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Pampa earns 'Proud Community' status

By BETH MILLER
News Editor

Pampa celebrated Tuesday with a ceremony marking the official dedication of signs naming the city a Keep Texas Beautiful Proud Community.

Residents, dignitaries, city officials and members of Clean Pampa Inc. attended the event, many decked out in patriotic attire. To celebrate the occasion, SueAnn Wade-Crouse, president of Keep Texas Beautiful in Austin, attended and served as guest speaker.

SueAnn Wade-Crouse, president of Keep Texas Beautiful, said, "I

appreciate the leadership, the board of directors (of Clean Pampa Inc.) and the hard-working volunteers who give so much of their time and their heart and their concern for your community to carry that torch."

She also said it was evident that Pampans are teaching their children about community pride and citizenship and "loving and caring for the community."

"We have to live our lives as an example for our children, and that's what you're doing."

Not every community in Texas can be a "Proud Community," Wade-Crouse said. "That's why Keep Texas Beautiful

is here today, proudly to present your community with a well-earned recognition of a Keep Texas Beautiful Proud Community."

To earn a "Proud Community" designation, Wade-Crouse said a city has to have broad-based participation in the community, the residents must participate and issues of beautification, litter prevention, recycling, education and public awareness have to be addressed.

"Through the Clean Pampa Inc. program, you are doing that, in excellence, I might add. I'm very very proud of what you've accomplished."

Wade-Crouse also presented Ronny Babcock, president of Clean Pampa Inc. and Mayor Richard Peet with an exact replica of the President's Council for Environmental Excellence Award, which Keep Texas Beautiful was awarded by President George Bush. She said the award is the highest environmental award in the nation and that she presented the award because the residents of Pampa help make Keep Texas Beautiful.

Peet said Pampa is a leader in environmental issues, having established a recycling center and recently implemented a composting operation at the landfill. He also pointed to the recent designation of Pampa as one of five cities to serve in a Clean Cities 2000 program and share in a \$350,000 grant.

"We are recycling glass, plastics, aluminum, tins, and used oil projects. We hope to include white paper, oil filters and various other products," Peet said.

Teri Hackler, vice president of Clean Pampa Inc., said the non-profit organization works in association with Keep Texas Beautiful "to preserve the natural beauty of Pampa by forging partnerships with grassroots volunteer organizations and the public and private sectors to improve the quality of life, to enhance economic development and tourism, and to preserve public and natural resources through education and public awareness activities, including those that encourage proper solid waste management and responsible behavior by all Texans and all visitors to Texas and Pampa."

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(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

SueAnn Wade-Crouse, president of Keep Texas Beautiful, speaks to a crowd gathered Tuesday at the Pampa Community Building during a 'Proud Community' dedication ceremony amongst a patriotic theme. In the background is Ronny Babcock, president of Clean Pampa Inc.

Miami educator disapproves of latest school funding action

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

The superintendent of Miami Independent School District says he opposes a bill approved Tuesday by the House Public Education Committee in Austin that would allow limited statewide recapture of local school property taxes.

The amendment, sponsored by committee chairman Libby Lineberger, D-Manchaca, would allow the state to take property tax revenues from school districts with property wealth ranking in the top 5 percent in the state.

"Any type of statewide recapture does not meet with the approval of the Miami school dis-

trict," Dinsmore said today. "That money is taken out of the economy of the Panhandle and redistributed across the state of Texas."

Miami would be among the school districts affected by the proposed legislation because it ranks among the top 5 percent of wealthiest districts, Dinsmore noted.

Under the proposed legislation, the state of Texas would be limited to recapturing no more than 2.5 percent of the sum of local school property taxes and state appropriations earmarked for public schools.

Mark McVay, business manager for Pampa Independent School District, said today that he has not studied the bill approved by the

House Public Education Committee.

McVay added, however, that he has seen that type of proposal in the Legislature before.

"It's one of the alternatives that some of the legislators have come up with to try to equalize revenues with the school districts," he said.

McVay said the current County Education District school finance system also achieves redistribution of wealth among school districts. The CED redistribution, however, does not occur statewide, he said.

The state Legislature will have to decide whether it wishes to sponsor a regional or statewide redistribution of property wealth among school districts, McVay said.

Red Cross to celebrate 75 years of dedication

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

"The Greatest Mother" in this area just turned 75 — and she's still giving birth to new projects.

The American Red Cross, which once awarded itself that distinction in a poster promoting its organization, is expected to receive lots of hugs — or figurative hugs, at least — in town this week during the 75th anniversary of its Gray County chapter.

The general public is invited to attend the birthday party, which is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the Gray County chapter office, 108 N. Russell St. The celebration will feature coffee, tea, chocolate cake with white icing, and a display of scrapbooks about the local chapter that date to 1942, said Lynda Duncan, manager of the Gray County chapter and its only full-time paid staff member.

The Gray County chapter officially joined the American Red Cross on Feb. 5, 1918, when President Woodrow Wilson signed a charter for the local unit, Duncan said.

Based in Pampa, the Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross serves a seven-county region consisting of Gray, Roberts, Carson, Hemphill, Wheeler, Donley, and Collingsworth counties. In addition to its main office in Pampa, the local chapter maintains an office at Wellington in Collingsworth County.

Duncan noted that the 75-year-old Gray County chapter is better and more youthful than ever.

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American Red Cross

Among the new programs planned for the local unit are expanded education offerings relating to health and safety, she said.

Services provided by the Gray County chapter include relief of both natural and man-made disasters such as tornadoes, blizzards, chemical spills and industrial plant explosions; first-aid and other

The Red Cross consists of people helping people. Without the Red Cross volunteers, we're nothing.

— Lynda Duncan
American Red Cross

health-care education programs; lending of medical supplies upon request; teaching of swimming lessons; emergency financial assistance on payment of apartment rent or utilities; sending communications between military personnel and their relatives; and a program for people who are unable to pay their traffic tickets and who want to work off that amount through community service for the local chapter, Duncan said.

Duncan, who said she is hoping for at least 150 visitors to the celebration, noted that the analogy between the American Red Cross and a mother is apt. "A mother," Duncan

observed, "always extends a helping hand."

Nor is "always" an

exaggeration, in the case

of the local Red Cross

unit. "A lot of people don't realize

that we are on call 24 hours a day,"

Duncan said, noting that an

answering service keeps her when

she is away from the office.

As for the helping hand, the Gray

County chapter relies on 54 volun-

teers in addition to Duncan and the

other paid staff member, Louise

McCain, a part-time employee.

"The Red Cross consists of peo-

ple helping people," Duncan

explained. "Without the Red Cross

volunteers, we're nothing."

Serving the Gray County

chapter are 43 volunteers in

Pampa; six volunteers in Cana-

dian; two in Wellington; one

volunteer in Groom; and two in

White Deer.

The local Red Cross chapter

would welcome newcomers with

open arms, Duncan suggested.

"Anyone who would like to

become a volunteer for the Ameri-

can Red Cross is encouraged to

contact me (here)," she said. The

phone number for her office in

Pampa is 669-7121.

In addition to hosting the birth-

day party on Friday, the Gray

County chapter of the American

Red Cross plans to sponsor at least

two fund-raising events in Pampa

this spring — a 1950s and '60s-

style rock and roll concert on

March 6 featuring the Kansas City,

Mo., group Big Tread and a volley-

ball tournament to be played on

muddy ground, which is tentatively

scheduled for mid-June, Duncan

said.

Republicans challenge gay plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans decided today to force a symbolic vote on retaining the ban on homosexuals in the military without the changes President Clinton has ordered to take effect over the next six months.

Even though some Democrats were expected to join the effort, one Republican acknowledged it would likely fail given the Democrats' 57-43 majority in the Senate.

The measure would ensure preservation of the original ban for the next six months, pending the outcome of congressional hearings. It also would prevent the president from acting by executive order alone and would give Congress a vote on any changes.

Still uncertain was whether the measure would be an amendment to the family and medical leave bill or free-standing legislation that would face a certain presidential veto.

"Our position is we want an up-or-down vote on the amendment," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

He predicted that about a half-

dozen Democrats would back the GOP measure. Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., agreed that Republicans would get some Democratic defections, but he did not expect the proposal to pass.

"I'm not that optimistic that we'll get 51" votes, Nickles said.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, met today to work out a format for the Senate to consider the measure, with Republicans threatening to hold up the family leave bill if they don't get a vote on the military-gays measure.

It was also uncertain whether Republicans would act today or wait until Thursday. Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee and an outspoken critic of lifting the ban, was out of town following the death of his brother.

Earlier in the day, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said both sides should "hold off" for now because Clinton already has retreated.

Nunn also said he will oppose the GOP measure, despite his own opposition to lifting the 50-year-old ban.

"I spent last week trying to get President Clinton — and I finally did — to move toward not issuing any kind of final directive or even any kind of interim directive that would fundamentally change the policy," Nunn said on NBC's "Today" show.

"I hope both sides will hold off until we can examine this on a rational basis and make sure we make a decision that's in the best interest of our national security and the men and women in the military," he said.

The armed services, meanwhile, began to implement Clinton's first steps to end the ban on homosexuals in the military.

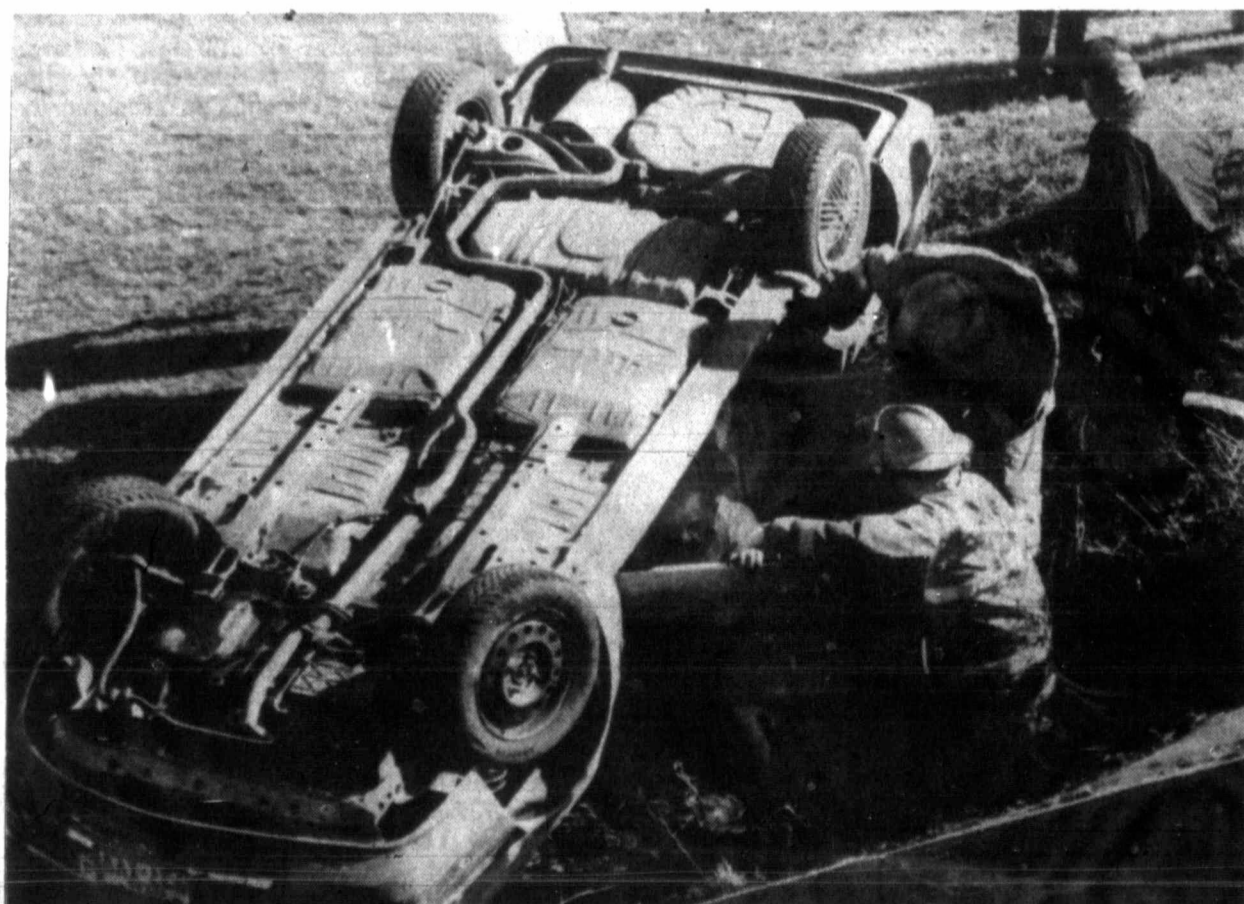
The Marine Corps today instructed recruiters to stop asking applicants about their sexual orientation, according to Marine spokesman Chief Warrant Officer Bill Wright. The Marines acted a few days after the Army, Navy and Air Force stopped asking the question and after the commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Carl E. Mundy, urged his troops to "remain on watch" and not quit over the issue.

Senate Republicans, save for Alfonse D'Amato of New York, had appeared united last week on writing the military gay ban into permanent law, but divisions have surfaced since then.

"There were members who felt it was a good idea and members who didn't," Simpson said.

Republicans feared the perception that they were homophobic.

Rollover



(Staff photo by Cheryl Barzanaki)

Pampa firefighters attend to Jose Garcia Tuesday. Garcia was traveling north on Hazel Street when his vehicle hit a curb and overturned in the ravine north of the 800 block of Kentucky. Garcia was treated and released from Coronado Hospital.

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Nelson reaches agreement with IRS over huge debt

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Willie Nelson says he will be on the road again, but not nearly as often as he has been while trying to pay millions in back taxes to the Internal Revenue Service.

On Tuesday, Nelson and the IRS agreed to a \$9 million settlement on nearly \$16 million in back taxes and penalties owed by the singer.

"Since this whole thing came down three years ago, I have really worked," said Nelson, who blames his debts on several failed tax shelters. "This last year, I did 144 shows in Branson, Mo., alone. It was a steady way to keep some income coming in."

"I don't think I will do that many shows again," Nelson added. "We were doing two shows a day and that is a little hard."

Wearing a denim jacket and black baseball cap that couldn't hide his flowing red hair, Nelson signed the tax agreement Tuesday at a federal building in downtown Austin.

Afterwards, he signed several autographs for fans on income tax booklets.

"I'm on the road — still," said a smiling Nelson, playing off his famous tune "On the Road Again."

The deal between Nelson and the IRS comes after the two agreed to market an album — "Who'll Buy My Memories?: The IRS Tapes" — to help Nelson make liability payments.

"Now, I can go on about my life," said Nelson. "I think that I was treated fairly. I think my offer was a fair one."

"We applied the same criteria to Mr. Nelson's offer that would apply to any taxpayer," said Mike McDermitt, chief collection division of the IRS in Austin. "He did not receive favorable treatment."

Nelson, 59, refused to file for bankruptcy protection and said he has paid the IRS more than \$6 million since the debt was enforced in 1990.

Much of the remaining \$2.4 million payoff, due in five years, will come from the album's proceeds and any judgment he might win in a lawsuit against his former accountant, Price Waterhouse, said Nelson's attorney Larry Goldfein.

Nelson blames Price Waterhouse in a federal court lawsuit filed in Dallas in 1990 with giving him bad advice about the tax shelters. The investment firm says Nelson made the decision to buy into the shelters himself.

"We deny all of his accusations," Erica Baird, a spokeswoman for Price Waterhouse in New York, said Tuesday.

"Mr. Nelson and his advisers made all of the investment decisions having been fully apprised of all the tax risks involved in making those investments," Ms. Baird said.

Nelson declined to comment on the lawsuit, saying only: "I don't think you should ever assume that everything is fine just because you have paid someone to do something for you."

In 1990, the IRS raided Nelson's bank accounts and seized property, including the Pedernales Country Club west of Austin and a 44-acre ranch and house in Dripping Springs.

Nelson has since moved back to a cabin near the country club.

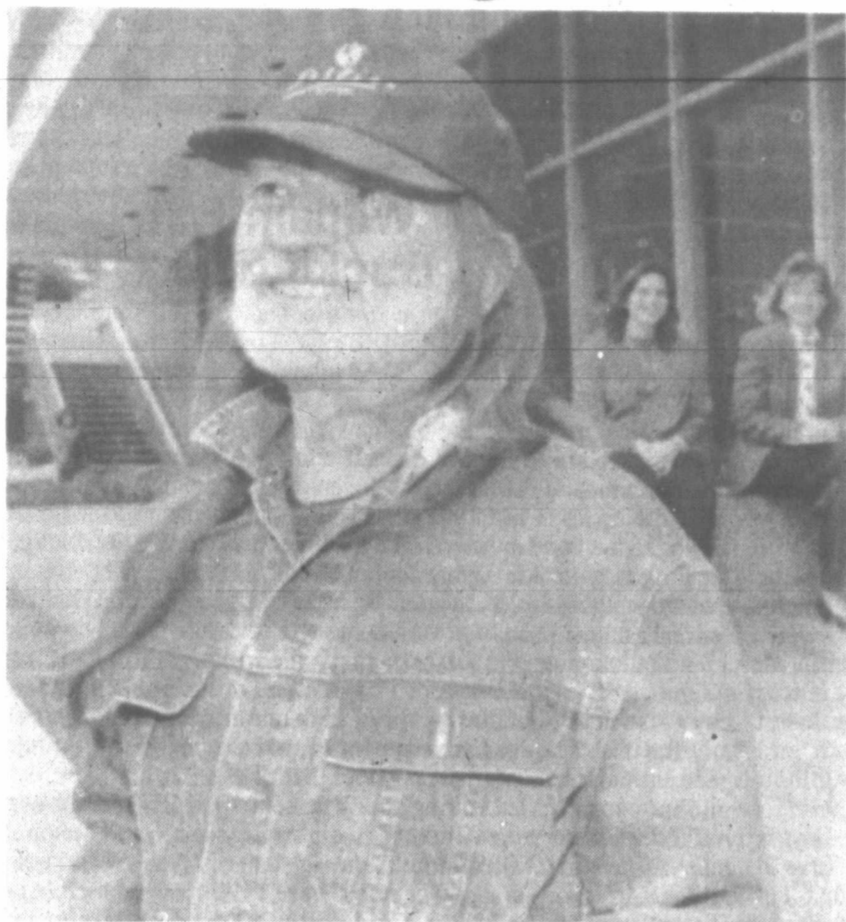
Agents also took master tapes for an unpublished album, which later turned into "The IRS Tapes."

Nelson has developed a reputation for organizing benefits for others, such as the Farm Aid concerts he has orchestrated to provide relief for struggling farmers across the country.

Some of the assets auctioned off by the IRS, including the 44-acre Texas ranch, were bought and given back to Nelson by friends and fans.

"I think the hardest thing was to see how it effected everyone around me that was really concerned," Nelson said. "Everyone came to my defense and that was overwhelming."

Nelson is known for such hits as "On the Road Again," "Always On My Mind," "Mama, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys" and "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain."



Singer and songwriter Willie Nelson leaves the Federal Building in Austin Tuesday. (AP Photo)

Opening volley fired in penal code battle

AUSTIN (AP) — Supporters of a proposed overhaul of the state's criminal laws say it would ensure that prison space is available for violent offenders.

But the plan's critics said Tuesday that the Texas Punishment Standards Commission report would also reduce penalties for some serious crimes.

The debate before the Senate Criminal Justice Committee offered a preview of what promises to be one of the toughest legislative fights of the session.

Plagued with packed state prisons, county jails and a tight budget, lawmakers are facing the problem of a burgeoning prison population and court orders to reduce crowding.

The Punishment Standards Commission has recommended establishment of a fourth-degree felony category for offenses such as possession of small amounts of drugs, theft

under \$20,000, forgery and burglary. Criminals convicted with this felony would be sent to local programs, such as restitution and public works projects, boot camps or substance abuse facilities, instead of prison.

"The concept is to reserve prison space for longer violent offenders," said Carl Reynolds, director of the Punishment Standards Commission.

"We need to get Texas away from the idea that we can lock up and imprison everybody we are mad at. We have to reserve the prisons for people we are afraid of," Reynolds said.

But Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake, Jackson said that under the proposal a person would have to be convicted four times of felonies in this category before facing prison time.

"Citizens in my district have let

me know that they are against lowering penalties for serious crimes," Brown said.

However, Reynolds said, that currently persons convicted of these crimes ask for prison sentences, rather than probation, because they know that due to prison overcrowding they will serve a small fraction of their sentence.

The fourth-degree felony proposal, he said, would probably be "a stiffer punishment than what they are receiving now."

Another proposal by the commission would abolish parole and require that each inmate serve 80 percent of their sentence.

That received a chilly welcome from state Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett.

Turner said he believed that parole was an important tool in used to rehabilitate or control inmates.

No link between moderate caffeine intake and miscarriage

CHICAGO (AP) — Pregnant women can have a few cups of coffee a day without fear of causing a miscarriage or stunting the growth of the fetus, researchers said today.

A study of 431 expectant mothers found that those who consumed up to

300 milligrams of caffeine daily — about three cups of coffee, seven cups of tea or eight cans of cola — had no higher rates of miscarriage or small fetuses than those who use no caffeine.

Earlier studies that linked caffeine

to birth defects, miscarriages and fetal growth retardation had various faults, including failure to account for the effects of smoking, said Dr. James L. Mills, the lead researcher.

"This is good news for women," said Mills.

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President's plan closely mirrors campaign, but lacks vital details

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's welfare reform proposals are taken verbatim from campaign pledges to make welfare "a second chance, not a way of life." But he has yet to fill in missing budget and enforcement details.

In a speech Tuesday detailing his commitment to welfare reform, Clinton even borrowed several lines from a September campaign address he made in Georgia.

"I think all of us want what most people on welfare want: a country that gives you a hand up, not a hand-out," he told the National Governors' Association. "No one likes the welfare system as it currently exists, least of all the people who are on it."

In both speeches, Clinton promised to:

—Expand job training and education for welfare recipients but then require them to work, limiting benefits in most cases to two years. If private sector jobs are not available, recipients would have to do some form of community service work.

—Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit, a refundable credit targeted to the working poor, so that no family with a working parent would have an income below the poverty line.

—Create a national database of "deadbeat dads" to track fathers delinquent in making child support payments and using the Internal Revenue Service to

collect from egregious violators.

Many provisions of the president's welfare plans are allowed within the current law. The major new elements include the two-year benefit limit, a mandatory work requirement for nearly all welfare recipients and Clinton's promise to give states broad freedom to experiment with local reform ideas.

Clinton cut his teeth in the welfare reform movement as Arkansas governor in the 1980s, leading a governors association task force that helped write the 1988 national welfare reform act.

But for all his focus on welfare reform as governor and a presidential candidate, many critical decisions are yet to be made. Clinton promised to name a task force within 10 days to put his plan in legislative form.

"He wants to get it right," spokesman George Stephanopoulos said when asked why Clinton was naming the interagency group, which he said would work from Clinton's campaign promises.

"I wouldn't rule out changes, but a working group is tasked to come up with a plan consistent with the plans the president has put forward," he said.

Among the outstanding questions:

—How much to spend.

Including the expanded tax credit, Clinton said during the campaign his plan would cost \$6 billion a year when fully implemented. But aides said higher deficit numbers might force Clinton to phase his plan in

more slowly. "As you know, the budget has changed since the campaign," Stephanopoulos said.

—What sanctions to impose on recipients who refuse to work.

—Who to exempt from work and training requirements. Current federal law exempts the disabled, pregnant women and mothers with children under age 3. Some states have been granted waivers lowering the threshold age to 1. Also, more than half of welfare recipients are on public assistance only temporarily because of short-term difficulties and have marketable job skills. The mandatory education and training is targeted at long-term recipients, but where to draw the line is unclear.

—How those who took public service jobs would be paid. Clinton aides favor requiring recipients who could not find private sector jobs to work as many hours in community service as it would take to earn their benefit check if paid the minimum wage. Other "workfare" models have paid higher wages.

Clinton also pledged to look favorably on most state requests for waivers from federal welfare rules — even if he opposed the specific state experiment.

"And the only thing I want to say, to ask you in return, is let us measure these experiments and let us measure them honestly," Clinton said. "And if it works, let's tell everybody it works so we can all do it, and if it doesn't, let's have the courage to quit and admit it didn't."

One in seven children on welfare rolls

WASHINGTON (AP) — One in every seven American children receives welfare benefits, government figures show, following a striking increase in recipients during recent economic hard times.

The government's most recent records show that nearly 13.9 million Americans, including 9.43 million children under age 18, received cash assistance in November under Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

The program's caseloads have grown every month but two since July 1989, and during the height of the recession saw 2,000 children added to the AFDC rolls every day.

Activists say the surge in Americans who receive AFDC, most of them single-parent families, and the record share of the population now receiving aid give more urgency to

President Clinton's promises to reform welfare and health care and revitalize the economy.

A. Sidney Johnson III, executive director of the American Public Welfare Association, said the fact that one in seven children now receives AFDC benefits "underscores the gravity of the situation of families and young children living in dire poverty."

The numbers also emphasize the challenges facing Congress and Clinton as they seek to develop policies that allow families to become self-sufficient, Johnson said. The situation gives the reformers more impetus for change "because the severity, the breadth of the problem, is so much more visible," he said.

AFDC is the government's major cash welfare program for families

with children. Benefits are expected to cost the states and federal government \$22.4 billion this year. The average monthly payment to an AFDC family is \$376.

"A large fraction of the next generation of this nation's citizens ... is growing up in conditions of deep poverty that really pose a threat to their well-being and ours," said Arloc Sherman, a program associate at the Children's Defense Fund.

Leader of the pack



(AP Photo) Wayne Jasienowski takes his friends Shadow, Patty and Mike on a motorcycle ride in Austin on Monday. The dogs love to ride and have never fallen off the bike.

Federal civil lawsuit filed against Erdmann

AMARILLO (AP) — Two police officers and a defense attorney have filed a federal civil lawsuit seeking an end to prosecution on felony perjury charges they say resulted from their dispute with controversial former forensic pathologist Ralph Erdmann.

Attorney Millard Farmer of Atlanta, Ga., Lubbock police Sgt. Bill Hubbard and Lubbock police officer Pat Kelly were indicted after speaking out against Erdmann and his links to prosecutors.

A 143-page petition filed Tuesday in Amarillo alleges racketeering, conspiracy and violations of their constitutional rights by Erdmann, two district attorneys and nine others. Farmer, Hubbard and Kelly have

claimed they were nailed on vindictive charges meant as retaliation for exposing Erdmann's incompetence and wrongdoings.

Named in the lawsuit are Erdmann, Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney Travis Ware, Randall County Criminal District Attorney Randy Sherrod, Randall County Assistant CDA John L. Davis, Lubbock morgue manager and former Erdmann assistant Thomas Woodson Rowan Jr., Randall County

CDA investigator Kevin Rush, state Assistant Attorney General Frank Briscoe and 47th State District Judge David Gleason in Canyon.

Several law enforcement officers also were named in the lawsuit: Amarillo police Sgt. Wayne Randolph, Amarillo police Lt. William Smith, Amarillo police Sgt. Thomas Porter, Potter County Sheriff's Department Sgt. B.J. White and Randall County CDA investigator Kevin Rush.

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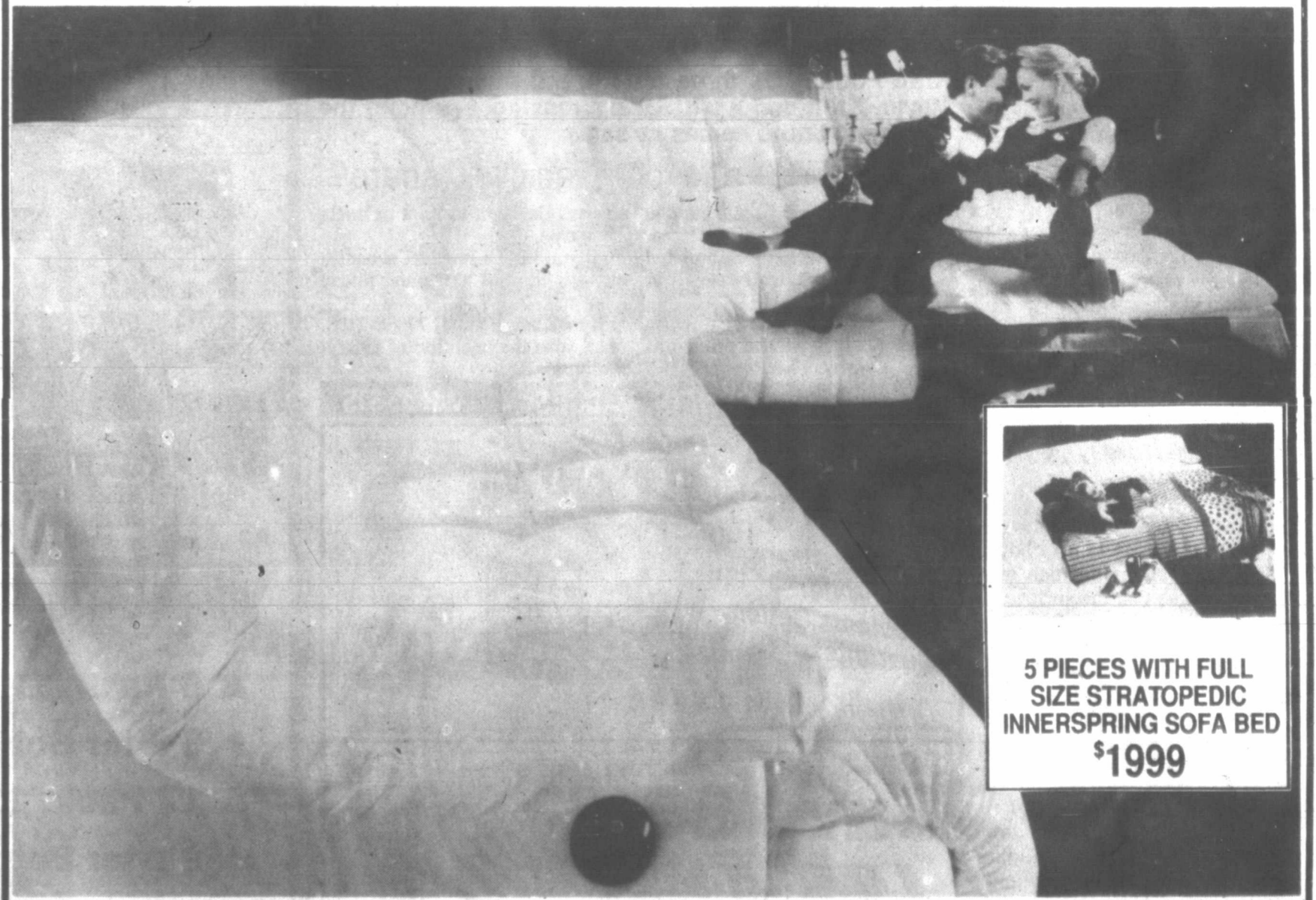
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Bread pudding bland? Never!

By Marialisa Calta

There's an old Monty Python routine involving a tennis match with a large blanc mange, which is a very dull kind of pudding with a cornstarch and milk base and which was apparently the scourge of British boarding schools. As I recall, John Cleese played the blanc mange and, again, if memory serves, the pudding won the match.

I more or less forgot about the sketch until one day, also many years ago, my friend Karen ("Bunny") Ziner asked me to dinner and informed me she was serving bread pudding for dessert. I had never had bread pudding — had never even heard of it — and it brought to mind the image of that dull, quivering Monty Python blanc mange. "Bread pudding" — it sounded like nursery food, comforting but bland, in the same league with rice pudding and tapioca (which are OK desserts, but are not a festive finale to an otherwise lavish meal). I knew that Bunny's dinner parties tended to feature spicy foods, lively music and a diverse and sometimes raucous crowd, and "bread pudding" just didn't seem to fit.

Well, the food was spicy and the gathering lively. But it is the bread pudding that is etched in my memory. It was, as the saying goes, to die for. No nursery food, this. Drenched in a potent hard sauce, this bread pudding is sinfully good — if not downright dangerous. One can only justify eating it after a long period of abstinence, and a dinner, of say, celery and water. The recipe for the chocolate bread pudding is equally rich, and can be served with the hard sauce or hot fudge sauce.

into 1/2-inch pieces
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup bourbon

Place oven rack in middle of oven. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. With a pastry brush, spread the softened butter evenly over the bottom and sides of a 13-by-9-inch oven-proof dish. Set aside.

Prepare pudding. Break bread into chunks, dropping them into a bowl. Add milk. When soft, crumble bread into small bits and continue soaking until all milk is absorbed. In a separate bowl, beat eggs and sugar with a wire whisk or egg beater, until smooth and thick. Stir in raisins and vanilla. Pour egg mixture over bread mixture and stir until well combined.

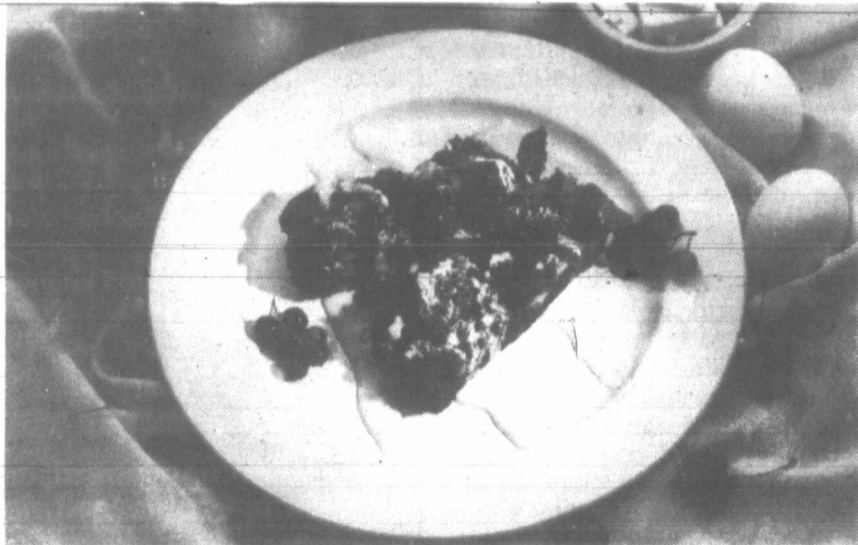
Pour into prepared dish, spreading evenly with rubber spatula. Place dish in larger roasting pan set on middle oven rack and pour boiling water into the larger pan to a depth of about 1 inch. Bake for 1 hour, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Meanwhile, prepare sauce: Melt butter in top bowl of a double boiler set over hot, not boiling, water. In a separate bowl, combine sugar and egg. Add to melted butter. Stir 2 to 3 minutes, until sugar dissolves completely and egg is cooked. (DO NOT BOIL or egg will curdle.) Remove pan from heat and let sauce cool to room temperature. Stir in bourbon.

Serve pudding directly from oven, with whiskey sauce on side.

Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

Recipe from Karen Ziner, Providence, R.I.



(Photo by Paul O. Boisvert for New England Culinary Institute)

Chocolate Bread and Butter Pudding makes for a sinfully delicious dessert.

In heavy saucepan over low heat, combine chocolate, cream, milk and salt. Stir often until chocolate has melted.

In mixing bowl, combine egg yolks, sugar and vanilla. Gradually whisk in chocolate mixture. Set aside.

Cut bread in 3-inch sections. Square off sections by removing crust. Slice each section lengthwise into 1/2-inch-thick rectangular pieces.

In small saucepan, melt butter. Lightly brush bottom and sides of a 7-by-11-inch baking dish. Brush both sides of each piece of bread with butter and place in dish. Arrange in slightly overlapping rows.

Pour chocolate custard mixture over bread. Let sit at least 30 minutes, pushing down on bread occasionally to immerse it. Meanwhile, place an oven rack in middle of oven. Preheat to 325 degrees.

Place baking dish in larger roasting pan set on middle rack of oven and pour boiling water into the larger pan to come up about half-way up sides of pudding dish. Bake for 30 minutes, until pudding is set around edges but still a little "nervous" in center. Cool 15 minutes before serving. Serve with topping of your choice.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

Recipe from "Jasper White's Cooking From New England," by Jasper White (Harper & Row, 1989).

12 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
3/4 cup heavy or extra-heavy cream or 1/2 cup heavy cream and 1/4 cup flavored liqueur

Place chocolate in a bowl over a saucepan filled with hot water or in the top bowl of a double boiler. Slowly melt the chocolate over low heat, using a rubber spatula to stir occasionally.

When chocolate is melted, stir in cream until thoroughly combined. Keep the bowl over hot water until this is accomplished. Remove from heat and serve. If not used immediately, store covered in refrigerator and reheat in a double boiler.

Yield: about 2 cups.

Recipe from "Jasper White's Cooking From New England," by Jasper White (Harper & Row, 1989).

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Pickled peppers forever in season, says Pied Piper

By NANCY BYAL
Food Editor
Better Homes and Gardens Magazine

Peter Piper may have picked pickled peppers simply because they never go out of season. Supermarkets stock them year-round — ready when you need a hint of heat or a splash of color on your plate.

With all the choices available, picking pickled peppers is as much of a challenge to do as it is to say. They come in many shapes and sizes — from glossy, green jalapenos to brilliant, red cherry peppers — and all levels of hotness — from mild and sweet to mouth-burning. When shopping, use this simple guide to the types most commonly available.

Pickled Jalapeno Peppers: Jalapenos are perhaps the most popular of all chili peppers.

They're easy to recognize with their conical, blunt-nosed shape, thick flesh and glossy, green color. Among the hottest of pickled peppers, jalapenos are a key ingredient in Mexican and Southwestern cooking, but can also give a kick to all kinds of everyday foods. Pickled jalapenos can be substituted for fresh in most recipes. You can buy them either whole or in slices (sometimes called nacho rings).

Pickled Cherry Peppers: Called cherry peppers because of their appearance, these pretty little round pods ripen from dark green to deep orange or bright red. Because the two

colors look so attractive together, pickle processors often pack them in the same jar. The heat level of cherry peppers varies widely — from mild and sweet to red-hot. Either can be used to garnish sandwiches or strong-flavored entrees. For an appetizer, stuff whole mild cherry peppers with a deviled egg filling or guacamole. Or, cut up the peppers and add them to salads. They go surprisingly well with fruit.

Pickled Banana Peppers: Introduced to the United States from Hungary, these curvy peppers range from pale yellow to red-orange. Like cherry peppers, they can be sweet or hot. The 3-inch-long pods come whole or sliced into rings. The rings are often deep-fried and served as appetizers in restaurants. At home, you can add them to fresh chutneys, relishes, salsas and salad dressings.

Pepperoncini: Sometimes called "Tuscan peppers," pepperoncini are small, narrow, pale yellowish-green pickled peppers that pack a flavor wallop. A yellow form of the pepperoncini, known as "the golden Greek," is also available. Though primarily served as a condiment or appetizer, pepperoncini can also be used in salads, pastas and hot entrees. Try them in a mixed salad of beets, artichokes, carrots, celery and olives. Or, how about in a classic Tuscan salad of cannellini beans and red onion, dressed with olive oil and red wine vinegar? They're also tasty served with mixed, grilled vegetables.

BREAD PUDDING WITH WHISKEY SAUCE

4 1/2 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
1 1/2 cups milk
1/8 teaspoon salt
6 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 day-old baguette (long French loaf) or loaf of white bread
6 tablespoons unsalted butter

Whiskey Sauce

1 recipe whiskey sauce from above recipe or 1 recipe hot fudge sauce (below)

CHOCOLATE BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

4 1/2 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
1 1/2 cups milk
1/8 teaspoon salt
6 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 day-old baguette (long French loaf) or loaf of white bread
6 tablespoons unsalted butter

Topping

1 recipe whiskey sauce from above recipe or 1 recipe hot fudge sauce (below)

HOT FUDGE SAUCE

FOOD



MARIALISA CALTA

Lamb chops and vegetables make romantic dinner

By The Associated Press

You can serve your Valentine an elegant dinner for two — in less than 30 minutes.

Lamb Chops and Vegetable Trio fits the occasion deliciously. Simply rub lamb chops with fresh garlic and then broil. Lamb chops are at their most juicy and flavorful when cooked rare to medium.

While the chops broil, steam a colorful veggie accompaniment of baby carrots, yellow squash and zucchini squash. Drizzle the vegetables with a lemon-dill butter sauce for a special finishing touch. Round out the menu with a small loaf of French bread, and for dessert — it must be chocolate!

Lamb Chops and Vegetable Trio

1 clove garlic, cut in half
4 lamb rib or loin chops, cut 1 inch thick
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
12 baby carrots
1 small yellow squash, diagonally sliced
1 small zucchini squash, diagonally sliced
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon dillweed

Rub cut sides of garlic over both sides of the lamb chops. Place lamb chops on rack in a broiler pan so that the surface of meat is 3 to 4 inches from the heat. Broil 3 to 5 minutes. Season with salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Turn and continue broiling 4 to 6 minutes or to desired degree of doneness (rare or medium).

Meanwhile, steam baby carrots 7 to 8 minutes; add yellow and zucchini squash; continue steaming for 1 minute or until crisp-tender. Melt butter, add lemon juice, remaining 1/8 teaspoon pepper and the 1/4 teaspoon dillweed. Drizzle over vegetables. Serve with lamb chops.

Makes 2 servings.

From soup to nuts...

Top 10 food brands, by sales (in millions), 1991

Brand	Company name (location)	Total sales
Oscar Mayer (processed meats)	Kraft General Foods (Madison, Wis.)	\$2,500
Weight Watchers (reduced calorie foods)	H.J. Heinz Co. (Pittsburgh)	\$1,800
Campbell Soup (soup)	Campbell Soup Co. (Camden, N.J.)	\$1,500
Kraft (cheese)	Kraft General Foods (Glenview, Ill.)	\$1,450
Dole (produce)	Dole Food Co. (Los Angeles)	\$1,400
Chiquita (produce)	Chiquita Brands Intl. (Cincinnati)	\$1,000
M&M's (candy)	M&M/Mars Inc. (Hagerstown, N.J.)	\$900
Del Monte (shelf stable produce)	Del Monte Foods (San Francisco)	\$750
Kraft Salad Dressing (salad dressing, mayonnaise)	Kraft General Foods (Glenview, Ill.)	\$690
Pillsbury (biscuits, dough, baking mix)	Pillsbury Co. (Minneapolis)	\$579

Source: Industry analysts NEA Graphic

Kraft Foods has three food brand names — Oscar Mayer, Kraft and Kraft Salad Dressing — among the 10 largest brand names by sales.

Do you have a favorite recipe to share?

The Pampa News is interested in receiving "favorite recipes" from Panhandle residents. Submitted recipes must be clearly typed or printed. Include any interesting anecdotes or history about the recipe. Recipes will be printed as space permits. The Pampa News reserves the right to print or reject any recipe. If you have a favorite, submit it along with your name and phone number to The Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, 79066-2198. Mark it to the attention of Cheryl Berzanskis.

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Lifestyles



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Abusive family life leaves scars that will never heal

DEAR ABBY: My heart broke when I read the letter signed "Losing Patience." The poor woman said if she didn't feel like having sex, her husband threatened to "go up the road and find some."

I was married for 21 years to a man like that. He ruled the household by coercion and threats. Examples: "If you cut your hair, I'll leave you"; "If you leave me, I'll kill you"; "If you don't have sex with me whenever I want it, I'll get it somewhere else!"

Once he even accused me of having sex with my obstetrician because I refused to have sex with him until our baby was 6 weeks old!

My husband abused me and our children, both physically and emotionally. Regrettably, those scars will be with us for a lifetime. I hope "Losing Patience" gets out now, before this man ruins her life and the lives of her children. A life lived in fear and constant threats is a life not worth living. Sign me...

RECOVERING

DEAR RECOVERING: I have harped on the futility of living with an abusive spouse until I sound like a broken record. There are shelters for abused spouses (men, too, need a safe refuge).

The National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence has a toll-free helpline that can provide assistance. It is funded by donations from concerned people across the country, and provides a crucial service to those in need of information and refuge. The telephone number is (800) 222-2000.

Unfortunately, domestic violence is still "in the closet" in many homes. Sadly, some people take the beatings and humiliation because they are ashamed to let anyone know what they have to contend with.

DEAR ABBY: In your reply to the podiatrist's wife who complained that someone commented that her husband was not a "real" doctor, I would have expected you to point out that everyone who has a doctor's degree is a real doctor, whether the degree is in biology, chemistry, divinity — all the way to zoology.

Abby, please discourage the idea that the term "doctor" applies to the medical profession alone.

And in a similar vein, you might like to remind people, including your journalist colleagues, that the word "officer" is not appropriate for every member of a police force. Only lieutenants, captains and the like are officers.

GORDON PADWICK, AGOURA, CALIF.

DEAR GORDON PADWICK: My dictionary states that an officer is "one charged with police duties," which I take to mean every police person in the police force.

DEAR ABBY: I just have to write after reading your letter from the woman whose husband objects to her locking the door whenever she goes down to the mailbox on their 1 1/2-acre lot.

Last spring, while my mother was away and my father was working in the backyard of their half-acre lot, burglars entered their home through the unlocked kitchen door. From the evidence, it seems very likely that they were still in the house, hiding, when Dad came back in, and they sneaked out while he was upstairs.

We feel very fortunate that all we lost was the family silver, and not our father.

J. SWINK, SAN DIEGO

There are times when secrets are for keeping

By COSMOPOLITAN For AP Special Features

People feel compelled to reveal their deepest secrets to Oprah, Phil, Sally and Geraldo — but there are times when they should keep those intimacies hidden.

Sometimes, Ruth Richman wrote in an article in the current issue of *Cosmopolitan*, keeping quiet is a matter of self-preservation.

"The entire 20th century has been about the expansion of the idea that confession is good for the soul," said Bernard Beck, a sociologist at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Roseanne Arnold told Barbara Walters about spending eight months in a mental hospital as a teen-ager and Arsenio Hall about incest in her family. Sally Field embarrassed herself by revealing her need for approval while accepting her Oscar.

"Guilty or deeply embarrassing secrets can corrode from within before outsiders have a chance to respond or to be of help," Sissela Bok wrote in her book, "Secrets."

But some people believe they will lose their true selves if they reveal hidden hurts, said Boston psychotherapist Linda Monahan.

"It's like an onion," she said. "They think if they start peeling and telling, there won't be anything left when they are done."

On one level, experts say, sharing confidences is a natural way to deepen relationships with friends and lovers. Without this exchange of trust, we cannot achieve intimacy.

"People who don't tell very much about themselves go through life feeling well protected and avoiding risks," Monahan said, "but they don't get anything out of their relationships."

While it is unhealthy to keep some secrets, sharing others can be foolish. The best way to evaluate secrets is to examine your motives for revealing them.

"A good rule of thumb is to ask yourself, 'What do I hope to accom-

plish?'" said Jeffrey Kelsey, a psychiatrist at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. "If you're going to tell a secret and nothing good will come of it, or if it will hurt someone, it's best to keep it to yourself."

Talk show host Maury Povich has a theory about why guests voluntarily tell him and his audience intimate details of their lives.

"It surprises me, there's no question about that," he said, "especially since we're not trying to convince somebody to come on and reveal a secret; they initiate phone calls and letters themselves."

"I think they believe if they can talk about it on television, it will purge them of everything they're feeling inside. I think they feel it's a kind of elixir, that it's a prescription for them."

Experts suggest there are alternatives to either sharing or burying secrets.

"One way to approach the situation is to step back from that particular secret and discuss it in more general terms with other people," author Bok advised.

Saying something out loud or writing down your feelings about an incident may make it seem less catastrophic.

"Often when we keep things circling in our brain, we tend to have a narrow focus of what's going on," psychiatrist Kelsey said. "We see the negative part and ignore the other 95 percent. It's easier to think something through when it's written down."

If you must talk, Kelsey suggested choosing a close friend of proven loyalty and discretion, or testing your secret on a therapist to see how it feels to discuss it openly. And there's nothing wrong with delaying a confidence.

"People rarely get into situations where they will never have another chance to reveal a secret to someone," Kelsey said. "Unless someone is about to die, you can tell him or her tomorrow."

Honored



(Special photo)

Pampa Fine Arts Association outgoing president Marian Stroup, left, is presented a crystal clock by incoming president Faustina Curry at the annual meeting held recently. Stroup served as president of PFAA for four and a half years, including a two-year term in the 1980's. M.K. Brown Foundation directors Bill Waters and David Holt were presented a plaque recognizing the Foundation as Patron of the Year for its contribution.

Calf scramble to include Gray County 4-H, FFA members

The 1993 Houston Rodeo calf scramble will feature the efforts of four Gray County teens.

Scrambling in the March 6 Astrodome event will be 4-H'ers Dennis Williams, Bryan Bockmon, and Charla Roberts.

Another Gray Countian, FFA member Matt Reeves, will scramble on Feb. 27.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo proceeds provide educational contributions to Texas students in the form of agricultural scholarships. More than 1,000 students are on show-sponsored scholarships. The educational commitment for the 1992-1993 school year exceeds \$3 million.

The calf scramble requires a year-long commitment from the winner to the animal he captures. Twenty eight young people compete to capture 14 calves, haltering and bringing them to the finish line. First to the finish wins a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate with which to purchase a purebred registered beef or dairy heifer.

The calf is raised by the winner for special showing competition in the Astrohall at the following year's show. The project is supervised by the appropriate county extension agent or agricultural science teacher.

The winners are required to submit financial records, photographs and a scrapbook to the calf scramble office to detail the progress of the venture.

To date, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble has put 12,473 animals valued at more than \$3.27 million into the hands of Texas youth.

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Newsmakers

Three Pampa area residents were named to the Schreiner College's President's List and Honor's List for the fall 1992 semester.

Achieving the President's List which requires full time students to earn a minimum 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale was Roby Connor.

Those achieving the Honor's List, which requires full time students to earn a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale were Matthew Collum and Wendy Snider.

Gary B. Clark Jr. graduated from West Texas State University Dec. 21 with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He is the son of Gary and Linda Clark, Pampa.

Graduating from Texas Tech University at the end of the fall 1992 semester were Pampan: Miles Christopher Dunn, bachelor of business administration; Torrey Scott Gardner, bachelor of business administration; Troy Allen Moore, bachelor of science; Rose-

mary Schiffman, bachelor of science, cum laude; and John Andrew Sturgill, bachelor of fine arts.

Named to the President's List at Texas Tech University for the fall 1992 semester was Michelle Elizabeth Hess, Pampa. To be eligible for the honor, a student must earn a 4.0 grade point average for a minimum of 12-semester hours of course work.

Named to the Dean's List at the school were Pampan: Kristen Eileen Becker, Tanya Marie Elms, Brenda Jean Lee, Leigh Ann Lindsey, Lisa Dawn McNeely, Keeley Kaye Orman, Cade Allen Phillips, Richard Paul Smith, John Andrew Sturgill, Cynthia Denise Whitmarsh, Laura Adele Williams, Suzanne Denise Wilson. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn a 3.5 to 3.9 grade point average with 12 or more semester hours of work.

From McLean was James Michael Ridgway, was named to the Dean's List.

Club News

El Progreso Study Club met Jan. 19 in the home of Ruth Richart. Maxine Hawkins, vice president, presided. Sixteen members attended for Richart's program on "Art of the Nation."

Jo Scoggin, Mary Fain and Bette Bates were appointed to serve as nominating committee.

The next meeting is set for Feb. 9 in the home of Pat Youngblood.

Highland Hobby Club met Jan. 26 in the home of Elsie Nail. Marilyn Kirkwood called the meeting to order and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Wash cloths were presented to the members having January birthdays. Crochet instructions were given to members for a new basket. Diane Quarles demonstrated making place mats.

Nine were present with two visitors. Jewell Holmes won the door prize.

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The Pampa News

Comic Page

The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

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- Fiend
- Spook
- Not uniform in quality
- Eradicate
- McMahon
- More certain
- Small
- Mohammed-an leader
- Depend
- Facial feature
- Barrels
- General — Powell
- Deum
- Stalks
- Calms
- Unsophisticated
- Figure skater
- Thomas
- Readlike plants
- Cook in oven

DOWN

- Device
- A dimension (abbr.)
- Mil. school
- No

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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5 Song words

- Sounded like
- Contented baby
- Engine meas.
- Morsel
- Earth

10 An explosive

- Summits
- Classes
- Son of Seth
- Cape Kennedy rocket
- Downy duck
- Shatter
- Person of prominence
- Fiber plant
- Crown
- National
- Folklore creature
- Oar users
- Bristle
- Sour-leaved plant
- Rotate
- Footwear
- Informant (Brit. sl.)
- Gas for signs
- Chinese philosophy
- Resort
- Thanks, in Britain
- Greek letter

WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

I think that redhead in accounting is starting to notice my flirting.

Yesterday in the elevator she made eye contact with me.

You mean she gazed seductively at you?

No, she poked me in the eye with her car keys.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

I'M GOING TO LOSE SOME WEIGHT.

OH, JANIS!

NO, I'M SERIOUS—JUST A FEW POUNDS.

IT WOULD BE HEALTHY. I'D FEEL BETTER, HAVE MORE ENERGY.

WELL, OK...

I'M GOING TO STOP EATING BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER.

EK & MEK

By Howie Schneider

DID YOU ASK MONIQUE TO MARRY YOU?

YEAH.

SO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

NOTHING...

SHE WANTS TERM LIMITS.

WOW! WHAT AN IDEA.

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

...I'VE GOT A THORN IN MY PAW!

HA HA HA I HOPE YOU GET ONE IN YOUR SNOUT!

ZOT

NOPE... SNOUT WORKS FINE...

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

Famous Babies Throughout History

Chapter 10: Neil Armstrong

THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP FOR A BABY...

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"I can't work with non-union help."

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

...BECAUSE YOU NEVER TAKE ME TO AMUSEMENT PARKS...

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WELCOME HOME, MY BOY! GLAD TO SEE YOU!

I'LL SAY! WE WERE AFRAID WED LOST YOU AT ONE POINT! I...

WELL, WELL! WHAT'S THIS? HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SOME FLYING?

YEAH! ENOUGH TO LAST ME FOR A WHILE!

...FROM NOW ON, I'M KEEPIN' MY FEET ON TH' GROUND!

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

I'LL BE OK AS LONG AS I DON'T CATCH ANYTHING LARGER THAN THIS PORTHOLE...

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

HOW'S YOUR MOM DOING ON HER DIET?

TERRIBLE. SHE SAYS SHE'S STARVING TO DEATH.

YESTERDAY I CAUGHT HER CHEWING ON HER GNEAKER.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

HAVEN'T YOU PROCRASTINATED ENOUGH? DON'T YOU CARE WHAT THE NEIGHBORS THINK?

IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE ON THE STREET WHO HASN'T GOTTEN AROUND TO IT YET!

I'M REFERRING TO GETTING RID OF THE JACK-O-LANTERNS!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Watterson

"When you get old, Mommy, will you be our grandma?"

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

I'm gonna pound you at recess, Twinky.

OH YEAH?! WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO CATCH ME FIRST!

WHEN YOUR STRATEGY IS TO RUN LIKE A SQUIRREL, IT'S HARD TO COME UP WITH A GOOD TAUNT.

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

OKAY, NOAH'S GOT THEM ALL ABOARD—PUSH THE RESET BUTTON.

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

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Sports



Pampa's Lamont Nickelberry (32) leads a fast break as Joseph Mares of Dumas closes in.

Pampa cagers sweep Dumas

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

DUMAS — Led by Dwight Nickelberry's 26-point performance, the Pampa Harvesters rolled past Dumas, 71-35, Tuesday night in District 1-4A action.

In the girls' game, seniors Alana Ryan, Christie Jones and Kasey Bowers led Pampa on a comeback against Dumas for a 32-30 win.

The Harvesters' win set up a showdown Friday night with Amarillo Caprock for sole possession of first place in the district standings. Pampa and Caprock are tied for first after the Longhorns lost to Randall, 71-49, last night. Both Pampa and Caprock have 5-1 district marks.

Pampa got its fast break working late in the first quarter and started pulling away from Dumas, which is winless in 1-4A play.

Pampa led, 16-9, at the end of the first quarter and, 33-21, at halftime.

With Dumas trailing by 10 (33-25) and still within striking distance, the Harvesters went on an eight-point run for a 20-point advantage late in the third quarter.

Nickelberry (Dwight) canned a half-dozen 3-point goals for the Harvesters, who are now 19-5 overall.

Lamont Nickelberry and Duane

Nickelberry scored in double-digits for the Harvesters with 13 and 11 points respectively.

Others scoring for Pampa were Rayford Young with eight points, Coy Laury, five; Seivern Wallace and Justin Collingsworth, four points each.

Craig Dunham had seven points and Danny Eberly six to pace the Demons.

In the girls' contest, Ryan scored inside with three seconds to go to give the Lady Harvesters a 32-30 win to end a two-game losing streak.

"Our three seniors (Ryan, Bowers and Jones) really came to the front. They provided the leadership and they led in different ways. Alana hit the winning basket, Kasey hit a 3-point shot when we needed it and Christie hit some clutch free throws," said Pampa head coach Albert Nichols.

The Lady Harvesters had shooting problems early in the game, allowing Dumas to jump out to a big lead.

With Dumas ahead, 15-4, midway in the second quarter, Pampa starting making its move. The Lady Harvesters scored seven straight points, five by Alana Ryan, to draw within four, 15-11, at intermission.

Pampa shut down the scoring by going into a stall in the third quar-

ter. Only two points were scored on foul shots by Bowers and Ryan.

The two teams traded the lead five times in the fourth quarter until Bowers' 3-point shot from outside. The Lady Harvesters never trailed again, but Dumas did tie the score with 24 seconds left on a basket by Jenny Robinson.

After the ball was knocked out of bounds by a Dumas player, Ryan scored the winning bucket on an in-bounds play under Pampa's basket.

Jones hit seven of nine free throw tries in the fourth quarter, including four in a row.

"I just concentrating on putting the ball over the front of the rim and following through. That's what the coach is always telling us," Jones said about her free throw shooting.

Ryan led Pampa in scoring with 14 points, followed by Jones and Bowers with nine points each.

Robinson was high scorer for Dumas with 11 points while Callie Beauchamp added nine.

The Pampa girls evened their district record at 4-4 and are 10-12 for the season.

The Pampa teams host Caprock Friday night with the girls' game starting at 6 p.m.



Pampa defenders (left to right) Katina Thomas, Christie Jones and Kasey Bowers close in on Callie Beauchamp of Dumas in first-half action Tuesday night.

White Deer boys sneak by Booker

By DAN FROMM
Sports Writer

The longest 26 seconds in White Deer's basketball season came Tuesday night against Booker. After the Kiowas Typer Mayfield missed the front end of a one-and-one, three different Bucks failed to put the game away from the free-throw line.

The game was tied at 57 when Jason Sides, Tyson Back and Chris Miller missed the front end of one-and-one opportunities. But with Booker big-man Toby Wynn fouling out of the game with 26 seconds left, the Bucks dominated the offensive boards and continued to get one more chance. Finally, with two seconds left, sophomore Duane Coffey hit the winning free throw to put White Deer ahead for good, 58-57.

After the victory, White Deer coach Clay Richerson said, "We made more free throws tonight than we usually do. We missed a couple down the stretch that could've put it away, but it was a pretty good ball game and we were pretty lucky."

In fact, the Bucks were perfect from the penalty stripe in the first half, converting all eight of their attempts. But that was the first half. White Deer shot 44% (7-16) from the line in the second half, including their 1-5 run in the final 30 seconds of the game.

The Bucks jumped out to an early lead, opening with a 12-6 first-quarter run. But the second quarter belonged to Booker and, more specifically, Wynn. The 6-foot-4 junior scored 13 of his game-high 28 points in the second, helping give the Kiowas a 32-30 halftime lead.

"Toby Wynn is a great offensive player," Richerson said. "He can handle the ball and has a soft touch. I think he shot about 75% from the floor in the second quarter." And he played defense too, wreaking havoc for the Bucks on the boards and blocking three shots in the first quarter.

White Deer answered with their own defensive specialist. After starting the game on the bench for disciplinary reasons, Coffey came in late in the first quarter. "Duane did a good job," Richerson said. "He's a good player and has a lot of intensity."

Coffey blocked three shots in the second quarter, added a steal, four points, two rebounds and an assist. He finished the game with just ten points, but made them count. With 4:40 left, Coffey drained a three-

pointer that tied the game at 45; his free throw won it.

The Bucks other young star was shining as well. Miller, a 6-foot-4 freshman, scored 10 of his 14 points in the final quarter, despite missing the late free throw. He also supplied the majority of White Deer's rebounds which still wasn't many.

"They killed us on the boards," Richerson said. "Between Wynn and Chris Woodington, they probably had 15 offensive rebounds in the second half." Woodington, a 6-foot senior, had two critical put-backs for the Kiowas late in the game after offensive rebounds. He scored six of his seven points in the final quarter.

But White Deer found big players in unexpected places. While Back

finished the game with just two points, despite an excellent defensive outing, Sides attacked the Kiowas on both ends of the court. Despite his late miss from the line, the 6-foot-1 junior lead the Bucks with 20 points, including eight in the high-scoring second quarter and forced a critical turnover late in the game that resulted in an easy White Deer basket.

The Bucks are 2-1 in district 1-1A and host Shamrock Friday. The winner will take over sole possession of first place in the district. Richerson thinks this emotional win will help his team for the rest of district play. "We've played well when we needed to and Friday oughta be a good one," he said. If it's anything like Tuesday, it will be.



White Deer's Duane Coffey soars past three Booker defenders.

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Area basketball roundup

Boys
District 2-2A
 Panhandle 56, Canadian 54
 Canadian came up just short after taking a 41-40 lead into the fourth quarter. J.K. Hester and Blaine Bivins combined for 30 points in the loss as the Wildcats fall to 0-2 in the second half of district play.
Memphis 76, Wheeler 42
 The Mustangs couldn't contain the high-scoring Cyclones as they remain unbeaten in district play. Wheeler drops to 0-2.
District 10-1A
 Fort Elliott 65, Allison 49
 Travis Goad scored 27 points as the Cougars outscored Allison 34-19 in the second half to improve to 4-1 in district play.
Miami 60, Higgins 53
 The Warriors rallied for 21 points in the second quarter. Andrew Neighbors and Brock Mayberry combined for 38 points as Miami improves to 4-2 in district play.
District 11-1A
 Kelton 90, McLean 74
 The Lions scored 54 points in the second half, improving to 5-2 in district play. Brian Kirkland lead the way with 30 points and Christian Looney scored 42 points in the loss. The Tigers are 3-4.
Hedley 59, Lefors 45
 Andy Swires scored 21 points in the loss as the Pirates fall to 1-6 in district play.
Groom 65, Samnorwood 50
 Groom remained in first place in the district with a big win behind Wes Hall's 23 points. The Tigers are 6-1, while Samnorwood falls to 6-2.
Girls
District 2-2A
 Panhandle 62, Canadian 33
 The Lady Wildcats fall to 0-2 in the second half of district play as the returning state champions remain unbeaten.
Wheeler 50, Memphis 21
 Ginger Nelson scored 10 points as the Lady Mustangs won easily, improving to 1-1 in district play.
District 1-1A
 Booker 30, White Deer 26
 The Does rallied late in the fourth quarter, but couldn't make up a 10-point deficit as they dropped their third straight district game.
District 10-1A
 Miami 51, Higgins 40
 The Warrioretts won their first district game behind even scoring, with Jodi Lunsford and Cam McDowell leading the way with nine points each.
District 11-1A
 McLean 57, Kelton 31
 Mindy Magee and Joetta Bailey combined for 35 points as the Lady Tigers improve to 5-2 in district play.
Groom 67, Samnorwood 27
 Karen Babcock scored 22 points and Misty Homen 20 as the Tigerettes remain undefeated in district play at 7-0, 21-3 overall.
Hedley 71, Lefors 28
 Hedley remains tied with McLean for second place in the district with an easy win over the Lady Pirates, who are still looking for their first district win.

Commission urges revamped college financial aid system

By ROBERT NAYLOR JR.
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A restructured college financial aid system, including direct student loans and community service repayment plans, is needed to avert a crisis that could alter the nation's "economic and social landscape," a federal commission says.

The National Commission on Responsibilities for Financing Postsecondary Education, in a report being released today, also urged Congress to consolidate many existing financial aid programs, fully fund the Pell Grant program and issue some loans without regard to family income.

The commission advocated a community service program for students similar to that proposed by President Clinton.

Clinton has yet to unveil his National Service Trust, which he has said would allow students to borrow money for college and repay the entire amount through public service or payroll deductions at tax time.

Clinton's plan would replace the federal loan program, which provided \$13 billion in loans to 4.8 million students in 1991, but not tamper with Pell Grants. He has not promised other revisions.

Some recommendations made by the congressionally chartered commission are likely to be more controversial than others. For instance, large universities are more supportive than smaller schools of direct student loans, in which colleges rather than banks act as lenders

using federal money. Small schools don't have the staffs to handle the paperwork.

A plan to cap student aid at \$14,000 probably won't be popular with expensive private institutions, which can cost more than \$20,000 a year.

Some programs would be costly. Experts say the government would have to shell out \$15 billion up front to fund a direct student loan program while full funding for Pell Grants would cost as much as \$8 billion. A pilot program in community service involving 100,000 students would have a \$2 billion price tag.

With the cost of education soaring, the commission said it believed there was a "crisis in the postsecondary education finance system" that "threatens to fundamentally change the economic and social landscape of our nation."

It said the nation "will pay an enormous price" through dropouts who are "unemployed, underemployed or who fail to understand the basic principles of our democratic institutions and political system."

Figures show that from 1980 to 1990, the average cost of a college education rose 126 percent, more than twice the rate of inflation. During the same time, median income for families with heads of households age 45-54, those more likely to have children in college, increased 73 percent.

"We need to get back to the point we were at in the late 1970s when access to higher education was much greater," said Jamie Merisio,

the commission's executive director.

Despite the cost of some programs, he said the commission was "not recommending any new federal commitment," but was "talking about restoring a previous commitment we had that has slid in the last decade."

Sen. Claiborne Pell, the Rhode Island Democrat for whom the Pell Grant program is named said in a statement that the report "documents the tragedy of the 1980s: That in a decade in which technology exploded and the need for a more educated work force became a national issue, federal support for financing college education failed to keep pace."

The commission worked for two years on the recommendations contained in its report, titled "Making College Affordable Again." Members of the panel included higher education officials, business people and a former member of Congress.

Under the commission's STEP (for Student's Total Education Package) plan, students would be eligible for financial aid regardless of family income, but income would figure prominently into the type of assistance.

For instance, a poor student might receive grants and work-study, a student from a middle-income family work-study and interest-free loans and a student with wealthier parents loans with interest charged. Students would repay loans either based on their income after graduating or through a predetermined schedule payments collected by the IRS.

Guard revising 1986 affirmative action plan

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The Texas National Guard has drawn up revisions of its 1986 affirmative action plan amid complaints of biased treatment of soldiers.

Details of the plan are sketchy, but a spokesman said it will require all commanders to be more aware of equal-opportunity concerns facing soldiers said Lt. Col. Edmond Komandosky, the Texas Guard's spokesman in Austin.

"This one is really going to involve the commanders," Komandosky said. "They are going to have to be involved in knowing what it says, practicing what it says and making sure their subordinates know what's going on."

The plan to ensure fairness of treatment comes after a 15-month Corpus Christi Caller-Times investigation into complaints of bias.

"It certainly has been brought to

our attention," Komandosky said of equal-opportunity concerns in the Guard. "Our revised plan will more detailed. It's going to give examples on how to handle specific issues."



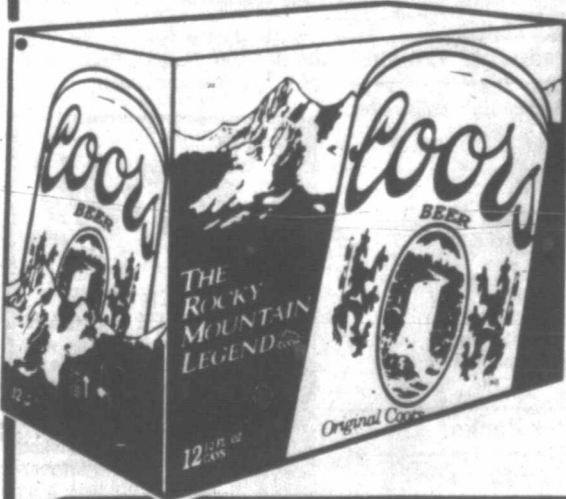
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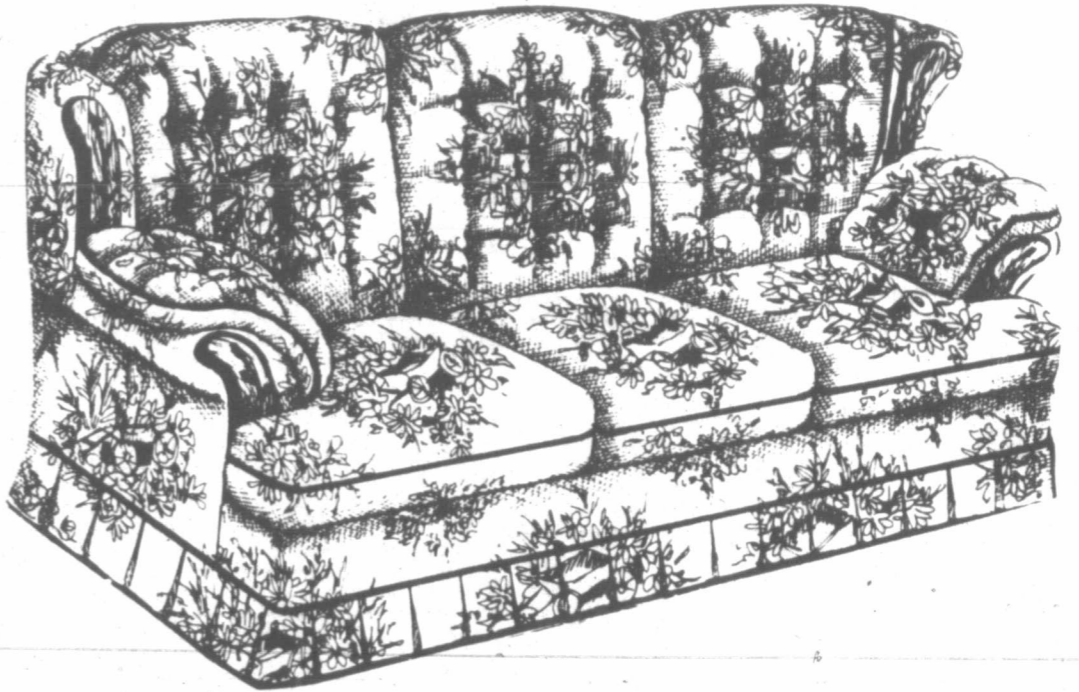
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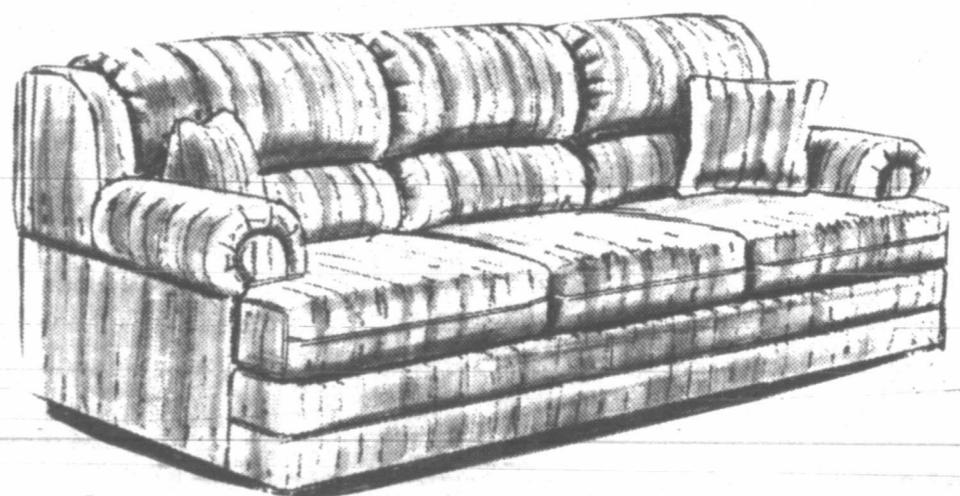
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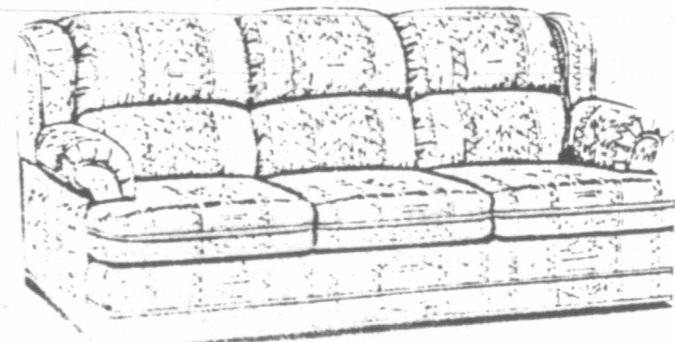
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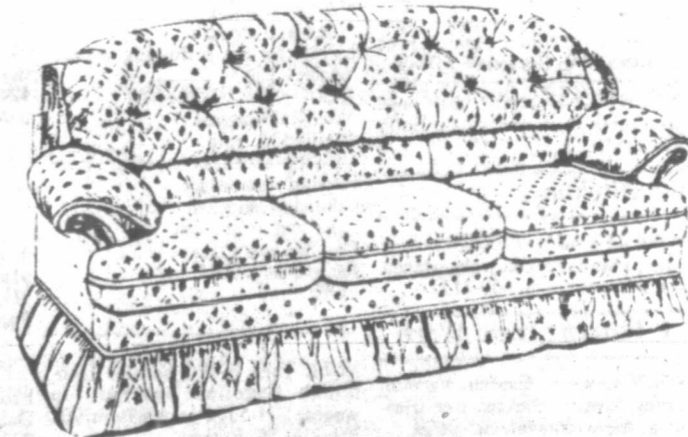
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