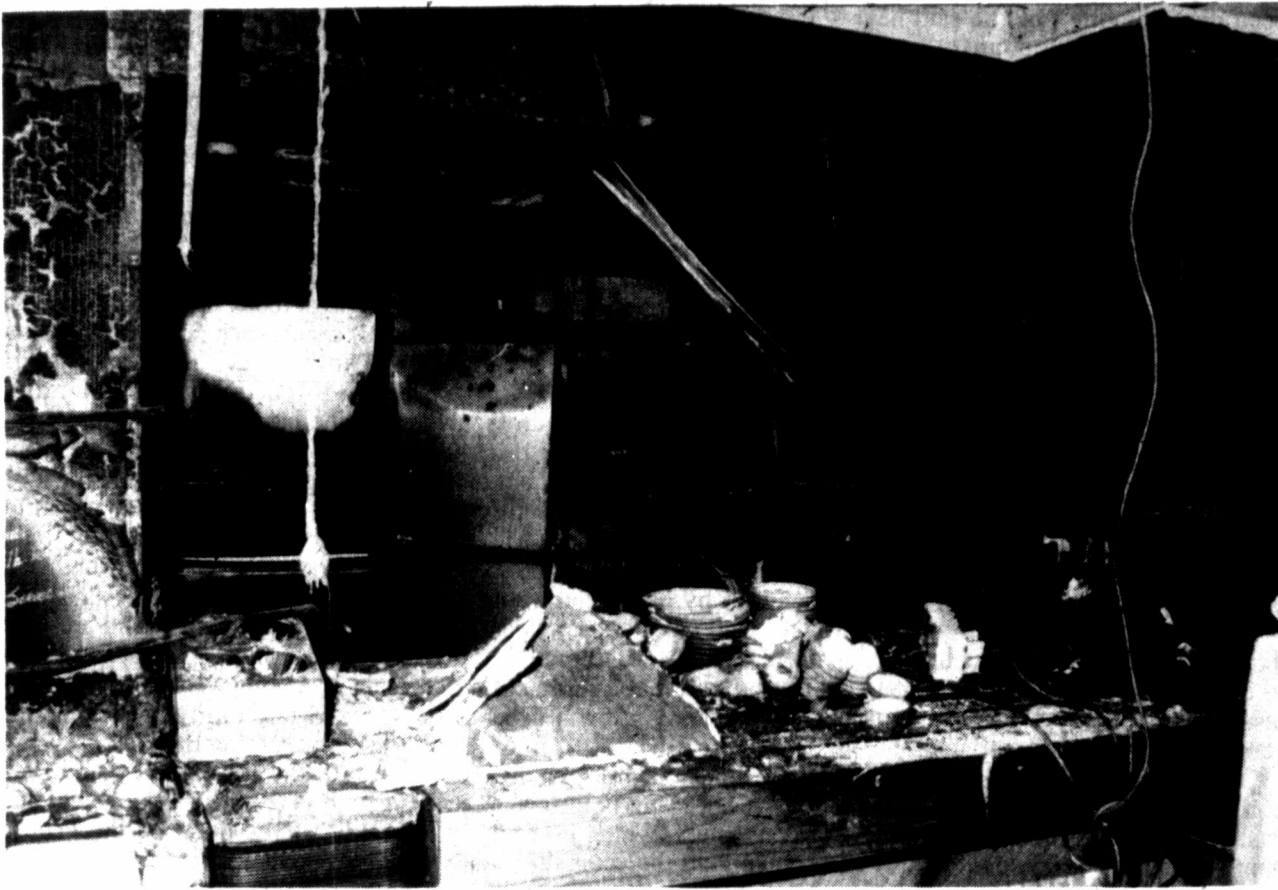


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(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

The charred serving area and grill of Sirloin Stockade shows the heavy damages sustained to the restaurant after an early morning fire today.

Interior of Sirloin Stockade restaurant heavily damaged by early morning fire

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

An early morning fire today heavily damaged the interior of the Sirloin Stockade restaurant at 518 N. Hobart.

Nine firefighters were called to the scene after a police officer reportedly saw smoke coming from the building at 2:50 a.m.

Fire investigator Gary Stevens said initial indications are the blaze started in the grill area, heavily damaging the service and kitchen portions of the building and leaving a thick coat of black smoke throughout the building.

Battalion Chief Dan Rose said today the fire was brought under control by 3:14 a.m. and the last fire-fighting unit left the scene at 5:33. A command vehicle remained through 9 a.m. with fans attempting to blow remaining smoke and odors out of the building.

Several booths near the serving line had their vinyl seat coverings melted off and plants near the buffet line lay wilted from the heat and smoke.

Fire Chief Claudie Phillips commented, "I wouldn't

say the damage is real extensive except in the kitchen, but there is smoke and water damage throughout the restaurant. It was really a big mess. But most of the fire was confined to the kitchen."

The fire burned hot enough to melt a cash register on the counter of the order area and leave plastic salt and pepper shakers 15 feet away deformed from the heat.

Investigators remained at the scene through press time today searching for clues as to what started the fire and determining a dollar estimate on damages.

Charles Jansen of the Sirloin Stockade regional office in Oklahoma City said today during a telephone interview, "We will repair and re-open. We have been in Pampa for over 15 years and it has been a little slow this last year, but generally that store has done well for us. We just brought in a brand new manager, Kevin Porter, from Florida and he is going to do a tremendous job. Already in the last two weeks we had seen an increase in business. We were sorry to see this happen with him just getting there, but we will get her repaired and re-opened."

Jansen said he was on his way to Pampa this morning to begin plans to repair the damage and start over.

Sheriff Jim Free fires Deputy Lynn Brown

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Lynn Brown was fired Monday afternoon for "insubordination and continuous violation of department policies," said Sheriff Jim Free.

However, Brown claims his termination was a direct result of his filing for the office of sheriff, subject to the March 10 Democratic primary. Brown and three other people, including Chief Deputy Terry L. Cox, are seeking the Democratic vote. Free also faces three challengers in the Republican primary that same day. The winners of those primaries will face each other in the November general election.

"I personally believe this is just a ploy to discredit me and to give some grounds to his terminating me," Brown said today. "I contend I haven't violated any policies, and when I spoke with (Sheriff) Free Monday concerning the violation of the policies, he would not show me any of the results of their investigations."

"I believe they pre-determined to fire me when it was first alleged I had violated the policies. As to the other reasons he gave to base his termination of me, they're just a pack of lies. None of the incidents are recorded in my personnel file, nor was I disciplined for any of the things he said I had done before."

In a prepared press release, Free said that Brown's latest violation of department policy was pertaining to the use of take-home vehicles.

Brown said he was notified last Monday, when he was placed on suspension for a week, that he was seen in his county take-home vehicle on Hobart Street on Jan. 22 and it was discovered that Brown had not checked in on his radio, as departmental policy requires.

Brown claims that many times at night there is no one at the radio in the sheriff's office because the jailers, who also dispatch at night, have to go upstairs to the jail periodically. Free said the radio is manned 24 hours a day.

"Lynn Brown has been counseled on items that range from threatening a local attorney while on duty to discharging his firearm while off-duty attempting to break up a fight (in his personal vehicle)," the sheriff said.

Brown said, "It's obvious what his motives were, but I plan to go on with my life. I will seek employ-



Deputy Lynn Brown

ment and I'll continue to seek the office (of sheriff) based upon my qualifications."

Two other employees have been discharged under Free for violation of policy and/or insubordination, the sheriff said. Those two were Dave Keiser, fired on Dec. 10, 1991, for violation of policy pertaining to alleged brutality to a prisoner; and Cliff Fletcher, fired on May 10, 1991, for alleged insubordination.

"Lynn Brown was counseled with on different occasions because I felt that he would work on correcting these measures instead of continuing to violate policies," Free said. But Brown claims he was never given a reprimand either verbal or written about alleged past policy violations. He also said the policy and procedures manual of the sheriff's office was not even implemented until Aug. 1, 1991.

Brown said the incident with the attorney occurred in 1989 and said he did have "words" with a local attorney, but said, "there was never any threats made to the individual."

Free said he recalls talking to Brown about the incident with the attorney and then sending Brown home for the rest of the day to "calm down."

Brown said that regarding the discharging of his firearm, he did that in an attempt to stop a bunch of kids fighting.

"I was off duty and I drove up on a gang of kids fighting. According to state law, I'm required to take some action as a peace officer," Brown said. "The county did not have a policy concerning discharging a firearm. I wasn't found in vio-

lation of state law or county policies and I received no disciplinary action and didn't even receive a letter."

The sheriff said the insubordination allegations against Brown stem from the deputy's "constant knocking down of the department and myself to outsiders and within the department making derogatory comments."

Brown said he believes the alleged insubordination violations stem from his filing a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission prior to filing a racial discrimination lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Amarillo against the county in 1990. That lawsuit is pending.

"This is not a political move or is it racial," Free said in the prepared release. "This department is the only branch of Gray County government to my knowledge that has minorities employed at this time. I would not and do not discriminate against anyone."

Free said a minority dispatcher has been hired to be employed at the sheriff's office when it opens.

Chief Deputy Terry L. Cox said that according to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the sheriff's hiring and firing is "at will." And according to applications at the sheriff's office, termination is "at will" and a person can be discharged either "with or without cause."

Although the sheriff said Brown's firing had nothing to do with Brown running for sheriff, Free did say he realized the termination was "untimely," because of the political situation.

But he said he is justified in firing Brown, adding, "You still can't just let your department go."

Brown also claims that other deputies have committed more serious violations and no action was ever taken against them. He declined to be specific.

The former deputy said he was hired by Sheriff Free in January 1989 believing he would be an asset to the sheriff's office based on his experience and in working drug cases.

"I haven't been used for any of the experience that I have, being the most qualified individual he had on his staff," Brown said.

Brown worked for 14 years at the Pampa Police Department before beginning his employment with Gray County Sheriff's Office in 1989. He holds the basic, intermediate, advanced and instructors' certification from Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

Federal suit filed in school funding case

AUSTIN (AP) — A taxpayer lawsuit challenging the Texas Supreme Court's ruling that the new school property tax is unconstitutional but must be paid was filed today in federal court.

Lawyer James Keahey filed suit on behalf of Coleman H. Smith, a retired naval captain from Lakeway, and said he hopes it will be certified as a class action for Texas taxpayers.

"The only place to go is to the federal courts," and claim a denial of due process under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Keahey said.

He filed the lawsuit right after State District Judge F. Scott McCown refused relief to businesses and individuals with tax- protest suits in state court in Travis County. Most of the 71 lawsuits were filed before the Supreme Court's ruling last Thursday.

In that ruling, the Supreme Court said that the new county edu-

cation district (CED) tax violates the state constitution because it is a statewide property tax, and it is a property tax instituted without voter approval.

However, the court stayed the effect of its ruling until June 1, 1993, so that it would not interfere with the collection of 1991 and 1992 CED taxes.

The 1991 taxes were due Friday, and the 1992 taxes will be due in January of next year.

The school finance system, approved by lawmakers last year,

was designed to shift hundreds of millions of local property tax dollars from richer to poorer school districts within 188 CEDs, made up of one or several counties. It was passed in response to previous Supreme Court orders to even out funding to school districts.

Many businesses that had filed protest lawsuits said they were trying to protect themselves from double taxation in case the Supreme Court threw out the tax and another levy was instituted.

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The terrible Whatzit



(Staff photo by Larry Hollis)

Mrs. Jerri Brown, center, uses expressive gestures while telling a story to a group of second-graders in Mrs. Brooke Vise's class Monday afternoon at Horace Mann Elementary School. Mrs. Brown, a teacher in the Victoria school system, has been visiting second and fourth grade classes in Pampa to help students prepare for their TASS writing competency tests. Trained to conduct workshops for the New Jersey Writing Project and cooperative learning by Johnson & Johnson, Brown involved the Mann students in storytelling and reading activities, using *Harry and the Terrible Whatzit*, and then had the students draw their own Whatzits in a group-exchange art project. Then the students wrote a descriptive essay on their Whatzits, following patterns of orderly progression. Mrs. Arlene Gibson, curriculum coordinator for the Pampa public schools, said Brown was brought in to help students prepare better for their writing tests under the TASS exams.

More violence erupts in Hong Kong refugee camp for Vietnamese boat people

By JOHN POMFRET
Associated Press Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Vietnamese boat people fought again tonight at a detention center, a day after 21 people were burned to death in the worst violence to strike the British colony's refugee camps.

There were no immediate reports of injuries from the latest clash, which involved about 100 Vietnamese at the Shek Kong Detention Center. Police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd after 30 minutes of fighting.

The clash occurred in a different section of the camp than was hit by a vicious battle Monday night that raged for hours between more than 300 north and south Vietnamese wielding homemade spears, axes and knives.

Sixteen adults and five children died in a crowded hut set afire by a group during the clash. About 128 people were injured in the fighting.

It was not clear what triggered the fighting, which was the worst in refugee camps since Vietnamese began flooding Hong Kong's shores 12 years ago. Some reports said

Monday night's battle erupted during a dispute over the repatriation of refugees to Vietnam. Others said a fight broke out over water.

Tension has grown between those who are willing to go home and those who still dream of a life in the West. North and south Vietnamese also have ethnic divisions as well as political differences stemming from the long civil war won by the Communist north.

Earlier today, more than 500 members of the police force's elite tactical unit patrolled the camp to

try to prevent further violence. Police also moved 480 north Vietnamese to another camp in an effort to defuse tension.

Combatants in Monday night's battle fought for several hours, ignoring clouds of tear gas fired by police.

Crowds chased police from the scene as gangs of south Vietnamese surrounded a corrugated tin hut and set it ablaze by ramming burning blankets through windows and the roof.

Alistair Asprey, the British colony's secretary for security, said he believed all of the dead were from

North Vietnam. Some of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

"It was a very big fire and I was scared," said Mai, a 12-year-old girl who witnessed the burning of the hut and was moved to another center today. "I have three friends who were there and I don't know what happened to them."

At Tuen Mun Hospital, Vietnamese — some with their faces covered with bandages — filled several wards. One woman waited to no one. A man lay silently on his side in bed, an ear barely recognizable in the

blood. A shivering young girl sitting on a bed clutched a baby, tears running down her soot-smudged face.

Asprey denied that disagreements over returning to Vietnam sparked the fight.

However, the torched hut was located in a section of the camp that housed 806 Vietnamese who had recently volunteered to return home. Some of the dead might have been scheduled to fly home on the next flight Feb. 18, the third flight since Hong Kong began sending Vietnamese back last year.

Lifestyles

Admirers enjoy beautiful song, brilliant colors of the Cardinal



Panhandle Bird Watch

by Jan Elston

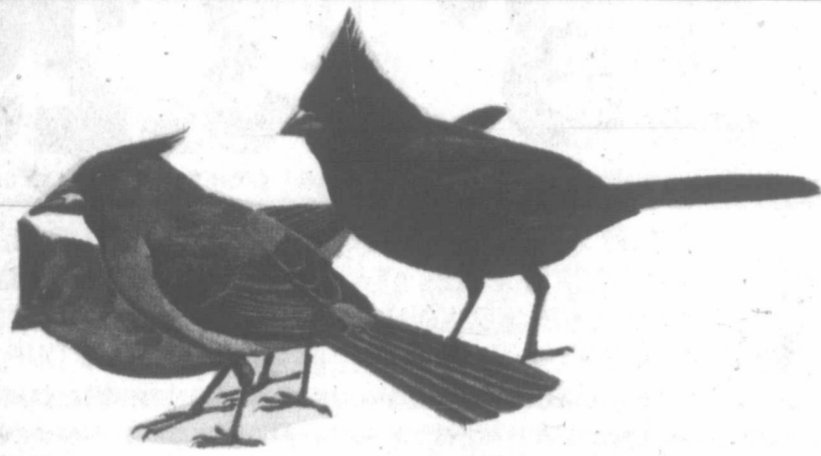
Personal stories of early settlers in this part of the country are so interesting to me. As one friend was telling me about her "beau" coming "courting", then later going to her father not only to ask for her hand in marriage, but also the father's blessing, then the excitement of moving to their new home in the Panhandle, it was easy to understand why their marriage had endured for so many years. Each was totally committed to the other.

Some birds seem to be devoted to one mate, and Cardinals are good examples of this. Almost always, when you see the bright red male Cardinal fly low across a country lane, you will see the female following right to the same thicket.

The male Cardinal may be the first bird most people learn to identify, calling him a "Redbird." He is a brilliant red, and has a conspicuous crest. There is a black patch at the base of his brown, cone-shaped beak. The buff-brown female has a tinge of red on her wings, tail, and pointed crest. Her bright orange bill is outlined by a dark patch on her face and throat.

With most species of birds, only the male is known to have a beautiful song; so it is unusual that the female Cardinal is also an excellent singer. I read about one male Cardinal which was recorded as having as many as twenty-eight songs in his repertoire.

One call has been described as a metallic chirp, sounding like a sharp "cue, cue, cue"; another as "what-cheer, cheer, cheer." It is frustrating to be birding in a wooded area, and hear two Cardinals calling back and forth, and not be able to locate them. With such vivid coloration,



Cardinal

you'd think they could never hide that well.

Cardinals are members of the Finch family, a group of birds known as "seedeaters"; but during nesting season the parent Cardinals eat insects, and also take caterpillars, beetles, boll Weevils, and other insects to their young birds.

They will often come to platform-type feeders, and are especially fond of large sunflower seeds and also safflower seed. (One advantage of safflower seed is that squirrels and Blue Jays don't seem to like it, so they aren't always around, intimidating the more shy Cardinals. I rather doubt that safflower seed is available in this area. You would probably have to order it. It tried some several years ago; but had no luck attracting Cardinals.)

Some young boys have learned that the sharp, heavy beak of Cardinals can be dangerous. I've heard of boys putting large seeds under a wooden box held up by a stick with a string tied to it. When the Cardinal went under the box to get a seed, the boy would pull the string, trapping the

bird under the box. If the boy wasn't wearing gloves when he handled the bird, he might have a fingernail ripped off by the bird's sharp beak.

Do you know where these birds got that name? They were named for the Roman Catholic cardinals who wore bright red robes.

Cedar Waxwings are being seen all over the Panhandle. People are reporting seeing them in all parts of town, as well as around farmhouses where there are some trees.

One foggy morning last week, I saw a Sharp-shinned Hawk in a tree in our front yard. That tree is only about fifteen or twenty feet tall, but it has afforded such a good perch for the birds coming in for water in our yard. It's always interesting to see what unusual bird might be there.

If you're out in the country, watch for gigantic "clouds" of blackbirds, all flying in tight formation. How in the world do they do that, with each bird turning at just the right time? Amazing!

New or recycled, it's the thought that counts

DEAR ABBY: You advised "No Name or City" to send a gracious thank-you note for a set of used luggage received from a relative at Christmastime. Why should such boorish behavior be rewarded with a gracious note? And why would cleaning up the luggage interior make it any more acceptable?

Close relatives gave me a flawed picture frame for an anniversary whose invitation stated, "No gifts, please."

The store had a one-year return policy, and when I attempted to exchange the frame for another size, store records showed that it had been purchased several years prior. The management pointed to further evidence of damage, and proof of use.

I was humiliated, hurt and very angry.

After much deliberation, I simply informed my relatives that due to the original purchase date, the frame could not be exchanged.

Their response: "Too bad you waited so long to return it."
FED UP IN FULLERTON, CALIF.

DEAR FED UP: Who among us is so pure that he or she has not sent a recycled gift a time or two? I still maintain that a set of matched luggage — though pre-



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

viously owned — is quite a splendid gift.

Read on for a letter from "Judy," who shares my view of recycled gifts:

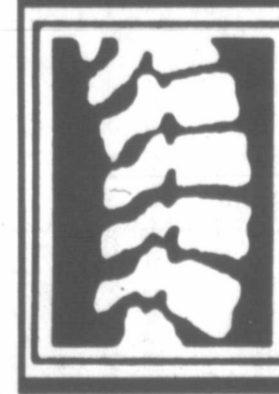
DEAR ABBY: One of the best gifts I ever received was a wallet from my 90-year-old aunt — a wonderful lady named Nellie Bennett of San Diego. It appeared new, but I did find a few things inside which she had apparently overlooked.

I pictured this wonderful old lady in poor health, unable to shop and possibly short on funds, emptying her only wallet to send to her niece with great love. She is gone now, but that wallet will always remind me of her love for me, and mine for her.

If one is not able to shop, or to afford a gift, there can be no greater gift than to take something of one's own and give it to another with love. I hope the recipient of that set of luggage reconsiders, and realizes that someone sacrificed their luggage out of love and generosity — not to get rid of an old cast-off.

JUDY WARREN VASILLASKAS,
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Newsmakers



Left, Andy Beard, national junior winner, and Stacie McDonald, senior honorable mention winner, of the Make It Yourself With Wood contest.

Stacie Lanelle McDonald, a student at Texas Tech, and Pampa High School graduate, was named senior honorable mention winner in the Make It Yourself With Wood contest in Orlando, Fla.

Former Pampan, Carl Amber Killebrew, a graduate student in home economics education, received the Gladys M. Haley scholarship from Texas Tech University for 1991-1992. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Killebrew is a 1985 graduate of Pampa High School and 1989 graduate of Texas Tech, where she earned a bachelor of science in human development and family studies.

Ashtyn M. Shipley, daughter of D.L. and Kim Shipley, won first runner-up in the Panhandle Area Baby Contest on Jan. 25. Her



Ashtyn M. Shipley

grandparents are Carolyn Elliott and Donnie and Pat Shipley. Great-grandparents are Armal and Bonnie Finney, all of Pampa. Proceeds from the contest benefited the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Named to the dean's list at Texas Tech University for the fall semester were Jason Becker, Clay Lyle, Stacie McDonald, Joel Alan Pratt, Richard Paul Smith, Cynthia Denise Whitmarsh, and Kelly Wood. Named to the president's list were Donnie Berry, Ronnie Berry, Joanna Hagerman, and Danna Lynn Watson.

Jennifer Graves, daughter of Ron and Madeline Graves, and a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School, was a December graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of science degree in communication disorders.

In her final semester, she achieved the president's list with a 4.0 grade average, and graduated



Jennifer Graves

with a cumulative grade point of 3.4.

She is teaching gymnastics in Norman, Okla., and has been accepted by the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center to begin studies in August as a candidate for a master of science degree in speech pathology.

Navy seaman recruit Christopher S. LaRue, son of Kurt Foster and Frankie LaRue, Pampa, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla. The 1991 graduate of Pampa High School joined the Navy in Oct. 1991.

In December commencement exercises, Pampan earned degrees from Texas Tech University. They were Sena Brainard, bachelor of arts in history with honors; and Jeffery Sumpter, bachelor of business administration in accounting, cum laude, and also a master of science in accounting.

Honor Roll

Baker Elementary School announces honor students for the third six weeks grading period. They are:

Self-contained developmental - best citizen - Amanda Cabrales; P.A.L. award - Terry Hernandez; outstanding achievement - Danielle Joiner; reading - Megan Smith.

Kindergarten - best citizen - Omar Barraza, Bobbie Chavarria. P.A.L. award - Maritza Granillo, Carrie McAnear.

First grade - best citizen - Antonio Cuellar, T'Andra Holmes, Luis Campos, Damian Villarreal, Marysol Carrillo. P.A.L. award - Aaron Silva, Megan Davis, Romona Perez. Honor roll - Joel Botello, Megan Davis, Zachary Ferris, Danita Holguin, Jan'ee Perez, James Silva, Carlos Silva, Luzann Garcia, Julian George, Luis Gonzales, Henry Hernandez, Chris House, April Morgan, Jesse Santacruz, Damian Villarreal, Drew Wilson. Semester honor roll - Luzann Garcia, Julian George, Luis Gonzales, Henry Hernandez, Chris House, April Morgan, Jesse Santacruz, Damian Villarreal, Drew Wilson.

Second grade - best citizen - Shelly Gage, Lupita Resendiz. P.A.L. award - Oscar Ortega, Gerardo DeLaTorre. Honor roll - Gerardo DeLaTorre, Shelly Gage, Julia Her-

andez, Priti Patel, Michael Campos, Dolly Anderson, Holly Lawrence, Oscar Ortega, Randy Tice, Desiree Vigil. Semester honor roll - Shelly Gage, Priti Patel, Julia Hernandez, Michael Campos, Lisa Torres, Dolly Anderson, Jason Coble, Antonio Estrada, Holly Lawrence, Oscar Ortega, Randy Tice, Desiree Vigil.

Third grade - best citizen - Lionel Rodriguez, Angel Huff, Daisy Leal. P.A.L. award - Wendy Gammage, Lucas Oliva. Honor roll - Eric Chavez, Vanessa Portillo, Gavino Ammendarez, Chris Batman, Derrick Cummings. Semester honor roll - Eric Chavez, Gavino Ammendarez, Vanessa Portillo, Chris Batman, Beatriz Cabrales, Cynthia Cordova, Derrick Cummings, April Mobbs, Lucas Oliva.

Fourth grade - best citizen - Sammy Ramirez, Martha Silva.

P.A.L. award - Wendy Tellez, Shana James, Honor roll - Vivian Botello, Teresa Carver, Leticia Medina, Glen Moon, Danette Navarrete, Sammy Ramirez, Terra Hembree, Amanda White, Lidia Resendiz. Semester honor roll - Vivian Botello, Teresa Carver, Leticia Medina, Glen Moon, Sammy Ramirez, Terra Hembree, Lidia Resendiz, Amanda White.

Fifth grade - best citizen - Lisa Rodriguez, Juan Saldierna. P.A.L. award - Rodolfo Ramirez, Gloria Resendiz. Honor roll - Rodolfo Ramirez, Narciso Soliz, Jared White, Ambrina Wilson, Patricia Carbajal, Candice Jameson, Gloria Resendiz, Derrick Crawford. Semester honor roll - Rodolfo Ramirez, Narciso Soliz, Jared White, Ambrina Wilson, Angie D'Jesus, Candice Jameson, Gloria Resendiz, Derrick Crawford.



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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Uphold
- 5 Goal
- 8 Johann Sebastian
- 12 Narrow strap
- 13 Aug. time
- 14 Regulation
- 15 First-rate (2 wds.)
- 16 British Navy abbreviation
- 17 Over again
- 18 Cold symptoms
- 20 Mountaineer's aid
- 21 Women's patriotic soc.
- 22 Western hemisphere
- 23 Facilitate
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- 31 Swimming places
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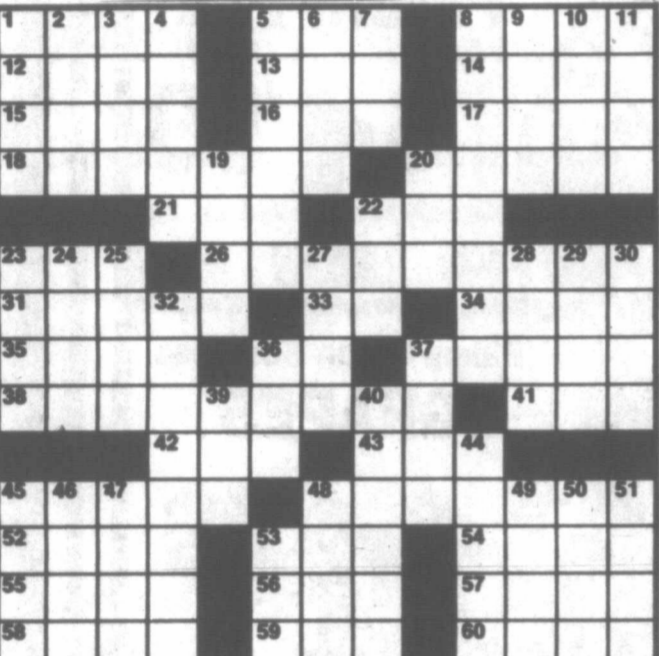
DOWN

- 1 Lingerie
- 2 Vast period of time
- 3 pheasants
- 35 Portico
- 36 Rubidium symbol
- 37 City in Utah
- 38 Most natural and simple
- 41 Plus
- 42 Pig sick
- 43 Be sick
- 45 Thick soup
- 48 Hatred
- 52 Mast
- 53 Own (Scot.)
- 54 — Magnani
- 55 Eye infection
- 56 Performance
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- 58 Having foot parts
- 59 Roman bronze
- 60 Aardvark's diet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 3 Movie
- 4 Hit with leg joint
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- 8 Cooking slowly
- 9 A relative
- 10 Nile queen, for short
- 11 Chopped
- 19 Defeats (sl.)
- 20 Skillet
- 22 Type of tuber
- 23 Church part
- 24 Smallest particle
- 25 Access
- 27 Local movie theater (sl.)
- 28 Baseball player — Blue
- 29 Paradise
- 30 Dispatch
- 32 Covered with soap
- 36 Arrange
- 37 Cornelia — Skinner
- 39 Do farm work
- 40 New Orleans team
- 44 South American animal
- 45 Attention-getting sound
- 46 Capable of (2 wds.)
- 47 Actress — Martha
- 48 Chop finely
- 49 — the ground floor
- 50 Tangle
- 51 Brings forth
- 53 Drivers' org.



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WHEN I GO I WANT TO LEAVE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE THAN WHEN I CAME.

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By Tom Armstrong

THE BIG B-BALL GAME IS ABOUT TO START, I'VE GOT POP CHIPS, DIP, PRETZELS...

I DON'T THINK I'VE FORGOTTEN A THING

...EXCEPT THIS LITTLE LIST OF HOUSEHOLD CHORES YOU PROMISED ME YOU'D DO THIS WEEKEND

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Subtlety is not your strong point, is it?"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

WHY MANY CAT OWNERS NEVER BECOME EXPERT KNITTERS:

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WELL, IF YOU'RE GONNA GO INTO LEM T'FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING...

...THEN I WANT YOU TO TAKE SOMEBODY WITH YOU!

OKAY... ON ONE CONDITION!

WHAT'S THAT?

PROMISE ME YOU AN' UMPA WILL LOOK AFTER ANA WHILE I'M GONE!

WE'D BE GLAD TO!

THEN Y'GOT A DEAL!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

MY MOM SAYS THAT WHEN MY DAD SNORES...

SHE FILLS HIS MOUTH UP WITH WATER.

SHE SAYS IT SOLIDS LIKE COFFEE PERKING.

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"With any luck, we'll find it before the clothes you packed go out of style."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

couldn't a real plumber find a better way to get running water into your studio?

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

IT'S NO SURPRISE TO ME THAT NOBODY'S SOLD A HOUSE ON THIS STREET FOR SIX YEARS.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

DID THE DOCTOR AGREE THAT YOU NEED TO LOSE SOME WEIGHT?

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DID HE SAY YOU SHOULD GO ON A DIET?

MM-HMM

DID HE HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS TO HELP?

MM-HMM...

HE TOOK MY TEEF!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

GEORGIE! YOU CUT DOWN A WHOLE CHERRY TREE JUST TO MAKE ONE CHERRY PIE?... BOY, YOU'D MAKE A GREAT POLITICIAN!

PEANUTS

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DO YOU HAVE TO CHEW SO LOUD WHEN YOU EAT?

YOU'RE DRIPPING MILK ALL OVER YOUR SHIRT...

YOU TOOK ALL THE SUGAR AGAIN! YOU NEVER REFILL THE BOWL!

GOOD MORNING...

GARFIELD

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WE KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE...

THE RATINGS WARS ESCALATE

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Some funds you're hoping to receive today might be delayed or substantially reduced. So don't make financial commitments you may have difficulty fulfilling later. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aquarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In matters of mutual concern, do not discount your mate's opinions or suggestions today. Your partner might have a better handle on things than you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You tend to be an easy mark today, and there's a possibility someone might take advantage of you. Be considerate, but make sure it's for the right people and the right reasons.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Enjoy yourself today, but guard against the inclination to overindulge. It's too bad that too much of a good thing can be bad, but that's the way it goes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) From your perspective today, it might look like others are getting the breaks denied you. However, our lot in life is only what we make it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Braggarts are people you find unattractive. However, you must be very careful that you don't give companions any reason today to put you in that classification.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unless you truly have the expertise, be wary today of managing things for others. There's a chance you might bungle something big, incurring mutual penalties in the process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In order to maintain harmonious relationships today, you must be prepared to make concessions. If there isn't quid pro quo, you won't get what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you want to deprive yourself of success, go ahead and don't do today what can be put off until tomorrow. It's a formula that doesn't fail, so don't test it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The big things promised you today by someone you feel is an important social contact should not be taken literally. This individual is a much better talker than a doer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might be tempted to use someone you're involved with as a stepping stone to gratify a personal ambition today. If you could hear what others say about it, this wouldn't even contemplate it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually, you're a pragmatic thinker, but today you might confuse optimism with wishful thinking. It may be wise to reassess things when you're in a more realistic frame of mind.

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Japanese criticisms of Americans could reflect their own fears

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — America-bashing by Japan's leaders often reflects this nation's infatuation with the United States. Many fear Japan will go too far in emulating its postwar patron and end up with the same problems.

Remarks like those made by Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa on Monday indicate frustration with the troubled United States of today because it falls so short of Japan's nostalgic vision of America the industrial powerhouse.

Yukio Suzuki, an economics professor at Yokohama University, recalls the days when Japanese politicians coveted American-made Packard automobiles for their speed and image.

"I even felt angry that American

business operators so humiliated themselves" during President Bush's Jan. 7-10 trade summit by demanding help from Japanese automakers, he said in a commentary in The Japan Times.

Miyazawa said Monday during a parliamentary meeting that he thought U.S. workers were losing their work ethic. Today, he sought to explain himself, saying he "did not intend to criticize U.S. workers at all."

Miyazawa dwelled on his disappointment with the erosion of the U.S. manufacturing base.

He complained that the American pride in producing value had been replaced by a "money market" system of high Wall Street salaries, junk bonds and leveraged buyouts.

"I spoke about my economic philosophy by using an expression of the sense of an ethic," Miyazawa

said. "If using the word 'ethic' produced a misunderstanding, it is not what I really meant."

Yasunori Abe, professor of politics at Showa Women's University, said Miyazawa had intended his comments as a "reverse lesson" for Japanese.

"More than criticizing America, Miyazawa was telling Japanese to keep strong so as not to become that way," Abe said.

"We believe that Americans have the strength to bear down and we want to know why they don't exert more effort."

By making such comments, Miyazawa and other politicians also may be trying to drive home a message that Tokyo has often sent to Washington in recent months: the United States must get its own house in order because Japan has done all it can do to help ease its

chronic trade surplus.

Miyazawa's comments were much milder than those of many other politicians.

The speaker of this country's House of Representatives outraged many Americans last month when he accused U.S. workers of being lazy and sometimes illiterate. Several other senior leaders have been obliged to apologize after making disparaging comments about American minority groups.

Another reason that such criticisms keep cropping up, despite the outrage they have provoked in America, is that Japanese politicians simply aren't used to editing their comments for an international audience.

In gatherings with their constituents and even in televised parliament sessions, Japanese politicians "feel they are talking among

themselves. It's very much a club, within the family," says Gregory Clark, a professor of economics at Sophia University in Tokyo.

But today, with the eclipse of the Cold War increasingly focusing Americans' attention on Japan, politicians are finding they can no longer criticize the United States without consequence.

"They're not really aware, but still it doesn't help our two countries to make unnecessarily provocative comments," said Itaru Umezu, director of the Japan Institute of International Affairs.

Seemingly disparaging comments about the United States also reflect growing Japanese self-confidence, and some say loss of respect, for their ailing ally.

The image of a deteriorating superpower was graphically reinforced by President Bush's collapse

at a state banquet during his visit — a summit that has become fodder for many Japanese cartoonists and commentators.

The conservative-leaning Yomiuri newspaper recently ran a cartoon showing Bush bathing in cold water in a garbage bin labeled "stalling economy."

Bush, shivering from the cold, is desperately waiting for Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa to bring some firewood to heat his bath water.

"Japan has experienced a self-awakening. It is not as exaggerated as an ideology of Japan as a superpower, but there is definitely a newfound confidence," said Hajime Funada, a lower house conservative lawmaker.

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Prosecutor: Dahmer not driven by urge to have sex with corpses

By MICHELLE WILLIAMS
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MILWAUKEE (AP) — A prosecutor paradoxically suggested that Jeffrey Dahmer's performing of crude brain surgery on his victims in an effort to turn them into sexually pliant "zombies" shows he wasn't insane under the law.

A psychiatrist Monday had testified for the defense that Dahmer was gripped by uncontrollable urges to kill and to have sex with corpses.

But during cross-examination, District Attorney E. Michael McCann suggested Dahmer wanted live sexual partners.

Under questioning by the prosecutor, Dr. Fred Berlin said Dahmer was disappointed to find one of his victims had died a day after Dahmer performed a crude lobotomy with a drill.

"He hoped to be able to sustain him," Berlin testified. "He was very disappointed at the death."

Berlin, a psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, also testified Dahmer planned to create a temple of his victims' body parts.

"He planned to preserve entire bodies, but he did not do that. He saved the bones. He bought an aquarium that was going to house a head in the middle," said Berlin, who specializes in sexual disorders. "He even sketched it out."

Berlin was to return to the stand today.

Dahmer, 31, has pleaded guilty but insane to 15 slayings. His lawyers contend he suffers from necrophilia, a mental illness involving sex with corpses. Under state law, the defense must prove Dahmer's illness prevented him from determining right from wrong or made him unable to stop killing.

The verdict will mean the difference between life in prison or an



(AP Laserphoto)

Psychiatrist Fred Berlin gestures during his testimony in the Jeffrey L. Dahmer sanity trial in Milwaukee Monday. Berlin, a specialist in sexual disorders, is a witness for the defense and said that Dahmer had uncontrollable urges to have sex with corpses.

open-ended stay in a mental hospital for the former chocolate factory worker.

Berlin said under questioning by defense attorney Gerald Boyle that Dahmer had "fantasies that had a necrophiliac theme. He told me that he had overpowering urges to kill and have sex with dead bodies" since his teens.

But McCann suggested that Dahmer did not suffer from necrophilia. He pointed out that Dahmer told police after his July 22 arrest that he had sex after death with only five of the 17 males he has admitted killing.

"My belief is he had sex with all of them after death, but he told police otherwise," Berlin said.

The psychiatrist also testified that Dahmer knew killing was wrong and fought "very hard for

many years to not give in to these urges."

Berlin said Dahmer once went to a funeral home and viewed the body of a young man with plans to dig up the body. He said Dahmer also stole a department store mannequin and related to it in "a sexual, intimate way."

After strangling and dismembering an Ohio hitchhiker in 1978, Dahmer did not kill again until 1987, court records show.

But after Dahmer killed his first Milwaukee victim at a hotel, "He was beaten by the disease and ultimately gave up trying," Berlin said.

Dahmer has not been charged in one of the 17 slayings because prosecutors lack evidence. Another of the 17 deaths took place in Ohio, where he will be tried later.

Settlement reached in '88 freshwater oil spill

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Two companies agreed to pay the state \$7 million over the nation's largest freshwater oil spill, a 1988 pipeline accident that fouled a river in the Ozark foothills.

The settlement involving Shell Pipe Line Corp. and Texaco Pipeline Inc. was announced Monday.

Also Monday, Shell Pipe Line pleaded guilty in federal court to misdemeanor charges and agreed to pay \$1 million in fines and restitution to the federal government and the state.

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