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College football means dream come true for Chris Whitney

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

Chris Whitney may just be trading one outstanding football career for another one on Feb. 3. That's the date the Pampa High senior officially becomes a member of the Texas Tech team by signing a national letter-of-intent.

For Whitney, who stands 6-4 and weighs around 275 at the moment, it will be a dream come true.

"I've wanted to play college football ever since I was in the ninth grade. That's when I started to come alive as a player. I wasn't a starter on the seventh-grade team, but after that I began coming around," Whitney said.

College scouts first started taking notice of Whitney when he was a sophomore offensive tackle opening big holes for the Harvester running backs.

When Pampa played No. 1 ranked A&M Consolidated at College Station, a University of Arkansas coach had been sent to take a look at some of the highly-touted A&M players. Pampa players, like linebacker Zach Thomas, end Phil Sexton and Whitney, also caught his attention.

"The scout told my coaches he liked the way I played, but he thought I was a senior. Coach (Ernie) Manning (Pampa offensive line coach) had to tell him not to talk to me because I was just a sophomore," Whitney said.

Whitney made the All-District 1-4A First Team all three years at Pampa High and was named as one of the top offensive linemen in the state by many Texas magazines and newspapers. He finished second to Randall quarterback Brandon Barker as the district's Offensive Player of the Year this season.

"Chris has great potential for the next level of play," said PHS head football coach Dennis Cavalier. "He's consistently worked hard to develop that potential. He has great footwork and agility for his size."

Whitney is also a fine student, scoring a 21 on the ACT test when he was a junior. According to NCAA rules, a student-athlete must score at least a 17 on the ACT to be eligible for a scholarship.

"It's harvesters made history in 1991, advancing further into the playoffs than any PHS football team. After winning the district championship, the Harvesters won three straight playoff games before losing to Sweetwater, 19-12, in the state quarterfinals.

"I knew we were going to be good going into the season and I felt like we would win district, but I didn't have any idea how far we would go in the playoffs. I think we would



(Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

The Whitney family looks over just a few of the recruitment letters Chris has received from colleges all across the country. Seated are Mr. and Mrs. Don Whitney and Aaron; standing are Jessica and Chris.

and Duke — just to name a few — have shown a keen interest in Whitney. Phone calls from coaches and recruitment letters from various colleges have almost overwhelmed the Whitney household. Little-known schools like Liberty of Virginia have tried to land the talented lineman.

"I really owe a lot to coach Manning. He helped me put together high-light film to send to the colleges. I couldn't have done it without him," Whitney said. "He brought me up from the junior varsity to the varsity as a sophomore and got me into a weight-lifting program. I owe a lot to him and every coach I ever had. All of them, in one way or another, helped me. I owe a lot to my teammates. I can remember our last game and not wanting to take off that green and gold uniform. It just hit me that I wouldn't be putting it on again."

Whitney choose Texas Tech over the other colleges because of the camaraderie found on the Lubbock campus and the overwhelming fan support for the football team.

"The people are real friendly and all the guys on the team seem like good guys. I roomed with Jay Pugh from Abilene Cooper when I was visiting the school. We're about the same size and we got along real well."

"Of course, Zach and Bart (Thomas) will be there."

Zach was an all-state linebacker for the Harvesters in 1991 while brother, Bart, quarterbacked White Deer to the state championship in 1988. They are both playing football at Texas Tech now.

"At Pampa I got used to the great fans," Whitney said. "Texas Tech has the same kind of support. We went to a game at Fort Worth when Texas Tech

was playing TCU and there was standing room only on the Tech side. There was almost nobody on TCU's side and they were the home team. It would be hard for me to play somewhere where the fans aren't cheering for you."

Several of Whitney's high school friends will be at Lubbock this fall, but another important link to Texas Tech is his mother, Paula Whitney. She graduated from Tech with a degree in home economics.

The Whitneys are an athletic-minded family. Aaron, a seventh-grader, and Jessica, a high school student, are involved in different sports. Their father, Don, is president of the Harvesters Booster Club.

The next step after college is a possible shot at the National Football League, but Whitney is realistic about his chances of playing at the professional level.

"If it works out, it works out. If not, I'll have a degree to fall back on. I'll just have to wait and see what happens," he said.

If the NFL doesn't beckon, Whitney wants to be a football coach.

"I'd like to come back to Pampa and coach. I've lived here all my life and I'll always have that Green and Gold pride," he said.

The Green and Gold will always be proud of Whitney, also.

U.S. attacks Somali faction

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — U.S. helicopter gunships attacked the forces of one of Somalia's warring factions today after twice warning them to pull back from the southern town of Kismayu, a U.S. military spokesman said.

A Red Cross spokeswoman in Mogadishu reported about 40 injured Somalis were brought to the hospital. She spoke on condition of anonymity.

No U.S. ground forces were involved and no U.S. casualties were reported, although one helicopter was damaged by Somali fire, the military spokesman, Marine Col. Fred Peck, said.

He said four Cobra gunships from the U.S. 10th Mountain Division fired rockets and cannon into troops of Gen. Mohamed Said Hirs, known as Gen. Morgan, a son-in-law of former dictator Mohammed Siad Barre.

Six Somali armed vehicles, known as "technicals," one rocket launcher, one armored personnel carrier and four artillery pieces were destroyed, Peck said.

Belgian ground forces also joined the assault 25 miles west of Kismayu, firing 30 mm guns from light armored vehicles.

Peck said the attack lasted one hour and stopped the advance of Morgan's forces against those of Col. Omar Jess, who is allied with

one of Somalia's major warlords, Gen. Mohamed Farah Aidid.

U.S. officials said Morgan had broken a cease-fire agreed to by 14 warring factions on Jan. 15 by attacking Jess' forces.

Aidid told a news conference earlier that he had asked the United States military to disarm Morgan's forces. He said Morgan had attacked his militias in southern and central Somalia in violation of the cease-fire.

Aidid said he had informed U.S. special envoy Robert Oakley of the situation. He said the U.S.-led international task force "has the duty to intervene and disarm them."

"We have passed a message to Morgan to pull back from the Kismayu area and from Birhane," a village 28 miles from Kismayu where there was fighting Sunday, a U.S. official said earlier today. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Aidid appeared to be trying to pull the United States beyond its original commitment of a humanitarian operation to secure Somalia to allow relief workers to feed the starving and tend to the ill.

Famine, civil war and lawlessness claimed the lives of 350,000 Somalis last year. Until the international forces of Operation Restore Hope arrived on Dec. 9, armed bandits were looting food aid with abandon.

Court limits power to stop executions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal judges generally may not stop states from executing death-row inmates who raise new claims of innocence after exhausting other appeals, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The court, ruling 6-3 in the case of a man convicted of killing a Texas policeman, said executive clemency is "the historic remedy" to protect the truly innocent from being put to death.

"We cannot say that Texas' refusal to entertain petitioner's newly discovered evidence eight years after his conviction transgresses a principle of fundamental fairness 'rooted in the traditions and conscience of our people,'" Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the majority.

In a dissenting opinion, Justice Harry A. Blackmun said, "The execution of a person who can show

that he is innocent comes perilously close to simple murder."

Leonel Herrera was convicted and sentenced to death for the 1981 killing of Los Fresnos police officer Enrique Carrisalez, who had stopped him for speeding. Herrera also pleaded guilty to the shooting death of state police officer David Rucker earlier that night.

State and federal courts upheld Herrera's conviction and sentence in the Carrisalez killing. But in 1990 he filed a new claim contending that his brother Raul, who was killed in 1984, actually shot both police officers.

Raul Herrera's son, Raul Jr., swore that he saw his father kill the two men. Raul Herrera's lawyer and two other men also said that he had confessed to them.

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Serb-Croat fighting rages; shelling intensifies

By NADA BURIC
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ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — The Croatian army battled Serb rebels on the Adriatic coast near Zadar today in a fourth day of fighting since the Croats shattered a year-old truce with a surprise offensive.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina, a mortar round exploded in a Sarajevo street crowded with shoppers today, killing at least four, as shelling and sniper fire intensified in the besieged capital after several weeks of relative calm. Fighting between Muslims and Serbs also raged in eastern Bosnia.

The surge in combat in Croatia and Bosnia and tough words from leaders of all three warring factions in the former Yugoslav federation threatened peace talks and heightened fears of a wider war in the Balkans.

In Belgrade, Yugoslavia's Supreme Defense Council ordered the army to increase the combat readiness of troops along the border with neighboring Bosnia. The order came after an emergency session on the Croatian attack and the offensive by Muslim-led Bosnian troops against Serbs in eastern Bosnia.

Late Sunday, the Organization of the Islamic Conference urged the U.N. Security Council to authorize the use of force to implement U.N. resolutions on Bosnia. The 51-member organization, based in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, is an umbrella for the world's Muslim nations.

An international peace conference continued in Geneva, but the

Croatian offensive increased tensions.

"Croatia must be stopped and Croatia must be sanctioned by the Security Council," Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said today in Geneva.

In Moscow, Deputy Foreign Minister Vitaly Churkin was quoted today by the Interfax and Itar-TASS news agencies as saying Russia will ask the United Nations to impose sanctions on Croatia unless it halts its offensive.

Hard-liners in the Russian parliament have been pressuring President Boris Yeltsin and Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev to support Serbia, which has long-time ties to Russia. Like the Russians, the Serbs are Slavs and Orthodox Christians.

The commander of Yugoslavia's army, Zivota Panic, warned Sunday that his forces would intervene in Croatia to help ethnic Serbs if U.N. peacekeepers could not protect them.

Serbs, who account for 12 percent of Croatia's population, captured one-third of Croatian territory in a seven-month war in 1991 that erupted after Croatia seceded from Yugoslavia. At least 10,000 people are thought to have died in the fighting, which was halted by a U.N.-mediated truce last January.

Gen. Janko Bobetko, the Croatian army commander, told reporters in Zadar today that his government's objective of recapturing the strategic Maslenica bridge had been accomplished.

"Zemunik is now in our hands," Bobetko added, referring to the airport near Zadar.

Bobetko was quoted by Croatian radio as saying Croatian troops won control of the road linking Zadar and Maslenica to the north and also took some territory to the east to ensure safe traffic on the Adriatic highway.

Before Friday, Serbs held one end of the Maslenica bridge and Croats the other. The bridge is on the only land route linking Zagreb, Croatia's capital, with the Dalmatia region along the Adriatic.

In Zagreb, U.N. spokeswoman Shannon Boyd said Croat-Serb fighting resumed today in Smilic, Drace and Biljane, villages just east of Zadar.

"This is the battle zone now," she said.

In Geneva, where leaders of the ethnic factions met Sunday to discuss a peace plan for Bosnia, Yugoslav President Dobrica Cosic demanded Croatia withdraw its soldiers from areas seized from Serb militants.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman said his troops attacked Friday out of frustration over Serb refusals to allow reconstruction of the bridge at Maslenica.

He also said Croatian troops would not give up their gains. He said the offensive was a warning to Croatian Serbs to submit to his government's authority or be defeated militarily.

Serb forces raided U.N.-guarded warehouses on Saturday and took heavy weapons they had surrendered under last year's cease-fire negotiated by special U.N. envoy Cyrus Vance.

Cosic, upon returning to Belgrade, capital of Serbia and Yugoslavia, charged Sunday that Croatia had "ripped up the Vance peace plan."

Vance, a former U.S. secretary of state, and Lord Owen of the European Community have been trying to arrange a separate peace for Bosnia, where war broke out nine months ago. Bosnian Serbs rebelled over a vote by the majority Muslims and Croats to secede from Yugoslavia, now only Serbia and Montenegro.

At least 18,000 people have died in the Bosnian war.



(AP Photo)

Bosnian refugee Senad Kuburas, with his daughter, Melita, and son, Meldun, await processing by immigration officials at the Pearson International Airport in Toronto Sunday night. Kuburas, who spent months in a Serb-run camp in Bosnia, hopes to find a job in Canada.

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Opinion

Family leave bill will be hurtful in long run

One campaign promise Bill Clinton is certain to keep is his vow to sign a parental-leave bill. He and the Democratic leadership in Congress are so eager to saddle American business with this new burden that it has been introduced as HR1, the first bill put before the new Congress.

The sound heard on Capitol Hill is the whistle of a legislative locomotive barreling down a fast track. House and Senate committees are expected to approve the bill and send it out for a final vote later this month, and it could be on Clinton's desk for signing by mid-February.

Like a similar bill vetoed by President Bush last year, HR1 would require all companies with more than 50 employees to offer 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a newborn or newly adopted baby or a sick relative.

There is nothing inherently wrong with a company offering unpaid leave for family-related reasons. In fact, according to a survey by the Small Business Administration, three-quarters of American companies already offer some form of leave benefit. These companies have already worked out voluntary arrangements with their workers to offer the benefit.

Volunteering, however, will not be a guiding principle of the new administration and Congress. If an idea, like parental leave, sounds good, then the social engineers in Washington see it as their duty to make it the law of the land. According to their view of the world, employees and the companies they work for simply cannot be trusted to agree to salary and benefit packages mutually agreeable to the parties involved.

By mandating parental leave on all mid- and large-sized companies, the federal government will be adding to the cost of doing business, making U.S. companies less competitive in the world market place and slowing the creation of new jobs. By forcing companies to offer a certain kind of benefit, the government will also be reducing the choices available to workers who might prefer a different mix of benefits.

The family leave bill could be only the first boxcar in a train load of social legislation we can expect from the Democrats who now control both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. While all these proposals will be wrapped in words about helping families and workers, in the end they will hurt American's by making our economy less efficient and our lives less free.

United Nationitis

The events of the winter of 1990 — when the Bush administration engaged in declaring the United Nations infallible when it spoke ex cathedra through its Security Council — are bearing prickly fruit. Consider:

1. We had a primary aim in the Gulf War, which was to liberate Kuwait. We asked the United Nations to bless our enterprise, and it did so. The enterprise went forward. In fact, the resolution by the United Nations would have authorized us to pursue Saddam Hussein right into Baghdad, as a part of the liberation enterprise. But we elected not to do so.

2. Six weeks after our victory in the Gulf War, the persecution of the Kurds in the north and the Shiites in the south became more than international public opinion would tolerate, and so we edged forward under an anti-genocidal article of the United Nations and insisted on the right to bring relief to oppressed and starving Kurds and Shiites.

3. But some of our efforts to deliver compassionate aid were hindered by the Iraqis, so the United States sought the sanction of the Security Council to authorize armed protection of relief cargo. But the Chinese didn't like the smell of all this — armed intervention in a country in order to effect humanitarian purposes? That, the Chinese figured, was a sticky one. Imagine what could be done, under such a mandate, to China itself.

4. So, as is diplomatic practice, we began to play with words. We were now looking at two other fronts. Bosnia and Herzegovina are clear examples of aggression with genocidal overtones. Accordingly, we could get a U.N. resolution to cease and desist and then, under Article 7 of the charter, use force to implement the U.N. mandate.

But how to handle Somalia? The anarchy there was killing 2,000 people per day, but they were all Somalians. How do other countries get into that act, using military means? Our semanticists han-



William F. Buckley Jr.

dled that one by persuading the United Nations to declare that "the magnitude of the human tragedy" in Somalia was a threat to international peace.

It does not take long to come up with a half-dozen situations in the past that would have justified unilateral intervention under such reasoning. Indeed, one could cite events within India that would fit today. The anti-Muslim oppression of the moment could certainly ignite international Islamic resentments to the point of disturbing the peace.

5. And now we have the matter of the 400 deportations to southern Lebanon. The government of Israel, resolving that the Hamas fundamentalists in the West Bank were responsible for increased terrorism against Israeli soldiers, scooped up 400 of them and launched them toward Lebanon. But the Lebanese government refused to give them passage, so they are frozen in an icy stretch of no-man's land in southern Lebanon.

The United Nations has condemned Israel's act on the grounds that it amounts to collective punishment of the kind practiced by the Nazis and outlawed by the United Nations in 1971. The Israeli government is taking the position that unless terrorism is checked, it will grow and threaten the very existence of Israel. ACLU-ers within Israel have taken the case on behalf of the Palestinians to Israel's Supreme Court, which however is expected

to ratify the expulsion on paramilitary grounds.

6. The United States was authorized by the United Nations to ensure that inspection teams organized to establish whether the Iraqis were engaged in creating a nuclear arm should have safe passage toward a factory that had never been designated as a nuclear hatchery, but we got some satisfaction out of using arms against Hussein.

But over the weekend, the Bush administration decided that another shot across Hussein's bow was in order, and so we sent 40 Tomahawk missiles toward a factory that had never been designated as a nuclear hatchery, but we got some satisfaction out of using arms against Hussein.

But we are pretty well embroiled in a diplomatic quagmire. Egypt and Syria want to know why we are willing to send troops to execute a U.N. mandate at the expense of Iraq, but are not willing to do the same thing to execute a mandate directed at Israel. The best way to handle that question is to temporize and tell the people who are asking us to just wait a few hours, and President Clinton will explain the who-o-o-l-e thing.

What has happened is that the moral authority we have been handing over to the United Nations is now reaching back and biting us. We are the allies of Israel, though we are hardly committed to endorsing their deportation of the Palestinians. But whether or not we endorse it, we hardly wish the United Nations, which is given to such findings as that Zionism and racism are the same thing, to make up our minds on the question.

And if we decide that the right strategic moment has come to knock out Hussein, we want to be able to do so without a specific mandate by the United Nations. But our mangled diplomacy will probably result in the end of world support for the sanctions against Hussein, who will once again prove that he has nine lives.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

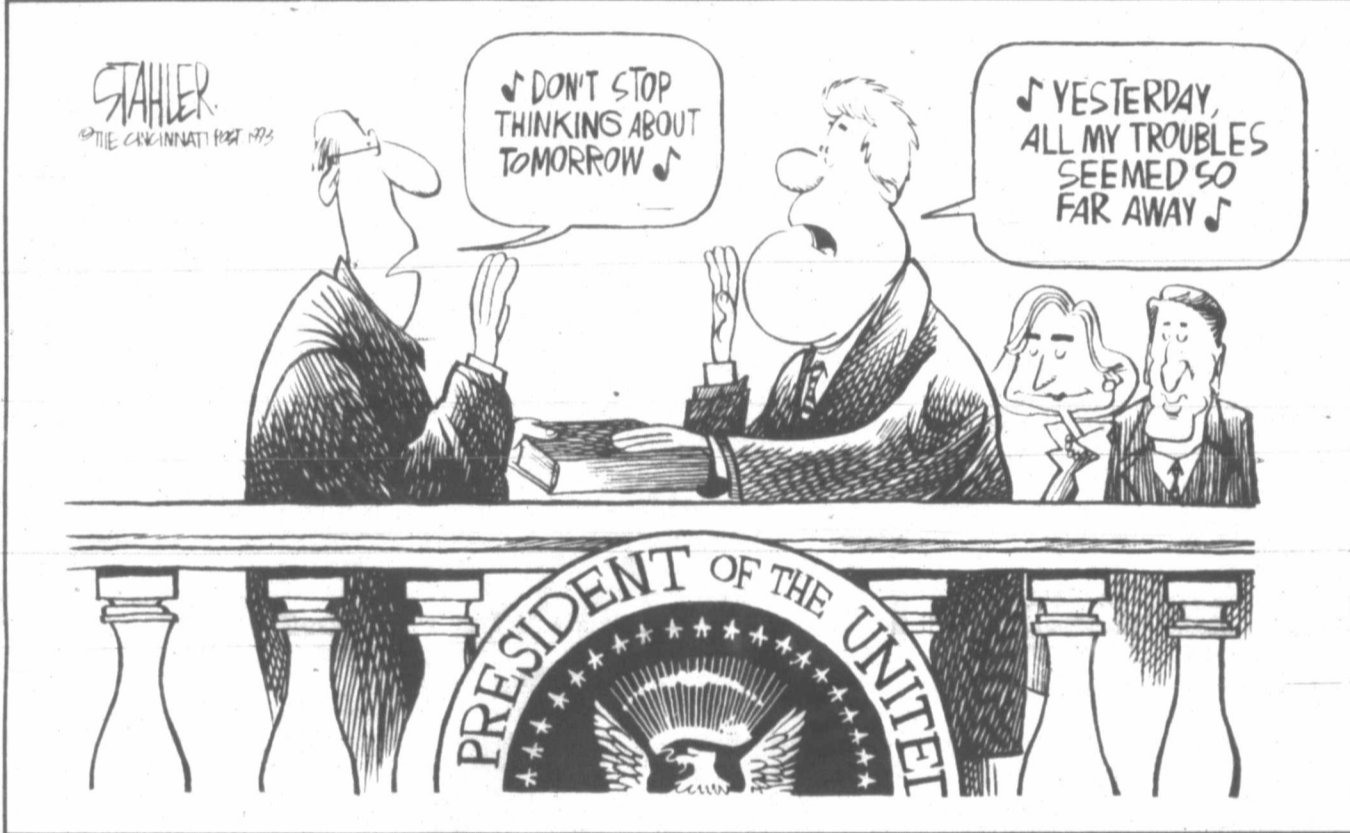
Today is Monday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 1993. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 25, 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn (who later gave birth to Elizabeth I).

On this date:
In 1787, Shays's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) of the New York World received a tumultuous welcome home after she completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, six hours and 11 minutes.

In 1915, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.



The lighthouse

Our nation in its beginning and for about 150 years thereafter was a "lighthouse." Everyone else was going our way.

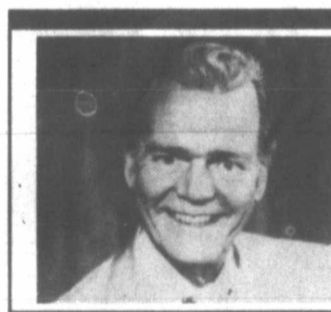
The French, watching our example of individual liberty and self-government, threw off the yoke of their own dissolute king and rapacious aristocracy. England, watching our example, initiated sweeping democratic reforms.

Mexico, Central America, South America — watching our example — freed themselves from Spain. And thus, from the 1780s until the early 1900s we led the world.

We sent them no guns, no butter, no money. What we did do was to mind our own business so well that we were a worthy example.

Today our home front is in such disarray — our own streets are so dangerous — many of our own people so impoverished — our schools failing — or national virility diminished by drugs — our leaders, confounded by home-front problems, seek to refocus attention on other people's business.

President Bush and Britain's Prime Minister Major have been on the phone "playing world leader," urging the United Nations to expand involve-



Paul Harvey

ment in Bosnia. With the problems of our home fronts seemingly insoluble, we presume to "mind our neighbors' business" instead.

We are espousing self-government elsewhere in the world though we have not yet measured up to the responsibility of self-government ourselves.

Michael Levine wants a statue similar to the Statue of Liberty erected offshore Los Angeles. His would be a Statue of Responsibility.

Levine believes that our society will survive only as long as its citizens are as conscious of their obligations as they are of their rights.

He wants a Statue of Responsibility to keep us reminded.

I hear the argument that nationalism belongs to the past; that all of us must soon pledge our allegiance to a "world government."

The United Nations, toothless for decades, has recently emerged as an arbiter and enforcer, and disciples of "world government" want the United States to do more.

Realistically, however, the world is no more ready for one government than it is ready for one god.

An ancient axiom has been inverted to read: "What works in practice does not necessarily work in theory."

Forty nations of the world are not at peace with themselves.

To expect them to close ranks in support of a world government is like hitching a team of unbroken horses to a wagon; you'll likely end up with a smashed wagon and horses that are wilder than ever.

History says that what the world needs most is a star to steer by — which we once were.

From one dad to another: Way to go!

Consider the irony of the media's orgiastic reporting about a former Arkansas governor's decision to send his daughter to a racially integrated private school.

The irony actually began 36 years ago when nine black kids defied another Arkansas governor by trying to enroll in a segregated Little Rock public high school. The irony is compounded by the astonishing front-page coverage of the story by major newspaper reporters and editors, most of whom don't send THEIR kids to public schools and feverishly try to avoid living anywhere too close to the urbscape that houses their offices.

A tidal wave of idiocy greeted the decision of two parents named Bill and Hillary Clinton to send their daughter, Chelsea, to a private school. This statement by the executive director of Washington, D.C.'s Parents Union, Delabian Rice-Thornton, depressingly typified the average critic's reaction: "My son at Deal Junior High School is getting a good education. I don't think I'll vote for Clinton next time around." Martin Luther King Jr. had an answer for her: "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

If Rice-Thornton's son is getting "a good education," he is a lucky exception. Cases in point:

All D.C. school grade levels are reading below the national norm on the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills.

Between eighth and 12th grades, scores in social studies, math and science are below national norms.



Chuck Stone

Dropout rates are among the highest in the nation.

Five different reports this past year, including a federal survey, castigated D.C.'s poor curriculum planning and its "unstable and mismanaged" school system.

Chelsea's attendance at any D.C. public school would not have made an academic silk purse out of the school system's sow's ear.

Hillary and Bill Clinton did precisely what Louise and Chuck Stone did with our three children: At interludes during their education in three different cities, we sent them to Catholic or private schools. Two years in a Catholic junior high school enabled my son to enroll in a public high school that one survey rated as one of the 12 best in the country — Philadelphia's Central High School.

Throughout the 34 years of our marriage, we have been passionate supporters of public education. But many public-school systems suffer from weak spots.

At the same time, parental influence cannot be discounted as a pivotal educational force. The cultural behavioral patterns of Asian parents, who encourage their children to study together after other tasks are completed, explains the consistently high normative performance of Asian students, most of them attending public schools. Certainly, the emphasis on achievement in the Clintons' home has contributed to Chelsea's high grades.

I doubt seriously if more than 10 percent of America's parents — excluding politicians and journalists — give a damn whether Chelsea goes to a private or public school. But the Clintons' decision as parents opened a Pandora's box of partisan sniping and journalistic hypocrisy.

Also inherent in the Pecksniffian criticism of Bill and Hillary Clinton's decision is a subtle form of devaluing Hillary's role in the decision, placing an implicitly higher value on that of the president-elect.

At some point, we in the media have to reflect more seriously about or frightening tendency to trivialize public-policy issues by relating them to an elected official's personal decisions that have absolutely nothing to do with his capacity to "insure domestic tranquility" and promote the common good.

Some supporters of the Clintons' decision said it took courage. Not at all. It simply took love. What's bet for the child overrides all other considerations.

Berry's World

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YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME, DOC.
The U.N. chief's name keeps going through my head and it's DRIVING ME NUTS!

Diplomatic advice to Clinton: Study protocol niceties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Don't give Prince Charles a tea bag. Don't confuse Mauritius with Mauritania. And if the king of Saudi Arabia asks for an autographed picture, please comply.

These are a few diplomatic pointers culled from the experiences of past presidents that might help Bill Clinton now that he's moved into the White House.

Clinton will soon learn that being president is more than drafting economic recovery plans and avoiding the dangers of an unstable world. It's also mastering those personal touches that can make or break relationships with foreign leaders.

Ronald Reagan tells of the day Prince Charles visited the White House. A steward brought tea as the prince and the president sat in the Oval Office.

"I noticed the prince was staring rather quizzically down into his cup," Reagan recalled in his autobiography. "Finally, it dawned on me. The ushers had given him a cup containing a tea bag. I thought, well, maybe he had never seen one before."

It was nine in the morning of Jimmy Carter's first full day as president that he asked Evan Dobbelle to serve as his chief of protocol.

"I don't like pomp and I don't want anything that looks phony," the president told Dobbelle.

Like Clinton, Carter had been a

Southern governor with little experience dealing with foreign leaders.

Did that mean Dobbelle had to spend a lot of time briefing the president on the niceties of protocol?

"No," he recalled. "Protocol is really instinctive courtesy. If you're a courteous person then you're going to do well in protocol."

Carter had his embarrassing moments, as do all presidents. But they had nothing to do with experience.

There was the time the Marine Band played the wrong anthem at a White House ceremony for the president of Romania. And there was the translator nightmare in Poland in 1978.

When Carter arrived in Warsaw, he spoke of "the desires of the Polish people," which the American translator turned into "your lusts for the future" in Polish.

Later on the same trip, Carter visited Saudi Arabia. Before he got off his plane, an official asked the president to autograph a picture of himself to give to King Khaled. The president refused, saying he thought it was "the height of vanity" to give an autographed picture of oneself.

Carter wouldn't budge even when aides explained that the king had autographed pictures of every head of state who had visited Riyadh. Finally, according to an account of the trip, an aide signed

the president's name to the picture.

Even the most experienced of presidents have protocol flaps.

A State Department official, speaking only on condition of anonymity, recalled the time

Richard Nixon had back-to-back meetings at the United Nations with the presidents of Mauritania and Mauritius.

Someone got the briefing cards mixed up, which led to Nixon asking the president of Mauritania about the

production of pork, a commodity forbidden in the strict Muslim country.

Throughout his time in the White House, President Bush drove protocol officials to distraction because he favored short toasts.

Many foreign leaders at state din-

ners offer toasts that go on and on and on. Protocol officials worried that the visiting dignitary's feelings would be hurt by Bush's very brief response.

But no amount of official pleading could make Bush a verbose toastmaster.

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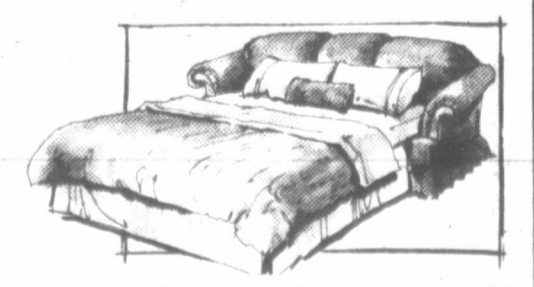
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60-year award



(Special Photo) Royce Jordan, president of the Pampa Downtown Kiwanis club, standing, presents Jimmy B. Massa with a 60-year Legion Of Honor award at the group's weekly luncheon on Friday. In December, Massa received a 57-year perfect attendance award.

Death of medical examiner's wife remains a big mystery

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Kay Sybers' obituary said she died "unexpectedly" May 30, 1991, at her beachfront home in this resort city.

The cause of the 52-year-old woman's death remains a mystery, although the person responsible for ordering an autopsy at the time she died was her husband, state medical examiner Dr. William Sybers.

Instead, Sybers quickly had his wife's body embalmed.

Mrs. Sybers had told friends she did not want to be autopsied and her husband was abiding by her wishes, said Sybers' lawyer, Harry Harper. But that decision and Sybers' other actions made him the target of criminal investigations, although authorities have not released any possible motive Sybers may have had for killing his wife.

Two state attorneys last year concluded that without a cause of death they had no case, but three weeks ago, Gov. Lawton Chiles ordered a special prosecutor to reopen the investigation.

"I think it's a witch hunt," said Mrs. Sybers' brother, Bruce Cornell.

"There's nothing there ... except innuendo and circumstantial evidence."

"He did not murder my sister," said Cornell, a criminal lawyer and part-time state magistrate in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The day of Mrs. Sybers' death, when he learned no autopsy had been performed, Dr. Terrance Steiner, the state medical examiner in St. Augustine who has had professional differences with Sybers in the past, called the governor and state attorney to recommend an autopsy.

He believed Mrs. Sybers had been in good health.

"If there is anything that was done right about this case I've missed the fact," he said recently.

An autopsy was performed two days later by the coroner in Pensacola, but, state investigators said, the embalming made it impossible to determine how Mrs. Sybers died and may have erased evidence of foul play if any existed.

Sybers told friends his wife had been having heart trouble, but the

autopsy revealed no evidence of it, said Dr. Joe Davis, the state medical examiner in Miami, who examined Mrs. Sybers' heart.

Sybers said the day of his wife's death, she complained of chest pains and he took a blood sample. Investigators could determine only that Sybers had used a syringe on his wife shortly before her death, according to an investigative report.

The investigators also found Sybers had a girlfriend whom he called soon after leaving home the day his wife died. Mrs. Sybers' body was found by two of their three children.

State Attorney Harry Coe III of Tampa, the special prosecutor, has declined to comment on specifics of the case.

"We are going in with a totally open mind," he said.

Harper said his client will cooperate.

"We've got nothing to hide and welcome (the special prosecutor's) review of this matter and in fact encourage it if it will put this matter to rest," he said.

Sybers also is being investigated by the Florida Board of Medical Examiners, which could revoke or suspend his license, for allegedly prescribing medicine to three patients without properly examining them.

The identities of the patients are confidential, but The News Herald of Panama City reported one of them was Mrs. Sybers.

Sybers resigned as medical examiner last July, saying he wanted to devote more time to his private practice.

Two associate medical examiners later resigned to protest Florida Department of Law Enforcement allegations of irregularities by Sybers and his office, including the use of non-physician investigators to perform portions of autopsies without supervision by doctors.

Harper has advised Sybers against talking to reporters.

"He's suffering tremendously because of the loss of his wife," Harper said. "And the way that this matter has been conducted has increased his anguish to a degree that I'm unable to describe."

Lifestyles

Nominations open for Distinguished Service Awards

Nominations for the Women's Forum 1993 Distinguished Service Award are being accepted. Individuals who have had a significant impact on the Texas Panhandle through their local communities in one of the designated categories may be considered for nomination.

Nominees must be living Texas women who are legal residents of the top 26 counties of the Panhandle and who have not previously received this award. Individuals or groups, men's or women's organizations may submit nominations, which must be received on or before Feb. 20.

Honorees are selected from categories that include: arts, business and finance, civic leadership and public service, education, health care, legal, science and technology and volunteerism. There also is a special category for individuals who have distinguished themselves in such areas as farming, ranching, athletics, communications or philanthropy.

Winners will be chosen by a representative panel of Panhandle residents on the basis of an individual's lasting contributions or achievements that have been of significance to the region. Awards are not always made in every category every year.

The Distinguished Service Award Luncheon held annually by the Amarillo Area Women's Forum honors the contributions made by the many outstanding women who have helped shape the Texas Panhandle. It also provides visible examples and role models for future

leaders.

According to Randall County Tax Assessor-Collector Carol Autry, who worked on the project for several years, the Distinguished Service Awards originated in the mid-1970s as a part of the returning students program at West Texas State University.

"In those days there weren't very many activities or organizations that honored women or their contributions," Autry said. "At the first luncheons, it would just give your goosebumps to hear what women were doing and what a difference they were making in their communities. Now, I feel like through the years, we've gotten to know a lot of women around the Panhandle who are invaluable assets."

The first Distinguished Service Award Luncheon was held in 1976. In 1991, Autry became a recipient of the awards on which she had so often worked for the recognition of other women.

"Personally, it was one of the most unbelievable things that ever happened to me," she recalled. "I had helped with the project before and really admired the women who were honored. When I was chosen for the award, it was one of the proudest moments of my life."

Presentations of the Distinguished Service Awards will be made during a luncheon at the Amarillo Club on March 20.

Contact Millie Bingham, P.O. Box 231, Amarillo 79105, for additional information or to request a nomination form.



Lauren Pelon

Lauren Pelon set for Pampa visit

A unique program of music and history, presented on over 25 ancient and modern instruments is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 18 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Sponsored by Pampa Independent School District and funded through the Texas Committee for the Humanities, the Lauren Pelon Musique Company will demonstrate historic songs and instruments rooted in the Middle Ages and Renaissance but arranged for contemporary audiences.

Pelon will appear nine times in Texas, and according to curriculum coordinator Arlene Gibson, PISD is the only school district to sponsor her performances. Other performances will be at colleges, universities and museums. Pampa Fine Arts Association will provide auditorium rental funds, Gibson said.

"I enjoy doing humanities programs," said Pelon. "They differ from my concert performances by offering not only an opportunity to

enjoy music, but also a way to think about how music has affected the lives of people — from ancient times to our own modern day."

During "The Living Roots of Music," Pelon talks about the music of many cultures and the role of music throughout history.

She demonstrates lute, guitar, recorders, gemshorns, cornamuse, krummhorn, schreierpfeife, shawm, rackets, penny whistles, concertina, ocarina, hurdy-gurdy, doucaine, psalteries, Native American flute, Eskimo drum, electronic woodwinds and synthesizers.

Pelon was a founding member of "Banish Misfortune" and has appeared with symphony orchestras, on television specials and with Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*. She has appeared internationally and studied the history of medieval and Renaissance music and literature in America and overseas.

For more information call 669-4700. The program is free.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Gas company's angel lights up one woman's Christmas

DEAR ABBY: I am an 84-year-old lady, living alone. On Christmas Eve, I bought a Christmas tree. The lady I bought it from said, "It's not very heavy" as she put it in the trunk of my car.

When I got home, I tried to lift it out of the trunk. It wouldn't budge, so I used a pole for leverage and flipped it out onto my driveway. I tried pushing it, I tried pulling it. It still wouldn't budge. I tried a "dolly"; then I tried a rope. It simply would not budge. I bowed my head, clasped my hands, and prayed, "Dear God, please send someone to help me."

I heard a car, looked up, and saw a Palm Springs Gas Co. truck pull up and stop across the street. The driver got out, walked toward me and said, "Can I help you? Where do you want that tree?"

I said, "If it's not too much trouble, I would like it in my house," so he carried it into my house, set it up and made sure it was straight.

I asked him, "Do you believe in the power of prayer?" With tears in my eyes, I thanked him. Then I thanked God, Abby, do you believe in the power of prayer?"

OLIVE B. IN PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

DEAR OLIVE: Yes, I, too, believe in the power of prayer. You found an angel — employed by the Palm Springs Gas Co.

DEAR ABBY: You recently suggested that at Christmastime we should not forget our postal carriers — we used to call them "mailmen." (You said, "Be a 'deer' and slip them a couple of bucks.")

Well, Abby, postal carriers are now paid \$28,000 a year, plus added perks that include health insurance, paid holidays and pensions. In our area, they no longer walk their routes — they deliver the mail in jeeps. And the people on their route are required to provide an approved mailbox at the curb. (These boxes are a favorite target of young vandals. I have replaced our box four times.)

Fifty years ago, I was dating a girl at a college 70 miles away. On weekends when I was unable to

visit her, I wrote to her. If I dropped the letter in the corner mailbox before 5 p.m., she received it before noon the following day — and it only cost 3 cents. Today it costs 29 cents, and you're lucky if it takes less than four days.

I give what I can to my church, the Salvation Army and the United Way, and I suggest that you advise your readers to forget additional gifts to those who are well-paid, and give where it will do the underprivileged some good.

FED UP IN INDIANA

DEAR FED UP: According to a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service, the entry-level salary for a mail carrier is about \$26,000, increasing to about \$31,000 after several years.

It is not your carrier's fault that the cost of postage has gone up and the volume of mail has increased.

You and I belong to different schools of thought: My philosophy is that those who put forth extra effort all year to make my life easier should be remembered at holiday time. Without the U.S. Postal Service, I'd have to rely on carrier pigeons.

DEAR ABBY: In reference to your article concerning the shortest poem in the world: We would like to bring to your attention that we have discovered what is considered the world's shortest poem. It is by the Italian poet Giusseppe Ungaretti:

"M'illumino
"D'Immenso"

It means, "I am enlightened by the immensity."

MRS. SMODLAKE AND HER SENIOR ITALIAN CLASS, ST. JOSEPH HILL, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEAR MRS. SMODLAKE: Mamma mia! "M'illumino D'Immenso" is, indeed, a short poem. But there is another poem that is even shorter: After Mrs. Goldberg delivered her sixth child — all boys — Mr. Goldberg exclaimed: "A boy?" "Oy!"

Growth disorders effect two million children

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — Some 2 million children in the United States are shorter than 98 percent of children their age, according to the Human Growth Foundation, a nonprofit organization of health care professionals and parents of children with growth disorders.

Most of these children are normal in every way, says Dr. Campbell Howard, pediatric endocrinologist at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City and president of the foundation.

Short stature, however, may suggest a more serious medical problem, such as diseases of the kidneys, heart and lungs, he adds.

Newsmakers

FORT WORTH — Jeffery Dayne Carruth of Pampa was among students named to the Dean's Honors List at Texas Christian University for the 1992 fall semester. This recognition cites undergraduate students for academic achievement.

Carruth is a senior history major and a TCU Scholar based on achieving a 4.0 (straight A) grade-point average. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Carruth and a graduate of Pampa High School.

Patricia Lawrence was named to the fall semester Dean's List at Frank Phillips College, Borger.

Spec. Delwin M. Ferguson has re-enlisted in the U.S. Army for four years. Ferguson, a light wheel vehicle mechanic, is the son of James R. and Jerry D. Ferguson of McLean. He graduated from Tulia High School in 1985.

Jonathan Mize, son of John and Marilyn Mize, achieved the President's Honor Roll at South Plains College with a grade point average of 4.0 for the fall semester 1992. He is a 1991 graduate of Pampa High School.

Leigh Ann Lindsey was named to the Dean's Honor List at Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of Susie and Tom Lindsey.

Graduating from West Texas State University on Dec. 18 were Jennie R. Hon, bachelor of business administration in accounting, magna cum laude; Emory D. LaRue, bachelor of business administration in management; Timothy P. Pletcher, bachelor of general studies; Amy L. Rhoades, bachelor of science in criminal justice administration, cum laude; Marty B. Rhoades, bachelor of science in animal science, cum laude; William C. Thompson, bach-

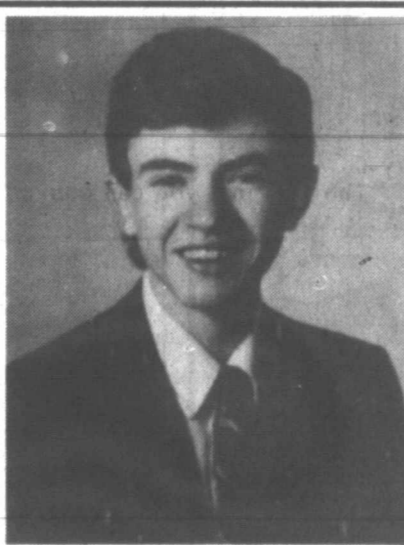
Fundraiser to benefit health care agency

Shepherd's Helping Hands, a nonprofit organization, is sponsoring a fund raiser through the services of Starfire Studio 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday at Pampa Mall.

The fee includes two 4x5 glamor photos plus makeovers by make-up artists, hairstylists and photographers of the studio. Jewelry, glamor clothing and accessories will be available from which to choose.

Shepherd's Helping Hands seeks to alleviate the health care problems of people in need. Their primary purpose is helping provide medications or doctor's visits for those who cannot pay, and for meeting the needs of those who are missed by other organizations in the community.

For more information or to make an appointment call, 665-0356.



Jonathan Mize

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- 13 Goal
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- 16 TV's — Peeples
- 17 Awry
- 18 Not celebrated
- 20 Renounce
- 22 Earth goddess
- 23 Tropical fruit
- 24 Hebrew letter
- 27 Preferring
- 31 Jackie's 2nd husband
- 32 Monk's kin

- 33 Bi plus one
- 34 Stoppiest
- 36 River duck
- 37 Playing card
- 38 Be quiet!
- 39 Penalize
- 42 Stab
- 46 — the ground floor
- 47 Letters of alphabet
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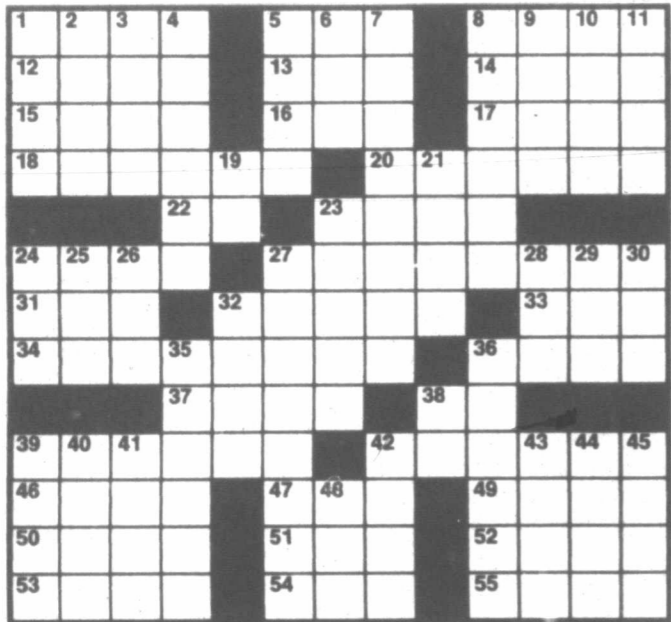
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- 26 — the season
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- 32 Evergreen trees
- 35 Is sparing
- 36 His and hers
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- 39 Of two colors
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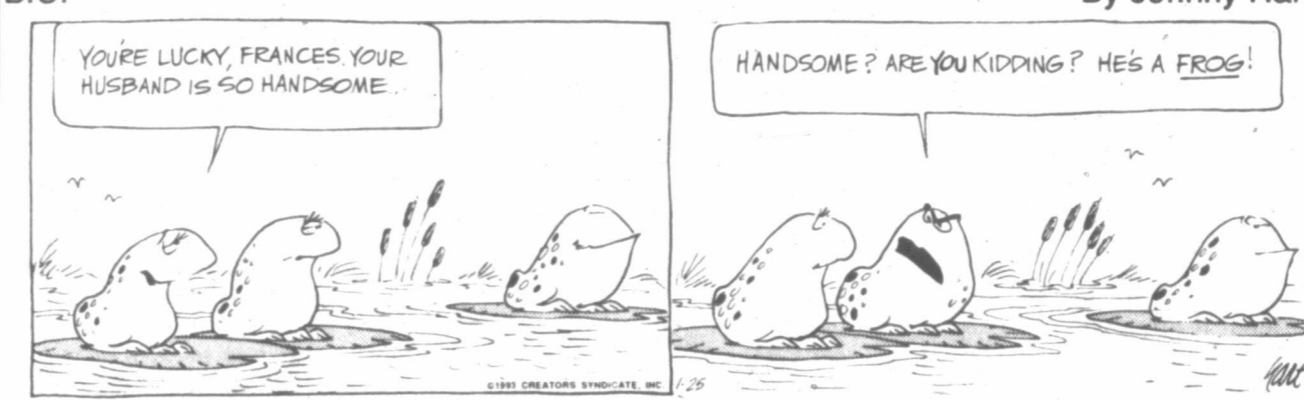
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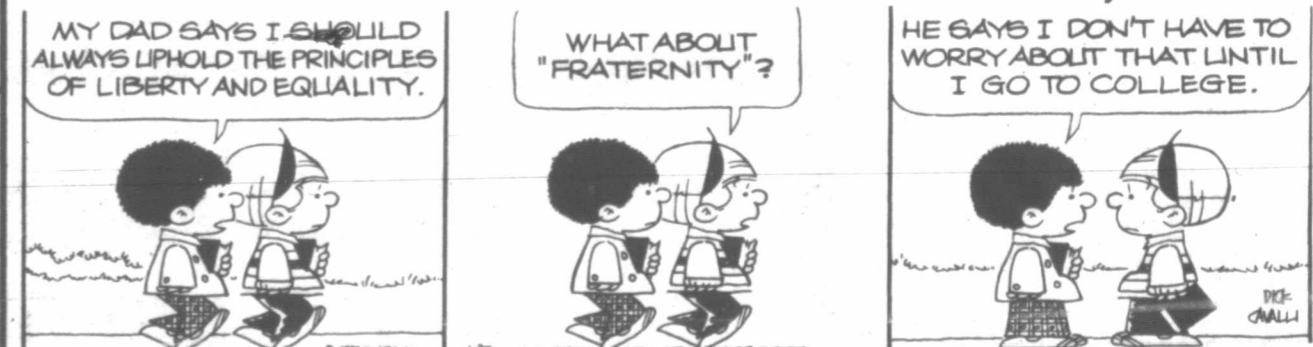
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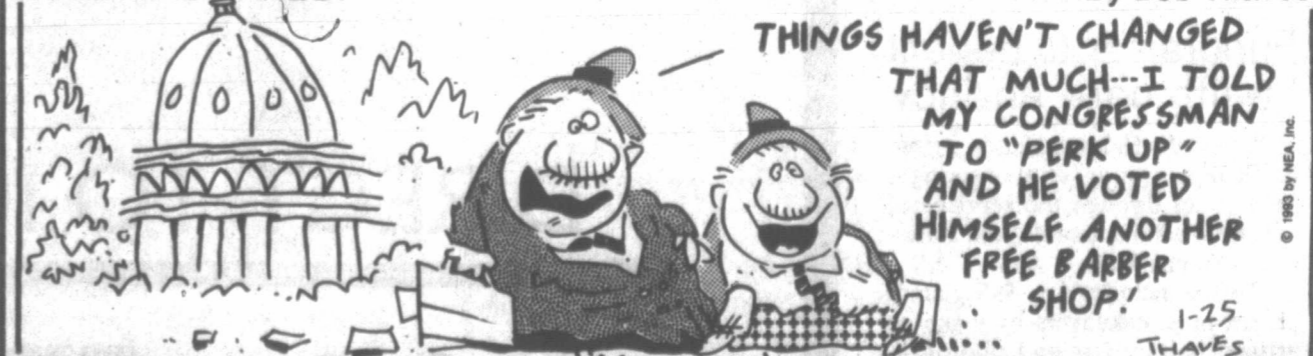
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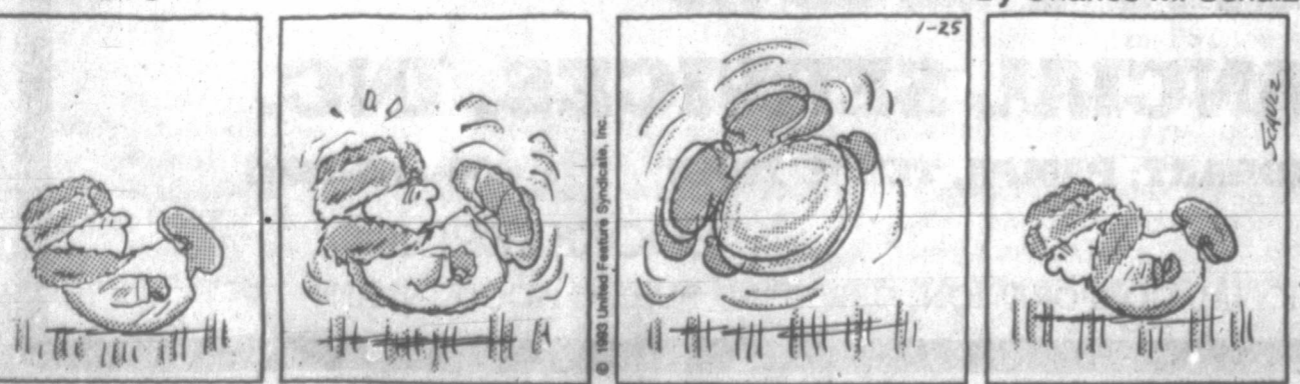
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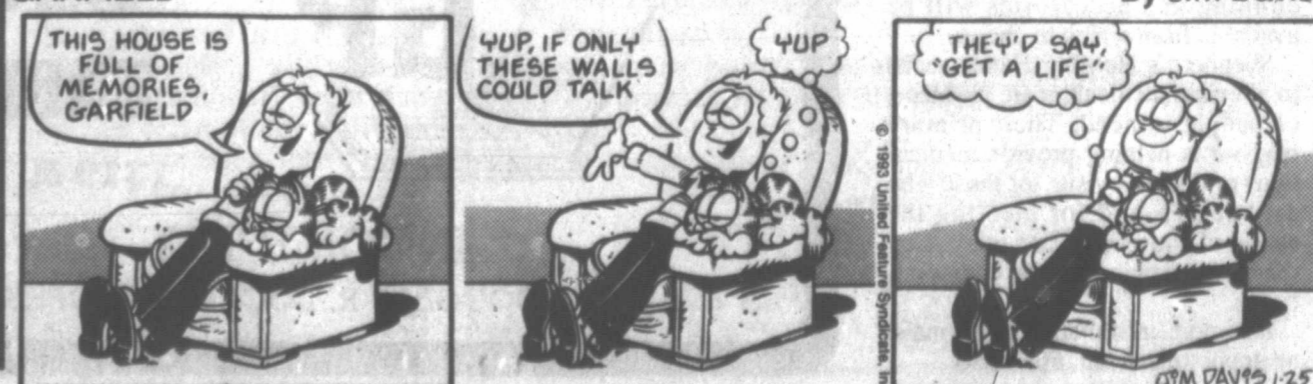
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might be in for a pleasant surprise today when someone you thought wasn't too aware of you goes out of his or her way to show you how wrong you've been.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone who likes you is reluctant to express his or her feelings because this person is unsure of your inclinations. If you feel the same way, be more obvious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Friends can be swayed to your way of thinking today, not through hard arguments or assertiveness, but an appeal to their finer instincts. Soften your presentation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There is a possibility you might achieve something today that will give you a sense of personal pride and gratification, yet observers won't be aware of its impact.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You could have an opportunity today to clarify a position you've taken which associates do not fully understand. Put all of your cards on the table and be as frank as possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Two people with whom you'll have similar but unrelated involvements may treat you in an equally advantageous manner today. Neither will be governed by the other's reaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you might be required to make a decision that could have far-reaching effects for others as well as yourself. Fortunately, your judgment might be better than usual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Assignments or tasks that challenge your creativity and imagination are apt to be the ones you'll find the most appealing today. They will also be the ones you'll perform the best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be much more charismatic today than you realize. What you do or say will make a strong impact on people with whom you'll be involved, especially members of the opposite gender.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Concerns you have pertaining to a matter that affects your material security may be brought into proper focus today. You will realize there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

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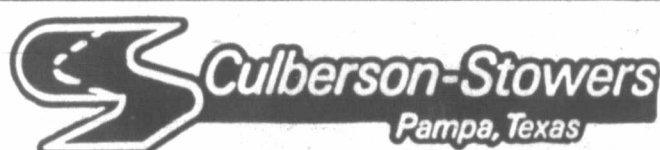
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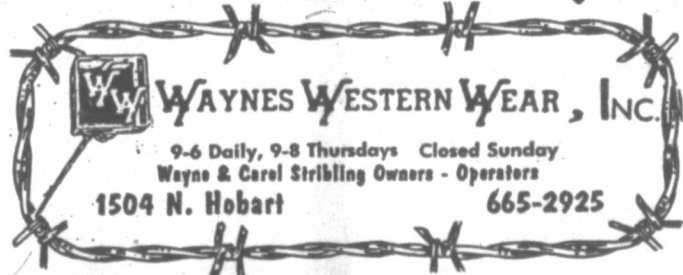
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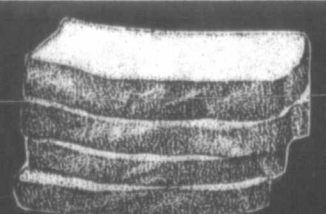
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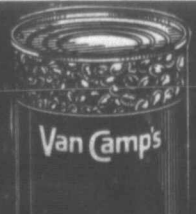
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