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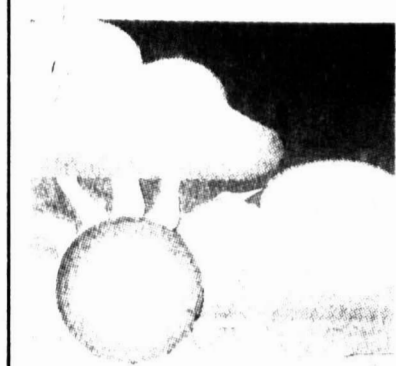
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CLARENDON — Live country western music greeted a crowd of 250 people attending a Thunder Junction update meeting at Clarendon College Monday night.

In attendance to lend support to the western heritage theme park were Texas cowboy poet Red Steagall, eight-time World Roping Champion Roy Cooper and western music artist Tommy Overstreet.

A number of projects were discussed including the possibility of a Texas Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum and a Roping Hall of Fame being built as part of the park complex.

"There are a large number of musicians in all fields of music from Texas," Overstreet told the audience. "Honoring them would be a noble addition to Thunder Junction."

SAN ANGELO — Today is the day for GTE telephone operations to extend local calling for customers in the Panhandle telephone service area.

All calls from Panhandle to Amarillo, Borger, White Deer and Pampa, and vice versa, will now be billed as local calls for GTE service customers.

This action is a result of balloting which took place in the Panhandle telephone service area under the rules of Senate Bill 632 and the Public Utility Commission Rule 23.49.

Under those guidelines, certain communities were allowed to petition for extended toll free calling to nearby communities.

Customers are not required to take any action to take advantage of the new service offering.

Once extended calling is operational, it will no longer be necessary for customers to dial "1+" before the number when placing calls between these communities.

PAMPA — The Austin Booster Club will sponsor a Fall Festival from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday at Austin Elementary School, 1900 Duncan.

The festival will feature a chili supper in the school cafeteria, a bake sale near the principal's office and a carnival in the school gymnasium.

PAMPA — A public test of the voting machine is set for 2 p.m. Nov. 2 in Room 205 of Gray County courthouse, according to County Clerk Wanda Carter.

A school for election judges and clerks is scheduled the same day at 7 p.m. Carter said election changes will be reviewed.

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Security checks in place for trial in murder case

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Security was tight today at Gray County Courthouse as jury selection began in a murder trial which had its genesis on a May afternoon after an argument led to the death of a 25-year-old Pampa man.

James Wilbon III, 17, stands accused of murdering Sanford LaCraig Kelley, 25, at Prairie Village Park on May 31.

Wilbon, who has been in Gray County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond, is to face a District Court jury being seated before noon today.

Courthouse visitors today were scanned with a metal detector wand before proceeding past the east entry door. Jurors and courthouse employees were not subject to the search. The east door was the only entry and exit door in the building.

Stationed at the door were the court bailiff J.D. Barnard, Deputy Heath Cates and jailer Tammie Ledford. A photocopied sign at the courthouse entry says weapons are prohibited in the courthouse.

Judge Lee Waters, who is to preside over the trial, ordered the security.

"This is something we should have at all times for everyone in the courthouse," he said today.

Waters ordered the security based on information he received and the security measures will continue each day of the trial, which is expected to last three days. He declined to elaborate on the information which led to the security order.

Today's check point entry is a first for Gray County Courthouse, though Waters said using metal detectors wands on the third floor, where the courtroom is located, is not new. Briefcases and purses are sometimes searched on the third floor also, he said.

"It's for this trial only. I hope we can do some formal security means later," Waters said.

District Clerk Yvonne Moler said 150 jurors were called to hear the murder case, though by Monday afternoon 69 jurors were excused for various reasons.

In court action Monday afternoon, Waters granted defense attorney Harold Comer's motion to suppress Wilbon's juvenile records except as it may be addressed out of the jury's presence.

District Attorney John Mann told Waters he will object to any mention of Kerrance Ramone Brown's past, except as it pertains to Wilbon. Brown was convicted Sept. 12 of wounding Wilbon's younger sister, Audrey, 15, and firing in the direction of Albert Young III, on the same day Wilbon is accused of shooting Kelley.

Brown is sentenced to 16 years in prison and a \$4,000 fine on the two charges of deadly conduct.

Brown and Kelley were best friends, Brown's mother Pat Wright told the court Sept. 13.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Kerrick and Benny Horton hold a plaque presented to them by West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The Hortons, chosen as "Parents of the Year," were nominated by their children: Meredith, a junior social work student, and J.B., a sophomore business major.

Hortons pleased at being selected for WT Parents of the Year honor

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

"You never know what your children are going to do," said Kerrick Horton, who along with her husband Benny were named as West Texas A&M University's Parents of the Year.

Kerrick and Benny were nominated by their children Meredith and J.B., who are on the WTAMU tennis team. The Hortons were invited by their children Saturday for Parents' Day at the university in Canyon but they were unaware that they were going to receive this honor.

"We love to go watch our children," said Kerrick about the tennis matches her children compete in. "To be presented an award for something we enjoy doing is special."

In their nomination essay, the

Hortons' children, Meredith and J.B., wrote, "Our parents are loving, supporting and kind and want us to do well in academics, but they also support us by coming to all our tennis matches. No matter how far away our matches are, they are there."

"On Sept. 28, the WTAMU tennis team traveled to Grand Junction, Colo., for the Rolex tournament. They (our parents) met the team in the parking lot of the tennis courts at 5 a.m. and took all of the teams' luggage, checked into the hotel and went with us to practice."

Benny also serves as the volunteer assistant coach for the team. He said it is hard for Coach Richard Patte to be present at all the tennis matches, which are sometimes going on at the same time, so Benny offers his services to help the students

out. He said he can also offer support and encouragement to the students in that capacity.

Meredith and J.B. also mentioned that their parents shop at a grocery store in towns where the tennis matches are and buy food for the team such as fruit and makings for sandwiches, which the Hortons say, "is nicer for the kids than fast food."

"It's worth more to me to be nominated than winning the actual award," said Benny. "We're very fortunate to have the kids we've got."

"That's the award in itself," said Kerrick. "That our kids think enough of us to nominate us for an award like this."

She said it makes them realize how much each cares about the other.

The university has named Parents of the Year since 1978.

Jury convicts Saldivar in Selena's death

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
The Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury convicted the former president of the Selena fan club Monday of murdering the beloved Tejano singing star, rejecting Yolanda Saldivar's claim that the gun went off accidentally.

With word of the verdict — which came after just two hours of deliberations — a cheer went up from a crowd of several hundred outside the courthouse, and drivers honked their horns.

After the verdict was read, Saldivar's shoulders shook and she began to cry, and a brother and sister, seated directly behind her, also wept. There was no visible reaction from members of Selena's family in the courtroom.

"I think you could probably see she was distraught, crying, very upset," said Fred Hagans, one of Saldivar's defense attor-

neys. "I think one of the things that always concerned us was the celebrity status of Selena."

Selena was a superstar in the world of Tejano music, a bouncy variety of Mexican-American pop, and was working on her first English-language recording in hopes of becoming a crossover sensation.

Defense attorneys had argued that the shooting March 31 at the Days Inn motel in Corpus Christi was unintentional and that the gun went off as Saldivar was waving it at the 23-year-old Grammy winner.

Prosecutors contended Saldivar deliberately shot Selena when the singer went to retrieve records to support her family's suspicion that Saldivar had embezzled \$30,000 as manager of Selena's boutiques.

Jurors only had to decide if Saldivar, who rose from founder of the Selena fan club to manag-

er of her boutiques, should be convicted of murder.

The conviction could get Saldivar, who has no prior criminal record, a sentence ranging from probation to a life prison term.

State District Judge Mike Westergren ordered the jury to return to court this afternoon to begin the punishment phase of the trial.

Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez said he was not surprised at the jury's swift decision.

He would not say immediately if he would seek the maximum punishment. However, he said he planned to pursue an embezzlement case against Saldivar.

"It will be presented to a grand jury as soon as I get back to Corpus Christi," he said.

Hagans said it was premature to interpret the verdict, although he said an appeal would be filed.

Chisum backs environmental law changes

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Texas State Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, is in the nation's capital today to support congressional proposals that would improve Texas' environment while preventing the Environmental Protection Agency from carrying out its threat to impose stricter regulations on the state.

Chisum was to join 12 fellow state legislators and congressmen at a national news conference to draw attention to EPA

threats to impose retaliatory actions on states that enact laws that allow companies to evaluate their operations for compliance with environmental regulations.

Those laws are based on model legislation — the Uniform State Environmental Audit Privilege Act — drafted by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

The state laws grant liability protection to businesses so that they may conduct private envi-

ronmental investigations of their operations without fear of retribution from state government agencies; the results remain confidential as long as violations are immediately corrected.

Currently, 14 states have enacted laws based on the Uniform State Environmental Audit Privilege Act, including 10 states that passed it during the 1995 legislative sessions.

Texas passed Chisum's bill this year.

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Red Ribbon Week at Wilson



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Wilson Elementary Principal Debbie Robertson pins a red ribbon on kindergartner Kadin Barton Monday morning as students across the school district prepared to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. Activities designed to stress a drug-free message are planned throughout the week at Wilson and other Pampa schools. With Robertson and Barton are kindergartners J.D. Pairsh and Jacob Jenkins, fourth grader Amanda Stephenson, second grader Abby McBride and fifth grader Bridget Stephenson.

School Ring Protocol Is Simple Matter of Design

DEAR ABBY: For the last three years, I have been attending a very nice private school here in the South. However, for reasons too complicated to explain in this short letter, I must transfer to another school in order to get my degree.

I am very proud to have attended the first school. Would there be anything wrong with having a class ring made up with my initials engraved on the inside — but no "year"?

DEAR CURIOUS: According to the Jewelry Information Center, a not-for-profit trade association located in New York, a traditional class ring bears a year, which implies graduation — so you should not order one with a year.

However, according to the association, "many school rings can be customized to include symbols of activities in which students have participated: for example, basketball, swimming, drama, band or R.O.T.C. Most manufacturers of school rings offer 'freedom of choice sides,' which depict the student's participation in activities."



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

letter from "Wondering in Texas," the woman whose mother-in-law wanted absolutely no funeral service, I had to write. You told her they should respect her wishes.

My mother, who was 97 when she died, had made the same request, and we honored it. Her ashes were interred beside our father's without ceremony.

However, we felt there was still a need for closure, not only for us but for our children and grandchildren. We resolved it this way: On what would have been Mother's 98th birthday, our entire family gathered at her graveside and shared special memories of her in celebration of this great lady.

Later, we met for a simple meal and reminisced about Mother's positive influence on our lives. That day became a cherished memory for all of us.

BETTY J. WINBERG, NASHUA, N.H.

DEAR BETTY: How generous

of you to share your family's excellent solution for easing their grief. Perhaps it will help other readers to cope with the loss of a loved one.

DEAR ABBY: The issue of what to do when a man comes to dinner wearing a cap — in this case, I believe, it was a baseball cap — prompted me to write.

I am a waiter in a first-class restaurant, and the management advised us to never ask a patron to remove his hat — never! Management learned that lesson the hard way. A new waiter asked a gentleman diner to kindly remove his cap. The man refused, so the captain went to the table and politely repeated the request.

He was told that the gentleman preferred to keep his cap on because he was having chemotherapy treatments due to cancer. Need I tell you that no employee of that restaurant has ever again asked a patron to remove his hat?

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Horoscope



Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1995

New channels might open for you in the year ahead. This could enable you to advance in your chosen field. Good fortune may come to you in an unexpected manner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You can probably garner support for important projects more easily today. Associates have considerable respect for your judgment. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this news-

paper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10150. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) One of your best assets is your ability to perceive value in things that have been overlooked by others. Keep your eyes open for opportunities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) While making sure not to shirk your responsibilities, try to allocate some time for pleasurable pursuits. You can manage both. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Trends and tides might start shifting in your favor today, making it possible to achieve an objective you previously considered unattainable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The greatest benefits will come from your more progressive contacts. Avoid involvements with people who are too traditional.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A unique idea will be introduced to you today. Although it may mean departing from your usual methods, give this new thought your full attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Listen atten-

tively to people whose intellect you admire. Your mind may open to a brilliant new prospect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not hesitate to experiment with new procedures in regard to your work. You might develop new techniques that could enhance your productivity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have the ability to quickly and correctly assess difficult situations. You can provide solutions while your associates are still trying to identify the problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might be inclined to let responsibilities go until the last minute. However, you will still be resourceful enough to accomplish your duties.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to keep your schedule as flexible as possible. Something interesting may occur and you will want to be able to participate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A fortuitous circumstance may augment your finances. A trusted friend may bring a solid financial opportunity to your attention.

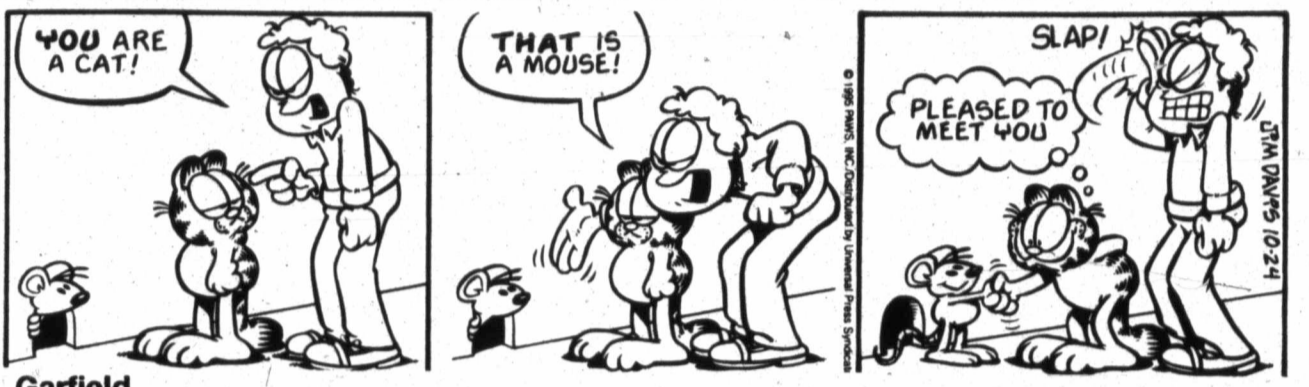
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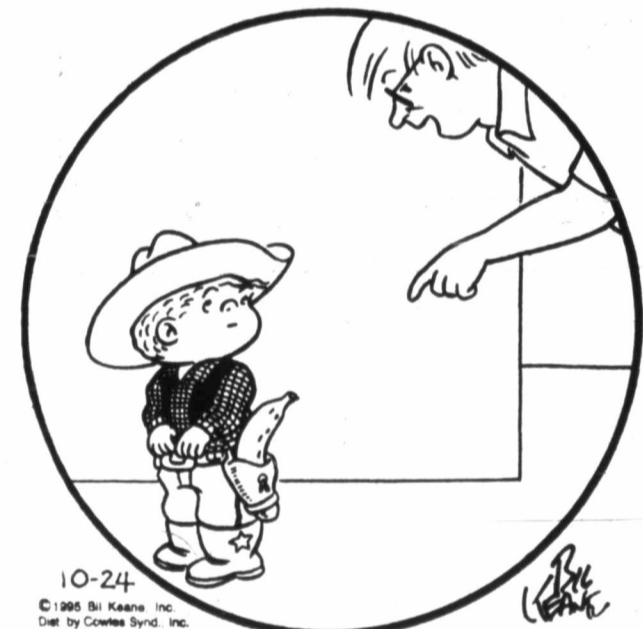
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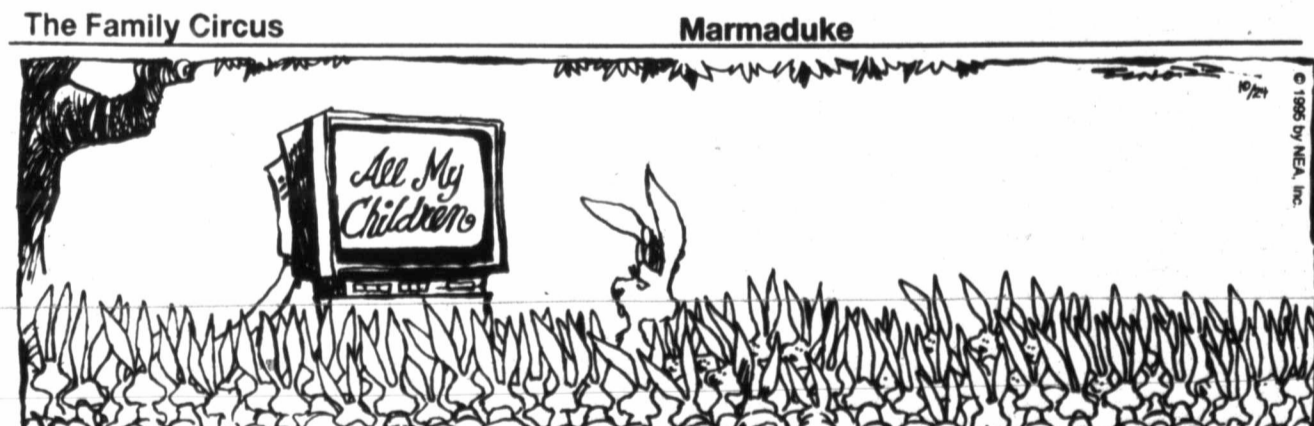
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"Do you have a permit for that banana?"



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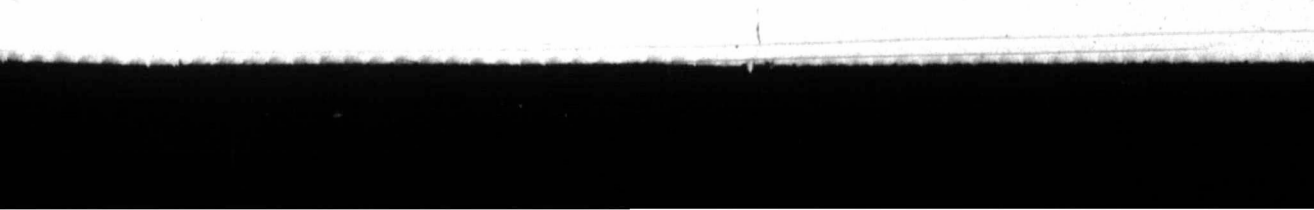
The Family Circus



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Peanuts

FBI arrest keeps pressure on border

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The latest arrest of a Juan Garcia Abrego lieutenant shows authorities on both sides of the border remain committed to dismantling the empire of the powerful and elusive drug lord, U.S. officials said Monday.

"It demonstrates to the organization that the pressure is still on, that efforts continue to be made to locate and apprehend the leadership of the organization," said Raul Carballido, supervisory senior resident agent of the FBI's Brownsville office.

Garcia Abrego heads the Gulf Cartel, one of Mexico's largest drug trafficking organizations. The cartel smuggles hundreds of tons of Colombian cocaine into the United States every year, law enforcement officials say.

A native Texan, Garcia Abrego is wanted in Mexico and the

United States. Seven months ago, he became the first international drug trafficker named to the FBI's 10 most-wanted list.

Last week, Mexican federal agents arrested one of Garcia Abrego's top lieutenants on drug charges there.

Jose Adolfo de la Garza, also known as "El Borrado" or "The Eraser," was in charge of hit squads that eliminated the competitors and enemies of Garcia Abrego, Carballido said.

Believed to be a former member of the Tamaulipas state judicial police, De la Garza also supervised the transfer of drug money from the United States back into Mexico.

"We don't know exactly what his current standing within the organization was at the time of

arrest, but in view of the role he played at one point, I would consider it a significant arrest," Carballido said.

De la Garza also is wanted in the United States. He is named along with Garcia Abrego and more than a dozen others in a 26-count indictment pending in Houston federal court. The indictment alleges crimes including drug trafficking, money laundering and murder.

Jim Conway, FBI spokesman in Houston, said steps were being taken to try to extradite De la Garza to the United States.

At least six Garcia Abrego lieutenants named in the indictment are in custody either in Mexico or the United States, but the others — including Garcia Abrego himself — remain fugitives, Conway said.

World briefs

Tiger preserve can't afford to feed endangered cats

BEIJING (AP) — Saved from extinction in the wild, 76 rare Manchurian tigers reportedly could starve to death because their breeding center can't afford to feed them.

The tigers at the Hengdaohezi Feline Breeding and Raising Center in northeast Heilongjiang province eat three-head of cattle a day. Their food and medicine cost about \$1,200 daily.

The center isn't supported by the central government, and is more than \$1.2 million in debt, the Beijing Youth Daily reported Monday. Banks have refused to give it any more loans, and the

center said if it doesn't get money, the tigers will starve, the newspaper reported.

The tiger center was set up in 1986 with two tigers, the newspaper said. It was not clear where the 76 cats at the center came from, but most, if not all, were bred in captivity.

Officials considered releasing some tigers, but decided that because they were raised in captivity, they couldn't survive in the wild, the report said.

Last call for beleaguered French cafes

PARIS (AP) — The French cafe, the soul of the sidewalk for more than three centuries, is fighting for survival in a society

no longer willing to sit and watch the world go by.

Several hundred cafe owners demonstrated beneath the Eiffel Tower on Monday to protest high taxes they say are driving them out of business.

But that's just part of the problem. Industry insiders say 4,000 bistros a year are going bust because more French are eating fast food, shunning cigarettes and booze and simply staying home, American couch potato-style.

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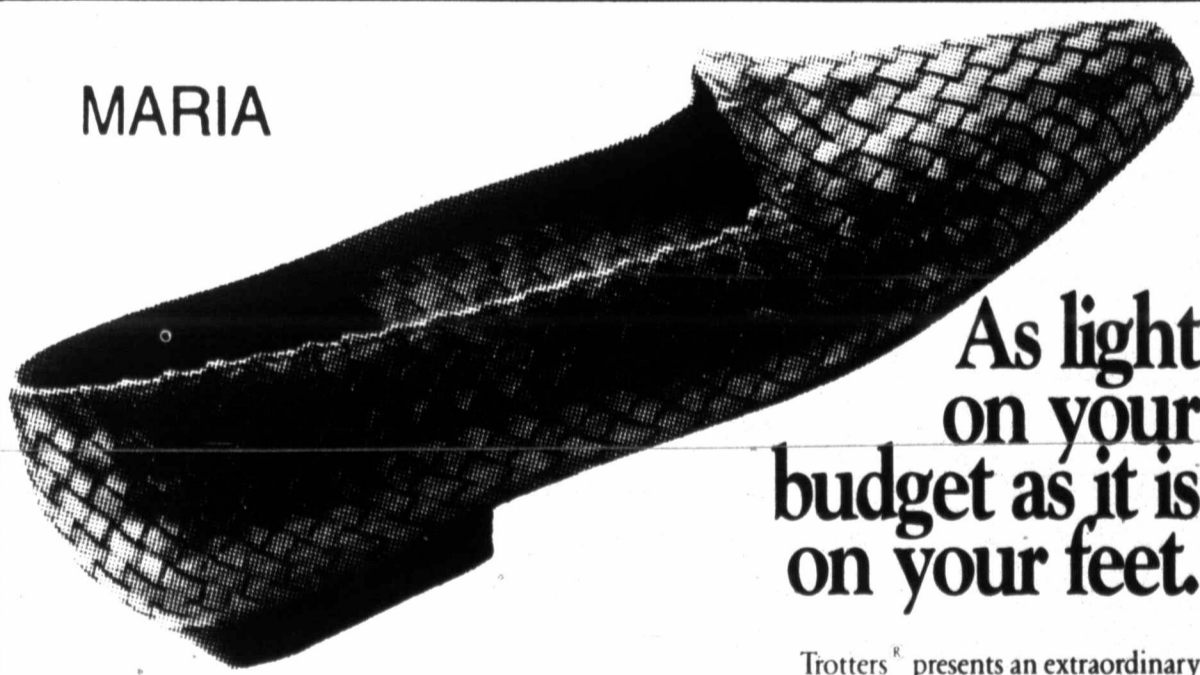
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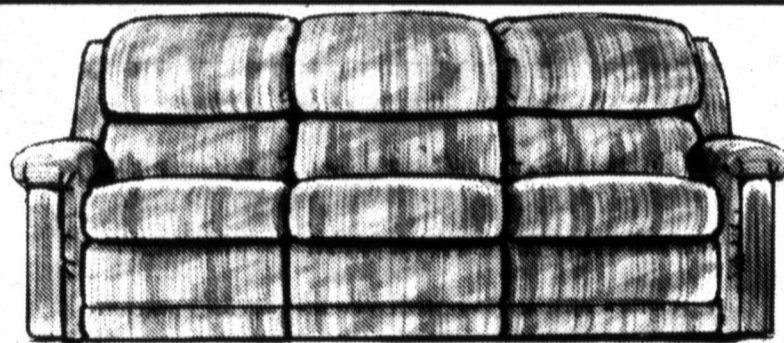
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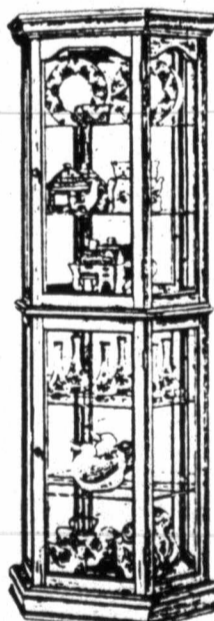
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