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Train of thought



Cassie Ball, 2, enjoys Thursday's sunshine while she looks to see a train in the distance. Friday's forecast calls for continued warm weather extending through the weekend. (Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Motorcyclists in uproar over lake trail closings

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Motorcyclists' complaints about last week's closing to bikers of roughly half of the trails in Lake McClellan National Grassland Park dominated a public hearing on Thursday concerning the county's role in managing the park.

About 40 people, the overwhelming majority of them motorcyclists, attended the three-hour hearing in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

"They've squeezed us down (in trail space) to where the dust will never settle there on (our) wheels," said Bill Stephens, 66, of Pampa, who rides a motorcycle at the park.

In an emotional presentation, motorcyclist Debbie Taylor of Pampa told commissioners court she is "distracted, because I have so many wonderful memories of Lake McClellan as a child. ... We won't be going down there if it stays this way."

Taylor noted that there are 12 motorcyclists in her family.

During the month of April, 288 motorcyclists received permits for the park for riding there, said Gerald Wright, the Gray County commissioner who supervises development of the park area.

Several other area residents who ride motorcycles in the park also criticized the closing of trails to bikers.

The U.S. Forest Service, which owns the park, on May 4 posted signs on several trails in the southern and western sections of the park, announcing that the trails were closed to motorcyclists. The closings were ordered to protect public safety and wildlife and to curb soil erosion, said Reggie Blackwell, a district ranger of the Forest Service who represented it at the public hearing.

Noting the concern of residents at the hearing, Blackwell said the Forest Service might be willing to develop other trails in the park for use by motorcyclists. He added, however, that he does not believe the Forest Service would reopen the trails that were closed last week to motorcyclists.

Gray County holds a short-term contract for management of the park that expires on June 30. Gray County is expected to continue in that role until the federal agency awards a multi-year contract.

Applications for management of the Lake McClellan area must be sent to the U.S. Forest Service by June 5, after which the Forest Service is expected to appoint a long-term manager of the park by Sept. 20.

Several residents cited frustrations with

the Forest Service, which they said was unresponsive to the needs of Gray County, in suggesting that the county end its role as manager of the county park.

"As long as the Forest Service is going to tell Gray County what to do (there), you might as well get out of it," said James Fulton of Pampa.

However, Bill Green of Pampa maintained that if the county ended its role as manager of Lake McClellan and a private company were awarded the multi-year management contract, "you're totally closed out. There's not going to be any more chance to have a say over Lake McClellan."

Responding to that assertion, Matt Sexton of Pampa said a private company serving as manager of the park area would have to be responsive to the needs of those who use the park in order to earn a profit there.

W. Pat Bagley, chief appraiser of Gray County Appraisal District and a member of the board of directors of Lake McClellan Improvement Inc., who represented Clean Pampa Inc. at the hearing, said he hopes that the county can negotiate with the Forest Service to offer more trails that motorcyclists can ride on.

"My hope is that something can be worked out, because it's an important project and it means a lot to the citizens of Gray County," Bagley said.

Greenbelt brawl prompts subpoenas

Approximately 50 grand jury subpoenas have been issued by deputies from Donley and Gray County Sheriff's Offices in connection with a brawl May 7 at Lake Greenbelt.

Gray County Sheriff Randy Stubblefield said 28 of those subpoenas were issued to Gray County residents. Three to four more Pampa residents are scheduled to be served in the near future, he said.

The fight mainly involved students from Pampa High School and Randall High School, although other, non-students, were involved, according to officials.

The grand jury meets 9:30 a.m. Monday in Clarendon to decide whether to take the case to trial or not.

Three Pampa men already have been arrested on charges of aggravated assault in connection with the case. They are Brant Spencer, 17, and twin brothers Justin Lee Johnson and Jason Paul Johnson, both 18.

Spencer was arraigned in Pampa after being arrested by sheriff deputies. He was released from custody after posting a \$20,000 bond.

The Johnson brothers also were arraigned in Pampa after being arrested by sheriff

deputies. They were released from custody after posting \$10,000 bond each.

Security for the grand jury is going to be increased because of the number of people expected, said Stubblefield. In addition to deputies from the Donley County Sheriff's Office, Stubblefield and a number of his deputies will provide security at the proceeding.

"Security is going to be increased because there's going to be a big group of people and we want to make sure everybody has a good day," said Donley County Chief Deputy Jerry Holland.

—Randal K. McGavock

U.N. troops on Bosnia-Serbia border possible next step

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today said a United Nations plan to deploy troops to the Bosnia-Serbia border is a "very good next step" toward ending the civil war in the former Yugoslavia. He said there were no plans for U.S. troops to take part.

Clinton also said he had not yet decided whether to have American troops join U.N. peacekeeping forces in Macedonia but said he was committed to keeping the fighting from spreading into other former Yugoslav republics.

Clinton, speaking at a Rose Garden news conference, hailed a critical House endorsement of his economic package as the beginning of a new era of deficit reduction.

"The program provides significantly, everything that I presented to the Congress," said Clinton, trying to generate momentum for a tougher Senate fight today.

Clinton also gave two short, terse answers when asked about his plan to allow homosexuals to serve in the military, saying he was following congressional hearings on the issue but would have little

more to say himself until he receives recommendations from a Pentagon review.

Clinton also discouraged suggestions that the Federal Reserve raise interest rates because of sudden evidence of rising inflation. He urged the Fed to await "more evidence" before taking that step, saying the recent increase might prove a temporary blip.

"You've got to look at the longer trend," he said.

In an opening statement, Clinton hailed the congressional vote on his economic package and tried to keep his focus on the economy. But the questioning quickly turned

to the crisis in the former Yugoslavia and Clinton's failure so far to rally European allies around his calls for tougher steps, including air strikes against Bosnian-Serb positions and lifting an arms embargo against Bosnian Muslims.

Clinton said he supported a pending United Nations resolution that calls for U.N. forces to patrol the Serb-Bosnia border to make sure Serbia is keeping its commitment not to arm the Bosnian Serbs.

But he said there was no role for American troops planned in that

deployment and ruled out sending U.S. troops in to take sides in the fighting.

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—President Clinton

conflict in behalf of one of the sides," Clinton said.

The president insisted the Europeans had not "rejected out of hand" his proposals, but acknowledged deep reluctance among some allies.

"We must move with our allies," he said. "It is a difficult issue."

Asked if he would favor using air strikes alone, Clinton said: "The best use of air power is the one I have outlined. I do not favor another option at this time." Clinton has tried to win European backing for lifting the arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims

and making air strikes against some Serb targets.

As he fielded questions, Clinton shrugged off recent polls showing his approval rating in decline — saying the voter reviews at the end of his four-year term are the only assessments that count.

"I'm trying to do hard things and I cannot do hard things and conduct an ongoing campaign at the same time," Clinton said.

"Whenever you try to change things, there are always people willing to point out the pain of change without the promise of it," Clinton said.

On the issue of gays in the military, Clinton reiterated his support for lifting the ban on gays in the military saying: "I still think the test ought to be conduct" on duty rather than sexual orientation.

The president refused to discuss a compromise being floated by some lawmakers under which the military would stop asking recruits and servicemen whether they were homosexual. "You know what my position is, I have nothing else to say about it," Clinton said.

Clinton also stressed that his nominee to head the Justice Department's civil rights division would have little to do with mak-

ing policy. Lani Guinier, a University of Pennsylvania law professor, has been accused by conservative Republicans of expressing radical views on voting rights.

Clinton said Guinier's job would be to implement policy made by Congress and the White House. "I expect the policy to be made by

the United States Congress and I expect the Justice Department to carry out the authority," he said.

"I think she has every intention to follow the law of the land as Congress writes it," he said.

Any discretion in enforcing the law "should reside in the president and the attorney general."

Dyer, Davis take top Allison honors

Editors note: This is one in a series honoring valedictorians and salutatorians of area high schools. Through May 28, students who have excelled in their high school careers will be featured in The Pampa News.



ALLISON — Valedictorian of the senior class of Allison High School is Scott Dyer and salutatorian is Kimberly Davis.

Dyer is the son of Mike and Teresa Dyer. He has attended Allison schools since kindergarten. He has been active in academic UIL and has participated in basketball, golf, baseball, cross country and track. He was selected for second team All-District basketball; academic All-District team; and qualified for regional cross country and golf.

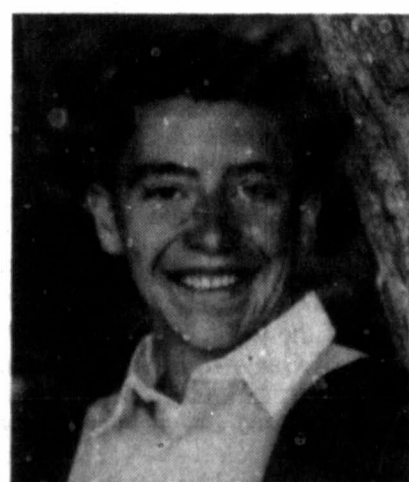
Dyer's high school grade average is 94.68. He plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Davis is the daughter of Connie Davis. She attended Borger and Allison schools during her high

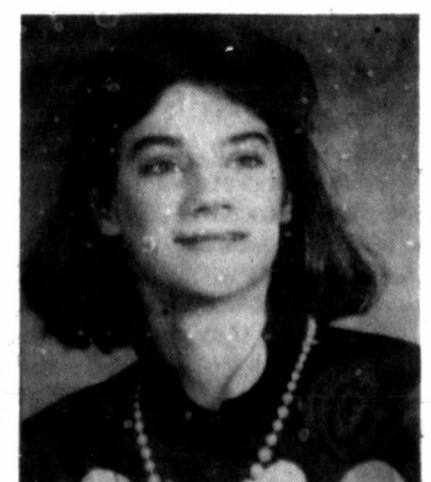
school years. She participated in academic UIL and One-Act Play competition, in which she was named honorable mention All-Star.

Davis plans to attend Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Allison will graduate two students — Dyer and Davis. The graduation is set for 8 p.m. May 21 at the Allison school.



Dyer



Davis

Tax refund tops City Commission meeting

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

In Tuesday's session of the Pampa City Commission, a refund of taxes to a business topped the meeting's agenda.

Signal Fuels, an Amarillo-based company, paid \$1,716.93 in city

property taxes by mistake and requested the money returned.

The mistake came about when the business was sold and a new account was set up for the new owner but the old account was not deleted. The mistake led to a double billing of property tax by the Gray County Appraisal District.

Normally, a refund of tax money would not be taken before the city commission, but because the amount was more than \$500, state law requires the city commission to approve the refund.

In other business, the city purchased two tractors, three cutters and a fairway mower for the Street Department, the Recreation Department and the Municipal Golf Course.

The two tractors and three cutters were purchased from Baggett Farm Supply for a total of \$34,315.32.

The fairway mower was purchased from Jacobsen Turf at a cost of \$20,439.

Finally, the mayor and city commissioners voted to sell one delinquent tax property and condemn two buildings.

The delinquent tax property is at 413 N. Davis and sold for \$500. It was 50 feet-by-125 feet vacant lot

and was appraised for \$1,750. Taxes on the property totaled \$1,933.28.

The property has been in the possession of the city since October 1992.

The structures the city condemned are located at 530th S. Somerville and 532 S. Somerville.

The structure at 530 S. Somerville measures 14 feet-by-60 feet and suffers heavy damages. Approximately 65 percent of the structure is damaged, according to the inspector's report.

Measuring 30 feet-by-40 feet, the structure located at 532 S. Somerville was considered 80 percent structurally damaged, a potential threat to children who play in it and a fire hazard, according to the inspector's report.

The next meeting of the City Commission is May 25 in the City Commissioners Room on the third floor of City Hall.

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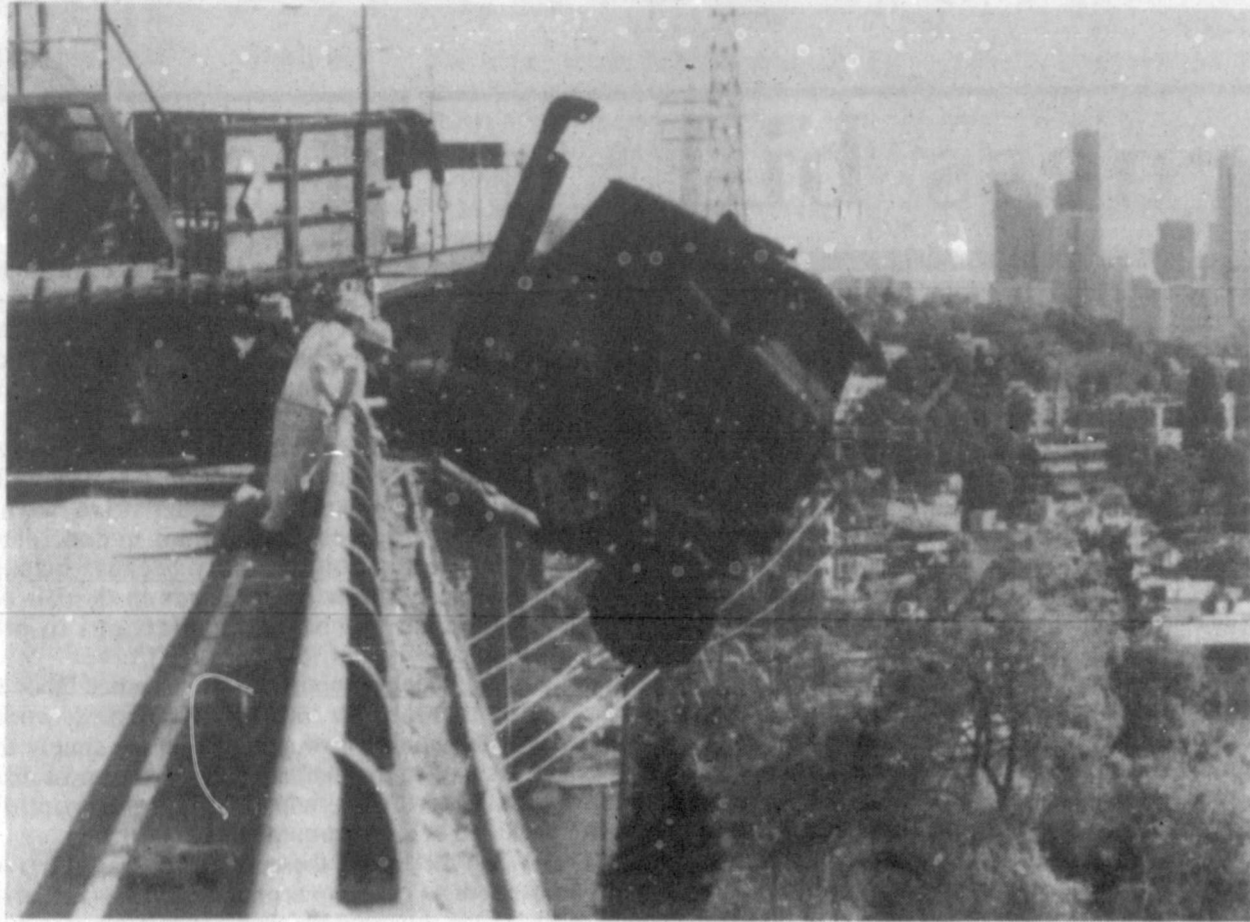


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Hangover



(AP Photo)

Workers look at the cab of a truck that hangs over the guardrail of southbound Interstate 5 on the north end of the ship canal in Seattle Thursday. The truck's driver, Lloyd Cotton of Enumclaw, Wash., swerved and lost control of the truck after a passenger car cut in front of him southbound. The truck's diesel tanks ruptured on the guardrail and caused a fire, which firefighters quickly put out.

Richards: Can't dodge school finance bullet

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards, saying school closings loom, wants Texans to urge their legislators to adopt a new school finance plan before the June 1 court deadline for reform.

"We cannot dodge this bullet again," Richards said in a televised address Thursday night. "We have struggled with the court order for six years. The deadline is upon us."

The governor said that either of two pending finance plans would meet court-ordered reform and not raise residential property taxes.

A Senate plan would shift some business properties from wealthier to poorer school districts for tax purposes. A House plan would consolidate 109 of the wealthier districts with others, again for property tax purposes.

"Either of these plans would satisfy the courts. Neither would raise residential property taxes," Richards said.

"The bottom line is that we're working to keep our schools open. It must be our No. 1 priority, because it's basic to our economy and to the future of Texas."

Not everyone agreed with Richards' assessment.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer said the Democratic

governor was showing a lack of leadership.

"We're just lurching from crisis to crisis, and we've continued to do so for 18 months," Meyer said. "For the last two months we've been threatened — schools will close, the sky is falling. Today, we got the sweet talk."

Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, chairman of the House GOP Caucus, said the Legislature should move to end judicial interference.

"The governor can place her plan, when and if she comes up with one, on the same ballot as our amendment to stop judicial interference," he said.

The Texas Supreme Court three times has struck down school funding laws.

The judges have given lawmakers until June 1 to even out funding available to school districts of differing property wealth, or face an order cutting off state education aid. The legislative session ends May 31.

Voters on May 1 rejected a Richards-endorsed legislative plan that would have shifted about \$400 million in local property tax money from wealthier to poorer school districts.

Despite extensive campaigning by the governor, that so-called "Robin

Hood" plan was defeated by nearly a 2-to-1 margin.

Richards called on citizens Thursday to "encourage your legislators to work toward a solution and tell them you support them when they do."

The Legislature, Richards said, "wants to do the right thing. They need to hear from you that you will support them in finding a solution."

State aid pays for about 40 percent of education costs in the state's \$15 billion a year system.

If lawmakers fail to act by June 1 and state aid is shut off, Richards said, schools would begin closing as their local funds run out. Only a handful of the wealthiest districts, which get no state money, could continue operating, she said.

"What the people of Texas want is reform of the school system, the bureaucracy cut, the administrative waste eliminated and education really put No. 1 for the state," he said.

"They want a total package of reforms. They want somebody who's looking long-term, solving the problem and getting us out of the courts. There wasn't even a claim tonight that this (latest proposal) is going to get us out of the court," Meyer said.

Democrat-backed tax increase slams top earners

By JIM LUTHER
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the typical family of four will pay about \$400 a year more under a Democratic tax bill, upper-income Americans can expect to fork over at least five or six times that in the name of deficit reduction.

"We are getting a fairer tax system," Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., boasted after his House Ways and Means Committee approved the major tax increase on a party-line, 24-14 vote Thursday.

The tax increase, very close to what President Clinton recommended, would provide about \$246 billion to reduce the deficit over five years. But it also would reverse Reagan-era tax policies that Democrats insist were overly gener-

ous to the wealthiest families and individuals.

Clinton pronounced himself "immensely pleased," called it a red-letter day and said the committee's changes improved the bill.

But will voters accept it?

"I think the American people want us finally to step up to the bar and reduce this national deficit and get it down eventually to zero and get some economic growth going," Clinton said. "We're finally beginning to face our problems in a mature way, and I'm encouraged."

"It's an unpopular bill that's certain to pass," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. That is likely May 27, but the bill is expected to have considerably more problems in the Senate next month.

Republicans offered seven amend-

ments in the committee's closed-door session just before the bill was approved, and each was rejected by the Democrats. Republicans insist the only effective way to cut the deficit is to cut spending.

The bill's only significant bite on most people making less than about \$115,000 a year in taxable income would be a broad new tax on most forms of energy. That would raise the price of gasoline by about 8 cents a gallon and add \$2.25 a month or so to a typical home electric bill.

The Treasury Department has estimated that would cost the typical middle-income family in the neighborhood of \$400 a year. For low-income families, part of the tax would be offset by an expanded earned-income credit and increased federal help to pay fuel bills.

Social Security recipients who now pay some tax on their retirement or disability benefits — about one of every four — would see more of them taxed. The 50 percent maximum taxable portion would be raised to 85 percent, affecting only single people with incomes over \$25,000 and couples over \$32,000. The average tax increase would be about \$500.

Upper-income people would pay the energy tax, perhaps the Social Security tax and a lot more. In fact, more than \$150 billion of the \$246 billion tax increase would come from those with taxable incomes over about \$115,000 a year.

Deloitte & Touche accountants estimated a four-member family with typical exemptions and adjusted gross income of \$200,000 would pay \$2,126 more under the bill —

not including the energy tax. A \$250,000 family would pay \$5,614 more. At the \$1 million income level, the tax increase would exceed \$75,000 a year.

The biggest blow would come from raising the maximum 31 percent tax rate to 36 percent, generally affecting single people with taxable incomes — after subtracting deductions and exemptions — over \$115,000 and couples above \$140,000. Taxable incomes over \$250,000 would be hit with a 10 percent surtax, amounting to an even higher top rate of 39.6 percent.

People with wages over \$135,000 would find all their earnings subject for the first time to the 1.45 percent Medicare tax. The top estate tax rates would be raised and the deductible portion of business meals

and entertainment would be cut from 80 percent to 50 percent, costing business people at all income levels.

The bill would raise the 34 percent maximum corporate tax rate to 35 percent on taxable income above \$10 million. Corporations would be allowed a permanent tax credit for increased research spending.

The committee junked the special credit Clinton had proposed to encourage business purchases of equipment. But small businesses would get to write off up to \$25,000 worth of machinery in the year of purchase, compared with \$10,000 under present law.

Farmers won a partial exemption from the energy tax for diesel used on the farm. But they lost an exemption granted earlier for methanol and ethanol fuels they produce.

Police storm school to oust student involved in gun battle

By EDUARDO MONTES
Associated Press Writer

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Riot police have stormed an agriculture college to retake it from students who opened fire on a rival faction demonstrating against the school's administration.

Eighteen people were wounded Thursday during clashes between the students and more than 100 people were arrested, including the school's director and several teachers.

The Chihuahua state governor's office ordered the crackdown to end the 90-minute takeover by more than 200 students of the Hermanos Escobar Agricultural College's administration building in Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas.

Most of the occupiers surrendered when some 300 riot police armed with batons and tear gas stormed the building. Some escaped in the confusion, said State Judicial Police spokesman Eduardo Romero.

"What we were trying to do is put

an end to the conflict," said Romero.

The clash began when a group of dissident students demanding the ouster of several school officials approached the college wielding rocks.

Pro-administration students who had seized the building around 5:30 p.m. MDT Thursday opened fire on the approaching group, striking several students. A few shots were fired from among the dissident group, Romero said.

"We ran. I was scared, who wouldn't be," said Luis Antonio Castillo, a member of the dissident faction who suffered a head injury after being hit in the head with a rock.

The dissidents, who had torched 16 cars and two buses in the school parking lot, dispersed but later gathered across the street from the college.

They remained long after police had ended the standoff.

The school administration building was "a total loss," with its interior wrecked, Romero said. Smashed furniture could be seen

through the two-story building's main doors and most of the front windows were broken.

Police seized several weapons, including clubs and several Molotov cocktails inside, Romero said. No guns were recovered, but they were probably hidden by the students, he said.

Police were expected to remain in control of the building for the next few days.

Those arrested, including school director Marcos Lopez, were being questioned Thursday night at the state prison, though no formal charges had been filed.

Meantime, the injured were being treated in several area hospitals.

Fifteen were taken to Juarez' General Hospital, where at least two were listed in "delicate" condition. Their wounds were not life threatening, said Dr. Laura Ortiz.

Conditions on the other victims were not immediately available. A list of names was also not immediately available.

Another victim, Fabian Perez Holguin, was admitted to University Clinic with a gunshot wound

to the abdomen, police said. Two others were admitted to Social Security Clinic No. 35. Their conditions were not immediately available.

One of the dissident group's leaders, Miguel Angel Garcon, said the violence could have been avoided.

The dissident students had been protesting for months that the school was more interested in creating bureaucrats than in education and

had called for the removal of several officials.

The dispute had sparked several earlier demonstrations by dissidents, including the takeover of an agriculture department building earlier this year and the seizure of toll booths at an international bridge on Wednesday.

But it was all to no avail and the dissidents say they will continue to demonstrate until their demands are met.

"I'm dissatisfied with the Agriculture Department's response," said Garcon.

"They had been warned that it could reach this extreme," he said.

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Texas Editorials

Abilene Reporter-News on drug grants:

Texas could lose millions of dollars in drug treatment and prevention funds if the Legislature does not put some teeth in enforcing a law prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors.

The funds at stake are vital in helping people deal with drug and alcohol dependency. Texas currently gets almost \$70 million in a block grant. That would be reduced by almost \$7 million next year and up to \$28 million in four years unless the Legislature acts.

Now what the Legislature is being asked to do is enforce a law already on the books. It is a crime to sell cigarettes or other tobacco products to minors.

The problem is, the law is rarely enforced. But a new federal statute requires states to take measures to see that it is enforced, such as unannounced inspections. ...

It's another example of federal funds coming with strings attached. But in this case, the funds are vital and the strings do not seem unreasonable. We ought to be trying to discourage cigarette use among children.

El Paso Herald-Post on cracking down on political lobbyists:

Congress appears to be willing, at last, to drag lobbyists out into the light — by making them register and disclose their business. The legislators may even go so far as to require disclosures of gifts to them personally and to their staffs.

Lobbyists, we hasten to concede, are not intrinsically shady. The right to petition the government is fundamental. ...

But it has long been agreed that legitimate lobbying should be above board. The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1993 — passed 95-2 by the Senate Thursday and now on its way to the House — would consolidate older, weaker laws and close giant loopholes in the definitions of who is a lobbyist and what must be divulged. ...

In a last-minute fit of puritanism, the Senate even passed an amendment requiring disclosure of gifts (read meals and travel) to themselves or their staffs of more than \$20 per occasion or \$50 per year.

Hallelujah. The House should promptly follow suit. This unaccustomed mood of self-sacrifice can't last.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Olympic bonuses:

Any lingering misperceptions that the Olympic Games any longer embody the timeless values of amateur competition for its own sake can now be pushed into the dustbin of naive idealism.

When the U.S. Olympic Committee meets next month in Salt Lake City, high on the agenda will be a vote to authorize cash bonuses for medal winners: \$15,000 for gold, \$10,000 for silver and \$7,500 for bronze. ...

Alas, the classical tradition of amateur sport faded from the Olympic scene long ago, so the announcement of its further perversion signals only a matter of degree. ...

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Bill's fairness bill

It is fun to reflect on the title of the bill Congress is about to pass, now called the Cesar Chavez Workplace Fairness Bill. Its earlier incarnation was as the Striker Replacement Bill. The spin types thought that wasn't as good as it might be, so the second time around it came in as the Workplace Fairness Bill. This time they have attached the name of a recently deceased hero of the labor union movement.

What the bill says is that if there is a strike, employers are forbidden to hire alternate workers on a permanent basis. That is to say, when the strike is settled, the striking workers are to have the right to eject the workers who took their place during the strike.

A brief history of the movement takes us back to 1938 when organized labor under Franklin Roosevelt attempted to bar companies from the right to hire permanent replacements, and the case went to the Supreme Court. The court made an interesting distinction: If the objection of the strikers is to force employers to recognize their rights under the various labor codes, then when the strike ended, those strikers had to be re-employed. But if the strike was over some other question — compensation, say — then the employers had a right to go out to the market and attempt to attract substitute workers by offering permanent positions.

Organized labor, which went heavily for Bill Clinton in November, quite brazenly put this at the top of the list of favors expected from a new administration, and Clinton is paying off. Both the House and the Senate will by substantial majorities vote in favor of the Cesar Chavez bill, but it is not absolutely certain that the Senate majority will be substantial enough to override a filibuster of the kind so deftly organized by Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas to stop the pork barrel bill of a couple of weeks ago.



William F. Buckley Jr.

And arguments are being raised that thoughtful commentators find cogent. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, also of Kansas, who is a moderate and a woman of enormous sense and sensibility, made her point plainly when she said that "there is little incentive for labor to make demands that are reasonable and reflect market realities" when there is no believable threat to their jobs.

The idea of collective bargaining is that both sides should stand to risk something substantial. If the managers of the Minnie Mouststrap Co. are doing very nicely and refusing to share the company's good fortune with its workers, a strike is called. The company stands to lose business during its comatose state. And, years ago, workers stood to lose their income.

Gradually the plights of the striking worker was ameliorated. For many years, secondary strikers could be called in to penalize the Minnie Mouststrap Co., and to punish any company that continued to sell materials to Minnie. This right was diminished by the Taft-Hartley Act, but unemployment benefits were authorized in many states, and these were not taxed.

Some years ago Professor Martin-Feldstein calculated that a striker in Massachusetts stood to lose only 10 percent of his income if he struck against

his employer. Given that in exchange for that 10 percent the worker got the whole week off and didn't have to spend commuting money to go to work, it was not a bad deal. As between striking and working, the marginal incentive was not marked.

The AFL-CIO has been especially incensed over the bitter quarrel last year with Caterpillar Inc. It finally prevailed in a bitter strike in which the forces involved engaged not in conciliation but in polarization, but only because management finally threw up its hands in despair of a compromise and began to offer jobs to other workers.

It is a widely-unnoticed factor in much labor agitation that the true victim is the poorest worker. Thus the minimum-wage law is quite simply that, an attempt to discriminate against the most disadvantaged worker, who is generally youthful, unskilled or a recent immigrant.

When the first of these minimum-wage laws was passed at an effective economic level — i.e., at one that made the price of labor rise to proportions that threatened solvency — the market retaliated by automating. The elevator operator disappeared, and the self-operated elevator was introduced. Similarly, what the current bill would do is militate against men and women who do not have jobs and are looking for opportunities and are willing to settle for less compensation.

And all of this is a critical moment in which business recovery hangs in the balance — a recovery that would mean more jobs, more exports, more revenues.

One hopes for a successful filibuster. If so, no doubt the bill will be reintroduced under the next Democratic president, perhaps as the Cesar Chavez Workplace Civil Rights Fairness Bill.

Today in history

Today is Friday, May 14, the 134th day of 1993. There are 231 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 14, 1948, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv as British rule in Palestine came to an end. The United States immediately recognized the new Jewish state.

On this date:

In 1787, delegates began gathering in Philadelphia for a convention to draw up the U.S. Constitution.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory left St. Louis.

In 1904, the first Olympic games to be held in the United States opened in St. Louis.

In 1942, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps was established.

In 1955, representatives from eight Communist bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, signed the Warsaw Pact in Poland.

In 1973, the United States launched "Skylab One," its first manned space station.



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Mr. Lincoln's otherwise eloquent Gettysburg Address was written before IQ tests were invented. We didn't know any better.

Now we know that the IQ of humans ranges from 0 to 200 — we are that far from equal.

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Not all of us, whatever our training, could jump as high as Michael Jordan or sing like Marian Anderson. Leonard Bernstein said, "A voice like hers comes along once in a hundred years."

Look at the members of our own family. Heredity and environment have been similar, if not identical, yet some individuals within the same family are better able to solve problems.

Mr. Lincoln, in fact, was a perfect example of the fallacy of his own statement.

Actually, he'd lifted that line from our Declaration of Independence, but he'd lifted it out of context. That phrase goes on to specify "equal rights."



Paul Harvey

Why is it necessary to explode that trite old equality theory? Because it is false — and any society predicated on false premise is doomed.

While we deify common men, competitor nations are encouraging and rewarding the uncommon ones.

Let's slice through the hypocrisy: We recognize the importance of patient, tedious, year-after-year, generation-after-generation "breeding" to bring out the best in our race horses, our beef and dairy herds — even our pet dogs.

Are we to treat the human race with such

indifference as to consider all equal?

The Pope and Billy Graham will insist that we are all equal in the sight of God, yet each of these men is a spectacular example of how unequal we are in the eyes of men.

The poor, the Bible says, we will always have with us. Some will always need to be cared for by others. But weakness and dependency must never be our objective. We must, as our hard-handed granddaddies did, encourage a spirit of independence — even though some will always fall short of that goal.

What each of us can be is the best that each of us can be.

It was Americans, seeking to out-reach one another for a place in the sun, that caused all to grow tall. The day we traded that philosophy for "standardized equality" was the day our schools started flunking their finals.

The strength of our Republic was never in the "equality" of its citizens, but in the fearless pursuit of truth by the minds of men and women left free to be unequal!

The uncompromising issues

WASHINGTON — So far, all Congress has done on the question of homosexuals in the military is talk about it — and that's been enough to start the shouting. It is a dispute certain to escalate, with President Clinton's deadline for an order rescinding the ban on gays two months away.

So, too, is the congressional struggle over his effort to end restrictions on the use of federal funds for abortions.

Difficult, divisive and often intensely personal, the social issues are the kind most resistant to compromise, the congressional way out with no hard feelings. These are the questions that guarantee hard feelings.

Clinton is confronting two at the same time as he seeks to deliver on his campaign promises to end the 48-year ban on military service by homosexuals, and to rescind the law against federal spending on abortions for needy women receiving government medical assistance.

The abortion dispute is complicating Clinton's budget program, and could put an extra burden on his coming health care proposal, which presumably will offer coverage for abortions. "I don't want to do anything that would upset the present pattern of health care coverage, that's for sure," he said.

The first votes on abortion spending will come up later this spring as the House begins acting on the appropriations bills that will implement the budget. There's some doubt among top Democrats that they will have the votes to rescind the spending restriction in the House.

Abortion is an issue Congress has been debating

for two decades, with no settlement in view. While there are shadings of opinion among both advocates and opponents of abortion rights, when it comes to a vote the argument is among absolutists.

While the debate over gays in the military is new to the legislative agenda, the lines are as sharply drawn, and compromise as elusive.

To advocates of repeal, the terms that have been advanced as a possible settlement — letting homosexuals serve so long as they didn't declare their sexual preference — is no compromise. Gay activists protested when Clinton agreed to essentially that formula temporarily, for the six months he gave the Pentagon to prepare an executive order.

The talk of making that the permanent arrangement has been among opponents of eliminating the ban, not between the two sides. Still, Congress has the power to keep the ban in place, so advocates of the policy that Sen. Sam Nunn has described as "don't ask, don't tell" could vote it into effect.

Clinton settled for that holding action, pending congressional hearings and the Pentagon study, rather than risk being overruled on an immediate order to rescind the ban.

It is a high-tension issue; even witness lists and

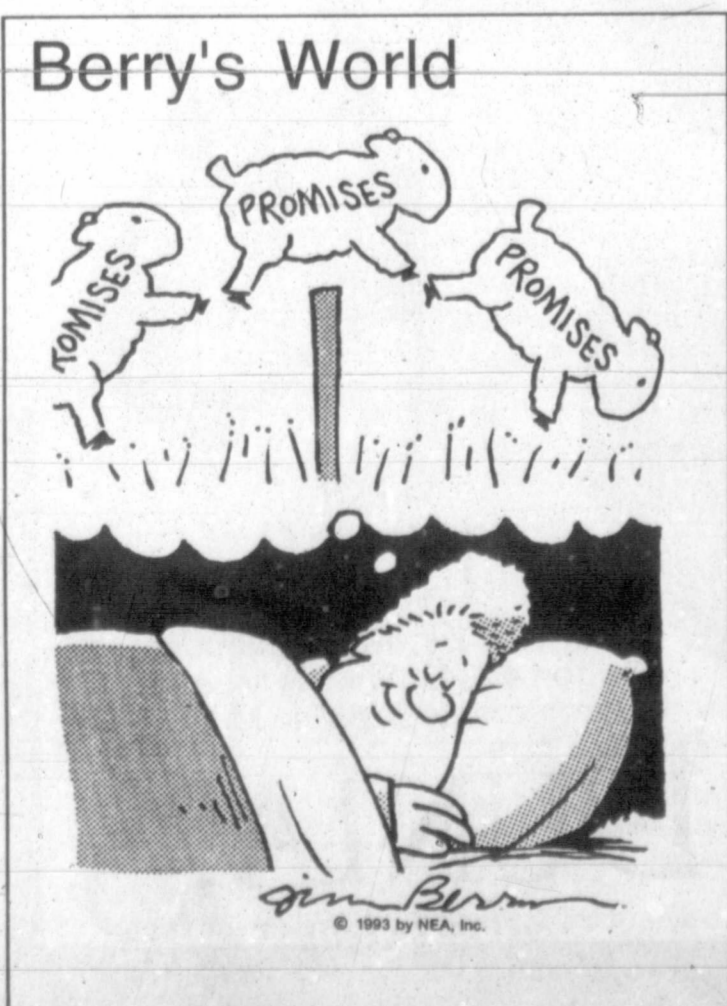
procedures have stirred angry disputes in both the Senate and House Armed Services committees. Those same, divided panels will have to deal with legislation on the issue. Nunn, D-Ga., the Senate chairman, opposes outright repeal of the ban. Rep. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., the House chairman, wants it lifted as the mark of "a mature, intelligent, egalitarian society."

That broader social point adds to the political strain. The change Clinton seeks is not, after all, a politically popular cause. The president has said so himself. He also said it is right.

"We are not arguing any kind of conduct, but about whether people can acknowledge ... being a homosexual," he said Monday in Cleveland. "It is not asking the American people to approve a lifestyle, to embrace it, to elevate it, anything else."

At House hearings on May 4, Republican Rep. Floyd D. Spence of South Carolina argued that gay activists are using the issue to promote their agenda. "Whether or not individual homosexuals want nothing more than to serve with honor, homosexual activism will demand more," Spence said, "turning the military into a legal, social and cultural battleground for years to come."

Clinton said the interim policy in which recruits no longer are questioned about homosexuality solves most of the problem. Perhaps it does, but the next step will be more difficult, and he is committed to take it so that declared homosexuals can serve in the military.



Vast detective story rises from cult compound ashes

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG
AP National Writer

FORT WORTH (AP) — He has tried ventilation, and he has tried deodorant, but Dr. Nizam Peerwani cannot rid his office of the smell of death.

The odor, putrid even beneath a sweet citrus mask, is a reminder of the work before him. As chief Tarrant County medical examiner, Peerwani is overseeing autopsies on the bodies removed from the ashes of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco.

The investigation into the cult's final days — and the crimes its members allegedly committed — has shifted from the moonscape of the Davidians' ruined compound near Waco to the cool sterility of Peerwani's morgue in a modern, boxy building just south of downtown Fort Worth.

Soon it will shift again, this time to the FBI laboratory in Washington. A separate arson investigation is being conducted in another, undisclosed lab.

In these laboratories, dozens, if not hundreds, of scientists and investigators are working together on a vast and intricate detective story.

With scalpels and dental tools, computers and gas chromatographs, videotapes and DNA tests, they are conducting one of the largest and most sophisticated criminal investigations ever.

The goal might seem hopeless — to reconstruct, from a heap of ash and rubble, crucial elements of the cult's 51-day standoff and its fiery conclusion. And many people believe they will fail.

"Even before the fire, this was going to be a forensics nightmare," observed Dick DeGuerin, a Houston attorney whose client, cult leader David Koresh, died during or just before the April 19 fire.

"But now, with everything burned to the ground, it's a nightmare times 10. I mean, you had two, three and sometimes four floors collapsing on each other. How are you going to determine what was there?"

Still, the investigators — pathologists and anthropologists, dentists and chemists, among others — are already making remarkable progress. They are quickly learning the crude outlines of what, and who, was where. From that, they hope to eventually learn what happened, and how.

"I'd say it's a challenging task, certainly," said John Hicks, assistant director of the FBI's Laboratory Division. Still, he added, "I'd say we'll be able to answer a lot of questions."

Some will never be answered. Particularly when it comes to evidence implicating the surviving

Davidians in the Feb. 28 shootout that began the siege, the government's task is something akin to searching for needles in the open prairie.

In fact, it may be worse than that, considering that the needles in this case are bullets, and the government has filled five-gallon paint cans with 1 million of them. Now, the task is to find out which ones were fired, by which guns, held by whom, when and where.

"I don't think any agency has the manpower to study all that, to be frank with you," Peerwani said. Even Hicks, whose FBI lab seemingly accomplished the impossible in the World Trade Center bombing case, conceded that the odds were daunting.

The investigators set out to answer these questions:

— Who shot and killed four agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, as well as five members of the Branch Davidians, on Feb. 28? This appears entirely unresolved.

— Did the Branch Davidians have illegal weapons? The ATF says yes.

— Who set the fire that destroyed the cult's commune on April 19? An independent fire investigator says the cultists did; surviving cultists say the government did.

— What caused the deaths of the cult members inside: fire or firearms? Apparently both.

— Exactly who died? The autopsies are determining this.

Lawyers for the surviving cultists dispute some of the government's preliminary conclusions, particularly the arson charge. But only the government has access to the site, so it has been able to marshal the greater weight of evidence, at least for now.

Dick Kettler, a lawyer who represents survivor Renos Avraam, said he hoped the autopsies would be helpful to his case. But he conceded that he was in no position to evaluate the government's evidence yet.

The information developed by investigators in the past several weeks paints a slightly different picture of the Davidians' final hours from that sketched by the FBI immediately after the fire.

The fire broke out shortly after noon, and, with stunning speed and ferocity, consumed the rickety compound. For several hours before, the FBI had been punching holes in the compound walls with a tank outfitted with a battering ram, and pumping tear gas inside.

In the confusion afterwards, it was assumed that Koresh had taken shelter in the cult's bunker, or perhaps in his bedroom, and that the 17 children in the compound were in their second-floor quarters. That scenario became all the more horrifying when survivors said the FBI's



(AP Photo)

An unidentified official stands on some of the compound rubble near Waco Thursday.

armored vehicle had collapsed a stairway, stranding those on the second floor.

At a news conference shortly after the fire, FBI spokesman Bob Ricks said Koresh "indicated that the children had been secured in the bunkers," but that this had been "one final lie on David's part."

As it turned out, it was no lie: Most of the children were found huddled in the concrete bunker, enveloped in the protective embraces of their mothers.

Both the FBI and Attorney General Janet Reno said they had counted on the mothers' protective instincts to lead the children to safety.

The instincts apparently were there. They just didn't make any difference.

Koresh, meanwhile, was not in the bunker or in his bedroom. Peerwani's team found him in the compound's communications room, from which the cult's leaders had conducted telephone negotiations with the FBI. The bodies of his top lieutenants, Steven Schneider and Douglas Wayne Martin, were found near Koresh.

It isn't clear what the three were doing, and it may never be known. One possibility is that they were trying to repair their telephone, which Schneider had thrown out the front door in anger earlier in the morning. Later, a cultist was seen dashing out to retrieve it.

The government has branded Koresh a liar, and he certainly appears to have broken his word several times during negotiations with the FBI. But the government may have been wrong when it accused him of exaggerating the number of people in the compound. The most recent estimates are that the death toll from the fire was about 86, which corresponds to Koresh's figures.

how far a bullet traveled before hitting someone.

To the experts, the bodies — some with the delicate consistency of dried leaves — offer a wealth of information.

From a skeleton, anthropologists can determine a person's gender, race and approximate age. With X-rays culled from doctors all over the world, they have been able to match the skeletons with pre-death profiles of cult members. Dentists have been doing the same.

If there is any soft tissue remaining on the body — and there is in many cases — pathologists can test it for the presence of drugs, alcohol and poison. They can also test for toxic gases, such as carbon monoxide, that would be present in a fire.

A high level of carbon monoxide would point to smoke inhalation as the cause of death. A low level would indicate that the person died before inhaling much smoke.

The toughest challenge facing Peerwani and his staff is identifying the remains of the children, many of whom had never had an X-ray.

"We are using the time-honored technique of sorting them out based on what they were wearing," Peerwani said. "Some of the clothing is discernible, and some of the shoes are discernible. Some of them are wearing their personal jewelry items. We recovered one child still

holding a baby bottle, and it had the baby's name on it."

Photographs of these personal effects are being catalogued in a computer database. At the same time, technicians are poring over a videotape the Davidians had made of the children, capturing freeze-frame images of each child and creating a computer database of those.

When the two catalogs are done, the investigators will try to match them.

"But," Peerwani warned, "that's still a presumptive identification. ... The question may be that, since they were living as a commune, what guarantee is there that the clothes were not interchanged, the shoes were not interchanged, and things like that?"

"And of course we don't have that guarantee. Nobody can give us that guarantee. The parents who clothed them that morning are obviously dead. ... So we may have to go to DNA."

DNA testing is complicated, time-consuming and expensive. But it will tell conclusively who the children's parents were. Then, with anthropologists assessing the approximate age of each child, each identity should fall into place.

"So, it's an exciting, brave new world we're living in, isn't it?" Peerwani asked. Leaning back in his blue jumpsuit and green suede moccasins, he smiled as broadly as a man can smile in the face of death.

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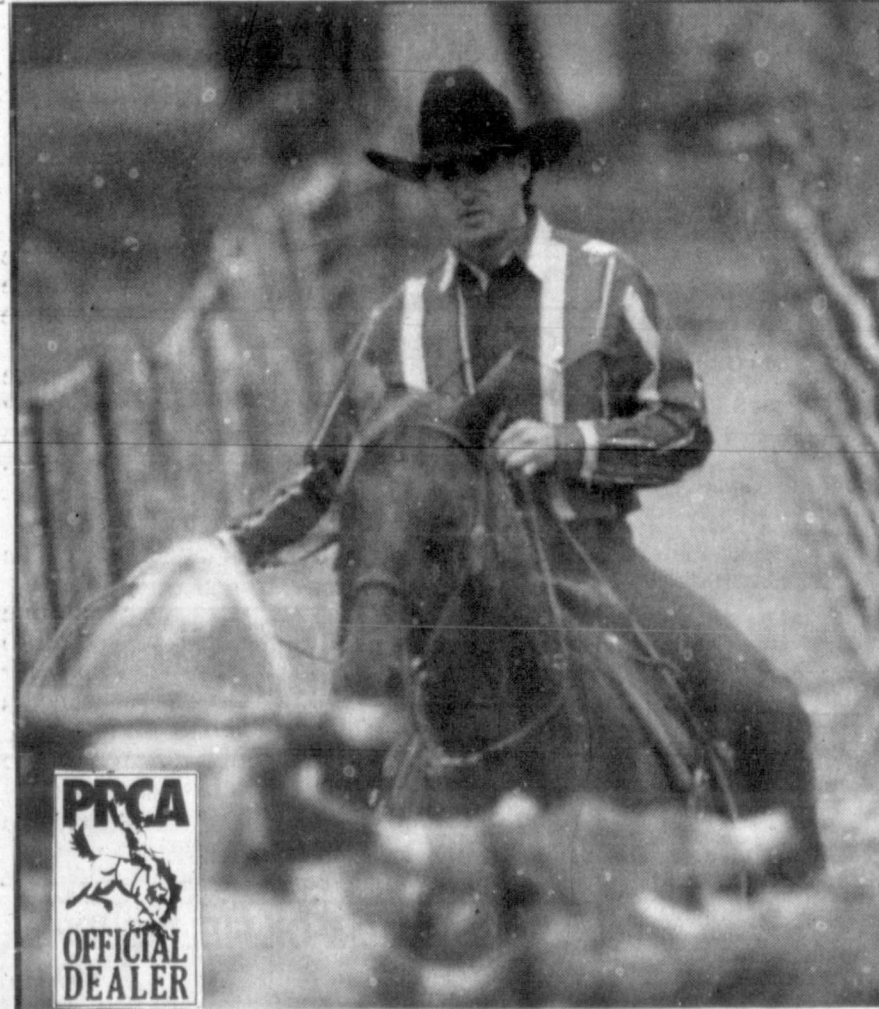
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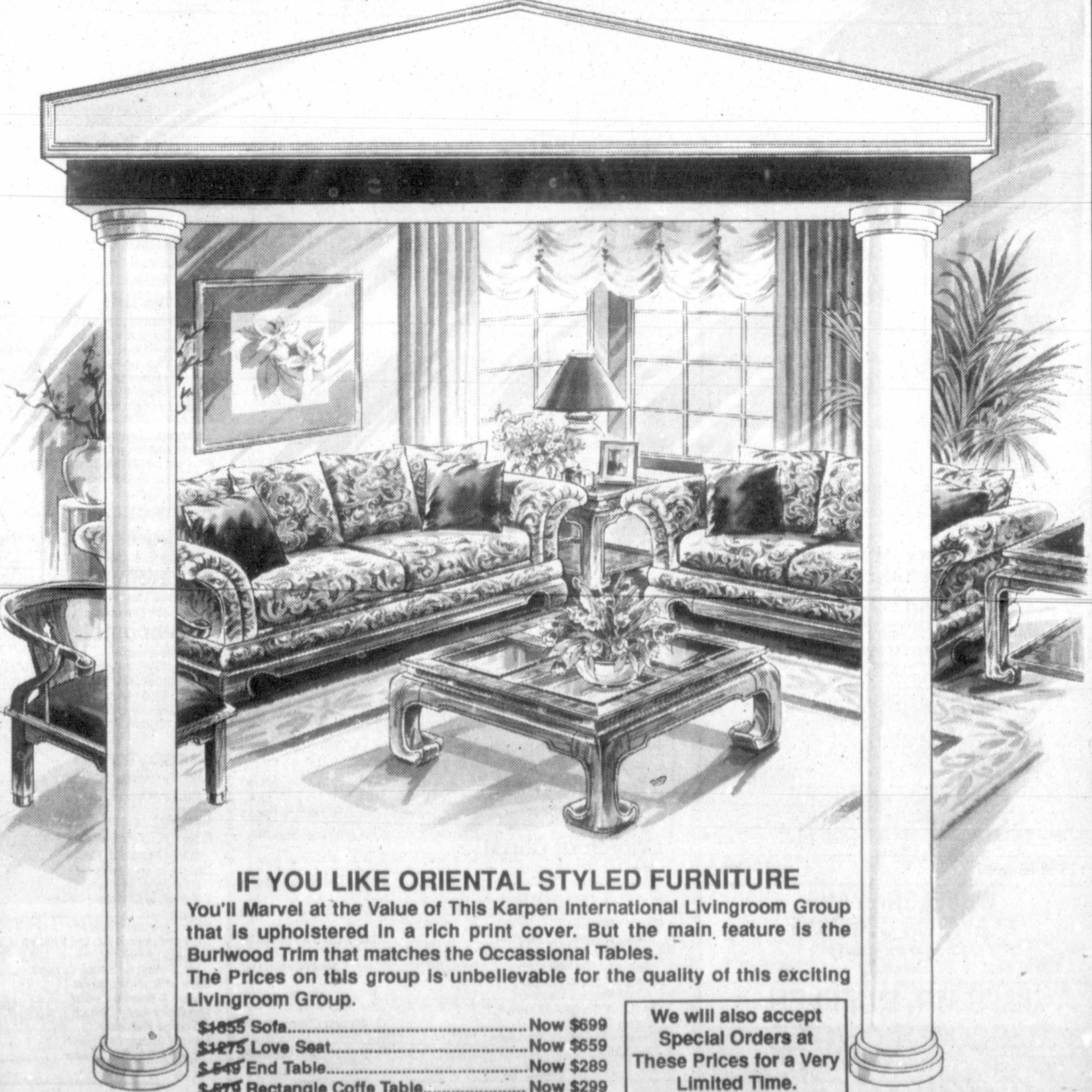
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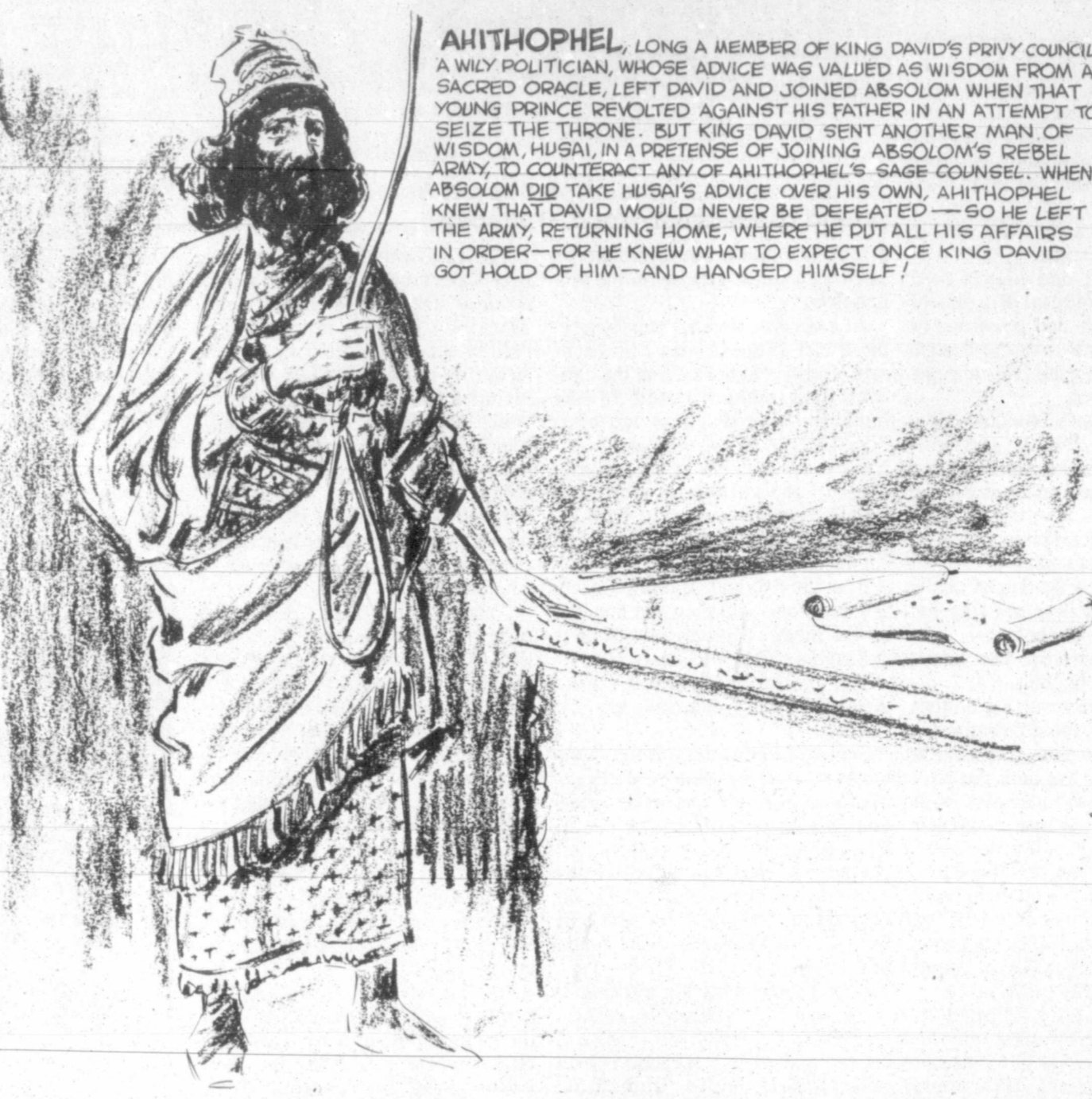
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Religion

Embry to celebrate Eucharist

The Rev. F. Alvin Embry of Amarillo is scheduled to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, during regular church services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. A covered dish luncheon will follow the 10:30 a.m. service.

Embry, who is Director of Pastoral Care at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, is service as a supply priest until a new rector is found.

He was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio in 1975. He was ordained deacon in the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church in 1966 and elder in the North Indiana

Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1971. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1963, majoring in English, from Georgia State University; a bachelor of divinity in 1966, majoring in pastoral care and counseling and a master of theology in 1967, majoring in pastoral psychology, both from The Divinity School of Duke University; he entered doctoral studies, majoring in counselor education at the Graduate School of Education, University of Cincinnati.

Embry has served in counseling and pastoral care in Star City and LaPort, Ind.; Beckley, W. Va.; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Houston, Dallas and Sugar Land. He is member of the College of Chaplains, the

American Hospital Association; a Diplomat, College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy; a certified supervisor, Association for Clinical Pastoral education, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the state of Texas; and has clock hours toward certification as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor. He is serving on a committee on cancer, ethics and the AIDS task force and is involved in other community and civic boards, task forces and committees in Amarillo and the Panhandle as well as in the Diocese of Northwest Texas.

St. Matthew's has Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and morning prayer at 10 a.m. Wednesdays.



(AP Photo)

Pope John Paul II, center, walks on a platform accompanied by Agrigento's bishop Carmelo Ferraro in the Valley of the Temples near Agrigento, Sicily, on his way to greet the crowd. The pope lashed out at Mafia bosses, warning they face the wrath of God unless they forsake their evil ways. In the background at right is the ruins of the Temple of Juno.

Pope John Paul II rages at Mafia

By FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press Writer

AGRIGENTO, Sicily (AP) — This bastion of Mafia rule, in the shadow of ancient temples dedicated to harmony, inspired the pope to give his most vehement denunciation of the Mafia.

John Paul II, speaking Sunday evening at an outdoor Mass, said the mobsters must repent their murderous ways.

"God once said, 'Don't kill,'" the pope told worshippers beneath a hilltop cluster of 5th century Doric temples. "The Mafia can't change and trample on this most sacred law of God!"

"One day the judgment of God will come," he said.

John Paul is the first pope to openly denounce the Mafia by name. Up to a few years ago, many

Italians denied that the drug-trafficking crime syndicate even existed, let alone said the word "Mafia" publicly.

For his latest bold words, the pope chose Agrigento, whose Mafia bosses are considered second in power only to the Palermo families and the Corleone mobsters.

Earlier Sunday, thousands of townspeople cheered when the pontiff paid homage to slain anti-Mafia figures.

From apartment balconies, yellow banners bearing the Vatican seal flapped in a warm breeze.

Local church officials said the pope met privately with the parents of Judge Rosario Livatino, who was gunned down on a highway outside Agrigento in 1990. The Mafia allegedly ordered Livatino's execution.

The killings of two other anti-

Mafia magistrates, Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, in the past year fueled anger against the Mafia across Sicily.

That there is a growing number of "pentiti," or Mafia turncoats who collaborate with prosecutors, has buoyed hopes that the Mafia's century-old roots in the island may finally be eradicated.

During the late afternoon outdoor Mass in the Valley of Temples, the pope said Sicilians must be more vocal in censuring the Mafia.

He demanded "clear reproof of the culture of the Mafia."

Agrigento and surrounding area has seen some of Italy's bloodiest mafia attacks. The most notorious was the 1986 attack on a cafe in Porto Empedocle, Agrigento's access to the Mediterranean, when Mafia soldiers killed six people.



Farron Oliver

Oliver featured evangelist for revival services

Revival services at The Carpenter's Church, 639 S. Barnes, are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and continue through Friday. Evangelist Farron L. Oliver of Ada, Okla. is the featured speaker.

Oliver is an evangelist with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. For the past 14 years he has served as a full time evangelist preaching revivals, camp meetings and ministers' conferences.

The public is invited to the special services.

First Assembly to host Harvesters

The Harvesters, an ensemble from the Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachie, will be ministering in song at 7 p.m. Wednesday at First Assembly of God in Pampa. The church is located at 500 S. Cuyler.

The Harvesters will present a balanced concert in styles musically, educationally and spiritually representative of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, according to information from the church. The service will emphasize evangelistic appeal with musicians participating in counseling and prayer in behalf of those seeking salvation.

Free literature about the college, as well as albums and tapes of the choir will be available at a nominal fee at the concert.

For more information call First Assembly of God Church at 665-5941 or 665-4511.

Bar-b-que dinner set for Saturday

St. Mark's CME Methodist Church is serving bar-b-que dinners starting at 11 a.m. until sold out, Saturday. A donation is accepted. Dinners may be picked up at the church at 400 Elm or may be delivered by calling 669-6743.

National Day of Prayer breakfast offers speech by prison chaplain

Chaplain Dave Schlewitz spoke to those attending the Community Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Pampa Ministerial Alliance on May 6. The prayer breakfast was in honor of the National Day of Prayer.

Schlewitz is chaplain at the Rufe Jordan Unit. Excerpted are some of his remarks before the gathering.

"Will you pray for me? ... My name is ... America. I need your prayers today. This is National Day of Prayer and I ask you to pray for me as never before! From coast to coast there is moral decay, spiritual decline, economic downturns (at least no one agrees whether we are going up or down — sure doesn't build your confidence in the economy does it?)

Will you pray for me? My name is America. I am a nation that has lost its spiritual and moral foundations. My families are suffering from a high national divorce rate, which reaches one family in three — this affects millions of children. Many of these children grow up without a dad or mom altogether. My lane is a sexually permissive society, which allows pornography to insinuate itself into the fabric of our daily life.

Crime grows at a fast rate in my land — at least one in four Americans have been the victim of a serious crime this year. Soon there will be almost 60,000 inmates in Texas alone. In the last 10 years prison

populations have more than doubled in America. Do you realize who we are talking about? We are talking about some of the best families on the face of the earth who have been the victims of brutal robbery, violent murder and rape, aggravated assaults, drive by shootings, arson and other types of crime. We are also talking about strong and healthy men and women who have been sold a false bill of goods. These people — our neighbors — have declared by their actions that neither God nor society had any right to tell them to control their desires and urges. Please pray for them.

In my land abortion is so common ... Some of my leaders are blinded to the fact that this is a great evil in our land. The blood of millions of unborn children cry out from the ground to the heart of God. The guilt and pain that many a parent carry from a rushed or mistaken decision does not let them sleep at night. My heart yearns for them also.

Will you pray for me? My name is America. In many of the streets of my largest cities the homeless wander. Many of them think that this is the BETTER life, whole others are caught in vicious circle of habitual self-abuse. In one of my cities, the "city of angels" hate ruled the day in a riot that claimed lives and property. It could happen again elsewhere ...

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."
—Anne Frank—



As a young girl, Anne Frank lived and died in the shadow of the Nazi holocaust. The journal she kept while in hiding with her family has been a source of hope and inspiration to countless millions.

Surrounded as they were by the bitterest of human circumstances, young Anne and her family kept their faith in God, in one another, and in all of God's creation.

She speaks to us today to remind us that life does, indeed, get hard, but God is with us even in the darkest of shadows.

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*From "Anne Frank The Diary of a Young Girl" (1952) March 7, 1944. Translated by

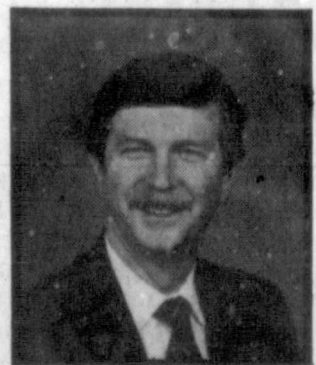
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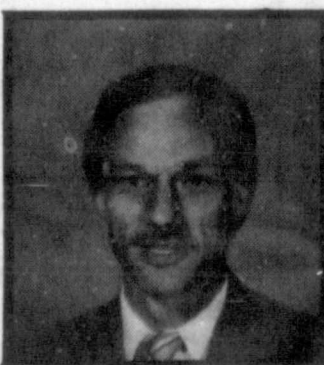


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Gunman holds hostage six nursery school children, teacher

NEUILLY-SUR-SEINE, France (AP) — A masked gunman threatened the lives of six children and their nursery school teacher as a hostage standoff entered a second day today. He demanded a huge ransom and declared he preferred death to capture.

In addition to 100 million francs (\$18.5 million), the man asked police to help arrange an escape that would make it impossible to track him later.

His 3- and 4-year-old hostages spent the night in sleeping bags in their classroom, watched by a captor who said in a note he was prepared to blow them up if his elaborate escape plans went awry.

Officials said at 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT), 24 hours into the ordeal, that the gunman had not slept. Police said he briefly broke down and cried, complaining of fatigue and hunger.

Fourteen other children were freed in stages during negotiations that began after the man entered the school at midmorning Thursday, carrying a gun and claiming he had a bomb. The drama transfixed the nation, and Premier Edouard Balladur joined in midnight strategy talks.

Authorities indicated the bomb might be a fake.

A government envoy, Marcel Leclerc, stressed today that authorities were intent on negotiating a



(AP Photo) **A father holds his child after the boy was released Thursday in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.**

the school, on a chic residential street in one of Paris' most affluent suburbs. Medical teams brought at least eight ambulances and set up a clinic in a courtyard.

A young woman identifying herself as sister of one of the hostages said he captor asked repeatedly for coffee during the night. She said a pediatrician had been allowed to examine the children and found no serious problems.

Authorities reportedly had put mild sedatives into the children's food or drink to help them sleep.

Police investigators said the gunman gave officers several printed statements, some by fax, containing detailed plans of the crime and a vow that he would "rather die than be taken alive."

"This is a hostage-taking. Avoid a tragedy," the man said in one note. He said he was prepared to blow up himself and his hostages if his planned escape in a getaway car, using children as a shield, was thwarted.

Authorities said man, described as heavyset and about 30, had demanded 100 million francs in small bills from the Bank of France.

Investigators said the man's statements indicated the hostage-taking had been carefully planned. They reportedly were signed "HB" — the same initials found on a tract claiming responsibility for a May 8 bombing in Neuilly that caused no injuries.

The May 8 tract demanded the resignation of President Francois Mitterrand and Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, and warned of a future attack. There was no clear political ideology expressed in the tract or in the captor's statements, police said.

Pasqua cancelled a planned trip to Corsica today in order to monitor the standoff. He also sent his personal ID card to the hostage-taker as proof that the man's statements had been shown to him.

Food, sleeping bags and plastic chamber pots were carried in to the classroom Thursday evening. By

midnight, the children reportedly were asleep, and at 4 a.m. (10 p.m. EDT Thursday), the gunman asked for a temporary halt to negotiations.

Talks resumed about 9:30 a.m., then were interrupted by the gunman again about 12:15 p.m., officials said.

As dusk fell Thursday, the hostage-taker summoned a television journalist and stressed that his sole motivation was to get the ransom.

The reporter, Jean-Pierre About, went without a camera crew. He described the hostage-taker as calm and determined, sitting in a chair on one side of the classroom while the teacher, Laurence Dreyfus, played with the children.

The 30-year-old teacher, praised repeatedly by officials for her poise and courage, was allowed by the gunman to leave the classroom during the night but chose to rejoin her

pupils to care for them, officials said.

Pasqua and Balladur conferred at the Interior Ministry at midnight with the chief negotiator, Nicolas Sarkozy, who is mayor of Neuilly and budget minister in the 6-week-old conservative government. Other negotiators included police officials and Pierre Nardoni, a parent of one of the freed children.

Anxious parents, some in tears, gathered at the complex of modern, three-story buildings housing nursery and primary schools.

"The hostage-taker was very well prepared," said Robert Tayar, uncle of a freed child, Anna Tayar. "He knew the layout of the school exactly. He's not crazy at all."

French media said it was the first hostage drama at a French school since 15 secondary school students were held captive by a gunman for six hours in 1984.

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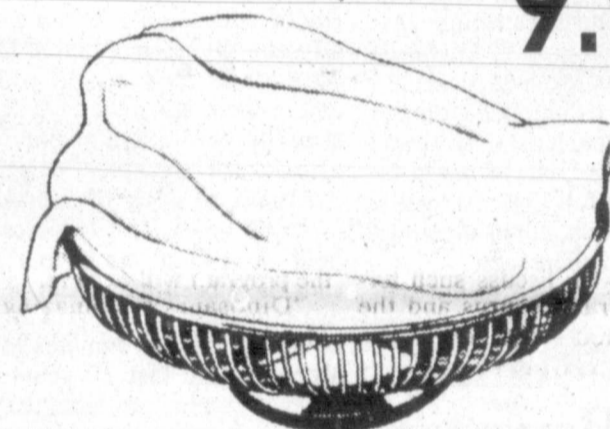
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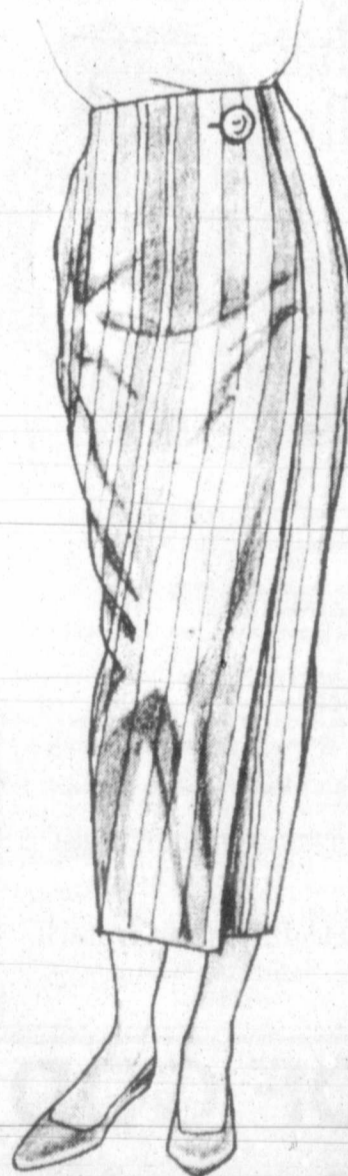
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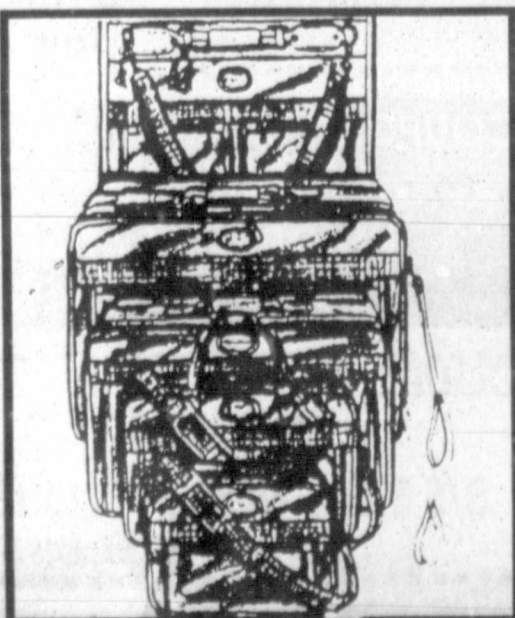
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Lifestyles

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DEAR ABBY: Something has been on my mind for several years. When I was 18, I was in love with "Jim," who was 19. We started having sex, so I went on a birth control pill because he was in no position to get married. Well, I did a terrible thing: I purposely stopped taking the pill without telling Jim, because I wanted to get pregnant so he would marry me.

I got pregnant right away and went through all the motions of acting "shocked." To make a long story short, he married me and we had a beautiful baby girl. Two years later we had a little boy. Abby, I know what I did was selfish and underhanded, but I don't regret it.

My problem is whether to tell Jim that I tricked him into marrying me. He is a very understanding man, and we have a fantastic marriage, but I don't know how he would react. I'm also afraid if I tell him, I will have to tell my family and his.

What is the right thing to do?
FEELING GUILTY

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: Since this has been on your



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

mind for several years, you may feel relieved if you were to tell him.

It's history now, and you say you have a fantastic marriage. True confession may be good for the soul, but it can be bad for the marriage. But why you think it's necessary to tell your family and his is a mystery to me.

DEAR ABBY: My wonderful mother had surgery three weeks ago and was diagnosed with cancer,

with a life expectancy of three to six months. This is the most devastating thing I've ever had to face. I hope you and/or your readers can answer some of these questions.

My co-workers are naturally interested and concerned, but they ask me daily, "How is your mother?" I appreciate their concern, but I really don't want to talk about my mother's health because it is progressively worse.

Almost everyone asks, "How old is she?" I finally got tired of answering that question, so I asked, "Why do you want to know?"

The reply, "I just wondered if she has had a full life." Abby, although my mother is in her mid-70s, she's too young to die. I wouldn't want to lose her if she were 100. How can I answer that question without being rude?

WEARY

DEAR WEARY: When asked a question you don't want to answer, simply say, "Thank you for your interest, but I'd rather not talk about it."

P.S. And thank you, "Weary," for suggesting that the "How-old-is-she (or he)" question should not be asked when the loved one is terminally ill. It's entirely irrelevant to most family members.

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't resist commenting on the letter in your recent column about whether a man could father children if he had only one testicle.

My husband had a shriveled testicle due to having had the mumps "go down on him" during his college years. But we had two children, a boy and a girl. I recall one time when he had consulted with a urologist, and the doctor asked him if he had children. He replied, "Yes, a son and a daughter." "Well," the doctor replied, "that blows the theory that perhaps one side produces males and the other females!"

MOTHER OF TWO,
CANYONVILLE, ORE.



Karen Wiseman and pieces from her "Crosses and Courtyards" exhibit at the Square House Museum.

(Special photo)

'Crosses and Courtyards' on display at Panhandle's Square House Museum

A pastel series entitled "Crosses and Courtyards" opened for exhibit on May 8 in the Purvines Gallery of the Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle. The exhibition will continue through July 4. The pastels and other paintings in graphite and oil, are the work of Karen Wiseman, currently featured in the museum's Regional Artist series.

This is Wiseman's first one-per-

son exhibition. Previously her work has been exhibited at the Amarillo Art Center in two juried shows and in the Best of Southwest-Spring 1993 juried show.

The "Crosses and Courtyards" series was begun in 1992 and primarily depicts adobe missions, both real and imaginary.

Wiseman, an Amarillo native, completed undergraduate work at West Texas State University in

1988 and began graduate work in 1992. She lives in Borger with her husband, Joe Kitchens and sons, Dallas and Colby John.

A reception for Wiseman is set for 3-4:30 p.m. May 23 at the museum.

The museum hours are 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday and 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

'The Dinosaur Disaster' at Discovery Center

The Discovery Center's new show, "The Dinosaur Disaster," will premier in the planetarium on May 29 and will run through September 6. This show will provide insight into the mysteries of dinosaurs. What were they like? When did they live? Why did they die?

Show times are: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. The Discovery Center is closed on Monday.

The show's author, Austin Guiles, says that "dinosaurs capture our imagination - excite the child-like part in us."

Dinosaurs have always been an extremely popular subject, especially among school age children.

"There are quite a few eight year-old dinosaur experts among us," continued Mr. Guiles, "Maybe you know one yourself."

The show will discuss such horrors as the tyrannosaurus and the heavily armored stegosaurus. The history of life as recorded in the

geologic record is reviewed to set the stage for the dinosaurs.

"It's exciting to do a planetarium program combing the fascinating topics of dinosaurs and astronomy. There may be a very real connection between the two," says Mr. Guiles.

Some of the hypotheses for the demise of the dinosaurs are astronomical in nature. Was the Earth hit by an extraterrestrial object that was miles across? Some evidence has been found to support this idea. Or perhaps a nearby star went supernova, flooding the Earth with deadly radiation. Maybe our sun has a companion star that disrupts the solar system every 26 million years, hurling comets towards the Earth. Or were the dinosaurs simply unable to adapt to a changing environment? These are a few of the theories that the program will explore.

"Dinosaurs are amazing," adds Mr. Guiles, "and it's fun probing the secrets of the distant past."



Maryl Abbott Jones, at left, and E.E. Shelhamer display the prints won at the PFAA Photography Show.

Work of photographers shown

The annual Pampa Fine Arts Association's Photography Show was held Friday through Sunday at Pampa Mall. John Forister chaired the event.

The following area photographers exhibited their work Wallace and Darlene Birkes, Elizabeth Carter, Charlie Neal Gee, Owen Gee, L.R. Harvey, Lloyd E. Harvey, Rankin Harvey, Darlene Holmes, Robert Johnson, Elaine Ledbetter, Frank

Miller, Doug Smith and Herb Smith. Three prints were awarded as door prizes. A scene by Robert Johnson was won by E.E. Shelhamer; a bluebonnet print by Frank Miller was won by Mrs. Terry W. Carpenter; and a print of four kittens by Elaine Ledbetter was won by Maryl Abbot Jones.

Slides by Lloyd E. Harvey were shown continuously during the show.

Quilts exhibited at lake museum

The Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum has a display of quilts and dolls from Fritch Arts and Crafts Club and other members of the community. Some of the quilts on display are Granny Flower Garden, Sampler Quilt, Log Cabin, Double Irish Chain, Friendship Quilt, Around the Twist, Postage Stamp Basket and a few antique quilts. Some of the members loaning quilts for display are Earlene

Crook, Evelyn Aderholt, Zola Busby, Fern Ross, Sammy Bowen, Ethel Allen, Betty Ogden, Betty Rusk, Pat Hester, Carlene Mitchell, Ruby Lunday and LaNelle Poling. There are several beautiful porcelain dolls and crocheted dolls and clowns to be viewed also. The quilt that was made by the Club last year and won by June Adams is on display. This year's club quilt is also on display. Raffle tickets are for sale.

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By 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine For AP Special Features

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Musician's job (sl.)
 - 4 Tan
 - 9 E. of Minn.
 - 12 Large bird
 - 13 Former president
 - 14 Ethiopian title
 - 15 Part of TV series
 - 17 Blood vessels
 - 19 One of Hamlet's alter-natives (2 wds.)
 - 20 Not so much
 - 21 Russian river
 - 23 Old term for unmarried woman
 - 27 Part of Asia
 - 29 Nerve network
 - 30 Bus. abbr.
 - 31 Paid notices

- DOWN**
- 1 — whiz!
 - 2 Demon
 - 3 Stringed

Answer to Previous Puzzle

PEASE	PLATE
RANCID	AERATE
EL EPIGRAM	CD
BAT STEAD	SHE
ETAL OLD	GLEN
CELLAR	EGRESS
LAX	EEE
TEEMED	DRAPER
URSA	EAU TELA
LOT PEARL	RAT
SD DEPRESS	NE
AERIAL	SAUCER
DITTY	STRUT

- ACROSS**
- 4 Door handle
 - 5 Conceals
 - 6 Hatchet
 - 7 Boxing blow (abbr.)
 - 8 Devised
- DOWN**
- 9 Part of the arm
 - 10 Author — Fleming
 - 11 Draft agcy.
 - 16 Food fish
 - 18 Being
 - 20 Fibs
 - 21 Official proclamation
 - 22 Actor McDowell
 - 24 Self-esteem
 - 25 French for "school"
 - 26 Perch
 - 28 Archeologist's find
 - 33 Female relative
 - 34 Of part of the voice box
 - 36 Slender
 - 38 — arms
 - 40 Heron
 - 41 Governed
 - 45 — at not any
 - 46 Small barrel
 - 47 Unit of mass
 - 48 Indian weight
 - 49 Wide shoe size
 - 50 Aug. time
 - 53 Laugh sound

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

So your little sister swiped your diary. It's not the end of the world, Andrew!

She'll just read it and have a few giggles, that's all!

I mean, what else could she do with it?

Hello...is this Mr. Simon or Mr. Schuster?

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

THE STUPID HOT-WATER HEATER IS OUTAGAIN!

IT ISN'T A HOT-WATER HEATER; IT'S A COLD-WATER HEATER

I WONDER WHY THEY'RE CALLED "WISE CRACKS"

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

MY MOTHER GAVE ME A BOTTLE OF CALVIN KLEIN'S NEW PERFUME

REALLY... WHAT IS IT?

ESSENCE OF HAUSFRAU

IT SMELLS A LOT LIKE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

I'M NOT WEARING IT

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

YOU KNOW TECHNOLOGY HAS PASSED YOU BY WHEN YOU HAVE A POWER OUTAGE AND NOTHING YOU OWN IS BLINKING.

YOU KNOW

CHING

YOU KNOW

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

I SWEAR, I MUST HAVE THE WORLD'S WORST LUCK!

I'VE GOT A TOOTHACHE!

SO? LOTS OF PEOPLE GET TOOTHACHES.

YEAH, BUT WHAT ARE THE ODDS WHEN ALL YOU'VE GOT IS ONE TOOTH?!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WE'RE ALMOST THERE, BOYS!

YEAH!

SHHH! KEEP YOUR VOICES DOWN! AN' KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR PERIMETER GUARDS!

LOOK! IS THAT ONE OF 'EM?

IT'S GOT TO BE! HE'S GOT A TAIL, HASN'T HE?

COME ON! LET'S TAKE HIM!

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"How do I know I was hatched in a zoo and fed by puppets? My Mom smelled like hand lotion!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"Grandma, did you read the letter I sent you?"

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

YOUR TEACHER, MRS. PLOOTZ, HAS SENT ME YOUR LATEST ARITHMETIC TEST...

APPARENTLY YOU'RE NOT DOING VERY WELL IN CLASS...SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR GRADES

GREAT! SHE THINKS I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! WELL I'M NOT THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME!

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU..

BEFORE WE ALL GO TO SLEEP, I'M GOING TO READ A LITTLE FROM MY FAMOUS NOVEL, "IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT"

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MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"We're all packed and ready to go...Do you really need to bring your favorite bone?"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

A CLEAR SIGN YOU'VE DATED SOMEONE WHO SPENDS TOO MUCH TIME ALONE WITH HER CAT.

WE HAVE TO GO! MY KITTY IS BEEPING ME!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

THIS HAS BEEN A PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE.

THAT MEANS WE DIDN'T GET ANY MONEY FOR IT.

I THINK I SMELL ANOTHER FLINDRIVE COMING ON.

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

DO YOU BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION?

NO

YOU DON'T THINK HUMANS EVOLVED FROM MONKEYS?

I SURE DON'T SEE ANY DIFFERENCE.

WOO HOO HOO!

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

M.D.

IT'S MY OPINION THAT THERE MAY BE AS MANY AS TEN THIN PEOPLE INSIDE YOU STRUGGLING TO GET OUT.

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

CAT HAIR!

WHY IS EVERYTHING I OWN COVERED WITH CAT HAIR?!

I NEED BROWN SOCKS



Thelma Thompson, left, and Nellie Overby join other North Carolina tobacco industry workers Thursday at a rally on Capitol Hill.

Tobacco workers lobby against suggested cigarette tax increase

By CASSANDRA BURRELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 1,500 North Carolina tobacco industry workers lobbied Congress for a day in an effort to head off any boost in cigarette taxes that could help pay for health care reform.

After a rally near the White House on Thursday, the workers swarmed Capitol Hill to express concern over reports that some officials within Hillary Rodham Clinton's health care task force are advocating raising the federal tax on cigarettes from 24 cents to between \$1 and \$2 per pack.

The tobacco workers argued that any such boost would result in the loss of thousands of jobs.

Most of the workers were R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. factory employees who had traveled more than six hours by bus. They were joined by tobacco farmers and members of smokers' rights groups.

"We're talking about jobs here. I want to still have my job this time next year," said Gary Wooten, 35, of Winston-Salem, N.C., a Reynolds packager.

"The more taxes go up, the less of the product people will purchase," said Wooten's cousin, Charles R. Wooten, 57, an East Bend, N.C., tobacco grower.

The protesters walked through the halls of congressional office buildings in groups of 10, armed with copies of a Price-Waterhouse report that said a \$2-per-pack increase could decrease sales by 34 percent and lead to a loss of 776,000 jobs across the nation.

They also presented lawmakers with petitions signed by 40,000 people opposed to tax increase.

"It's an unfair tax. It's a discriminatory tax against those people who choose to smoke," said Debra Outlaw King, 32, of Albertson, N.C., a schoolteacher who works on her family's tobacco farm during the summer. "I think it's part of my civil rights to be able to smoke if I so choose."

A group led by Reynolds mechanical specialist Tom Bullard, 48, of Winston-Salem left Rep. Pat Robert's office happy.

"He opposes it. He opposes any new tax," said Leroy Towns, administrative assistant to the Kansas Republican.

A few doors down the hall, an aide to Rep. David Skaggs, a Colorado Democrat, told the group her boss thought differently.

"Generally, of all the tax-increase ideas out there right now, he thinks that it would be the least objectionable way of raising money," said press secretary Brooke Anderson.

Before arriving on Capitol Hill,

the tobacco workers ate box lunches and rallied in downtown Washington, taking a few minutes to turn in the direction of the White

House and shout: "Save our jobs!" and "No more taxes!" Some waved signs that said "Tobacco Pays My Bills."

Aspin sounds death knell for 'Star Wars'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's "Star Wars" program is dead, but its mission — creating weapons to shoot down long-range missiles in flight — lives on.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin said Thursday he was abandoning the goal of putting anti-missile weapons in space and instead would concentrate on more down-to-Earth ways of defending U.S. forces and territory against missile attack.

"We have a real need for ballistic missile defense, but not the massive program of space-based weapons that Ronald Reagan envisioned," Aspin told a Pentagon news conference.

Reagan on March 23, 1983, announced his Strategic Defense Initiative, a crash effort to develop a range of weapons capable of shooting down Soviet nuclear missiles in flight. His goal, he said, was to make nuclear arms "impotent and obsolete." Many scientists have argued that the goal was unattainable.

Aspin's announcement shed little new light on the administration's specific plans for anti-missile programs. Clinton still wants \$3.8 billion for the programs in the 1994 budget; Aspin would not discuss 1995 and beyond.

In fact, the only concrete change mentioned by Aspin, beyond casting aside the space weapons approach, was renaming the Pentagon office that runs anti-missile work. It will be called the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and will report to an

undersecretary of defense for acquisition instead of to Aspin.

"This signals the end of the Star Wars era and it signals the end of a battle that has raged in Washington for a decade over the best way to avoid nuclear war," Aspin said.

The disappearance of the Soviet Union as a nuclear rival to the United States and its allies makes it possible for the Defense Department to scale back its anti-missile efforts and discard the space weapons approach, he said.

"The fate of Star Wars was sealed by the collapse of the Soviet Union," Aspin said.

Some in Congress said there was less to Aspin's announcement than meets the eye.

"The Pentagon is putting Star Wars through the equivalent of the witness protection program," said Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee. "They've given it a new name and new identity. But they cannot hide it from the same old questions."

"Why is it growing faster than anything in the federal budget? ... Do we really need to build a defense system that will benefit our allies most? And if we do, why should U.S. taxpayers bear most of the costs?"

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., one of the most severe critics of Star Wars, blasted Aspin's announcement as a timid move that falls far short of real change.

"They hope to camouflage this

mismanaged mishmash with a new name," Conyers said.

The Reagan-inspired program, officially called the Strategic Defense Initiative, explored a wide array of exotic possibilities for destroying long-range missiles in flight, including zapping missiles with X-ray lasers in space. The program was quickly dubbed Star Wars after the popular movie of that name.

The most radical approaches have been abandoned in recent years, either because it became clear they would not work or were not needed, or both. As of early 1992, more than \$8 billion had been spent on dead-end projects, and that figure is certain to rise in light of Aspin's revamping efforts.

Star Wars spending peaked in 1992 at \$4.15 billion. It is \$3.8 billion this year.

Aspin said the Clinton administration's top priority in the reorganized anti-missile program will be to produce a new generation of weapons capable of defending U.S. and allied ground forces against attack from short-range ballistic missiles.

The administration wants a new anti-missile system to replace the relatively low-tech Patriot system that gained fame in combating Iraqi Scud missiles during the Gulf War.

The second priority, Aspin said, will be a more expensive and sophisticated system that could shoot down long-range ballistic missiles capable of striking U.S. territory.

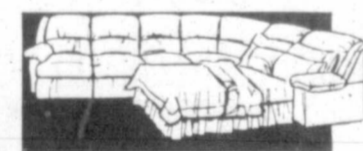
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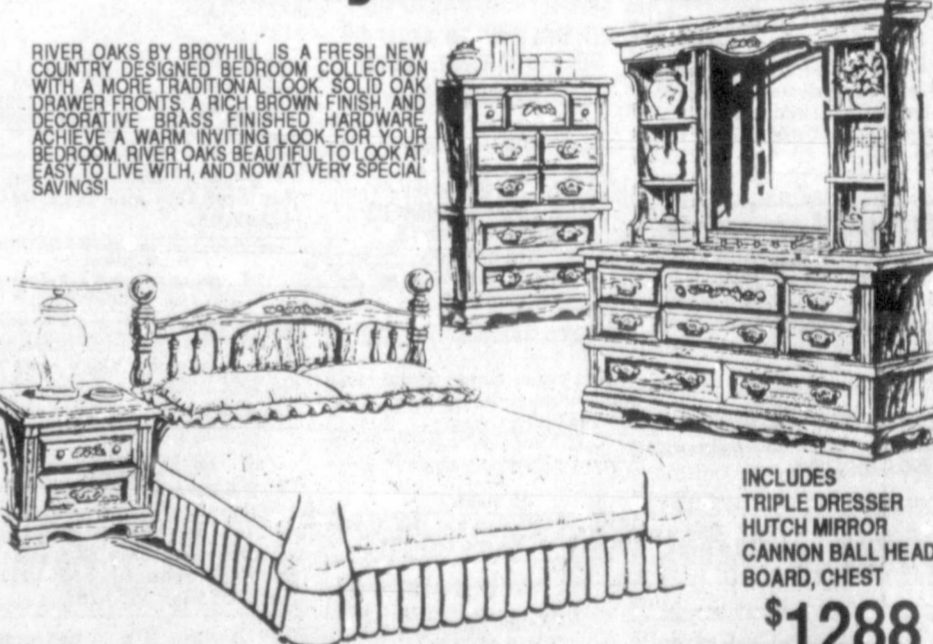
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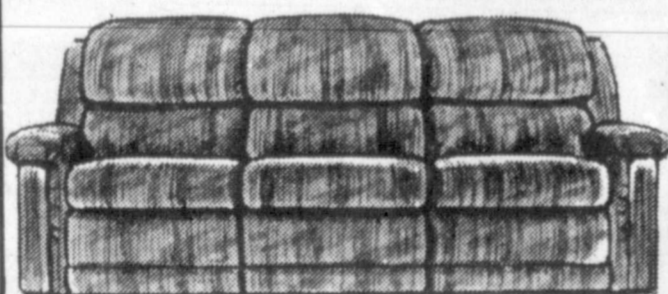
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