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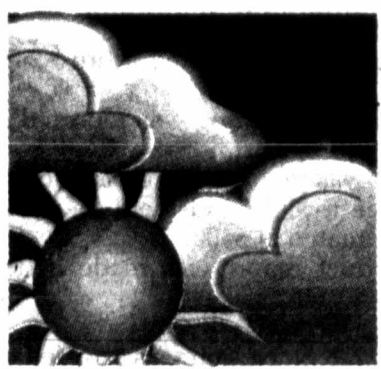
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**PAMPA** — The Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees has called a special meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30.

Action items on the agenda include consideration of catalog bid for the 1997-98 office and instructional supplies, consideration to approve architect design documents and approval of change order procedures.

The board is set to hear reports, but take no action, on the architect updates, the elementary construction and student transfer policies.

The school board meets at 321 W. Albert and the meetings are open to the public.

**PAMPA** — Two local elementary schools will be holding Practical Parenting Workshops this week.

The topic for the workshops at Lamar on Jan. 29 and Horace Mann on Jan. 30 will center around discipline and effective methods of letting children know what behavior is appropriate and what is not.

The workshop at Lamar will be from 2-3 p.m. Wednesday in the cafeteria. Mann's will be from 2-3 p.m. Thursday in the Title I room. Child care will be provided and refreshments and door prizes will be part of the program.

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated \$12 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 14, 19, 22, 29, 37 and 42.

There were 157 tickets purchased matching five of the six numbers, winning \$1,381 each. Matching four of six numbers were 8,733 tickets, with a prize of \$89 each.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$18 million.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A North Central Texas woman died Sunday while scuba diving in Lake Travis.

The death of Kathy Brittan was the first in the Austin area lake this year, the Travis County sheriff's office said.

Ms. Brittan, 38, of Hillsboro accidentally drowned during her dive, said sheriff's Sgt. Mike Childers. He said the county medical examiner was notified.

"She was scuba diving with a group of other individuals from out of town when they noticed she was missing," said sheriff's Sgt. Stan Hibbs. "Her friends formed a search group and started looking for her."

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## McLean seeks solution for recycling

By SHERRY CROMARTIE  
Staff Writer

**McLEAN** — Disposing of waste products which are also good for recycling is becoming a problem in small cities where there is no pick-up service.

In McLean, the recycle-disposal trailer for such household waste is now closed for the public's use.

"It costs us more to deliver it to someplace like Borger than we can afford. There's just no extra wages for the needed manpower to monitor," McLean City Superintendent Fred Smith said.

According to Smith and Assistant City Secretary Toni Bohlar, McLean is facing problems dealing with what to do with its resident recyclable waste products. At the last city meeting, a decision was made to request the citizens not to carry their waste collection of papers, plastic or glass to the collection trailer because it was full to capacity. Prior to January, C.E.G. Industries in Borger was servicing the town to pick up the materials each month.

In January the city council was notified by the company that the pick-up service was no longer available.

"As far as I know, it was the only one in the Panhandle area that offered the pick up service for household recycle items," Smith said.

In March 1995, a three-compartment-trailer designed for household waste was provided through a program sponsored by Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. After three years' use in a cooperative recycling program, the trailer will belong to the city, Smith said.

"The PRPC office in Amarillo is trying to help us find a new service now, but until then, we must process only trash and garbage that can be delivered to a regular landfill," he said.

The disposal trailer is closed for the public's use.

The city is still accepting disposed oil cans and filters from the individuals who service their own vehicles and change their oil at home, and local automotive service agents work cooperatively with

the city toward disposing of these items in accordance with the Environmental Protective Agency requirements, according to Smith.

"The EPA regulations, rules and the law are so difficult for most cities to comply with, and it is costly for small towns like us," said Smith.

He explained that to deliver the waste to another collection site, 60 miles away or farther, would require having to hire extra help, plus a driver, and the mileage cost would be added on top of that expense.

The people are not always concerned about how they empty their trash, and sometimes create more problems for the city workers to deal with, Bohlar added.

"If a homeowner drives his household recycle bags to the collector-trailer and finds that the bin for glass is too full, it doesn't seem to occur to him that dumping that bag full of bottles and jars into the one marked 'paper' actually causes a bigger problem for us, because then it must be resorted again," she said.

The disposal items used for recycled materials must be exact in each category before it is acceptable by a recycling plant.

"It costs us more to deliver the materials to someplace like Borger than we can afford. And, there's just no extra wages for the needed manpower to monitor the habits of local collectors and disposals, or to actually take time to separate all the identifiable items. We have to depend on the cooperation of our townspeople," Smith said.

Smith said the citizens work on a voluntary basis, agreeing to use the recycle bins of the trailer. But once they take time to carry it to the disposal depository, they are ready to get rid of it and are not happy about taking it back home. If bagged items are left on the ground and animals cause it to be scattered about, then another cleanup problem is created.

Another city council meeting is planned for Feb. 13; however, it is not known whether a solution can be brought before the city at this time.

## Signing autographs



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Miami Dolphins middle linebacker Zach Thomas, sitting, prepares to autograph items brought by Karen Story and her son Jeff of White Deer and Jeff's friend, Russell Conrad of Groom, who were among those in line at 7:30 a.m. Saturday for the autograph signing at Cellular One in Pampa. Mrs. Story had a posture-size photo blow-up of Thomas with Jeff Story taken at the cross dedication near Groom, plus the boys brought jerseys and football cards to be signed. Thomas has been home visiting his parents, Steve and Bobbie Thomas.

## Researchers look to brush control for water source

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer

**CROSBYTON (AP)** — A gang of bandits holed up at the Bar-X Ranch just east of town is stealing one of Texas' most precious resources, and they've got comrades across the state doing likewise.

They go by names like mesquite, juniper, huisache and Chinese tallow. Researchers estimate that their thirsty roots drink up two gallons to every three that humans use each year.

Otis English, a 41-year veteran of the Bar-X, pointed to an area across the highway where a clump of brush stands alongside White River, which runs thinly for the first half of each year and not at all for the second half.

"Back in the '40s, they bulldozed all of the trees over there," English said.

Ranchers and farmers have long known about brush, the countless species of prolific and water-greedy trees that form vast canopies over Texas rangelands.

English, who lives in a 112-year-old ranch house near Crosbyton, 35 miles east of Lubbock, mostly blames upriver

irrigation by the South Plains' cotton farmers for drying out the White River during the summer and fall months.

However, Texas researchers have studied brush for 20 years to find a way for farmers and rivers to share water more equitably.

"It's a legitimate way to change the way energy is allocated in an ecosystem," said Ralph Hicks, an associate at Texas A&M's Bland Research Center in Temple.

The key to researchers like Hicks, who works with noted brush expert Bill Dugais, is to preserve natural balance while promoting greater water flow and the growth of more useful flora.

Most brush species are of no use to wildlife or for grazing, which means that not only do they sponge up cherished water, they take up valuable space for ranchers and scores of wild critters.

For instance, Hicks points a finger at Chinese tallow, a once-harmless import used for landscaping that has plundered native plants throughout Southeast Texas.

"They're very prolific and replacing a number of wetland habitats down along the Texas

coast," he said. Scientists call brush habitats "monocultures," meaning their canopies promote their own existence while forcing out virtually everything else within their dense midsts.

Researchers estimate that brush sucks up 10 million acre-feet of water annually, compared to the 15.7 million acre-feet that accounts for virtually all human use in a year.

Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water District, which manages much of the southern Ogallala Aquifer area in Texas, said the White River he remembered as a youngster is a memory.

"What it boils down to, I think, is that the brush is using all the water and has dried up the springs," said Wyatt, who also owns land along the river. "When we do have rains, it takes two rainfalls today to equal what one would have done 20 years ago."

John Williams, general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water District, which serves Lubbock, Amarillo and nine other cities, wonders if brush concentration has hindered inflow into Lake Meredith, the Panhandle reservoir that feeds the system.

He pushed his board two weeks ago to help finance a study of the issue, but its members declined.

"There's no doubt we've received less streamflow than there was 40 years ago," Williams said. "There seems to be a long-term trend toward reduction in streamflow, and I'd like to know whether it's a trend that's continuing or due to a series of events that's over with that we don't have to worry about any more."

Wyatt's group still may fund questions about why Lake Meredith, along with other West Texas water bodies, haven't maintained expected water levels over the years.

Even if feasible, simply ridding the estimated 95 million Texas acres that feature some brush proliferation would do more harm than good, warned Norman Bade of the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service.

"But if there's a 90 percent canopy cover of juniper in the central part of the state and we could reduce it to 20 to 30 percent, that's going to free up a lot of the water the juniper was using," Bade said.

## Home sales show record across U.S.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Sales of previously owned homes totaled a record 4.09 million in 1996 despite easing toward the end of the year. Each of the nation's four regions shared in the gain.

The National Association of Realtors said today that sales of existing single-family homes shot up 7.5 percent last year and broke the previous high of 3.99 million set in 1978.

Analysts attributed the robust activity to low mortgage rates and an economy that boosted job and income growth.

Sales in December fell 3.5 percent to 3.87 million at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, from 4.01 million a month earlier.

Analysts had expected sales in December to fall by about 1 percent. They had jumped 1 percent in November, the first advance since last May. Still, except for October, sales had remained above the 4 million rate since last March.

Realtors President Russell K. Booth said that despite the December decline sales remained strong. He noted that sales often decline during the winter because of the weather.

Higher mortgages rates also may have contributed to the decline. Thirty-year, fixed rate mortgages averaged 7.6 percent in December, down slightly from 7.62 percent in November but up from 7.2 percent a year earlier.

The median price of an existing home was \$118,100 in 1996, up from \$112,900 a year earlier. The median price was \$118,800 in December. The median is the midpoint, meaning half of the homes cost more and half cost less.

## More agents sent to border

**MALLEN (AP)** — For Arturo E. Moreno, the key to stopping illegal immigration from Mexico is simple: More federal agents.

But others are looking deeper, saying the border woes are only a symptom of larger problems.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service says it will surpass 26,000 employees this year, with most of its new inspectors going to the Texas-Mexico border.

"With more agents, we'll be able to stop illegal immigration," Moreno, a Border Patrol agent in Brownsville, told *The Monitor* of McAllen. "If we can't stop it, at least we should be able to bring it under control."

Border Patrol administrators in the Rio Grande Valley predict the arrival of 159 new agents — one of the largest increases in the history of the McAllen sector — will eventually trim illegal crossings.



## Records: Six lawmakers owe state or local taxes

FORT WORTH (AP) — Six North Texas state lawmakers are behind on state or local taxes, including one who has proposed denying public office to anyone who doesn't pay up, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

A seventh lawmaker with a history of unpaid taxes and penalties paid off her overdue taxes shortly before taking office, according to records the Star-Telegram obtained from Tarrant County and the state.

State Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage, is sponsoring a bill that would prevent anyone from running for local and state elective office if their state or federal taxes are more than a year overdue.

Nixon's bill, which would require a constitutional amendment, would give officials a final 30 days to pay up and would not apply if "a good faith dispute exists," Nixon told the newspaper in Sunday editions.

"If I'm spending your tax dollars, the very least I should have done is paid my own," he said. But records show Nixon heads a business that lost its corporate privileges after failing to pay its 1996 state franchise taxes, according to State Comptroller John Sharp's office.

Asked if he could be removed from office by his own legislation, Nixon acknowledged, "That's true. But I always have

the option of paying the tax. I assure you, the tax will be paid if it's owed."

Other North Texas legislators listed as having delinquent business or personal taxes, ranging from \$3.10 to several hundred dollars, are Rep. Nancy Moffat, R-Southlake; Rep. Glenn Lewis, D-Fort Worth; Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington; Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington; and Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington.

All were questioned about delinquent taxes in October. But as of this month, taxes were still due.

Moffat is listed as an officer in Moffat Construction, which lost its corporate charter in 1993 for not paying the franchise tax. She said she was unaware of the tax until questioned by the Star-Telegram.

"I am doing everything in my power to get this thing straightened out," Moffat said Saturday. "In another three or four months, we will have it settled."

Lewis owes property tax, penalties and interest on two properties, according to county tax records.

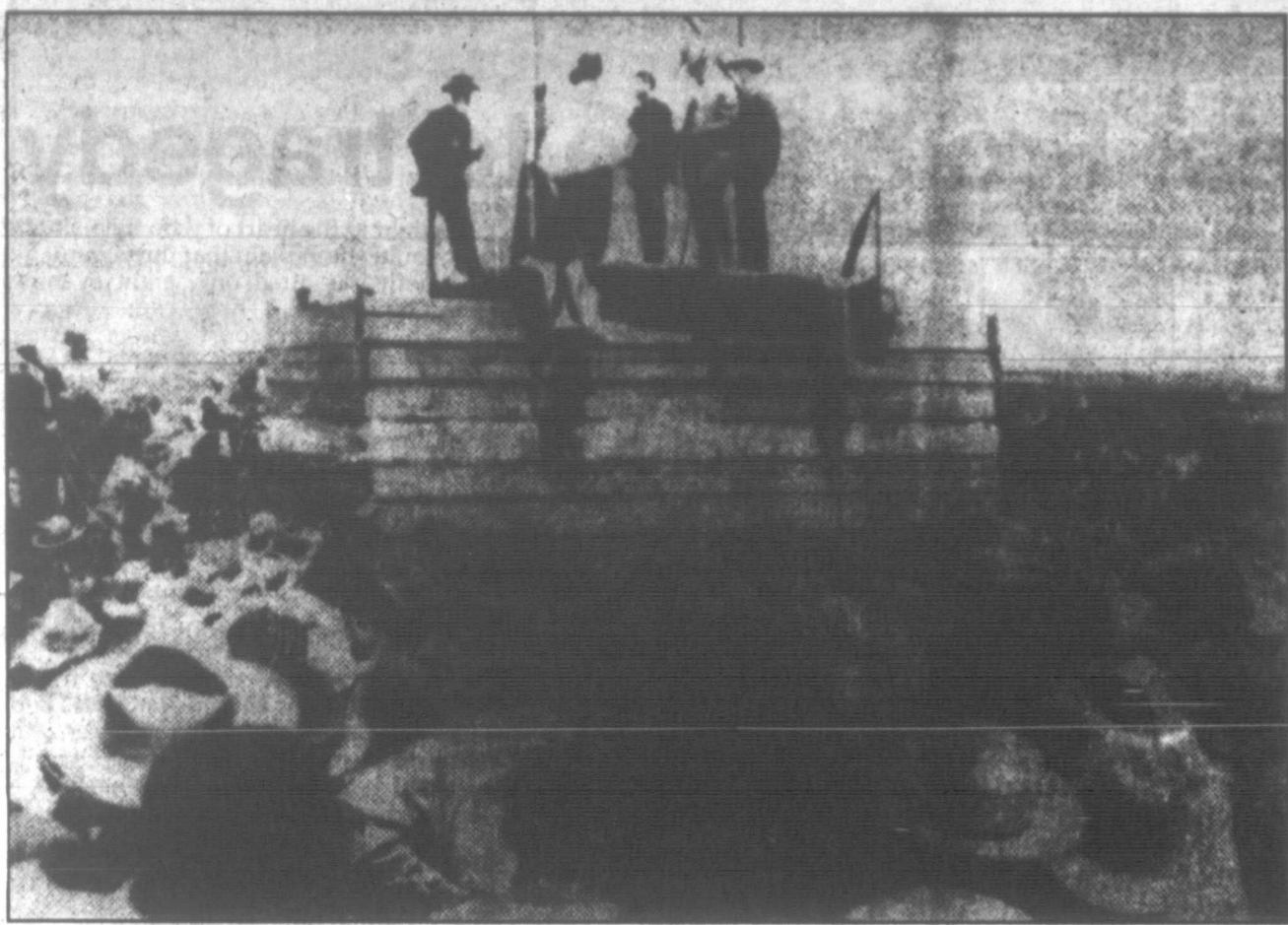
He denied owing \$206.78 in tax for business equipment at a former office he shared. When asked in October about a three-year-old property tax bill for \$55 for his current law office, Lewis vowed

to "send them a check tomorrow." Goodman disputes records linking him to a 14-year-old state tax lien from a franchise tax bill to Advanced Foam Systems of Texas. He said he doesn't recall the firm, but that his law firm may have represented it. State records list Goodman as vice president and a director.

"I'd walk over and pay it, but I don't know what it is," Goodman said.

Harris, an attorney, is listed as an agent for Continental Express, a firm with delinquent franchise tax. Aide Tom Marshal said the firm is owned solely by Harris' wife, Tammy. Chris Harris was listed as an agent for the firm in 1977 but now has no ties, Marshal said.

State officials said they could not calculate how much franchise tax is owed by Moffat Construction, Advanced Foam and Continental Express because the firms never filed required annual business tax reports.



(Picture from the scrapbook of Ben Andie)

The crowd pressed close to the rough scaffold ... tore it down after the convicted murderer fell through the trap door.

## Last capital hanging in the Panhandle

On the morning of June 3, 1910, many residents of this area journeyed to Clarendon to witness the last lawful hanging in the Panhandle of Texas.

The doomed convict was G.R. Miller, who had worked for a cement company in his home town of Childress. In March 1909, Miller left his job at the cement company after appropriating some of its dynamite caps. Then he stole a pistol from the house of a relative and rifled the house of a friend before blowing it up with the dynamite he had stolen.

He caught a westbound freight train leaving Childress. On the way to Memphis he became so displeased with two youths already on the train that he shot and killed one of the boys and wounded the other. The wounded boy jumped off the train to give an alert.

As the train was moving between Memphis and Hedley, two other young men — also hobbing free rides — came under Miller's fire. Again, one boy was killed and the other boy was injured.

Miller left the train after it passed through Hedley and was coming into Giles. He was apprehended by Donley County law officers and lodged in the county jail.

In November of that year (1909) Miller was tried and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of one of the boys. However, after serving a few months at Huntsville, he was returned to Clarendon for trial of the second murder which he had confessed to committing. At this trial he was given the death sentence by Judge J.N. Browning.

Several days before the execution, a scaffold was built and rigged at the edge of town. It

### Museum Mementos

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stood grimly outlined against the sky.

By mid-morning of the day of execution, the crowd became so great around the rude scaffold that a nearby work crew laying a road across the sand hills was forced to stop working until after the hanging.

Every train into Clarendon brought people, and others arrived in buggies, wagons, on horseback and on foot. The crowd included nearly every man and boy for miles around, but women were conspicuous by their absence. Women had tried to convince their husbands that they needed to go to Clarendon for shopping and other activities, but husbands firmly stated that women had no business being in Clarendon that day. The few women who were in Clarendon had to wait in a group in the wagon yard until the hanging was over.

The execution had many aspects of a Fourth of July picnic. Because Judge Browning had ordered the murderer executed not earlier than 11 a.m. and no later than sundown, many of the spectators brought their lunches.

When it was time for the execution, Miller, tall, dark and good-looking, was led onto the platform by law officers. They were accompanied by a Catholic priest and a Protestant minister. Miller,

who appeared calm, was neatly dressed in a dark suit and white shirt.

He was allowed to "make a speech," and he remained calm until the end of his talk when his voice began to tremble and falter. His last words were directed to young people: "All you children be good children." Then he muttered a paraphrase of the old axiom about crying over spilled milk and signaled that he was ready to die.

A black cap was slipped over his head; the noose was adjusted; the trap door was sprung and he plunged into the shed below with a broken neck.

The crowd turned into a mob and tore the rough shed apart to get a better view of the hanged man. Miller's body was taken away in a horse-drawn hearse with the feet protruding outside the end of the vehicle because the hearse was too short for the convicted killer's corpse.

The execution made a lasting impression on those who were witnesses, especially the young boys. But in those days men — and boys — were conditioned to punishment, and the execution of punishment was acceptable, expected and tolerable.

(Information obtained from Lumarion Sumner's account in the Amarillo Daily News, September 12, 1966.)

## Defense witnesses taking stand in Routier trial

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — Darlie Routier's attorneys hoped to use police testimony today to help bolster her claim of innocence in the stabbing deaths of her two young sons.

Defense attorney Doug Mulder wouldn't say what testimony he hoped to elicit from Rowlett police officer Jimmy Patterson or

whether he considered him a hostile witness.

"I don't know if he's hostile or not," Mulder said. "He might be hostile when I'm through with him."

Mrs. Routier is charged with capital murder in the June 6, 1996, stabbing deaths of five-year-old Damon and

six-year-old Devon Routier.

Mrs. Routier contends an intruder attacked her and her sons with a kitchen butcher knife then fled through the garage of the family's suburban home near Dallas.

Prosecutors claim Mrs. Routier — angry over losing her money, her freedom and her figure to motherhood — killed the boys, cut herself then staged a crime scene to try to fool police.

The trial was moved to Kerrville because of publicity in North Texas.

Prosecutors rested their case Thursday after powerful testimony from FBI agent Alan Brantley.

"It's my opinion that this crime scene was staged and that both Damon and Devon were killed by someone that they knew and someone that they knew very well," Brantley said.

The defense launched its case by calling friends and relatives of Mrs. Routier to dispute the prosecution portrayal of the 27-year-old homemaker as a coldblooded killer.

The family and friends described Mrs. Routier as a patient, doting mother who adored her children.

The last defense witness Friday was Karen Neal, a nurse and a neighbor who said she saw a suspicious black car near the Routier home a week before the killings. The driver parked and stared at the Routier house then quickly drove away when Mrs. Neal approached him, she said.

Ms. Neal and the other defense witnesses disputed earlier prosecution testimony that Mrs. Routier was unemotional after her sons were killed.

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# Chechens hold election, strengthen independence efforts from Russia

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Against a backdrop of war-shattered towns, Chechens headed out today to choose a president and a parliament that will press the republic's case for independence from Russia.

Chechen separatists already are in charge of the predominantly Muslim territory in southern Russia, and today's election is seen as a way of strengthening the claim for a full separation from Moscow.

"We don't want independence in five or 10 years," Aslan Maskhadov, the front-runner in the presidential race, said Sunday. "We think that after democratic elections, civilized elections, we need to sit down to talk with Russia."

All of Chechnya's candidates are heroes of the

guerrilla battle against the Russians, and despite the war's devastation, most Chechens were in an upbeat mood.

"After these elections, we can put all the confrontations behind us," said Vakhob Vatsayev, a doctor. "After the voting, everyone should respect the voice of the people."

Moscow is little more than an observer in this election. But Russian leaders are adamant that Chechnya will not be allowed to secede, fearing that other ethnic groups in Russia might try to follow Chechnya's example.

It was barely two years ago that Yeltsin sent troops and armor pouring into Chechnya, expecting a swift rout of an armed band of several thousand Chechen fighters.

But the Russian forces struggled at every step, and when the Chechens caught them napping and retook Grozny last August, the Russians agreed to a peace deal and withdrew their last troops less than a month ago.

The death toll for the Chechen war has been estimated at between 18,000 to almost 100,000, most of them civilians. By either count, it's the greatest loss of life among Russian or Soviet citizens in any conflict since World War II.

The battle is now set to become a political struggle. Chechnya will have extensive autonomy and be allowed to run its own affairs, but Moscow will resist any moves toward formal independence.

Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev has effectively served as

Chechnya's leader in recent months. He took over the separatist cause last April after the Russian military killed Dzhokhar Dudayev, the man who first declared Chechen independence shortly before the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

Yandarbiyev is among 16 men running for president, though he's believed to be trailing well behind two others: Maskhadov, the former military chief of staff for the rebels; and Shamil Basayev, a fiery, 32-year-old guerrilla leader.

"Only Maskhadov can work with all other leaders — Yeltsin or Clinton, God or the devil," said Vakha Mitsayev, 42, an unemployed driver.

Despite concerns about violence in a land flooded with weapons, the election campaign in Chechnya has proceeded smoothly.

# Long awaited desalination project at Meredith on schedule, lake manager hopes

PLAINVIEW (AP) — Thirty-two years after concluding that the Lake Meredith reservoir north of Amarillo had a salt problem, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation finally has started trying to solve it.

The bureau expects to have a preliminary design for an injection well project completed by April, a final design by May and construction start-up sometime

this fall, regional water official John Williams said.

"Their timetable is pretty stretched out," said Williams, the general manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which supplies Meredith water to Lubbock, Amarillo, Plainview and eight other West Texas cities.

Even though federal officials documented high salt levels in

Lake Meredith as it was being filled in 1965, no action ever has been taken toward stemming the briny tide.

The current \$10.5 million project is a scaled-down version of a plan that the government determined last year might not work. It involves drawing brine from a massive brackish aquifer in New Mexico and injecting elsewhere into the earth.

However, tests last spring showed that underground rock formations will limit the amount of saltwater that can be thrust into the soil, forcing designers to scale back the amount of brine they'll try to inject.

Bureau of Reclamation project manager Shirley Shadix said last fall that there simply wasn't enough money to pursue other

desalination ideas, and that research showed that the injection wells will be marginally feasible.

"The figures show we can have a project the way we're going," Ms. Shadix said last fall, adding that work would be halted if early returns were discouraging.

Once the design work is done, the water authority still has a chance to reject the whole project

if the board members determine that they'd be throwing money down a hole, literally.

The plan is to hinder the flow of New Mexican brine into the eastward-flowing Canadian River, Lake Meredith's water source. If all goes well, there wouldn't be a notable reduction in brine inflow for 10-12 years, designers said.



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## Giving Rides To Hitchhikers Is Bad Choice For Good Samaritan

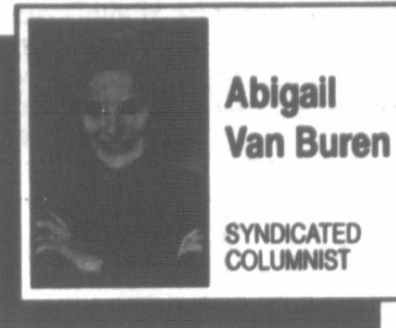
**DEAR ABBY:** After reading in your column about the man who insisted on picking up hitchhikers, I had to tell you about a tragedy I witnessed several years ago while I was on vacation.

I arrived at my destination and was met by my girlfriend, whom I had come to visit. At a stop sign on the way to her house from the airport we saw three men leaning against some bales of hay. They approached our car and asked for a ride. Because our back seat was filled with luggage and groceries, we refused.

We looked back and saw them approach another car that stopped behind us, but thought nothing of it until the next day when we heard on the news that a man and his car were missing. From the description we knew immediately it was the car behind us at the stop sign. We called the sheriff and reported what we had seen.

The next day the news reported that the three hitchhikers had been spotted in Montana. Two days later, the wrecked and abandoned car was located, but there was no sign of the driver. A week after his disappearance, the man's badly beaten body was found on a country road.

The three hitchhikers were later seen on a busy Montana highway and picked up and questioned. Then a witness came forward who had seen them with the owner of the car. The hitchhikers finally confessed to murdering the unfortunate driver because he would not give them more money.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

When I got home, I told my brother about my close call and he stopped picking up hitchhikers. I hope my true story will serve as a warning to anyone who thinks it's safe to pick up someone who's thumbing a ride.

A WISCONSIN READER

**DEAR WISCONSIN READER:** A number of people wrote to say they had safely given rides to hitchhikers years ago. But too many tragedies have occurred in recent years to good Samaritans who generously offered rides to strangers. Just as it is no longer safe to leave our doors unlocked, it is no longer safe to offer rides to strangers. And contrary to popular lore, it wasn't entirely safe in days gone by. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a responsible 22-year-old woman living with my parents. I am going away for a month's vacation, and my problem is my parents and my guinea pigs.

My parents have told me that the minute I am out the door they are getting rid of my guinea pigs.

I've told them that they won't have to do one thing because I've already made arrangements with a girlfriend to come by every day to feed them and clean their cages.

Abby, they still insist that the guinea pigs are going as soon as I leave. I have explained that the guinea pigs are my pets and not their property to do with as they please. Also, I said that I think I am old enough to take care of my affairs, but it is obvious that they have no respect for me or my wishes.

If they get rid of my guinea pigs while I'm gone, I will never forgive them. Tell me what you think should be done, and who is right.

NO RESPECT

**DEAR NO RESPECT:** "Miss Piggy's Guide to Life" might be helpful here. I think you're right, but it's your parents' home and their wishes will prevail. If you want to be absolutely certain that you don't lose your pets, ask your girlfriend if she will look after them at her place. If that's not possible, find some other temporary home for your guinea pigs.

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

## Horoscope



Tuesday, Jan 28, 1997

Unfulfilled ambitions will probably be realized in the year ahead. Where you previously met with defeat, you might encounter opportunity and success.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** More assertive measures than usual might be required if you hope to accomplish what you desire today. Do not be afraid to take a calculated risk. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill

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**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A situation imbued with negative overtones can be changed to favor you today. Someone other than you will be the liberating force.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Something you cannot do on your own can be achieved today if you seek assistance from a third party. You have worked with this person before.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Make an effort to go above and beyond the call of duty at work today. You will be rewarded at this time for work well done.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Happy surprises could be in store for you today. If you are fortunate enough to get an invitation to a place where you can meet new people, grab your hat and go.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Beginning today, the whole family should pool its financial resources. Collectively, you could accomplish great things.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Active outlets for your mental and physical energy will be required today. Do not make binding commitments or stay in one place longer

than you should.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Conditions will be ripe for augmenting your earnings today. If you discover a channel that could mean more money for you, give it top priority.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You will have excellent managerial skills today, so stand your ground after making a decision. Do not back off or back down if you feel you are right.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Unusual developments may occur today. You may need to help someone, but you'll have to make this person feel as if she is helping you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Something significant could result if you get together today with a person who has clout. Business and pleasure will make a good combination now.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** At this time, you are in a stronger position than you realize at work. Remain alert, because several opportunities could develop simultaneously.

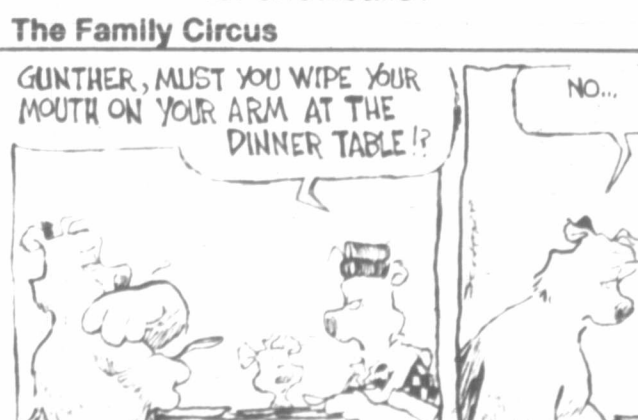
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"Mommy, could you make me an ammunition belt for snowballs?"



"They have their own code... one whack means he's hungry, two means he's really hungry."



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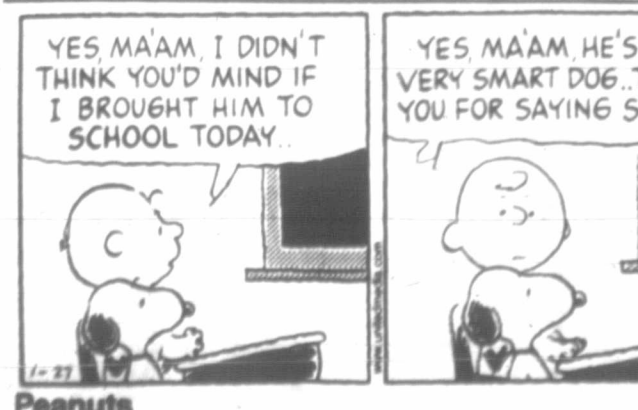
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MY FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN LONG APART..



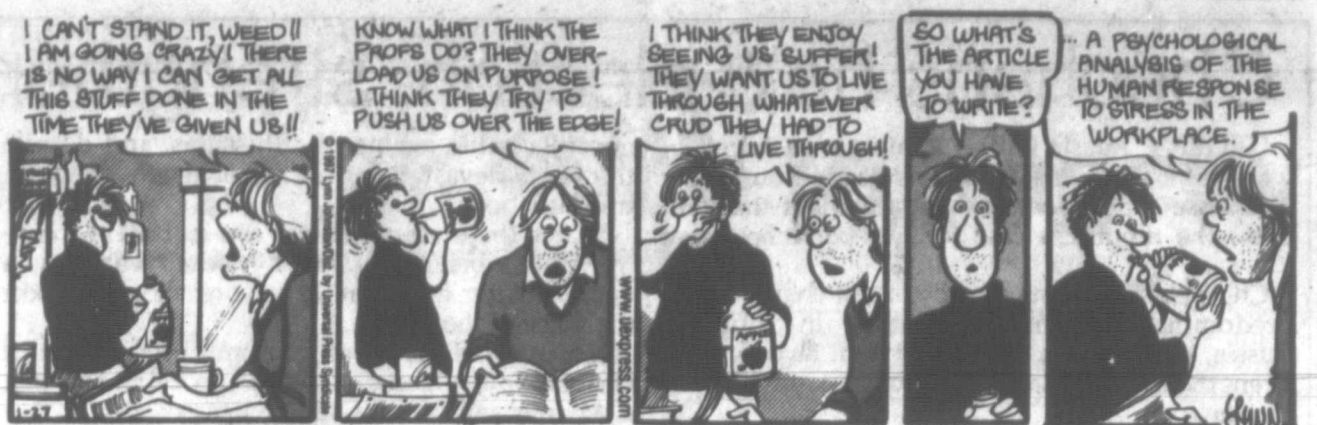
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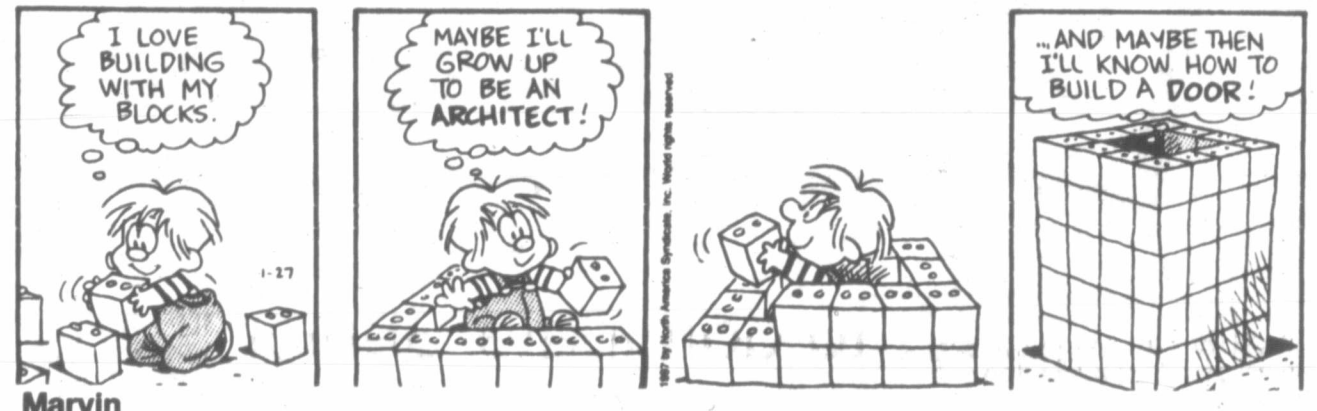
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## Expedition seeks to capture film footage of elusive giant squids in sea off New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — No one has ever seen a giant squid alive, even though the behemoth is woven into centuries of myth and literature.

The legend of the squid starts with the Maori people, who trace their ancestry to the 10th century Polynesian explorer Kupe. He led his kinsmen over thousands of miles hunting a giant squid that they finally captured and killed on the shores of New Zealand.

Jules Verne brought the giant squid to the threshold of the 20th century when his fictional Capt. Nemo battled the leviathan in his submarine, the Nautilus.

Now, science and legend are coming together off New Zealand, where the National Geographic magazine and television show hope to capture the

first film of the elusive giant squid alive in the sea.

Two teams of researchers will head out from South Island at the end of the month armed with undersea digital video cameras to trawl from close to the Kaikoura coast to the Mernoo Bank, some 125 miles offshore.

The search will begin just a few miles from Whekenui — or "great octopus" — where the Maori believe Kupe brought the original giant squid ashore and cooked and ate it. Giant squids have washed up there, and near Wellington, across the strait from Whekenui.

Scientists know giant squids exist only because more than 100 carcasses, some as long as 60 feet, have washed up on beaches or been found in the stomachs of whales or in deep-sea fishing nets.

"The only creatures who know where they live

are sperm whales, who are major predators on giant squid," one of the expedition's three leaders, Clyde Roper of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, said last week.

The giant squid is the only animal that will fight the sperm whale. Many sperm whales have huge tentacle scars on their skin from battles in the deep.

Sperm whales surface off the Kaikoura coast of South Island, "so we'll let the whales be our hound dogs and lead us to the giant squid," Roper told New Zealand's National Radio.

He said giant squids have large brains and "certainly the largest eyes in the animal kingdom — about the size of a human head." They also have large, parrot-like beaks for biting prey.

"But we have no idea exactly where they live, how they live, their orientation in the sea, whether


they live in pairs, alone, in schools, or what they eat," Roper said.

He said the expedition is prepared to send cameras as deep as 10,000 feet but expects to find giant squids at 1,000-1,600 feet.

Video cameras will record for up to eight hours at a stretch. Bait attached to the cameras will be released in hopes of attracting squids.

A computer-directed submersible built by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology equipped with a video camera also will be used in the hunt, recording sound, depth, temperature, light intensity and other data.

The project's two boats will spend six weeks exploring the area known as the Kaikoura Canyon looking for giant squids and also studying other marine life at deep levels.



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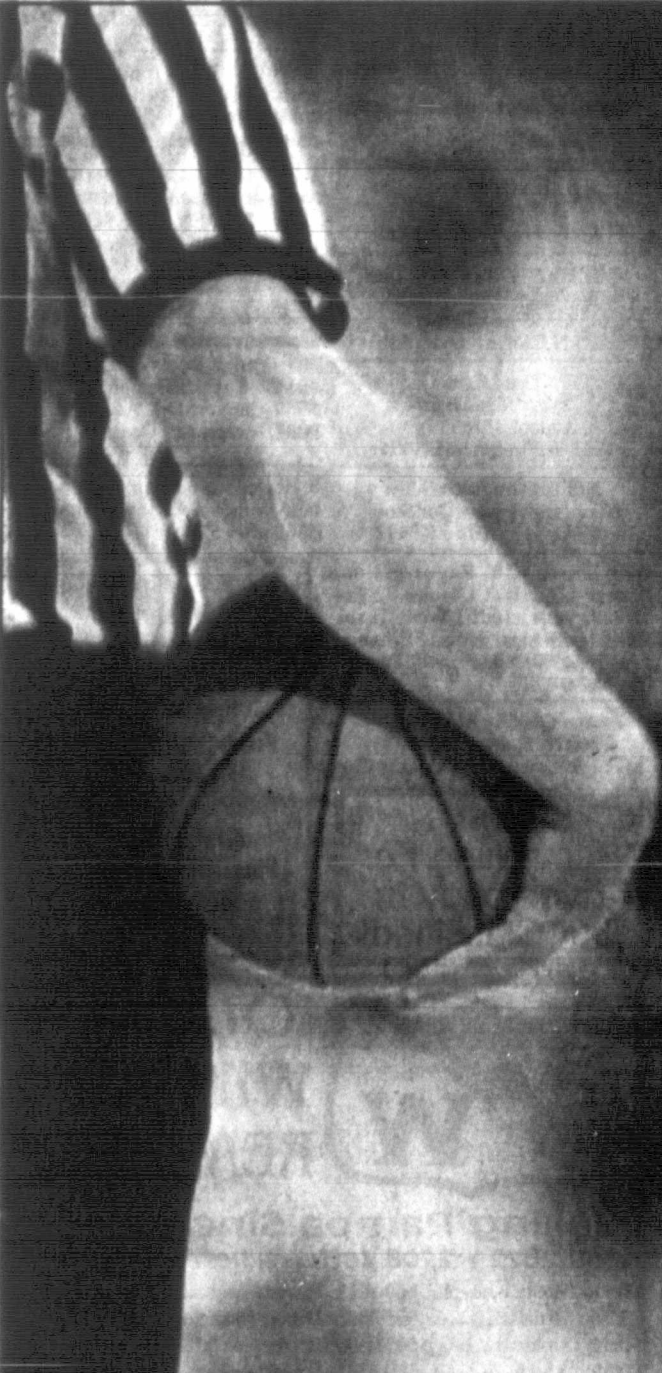
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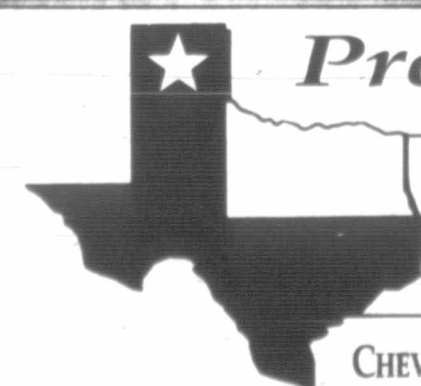
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