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Good Evening!

AREA

PAMPA — City of Pampa employees will be sponsoring a Gospel Fest beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in Central Park.

Continuing throughout the day, the fest will feature some 30 to 40 singers from the surrounding area, including Amarillo, Borger, White Deer, Wheeler and local Pampans.

The North Fork Band from Pampa will set up the stage and will also be performing.

Refreshments will be served at the fest. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be taken, with proceeds going to a Christmas fund for needy children.

This is the second year for the Gospel Fest. Last year, the city employees sponsored one at First Assembly of God. It was considered such a success that they decided to hold another one this year.

SKELLYTOWN — A Fun Day to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be held in Skellytown on Saturday beginning at 4 p.m.

Hosted by Taylor Food Mart of Skellytown, the event will include a dunking booth featuring local celebrities, along with a jail and a variety of games for the kids.

There also will be a raffle drawing for an Indian doll donated by Sherry Hutchinson.

All proceeds from the Fun Day activities will go to the MDA.

AMARILLO (AP) — L. Dale Bippus is retiring as general manager of Amarillo's Helium Field Operations, but said he remains more convinced than ever that the embattled government program should continue to exist.

Helium Field Operations, a part of the Department of Interior's Bureau of Mines, has been a major Amarillo employer since 1929.

The program, designed to offer a ready, inexpensive supply of helium for government projects, is a government-owned business funded entirely from the revenue it generates, Bippus said. The operation currently sells helium to the departments of energy and defense and NASA, he said.

Bippus said the program generates \$32 million to \$34 million in revenues annually, but only spends about \$20 million to \$22 million. The difference is returned to the U.S. Treasury, he said.

NATIONAL

HONOLULU (AP) — Hurricane John lashed a U.S.-held island with 100 mph winds and 20-foot waves after Army officials had evacuated nearly 1,100 people and shut down a chemical weapons incinerator.

Officials planned to assess the damage today on Johnston Island, about 700 miles southwest of Honolulu.

The storm, described as the strongest hurricane to ever cross the central Pacific, passed about 15 miles north of the island Thursday evening. Its winds continued to weaken; they had been clocked at 175 mph.

The last 100 of nearly 1,100 military and civilian personnel were evacuated Thursday.

"The advance warning allowed us to do 100 percent of the things that needed to be done to secure the island prior to total evacuation," said Air Force Col. Kenneth DePrima, the island's commander.

WORLD

LONDON (AP) — British surgeons implanted a mechanical pump in a heart patient as the first test of the device's suitability as an alternative to heart transplants.

Surgeons at Papworth Hospital near Cambridge said Friday they implanted a battery-powered pump in the abdomen of a 62-year-old patient on Thursday. The pump takes over most of the work of the left ventricle, the main pumping chamber of the human heart.

The pump was first approved for temporary use in the United States in 1985.

The patient, who was not identified, "is very well, wide awake and in very good shape," said Dr. John Wallwork, who headed the surgeons.

The operation was the first of several planned to test the pump's long-term use.

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Senate sends crime bill to Clinton

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Climaxing a partisan election-year struggle, a \$30 billion crime bill is headed for President Clinton's desk. The measure promises money for more police officers and tougher terms for criminals.

"This crime bill is going to make every neighborhood in America safer — and the bipartisan spirit that produced it should give every American hope that we can come together to do the job they sent us here to do," Clinton said in a written statement shortly after the Senate gave final approval to the bill.

The vote was 61-38 as lawmakers responded to voter anxiety about crime. But it also belied an intense battle waged over the measure for months in both houses, and particularly in the past two weeks.

Fifty-four Democrats and seven Republicans voted for the bill. Thirty-six Republicans and two Democrats voted against.

The White House said today that Clinton would not sign the crime bill until sometime after Labor Day. The president

was preparing today for a vacation on Martha's Vineyard off the Massachusetts coast.

Shortly before final passage, the Democratic-controlled Senate choked off a National Rifle Association-backed effort to kill the measure because of opposition to a ban on many assault-style weapons.

Hours earlier, Senate Democrats, bolstered by six Republicans, prevailed over a GOP attempt to open up the measure to last-minute changes. The vote was 61-38, one more than the 60 needed.

"There is no doubt about it," Senate GOP leader Bob Dole said as he tried unsuccessfully to force votes to reduce spending and toughen minimum sentencing requirements. "I know of nobody who does not want a tough crime bill. But I think this has become a big, big spending bill."

Signaling that the issue would resurface in the fall election campaigns, Dole said "we'll have some examples in the 30-second spots," an apparent reference to campaign commercials.

Democrats said the measure was plenty tough as written. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-

Del., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, called it "a tough bill, a straightforward bill that the cops want, the prosecutors want and the people need."

In the final words of debate, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said "77 percent of the American people favor an assault weapons ban — the very thing that for six years has been the driving force in opposition to this bill right to the very moment."

The bill aims to put 100,000 more police officers on the streets, build more prison cells and ban 19 assault-style firearms and numerous copycat weapons. The weapons ban becomes effective with Clinton's signature.

The measure also expands the federal death penalty and imposes mandatory prison terms on third-term violent and drug offenders in federal cases.

The National Rifle Association, perhaps the bill's strongest critic, called it "a pork-and-bans crime bill laden with social welfare spending and victim disarmament schemes."

Tanya K. Metaksa, NRA's chief lobbyist, warned that "the NRA's 3.4 million

members will now turn to the ballot box in November to send a message to members of the U.S. Congress which they cannot ignore."

It's been six years since Congress last passed a crime bill, and Clinton made it a centerpiece of his campaign for the White House.

The Senate late last year, then the House earlier this year overwhelmingly enacted separate measures, followed by a two-vote squeaker in the House approving the assault weapons ban. Compromise talks dragged on for months, and when the final compromise came before the House two weeks ago, Republicans, Democratic gun control foes and liberal opponents of the death penalty combined to sidetrack it.

In a frenzied series of negotiations, Clinton and Democrats agreed to minor changes that attracted enough moderate Republican support to send the measure to the Senate on a vote of 235-195.

There, Republicans trumpeted their desire to cut spending and toughen sentencing provisions, setting the stage for a classic showdown between the parties a scant 10 weeks before the midterm elections.

Under the bridge



Mike Balay, employee with the Pampa Parks and Recreation Department, adds bracing to a bridge in Central Park this morning, one of the activities city employees are busy with in preparing the park for the upcoming Chautauqua event. Chautauqua, featuring entertainment, food, exhibits, demonstrations and games, will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 5. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

PEDC approves prison allocation funds

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Pampa Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors approved the allocation of more than \$9,000 to the expansion of the Rufe Jordan Prison Unit in their meeting Thursday afternoon.

The \$9,400 approved by the board will be added to \$404,000 approved earlier this year to help fund the project, which could mean as many as 120 jobs for the Pampa area.

Bill Waters, board president, said the additional money will be used to offset unforeseen costs incurred in providing utility service for the building, which is scheduled to house 420 return-to-facility inmates.

In addition to the money spent by the PEDC on the project, which translates into around \$3,500 per job, the expansion has also been financed by the Pampa Industrial Foundation.

In other business, the board approved a resolution authorizing an agreement between the city and the PEDC having to do with attracting a business into the city.

Fork-Stock, a maker of speciality trailers, has agreed to come to Pampa and move into a vacant building with the help of the PEDC, the city and the Texas Capital Fund, a program designed to help in economic development.

Concerns were raised at the meeting about whether the

new business, which is moving to Pampa from Canyon, will hurt trailer manufacturing businesses already in place.

Vic Raymond, PEDC vice president, said he thought Fork-Stock wouldn't create any problems because of the type of specialized work it performs and its customers, which include large corporations and the government.

Board members also agreed to set up a revolving loan fund of \$100,000 to help attract new businesses to the area.

The fund would be established along the guidelines of a similar program run by Regional Economic Development Investments Inc. of Iowa and would effectively help the PEDC get its "foot in the door," according to Waters.

In the budget area, the board of directors heard updates on the corporation's budget efforts to date by Jack Ippel, PEDC director. They agreed the budget should be ready for the next board meeting and then presented to the city.

The PEDC is a non-profit organization created to assist in attracting business and industry to Pampa. It is governed by a five-member board of directors, who are appointed by the City Commission and funded through city sales tax receipts.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board is set for Sept. 15.

Richards: GOP painting women as soft on crime

DALLAS (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards has said some Republicans, including her GOP challenger, George W. Bush, have adopted a strategy to target their female opponents as soft on crime.

Bush is following the suggestion of a Washington political consultant who also is instructing Republican candidates in Illinois and California to paint Democratic women as "not tough

enough" on crime, Richards told supporters Wednesday in Sherman. "He feels that it is an easier case to make against women that they are not tough enough to deal with crime," Richards said.

Bush is airing anti-crime TV commercials produced by Republican consultant Don Sipple, who also is advising Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar and California Gov. Pete

Wilson. Some identical footage appears in all three advertisements.

"As a woman and a mother and woman who supports George Bush, I resent those remarks," spokeswoman Karen Hughes said Thursday. "George Bush is talking about crime because the people of Texas — women, men and children — are very concerned about the increase in violent crime."

School board OKs budget

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK
Staff Writer

The 1994-1995 budget for the Pampa Independent School District was approved Thursday night in a special meeting of the board of education at Carver Center.

In brief, the budget approved by the board is no different from proposals set forth earlier this year which call for a zero-growth budget.

Mark McVay, PISD's director of finance and the person responsible for putting the budget together, said he expects no cash flow problems over the year within the district as cash reserves are slightly increased this year as compared to the budget in 1993-1994.

In addition, he told board members that this year's budget represents little categorical changes as compared to last year.

Some of problems encountered with this year's budget were declining property values as well as declining student enrollment. Money from those two areas make up the lion's share portion of the funding for the district — \$16,273,872 of the \$16,301,782 in total revenue in the general operating fund, for example.

This year's budget totals \$19,967,039, of which \$16,301,000 consists of general operating funds; \$1,139,000 is special revenue funds; \$875,000 comes from food service funds; \$1,450,000 is from the district's health insurance fund; and \$200,000 is from funds having to do with the County Education District #14.

Compared to last year, increases in expenditures are generally offset by the decreases as few budgetary areas remained static.

Along with the budget, the board also set the district's tuition of \$2,985 per student. Tuition is what it costs, in general, to educate each student per school year and is based largely on average daily attendance within the district.

In other business, the board approved the purchase of the writing lab at the high school and the replacement of the computer lab at the middle school. At a cost of nearly \$75,000, the expenses would be accounted for in next year's budget.

Board members also unanimously approved an amendment in the maintenance and operations portion of 1993-1994 budget for approximately \$50,000 to cover utility expenses not covered in the district's original estimates.

This year's budget begins with the fiscal year which starts on Sept. 1.

Simpson defense denied blood

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The judge in the O.J. Simpson murder case refused today to give defense experts an equal share of blood samples in the possession of the prosecution for independent testing.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito, in a three-page written decision, said prosecutors showed it is "reasonably necessary" for them to do multiple genetic tests before giving any of the evidence to the defense.

"What was revealed to the court in a course of this hearing was a picture of confusion, miscommunication and noncommunication between the prosecutors and the Los Angeles Police Department," Ito wrote. "Such conduct, while less than exemplary, does not rise to the level of bad faith or misconduct."

The judge ordered the prosecution to proceed with the DNA testing "in as conservative a manner as is scientifically reasonable and to maintain for potential defense testing any residual or remaining material."

Ito said prosecutors must give the defense 48 hours notice of any testing and they must make the testing accessible to defense experts.

The judge said he was relying on established California law that says there is no violation of a defendant's due process rights if a piece of evidence is consumed by the prosecution through testing.

Economy grows at 3.8% annual rate for spring, fed report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy expanded at a steady rate in the spring but almost two-thirds of the increase came in a huge buildup of unsold goods, the government said today. The new report was likely to further ease inflation fears.

The Commerce Department said that the gross domestic product — the broadest measurement of economic health — rose at an annual rate of 3.8 percent in the April-June quarter.

That increase was up a half-percentage point from first quarter growth of 3.3 percent. However, analysts had been expecting a much more sizable advance.

The government said that the pickup in growth was not accompanied by higher inflation pressures. Indeed, an inflation gauge tied to the GDP showed prices rising at an annual rate of just 2.9 percent in the second quarter, down from a first quarter increase of 3.1 percent.

The government also reported today that after-tax profits of U.S. corporations shot up 7.4 percent in the second quarter, more than reversing a 3.5 percent drop in the first quarter. The profits performance matched the gain in the fourth quarter of last year.

A month ago in its initial GDP estimate, the government had put growth in the overall economy at a slightly slower 3.7 percent for the second quarter. Many economists had expected today's revision would boost that figure to 4.2 percent.

Such a sizable increase, which would have been almost 1 percentage point higher than the first quarter rate, would have stirred concerns that the economy was growing too rapidly.

Thus, today's report was likely to be greeted as good news by financial markets who throughout the year have worried that too-rapid growth would force the Federal Reserve to boost interest rates more aggressively and thus increase chances of toppling the economy into recession.

The make-up of economic activity in the second quarter also eased fears of overheating. Of the \$49.1 billion annual rate of growth in the economy for that period, almost two-thirds came from a buildup in unsold business inventories.

That huge increase of \$30.9 billion was the biggest gain in more than six years. Analysts are forecasting that economic growth will slow dramatically in the second half of this year and much of that forecast is based on a belief that production will slow as companies try to work down the buildup in unsold goods.

The small \$1 billion overall revision in GDP growth for the second quarter, compared to the initial estimate, represented relatively small changes in a number of areas.

Consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the total economy, posted an annual rate of increase of \$12.3 billion in the second quarter, far below the \$40.1 billion advance in the first quarter. That translated into an annual percentage gain of just 1.4 percent in the second quarter.

Housing construction rose by 7.3 percent in the second quarter, down from a 10 percent increase in the first quarter as builders, reacting to the rise in interest rates and slowing demand, started cutting back on production.

The biggest drag on the economy in the second quarter was foreign trade as America's trade deficit, as measured by the GDP, grew at an annual rate of \$8.9 billion as imports rose faster than exports.

Tae Kwan Do at Chautauqua



Tom Thompson, right, a Tae Kwan Do instructor, demonstrates some of the Korean style of martial arts with students during last year's Chautauqua. The demonstrations will be presented again this year during the 13th annual Labor Day Chautauqua on Sept. 5 in Central Park. Tae Kwan Do involves the art of coordination, with 80 percent feet use and 20 percent hand use coming together to build determination, character, self esteem and discipline. Qualified black belt instructors have worked with students ages 5 to 73 in Pampa. Other instructors include April Thompson and Gary Willoughby. (Courtesy photo)

Bush renews attacks over education issue

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush is renewing attacks on Democratic Gov. Ann Richards over education in the wake of the release of new figures on low-performing schools.

The Texas Education Agency on Wednesday released numbers showing 153 Texas schools would have been ranked low-performing this year if the state had used last year's rating system.

Under this year's system, 55 were labeled low-performers.

The difference appears to be due in large part to a law requiring more grades to be tested on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, the reading, writing and math test that forms the basis for the school rankings.

Validity questioned for 1,000 divorces

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — More than 1,000 couples in seven states who used a self-help legal firm to obtain divorces may still be married.

Gary W. Ridge, owner of the Pro Se Legal Corporation, was charged Wednesday with practicing law without a license and held on \$15,000 bail.

Ridge, 46, gave his clients a package that included a booklet on divorce laws and typed up the paperwork for them.

still is down significantly from last year's 326, out of more than 6,000 schools in Texas.

But Bush took issue with the different numbers that have been released by the agency.

"We need a rating system that focuses on education, not politics," he said. "The people of Texas are entitled to openness and honesty in state government, yet Ann Richards' education bureaucracy is giving lessons in stonewalling and double talk."

"The governor faces a spreading credibility crisis," said Bush, who has contended school ranking standards were changed in an election year to try to make Richards look better.

Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno has said changes were not made for political reasons but to give a more accurate view of school performance.

Richards' campaign spokesman

Chuck McDonald said students are doing better on state and national tests, citing a recently announced rise in Texas students' combined score on the national SAT college entrance exam. Students' scores went up on the math section of the test and down on the verbal part, but there was a net increase.

"George W. sees a giant conspiracy everywhere. Everyone's out against him, trying to make Ann Richards look good," McDonald said.

"The simple fact of the matter is by all measures, including national measures, Texas students are doing better," he said. "It's time for George W. Bush to put this behind him."

This year's school rankings were based on scores from TAAS tests given in grades three through eight and 10. Last year's figure was based just on grades four, eight and 10.

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Fire kills tractor operator

By JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press Writer

SAMS VALLEY, Ore. (AP) — A volunteer tractor operator who spent long days trying to help contain a 4,500-acre wildfire was killed when flames exploded through the area where he was cutting firebreaks.

Sydney Bruce Maplesden Jr., 25, was killed Thursday night by a fire that had advanced within two miles of this rural community, where more than 100 homes had been evacuated.

A family friend said Maplesden, an avid hunter and fisherman, had been driving the tractor since the fire started Tuesday.

"He'd been coming home at 1 in the morning and leaving at 7," Nikki Linker said. "He was very adventurous. He was a family man. He was a devout Christian and was very religious."

Authorities allowed people to return to their homes today but few had done so. About 1,500 firefighters battled the blaze. There was no estimate of containment.

In California, a 1,900-acre forest

fire that forced the evacuation of about 400 people took an ominous turn today, heading toward a wilderness area that firefighters will have trouble reaching by foot.

Erratic winds pushed the flames Thursday to within one mile of the rural Sierra town of Big Creek, about 50 miles east of Fresno. Authorities predicted total containment by Sunday night.

In Washington, a 50-acre brush fire damaged two homes and forced the evacuation of several hospital patients. About five patients of Skyline Hospital were transferred and others were discharged. The emergency room remained open.

The fire was fully contained by Thursday night.

Meanwhile, the massive Tyeck Creek blaze that has burned fiercely for 33 days about 100 miles east of Seattle was completely contained. Control of the 135,170-acre fire was expected by Sept. 17.

Nearly 1,500 firefighters remained at the camp today, but a contingent of 528 Marines was expected to be released from the fire Sunday, said fire information officer Jim Payne.

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Pilot's death wish doomed Moroccan plane; romantic problems cited

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — A Royal Air Maroc pilot was acting on a death wish when he deliberately crashed his plane into a mountainside, killing himself and the 43 other people aboard, investigators said Thursday.

A French news agency reported that he was distraught over his love life.

The copilot sent out a distress signal when it became apparent that disaster was at hand. But she was unable to stop her colleague from acting on his suicidal impulse.

Pilot Younes Khayati, 32, "disconnected the automatic pilot and directed the aircraft toward the ground," a statement by an official inquiry commission said.

The accident "is due to the deliberate wish of the pilot to end his life," the commission said after examining the aircraft's flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder.

The plane, a twin-engine ATR-42 turboprop flying at 11,480 feet, plunged into a downward spin and smashed into the Atlas mountains 10 minutes after takeoff.

"Help, help! The captain is..." co-pilot Sofia Figugui screamed. But her pleas, registered on flight recorders, were cut off, said French aeronautics officials who examined the equipment.

Agence France-Presse, the French news agency, reported that "romantic reasons" may have driven the pilot to end his life.

"The reasons for this crazy act lie solely in the romantic life of pilot Younes Khayati," the agency quoted sources close to the inquiry commission as saying.

Mohamed Mouffid, president of the investigative commission, said he could not confirm the agency's report.

He said information registered on the cockpit recorder was confidential and could not be made public. "The information given is largely sufficient," he said in a telephone interview.

The plane, which had undergone regular maintenance and equipment checks, did not malfunction and the weather did not pose problems, the statement said.

"The behavior of the pilot is all the more inexplicable considering he was an experienced pilot with 4,500 hours of flying time, and with confirmed professional aptitudes and physical condition," the commission's statement said.

Khayati had been with the airline eight years and passed medical and piloting examinations last month, the commission said.

An airline group, the Moroccan Association of Navigators, said it was "stupefied" by the commission's conclusions and demanded proof of the allegations.

The plane was flying from the southern city of Agadir to Casablanca. All 40 passengers and four crew were killed when it went down, including an American, a Kuwaiti prince and eight Italians. Victims were dismembered, many beyond recognition, said a spokeswoman for ATR, Elisabeth Broge.

The impact was "extremely violent," she told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "There were all these splinters and all these pieces."

ATR said it would issue a full report on the disaster and the reasons for the pilot's suicide "at a later date."

In Italy, several Italian senators asked the government to brief parliament on the disaster.

An editorial in Friday's editions of *La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno* of Bari cast doubt on the suicide explanation and suggested it may be a "convenient thesis" for the airline builder and Morocco's tourist industry.

Health risks in weight control best aided by early prevention

By PAUL RAE BURN
AP Science Editor

TORONTO (AP) — An ounce of prevention IS worth more than a pound of cure: People who avoid gaining weight as they approach middle age dramatically lower their heart disease risk and may entirely prevent diabetes, researchers said Thursday.

Young adults who are not overweight and who keep their weight constant — simply by not overeating — can avoid these curses of age, said Barbara Hansen, a physiologist at the University of Maryland.

The findings, which Hansen reported at the Seventh International Congress on Obesity, were the product of a 10-year, \$1 million government-funded study of rhesus monkeys.

Monkeys were used for two reasons, she said. One is that they get heavier during middle age in precisely the same way humans do. The second is that because of their shorter life spans, a 10-year study in monkeys is equivalent to a 30-year study in people.

Many studies have shown the value of losing weight, but this is one of the first to conclusively demonstrate the value of preventing weight gain, she said.

"People are not paying attention to their weight until they get to a point where they feel uncomfortable, unattractive or they've had a heart attack," Hansen said. The time to take action is much earlier, she said.

People typically eat more as they age and begin to gain weight. To keep weight stable, people don't have to diet; they merely have to avoid overeating. "This is not starvation or restriction," Hansen said.

And exercise, while it has other health benefits, was not a factor in this result; the researchers did not monitor the amount of exercise that the monkeys got during the study.

"The study really is fascinating," said Dr. Richard Atkinson of the University of Wisconsin in Madison. "It's a lot easier to keep weight off than to lose it."

Earlier studies had shown that restricting food intake in rats could increase lifespan, but it wasn't clear whether that would apply to humans, Hansen said.

The elimination of diabetes and the dramatic reduction in heart disease risk may lengthen the lives of the monkeys — and could do the same in humans, Hansen said. "We suspect these monkeys are going to have a long lifespan," she said.

Hansen and Noni Bodkin, also a physiologist at the University of Maryland, studied 27 monkeys whose age of about 10 when the study began made them roughly equivalent to 25-year-old humans.

Eight of the monkeys were given constant diets to keep their weight steady. Nineteen others were allowed to eat whatever they wanted. Like their human counterparts, the monkeys who ate whatever they wanted gradually gained weight during five to nine years of observation.

Of the 19 who gained weight, 4 had developed diabetes and 6 were on the way to developing it by the time they reached an age equivalent to about 50 in humans.

Meanwhile, the monkeys whose weight was kept constant showed no sign of diabetes or of the changes that precede it.

Furthermore, the monkeys whose weight was held steady had lower levels of triglycerides than the other monkeys and higher levels of the so-called good cholesterol, otherwise known as high-density lipoprotein.

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Legislative leaders approve financing for more prisons

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery has made many Texans richer. Now, it may help make them safer.

On Thursday, state legislative leaders took \$25.5 million in cost savings from the Texas Lottery Commission and shifted it to pay for an ongoing emergency prison expansion program.

"We made some tough spending cuts to speed up the prison expansion program, and we've sliced some fat in the process," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. "The taxpayers are getting a real bang for their buck."

Before anyone could resurrect the debate about how lottery proceeds are spent, Bullock pointed out that the \$25.5 million from the Lottery Commission came from unused money budgeted for administrative services — not proceeds.

After the lottery began in 1992, there was a misconception among some members of the public and some state officials that proceeds generated from the sales of instant-win scratch games and Lotto Texas would go solely to education. They don't. They go to the state's General Revenue Fund, which pays for numerous state programs including

health and human services, education and criminal justice.

"The law that created the lottery provided (money) for administration, but it hasn't cost that much to administer and that money was just sitting there," Bullock said. "What we did was use the money for the ... administration of the prisons."

The state earlier this year embarked on an emergency program to add 15,000 prison beds and build temporary facilities for another 7,500 prisoners. The action is aimed at alleviating a backlog of more than 22,000 state prisoners in county jails.

The unanimous vote by the Legislative Budget Board on Thursday was the third time in four months that money from cost-savings in other agencies has been transferred into prison construction.

The board shifted \$102.7 million in April and \$114.6 million in July. The \$25.5 million approved Thursday marks the final payoff for the program at a pricetag of \$267.1 million, Bullock said. Other funds came from savings within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The board also approved the transfer of \$10.6 million of surplus funds in the attorney general's workers' compensation budget to the Juvenile Probation Commission.

Missing man's girlfriend arraigned on perjury, tampering charges

LUBBOCK (AP) — Authorities who believe Roger Scott Dunn was murdered more than three years ago still haven't found his body.

What they do have is the suspicion the missing man's girlfriend lied to a grand jury and tampered with evidence.

Leisha Gwen Hamilton was arraigned Thursday on charges centering on a seemingly bizarre detail: who had possession of a radio-controlled boat.

Reporters were barred from the proceeding.

"We've got very limited space in

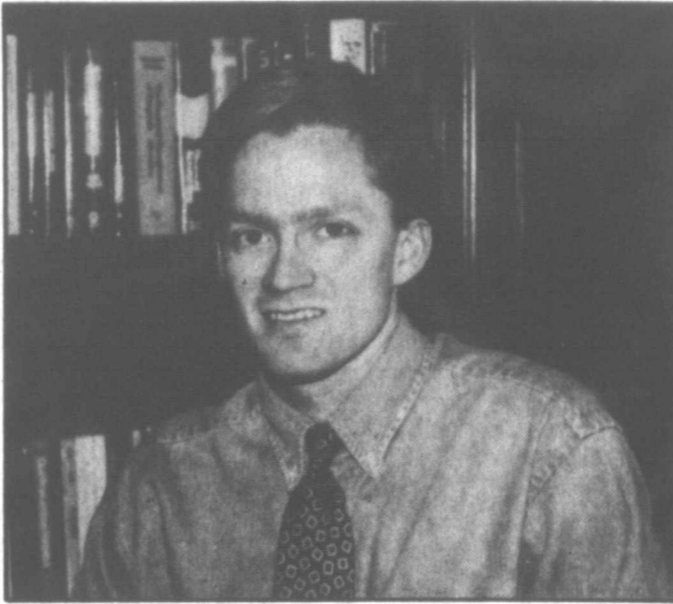
the room over there," said state District Judge Cecil Puryear.

Puryear said Ms. Hamilton pleaded innocent to aggravated perjury and tampering with evidence. She remained in Lubbock County Jail on two bonds of \$50,000 each.

Ms. Hamilton, 32, was living with

Dunn when he disappeared in May 1991.

She was indicted for allegedly lying earlier this month by telling county grand jurors that a radio-controlled boat was in the possession of a friend. The boat was actually in her custody, according to the indictment.



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Suspect sought in slaying deaths of three gay men

By JAY JORDEN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A widening investigation into a series of gay killings now involves three victims, all of whom were stabbed and left partly clothed in what suburban police believe is the same attacker's frenzy.

And police are reviewing two more unsolved Dallas-area murders and one in Gainesville, near the Oklahoma border, for possible connections.

Irving police said Thursday that a warrant was issued for an Arkansas parolee in the latest slaying. Larry David Allen was stabbed repeatedly and his nude body was found after he was thrown through a window.

"The common denominator in all the slayings is that all three of our victims went to the same Dallas area in Oak Lawn and frequented clubs there," said Irving police Capt. Travis Hall. "All were homosexuals. And all of them had multiple stab wounds."

Edwin B. Perkins, whom Travis described as bisexual, was named in an arrest warrant issued by Municipal Judge Milton Sierman in Allen's slaying. Perkins was registered in a room at an Irving motel where Allen died Aug. 18.

An Irving police detective said earlier that the attacks had the marks of a hate crime. The possibility of a serial killer raised concerns among Oak Lawn residents and gay rights groups.

Hall said some of the victims could have been sexual partners of Perkins, 33, who was paroled from Arkansas prisons last year.

"We have three individuals with the same lifestyle, with all three stabbed to death," he said. "All three frequented the same area that Perkins frequented."

Other cases may match. Dallas detectives planned to contact Irving police about two unsolved cases, said Dallas police Lt. Ron Waldrop. A death at Gainesville, 75 miles north, was also under review by Irving police.

"We are looking at everything that fits the profile, involving gay victims," Waldrop said. "But nothing fits the profile yet. We are looking at the whole spectrum."

Hall said in the second slaying, Leopoldo "Paul" Quintanilla Jr.'s nude body was found dumped in a north Irving field June 22. His hands were tied with nylon rope.

Both Quintanilla and the first victim, Larry Leggett, had been stabbed more than a dozen times, Hall said. Leggett's body, nude from the waist down, was found Jan. 25 at his southeast Irving residence.

Investigators said Quintanilla may have been killed outside Irving before his body was dumped in the field.

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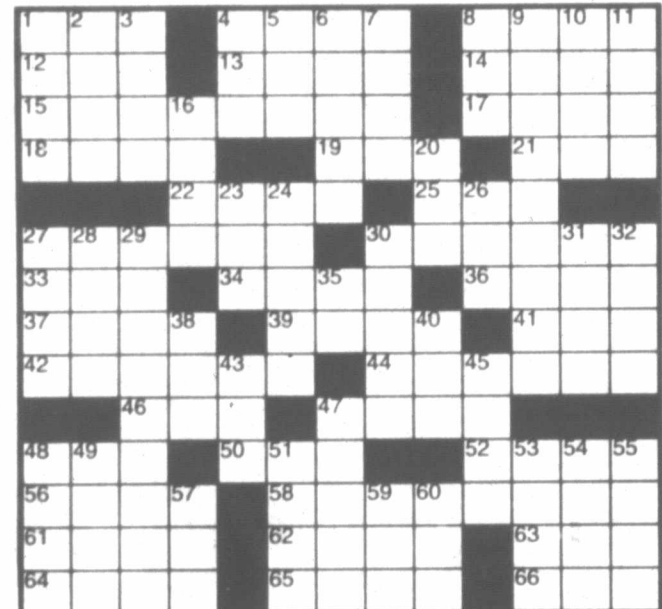
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Belonging to the guy
 - 4 Formerly
 - 8 — La
 - 12 JFK listing
 - 13 Italian money
 - 14 Debt letters
 - 15 Orgy behavior
 - 17 Leave — Beaver
 - 18 Gravel ridges
 - 19 As far — know
 - 21 — Lingus (airline)
 - 22 — daisy
 - 25 Noun suffix
 - 27 Casual top
 - 30 Picks up the tab
 - 33 Wide shoe size
 - 34 Every
 - 36 Spanish river
 - 37 Muslim prayer leader
 - 39 — in the USA
 - 41 Astronaut's ferry
 - 42 Tiers
- DOWN**
- 1 Type of sandwich
 - 2 How sweet
 - 3 W. Indies island
 - 4 Indisposed
 - 5 Dis-encumber
 - 6 Elegant attire
 - 7 Negative votes
 - 8 Roman 3
 - 9 Revoluble
 - 10 Speechless
 - 11 Hebrew lyre
 - 16 Wild sheep
 - 20 Comparative ending
 - 23 Before (pref.)
 - 24 Pierces
 - 26 Society-page word
 - 27 Lime tree
 - 28 Ornamental pattern
 - 29 Massive-ness
 - 30 The — R's
 - 31 Allowance for waste
 - 32 Indefinite amount
 - 35 With (pref.)
 - 38 Males
 - 40 Cowboys' org
 - 43 Careless
 - 45 Yard parts
 - 47 Decorative loop
 - 48 Ireland
 - 49 Flower
 - 51 Character in Othello
 - 53 Goals
 - 54 Old Portuguese money
 - 55 Future attys. exam
 - 57 Observe
 - 59 Maximum (abbr.)
 - 60 Wedding vow

Answer to Previous Puzzle

BEELS ESTE OLD
EMIT PAWN OER
RUSE ASOR ZOA
OSTRICH ANENT
EST OPE
AARON POTSHOT
OLE TRAP TUBA
NIDE ELSE ETR
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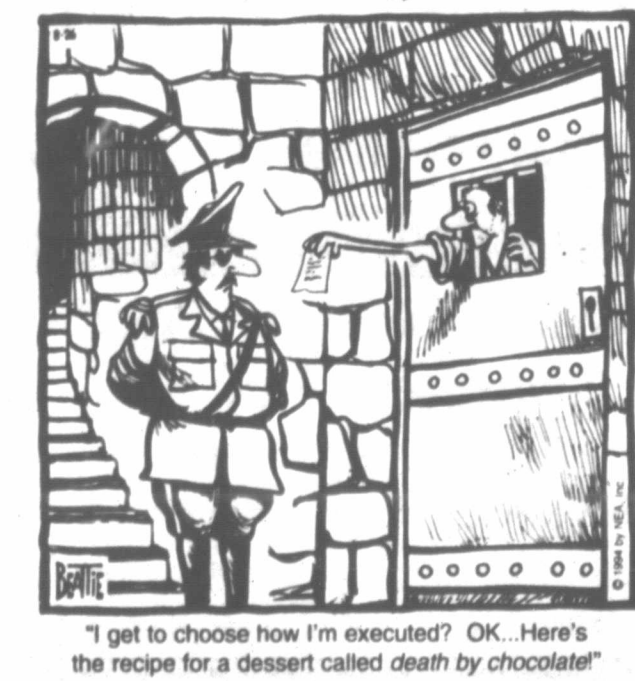
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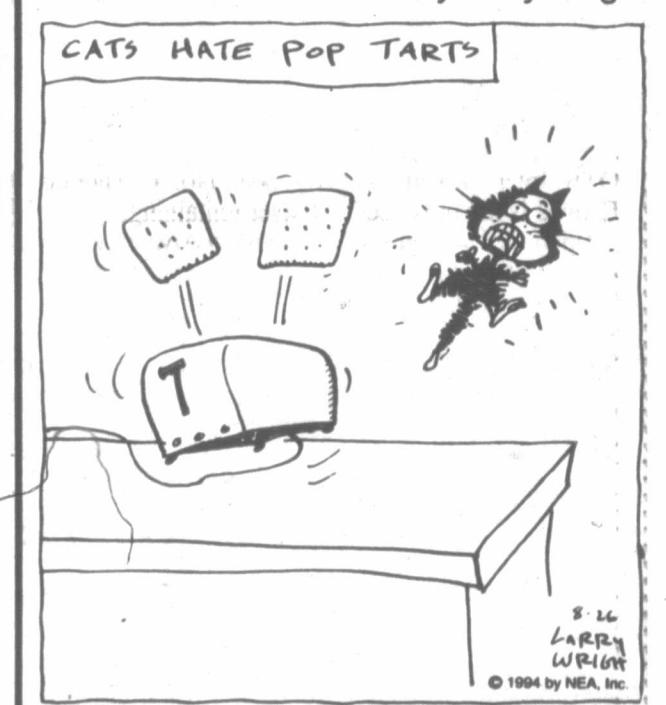
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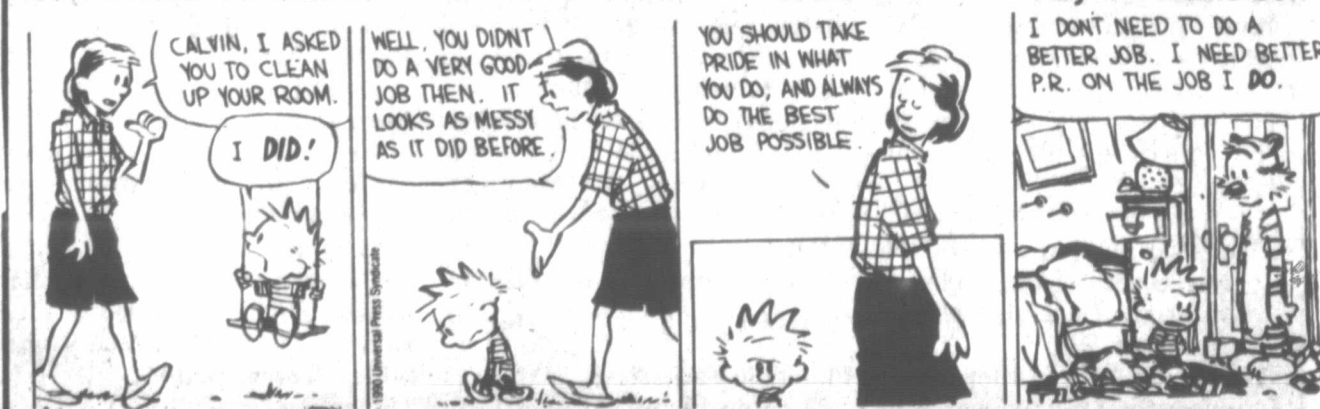
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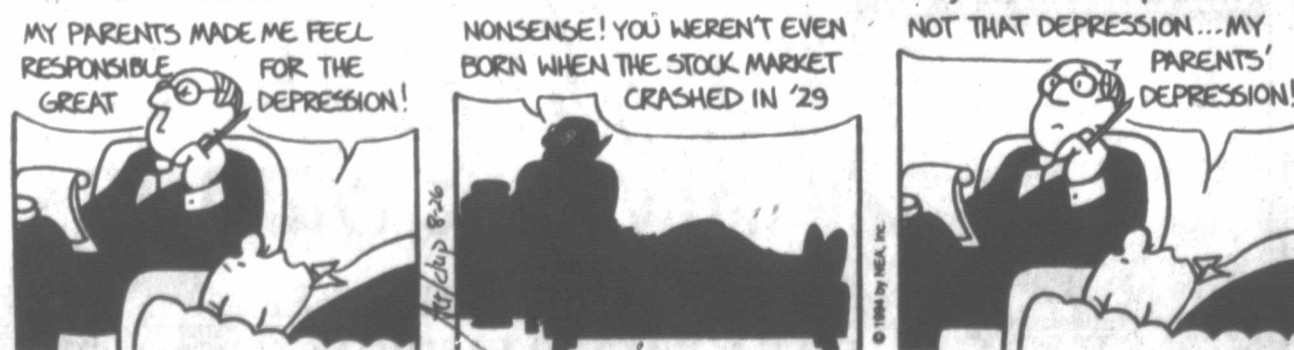
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A complicated matter that has caused you concern looks like it is going to be resolved to your satisfaction today through a mysterious chain of circumstances. Keep hoping.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persons who meet you for the first time will be duly impressed today, especially if they are members of the opposite gender. Your charm and charisma are very strong at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial conditions continue to trend in your favor. Gains are a possibility through individuals who are closely involved with your work or career.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In a situation where you have a leading role, someone might attempt to usurp some of your authority today. Fortunately, his/her efforts may be futile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Two associates might go out of their way to do favors for you today that they wouldn't do for others. The only condition they may request is that their deeds be kept confidential.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If there is someone you met recently to whom you are attracted, don't disguise your feelings. This person has been waiting for an explicit signal from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Probabilities for success look hopeful in an area where you're motivated to look out for others, as well as yourself. Luck is enhanced where unity is stressed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to exchange ideas today with individuals whose intelligence you respect. Each could contribute to a larger mosaic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your thoughts and concepts could be rather ingenious today, especially where making money is concerned. Don't be afraid to make small experiments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although you might play the lesser role in a partnership arrangement today, you should come out as well as your counterpart in whatever transpires.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your material ambitions have an excellent chance of being fulfilled today, especially two matters which are very closely related. Each will possess a definite distinction, however.

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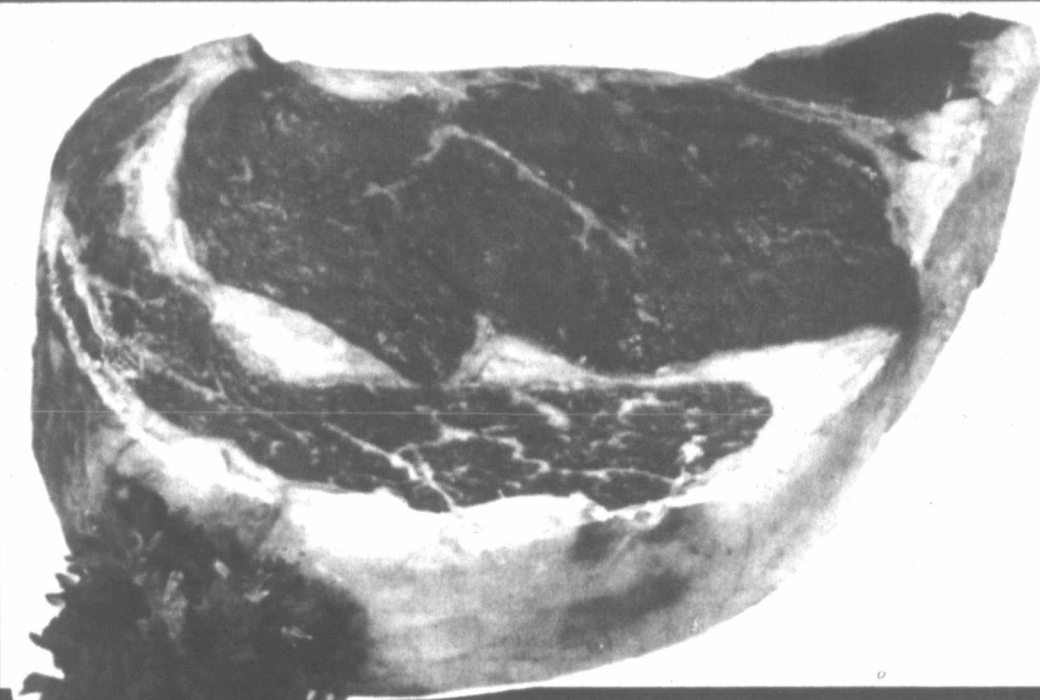
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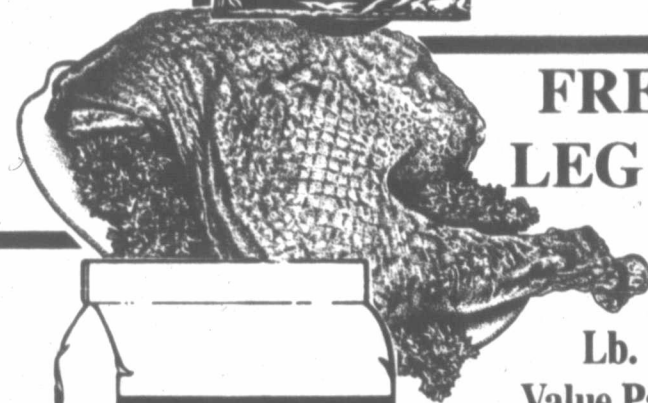
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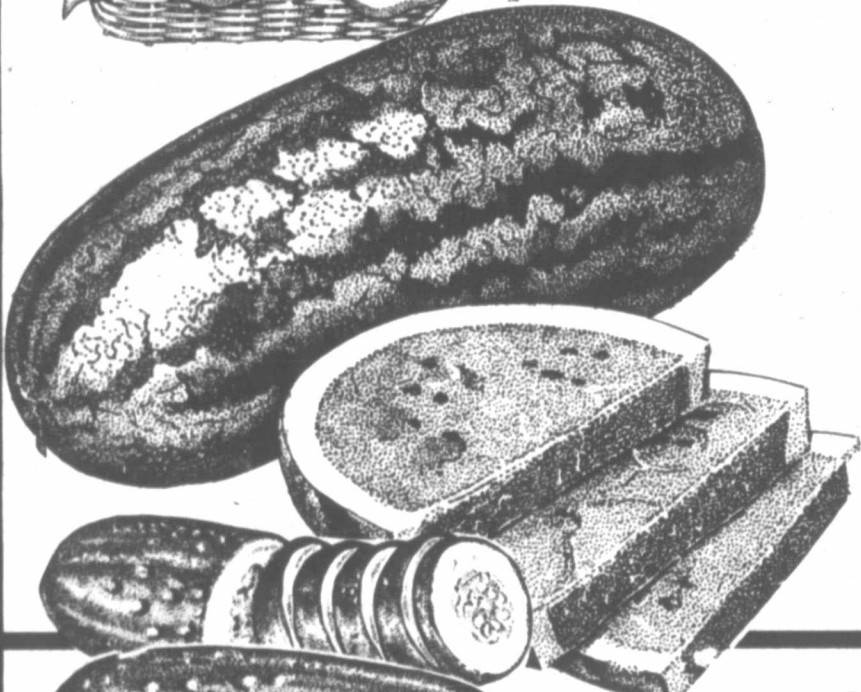
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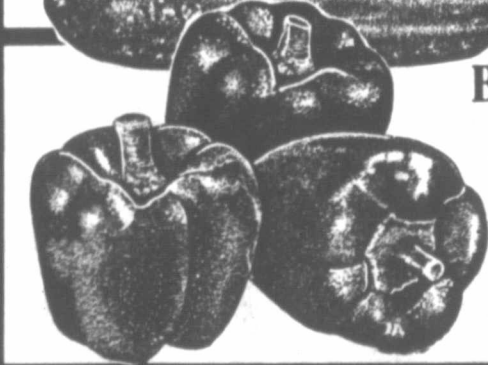
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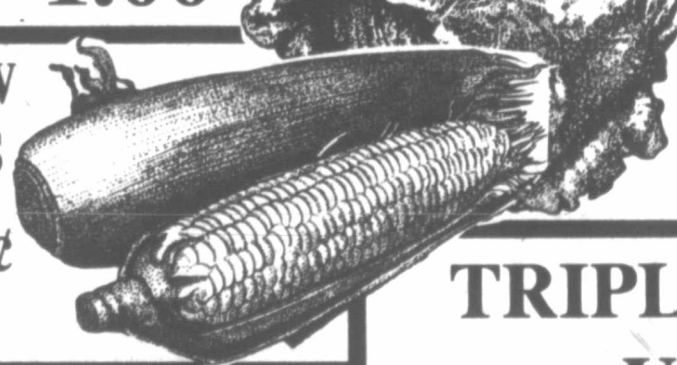
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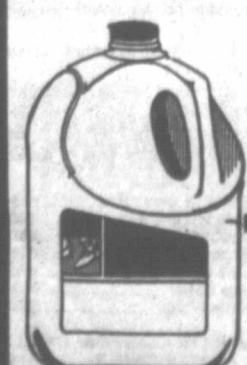
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