it to his sister who has had her for eight years. Mom rents her own house out on a yearly basis. I told him that I would gladly work three jobs to keep a roof over his mother's head, but if she lives with us, we would be divorced in six months, and I mean it! Abby, his mother is 65, she's in good health, has money of her own, and could easily live alone if she wanted to, but doesn't want to. What should I do?



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

In 1982, I was giving law school some serious thought again, but I couldn't get up the courage to take the first step. That is, until I read in your column a letter from a 27-year-old man who wrote that he had always wanted to be a doctor, but it would take him seven years, and in seven years he would be 34 years old. You asked, "And how old will you be in seven years if you don't go to medical school?" I enrolled in law school that fall at age 42. Next month I will graduate. Thanks, Abby. I may have never done it without you! PAUL IN LA MIRADA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Will you please settle a long-standing argument my husband and I have been having with my sister, Clara? Clara is single and the three of us have been taking our vacations together. We always take one motel room with double beds in it. We take our small poodle along and Clara takes her basset hound and a cat. My husband and I sleep in one bed and Clara sleeps in the other bed with her animals. We always end up arguing about how much each of us should pay for the room. Clara says each person should pay one-third of the cost, and my husband says we should pay half and Clara should pay the other half. He figures that the two of us are using one-half of the bed space and Clara is using the other half. We are planning another trip and need to know what you think about the way the room rent should be figured.

LIKES TO TRAVEL
DEAR LIKES: I vote with your husband. The cost of the room should be divided by two.

(To get Abby's booklet, "How to Be Popular: You're Never Too Young or Too Old," send a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (30 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Popularity, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

GETTING ULCERS
DEAR GETTING: Tell your husband you will agree to having his mother "visit" for a specified length of time. (A month? Two months?) But it should be clearly understood by your mother-in-law before she arrives that her stay will not be indefinite.

DEAR ABBY: I had wanted to go to law school for years, first interviewing with a law school dean in 1964 when I was about to graduate from college. For various reasons, I didn't go, and my dream went into cold storage.

'White' Christmas may mean beaches

By The Associated Press
To some people, a "white" Christmas means white sandy beaches and a palm tree instead of an evergreen. For those, there is a Christmas cruise to the Caribbean. Royal Caribbean has two seven-day Christmas cruises leaving from Miami on Dec. 20. The ships will be decorated for the holiday and Santa will be on board for traditional gift-giving. The line promises onboard entertainment with a holiday theme, a Christmas show performed by the cruise staff and traditional religious services as well.

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Sibling rivalry increases at Christmas

Competition between siblings becomes pronounced during the holidays, but parents can anticipate the problems and work around them, says a clinical professor of child psychology. "An older sibling's return from school can upset an established pecking order," says Richard Oberfield, clinical associate professor of child psychiatry at NYU Medical Center in New York. "There's bickering about who sits where and who's sleeping where. Parents are suddenly confronted with immature behavior they thought was long gone." There's also potential for competition over gifts and party invitations, he says. Dr. Oberfield suggests that parents work around these problems by making sure all their children feel they belong, including those who return from school for the holiday. He says another positive course of action is to discuss things ahead of time, so that all are aware of the dynamics involved and everyone has a chance to express feelings.

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THE LAST WORDS FORMER West Texas State coach Bill Yung and his wife Esther said as they left my house last Thursday afternoon was "Give our love to Hugh (Massey) and Janet and the kids and wish them good luck for us."

As I stepped off the airplane in Houston 24 hours later to prepare to broadcast the state 5A quarter-final game the next afternoon the headline on the front page of the Houston Chronicle shouted at me: LaMarque coach killed in collision. Hugh Massey had been killed in a freak accident at 10:45 Thursday night while returning from a District 24-5A traditional banquet hosted by the district champion school and attended by the coaches, superintendents and athletic directors of all member schools. In another 24 hours from when I saw that headline the LaMarque Cougars were to battle Aldine MacArthur for the right to stay alive in the bid for a state championship.

Consideration was given to forfeiting the game, or postponing it until Monday. But Massey's widow, Janet, along with their two sons, 14-year old Rich and 13-year-old G.P., both footballers, agreed their husband and father would want the game to be played as scheduled. "So tee it up and get after it," instructed Janet, in a courageous decision explained in the best coaching jargon.

Hugh had asked me to join him in the pre-game team meal the week before, "so you can see what a fine group of young men we have." Due to demands of the broadcast schedule that day, I asked for a rain check until next week, "if you win." "We'll win," the ever-positive Massey, whose first head job was at Dalhart, responded. They did, and I watched the two busloads of players, coaches and student managers unload at 10:15 a.m. last Saturday and somberly walk through the hotel lobby to the dining room for that meal, their first in four years without their head coach.

Three hours later a few specialty players emerged from the dressing room and took the field to start loosening up. The gathering crowd of more than 10,000 LaMarque fans gave them a standing ovation. "It's an emotional situation," said Aldine MacArthur head coach Bob Alpert. "But we're going to do everything we can to beat them. You just don't know how it will affect the kids."

I walked down the long, cold-looking, concrete hallway to the LaMarque dressing room door, waiting for interim head coach Larry Nowotny to appear. Hugh had told me the previous week that this defensive coordinator was hugely responsible for the team's greatest success. The door opened and out popped a handsome, well-dressed, sandy-haired youngster. We exchanged greetings, and he headed down the tunnel for the field. After about 10 steps he stopped, turned around and came back. "Why are you wearing that jacket with the Diamond-Shamrock emblem on it," he asked. I explained that firm sponsored the broadcast and I was doing the broadcast. "Dad told me about you," he said. "You used to do the games for WT when we were there. I'm G.P."

The tragedy hadn't really set in yet for the sixth-grader. He was used to Dad being gone a lot during football season, but Dad always came home to talk about the game, show films, and watch the games on television with the family. That wouldn't happen any longer. "Your Dad told me what a great quarterback you are, and how you were going to be the greatest he ever saw," I said.

Collins makes farewell speech

DALLAS (AP) — Former Southern Methodist head football coach Bobby Collins challenged players to bring SMU's football team out of the gloom it suffered in 1986 in a farewell speech at what could be the college's last football awards banquet for a few years.

Collins and athletic director Bob Hitch resigned Friday following new allegations of payoffs to its players and an ongoing NCAA probe. The school, which has been placed on NCAA probation five times, currently is on probation through August 1988.

"You guys have handled more than any group should have to handle and did it with a lot more class and a lot more maturity than most people we face," Collins told players Tuesday at the 1986 Annual SMU Football Awards Banquet.

The Mustangs face the possibility of being banned from playing football for two years, which would make it the first school to receive the "death penalty."

NCAA investigator James "Butch" Worley arrived in Dallas on Monday, three weeks after former Mustang linebacker David Stanley told a Dallas television station that he received \$25,000 when he signed with SMU, and that he and his mother received \$750 per month from the SMU athletic department.

Collins and Hitch received standing ovations when they were introduced at the banquet.

Collins challenged players next year to "restore SMU football to the position we have come to expect. Once again the challenge is to work through the system and make the program work."

Harvesters edged by Sanford-Fritch

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Calling it "the most disappointing loss so far," Coach Robert Hale watched his Pampa Harvesters lead for most of three quarters before falling to Sanford-Fritch 53-52 in non-district basketball action Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa trailed only once briefly in the first half and led by as much as seven points as a zone press, led by guards Shawn Harris and Chris Evans, forced S-F into several turnovers. However, Pampa shot poorly from the floor and led by only four at halftime 25-21, despite putting up almost twice as many shots as the visitors.

S-F didn't take the lead again until late in the third quarter as the Eagles went 4-points up 38-34 going into the final eight minutes.

S-F built a 7-point advantage in the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold it as Pampa came charging back to take the lead on Lonnie Mills' inside shot with two minutes to go. Harris hit one of two foul shots with 48 seconds remaining to give Pampa a 3-point cushion (52-49), but four consecutive free throws by the Eagles put them on top to stay, Pampa was leading 52-51, but a turnover and a missed foul shot gave the Eagles' Randy Mills a chance to be a hero and he made the most of the opportunity. Mills drove for the basket and a foul was called on Evans after he blocked the shot. Mills calmly sank both foul shots with 5 seconds to go to give the Eagles a 53-52 edge.

Pampa moved the ball upcourt quickly and had one last shot at pulling out a win, but Dustin Miller's 13-foot jumper bounced off the rim as the buzzer sounded.

Foul shots, Pampa's misses and S-F's hits, proved to be the difference.

"Our foul shooting without a doubt hurt us more than anything. We're going to have to start getting over our jitters," Hale said.

Pampa hit only 54.5 percent (12 of 22) from the foul line with 8 of those misses coming in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles made good on 73 percent (19 of 26) from the line, including six in a row down the stretch.

Pampa is now 4-7 on the season while S-F improved to 4-5.

Lonnie Mills was Pampa's leading scorer with 17 points, 12 coming in the second half. Jason Farmer and Harris added 8 points each, followed by Miller 6, Grant Gamblin 6, Troy Owens 2, Lonnie Loter 2, Mark Spain 2, and Evans 1.

Shawn Thames, S-F's 6-6 post, led his team with 17 points while blocking several shots. Tad Morgan contributed 15 points.

The Harvesters are scheduled to play Tascosa there Friday night in another non-district encounter.

Pampa did win the junior varsity game, defeating S-F 58-29. Greg Ferguson and Greg Wolcott were Pampa's top scorers with 10 and 9 points respectively. Tabor led the visitors with 9.

Lady Harvesters victorious again

BORGER — The Pampa Lady Harvesters broke away from Borger in the second half to post a 65-50 District 1-4A opening victory Tuesday night.

Pampa now 6-1 on the season, led by only four, 28-24, at halftime, but extended that margin to 13, 48-35, after three quarters.

"I told the girls it was real important to go out and have a good third quarter and that's exactly what they did," said Pampa Coach Albert Nichols.

Landee Cummings paced Pampa in scoring with 18 points while Jackie Reed and Yolanda Brown added 14 each. Also scoring for Pampa were Holly Hoganson 6, Hope Henson 6, Keitha Clark-5, and Camilla Brown 4.

Tammy Roden was Borger's top scorer with 17 points. Pampa was hot from the foul line, hitting 71 percent and missing only one shot from the stripe the second half.

"I'm just tickled to death the way we played as a team. We need to get our field goal percentage up there. We're missing a lot of easy shots underneath the basket and we've got to improve on that," added Nichols.

The Lady Harvesters got on the boards, however. Reed pulled down a dozen rebounds while Yolanda Brown and Hoganson had 7 apiece. Camilla Brown and Henson had 4 each.

Nichols thanked the Pampa fans for their support.

"We had a good crowd at Borger despite the bad weather. I really appreciate the parents for coming out and I know the girls appreciate it," Nichols said.

Pampa hosts defending state champion Levelland at 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

"We need all the support we can get for this game. I feel like we're going to have to beat Levelland or Canyon to have a chance at making the playoffs," Nichols said.

Borger won last night's JV game 37-34.

Pampa middle school to host tournament

Pampa hosts a seventh and eighth grade basketball tournament, beginning Thursday at the middle school gym.

In the seventh-grade division, Pampa Blue meets Dumas White at 5 p.m. and Pampa Red tangles with Borger White at 8 p.m. Thursday in the girls' gym.

In the eighth-grade division, Pampa Red meets Dumas White at 6 p.m. Thursday and Pampa Blue hosts Hereford at 7 p.m. in the boys' gym.

The Pampa Blue team, coached by John Charles, has a 6-0 record and won the Borger Tournament last week.

Pampa Blue rolled past Canyon White 37-17 Monday night. Philip Sexton was the team's leading rebounder with 8 and Paul Brown led in assists (2) and steals (4) while contributing 11 points.

Both Pampa Blue and Pampa Red teams were unbeaten when they met each other in the finals of the Borger Tournament last week. The Blue team prevailed 44-34 over Steve James' Red squad.

Leading into the finals, Pampa Red had a 3-0 record and had posted victories over Borger Red 27-20 and Dumas White 29-21.

Sammy Laury led Pampa in scoring against Borger Red with 12 points while Jeff Young chipped in 10. Young added 16 against Dumas White and Laury had 11. Top defensive players in the two games were Laury and Jason Holland.

Monday night, Pampa Red ran its record to 4-1 with a 34-25 win over Canyon Purple.

Pampa trailed at halftime 13-12.

"We controlled the ball and played real well the second half," James said.

Young and Laury led Pampa's scoring attack again with 12 and 10 points respectively. Chad Augustine had 4 points, 6 rebounds, 4 blocked shots and was the team's outstanding defensive player. Laury, who plays point guard, had 8 rebounds.

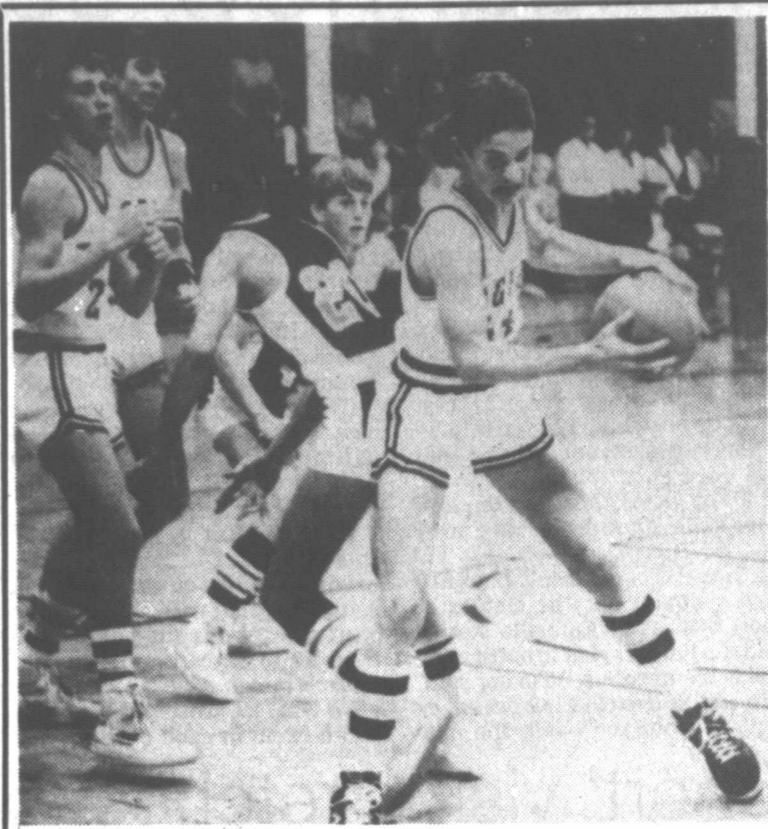
The Pampa eighth-grade Blue team placed third in the Pampa Tournament last week. Pampa defeated Dumas White 31-23 in the first-round game.

Quincy Williams led Pampa in scoring with 10 points, followed by Tyson Beck 8, Coby Harris 6 and Logan Hudson 4.

Pampa Blue fell to Borger Red 53-34 in the second round despite a 27-point performance by Harris. Williams added 7 points.

Pampa Blue defeated Pampa Red 28-20 in the third-place game. Harris led Pampa Blue with 10 points while Williams and Will Hacker each had 6 points. Russ Stephens was the defensive standout.

Returning to regular-season action Monday, Pampa Red fell to Canyon 57-26. Patrick Jackson was high scorer for Pampa with 10 points. Larry Patrick added 6 points and Bryan Ellis 4.



(Staff Photo by John Gerdel Jr.)

McLean's Brass drives down the lane.

McLean tops Higgins

MCLEAN — The Tigers of McLean lived up to their nickname Tuesday night as they yanked three wins from Higgins, two varsity victories and girls junior varsity win.

In the boys varsity game, the Tigers got off to a slow start and trailed Higgins 11-6 after the first quarter. But they outscored the Coyotes 18-11 in the second quarter and were on top 24-22 by the intermission.

In the second half, the Tigers continued to build their lead and went on to a 53-40 victory.

Sid Brass was the top scorer, 19 points, of four Tigers in double figures. Others were Mark McCarty with 12 and Clint Herndon and Kyle Wood with 10 points each.

The Lady Tigers left no doubt as to who was in command of the game from the outset. They established a 15-6 lead after one quarter and rolled on to a 60-27 blowout. They boosted their record to 4-3.

Shandee Rice led the scoring for the girls with 16 points. Misty Magee contributed 13 and Darla McAnear scored 10 points.

In the girls junior varsity game, McLean stopped Higgins 28-24.

The varsity Tigers will play in the Samnorwood tournament this weekend.

Akers new Purdue coach

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Fred Akers, former University of Texas coach, has been named Purdue University's new football coach, Purdue officials said this morning.

Mark Adams, Purdue sports information coordinator, confirmed that Akers had accepted the job and said the official announcement would be made at a 2 p.m. EST news conference.

Akers will begin work as soon as possible, he said. No other details were immediately available.

Purdue President Steven C. Beering confirmed earlier that Akers was in West Lafayette Tuesday night.

Akers and his wife, Diane, visited Purdue Dec. 4-5.

The search was believed to have been narrowed to Akers and Jim Colletto, a former Purdue assistant who is now an assistant at Rose Bowl-bound Arizona State, according to the Lafayette Journal and Courier.

Leon Burnett announced his resignation Nov. 6. The Boilermakers went 3-8 this season and finished tied for last in the Big Ten with a 2-6 conference record.

Akers has a 96-44-2 record in 12 seasons, including two at Wyoming. His record at Texas was 86-31-2, but the Longhorns went 5-6 this season. His teams won two Southwest Conference titles and played in three Cotton Bowls.

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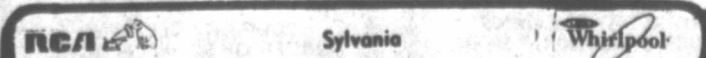
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NBA roundup

Johnson turns scorer, leads Lakers past Knicks

By BILL BARNARD
AP Basketball Writer

More often than any other time in his career, Magic Johnson is passing up passes and taking more shots.

Johnson, a three-time NBA assist champion, has never led the Los Angeles Lakers in scoring for a season, but this year he is averaging a point per game more than 39-year-old Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

"We wanted him to shoot more in order to take more of the load off Kareem," Lakers Coach Pat Riley said after Johnson scored 22 points in Los Angeles' 113-87 rout of the New York Knicks Tuesday night. "This season the team has been running more and it's helped Earvin be that much more creative."

Johnson, averaging 20.8 points per game, almost three above his average for seven previous NBA seasons, scored 11 in the third period, eight in the final 2:32, as the Lakers broke away from the Knicks.

"In the past, I'd get my points off breaks," Johnson said after shooting 10-for-18 from the field. "Now I'm looking for the shot more aggressively. With me shooting and with Byron (Scott) picking up the slack, we can take the slack off Kareem."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Sacramento 120, New Jersey 107; Atlanta 122, Cleveland 98; Chicago 106, Denver 100; Portland 120, San Antonio 104; and Phoenix 109, Golden State 94.

Johnson is not necessarily sacrificing his passing game to pad his scoring totals. He still leads the league in assists and had 15 against the Knicks. "Everybody has been coming together as a unit," Johnson said. "We're playing good ball, passing it around. And if you're open, you take your shot."

Bulls 106, Nuggets 100

A 40-point game is beginning to look routine for Michael Jordan.

He reached that plateau for the seventh consecutive game against Denver, including eight in the last three minutes as Chicago fought off a Nuggets rally and stopped a three-game losing streak.

Trail Blazers 120, Spurs 104

Kiki Vandeweghe matched Jordan with a season-high 40 points as Portland won its fifth straight with a victory over San Antonio.

The Trail Blazers withstood a second-half comeback as the Spurs scored 11 straight points, cutting Portland's 13-point lead to 89-87 with eight minutes left in the third period.

Vandeweghe then scored eight of the next 11 points for the Blazers as they pulled ahead 98-93.

Kelton downs Hedley

Both Kelton varsity squads posted their fifth wins Tuesday night with substantial victories over their counterparts from Hedley.

In the boys varsity contest, The Lions leaped to a 42-18 lead by halftime and coasted to a 69-50 triumph to boost their record to 5-2.

"We got to running pretty good," Kelton coach Dave Johnson said of seven-member, no-seniors, squad.

"We shot the ball real well," Johnson added, noting that the team was 27 of 70 from the field.

Chad Caddel led the Kelton scoring with 23 points, including nine field goals. Also in double figures for the Lions were Brett Buckingham with 19 points, including eight hits from the field and Perry Alves with 15 points, including seven field goals.

Johnson, who coaches both varsity teams, got a similar scoring performance from his girls varsity squad as they bounced out to a 42-14 lead in the first half of their contest with Hedley.

"We got our press working and started fast-breaking a little bit," Johns said, explaining the runaway first half.

The Kelton attack slowed a bit in the second half, but the girls still won easily, 59-34.

Leslie Johnson led the Kelton assault with 17 points, including eight field goals. Wanda Taylor had six field goals, all in the second half.

Both squads will play in the Samnorwood tournament Thursday and they will be meeting Hedley, again, in the opening round. The girls play at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and the boys game is next at 11 a.m.

Lefors sweeps Mobeetie

LEFORS — The Lefors girls broke a record of sorts as both varsity Pirate squads popped foes from Mobeetie Tuesday night here.

"This is the first time in several years that we have won two in row," Mike Kumer, the girls coach remarked of his team's 45-37 victory. The girls ran their record to 5-3.

He noted that it had been at least two years, and possibly three seasons, since the Lady Pirates had back-to-back victories. "Hopefully, we can keep going," he added.

In the first half, the Lefors picked up a one-point edge in each quarter and held a slim 23-21 margin at halftime. But the Lady Pirates racked up 13 points in the third round while limiting Mobeetie to five.

Tammy Harwell of Mobeetie was the top scorer for the night with 18 points. Freshman Shellie Lake led the Pirate attack with 15 points and Becky Davis scored 10, all in the second half. Davis also had 12 rebounds.

Mobeetie hit 17 of 31 attempts from the free throw line. In the boys contest, the Pirates pushed their winning streak to four straight with a 53-46 win. The Lefors boys are now 5-4.

Like the girls game, the teams were evenly matched in the first half, but the Pirates outscored the Hornets 16-5 in the third quarter to put the game on ice.

Waylon Howard of Mobeetie led all scorers with 19 points and Steve Batton contributed 11 for the Hornets. Jamie Wariner scored 10 points for the Pirates, Richard Hernandez scored nine and four other players each tallied eight times.

Wariner and Kevin Howe led the Lefors rebounding with 12 each.

Thursday both varsity Pirate squads will journey to Samnorwood to meet the host school in the opening rounds. The girls play at 12:30 p.m. and the boys hit the court at 2 p.m.

Wheeler girls rally for win

PANHANDLE — Wheeler's Mustangettes were slow getting started here Tuesday night and trailed 20-19 at the midpoint.

But they came back with a vengeance in the second half, stopped Panhandle 43-30 for their sixth straight win this season and kept their perfect record intact.

"Tammy Baker had a super defensive game," Jan Newland, Wheeler coach, said. Offensive standouts were Marlo Hartman with 17 points and 13 rebounds and Bridgett Wallace with 11 points, 11 rebounds and six steals.

In the second half, the Mustangettes scored 24 points while limiting the Panhandle girls to just 10.

Next on the agenda for the Wheeler girls will be the Shamrock tournament where they will play Clarendon at 7 p.m. Thursday in the opening round.

Berry rejects SMU offer

BOSTON (AP) — New England Patriots coach Raymond Berry says he has rejected an offer to become athletic director at Southern Methodist University, an offer the university now says was never extended.

A source with the National Football League team said Tuesday Berry was contacted by SMU representatives by telephone with an offer to return to his alma mater to direct the school's embattled sports program.

A one-line statement was issued by Berry, saying, "It is a compliment to be considered by SMU, but I have no indication whatsoever that I am to take such a step."

But Acting SMU President William B. Stallcup said Tuesday, however, he does not know anything about such an offer.

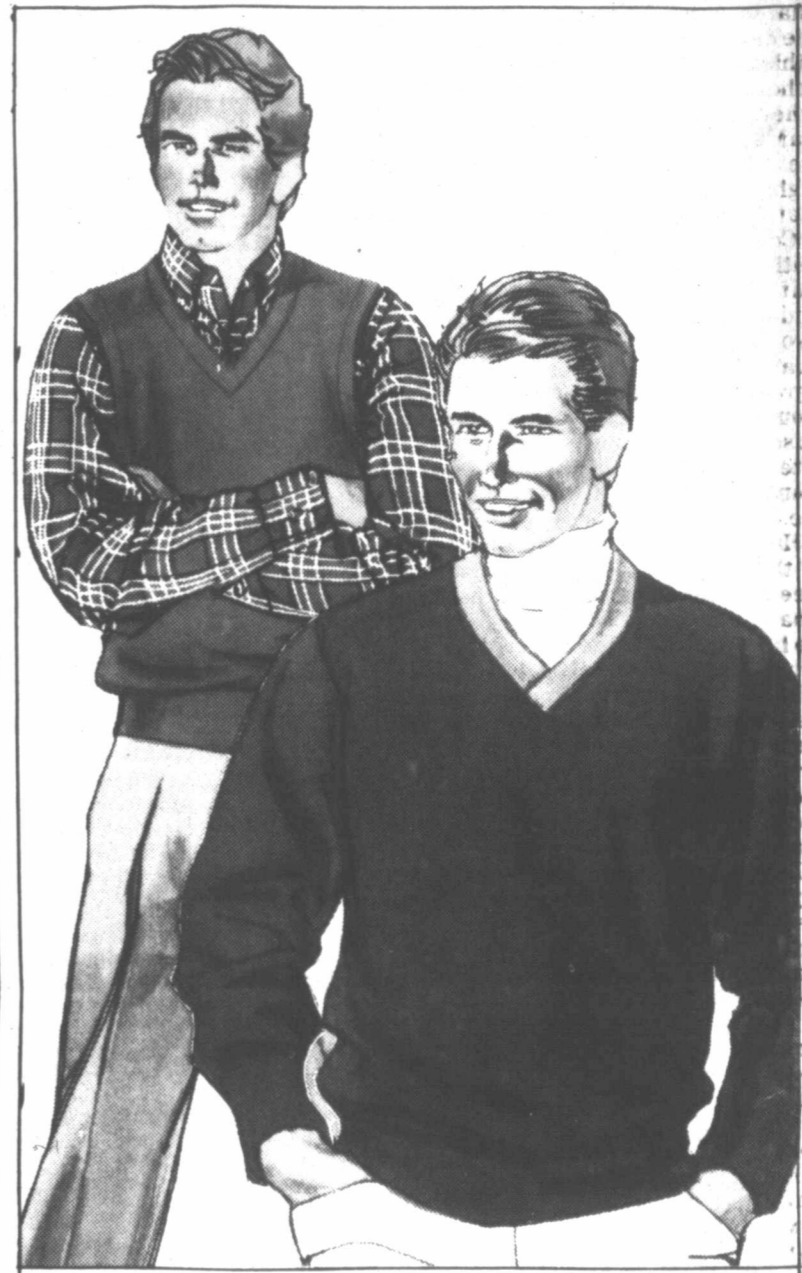
"I have no knowledge of any individual or group authorized to make contacts or offers in regard to the position of athletics director at SMU," he said. "When such contacts are made, however, we certainly will be looking to individuals of the caliber of Raymond Berry."

The Southwest Conference school's football program is in the midst of an NCAA probe of allegations of payoffs to its players.

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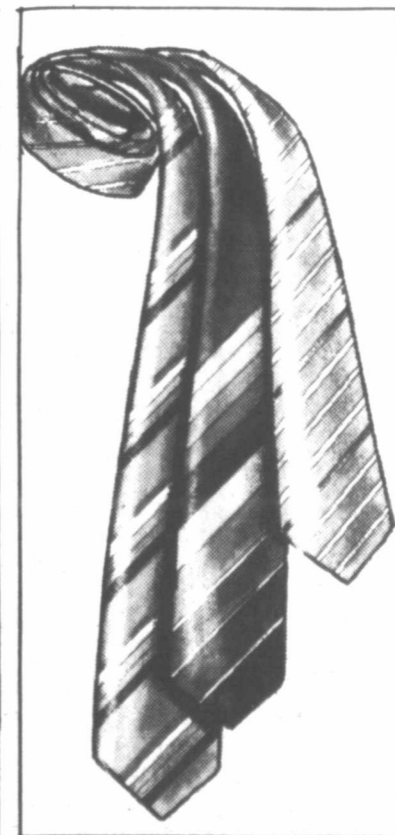
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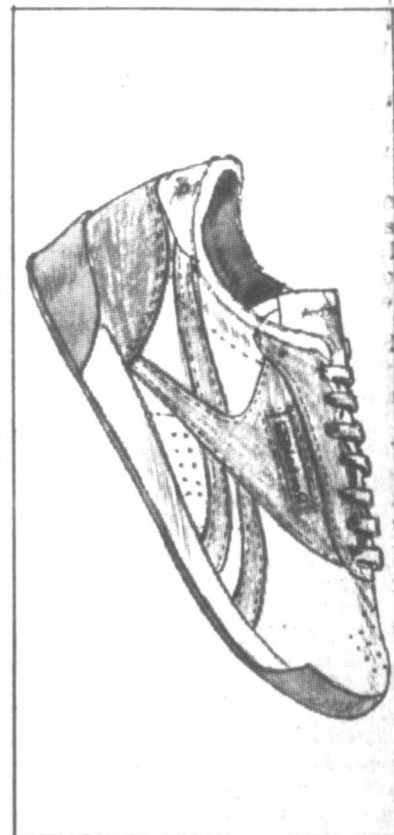
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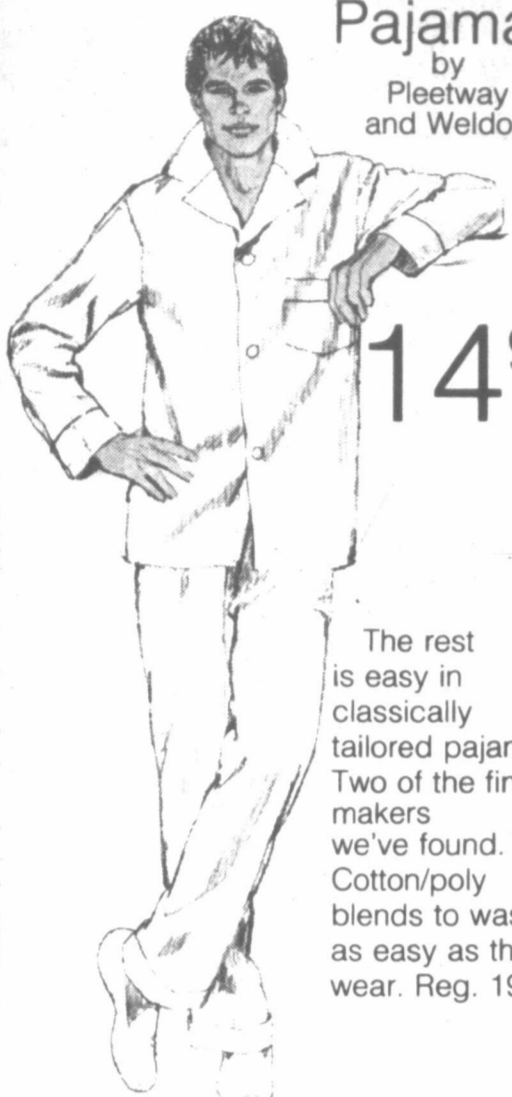
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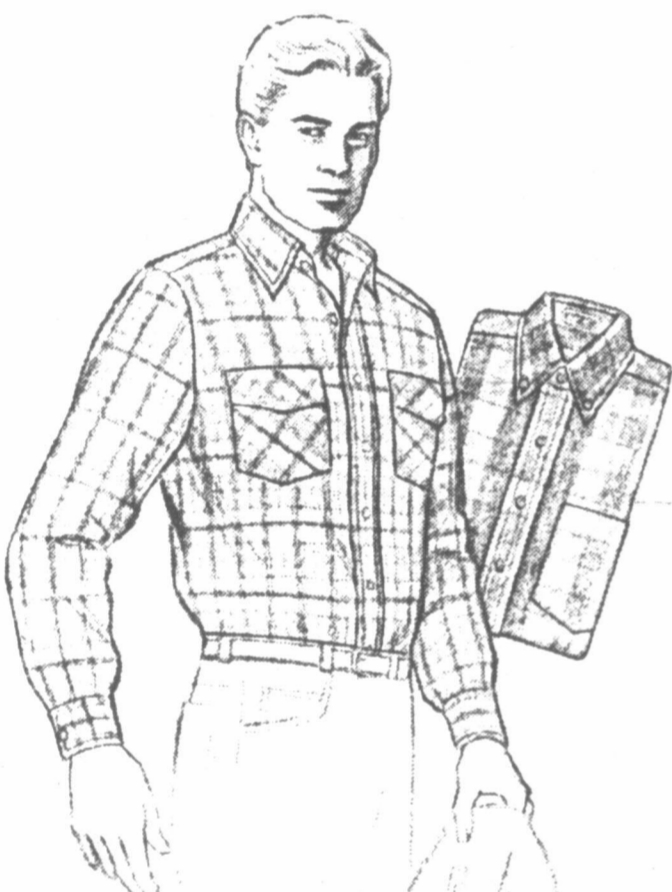


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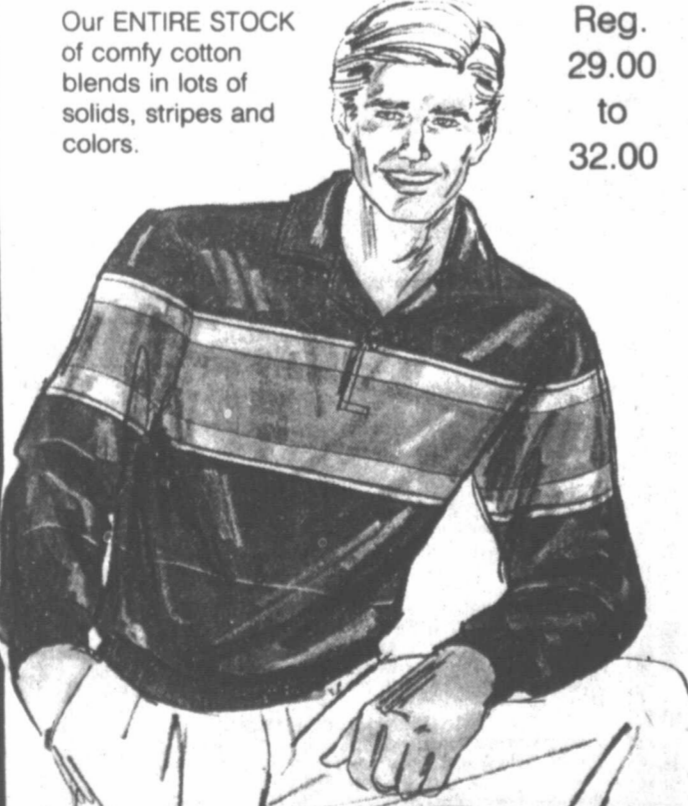
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