









### Mistrial declared for Erik Menendez

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With 19 days of deliberations ending in a hung jury, Erik Menendez faces the prospect of another trial in the slayings of his rich parents. The twin jury weighing his brother Lyle's fate kept on working.

Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg declared a mistrial in Erik's case Thursday after the jury reported for the third time that it was hopelessly deadlocked.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti had said previously that he would retry Erik if the six-month trial ended in a hung jury.

Sitting shoulder-to-shoulder with defense attorney Leslie Abramson, Erik was grim-faced and ran his hands through his hair several times as the mistrial was declared.

"I'm disappointed. Erik's been in jail for four years and he'll be in jail for at least another one," Abramson said. She said he was "very upset."

When the jurors filed into the packed courtroom, they were somber and one woman appeared on the verge of tears.

Lyle's jury ended its 21st day of deliberations Thursday, sending out a two-page note indicating members

of the panel were weighing a manslaughter conviction as a lesser option to murder. Deliberations were to resume today.

Two juries were seated for the single trial because some evidence was admissible against one brother but not the other.

Erik, 23, and his brother, Lyle, 26, admitted killing their parents with shotguns as the couple watched television in their Beverly Hills mansion in 1989.

The brothers testified that their father, an entertainment executive, sexually tortured them from childhood and that their mother did nothing to stop it.

When they threatened to reveal the family's dirty secret, they said, they became convinced they would be killed and shot their parents in self-defense.

Prosecutors portrayed them as spoiled rich kids who plotted to gain the \$14 million family fortune.

They could get the death penalty if convicted of murder.

Weisberg ordered the jurors in Erik's case to keep silent while the second panel continues to deliberate, to protect it from publicity about the mistrial.

### Tracy Kotara seeking re-election as Carson County commissioner

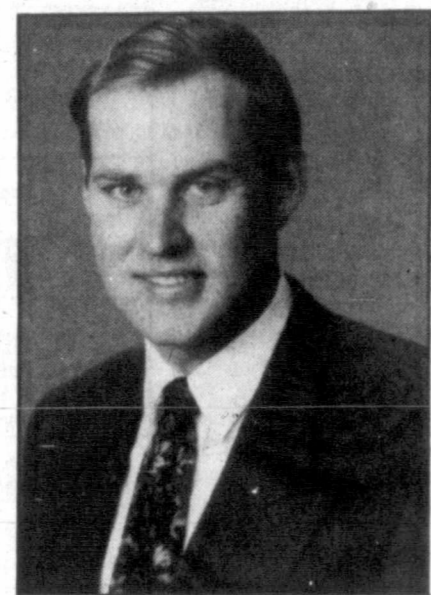
Tracy Kotara, 28, of White Deer has announced his candidacy for re-election as Carson County commissioner for Precinct 4, subject to the Democratic primary.

Kotara was first appointed county commissioner Dec. 8, 1989, to fill the unexpired term of Lee Lockridge. He ran in March 1990 and has won subsequent elections.

"These past four years have been the most instructive and interesting years of my life," he said. "It has been a pleasure to serve you."

Kotara is a lifelong resident of White Deer and serves as Eucharistic minister at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and on the Council of Economic Affairs for the church. He is a member of the White Deer Lions Club, serving as president. He is a farmer.

"Serving as commissioner is an exacting job, requiring business skills, considering that the budget makes it one of the largest business-



Tracy Kotara

es in the county. Open, passable roads in good weather and bad are essential to our residents. I strive to accomplish this," he said.

### Judge Poff makes campaign visit in Pampa

Judge Bryan Poff made a campaign swing through Pampa this week in his bid for re-election to the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo.

"I believe very, very strongly that if you are going to serve on an appellate court, you need a lot of judicial experience or a lot of trial experience," Poff said in Pampa Thursday.

An appellate judge must be able

to distinguish between harmless trial error and that which makes a trial unfair for a defendant, he explained.

The best job preparation is not necessarily an academic background. That will hold a trial judge to a higher standard than the Constitution requires, he said.

"If the whole deal was we need to read all the law we can, then the appellate court could be made of four computers," Poff said.

### PISD trustees to have workshop Saturday

The board of trustees of Pampa Independent School District on Saturday is expected to conduct a closed meeting workshop evaluating the performance of Superintendent Dawson Orr.

The special meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. in the board conference room at Carver Center, 321 West Albert St.

After reconvening in open session on Saturday, the board is not expected to take any formal action at that meeting. The trustees are expected to vote at their regular meeting on Jan. 20 on whether to extend Orr's three-year contract by one year.

Orr, 40, has been superintendent of Pampa schools since August 1990.

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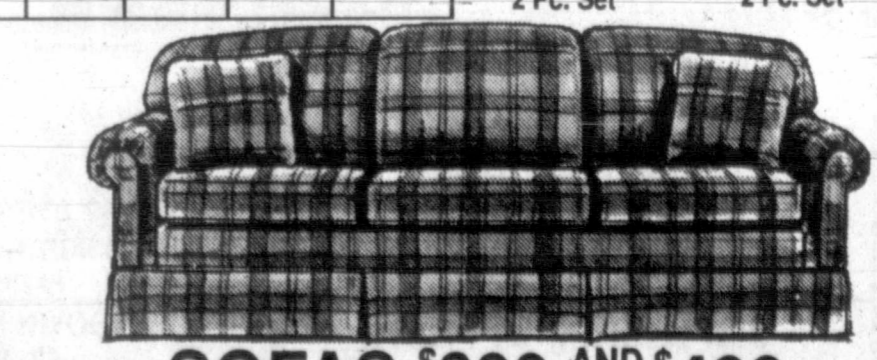
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Religion

# Quadriplegic says 1992 accident gave new meaning to his life

By LYN BLACKMON  
Texarkana Gazette



The James Blackwood Quartet

## James Blackwood Quartet to sing at Briarwood Church

The James Blackwood Quartet will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Briarwood Church.

James Blackwood, the original member of the Blackwood Brothers, will be joined by Ken Turner, Ray Shelton, Larry Ford and Brad White.

Blackwood, 74, is a Mississippi native and in 1934 with his brothers formed the Blackwood Brothers. After singing with The Blackwood Brothers for 47 years, he and four other well known gospel singers formed the Masters V.

He has been nominated for a Grammy Award for 28 consecutive years and won nine.

The Gospel Music Association honored him with the Dove Award as the top male vocalist seven times,

more than any other person. He has been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Turner has performed with The Palmetto State Quartet, The Dixie Echoes and finally The Blackwood Brothers.

Shelton is the business manager for the quartet. He has had his own business for 30 years including Senators Rentals Inc., a custom entertainer tour bus company. He is a baritone singer.

Ford was first tenor for The Dixie Echoes. He was a guest on the Gospel Jubilee television show.

White performs on the keyboard and has compiled his own series on learning the piano. He previously served as a minister of music at a Memphis, Tenn., church.

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — Paralyzed from the neck down and confined to a bed or a wheelchair, Danny Tiller has written a song, "Me and My Savior Walk Faster than You."

An accident changed his life. He believes it changed for the better, although he knows most people would find that hard to believe.

"On Jan. 12, 1992, I was just another guy driving down the road, going to a friend's house to watch the Dallas Cowboys play. I was lighting a cigarette and dropped the lighter. I leaned down to pick it up and my truck veered off the road and ran into a concrete wall. That's all I remember until 18 days later."

Tiller found out when he woke up that he could neither move nor talk. He was told his spinal cord was twisted, he broke two ribs and one rib punctured a lung. The spinal cord injury was what did him in, he said.

"I think the Lord was looking out for me even then. The first person to get to me was an off-duty Air Life worker, the second was an off-duty Texas-side paramedic and the third one was a Wake Village fireman. My seat belt had cut off my oxygen, and I had turned blue. Most people wouldn't have known what to do, but those three did. They got me out and resuscitated me without doing further damage to me. I know I would be dead if they hadn't been there. They got me to the hospital and I stayed in Texarkana for 18 days, and then went to Dallas for five and a half months of rehab."

Visits from chaplains brought him faith and, when he was able, he started going in his wheelchair to chapel. Letters from five churches came every week telling him he was

wrote regularly they were praying for him.

"I knew I couldn't give up because all of these people were praying so hard for me. When I finally was mobile and back in Texarkana, I visited all five of those churches and thanked them and gave my testimonial."

He was 32 when the accident turned him into a quadriplegic. He had been a lineman for a telephone co-op. He was married and driving a new truck, the first new vehicle he had ever owned, and it had only 3,000 miles on it. He was going 55 miles an hour, the correct speed limit for the road, and he was wearing his seat belt.

He never would work again in the way he had before. His wife left him. But his life before the accident is the one he regrets — he used drugs, he drank and he was unconcerned about God or faith.

"Probably the hardest time for me was the 10 1/2 months that I couldn't talk. I was so cut off and helpless. I couldn't move and couldn't speak. I couldn't get anyone's attention if I needed something; I couldn't communicate. I was so grateful when speech therapy gave back a voice. I didn't mind being paralyzed but I hated being unable to communicate."

Tiller often speaks to churches and schools. At schools he warns other students about the danger of using drugs. He tells them they could end up like him or worse.

"I spoke to 140 students at Liberty-Eylau Middle School, and for an hour-and-a-half they didn't make a sound. When I finished I thought they would rush for the door but I ended by asking if they had any questions. Instead of heading out, 140 hands went up with question, and they asked good questions too. I had told them not to ever laugh at

handicapped. One of them asked if I had ever laughed at people in wheelchairs before my accident."

Before his accident, he hadn't even notice people in wheelchairs; now he sees them everywhere. He used to consider parking in a handicapped place not a big deal; now he gets furious if someone parks there who doesn't need it. He also found out that places that claim to be "wheelchair accessible" are not. They may have a little ramp, but the doors might be too small for wheelchairs to get through. He has many stories about "wheelchair accessible" and how some entertainment places have space for four chairs, and about 12 people in wheelchairs show up.

"I can go just about any place you do. The only thing that stops me is the places. I got letters from all of those kids, and many of them promised me that they will never use drugs."

His parents work together getting him into his wheelchair, and he operates it with his head. He has a van with an hydraulic lift so his parents can load him and his chair into it. He still has to depend on someone to drive him around and operate the lift.

He has a computer he operates with a stick that fits in his mouth, and the doctors told him that as a C2 quadriplegic, he wouldn't be able to breathe on his own. He says they don't know how he does it, but he can. He uses a respirator at night so he can rest his breathing. He said he knows how he can breathe — prayer.

He said he has a different talk when he is speaking to public schools than to churches because he can't talk about religion in schools. His message to students is to keep off drugs and be aware of those who are handicapped.

try to preach. When I speak to churches or church schools I just tell them about my accident and how it ended up bringing me closer to the Lord. I wrote the song "Me and My Savior Walk Faster Than You," and Terry Gaither sings it and plays guitar on the tape. He often goes with me when I speak and sings the song. I really mean the words of that song. The accident has not slowed down my life. I live a much more meaningful life now, and I feel like I am running with the Lord.

"I never gave God credit before, and I don't want people to wait until it is too late. It took this to make me realize how lucky I am to be here. I would rather be in the condition I am in rather than go back to way I was — drinking and doing drugs. I would rather not be able to walk and move, because now I walk with the Lord. I never felt God did this to punish me. I think He just gave me an opportunity."

Tiller was a baseball player and played on the varsity team at Liberty-Eylau High School when he was a freshman. When he was a junior he made the all-district team as a second baseman. When he returned to Texarkana, he visited the softball team he was playing on before the accident, and he expected it to bother him that he couldn't play, but he found he didn't even miss it.

"What I really miss the most is touching and comforting. Hugging. I can feel touch from my head to the neck down. I can't feel hot or cold. I couldn't feel it if you stuck a pin in me. I can't tell if you touch my hand against your shirt or if I am touching skin or not. I used to be a hugger. If you took my hand and put it against your face, I could see my hand and know what I was touching. But my hand can't tell me what I am touching. I miss that, and I miss companionship."

## New Christian radio station offers music and talk features

The Pampa area will be receiving another Christian broadcast radio station with 90.9 WAFR-FM being transmitted through the sponsorship of Priest Park Church of God, 1123 Gwendolen.

Based in Tupelo, Miss., the American Family Radio system will provide a full-service, thoroughly Christian, non-commercial radio station broadcasting 24 hours a day.

The AFR network provides more than just some Christian music or programs. It is all Christian in programming, featuring a mix of about 70 percent music and 30 percent talk.

The music is light contemporary Christian music with a strong mixture of the best familiar and traditional Christian music and great hymns. The station does not play

Southern gospel or hard contemporary music. Network officials said the talk programs have been very carefully selected.

Each Saturday morning, AFR plays five hours of the best in Christian programming for children. On Saturday night, the station airs more contemporary music and programming designed for youth and young adults. Sunday morning features great hymns designed to prepare listeners for worship.

The American Family Radio network is commercial free, listener supported radio.

Those wanting more information on the scheduling of broadcast programs may contact the Priest Park Church of God, which is transmitting the station locally from its facilities.

## Macedonia to sponsor breakfast

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will have their fellowship breakfast beginning 8 a.m. Saturday. The menu will include pancakes,

toasts, eggs, bacon, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Pastor Rev. L.L. Patrick invites the public. Donations accepted.

## 'Passing the plate' sometimes abandoned

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — They still pass the collection plate at Ascension Lutheran Church, but they're passing it up these days as well.

Not everyone is fit to be tithed, says the Rev. Glenn Zorb.

Zorb, pastor of the church, hopes to attract more members by easing the pressure to contribute during special "seekers' services" for potential new members.

"We don't want people to come thinking the only reason we want them here is because of their money," said Zorb, whose congregation meets in an auditorium at Washington Crossing State Park.

In November, Zorb did away with collections during the special service, which includes rock music. Congregants may drop cash into a collection plate before or after the service.

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# Clinton, Yeltsin sign nuclear accords in disarmament breakthroughs

By **TERENCE HUNT**  
AP White House Correspondent

MOSCOW (AP) — In post-Cold War breakthroughs, Presidents Clinton and Boris Yeltsin signed Kremlin accords today to stop aiming missiles at any nation and to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine, third largest in the world.

"We are giving a great boost to the goal of a nuclear disarmament," Yeltsin said.

"For the first time in nearly half a century — virtually since the dawn of the nuclear age — the United States and Russia will not operate nuclear forces, day-to-day, in a manner that presumes they are adversaries," Clinton and Yeltsin said in their Moscow declaration.

Russia and the United States will take their missiles off target by May 30, sweeping aside one of the most frightening relics of the Cold War.

In a nation gripped by chronic inflation and sagging production, Clinton praised Yeltsin for giving "strong assurances" that he will not retreat from tough economic reforms despite unrest over the hardships they've caused.

Clinton said the lives of Russians should improve this year as "the benefits will begin to flow" from expanded trade.

"I come here as a friend and a partner," said Clinton, who has lent unflinching support to Yeltsin through political turmoil in the former Soviet Union.

Trying to spread the gospel of economic and democratic reforms, Clinton also spoke to Russians in a nationally televised speech and fielded questions from a studio audience and call-in viewers.

"The old system failed before. That is why you are in the present period of transition," Clinton said, speaking from the bullet-scarred Ostankino television center, site of an Oct. 3 showdown when anti-reformist forces sought to take over the central broadcasting facility. "If you attempt to reimpose it, it would fail you again."

"This is a crossroad and a difficult one, but the younger generation of Russians will look back on this time with either gratitude or regret," Clinton told the town hall-style meeting. He urged Russians to train their eyes on future-oriented solutions rather than looking to the past.

Clinton and Yeltsin appeared earlier at a joint news conference broadcast across Russia as well as in the United States. Yeltsin was asked point blank if he would slow the pace of economic "shock therapy." "Nyet," Yeltsin snapped.

The answer was welcome news for Clinton in a nation where ultranationalists and communists are leading a campaign to roll back Yeltsin's reforms. "History is on the side of the reformers," Clinton said.

The arms accords and agreements on trade, human rights and curbs on weapons proliferation completed the main business portion of Clinton's three-day stay in snow-blanketed Moscow.

Administration officials hailed the human rights statement as Moscow's most explicit condemnation ever of anti-semitism.

Accepting the ultimate in Russian hospitality, the president and his family were to sleep overnight within the ancient fortress walls of the Kremlin. Clinton is the first American leader to stay there since Richard Nixon.

Hillary Rodham Clinton and 13-year-old Chelsea landed in Moscow this morning to join the president. Yeltsin offered to have his grandchildren take Chelsea to the famed Moscow circus.

Clinton said he would ask Congress for \$900 million in new aid for Russia and other former Soviet republics for the next fiscal year, on top of \$2.5 billion approved for the current year.

Leading Russian newspapers ridiculed the amount of promised aid. The liberal daily *Segodnya* newspaper said, "The sum is simply pathetic." The papers devoted scant attention to the arms accords.

Despite the summit's overall mood of harmony, there were some differences.

Yeltsin, for example, said it would be unacceptable for former Soviet bloc nations in Eastern Europe to act individually for closer ties with NATO under the new Partnership for Peace program.

"The time will come when Russia will be integrated and all the others will be integrated but they will integrate with one another and in just one package," Yeltsin said. Clinton has left the door open for countries to act on their own.

Yeltsin said that no nation should be fearful of "imperial ambitions" in Russia. "Russia is only interested in stability."

The president pressed Yeltsin to withdraw Russian troops from Latvia and Estonia. Yeltsin, though, expressed concern about the safety of Russian-speaking citizens of those countries.

Yeltsin accepted Clinton's offer to make a state visit to Washington in the fall; the two leaders also will see

each other in July in Naples, Italy, at the annual economic summit of industrialized nations. Yeltsin said he hoped Russia soon would become a full member of the economic summit rather than a guest.

Ukraine's president, Leonid Kravchuk, joined Clinton and Yeltsin in signing the accord to dismantle 1,800 nuclear warheads left in his country after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Clinton said the agreement reduced chances for "nuclear terrorism and nuclear espionage. ... It's a very good thing for the world and for the United States." However, it still faces opposition in Ukraine's parliament.

Over two decades, the United States will pay \$12 billion for highly enriched uranium from warheads in former Soviet states. It will be converted to fuel for nuclear power plants.

The disarmament agreement, when fully implemented, will leave Russia the last of four nuclear powers of the former Soviet republics.

Kazakhstan and Belarus took the disarmament pledge earlier. Clinton will salute Belarus' step by stopping in the capital of Minsk Saturday; Vice President Al Gore visited Kazakhstan in December.

In a statement, the three leaders said all the nuclear warheads in Ukraine should be sent to Russia "in the shortest possible time."

Also, the statement said Ukraine's 46 SS-24 missiles, its most potent weapons, would be deactivated within 10 months by having their 460 warheads removed.

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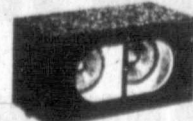
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Lifestyles

# Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

**DEAR ABBY:** In a recent column, a woman complained that her husband always charges ahead of her in crowds without bothering to determine whether she is following him. I have a somewhat different problem. My wife and I will be walking down an aisle in a department store when - poof - she disappears in thin air! My children tell me they used to be terrified when they were little and she did that to them.

On a recent trip to Europe, she disappeared in a mob scene at a New York airport. I nearly went crazy trying to find her. She finally showed up and casually explained that she had stopped to talk with someone for a minute or two!

Abby, your suggestion that a man and his wife walk arm in arm through crowds misses the mark. It's much easier to burrow through a crowd single file than two abreast, but if I insist that she walk ahead of me so I can keep an eye on her, she gets insults. Any solution?

MILWAUKEE

**DEAR MILWAUKEE:** Insist that she walk ahead anyway. She'll survive the insult with far less trauma than losing each other in a crowded airport or department store.

**DEAR ABBY:** When are people going to wake up to the fact that if a person asks people about their background or heritage, he is not necessarily racist, prejudiced or insensitive?

Recently I was buying pork chops from a Chinese butcher who asked me in broken English, "Where you from?"

I replied, "I'm from Pasadena, Calif., but I am of Polish descent - third generation. Why did you ask?"

He said, "You sure talk funny."

I suppose to be politically correct, I should have been insulted. Sorry, I thought it was great. I've developed friendships and had some interesting conversations with people I would have never known anything about if I hadn't asked, "Where are you from?"

That's how I got to know my Chinese hairdresser was raised in Japan, and my garage mechanic came from Armenia and was interned in a concentration camp in Siberia. I've learned a lot about Jewish religious customs, polished my Spanish with a lady from El Salvador, found out about the Buddhist religion from a man on a bus, and got some great recipes from Mormons in Utah and Scandinavians in North Dakota.

How are we going to learn about people whose cultures are different from our own if we're afraid to talk to each other?

MARILYN HUDSON  
PASADENA

**DEAR MARILYN:** You make an excellent point. However, not all people are open and willing to answer questions asked by strangers; they feel it's an invasion of their privacy.

## Catawbas search for their past in museum collections

ROCK HILL, S.C. (AP) — Catawba tribal leaders are among American Indians now putting to use a new federal law that gives Indian tribes broad authority to reclaim artifacts from museums and other collections.

An example: more than 30 years after they were recorded, audio tapes of Catawba Indian elders are being returned to the tribe by the University of Florida-Gainesville.

The tapes may not be the only pieces of the tribe's history returning to the tribe's new cultural center at its 630-acre York County reservation, in the north central region of the state.

The federal law allows the tribe to

repatriate artifacts that are unique or that were unearthed from a grave.

Already, tribe officials have begun reviewing inventories at two dozen organizations, including the University of South Carolina's McKissick Museum, Mint Museum in Charlotte and Schiele Museum in Gastonia, N.C.

There also are large collections of Catawba documents and artifacts at the Smithsonian Institution and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., and smaller ones in Mebane, N.C., and in Oregon, said Dr. Wenonah G. Haire, chairwoman of the four-year-old Catawba Cultural Preservation Project.

"It's been said that the Catawbas are, perhaps, the most studied

Native American group," said Haire, a Rock Hill resident. "It's just that all that's been studied is not in one place."

The collection, largely compiled by retired Rock Hill school teacher Emma Echols, contains dozens of interviews of Catawbas who grew up on the reservation in the late 19th and early 20th century.

The University of Florida agreed to return the audio tape collection after officials there were satisfied the tribe had a safe place to store the collection, which includes 125 tapes and 1,450 pages of transcripts.

Echols, 90, began interviewing the tribe and collecting photos in 1971 under a grant from the Doris

Duke Foundation administered by the University of Florida.

A year ago, tribe member Melissa Shrake received an eight-week grant from the Smithsonian to review records there. She copied boxes of 17th- and 18th-century documents, including the Treaty of Augusta, which in 1763 gave the tribe a 144,000-acre reservation at the present site of York, Chester and Lancaster counties. Congress approved a \$50 million payment for the that property in October.

She also returned with a photo of Catawba potter Sarah Jane Harris, the great grandmother of Florence H. Wade, Shrake's grandmother. Wade still uses the rubbing stone

passed down from Harris to smooth her pottery.

"I got real emotional the night she brought it home and showed it to me," said Wade, 71. "Think of the people in my family who have touched that rock."

At the Smithsonian Shrake also found a chinaberry necklace strung with black thread — possibly part of old tribal regalia — donated by Lula Beck. The attic also held two old cane baskets, an ancient art the Catawbas are relearning.

It will take at least a year for the tribe's cultural project to review museum inventories and decide which items to repatriate, tribe leaders said.



### Junior Service League create art works in trip around the world

Marcia Julian, left, and Tandra Rogers work busily on a dragon's head in Dana Terry's barn north of Pampa. The duo are part of the decorating corps of the Junior Service League working on ornaments for the Charity Ball later this month.

The annual fund-raising event will feature a dinner this year as well as a dance.

A cocktail hour is scheduled from 6:30 p.m. followed by a sit down dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing. Entertainment will be provided by ACR Productions of Dallas.

The eighth annual Charity Ball is planned for Jan. 29, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center. The theme, *Around the World*, has kept the group's decorating committee busy for the last several months.

The money raised by the Charity Ball goes for Junior Service League projects in the community. (Pampa News photo)

### Books

By NORMAN N. BROWN  
Associated Press Writer

"Tower of Secrets" (Naval Institute Press) is a breathtaking real-life spy thriller that tells of the disillusionment and defection of a high-ranking Soviet intelligence officer and his family.

The tower of the title refers to the overwhelmingly powerful KGB. There, author Victor Sheymov was chief trouble-shooter, in charge of the KGB's worldwide network of ciphered communications.

A number of factors gradually turned Sheymov away from becoming an unconditional servant of an evil regime: the moral standards of his father, an old military figure who sought to serve Russia rather than the Communist Party; the deaths, perpetrated by the KGB, of people close to Sheymov; the discovery that members of his wife's family had been eliminated to intimidate others; and the political indoctrination of his 3-year-old daughter at her KGB kindergarten class.

Sheymov and his wife, Olga, decided to defect.

The details of the defection, the careful planning and execution of the escape, and the thrill and exhilaration provided by danger are well-told by Sheymov.

### Twisting to a CW tune

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The man who twisted his way to the top of the pop charts in the 1960s is changing his tune: Chubby Checker's going country.

"I'm going to make an assault on the country music business," Checker said Tuesday on cable TV's

Nashville Network. "I've always had a love for this music. And now that I'm 52 years old, I'm going to do what I want."

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- 13 Egg dish
- 14 Slow to understand
- 15 Kettledrum
- 16 Gas for signs
- 17 River in Germany
- 19 Moon goddess
- 20 Stronger-tasting
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- 24 Author Umberto
- 27 Rents
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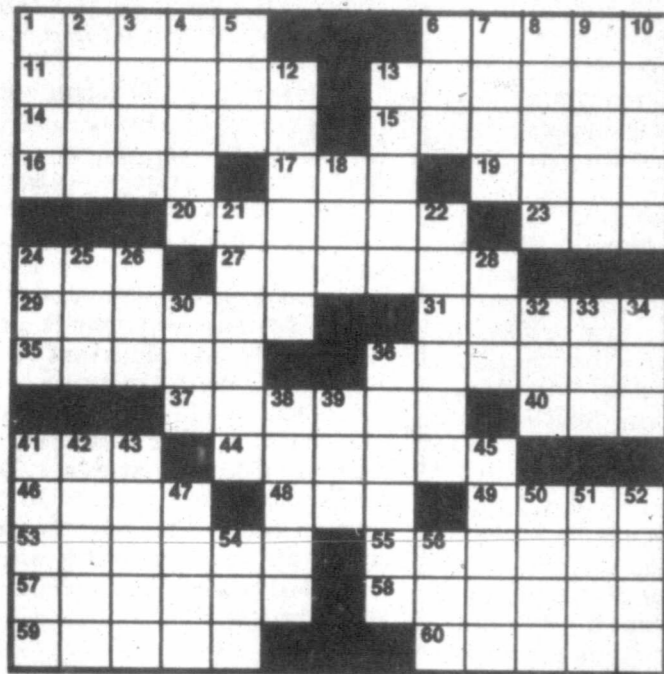
### DOWN

- 37 — B. Johnson
- 40 Before
- 41 Snake-like fish
- 44 Indian language group
- 46 WWII event
- 48 Bl plus one
- 49 Monster
- 53 Disregard
- 55 Breathed loudly in sleep
- 57 Bookkeeper's record
- 58 Followed
- 59 Literary composition
- 60 Overgrown with plants
- 1 Hired thug (sl.)
- 2 Awkward person (sl.)
- 3 Director

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Map book
- 12 Abounded
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- 18 Actress — Farrow
- 21 Narrow streets
- 22 Saskatchewan capital
- 24 Dawn goddess
- 25 a. time
- 26 Be in debt to
- 28 Dry, as wine
- 30 Everyone
- 32 In — Mood
- 33 Above (poet.)
- 34 Born
- 36 Actress — Lasser
- 38 Fertilizer ingredient
- 39 Click beetle
- 41 Roman magistrate (var.)
- 42 Borders
- 43 Countries
- 45 Loop of rope
- 47 Exercise system
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- 51 Long grass
- 52 Whirlpool
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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Expectations can be realized today, provided you deal with the top people instead of going through intermediaries. The middle man could pose obstacles. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Measures can be taken today to do things that could enhance your earning potential. Reexamine your methods of operation to see where you're coming up short.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) This is a good day to push some new plans you've been contemplating, so don't be intimidated by reasonable calculated risks.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Shared ventures could be the ones that'll offer you the greatest opportunities for gains today. Try to find a partner who has assets you lack.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Today could be more enjoyable if you are discriminating regarding your companions. You don't need to be involved with a large group, just a few intimate pals.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Lady Luck might intervene today and make things easier for you regarding a desired objective you've been unable to achieve. Give it another shot now.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Someone who has been lucky for you previously could be lucky for you again today. Perhaps the two of you might want to invest a few coins together on the lottery.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't be unduly disturbed today if you have to deal with changes you didn't design or anticipate. If you hold tight, things should work out to your liking.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's been said that two heads are better than one. Today this old adage could hold true for you and your mate in solving a difficult dilemma.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Lady Luck might favor you again today where your material interests are concerned. You are still in a very fortunate cycle for attracting monies.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your warm, jovial disposition makes you a welcomed addition to any social gathering today. Even new people you'll meet will feel like long time friends.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Generally speaking you should do rather well in most areas of your life today. In fact, how well you do might take a few days for you to assess.

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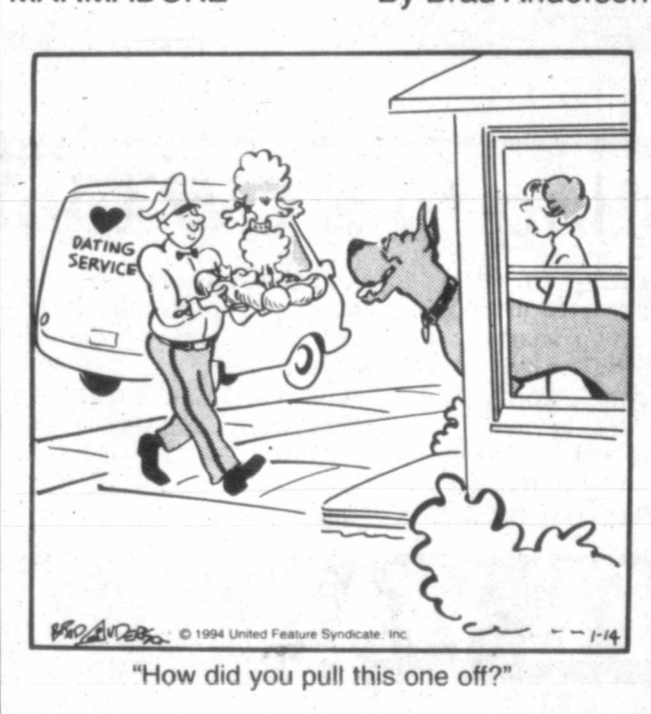
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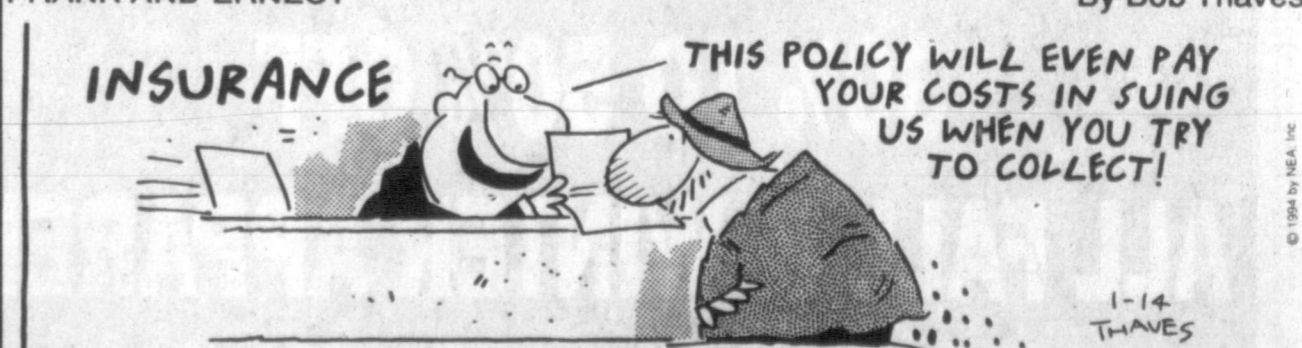
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## Yeltsin aide wins key post in Russian parliament

MOSCOW (AP) — While Boris Yeltsin met with President Clinton in the Kremlin on Thursday, one of the Russian president's top aides was elected chairman of the upper house of parliament.

The election of Vladimir Shumeiko, a deputy prime minister and ardent reformer, was a hard-won victory that could help reduce the influence of Communists and nationalists in the new parliament.

It did not silence them, however. "We need no help from the United States or the West!" extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy told reporters in parliament's lower house, the Duma. "We are a very rich country. Very strong. Very rich."

Zhirinovskiy, who advocates expanding Russia's borders, said there was "no reason" for the Clinton-Yeltsin summit and it had "no importance."

"No necessary help from you," he bellowed at an American in broken English. "Help Africa!"

Shumeiko will head the 178-seat Federation

Council, which consists of two delegates from each of Russia's regions and republics. As chairman, he may be able to derail hard-line attacks on Yeltsin's programs.

Yeltsin's opponents, however, appeared certain to capture the speaker's post in the 450-member Duma. Both candidates in a runoff election, former Olympic weightlifting champion Yuri Vlasov and former Communist Party official Ivan Rybkin, are hard-liners. The results of the secret ballot were to be announced Friday.

Several pro-Yeltsin lawmakers were knocked out in preliminary voting. Zhirinovskiy also withdrew his candidacy Thursday in a typically flamboyant speech. He bragged that he had "turned Europe and the whole world on its ear" on a tour last month during which he was denied entry by France, Germany and Australia.

Earlier, a delegate attacked Zhirinovskiy by proposing that all candidates for speaker undergo psychiatric exams.

Zhirinovskiy responded that his "agents" would secretly conduct psychological evaluations of all

members of parliament over the next two years. Delegates hissed and jumped to their feet as Zhirinovskiy, pounding his fist, shouted "Silence!"

In contrast to the atmosphere in the Duma, which Russian newspapers and even some delegates have called a circus, the Federation Council was orderly.

Shumeiko had failed to capture the chairmanship in two rounds of voting Wednesday, but was elected with 98 votes Thursday after intense lobbying by other Yeltsin aides.

His closest challenger, the conservative director of a Siberian chemical plant, got 52 votes.

The Yeltsin-Clinton summit has partly overshadowed the opening of parliament this week, three months after Yeltsin sent tanks and troops to crush the old, Communist-dominated legislature.

So far, both the upper and lower houses have been concerned with choosing leaders, forming factions, and setting procedures. They are expected to spend several more days on such matters before taking up any legislation.

## Parents fined for children's graffiti

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Transit police have a new weapon in the battle against graffiti: When kids do the crime, parents pay the fine.

The parents of two teenagers were billed \$38,000 for the damage their sons allegedly inflicted on 22 city buses over the past six weeks.

The bill was the first issued by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority under a new program that holds parents responsible for vandalism.

"We're trying to get the message to parents that they are responsible for the behavior, especially criminal behavior, of their kids," Transit Police Chief Sharon Papa said.

The teenagers, who were being held on felony charges of vandalism, allegedly used engraving knives, drill bits and rocks wrapped in heavy sandpaper to etch gang names and symbols onto bus windows and surfaces.

## Congressional panel holds hearing on human radiation experiments

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Two former students at a school for the retarded told a congressional panel Thursday they didn't know they were being given small doses of radiation in their food for experiments in the 1940s and 1950s.

"At that particular time, I could not read or write. I had no knowledge of anything," said Austin LaRocque, who attended the Fernald State School for the Retarded.

Sen. Edward Kennedy and Rep. Edward Markey, both Massachusetts

Democrats, held a field hearing of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee to investigate recently disclosed human radiation experiments.

Kennedy is the committee's chairman.

Markey is not a committee member, but he released a report in 1986 on 31 radiation experiments on 695 people between the late 1940s and the early 1970s by the Department of Energy and the former Atomic Energy Commission.

LaRocque and Charles Dyer, another former student, said they learned only weeks ago from news accounts that they had ingested radiation during a food study and they only got the full details at Thursday's hearing.

Another witness, Dr. A. Bertran Brill, professor of nuclear medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, said he has taken radioactive tracers himself and would allow his own child to take them. Brill was not

involved in the Fernald tests.

Kennedy said the government "must shine a bright light on those dark days of irresponsible human guinea pig experimentation."

Markey said his 1986 report was dismissed by the Reagan administration.

"I am greatly encouraged by the fact that this administration agrees that we must expose the full extent of these experiments and deliver justice to those who were injured by them," Markey said.

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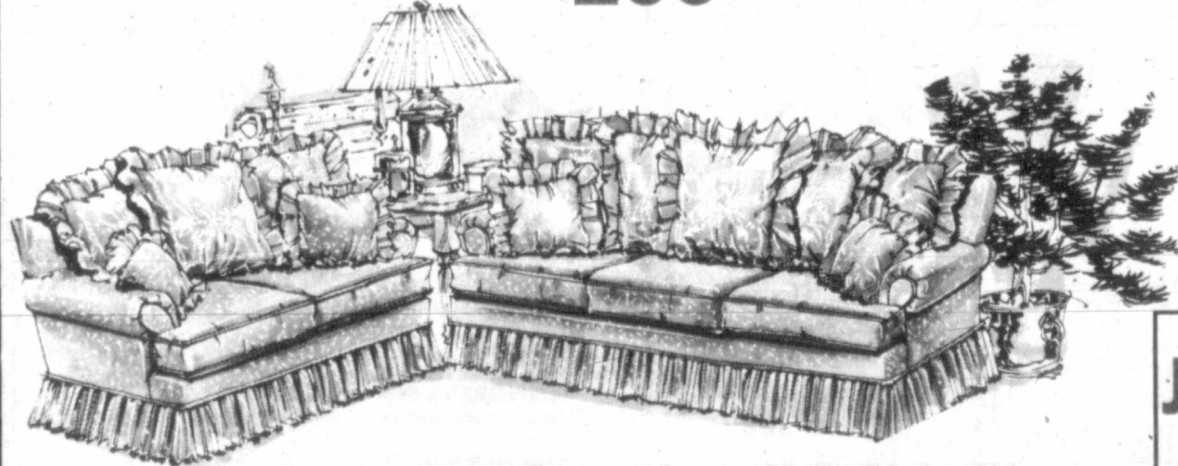
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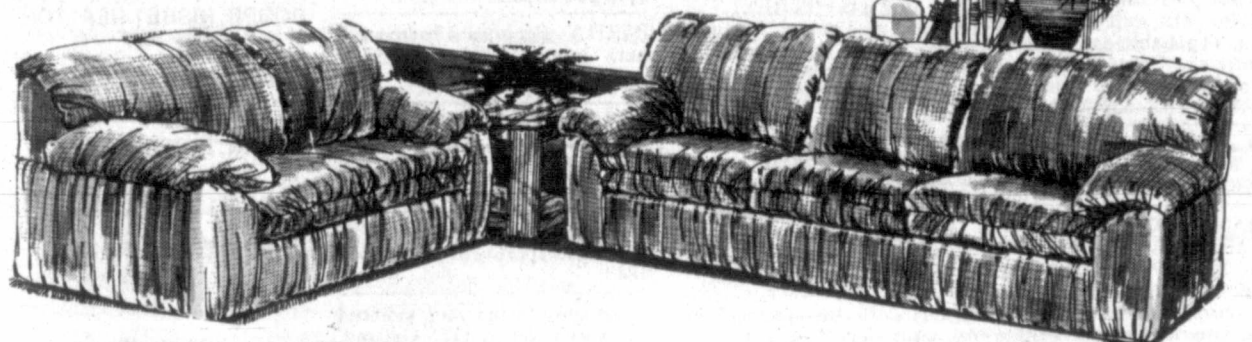
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