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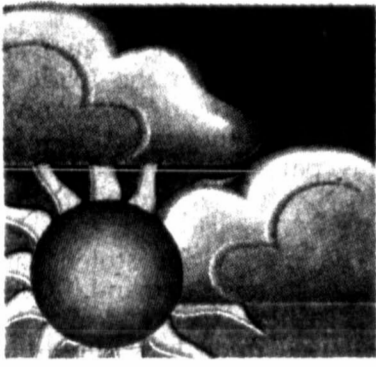
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weather details.

DENVER (AP) — A state law that requires investigators to let the defense take part in forensic tests apparently has held up DNA testing on fluid found on JonBenet Ramsey's body, the *Rocky Mountain News* reported today.

The newspaper said the fluid was semen and could prove to be a critical piece of evidence as investigators try to find the 6-year-old beauty queen's killer.

The sample is so small police would have a hard time abiding by a Colorado law that requires giving a defendant's team the chance to monitor testing or conduct its own, the *News* quotes a source close to the Ramsey family as saying.

Therefore, the tests may have to wait until a suspect has been charged with the girl's death.

The child, a former Little Miss Colorado, was found dead in her family's upscale home in Boulder the day after Christmas, hours after her mother reported finding a ransom note.

NEW YORK (AP) — A 14-year-old boy collapsed and died while singing "I Believe I Could Fly" in music class.

Eighth-grader Ian Hawkins was standing in front of a microphone Monday singing the theme song from the movie *Space Jam* when he put his hand to his head and collapsed at I.S. 148 in the Bronx, officials said.

Paramedics found him in cardiac arrest and he was pronounced dead a short time later at a hospital, officials said.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Authorities have captured a leftist peasant leader who Mexico accuses of being an organizer of the guerrilla group known as the Popular Revolutionary Army.

A government statement said Benigno Guzman Martinez, who was arrested Monday, was linked to the group by several people already captured in a crackdown on the guerrillas. Guzman has denied it.

Guzman helped found the Organization of Campesinos of the Southern Sierra, a leftist peasant group in Guerrero state.

The Popular Revolutionary Army surfaced on June 28, 1996, as a column of rebels marched down from the hills into Aguas Blancas, Guerrero, for an anniversary tribute Guzman and others had organized for 17 Organization of Campesinos members killed by state security forces a year earlier.

The guerrillas fired 17 shots in the air in memory of the slain peasants before retreating to the hills.

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Lefors OKs policy for utility bills

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

LEFORS — Lefors City Council members unanimously adopted a "Customer Utility Agreement" Monday night after discussion of collections on past due utility accounts that have run concurrently over an extended period.

The council voted to allow the city secretary to mail out notices to delinquent customers in the next billing. The councilmen agreed that the city must start enforcing the cut-off notices when customers fall delinquent.

According to the agreement, the responsible party of the delinquent address will be required to make payments toward the past due amount based on a percentage of the balance, plus the current billing amount, until the past due balance is paid in full.

Refusal to commit to the payment contract will result in discontinued services of that particular utility until the account is paid in full, along with an additional reconnect fee of \$25.

In other business, the council members voted to authorize payment of one week's vacation pay and earned wages due to an ex-employee.

Jarrett Atkinson and John Kiehl of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission were on hand to review the grant program approved for the new water line system and back up water well for the City of Lefors. Councilmen were advised on the review and selection method of selecting an engineering firm for the project. Councilmen will screen the list of engineering firms at their Feb. 10 meeting.

Kiehl discussed a proposed recycling program for consideration by the council if it should choose to participate in the Texas Community Development Grant program.

According to the proposal, the residents of Lefors would be provided recycling pick-up services for paper products only under Texas Natural Water Resource and Development grant programs available to rural cities. If the city agrees to participate, the PRPC grant program will authorize paying the recycling company to pick up the paper products.

Kiehl explained that the C.E.G.

Company of Borger no longer exists, but a pending agreement will be entered with E & E Company of Borger to provide the pick-up services. According to Kiehl, the service should provide at least four paper collection pick-up trips per month to the city, according to contract agreement.

Mayor Velda Chadwick expressed dissatisfaction with the service in the past when Lefors participated in the recycling program, saying that the company responsible for disposing of the materials collected failed to fulfill its agreement. An accumulation of paper, plastics, glass and discarded oil and filters has contaminated the disposal location due to lack of services.

"I feel that the company owes Lefors at least one more pick-up because of the agreed contract," she said.

Mayor Chadwick explained that oil filters and used oil has accumulated to an overflow, which is making a mess for Lefors city workers to deal with.

"At least four full barrels are sitting there, after one and half years' accumulation, which will cause us to have to apply solvent to clean the grounds ... costing us for what the recycling service was to help prevent," she said.

Homer Caston, a consulting computer programmer, talked with the council about the city's computer accounting program, which has "crashed," according to his analysis.

He explained that everything in the program, including billing accounts, utility accounts, payroll accounts, tax records and other city accounting methods would have to be re-established — creating about 50 programs to put the city's operation back the way it was.

"The current utility billing program is contained in the computer system, but the city accounting system is destroyed," he said.

The council voted to defer further discussion until the Feb. 10 agenda, but asked City Secretary Virginia Maples to call Groom and McLean about the possibility of getting a copy of their old computer file programs. Mayor Chadwick said she will contact an accounting firm to see what they might do to help maintain the current records.

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'Crazy for You' dancers



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Dancers for the Pampa High School Choir production of *Crazy For You* practice the steps for the Zangler's Follies scene in the play. The musical will be performed at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center on Thursday, Jan. 30, and Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2:30 p.m.

Pampa city commissioners receive request for donation of a fire truck

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

The Pampa city commissioners were asked to consider donating a fire truck to the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department Monday evening.

John Cheshier with the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department told city officials the donation would be mutually beneficial, as the truck would upgrade Hoover firefighters' capabilities, allowing them to help the Pampa Fire Department when needed.

The trucks the volunteer department currently has does not have the pumping capabilities as the booster three fire truck, which can pump 500 gallons per minute. With this added capability, said Cheshier, Hoover volunteer firefighters would be more capable of responding to county fires and helping fight fires within city limits. The booster three fire truck is scheduled for retirement by the city in several months.

The Hoover volunteer firefighters currently have two 2-ton trucks, two 1-ton trucks, a 2,700-gallon tanker and a 5,500-gallon tanker. All of these vehicles,

except the 5,500-gallon tanker, were purchased by the volunteer fire department. The money for these purchases, Cheshier said, came from donations. The 5,500-gallon tanker, he said, was donated to the department by the Texas Forestry Service.

Although the Pampa Fire Department has donated gear to the Hoover volunteers in the past, this would be the first time a truck would be donated if the city decides to do so, said Pampa Fire Chief Claudie Phillips.

Normally, retired fire trucks are sold at auction. They are usually sold for less than their value, Phillips said, but the city would get some money for the retiring vehicle. If the booster three truck is donated rather than sold, the city would not receive these funds, nor would it give other volunteer fire departments the opportunity to bid on the truck.

Currently, Pampa Fire Department uses the booster three truck as a reserve for fighting small fires within the city, such as vehicle and trash fires, said Phillips. A bond issue has already been approved to replace the truck

upon retirement. In addition to hearing the citizen comments, commissioners also addressed the following items at the meeting:

- Kathy Gist was appointed to fill a seat on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Disbursements for November and December in the amount of \$145 and \$157.01 respectively to Four R Industrial were approved (Commissioner Faustina Curry abstained from the vote).
- Disbursements for November and December in the amount of \$254 and \$393 respectively to Pampa Concrete Co. were approved (Mayor Bob Neslage abstained from the vote).
- The 1996-97 Pampa Economic Development Corporation budget was amended to include approximately \$31,000 for Webber/Smith engineering firm to develop a master plan for the new 213-acre industrial park.
- A bid for \$12,501 by the Mojave Petroleum Company Inc. for property located within the city of Pampa was accepted.
- Commissioner Bob Dixon was not present at the meeting.

City to send prisoners to county jail

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

City commissioners approved an agreement Monday night that would eliminate the jailing facility at the Pampa police department.

As of Feb. 1, city prisoners will be taken directly to the county jail and booked by city police officers. The city will pay the county \$50,000 per year for the jailing service.

The agreement will decrease the city's expenses and liabilities while giving the county sheriff's department funds for more employees, said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris.

Currently, the city jail usually houses one to two inmates a day, said Morris. The cost for maintaining the city jail is approximately \$8,000-10,000 in liability insurance,

\$6,000 for meals and \$1,000 for prisoner health care per year.

In addition, because the city does not have a full-time employee to manage the prison, officers must be taken off the street every 30 minutes to check on the prisoners. This, said Morris, totals 2,920 hours a year where a police officer is taken off the street to check on prisoners.

"This agreement will put officers back on the street where they belong," Morris said.

The equivalent cost for the hours patrol officers spend checking on the jail, he said, is \$40,880 a year. This is a total of approximately \$57,880 per year it costs the city to house one to two prisoners a day.

The additional city prisoners would also benefit the county. Funds for additional employees are based on the prisoner population,

With the \$50,000 from the city and the higher number of prisoners, the county could retain up to five new officers, said Morris.

The county prison facility is designed to hold up to 78 inmates, but usually has around 60, Morris said. This allows enough room for city prisoners, although there is a possibility of the county jail overflowing.

In order to avoid an overflow of the county prison, Morris discussed other options of dealing with individuals taken into custody for class C misdemeanors, such as non-payment of a fine.

Another option, rather than jailing, is to require the individual to work off his/her fine. If this is not an option, Morris said, the individual's driver license cannot be renewed or obtained until the fine is paid.

State to pay more to nursing homes caring for poor

AUSTIN (AP) — Nursing homes that care for poor people would get higher Medicaid payments under a plan approved by state welfare officials.

The Texas Department of Human Services board approved the increase Monday, ending a federal lawsuit filed

last year by the Texas Health Care Association, a nursing home industry group.

The nursing homes had said the Medicaid payment level approved last year by the board wasn't enough to properly care for residents in light of costs including last year's minimum wage increase.

The human services board voted 5-0, with one member absent, to raise the average daily nursing home rates by about 7 percent.

Rates had averaged \$66.45 per resident per day. The increase, which takes effect immediately, raises that to an average of \$71.08.

Consumer confidence rises

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence climbed to a seven-year high in January, its third consecutive monthly increase and an unexpected sign of strength in the U.S. economy.

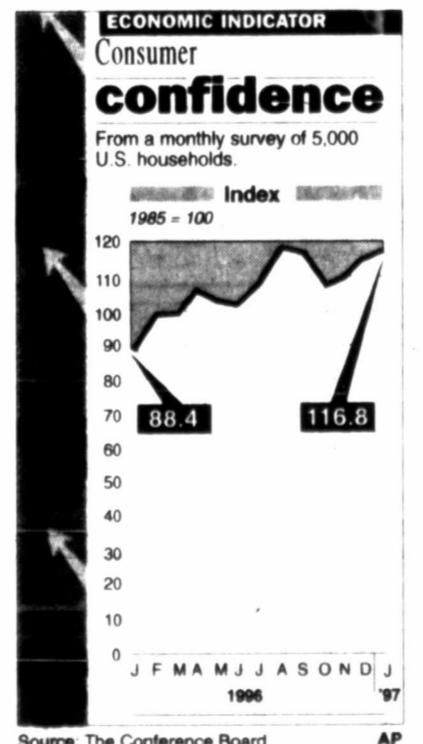
The Conference Board said this morning that its Consumer Confidence Index rose 2.6 points to 116.8 in January, its highest level since October 1989, when it reached 117.

The January figures were well above economists' estimates for the month.

Consumer confidence is watched closely for indications of consumer spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of the nation's economy. Today's report also is one of the earliest economic indicators for January.

A separate measure of sentiment about current business conditions rose to a 7 1/2-year high of 139.8 in January, up 4.1 points from December.

The outlook for the next six months was also positive, with



that index gaining 1.6 points to 101.5, its second straight advance after weakening in both October and November.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

McPHILLIPS, John J. (Jimmy) Sr. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

MARY A. DANIELS

Mary A. Daniels, 72, of Pampa, died Jan. 28, 1997, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Daniels was born Dec. 4, 1924, at Pittsburgh, Pa. She married Joe T. Daniels on Aug. 21, 1962, he died Aug. 5, 1986. She had been a Pampa resident since the early 1950s, moving from Pennsylvania. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include a daughter, Jackie Bush of Parma, Ohio; three sons, Wendell Ray Potter of San Antonio, Doyle Bruce Potter of Austin and Robert James Potter of Pampa; a sister, Margie Joyce of Ocean Ridge, Fla.; a brother, Bob Franklin of Placitas, N.M.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

SAM T. LESTER

SKELLYTOWN - Sam T. Lester, 87, of Skellytown, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with church elder George Johnson, of the Primitive Baptist Church in Lubbock, and church elder Steve Porter, of the Primitive Baptist Church in Borger, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Wellington. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lester was born Dec. 12, 1909, in Collingsworth County, Texas. He married Jackie Holton on Sept. 19, 1936, at Wellington. He was formerly of Wellington and had been a Skellytown resident for 53 years, moving from Shamrock. He retired as plant operator at Cabot Corporation in 1967 after 28 years of service. He had farmed prior to working for Cabot. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Borger.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie, of the home; two daughters, Joy Mills of Granbury and Nancy Riley of Waco; two sons, Homer Lester of Pampa and Thomas Lester of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

Calendar of events

TOTS-N-TRAINING

Parents of preschool children can pick up free materials to help their children get ready for school through the Tots-N-Training program. Materials and a copy of the service's newsletter will be available at Frank's Thriftway #1, 300 E. Brown, from 10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Frank's Thriftway #2, 1420 N. Hobart, from 10-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.; Albertsons', 1233 N. Hobart, from 10-11 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m.; and Pampa Community Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolen, from 4:30-6 p.m. For more information, call Sue Thornton at 669-4700.

PHS SENIOR PARTY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

An organizational meeting for the 1997 Senior Class All Night Party will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Pampa High School library. All senior parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Debbie Cagle at 665-7334.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Jan. 27

10:44 a.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 427 Naida on a gas leak.
11:14 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1008 Alcock on a rescue.
8:13 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 1224 N. Hobart for an alarm malfunction.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Jan. 27

Criminal mischief was reported at 2500 Perryton Parkway. Damage to a window, glass door and a fluorescent light is estimated at \$1700. Criminal mischief was reported at Central Park. Approximately \$25 damage was done to a sign.

A 15-year-old male reported an assault by contact in the 100 block of Harvester. Only minor injuries were reported.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Jan. 27

Arrests

Jose Dolores Venegas, 38, 524 Magnolia, was arrested on a capias warrant from Hemphill County. He was released on bond.

Charles Dewey Presley, 41, 609 E. Foster, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation. He remains in custody.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Jan. 27

10:21 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Osborne on a medical call. One patient was transported to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo.

10:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Roberta on a trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

1:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of North Ward on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

3:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

6:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Lowry on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

8:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center emergency room.

9:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Dogwood on a medical assist. No one was transported.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	4.13
Milo	4.05
Corn	4.87

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation

Occidental	25 3/4	up 1/4
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Magellan	82.36
Puritan	17.46

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

Airco	86 1/2	up 5/8
Cabot	132	dn 1/2
Cabot O&G	17 1/4	dn 1/8

Correction

In the Thursday, Jan. 23, issue of *The Pampa News* the Austin Elementary School honor roll inadvertently deleted six names from the All As list. Those names are Jesse Parks, Bridget Craig, Meagan Crain, Kymber Reeves, Sarah Hatfield and Kasey Tindoll.

Most popular stolen cars list released

DETROIT (AP) - It may be the second best-selling car in the United States, but among thieves it's first by far.

CCC Information Services Inc., which keeps track of car theft for the insurance and body repair industries, said the Honda Accord took 11 of the top 25 spots on its annual most-stolen list.

The 1994 Honda Accord EX was No. 1, the '88 Accord LX was second and the '92 Accord LX was third. Other Accords ranked seventh, eighth, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 24th and 25th.

The Accord has ranked among the best-selling cars in the United States for years; it was No. 2 last year, behind the Ford Taurus. Honda maintains that in sales to individuals, as opposed to rental companies and other fleet owners, the popular family sedan and coupe ranked No. 1 last year.

The Accord's new dubious distinction marks the first time since the early 1980s that a foreign automaker ranked that high in thefts, said Bill Geen, CCC's senior vice president.

Honda spokesman Art Garner said the list is misleading because

Most stolen cars

The top ten most stolen cars of 1996 as compiled by CCC Information Services Inc., which does vehicle appraisals for the insurance and body repair industries.

- | Year and model |
|-----------------------------------|
| 1. '94 Honda Accord EX |
| 2. '88 Honda Accord LX |
| 3. '92 Honda Accord LX |
| 4. '87 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme |
| 5. '95 Ford Mustang |
| 6. '86 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme |
| 7. '95 Honda Accord EX |
| 8. '90 Honda Accord EX |
| 9. '89 Toyota Camry |
| 10. '92 Honda Accord EX |

ter than those for other cars in its class.

In taking the top spot, the Accord ousted the mid-80s Oldsmobile Cutlass Supremes, which had held the most-stolen crown for the past four years and the top three spots in 1995.

The '84-87 Cutlass Supremes are still on the list, but have fallen to the fourth, sixth, 14th and 18th places. "Now you're looking at a 12- or 13-year-old car," said Bill Geen, CCC's senior vice president. "At that point, they start disappearing from use."

The same features that made the Oldsmobiles popular with thieves "helped" the Accord win its dubious distinction. There are a lot of them on the road, so demand for their parts grows stronger as they start to age. Many parts are interchangeable from year to year and with other models.

"The market for stolen cars evolves to meet demand," Geen said. "Thieves don't steal vehicles based upon how simple or hard it is to take them; rather, they determine how easy it may be to sell them on the black market."

it ranks cars based on raw theft totals rather than theft rates, such as the number of thefts per 1,000 cars.

"It's only natural that there would be more Accords stolen than most," Garner said. "There's more of them out there, so there are more stolen."

Theft rate studies have shown the Accord is about average compared with other cars, Garner said, and its insurance rates are average or slightly bet-

Inmate education can benefit taxpayers

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Education is not the most frequent thought when people think of prisons, but it is one of the factors most beneficial to the taxpayer public.

According to Hoyt Lovelace, principal of the education department at the Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, "We feel that the more education the inmates have, the less chance of recidivism, and that of course is a tremendous savings for the taxpayer."

Inmates have the opportunity to get their GED and even college degrees while incarcerated. All incoming inmates are required to take a standard education achievement test and are evaluated after that point.

The GED, though not required by the prison system, is highly encouraged by the prison staff and is free to those wanting it. Inmates must have a high school diploma or a GED prior to being eligible for college credits or vocational classes.

Courses leading to college degrees are also offered, but the

inmates have to pay for them. Inmates are allowed to take one college course per semester and sign a voucher of repayment. If the inmate is able to fit in more than one class, he must pay for it at the time of registration.

Courses leading to college degrees must be worked in around an inmate's nine-hour required work day. If an inmate is working on a GED or a vocational degree, up to three hours per day can go toward their nine work hours, but college credits have to be earned on the inmate's own time.

In this area, Clarendon College Pampa Center provides the teachers and the curriculum to the Jordan Unit.

According to CCPC Director Joe Kyle Reeve, overseer of the teachers working at the prison, inmates are required to meet the same educational standards as anyone going to night classes.

"Student inmates have to have a real good reason to withdraw and, of course, troublemakers are out. The guards remove them and they are not allowed to return," Reeve said.

Clarendon College offers the

standard basic core classes - English, math, history and government - and this year the college is even offering an art class.

"More and more often colleges are offering psychology and sociology as electives, since so many courses of study will accept them as electives," Reeve said.

The vocational classes include major appliance repair, electrical trades and controls technology. The major appliance repair is self explanatory and the electrical trades deal with construction and repair of electrical systems.

"The controls technology is the most high-tech vocational course offered," Reeve said. "They use computers to learn hydraulic and pneumatic repair and maintenance."

Reeve said this semester he expects at least four and possibly five inmates to graduate with an associate degree.

"These are truly the more motivated inmates. Many have reached a status of trusty and have truly worked hard at their classes," he said. "They've done well to turn their lives around. Hopefully they won't be back."

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Lefors

Councilman Ben Watson requested the mayor or Maples to contact another programmer for a second opinion on re-establishing the accounting in a new system.

Utilities Director Aubrey Seitz discussed the need for a welding rig and explained rental costs

versus lease-purchase options. The council voted to defer action to Feb. 10 on its decision until further information could be studied. Mayor Chadwick said the welder is necessary for repairs to be made to various residence meters and at the sewer plant.

Discussion concerning updating city ordinances was postponed until Judge Russell

Bockmon would be available to meet with the council.

In a miscellaneous matter, the mayor said she was informed that an oil drilling company was requesting permission to inject salt into the ground at a site near the proposed new water well. She is contacting the Texas Railroad Commission to contest this request for protection of the Lefors water system.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, clear with a low in the mid 20s. Wednesday, sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 50s. Monday's high was 26; the overnight low was 11.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, increasing cloudiness northern areas to mostly clear south. Lows from around 20 to mid 20s. Wednesday, mostly cloudy northern areas, becoming mostly cloudy and turning colder south. Early highs in mid 40s to around 50, then temperatures falling into the 30s with possible snow flurries by afternoon. South Plains: Tonight, fair. Lows low to mid 20s. Wednesday, partly

cloudy. Highs mid 50s to low 60s.

North Texas - Tonight, clear and cold. Lows 19 to 24. Wednesday, increasing high cloudiness. Warmer with highs 44 northeast to 53 west.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the 20s south central to mid and upper teens Hill Country. Wednesday, sunny and warmer. Highs in low and mid 50s. Upper Coast: Tonight, decreasing clouds and cold. Lows in low 20s inland north to mid 30s coast. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Tonight, decreasing clouds and breezy. Cold with lows in upper 30s coast to upper 20s inland. Wednesday, partly cloudy and

warmer. Highs in upper 40s coast to low 50s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Tonight, increasing cloudiness northwest with a slight chance of snow showers mainly over the mountains. Fair skies east and south. Lows from near 5 to low 20s mountains and mostly 20s lowlands. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a few afternoon lowland rain and mountains snow showers north. Fair to partly cloudy skies south. Highs in the 30s to 40s mountains and north with 50s lowlands south.

Oklahoma - Tonight, clear. Lows in low to mid 20s. Wednesday, increasing cloudiness. Highs from upper 40s to mid 50s.

Farmers to get break from IRS ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bowing to pressure from farm-state lawmakers, the Internal Revenue Service today delayed enforcing a ruling that would strip growers of a big tax break.

The IRS ruling would bar farmers from using commodity contracts to defer taxes from one year to the next. Today, the agency said it will suspend the ruling to give Congress time to change the law in favor of farmers.

After a year of good crops and high prices in 1996, farmers could have been stuck with huge tax bills because of the IRS ruling, which was upheld last fall by an Iowa federal court.

"This is good news for farmers who want to comply with the tax law and properly report this income on their returns," said IRS Commissioner Margaret Milner Richardson. "They should complete their 1996 returns as they have been doing in the past, or as they have been directed to do after an IRS audit."

Some 57 senators have cosponsored legislation that would rewrite the 1986 law on which the IRS based its ruling. Similar legislation has been introduced in the House.

Farmers use commodity contracts to smooth swings in their tax bills by deferring income

from one year to the next. Under the contracts, farmers deliver their crop one year and get paid in the following one. The IRS ruled the income should be taxed in the year the crop is sold.

For example, a grower who earns \$100,000 one year and nothing the next may pay more taxes than a salaried worker who earns \$50,000 annually because the farmer is in a higher tax bracket during the profitable year.

"No one should have to pay taxes on income they haven't yet received," said Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa. "Now Congress has time to provide certainty for family farmers in the future."

Harrington String Quartet to perform Saturday

AMARILLO - The Harrington String Quartet will hold the second performance of its 1996-97 season on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2525 Wimberly Road. The final concert on this series will take place on April 5.

Joining the permanent members of the Quartet on Feb. 1 will be a guest ensemble, the Ciampi Quartet of Duke University. The Harrington String Quartet is currently engaged in a search for two new members to replace violinists Dawn Harms and John Meisner, who left the group last summer.

Amy Brandfonbrener, viola, and Emmanuel Lopez, cello, will join the guest artists for this performance. Both are principal players in the Amarillo Symphony and faculty members at West Texas A&M University.

The Ciampi Quartet has appeared on chamber music series in major cities across the United States, Europe, South America, Australia and China. Their most recent trip abroad in May 1996 took them to the Czech Republic, Austria, France and England.

The Ciampi has been in residence at Duke University since

1965. They currently record compact disks for Albany Music. The members are Eric Pritchard, first violin; Hsiao-mei Ku, second violin; Jonathan Bagg, viola; and Fred Raimi, cello.

The concert will include Schubert's String Quartet in E major, D. 353; "Tales From Cheim" by Paul Schoenfield and Brahms' string Sextet in B-flat, Opus 18.

Tickets for the Feb. 1 concert are \$7 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. For ticket information, call the Symphony office at (806) 376-8782.

City briefs

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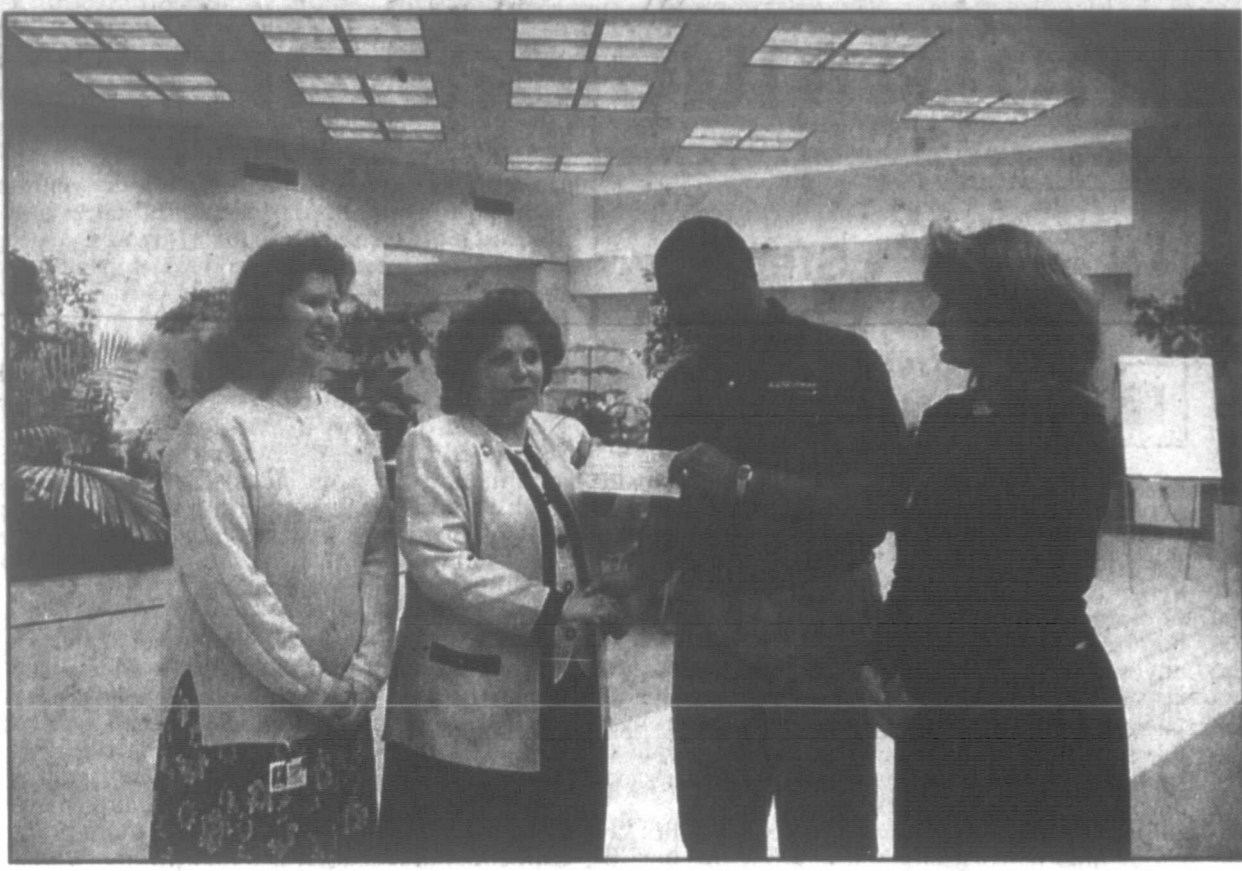
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Storm Shelter Fund donation



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Hoechst Celanese Corporation recently donated \$4,500 to the Storm Shelter Fund for the Pampa Community Day Care Center, putting the fund over its goal. Present for the acceptance of the donation are, from left, Rhonda Sikes, employee and parent; Kim Winegeart, Day Care Center administrator; Noah Davis, Hoechst Celanese human resources representative; and Susan Henderson, employee and parent. Center representatives said they would like to thank the businesses and community members that donated to the Storm Shelter Fund and the parents that supported the drive.

Victims call for end of 'mandatory release,' testify before committee

AUSTIN (AP) — Suzan Cotellese gave members of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee photos of her black-and-blue face and blood-spattered bedroom taken after she was raped and beaten with a hammer.

Then she told the panel, "If I ever disappear or am murdered, look for Jack Walton."

Ms. Cotellese was one of several crime victims who testified before the Criminal Justice Committee on Monday in favor of a bill aimed at ending "mandatory early release" for criminals in Texas.

The committee approved the bill, which has been given emergency status by Gov. George W. Bush. It now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

State Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, has filed a similar bill in the House.

Ms. Cotellese's testimony was particularly gripping because Walton, the man given a 40-year sentence in 1986 for raping her, is eligible for release from prison under the mandatory release law on Dec. 26, 2000.

"What do you think about, when you think of him being released," Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena and a co-sponsor of the bill asked Ms. Cotellese.

"I think about how vulnerable I'll be," she said. "I think about death."

The Associated Press doesn't normally identify rape victims, but Ms. Cotellese said she has gone public in support of the proposed legislation.

The mandatory release law calls for prisoners to be released when their actual time served plus "good time" credit equals their sentences.

After tightening mandatory release rules several times over the years, lawmakers in 1995 gave the parole board veto power over a prisoner's release.

But the veto power applied only to inmates convicted after Sept. 1, 1996.

Patterson and Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, want to give the parole board power to veto mandatory release for prisoners who, like Walton, were convicted before then.

The constitutionality of such retroactive application is under debate.

"This is one of the last serious flaws in the criminal justice system," said Whitmire, chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee.

Roughly 80,000 of the state's 132,000 prison population will be eligible for release under mandatory supervision in the next five years, according to Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Nearly one-third of the 80,000 are violent offenders.

Texas Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (Texas CURE), says the measure goes too far.

"The board of pardons and paroles doesn't have the manpower to review the numbers of people who are coming eligible for mandatory release in the next five years," said Kay Freund, a member of Texas CURE from Brenham.

Ms. Freund says the parole board has gone so far to deny parole that it's left rehabilitated people behind bars.

"The taxpayers continue to feed and house people who have been rehabilitated," she said, adding that she thinks the bill, if it becomes law, will be found unconstitutional.

Whitmire and Patterson say their bill is constitutional because it doesn't change the length of a prisoner's sentence. It merely changes the "circumstances" of their sentence, Patterson said.

Governor holds position on property tax relief during State of the State address

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush says he's ready for what could be a tough fight over taxes.

In his State of the State address to the Legislature, Bush was spelling out his proposal for a \$1 billion tax cut and alternatives to take the place of some local school property taxes.

"I'm confident this must happen for Texas," Bush said, adding that he knows how politically difficult the issue is.

"I know some would rather me not have brought up the issue," he said. "It's going to create a lot of debate and a lot of anxiety. People are going to have to make some very difficult decisions. But I believe in my heart of hearts I'm right."

Bush and his aides have said the plan to be presented likely will have three components:

A tax cut funded by part of the state's current cash surplus; a sales tax increase of 1/2-cent to 3/4-cent; and a new business activity tax on a company's gross receipts, minus the cost of goods and materials and equipment investments.

Although the new business tax proposed would replace the current franchise tax and exempt businesses with gross revenues

under \$500,000, the levy is drawing fire from some quarters.

The proposal would tax many businesses that currently escape the franchise tax — lawyers, architects and others organized as professional associations or partnerships.

In addition, Texas' 6.25 percent sales tax rate already ranks among the nation's highest. Critics say the sales tax hits the poor harder by taking a larger portion of their income.

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, said he agrees with Bush that rising property taxes are a big problem.

"If we're not in a crisis, we will be in a crisis. I know that property taxes are not a valid tax. It doesn't grow with the economy. It stagnates," said Junell, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee who will cosponsor Bush's plan.

"On the other hand," the lawmaker added, "I'm not sure I'm qualified to say consumption taxes are better than any other tax."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said Bush needs to explain to Texans what he's trying to do — and why.

"Any time you change tax

structure, there will be people who end up paying more than they did before. Those people need to hear what his philosophy is, why he approached it this way and why he believes this is a fair way to go about it," Ratliff said.

Bush said he's banking on his conviction that lower property taxes are good for average Texans.

"There's a lot of discussion about the middle class tax squeeze. The most significant part of a middle class squeeze is when property taxes double over the last 10 years and incomes haven't kept up," Bush said.

The governor said he's not surprised that businesses not now taxed would object. But he said the current business taxes are unfair. "Some people pay a lot and some people pay none. That's not fair at all."

And, he said, he disagrees with critics who say his plan might be unfair to the poor.

"I would never do anything that would obviously hurt poor people. The most regressive tax there is the property tax on the poor. This is a tax over which you have no choice except to sell your home if it gets too high."

It was 'The Year of Woman' at American Music Awards ceremonies with Braxton top achiever

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was "The Year of Woman" at the American Music Awards and Toni Braxton reaped the rewards.

Braxton won favorite female soul R&B artist and her *Secrets* was the top soul-R&B album.

She also shared in a portion of an award that went to the *Waiting to Exhale* soundtrack, to which she was a contributor.

"I thank God for all my blessings," Braxton told the music industry crowd.

Alanis Morissette also was a multiple winner, though she didn't show up. Morissette was named favorite pop-rock female artist and her *Jagged Little Pill* won the pop-rock album trophy.

Two out of the three favorite new artist awards went to women as well: Jewel for pop-rock and LeAnn Rimes for country.

In receiving her award, Jewel thanked her fans for helping her achieve her dream.

"I know how little we can live with. I went from living in my

car to this because you guys bought my album. It's because you guys bought my album that I'm not stealing food," she told the cheering audience.

She explained her comments later backstage.

Jewel, who started her music career yodeling as a six-year-old in Homer, Alaska, said she and her mother were living in San Diego when she got laid off from a job at age 18. The two of them moved into their cars, and Jewel began singing at coffeehouses.

The woman-of-the-year magic didn't work for everyone. Mariah Carey — last year's favorite female artist in both pop-rock and soul-R&B — lost on all of her leading five nominations this time.

In all, 20 trophies were awarded in the 24th annual ceremony, broadcast by ABC from the Shrine Auditorium. Comedian Sinbad was the host.

Tupac Shakur, gunned down in Las Vegas four months ago, was posthumously named

favorite rap-hop artist. Presenter Brandy accepted Shakur's trophy.

Garth Brooks was once again favorite male country artist, his 11th AMA honor since 1991. Shania Twain was country's favorite female artist.

Brooks & Dunn roped the trophy for band, duo or group, and George Strait's *Blue Clear Sky* received the category's album award.

Pop-rock winners included Eric Clapton as favorite male artist, and Hootie & The Blowfish as favorite band, duo or group.

Soul-R&B honors also went to Keith Sweat for male artist, and New Edition for band, duo or group. D'Angelo was the top new artist in soul-R&B.

Favorite artist winners in other categories included Metallica in hard rock-heavy metal, Smashing Pumpkins in alternative music, and Whitney Houston in adult contemporary.

Russian president Yeltsin returns to work at Kremlin

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin went to work at the Kremlin today for the first time in a week, an appearance his aides held up as evidence of his steady recovery from pneumonia.

The Russian leader had a meeting with Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and reviewed government documents, presidential aides said. He spent three hours at the Kremlin before returning to his country home, they said.

Presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said Yeltsin may return to the Kremlin this week, but that it was too early to talk about him working full time.

"The progress is evident" in Yeltsin's recovery, Yastrzhembsky told reporters.

"There is a considerable differ-

ence remembering his last visit to the Kremlin. The president is going to build up his physical activity and activity at work," he said.

Yeltsin was last at the Kremlin briefly on Jan. 22, two days after being released from the hospital. He has since been resting at his country home.

In what the Kremlin said was another sign that Yeltsin's condition is improving, plans were going ahead for a weekend meeting with French President Jacques Chirac in Moscow.

President Clinton may delay his summit with the Russian leader from March to April and hold it outside the United States to accommodate Yeltsin, U.S. offi-

cials in Washington said Monday. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said, "We have not set a time or place for the meeting that we expect to occur later this year."

A date may be discussed when Chernomyrdin is in Washington Feb. 5 for meetings with Vice President Al Gore.

There is widespread debate about the state of Yeltsin's health. Presidential aides insist that Yeltsin, who turns 66 on Saturday, is making a strong recovery, while critics claim he is more ill than the government will admit.

Tornado damages buildings in Pasadena, skirts Houston

PASADENA, Texas (AP) — Police Sgt. FR. Davis was with a group of officers who were working out in the weight room of the Pasadena Police Academy when a tornado roared out of a stormy sky.

"It sounded like an airplane was getting ready to land on our building," he said.

The twister, spawned by a fast-moving cold front, struck late in the afternoon Monday in this southeast Houston suburb.

The tornado caused extensive and widespread damage to buildings, a church and mobile homes, but no injuries were reported.

"By the grace of God, nobody

was hurt and nobody was trapped," Pasadena fire chief Richard Sellers said.

Pasadena is about ten miles southeast of downtown Houston. Six new police parked at the academy were damaged, officers said.

Mayor Johnny Isbell said city officials have been unable to determine a total city-wide damage estimate.

A church lost part of its roof, and bricks were peeled from an outside wall. Its steeple toppled into the parking lot, and windows were shattered.

A roof was blown off a portable

school building, and a side was torn away from a two-story office building, officials said.

Zory Gonzalez said she had stopped to talk to workers in a law firm in the office building.

"We heard the glass shatter and things flying everywhere," she said. "I heard the glass first, and then it completely ripped the side of the entire offices."

She said she crouched under a desk until the noises of wind and flying debris stopped. She said she suffered scratches on her feet after she lost her shoes scrambling for cover.

Group offers free trees for joining

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

The 10 trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Golden Raintrees, two Washington Hawthorns and two American Redbuds.

"This year is the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day, and the free flowering trees are a part of The National Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign to plant 10 million trees in 1997," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in a large or small spaces," Rosenow said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and

yellow flowers — and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."


The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31.

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Opinion

Good news: A world full of freedom grows

Most of the stories of disaster, oppression, war and terrorism that dominate the front pages are generally true enough.

But it's helpful, especially at this time of the year, to remember that they don't tell the whole story.

Trends favoring democracy and freedom continue to operate, gradually improving the lives of millions of people around the world.

The latest evidence comes from the annual survey of respect for human rights put out by Freedom House in New York, called Freedom in the World. It suggests that 1996 was a year that saw steady progress, especially in the growth of the idea that civil society and respect for individual rights are not confined to countries with a "western" cultural tradition, but goals to which people of a variety of cultural backgrounds aspire.

Freedom House found that in 1996, there were 135 million more people living in countries it classified as "free" than in 1995.

The 79 countries classified as "free" (containing 1.35 billion people with 21.7% of the world's population) is the highest number of free countries since the survey was begun in 1972.

Freedom House found 2.26 billion people (39.1% of world population) living in 59 countries classified as "partly free," while 2.26 billion people (39.2%) live in countries classified as "not free."

The survey also found 118 electoral democracies in the world, the highest total in history.

The percentage of countries classified as democracies has risen from 40% a decade ago to 62% today, and 54.8% of the world's people now live in democracies.

Even the protests in countries where democracy has been thwarted — Serbia, Armenia, Burma, Indonesia — suggest that most people in the world expect to be able to vote for their leaders in elections that are free and fair, and are willing to take action when that expectation is not met.

Of course, the fact that many democracies are classified as "partly free" rather than "free" confirms the observation that elections are not an ironclad guarantee of freedom.

But, as Freedom House president Adrian Karatnycky argues in his accompanying essay:

"Electoral democracy brings with it pressure for important additional liberties. For there to be free and fair elections, there must be media that have some sense of objectivity and balance. There also have to be political parties to offer voters a measure of choice."

"Electoral processes, furthermore, contribute to the emergence of non-governmental civic groups ... while at the same time strengthening civil society."

Why the continued, growing momentum toward democracy and freedom?

Mr. Karatnycky credits, in part, the explosion in information and communication technologies that don't recognize or respect political borders. The globalization of the economic system also leads to greater commerce and contact, while the growing, dynamic market economies provide models for those seeking better lives.

That observation reinforces the close inter-relationships among economic freedom, political freedom and economic growth.

The trend holds strikingly in the Asia/Pacific region. Leaders in the markedly different countries of Singapore and China have tried to combine economic growth with authoritarian social policies, with some success.

But 24 of 38 countries in the region have opted for democracy and two countries, Taiwan and the Philippines, moved from "partly free" to "free" this year.

Not all is rosy-violence in Central Africa and events in Afghanistan, China, Iraq, Belarus and elsewhere were serious setbacks to freedom.

India in 1992 by itself skewed the percentage of people living in "free" countries when it was moved to the "partly free" category after especially violent elections. It remains in the "partly free" category in the new survey.

Worldwide momentum remains solidly in the direction of freedom.

The trend is not irreversible, nor does it suggest an "end of history."

But it is a fact as solid as the hostage-taking in Peru.

A world without nuclear arms?

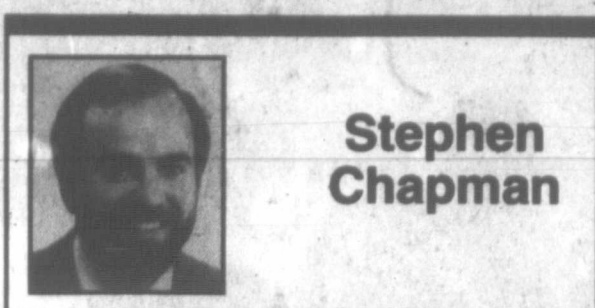
In 1928, world leaders signed the historic Kellogg-Briand Pact, which outlawed war forever. Alas, it didn't put an end to military conflict. But its failure didn't put an end to utopian fantasies, either.

One of those dreams is a nuclear free world, which has been around as long as nuclear weapons. Recently, it has been championed by a seemingly unlikely group — 60 retired generals and admirals from around the world who signed a manifesto calling for the "complete and irrevocable elimination of nuclear weapons."

Their chief spokesman is retired Gen. Lee Butler, former head of the Strategic Air Command, the military's nuclear arm, who has been lionized for an address in Washington urging worldwide nuclear disarmament. That speech, says *The New York Times*, "has had an impact comparable to the diplomat George F. Kennan's classic article on containing Communism, published in *Foreign Affairs* magazine in July 1947." By Butler's account, the response from both the public and his former colleagues in the military has been overwhelmingly positive.

If so, it has also been overwhelmingly wrong. Ridding the world of nuclear weapons, like ridding the world of war, is an impossible task. And even if it were possible, it would be a fool's errand. Nuclear weapons are here to stay, and the world is a safer place as a result.

The technology has been around for half a century, has been exploited by at least ten different nations and is firmly lodged in the minds of thousands of scientists scattered all over the world. So accessible is the essential information that back in the 1970s, an obscure American political magazine was able to produce an accurate article on how to build an H-bomb. Trying to purge such knowl-



Stephen Chapman

edge from the human mind is like trying to disinvent fire. It can't be done.

True, all the existing nuclear powers could scrap their doomsday stockpiles. But that wouldn't prevent a rogue state like Libya, Iraq or North Korea, or some terrorist fanatics, from assembling a bomb. And in an otherwise nuclear free world, anyone with a couple of these weapons, and the apparent willingness to use them, would hold vast coercive power over any government it chose to target. With our current nuclear arsenal, an Iraqi bomb would be a problem. With no nuclear arsenal, it would be a catastrophe.

Everything Gen. Butler and his fellow critics say about nuclear weapons is true. They are horrifically destructive; they have no practical military use; they are impossible to defend against; and they hold us all hostage to the possibility of sudden apocalypse. But the disarmament advocates are wrong to see those qualities as terrible flaws. In fact, they are the very virtues that make nuclear weapons indispensable. Nuclear weapons are so unimaginably fearsome that no one wants to take the risk of precipitating their use — which makes for peace and stability. A nuclear world is a cautious world.

Butler says the United States could only gain from nuclear abolition because "our conventional superiority is unapproachable." But tanks and F-16s are not a substitute for H-bombs. Nuclear weapons are a far more effective deterrent to war than all the conventional arms on Earth could ever be. A nation's leader can imagine winning a conventional war. Though the cost may be high, his country could gain enough in power, resources and security to justify the sacrifice.

The idea of victory in a nuclear war, by contrast, is perfectly insane. A nuclear exchange means annihilation for both sides — swift, certain and total. Faced with that sobering reality, aggressors are inhibited not just from launching nuclear attacks on other nuclear nations but also from launching conventional attacks. The risks are too great.

The United States and the Soviet Union were the two largest and best equipped adversaries in human history. They didn't remain at peace for all those years because they liked each other but because they feared each other. Knowing they could destroy each other, they were careful to avoid a shooting war of any kind, anywhere. A nuclear free world would be much more prone to conventional war among great powers — which, as two world wars proved, can be monstrously devastating in its own right.

Abolishing nuclear weapons wouldn't abolish the age old sources of human conflict; it would merely give them freer rein. Butler says the existence of nuclear weapons "condemns the world to live under a dark cloud of perpetual anxiety." It may come as news to the disarmers that human beings have always lived under the perpetual threat of war. Nuclear weapons have done far more to relieve that anxiety than to provoke it.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 1997. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members: flight commander Francis R. "Dick" Scobee; pilot Michael J. Smith; Ronald E. McNair; Ellison S. Onizuka; Judith A. Resnik; Gregory B. Jarvis; and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

- On this date:
- In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.
- In 1596, English navigator Sir Francis Drake died off the coast of Panama; he was buried at sea.
- In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.
- In 1871, France surrendered in the Franco-Prussian War.
- In 1902, the Carnegie Institute was established in Washington D.C.
- In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba.
- In 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.



The valiant story of the USS Liberty

Charley Reese

In June 1967, in international waters, an American ship, the USS Liberty, came under attack by airplanes and torpedo boats from the state of Israel.

In an attack lasting more than two hours, the intelligence gathering ship was bombed, rocketed, strafed, napalmed and torpedoed. As valiant crewmen fought the flames and rushing sea water, their life rafts and lifeboats were deliberately destroyed by Israeli gunfire. On that day, 34 Americans were killed, and 171 were wounded.

But that's only the opening page of a mystery that reads like a Tom Clancy novel when you follow the events.

As the men pleaded for help, American planes were launched from a carrier — and then recalled on direct order from then Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and President Lyndon Johnson. The men were left to die and the ship to sink for all McNamara and Johnson knew at the time.

Why did they do that?
Orders to move away from the coast about 100 miles were mistakenly sent to the Philippines and never reached the Liberty. Yet orders to abort the rescue reached the carrier instantly.

A Navy court of inquiry was a whitewash — so bad, in fact, that a Navy legal officer in Washington refused to endorse it. Members of the crew were ordered to remain silent and were

threatened with court martial if they talked. They were broken up and sent to scattered assignments. So were the pilots involved in the aborted rescue mission.

Why?
For the first time in American history, an attack on an American ship resulting in casualties was never investigated by Congress. A unit citation, issued in 1967, was never given to the crew until years later, and then in an unpublicized ceremony. The commanding officer was also belatedly given the Congressional Medal of Honor — quietly.

When the survivors of the Liberty finished their service in the Navy and were thus free to talk, they became targets of a campaign of vilification and have been called drunks, anti-Semites and incompetents.

When a small town in Wisconsin decided to name its library in honor of the USS Liberty crewmen, a campaign claiming it was anti-Semitic was launched. And when the town went ahead, the U.S. government ordered no Navy personnel to attend, and sent no messages. This little library was the first, and at the time the only, memorial to the men who died on the Liberty.

There are a number of outrages that remain to be resolved. Why did the U.S. government publicly accept the Israeli claim that the attack was a mistake even though evidence now exists that it knew then the attack was not a mistake? It's easy to understand why the Israeli government lied about the attack, but why did the U.S. government lie about it? Why does it continue to lie about it?

Why does the U.S. government continue to classify much of the record? Why does McNamara now profess to remember nothing of his role in the affair? Why, if the attack really was a mistake, do Israel and its supporters oppose so strenuously a congressional inquiry? Why is Congress afraid to conduct the inquiry? Why have veterans been so viciously attacked by their fellow Americans?

A new book, *The USS Liberty: Dissenting History vs. Official History*, fairly examines the cover-up. John Borne, who has taught American history, did the study for his doctoral dissertation at New York University. You can order it directly from him by writing John Borne, 41 Eastern Pkwy., Brooklyn, NY 11238. I talked to Borne, and he will send you the book postage paid for \$20. You can get more information on the Internet at <http://www.halcyon.com/jim/ussliberty/>.

These survivors deserve the support of the American people. Will you stand by them?

Future schlock: Hyping the year 2000

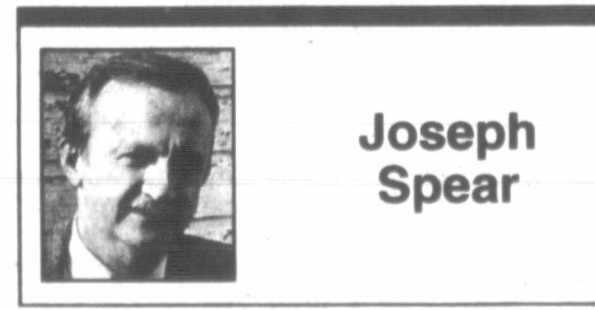
I am having an anti-millennial reaction.
There are well over a thousand days left until the Third Millennium arrives and already I am surfeited with it. I feel like I've got Millennium globules oozing from my pores. I feel like I am gasping for air in a cloud of Millennium gas. I feel like I am sloshing through a great Millennium swamp.

It started coming on in August 1989, when the *New York Times* published a column with the headline, "The Big Two Triple 0, Let's Party." Oh no, I thought. Here comes one of those events-that-you-can't-escape, and this one is a Cosmic Moment.

Then, in the fall of 1992, *Time* magazine published a special edition called "Beyond the Year 2000." Then the *Washington Post* declared, on Dec. 31, 1995, that it was proudly becoming "the first newspaper in America to officially jump the gun on the end of the millennium." And now, of course, the flood is upon us. You can't turn on the tube or pick up a paper or magazine without seeing references to the Millennium.

Corporate America is clamoring aboard the Year 2000 bandwagon. The Internet is teeming with postings for millennium merchandise. We have the Mazda Millennia, Farberware's Millennium pots and pans, Elizabeth Arden's Millennium line of skin care products. You should clip and save the advertisements for such things, people. Your descendants are not going to believe how schlocky it all was without tangible evidence.

We have organizations. There's the Millennium



Joseph Spear

Group, the Millennium Symposium, the Millennium Society, the Millennium Institute, the First Millennium Foundation, and on and on.

We have books. There's *Countdown to the Millennium*, *The Millennium Project*, *The Millennium Whole Earth Catalogue*, *The Millennium Book of Prophecy*, *Conversations With Nostradamus* (the 16th century French soothsayer who predicted everything) in three volumes, and on and on.

We have magazines and newsletters. There's the *Millennium Magazine* and the *Millennial Prophecy Report* and the *New Millennium Magazine* and *New Millennium Quarterly*, and on and on.

We have nuts, weirdos and phony baloneys coming out of the woodwork. There's the Earth Changes folks, who believe that the Year 2000 will bring floods, pestilence, nuclear warfare, earthquakes, and melting ice caps. There's the Arkansas occultist who wrote the three-volume *Nostradamus set* after speaking to the seer

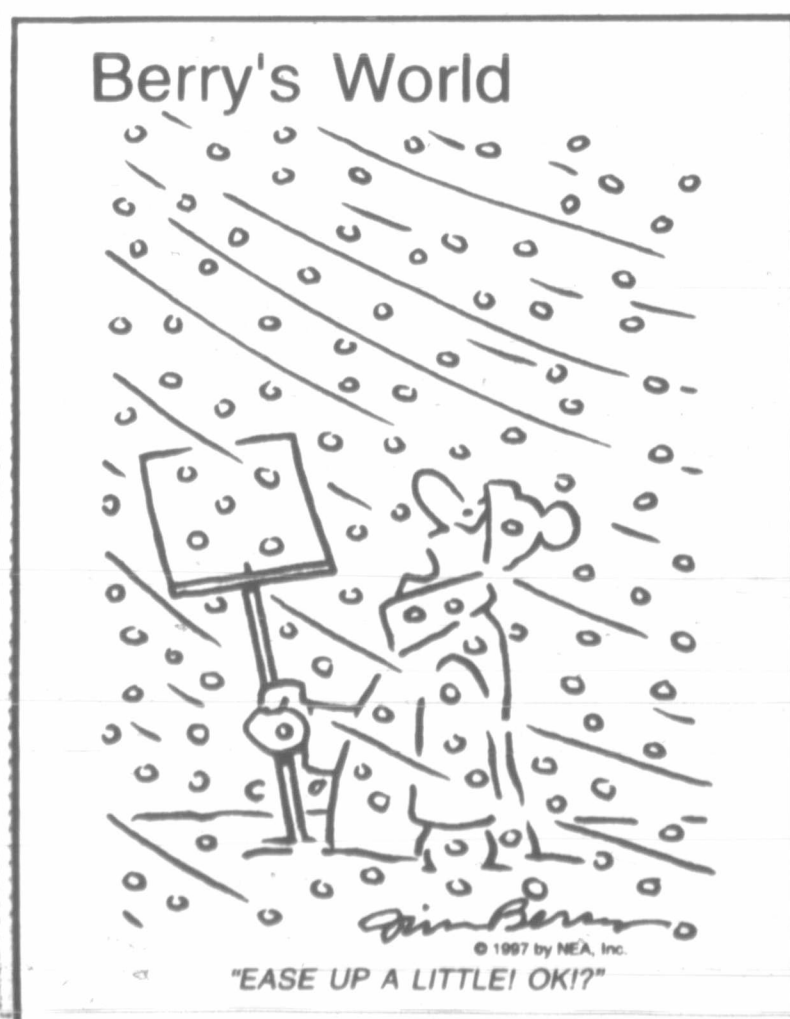
through intermediaries. There's the Arizona housewife who envisions an America that is mostly underwater and is rescued by four Ascended Masters wearing white robes.

And, of course, we have the self-appointed holy men with their predictions of Apocalypse. These are a personal favorite and a treasured resource. What I admire most about them is their resilience. Like weathermen who called for rain and got sun, they just pick up and go on, and we just keep tuning in. History is replete with examples, and our own era abounds in them.

Preacher Hal Lindsay, author of *The Late Great Planet Earth*, the best-selling nonfiction book of the 1970s, made some calculations based on biblical evidence and suggested the end might come in 1981. His post-1981 books ignore such references. Jehovah's Witnesses were famous for their forecasts of Armageddon. Now, they say, it was all speculation and that Jesus was right when he said "no one knows the day or the hour."

Which reminds me: If you haven't made your reservations for New Year's Eve 1999, time is running out. New York City hotels are drawing up waiting lists. One family reserved a Marriott suite on Times Square a decade ago. On the other coast, all three decks of Seattle's space needle have been rented.

My personal calendar for New Year's Eve three years hence is already full. I'm going to organize my desk caddy, check my dog for ticks, change my vacuum cleaner bag. If I retain any good sense at all, I won't even turn on the tube.



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"EASE UP A LITTLE! OK!"

New medical office



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Pampa Chamber of Commerce representatives recently welcomed Dr. Agustin Cabrera to the Pampa medical community as supervisor of the Amarillo Heart Group office in Pampa. Participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Amarillo Heart Group office located at 104 E. 30th are, from left, Chamber Gold Coat Jack Reeve; Dr. Cabrera; Lesa Rush, RN; Cheryl Wilson, office manager; and Nanette Moore, Chamber executive vice president.

Civil case goes to jurors for deliberation

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — For almost a week, jurors in the O.J. Simpson wrongful-death trial have listened to seven lawyers argue, rant, plead and drone on and on and on.

Today, for the first time, the jurors get to talk. Deliberations were to begin following a few more hours of plaintiff rebuttal by lawyers Tom Lambert and Daniel Petrocelli.

Jurors must decide whether Simpson should be held responsible for the June 12, 1994, knife slayings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, and if so, whether to award damages that could cost Simpson millions. Simpson was acquitted of murder in 1995.

Among the factors jurors have to weigh — variously described by the lawyers as critical evidence, crucial facts, uncontradicted truth, important testimony and flat out lies — is one pressed Monday by the defense: the frame-up.

In a powerful finale, lawyer Robert Baker asserted that Simpson was the victim of a police conspiracy led by former detectives Mark Fuhrman and Philip Vannatter.

Baker delivered his accusation in words even more blunt than those Johnnie Cochran Jr. used at the criminal trial.

"That's planted evidence," Baker said of the bloody glove that Fuhrman contended he found

behind Simpson's house. "There's no question about it."

To support the theory, Baker pointed to the absence of blood drops around the glove and noted that the blood on the glove appeared wet when it should have been dry because it had been sitting there all night.

Vannatter, too, was part of the conspiracy, according to Baker, by suspiciously handling three of the most important vials of blood: that taken from Simpson and the two victims.

"The evidence in this case simply is not trustworthy," Baker told the jurors. "It's not worthy of your belief."

Jurors listened intently, and a few who had put away their note pads opened them again and began jotting notes.

In an aggressive rebuttal, Petrocelli argued that the conspiracy theory was nothing but fantasy cooked up by a desperate, guilty man with help from high-priced lawyers and scientific consultants.

"They have invented arguments. They have invented defenses with no basis in reality. They have no facts to support them," Petrocelli said. "It's a fraud. It's a fraud on you. It's a big lie. It never happened. It's what guilty men do."

FBI removes lab workers following negative Justice Department report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is removing four explosives investigators, including a whistleblower, from its crime lab while it evaluates a Justice Department report critical of the lab's work.

The FBI and an attorney for the whistle-blower disagreed Monday night over whether the lab problems uncovered in the still-secret draft report could harm major prosecutions such as the upcoming Oklahoma City bombing trials.

The whistleblower, scientist-agent Frederic Whitehurst, who was investigated for possible leaks to the press, was subjected to more severe interim action than the three other employees. They were criticized by the department's inspector general, who hired five scientists to help investigate Whitehurst's allegations that the lab was biased in favor of prosecutors, officials said.

Once rated the FBI's top bomb residue expert, Whitehurst was suspended with pay, barred from FBI buildings — even as a guest — and from obtaining information about the FBI from others, according to a letter given him last Friday by Acting Lab Director Donald W. Thompson Jr. and obtained by The Associated Press.

The other three were transferred from the lab but not suspended, according to several officials who requested anonymity.

All four continue to receive pay

and benefits while the bureau decides whether they engaged in misconduct, according to an FBI statement Monday night.

The suspension of Whitehurst was blasted by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

"Recently, a Department of Justice official knowledgeable about the IG's investigation told me privately that Dr. Whitehurst had done a service for his country in bringing forth his information," Grassley wrote. "The action taken by the FBI implies that he is being punished for 'committing truth.' It appears to be a reprisal for his disclosures."

The bureau denied it acted "in retaliation."

But Grassley, who is chairman of a Senate judiciary oversight subcommittee, demanded an explanation, and an FBI delegation headed by Deputy Director Weldon Kennedy was to meet with him late this afternoon.

Kennedy ordered the personnel actions. Director Louis J. Freeh is excluded from the matter because he worked on the 1991 conviction of Walter Leroy Moody Jr. for a mail bomb that killed a federal judge, and Whitehurst has questioned the testimony by lab employees in that case.

The FBI said it "does not believe any of the problems cited by the inspector general will preclude anyone from receiving a fair trial" and disputes those who say the problems "have compro-

mised any past, present or future prosecutions."

Whitehurst's attorney, Stephen Kohn, responded: "That's not true. It will and has affected cases. There are scores of interviews with FBI agents in the lab that were transcribed by the Justice Department that prove that. It's time for the bureau to stop covering up."

Whitehurst alleged in late 1995 that a pro-prosecution bias and mishandling of evidence may have tainted crime lab work or testimony on several high profile federal cases. These include the first World Trade Center bombing convictions, the Moody conviction and the upcoming trials for the Oklahoma City federal building bombing.

Fearful that the inspector general's report might be used by defense attorneys, prosecutors have decided not to call at least one lab employee as a witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case and to forego using some forensic evidence in a bank robbery case in Ohio, sources said Monday.

Stephen Jones, counsel for Timothy McVeigh, who is one of the defendants in the Oklahoma City case, has deposed Whitehurst and indicated he may be called as a defense witness.

Without identifying them by name, the FBI statement said four lab employees "who had major responsibilities in explosives investigations have been removed from their positions."

State briefs

Soldier shoots armed man in border incident

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A Green Beret shot and wounded a man during an exchange of gunfire at a hidden observation post on the Rio Grande, the U.S. Border Patrol said.

Cesario Vasquez, 30, of Matamoros, Mexico, was in stable condition Monday at Columbia Valley Regional Medical Center in Brownsville with a flesh wound in the left shoulder, officials said. No charges were filed immediately.

Aided by night-vision equipment, a six-man Army team was watching a group of eight illegal immigrants wade across the Rio Grande from Mexico Friday night when the immigrants were confronted by a suspected border bandit, Border Patrol Chief Joe Garza said Monday.

The eight were lined them up, searched and robbed. The soldiers, who are prohibited by federal law from making arrests, reported the bandit to Border Patrol agents in the area, Garza said.

A few minutes later, three other men appeared, armed with a machine gun, a pistol and what was believed to be either a machete or a rifle, Garza said.

Prosecutor goes on attack against defendant's husband

KERRVILLE (AP) — A screaming, frantic Darlie Routier grabbed kitchen towels to cover her sons' stab wounds as she tried to aid the two dying boys, her husband testified.

Darin Routier testified in his wife's defense Monday and also was grilled on the witness stand by prosecutor Greg Davis, who repeatedly accused him of changing his story to bolster Darlie Routier's account of the killings.

"What we're hearing from Darin Routier is not what we've heard from him in the past,"

Davis said outside the courtroom.

Mrs. Routier is accused of fatally stabbing five-year-old Damon and six-year-old Devon Routier on June 6, 1996, in their Rowlett home. Prosecutors allege Mrs. Routier was upset over financial problems and the burdens of motherhood. They claim she slashed herself to cover the crime.

Mrs. Routier contends an intruder attacked her and her sons with a kitchen butcher knife then fled through the garage.

Jurors deliberate fate of Quadro Tracker distributors

BEAUMONT (AP) — The fate of three men accused of mail fraud for distributing a device purported to find lost golf balls, drugs and weapons has been handed to a federal jury.

Attorneys delivered final arguments Monday in the mail fraud trial of William Long, Wade Quattlebaum and Raymond Fisk, whose company sold about 1,000 Quadro Trackers to police departments and school districts nationwide.

The device, which costs up to \$8,000, was advertised as a detector of drugs, explosives and other contraband. Federal prosecutors, however, said the tracker was nothing but an empty plastic box with an attached antenna.

Long, 57, of Shreveport, La., faces mail fraud and conspiracy

charges, along with Quattlebaum, 63, former president of the Harleyville, S.C.-based Quadro Corporation, and Fisk, 53, former vice president.

Jurors deliberated the case about 45 minutes Monday and were expected to resume today.

Trustees consider testing all prom-goers for alcohol

ARLINGTON (AP) — She is picture perfect in her taffeta gown and wrist corsage. He's wearing a rented tux for the first time. The limousine delivers them to the front door of the hotel.

It's prom night in the suburbs. But this year, the music may not play until the happy couple go through the same breath test that the police give to suspected drunken drivers.

The school board in this city of almost 300,000 residents is scheduled to vote Feb. 6 on whether all prom-goers must pass a test to ensure they haven't been drinking alcohol.

"Our goal is not to take away from the festivities, but to allow the students to participate in an alcohol-free prom," said Steve Jacoby, executive director of student services for the 53,141-student district.

The proposal would require all participants to pass breath or saliva tests before they will be admitted to the dance.

SWCD seeks sponsorships for contests

The Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District has been actively involved in promoting soil and water conservation education activities for the past several years through the Conservation Poster Contest and the Conservation Essay Contest.

These contests are held annually with the Poster Contest being open to Gray County high school students.

Since 1984, in an effort to encourage participation by Gray County students, the district has presented a small tree seedling to each student who participates in either of these contests. It also presents individual poster contest classroom winners with ribbons for first, second and third places and two honorable mention places.

The overall district winners are presented with a trophy for first, a silver medal for second and a bronze medal for third, as well

as certificates of recognition. Overall district classroom winners receive \$25 for first place classroom, \$15 for second place classroom and \$10 for third place classroom. These winnings are to be used to purchase a teaching aid for the classroom.

In the Essay Contest, individual winners receive \$15 for first place, \$10 for second place and \$5 for third place.

The Gray County SWCD has been holding the Essay Contest annually since 1973 and the Poster Contest annually since 1978. This has been an extremely popular program among students and teachers alike with over 4,750 tree seedlings having been given to Gray County students since 1984.

In the past, the district has sustained the cost of the trees, ribbons, medals, trophies, certificates and monetary awards given

to the Poster and Essay Contest participants. Contests costs this year are projected to be approximately \$575 to \$600.

This year, the district is seeking help in its conservation education efforts by asking for voluntary contributions from potential corporate sponsors to help cover the cost of the contests.

The Gray County SWCD would appreciate any monetary contribution businesses could make to help it in its conservation education efforts through our Poster and Essay Contests. All contributions are tax-deductible, and sponsors will be recognized during the awards presentations and in the Spring 1997 Newsletter which is mailed to over 450 district cooperators.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Shonda Meadows at (806) 665-1751.

WTAMU schedules summer camp job fair

CANYON — West Texas A&M University Student Job Placement Center (SJPC) will offer WTAMU students a chance to do something different for the summer, according to Sammie Singleton, coordinator of the SJPC.

Up to 30 employers from summer camps will be on campus to visit with interested students about employment for the summer.

The Summer Camp Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons.

"These summer camps give WTAMU students a chance to interact with children and young adults in a different setting," Singleton said.

Employers from various parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado are expected.

"It will give WTAMU students an opportunity to visit with a large number of employers at one time instead of contacting each employer individually," Singleton said.

The Summer Camp Fair will also include employers from the Amarillo/Canyon area.

"We have a lot of students who sign up to work with summer camps. WTAMU provides the opportunity for students to make

contacts with prospective employers," Singleton said.

Each camp representative will have detailed information about their camps and many will have applications and other information.

Camps expected at the fair are the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sky Ranch Camp in East Texas,

Champions Camp in Marble Falls, Camp Summit in Dallas and many other camps in the Fort Worth/Dallas area. The Amarillo Parks and Recreation Department also will have representatives at the fair.

For more information about the Summer Camp Fair, contact Singleton at (806) 656-2397.

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Parents Of Lost Children Sometimes Need Direction

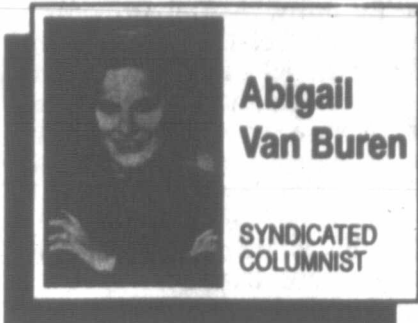
DEAR ABBY: I work at the customer service desk at a popular shopping mall, where I see some very disturbing things. For example, lost children are brought to us until their parents miss them and seek help. It's not uncommon for parents to leave small children watching a display, telling them, "Stay right here — I'm going to do a little shopping." Children have little conception of time, and will sometimes panic, thinking they have been abandoned.

When they finally locate their lost children, the parents get angry at the kids — often spanking them and verbally berating them for getting lost. Don't they realize that it's the adults' responsibility to keep their eyes on their child — and not the other way around?

Something else we see all too often is a parent telling the child, "If you don't behave, that policeman — or security guard — will get you." This makes children afraid to approach a policeman if they need help. I have seen children ask complete strangers to help them find their mommy rather than Security because they are afraid of policemen.

I don't have any children, but I feel lucky to be able to dry the eyes of lost children and help them find their parents. What if they asked for help from the wrong person? Like it or not, there are a lot of evil people out there just looking for the opportunity to abduct a lost child.

Abby, this may be too long to



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

print, but I know you can shorten it and say it better. Perhaps seeing this in print will open some eyes.

JAN BRANDENBURG, CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR JAN BRANDENBURG: Your letter required no editing. It is perfect just the way you wrote it. Thank you for a valuable letter and a plainspoken wake-up call to many parents who need to see it.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law phones me daily. The calls are answered in case of emergency, but if I don't make an excuse to cut the conversation short, she can interrupt my day to the tune of 40 minutes or more.

Several years ago I asked her not to call so often. Much as I love family, I have friends, kids, hobbies, cooking — in short, a life. I call my own mother weekly, not daily.

Even her own kids say she can never get enough. If you call her, it's not often enough; same for a visit, except you didn't stay long enough or eat enough food. She's retired now, so it's gotten worse.

How can I get her to leave me alone and get a life? I am ...

STILL MAKING EXCUSES IN SAN DIEGO
DEAR STILL MAKING EXCUSES: Get an answering machine and screen your telephone calls. Your mother-in-law can leave a message. And you can return her call at your convenience.

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired dentist and I sympathize with the dental hygienist who complained about patients coming to the office with dirty mouths. I have a suggestion that, used with diplomacy, would solve her problem as well as provide a better service for her patients.

Give them a toothbrush and some floss before, instead of after, their appointment and have them clean their mouths "like they do at home." Then she could point out any areas they may have missed, or compliment them on having done such a good job.

EUGENE PRATTE, D.D.S., HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR DR. PRATTE: Thank you for an excellent suggestion. Have you considered a second career as a diplomat? You'd make a good one.



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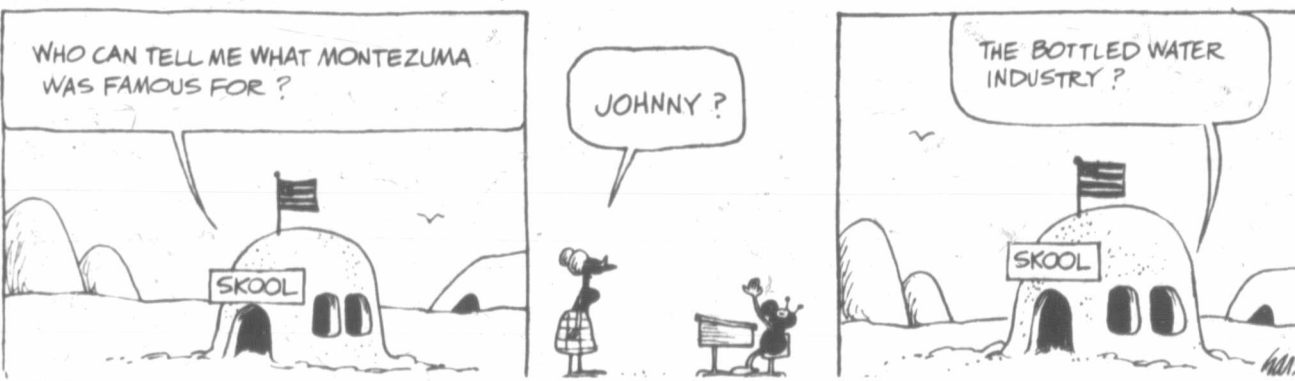
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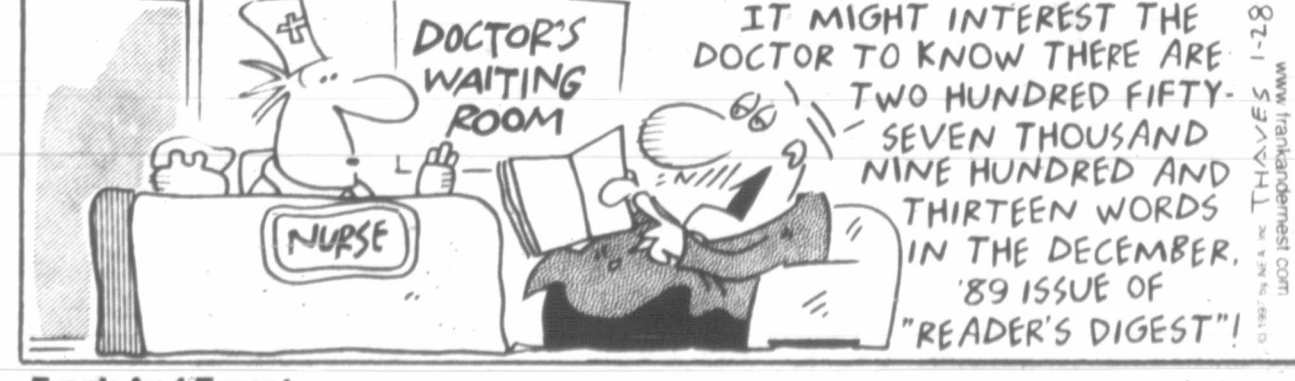
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The Born Loser



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Mallard Filmore

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan 29, 1997

In the year ahead, positive developments will surround your home and family. Relationships and bonds will be strengthened. Spend as much time as possible with your family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Avoid the inclination to worry about things that have not happened and perhaps never will. Live in the now and deal with events as they occur. Aquarius, 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 newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill

Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could do more harm than good today if you seek business advice from people who lack expertise. Only listen to people you trust.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Weigh and analyze the facts for yourself instead of letting associates do your thinking for you, especially if you have to make a big decision today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be methodical today when handling your assignments. If you fail to follow a game plan, you will not be efficient.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You should try not to borrow anything from others today, but if you have no other recourse, take extra precautions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This will not be a good day to spring a surprise on your mate. Make sure to include him or her in all the decisions you make.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think before you speak today, especially if you intend to criticize someone else. People you put

down might seek revenge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Doing things in a hasty fashion today could lead to a series of small but significant mistakes. Pacing yourself could help you to succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to set the proper example today. You should not order others to do things if you would not do them yourself. Actions speak louder than words.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take care not to betray someone's trust today. A friend will be disappointed if you reveal information which was told to you in strict confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will not have much tolerance for stingy people today. Keep this in mind before going to lunch with a friend who doesn't know how to split the check.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should be cognizant of small details today, but do not become obsessed by them. If you do, you will lessen the impact of your accomplishments.

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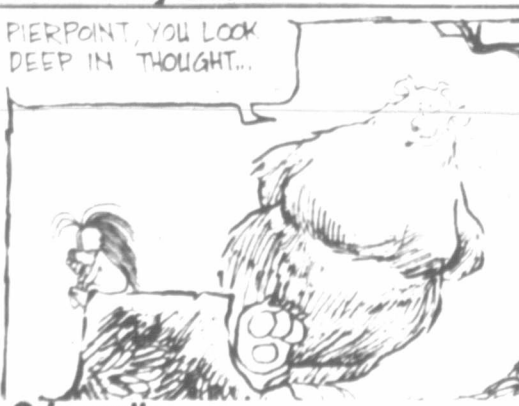


"Someday, when we're older, could we watch the oven clean itself?"



"Lock the door. He's looking at his nails."

The Family Circus



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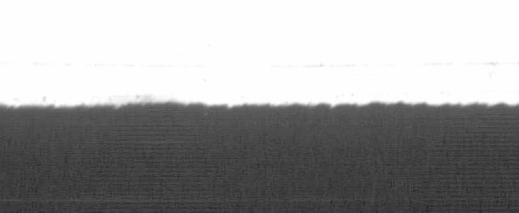
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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa defeated Canyon, 35-26, in the finals to win the 7th grade Girls B Division Tournament last week.

Stephanie Gattis was high scorer for Pampa with 11 points.

Pampa opened the tournament with a 39-5 win over Dumas.

Ashley Jordan led Pampa in scoring with 16 points.

Samantha Ford scored 20 points as Pampa defeated Hereford, 39-18, in the semifinals.

In the A division, Pampa opened the tournament with a 48-8 win over Hereford.

Jennifer Lindsey had 13 points and Ashley Derrington 10 to lead Pampa in scoring.

Pampa lost the next game to Canyon, 43-23.

Jennifer Lindsey had 7 points to lead Pampa scorers.

Playing for third place, Pampa lost to Borger, 31-16.

Jennifer Lindsey and Lindsay Narron had 4 points each.

PAMPA — The Pampa Academy Pacers reached the 20 game winning mark last Friday evening by outscoring the Borger Sophomores at home 85-68.

Brooks Ferguson led the scoring with 31. Avery Taylor scored 27, Andy Edmondson 10, Jeff Sublett 8, Steve Terry 6, and Trevor Muniz 3 points. Taylor led in rebounds with 10. Ferguson had 9, Terry 7, Edmondson 5, Sublett and Muniz 2 each and Tyler Hudson 1 rebound.

Edmondson led in assists with 8. Ferguson had 4 and Taylor, Sublett and Muniz had 1 assist each. Ferguson led in steals with 8. Edmondson had 7, Terry 3, Taylor 2 and Sublett 1 steal.

The Pacers — with a record of 20-5 — will play their final game of the season today, hosting Amarillo Christian. Three games will be played starting at 5 p.m.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Terry Pendleton has a new home with the Cincinnati Reds, but he can still go free again if he doesn't get a raise in the next six weeks.

Pendleton, the 1991 NL MVP, agreed Monday to a minor-league contract with the Reds that guarantees him \$350,000 and could bring him as much as \$1.4 million.

Pendleton, 36, hit .238 with 11 homers and 75 RBIs last season for the Florida Marlins and Atlanta Braves.

The complicated contract states that the Reds may opt before March 10 to increase his base salary to \$600,000. If they don't, Pendleton may terminate the contract at any time from March 10-24.

Meanwhile, Roberto Hernandez, Heathcliff Slocumb and Dave Mlicki agreed to one-year contracts, reducing the players in salary arbitration to 40.

Hernandez and the Chicago White Sox agreed at \$4.62 million, midway between the player's request for \$4.99 million and the team's offer of \$4.25 million.

Hernandez saved 38 games for the White Sox last season, when he made \$2,105,000. The 32-year-old right-hander, whose fastball has been clocked in the mid- to upper 90s, has saved 134 games during the last five seasons.

Slocumb and the Red Sox agreed at \$2,975,000 and a \$25,000 bonus if he leads the team in Rolaids relief points, which he figures to earn easily.

Slocumb, 30, was 5-5 with a 3.02 ERA and 31 saves in 75 relief appearances last season. He made \$1,425,000 last season, then asked for \$3.2 million in arbitration. Boston offered \$2.6 million.

Mlicki and the New York Mets agreed at \$610,000, triple his \$195,000 salary last season. The 28-year-old right-hander was 6-7 with a 3.30 ERA in 49 relief appearances and two starts.

He had asked for \$825,000 in salary arbitration, and the Mets had offered \$450,000.

Packer fans cheer new world champions at frigid Lambeau Field

By **ROBERT IMRIE**
Associated Press Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — As 60,000 Green Bay Packers fans stood in frigid Lambeau Field to cheer the new world champions, tight end Mark Chmura looked up to a darkened, snow-filled sky and remembered a legend.

"Vince, I know you're listening. Your trophy is safe once again," Chmura shouted, triggering a huge roar from a crowd savoring the same kind of success that former coach Vince Lombardi once enjoyed.

The fans had waited three hours — almost the time it takes to win a Super Bowl — to listen to 30 minutes of speeches from their heroes who, in turn, praised them as the "greatest fans in the world."

With the rock tune "We Are The Champions" blaring across a football field covered with a foot of snow, the Packers returned the Lombardi trophy to Green Bay for the first time since 1968, thanks to Sunday's 35-21 win over New England in New Orleans.

On a makeshift stage about where a goal post would normally stand, coach Mike Holmgren and general manager Ron Wolf hoisted the prize over their heads and thousands of cameras flashed around the stadium to capture the memory.

"That trophy is yours," Holmgren said. "I told the team I was proud of them. I loved them. And I want to say the same thing to you guys. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for everything this season."

Lombardi, who died in 1970, coached the Packers to five world titles, including the first two Super Bowls.

Sue Lutz of Franklin, puffed on

a cigar after the homecoming that kicked off a new era of glory years. She also asked someone to scoop some dirt into a cup from a muddy spot on the field.

"This was total bliss," she said. "I can say that I was close to them. Maybe they felt the vibes that I was very proud of them."

Schools closed early, workers declared a holiday, fans teetered on green-tinted snowbanks and lined city streets a dozen-deep for the "Return to Titledown" celebration Monday.

The Packers — minus quarterback Brett Favre and safety LeRoy Butler, who were headed for Hawaii and Sunday's Pro Bowl — rode a motorcade of open-windowed buses through the city, and adoring fans turned what was to be a one-hour parade into a three-hour love-fest.

The buses crept along in 17-degree cold with 10-below wind chills because people crammed the streets to glimpse the players.

Snow, mixed with confetti, showered down on the players as they waved, grinned, flashed peace signs, shook hands and traced high-fives with the ecstatic crowd.

Gary Falck got a high-five from Holmgren as the bus rolled by.

"Thanks, Mike!" said Falck, his neck draped with green-and-gold Mardi Gras beads. He wore a Packers jacket and a Packers hat.

Asked to describe the ride, wide receiver Desmond Howard, the Super Bowl's most valuable player, said: "Cold as hell."

Holmgren admitted the ride was very cold, but "seeing all those people and the outpouring of affection was overwhelming. ... People were all over. There

were little bitty kids all the way up to grandmas and grandpas. It was something very special."

The slowly moving motorcade finally reached Lambeau Field after dark. Team members, led by Holmgren and general manager Ron Wolf, entered the field to rousing cheers and greeted fans on the way to the warmth of the dressing room.

Only those on the program returned to the stage.

Defensive end Reggie White received the loudest ovation as he waved to the cheering fans.

"This is really a great day for all of us as players, and again I want to give God all the glory and praise," said White, a minister.

The 35-year-old White suggested he would not retire any time soon.

"It has been an extreme honor to play before all you guys, the greatest fans in the world," he said.

The crowd chanted back: "Reg-gie! Reg-gie! Reg-gie!"

Wide receiver Don Beebe, who had a been a four-time Super Bowl loser with the Buffalo Bills, and defensive back Eugene Robinson both led the crowd in chants of "Re-peat, re-peat, re-peat."

Beebe marched back and forth across the stage, at one point hollering, "I have one thing to say: How about them Packers!"

It mocked a remark from Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones about his team, which has beaten the Packers eight straight times.

"Where else can you get crazy fans like you guys sitting out here in this freezing cold weather?" Beebe asked. "This is definitely Titledown USA. I love you from the bottom of my heart and thanks again."

Women's teams end their drought

By **CHUCK SCHOFFNER**
AP Sports Writer

Michigan State has never won a Big Ten championship in women's basketball. Neither has Illinois. Michigan State finished fifth in the league last season. Illinois was eighth.

My, how things have changed.

At the halfway point of this season's league race, Michigan State is in first place. Illinois is tied for second and, on Monday, both broke into The Associated Press poll to end long Top 25 droughts.

Michigan State joined at No. 23, its first appearance in the poll since being ranked for one week in the 1990-91 season. Illinois was 25th, the first time the Illini have been ranked since the week of Dec. 28, 1987.

There was no such breaking news at the top, where Connecticut, Old Dominion and Stanford remained 1-2-3 for the sixth straight week.

Connecticut (18-0), the only unbeaten Division I team, again was an overwhelming choice for No. 1 with 37 of 41 first-place votes and 1,021 points.

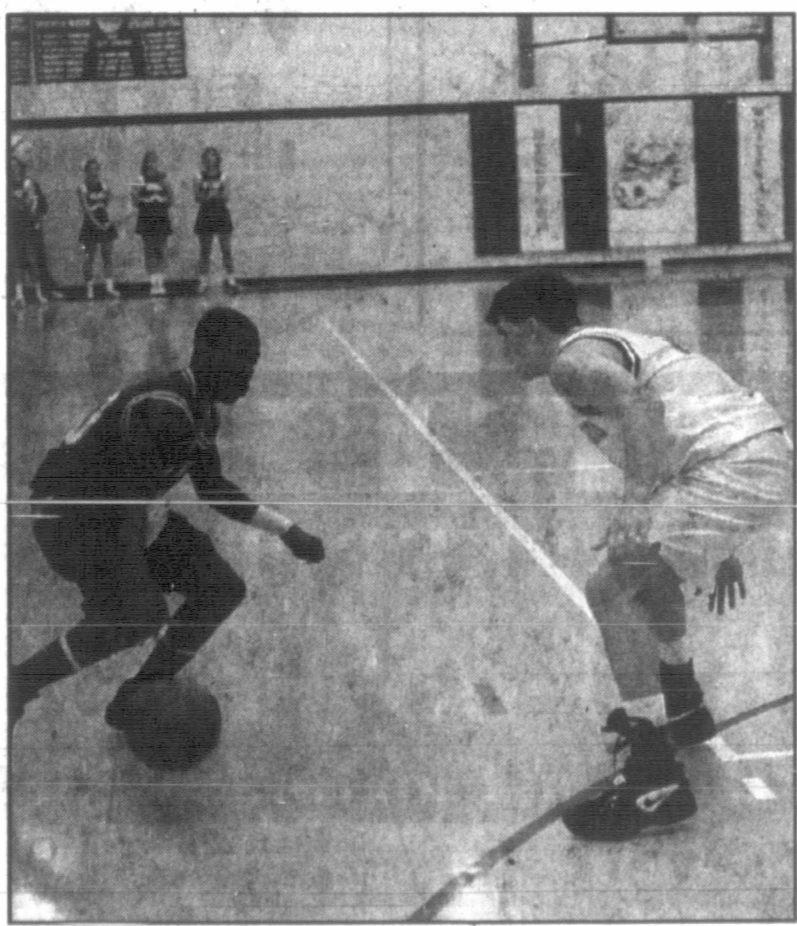
No. 2 Old Dominion (17-1), which has won 16 straight, had three first-place votes and 982 points. Stanford (20-1), the first team in the country to reach 20 victories, held the No. 3 spot with one first-place vote and 948 points.

After enduring nine straight losing seasons, Illinois (15-4) is off to its best start since going 16-3 in 1980-81. The Illini are contending in just their second season under coach Theresa Greutz, who left Rutgers after 19 seasons to take on the rebuilding job in Champaign.

With four freshmen among the top eight players, Illinois has road victories over Arkansas, Wisconsin and Penn State, and handed Michigan State its only Big Ten loss. Greutz, the 1992 U.S. Olympic coach, is trying to take it all in stride.

"We are not any different now as a team than we were a few weeks ago when we beat those ranked teams," she said. "Just because we are ranked now, it doesn't mean we can change anything."

Pampa vs. Randall



(Pampa News photo)

Shannon Reed (left), Pampa's junior guard, looks for an opening in a recent game. Both the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters welcome Randall at 6 tonight in District 1-4A action in McNeely Fieldhouse. Randall boys are the district leader at 8-1. The Lady Raiders have already clinched a playoff spot.

Ruling to be made on Parcels' contract

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Four buses took the New England Patriots to the airport the day after their Super Bowl loss. Two hours later, Bill Parcels left the same hotel in a white stretch limousine.

Prophetic? NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue will decide if the coach is free to split with the team for good.

At the club's request, Tagliabue scheduled a conference call today with both sides in a dispute over Parcels' contract, which expires Saturday. A decision could come Wednesday.

Parcels claims he is free to coach any team next season. Not so, says owner Robert Kraft, who contends the contract blocks Parcels from working as a coach or in a similar job for any other NFL team in 1997.

Kraft has a cool relationship with Parcels but has said he wants to keep the coach. But if he decides to let Parcels go, a decision in his favor by Tagliabue would provide leverage to demand compensation from another team.

That team could be the New York Jets, who reportedly are interested in making him their coach. But no team other than the Patriots can negotiate with Parcels before Tagliabue rules.

And his ruling could be subject to a court challenge.

If Parcels does leave, San Francisco defensive coordinator Pete Carroll looms as a front-runner for the Patriots job. Patriots spokesman Don Lowery said Monday the team had not contacted any potential replacements.



(Special photo)

Pampa's Dakota Tefertiller won the 100 breaststroke and Bobby Venal (right) was the 100 butterfly winner at the District 3 Swimming Championships.

Pampa swimmers qualify for regionals

LUBBOCK — Pampa's Bobby Venal and Dakota Tefertiller grabbed the gold at the District 3 Swimming Championships last week at Texas Tech University.

Tefertiller won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:03.44 while Venal captured the 100 butterfly with a time of 56.75 in the boys division. Tefertiller was also fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:02.16) and Venal was second in the 200 intermediate (2:14.40).

"Both Bobby and Dakota have a very good shot at going to state," said Pampa head coach David Pink. "They have their work cut out for them, but the opportunity is there."

Justin Nelson placed third (52.55) in the 100 butterfly and sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:58.29). Matt Haesle was third in the 500 freestyle (5:44.40).

Pampa's 200 medley relay was third (1:50.26), the 200 freestyle relay was fifth (1:48.46) and the 400 freestyle relay was third (3:50.49).

In the girls division, Pampa's Stacy Huddleston was fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:16.01) and Ashlee David was fourth in the 100 freestyle (1:00.03). Huddleston was also sixth in the 200 intermediate relay (2:47.18).

Pampa's 200 medley relay was third (2:15.28) and the 200 freestyle relay was fifth (2:09.84).

"The boys did fantastic. They did just what I expected them to do. The girls did well, also," Pink added.

The top six finishers quali-

fied for the regional tournament Feb. 7-8 in Lubbock.

In the team standings, Pampa boys placed third and the Pampa girls were fifth.

The entire Pampa team, due to the relay qualifiers, advance to regionals.

Lubbock High won both the boys and girls divisions.

District 3 Swimming Championships
Girls

Team totals: 1. Lubbock High 127; 2. Amarillo High 102; 3. Tascosa 37; 4. Caprock 27; 5. Pampa 19; 6. Lubbock Coronado 6; 7. Lubbock Monterey 2.

Pampa regional qualifiers: 200 medley relay (Ashlee David, Sara Vidoni, Stacy Huddleston and Tanya Fritz); Stacy Huddleston, 200 intermediate and 100 butterfly; Ashlee David, 100 freestyle; 200 freestyle relay (Lindsey Michelle, Holly Brooks, Kellie Stokes and Tiffany Mote).

Boys
Team totals: 1. Lubbock High 106; 2. Tascosa 58; 3. Pampa 50; 4. Lubbock Monterey 40; 5. Amarillo High 37; 6. Lubbock Coronado 23; 7. Caprock 4.

200 medley relay (Matt Brown, Dakota Tefertiller, Bobby Venal and Justin Nelson); Justin Nelson 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle; Bobby Venal, 100 butterfly and 200 intermediate; Matt Haesle, 500 freestyle; 200 freestyle relay (Dakota Tefertiller, Matt Haesle, Matt Brown and Waylon Griffin); Dakota Tefertiller, 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke.

Harvester matmen advance

PAMPA — Three Pampa Harvesters have advanced to the regional wrestling tournament Feb. 8 at Boys Ranch.

Clint Curtis, Tanner Winkler and Aaron Hayden qualified for regionals by placing in the District 3 Tournament last week-end in Amarillo.

Curtis, competing in the 165-pound division, won three of four matches at the district meet.

Winkler, who compiled a 10-0 record during the regular season, won three of five matches with both his losses coming in overtime in the 215-pound division. Hayden, a heavyweight won one of three matches. Winkler was the No. 2 seed going into the tournament.

Curtis and Winkler are both seniors. Hayden is a junior.

The Pampa wrestlers are coached by Scott Lewis.

In the team standings, Boys Ranch repeated as the district champion. The Roughriders finished with 173 points, 18 points ahead of Dumas and 34 points ahead of third-place Tascosa. Dumas placed a tournament high nine wrestlers in the finals. Tascosa had the most individual titles with five.

The top two wrestlers in each weight division at regionals advance to the state meet.

A total of 232 wrestlers representing 10 schools competed in the two-day district meet at the Amarillo High School Activity Center.

Canseco going back to Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics, who have spent the past few seasons trying to recreate their powerhouse teams of the late 1980s, have reached back to the past again.

The A's reunited the Bash Brothers on Monday by trading for Jose Canseco, who with Mark McGwire formed one of baseball's most explosive combos in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Oakland got Canseco and cash, which will be used to pay part of Canseco's \$4.5 million base salary this season, from the Boston Red Sox for right-handed pitcher John Wasdin.

With Canseco and McGwire combining for 200 homers in 1988-90, the A's won three straight AL pennants.

Canseco had five seasons of more than 30 homers for Oakland, including 44 in 1991 and 42 in 1988.

"If McGwire and myself can stay healthy the whole year, I think definitely we're going to win our division," Canseco said in a conference call from his home in Miami. "Potentially we can lead the league in home runs."

Recycling former players has become a theme for the A's in the 1990s.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL				WESTERN CONFERENCE				WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Monday's College Major Scores				Central Division				Central Division									
By The Associated Press				W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		
Army 59, Dartmouth 57				Dallas	28	17	4	80	150	119	Dallas	28	17	4	80	150	119
Cant. Connecticut St. 60, Mo.-Kansas City 46				Detroit	22	18	9	53	144	108	Detroit	22	18	9	53	144	108
Georgetown 78, Villanova 67				St. Louis	23	23	4	60	150	159	St. Louis	23	23	4	60	150	159
Lafayette 83, Penn 79				Phoenix	21	23	4	46	135	153	Phoenix	21	23	4	46	135	153
Princeton 90, Hamilton 48				Chicago	18	26	8	44	130	139	Chicago	18	26	8	44	130	139
Providence 80, Catholic 53				Denver	13	30	302	19			Denver	13	30	302	19		
SOUTH				San Antonio	11	29	275	19 1/2			San Antonio	11	29	275	19 1/2		
Appalachian St. 77, E. Tennessee St. 96, OT				Vancouver	8	37	178	25			Vancouver	8	37	178	25		
Austin Peay 90, Morehead St. 82				Pacific Division													
Coppin St. 83, Bethune-Cookman 82				L.A. Lakers	91	12	781	—			L.A. Lakers	91	12	781	—		
Davidson 63, Citadel 58				Seattle	30	13	598	1			Seattle	30	13	598	1		
Howard U. 67, Hampton U. 83				Portland	25	18	581	6			Portland	25	18	581	6		
Liberty 78, Coastal Carolina 63				Sacramento	18	25	419	13			Sacramento	18	25	419	13		
Louisiana Tech 53, Texas-Pan American 47				Golden State	17	25	405	13 1/2			Golden State	17	25	405	13 1/2		
Mid.-E. State 63, N. Carolina A&T 69				L.A. Clippers	18	24	400	13 1/2			L.A. Clippers	18	24	400	13 1/2		
Miss. Valley St. 116, Ark.-Pine Bluff 88				Phoenix	15	28	349	16			Phoenix	15	28	349	16		
Morgan St. 67, Florida A&M 64				Sunday's Games													
Murray St. 85, Tennessee Tech 78				New York 96, Miami 89													
NE Louisiana 70, NW Louisiana 65				Milwaukee 94, San Antonio 76													
S. Carolina St. 73, Delaware St. 65				L.A. Lakers 104, Seattle 103													
Tenn.-Martin 61, Middle Tenn. 59				Monday's Games													
Tennessee St. 82, E. Kentucky 71				Miami 126, Phoenix 97													
Tn.-Chattanooga 76, Georgia Southern 66				Golden State 122, Vancouver 67													
Tulane 64, Southern Miss. 50				Tuesday's Games													
VMI 97, Marshall 92				Portland at Toronto, 7 p.m.													
Va. Commonwealth 75, South Florida 70				Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.													
W. Carolina 65, Furman 76				Cleveland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.													
MIDWEST				Oriando at Washington, 7:30 p.m.													
Ball St. 74, Miami, Ohio 64				Charlotte at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.													
Bradley 74, Wichita St. 57				Detroit at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.													
Creighton 72, S. Illinois 65				Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.													
Dayton 91, Southern U. 56				L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.													
Evansville 57, N. Iowa 54				Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.													
Illinois St. 95, SW Missouri St. 84				Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.													
NE Illinois 81, Buffalo 77				Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.													
St. Ambrose at W. Illinois, p.p.d.				Wednesday's Games													
Valparaiso 110, Northland 77				Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.													
Wis.-Green Bay 62, Wis.-Milwaukee 49				Phoenix at Oriando, 7:30 p.m.													
Youngstown St. 92, Chicago St. 82				Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.													
SOUTHWEST				Indiana at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.													
New Orleans 78, Arkansas St. 72				New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.													
Oklahoma St. 73, Oklahoma 72, OT				Portland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.													
W. Kentucky 71, Ark.-Little Rock 62				L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.													
FAR WEST				Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.													
Cal Poly-SLO 73, Cal St.-Hayward 66																	
Utah 84, Tulsa 58																	

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 Detroit 22 18 9 53 144 108
 St. Louis 23 23 4 60 150 159
 Phoenix 21 23 4 46 135 153
 Chicago 18 26 8 44 130 139
 Denver 13 30 302 19
 San Antonio 11 29 275 19 1/2
 Vancouver 8 37 178 25
Pacific Division
 L.A. Lakers 91 12 781 —
 Seattle 30 13 598 1
 Portland 25 18 581 6
 Sacramento 18 25 419 13
 Golden State 17 25 405 13 1/2
 L.A. Clippers 18 24 400 13 1/2
 Phoenix 15 28 349 16
Sunday's Games
 Edmonton 3, Washington 1
 Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 2
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 Ottawa 5, Tampa Bay 3
 Chicago 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
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 Dallas 7, Los Angeles 2
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 Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 San Jose at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

BRIEFS
Monday's Sports In Brief
By The Associated Press
FOOTBALL
HOUSTON (AP) — Mayor Bob Lanier rejected the Houston Oilers' suggestion that their practice facility for an early release from their Astrodom contract, allowing them to move to Tennessee a year early.
 Lanier said a practice field and building, worth about \$1.5 million, wasn't worth enough to free the team from its commitment to remain in Houston next season. He also said the Oilers should repay some of the money the taxpayers spent in 1987 to renovate the Astrodom.
DENVER (AP) — Denver offensive tackle Gary Zimmerman, plagued by shoulder injuries, apparently has decided to retire. Sources close to Zimmerman, 35, told the Denver Post that his 11-year NFL career is over.
BASEBALL
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Curt Flood, whose outstanding baseball career effectively came to an end after he challenged baseball's reserve clause in the prime of his career, was eulogized as an authentic American hero.
 "Because he came our way, we are better," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said at a funeral service for Flood, who died Jan. 20 of throat cancer — two days after his 59th birthday — following a long stay at the UCLA Medical Center.
HOCKEY
SMITHFIELD, R.I. (AP) — Former New York Islanders forward Gary Hart was arrested and charged with punching a referee and striking a 14-year-old player during a tournament last weekend.
 Hart, who was coaching a Suffolk County (N.Y.) Police Athletic League team, was charged with two counts of simple assault, a misdemeanor. He was held at the Smithfield Police Department before being released on \$2,000 bail. He is due in District Court in Providence on Feb. 4.
PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins traded right wing Tomas Sandstrom to the Detroit Red Wings for center Greg Johnson.
 Sandstrom, 32, eligible to become an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season, had nine 14-year-old assists in 40 games for Pittsburgh this season. Johnson, 25, had six goals and 10 assists in 43 games for Detroit.
AUTO RACING
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Davy Jones, injured last week in a crash during practice for the Indy 200, was transferred from the Orlando Regional Medical Center in Orlando, Fla., to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Big 12 coaches assess teams at halfway point

By CRAIG HORST
 AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It's the "what ifs" that are on the minds of Big 12 coaches at crunch time.

What if we had won this game in December? What if we were a little better at this, or a little better at that? What if we could win on the road?
 "I think when you look at the games we've lost ... back in December we lost to Arizona State, we lost to Arkansas State," said Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson on Monday during the weekly conference call with Big 12 coaches. "With the exception of those, I think we've played them all pretty strong. We need to put a victory string together if we are going to have hopes of getting in the NCAA tournament."
 Everybody is beginning to look ahead to March, and the heart of the inaugural Big 12 season is going to make or break some teams.
 Top-ranked Kansas, No. 18 Colorado and No. 11 Iowa State, No. 22 Texas Tech and No. 23 Texas seem certain for the NCAA tournament.
 But teams like Oklahoma certainly still have something to prove. And a team like Missouri may be in trouble.
 Oklahoma lost 73-72 in overtime at Oklahoma State on Monday night.
 The Cowboys went into the game 10-7, 2-4 in the Big 12.
 "On the road, we haven't been able to win," coach Eddie Sutton said. "At Colorado and Texas Tech, we had a chance to win but we just haven't been able to get over the hump. And sometimes I think it takes a win like that to get you started."

things that we need to do when we need to do them. That's been our story all year."

The Big 12 has turned out to be as rugged as anyone could have imagined, and winning on the road has been a chore.

Baylor has struggled all year long, but coach Harry Miller said his youthful team has not given up.

"We've played pretty well at home. We played well against Colorado, against Kansas," Miller said. "We are just not at the point where we're competitive on the road. We just get blitzed out there."

"Our players really work hard. Our players' attitude is just great. If you have young players who can't see some hope, I think you can have players ball out on you, but not our guys."

Colorado has been the surprise of the league, and very nearly gave Kansas its first loss Sunday despite taking a 13-0 punch right at the start of the game. The Buffs' have one of the league's best players in Chancey Billups, but coach Ricardo Patton is getting a lot of credit for having the rest of his players perform at a level that no one expected.

Coach Ricardo Patton said the Buffs started getting new respect after beating Texas Tech on ESPN Jan. 11.

"After our Texas Tech win, teams saw that, people began thinking that we were capable," Patton said. "I don't know anybody expected us to beat a Kansas or teams of that caliber. I thought that after Texas Tech, coaches realized their players better be prepared when we come in."

Missouri had a second-half rally in Austin against Texas on Sunday before falling short and suffering their ninth loss.
 "I thought we made a great comeback in the second half and if we had been able to execute a couple of times down the stretch we could have won the game," Tigers coach Norm Stewart said. "But those are 'what ifs.'"
 "We just can't quite do the

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Kansas playing through loss of another key player

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Twenty straight wins is hard enough in any sport and doing it without key players would seem to make it impossible.

But even opposing coaches have to admire unbeaten and top-ranked Kansas' record.

"I think they are right now a notch ahead of everybody else. They've got the total package. They can beat you from the outside. They can beat

you in the paint. That's the thing about Kansas is you have to play a great game because they're not going to beat themselves."

Kansas won 10 in a row at the start without preseason All-American Jacques Vaughn. Sophomore Ryan Robertson stepped up to perform well at the point — the position now critically important to any team.

Now center Scot Pollard is lost for at least 10 games with a stress frac-

ture in his left foot. Raef LaFrentz stepped up to score 21 points, get 14 rebounds and block five shots as Kansas held off No. 18 Colorado on Sunday in Boulder in their first game without Pollard.

"It adds a little bit because it does keep our attention," coach Roy Williams said of the injuries to Vaughn and Pollard. "The kids have been very attentive. Everybody knows everybody has to pick up and

not have lapses in concentration. "We've never been able to put it on cruise control at any one time."

At Colorado, Paul Pierce, who normally looks to create his shots from the wing, assumed LaFrentz' inside responsibilities and bench player B.J. Williams got the start.

"We had to make changes in rotations," Williams said. "Paul Pierce had to play out of position. It will definitely affect you."

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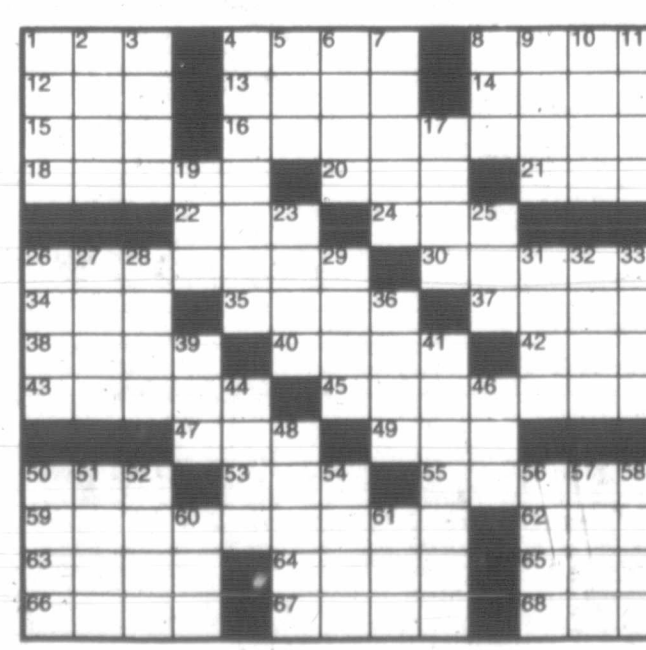
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Club news

Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met Jan. 3 in the home of club president, Gloria Norris. Norris called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved along with the treasury report which was presented by Secretary-Treasurer Mairlyn Kirkwood.

Five members were present. The name chosen from the Christmas tree for Needy Children was discussed. Norris reported several items the club purchased for the child.

Each member bought paper goods for the hostess. Helen Smith and Jewel Holmes won the door prizes.

Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be in February in the home of Johnnie Rhodes.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met in regular session Jan. 7 in Pampa. Darendra Begert presided over the meeting. The invocation was given by Amelia Sims. Begert read "Keep it Simple" - 13 ways to make life more enjoyable. Previous minutes were approved as read by Sims. Louise Coulter gave the treasurer's report. Eleven members were present.

The business meeting dealt with the question "Do we want more cook books printed?" It was suggested beef cookbooks be sold during the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Agriculture scholarships were discussed. Members voted to give one \$500 and two \$250 scholarships. The scholarship committee will be the same as last year. Notice and other information will be sent to schools in the area. Scholarships will be awarded based on written essays.

Begert named chairpersons for committees this year.

Pat Youngblood moved not to have the organization's Fall Style Show this year but to hold a Spring Style Show before Easter in 1998. The motion was seconded and carried.

Sally Youngblood - a member of the NBA - requested suggestions to take back to her committee.

Hasbro introduces germ killing toys

PAWTUCKET, R.I. (AP) - Nothing will ever stop toddlers from putting toys in their mouths. But Hasbro Inc. is trying to make the mouth-watering playthings a little safer.

The company's Playskool division introduced a new line of 15 "germ-fighting" toys following what it said was an overwhelmingly positive response to a high chair with an antibacterial tray. "Toys are hugged, they're loved, they're chewed on and drooled on," said Anna Dooley, vice president of marketing for Playskool. "But they also roll all over the floor, the dog may take interest in them, they get passed from one child to another."

Like the antibacterial 1-2-3 High Chair introduced last May, the bacteria-busting toys unveiled Monday are treated with a process called Microban, which permanently bonds tiny germ-killing pellets to plastic or fiber. Microban stops mold, mildew, fungi and bacteria including E. coli, staph, salmonella and strep, Hasbro officials said.

Treated toys include the Roll 'n Rattle Ball, Busy Band Walker and an activity toy shaped like a cellular telephone.

"We've never heard the kind of

Carolyn Buckingham moved to have the president and family as Ag Family of the year, and the motion was seconded and carried. A written report will be sent to the state organization. The meeting was adjourned until February.

Altrusa International

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa, met Jan. 21 in the Crown and Shield Room of the Biarritz Club. President Dorla McAndrew called the meeting to order with the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance. Two guests, Kathy Phillips and Julia Cook were introduced.

Leaders of the Legend Awards were given to Leona Willis, Nancy Coffee and Mary Denman for outstanding contributions to recent service projects.

The accent was given by Linda Lamb on membership requirements and responsibilities.

Louise Bailey gave a report on Tralee Crises Center and asked for volunteers to assist with the resale shop for the purpose of raising funds for the center; Mary Wilson asked for volunteers for the Homebound Seniors project in February; and Myrna Orr announced that the Baker Star Reader service project would soon end due to the consolidation of elementary schools - members were asked to submit new ideas for a project to replace it.

The following were elected to serve on the nominating committee: Becky Holmes, Brenda Tucker and Willis.

Members were reminded of the following dates:

- Feb. 20, March 31 and May 5 - make-up meetings scheduled.

- Jan. 27 - Mid-Year evaluation. (Members were asked to complete evaluation forms before that date.)

- March 25-26 - tooth-brushing project.

The meeting was adjourned with the Altrusa Benediction. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Starlight Room of Coronado Inn.

ABWA Magic Plains Chapter

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association met Jan. 20 at Sirloin

Stockade with president Jan Allen presiding. Regular reports were read and approved. Nine members were present. Hostess for the meeting was Janie Morris.

Notice was given that the February meeting will include an orientation for new members on ABWA laws in addition to other noteworthy information.

Each member was urged to turn in money to either Allen or to Eltha Hensley for the pecan sale. A possible bake sale in the fall to sell chili and pecan pies was discussed.

The chapter voted to hold its Business Associate of the Year Banquet on March 11 at Lovett Memorial Library. A show of volunteers to help decorate for the banquet was listed. Members wishing to nominate their boss for this honor were urged to fill out a ballot. LaNella Hensley will be chairing the event.

The chapter's scholarship recipient has received a check for the new semester.

Nominations for Woman of the Year were accepted during the meeting. The top three nominees will be printed in the next bulletin with a short description of each. Voting will take place during the February meeting.

Highway clean-up is scheduled April 5 after being rescheduled due to bad weather. More plans will be finalized at the next meeting.

Glenda Malone and Donna Swindle will serve as captains of the upcoming ABWA membership drive in February, March and April.

Door prizes were won by Allen, Swindle and Estelle Malone.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Feb. 10 at the Sirloin Stockade.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Jan. 21 in the home of Madeline Gawthrop at Bowers City. Gawthrop served as hostess.

Plans were made for a workshop to be held at the next meeting. A video was shown and supply list given for the Burnt Brown Bag projects.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 4 in the home of Francis Hall.

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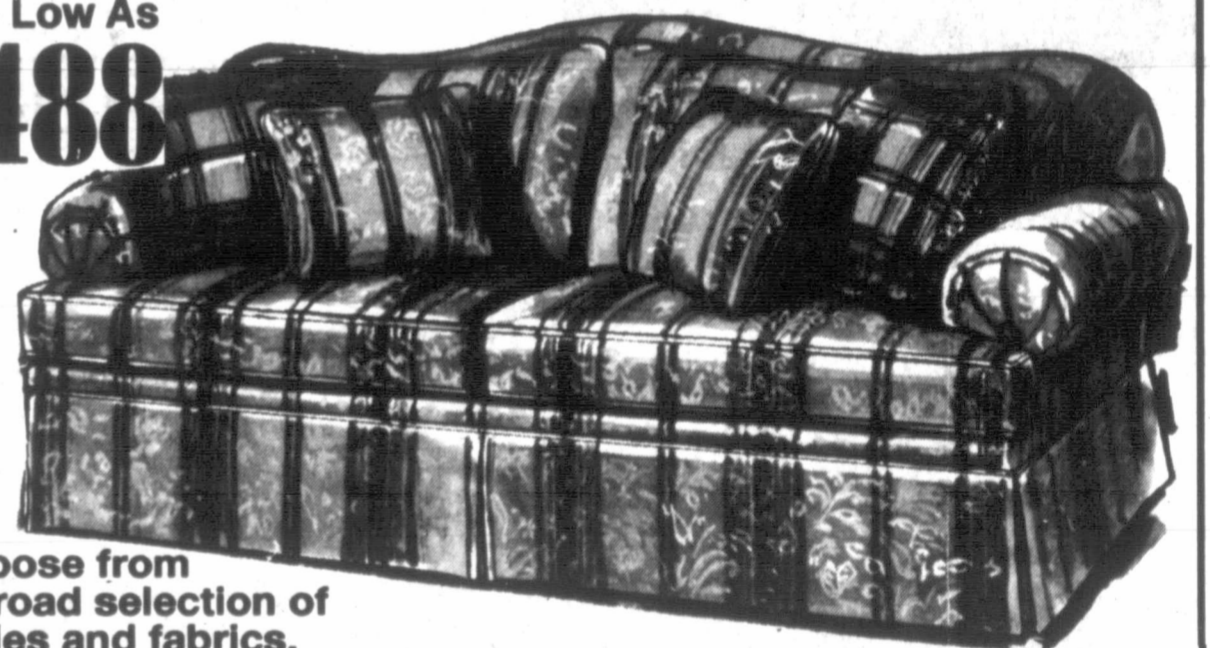
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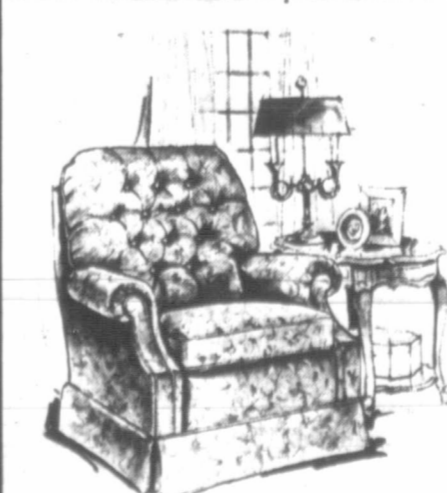
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