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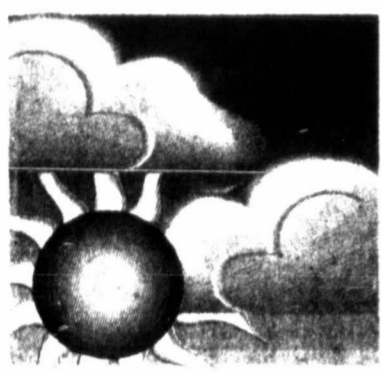
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NEW YORK (AP) - A couple withdrew a \$3 million donation to the Central Park Children's Zoo because they were upset that their gift was to be commemorated with a small plaque.

Edith and Henry Everett's gift would have financed half the zoo's renovation costs.

They withdrew the gift after the city Art Commission approved a plan for a commemorative plaque with 2-inch high letters to hang over the zoo's entrance.

David Klasfeld, chief of staff in the office of the deputy mayor for economic development, said panelists believed they were approving a compromise acceptable to the donors.

Commission member Bud Konheim said it appeared the Everetts' philanthropic commitment was "proportionate to the size of the letters in their name."

Their first installment check for \$750,000 was returned to them.

AUSTIN (AP) - User fees that would have affected most Texas households will be taken out of legislation proposed for the state's first comprehensive water management plan.

The compromise between House and Senate versions of the bill was announced today by Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, and Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

Lewis, the House sponsor of the bill, had been adamant about including a fee of \$1 per month for water used in excess of 7,000 gallons. The fee would have impacted 80 percent of Texas households, Lewis said.

The money was to go into a fund to help pay for water infrastructure needs, such as the construction of reservoirs or pipelines, primarily in small- and medium-sized cities that couldn't afford high-priced water projects.

By The Associated Press

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

The jackpot was an estimated \$35 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were 12, 23, 28, 31, 33 and 47.

Matching five of six numbers were 249 tickets, with a prize each of \$1,683. There were 14,513 tickets purchased matching four of six numbers, winning \$104 each.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$50 million.

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Reno to seek death penalty for Unabomber

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General Janet Reno was expected to order prosecutors to seek the death penalty for Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski despite pleas from his family that he be spared, officials said today.

The prosecutors' request to seek the death penalty was on Reno's desk and she was expected to decide shortly, said Justice Department officials and individuals familiar with the case said who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The officials said they would be very surprised if the appeal from the family swayed Reno from requesting the death penalty. Prosecutors contend he is responsible for 18 years of bombings that killed three people and injured 23 others in a campaign against technology.

The family argued that other families in the future might be reluctant to turn in relatives if a death sentence were imposed in this case.

Although Reno personally opposes the death penalty, President Clinton supports it and she has pledged to enforce it. Already she has authorized requesting the death penalty 58 times.

The 54-year-old math professor-turned-hermit faces a Nov. 12 trial in Sacramento, Calif., on 10 federal counts covering four explosions that killed two people there and maimed two others. He faces a later trial in Newark, N.J., on federal charges that he mailed a package bomb that killed advertising executive Thomas Mosser in New Jersey. Kaczynski has pleaded innocent in both cases.

He was arrested April 3, 1996 at his remote cabin near Lincoln, Mont. After years of fruitless search for the elusive bomber, authorities were directed there by the Kaczynski family.

David Kaczynski, younger brother of the Harvard-trained mathematician who later taught at the University of California at Berkeley, had recognized his brother's ideas and phrasing in manifestos. The documents were sent by the Unabomber and printed by *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* at the request of the Justice Department.

During a drawn-out, closed-door Justice Department review before a panel of department officials which is conducted in all potential death penalty cases, the family and their lawyer Anthony Bisceglie argued strenuously against a death penalty.

"If there is a death sentence in this case, then families down the road might not turn in their relatives," Bisceglie said in an interview. Justice Department regulations for the death penalty require the panel to consider any law enforcement-based reason for seeking or not seeking it.

Department officials pointed out that turning in a bomber was the right thing to do regardless of the penalty and that no bomber could expect to escape the death penalty by turning himself in. Further, they said, relatives of future criminals would still have a motive for cooperating with authorities: Arranging a peaceful arrest and trial that avoided shooting at capture.

Department officials said diaries seized in Kaczynski's cabin show he carefully planned the bombings, designed them for maximum harm to people, criticized his own work when blasts left only minor injuries and vowed to build bigger, more harmful devices for later attacks.

The family also argued that Kaczynski suffered from mental illness dating from childhood, which can be a mitigating factor under death penalty law.

Duke Talent students



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Two local seventh graders - Ben Whitten and Justin Juan - scored high enough on national achievement tests to earn a place with the Duke Talent Identification Program. The Pampa Middle School boys will be honored in state ceremonies later this year. To reach this recognition both boys had to score at least 500 on SAT or 18-24 on ACT exams.

Game wardens prepare to patrol Panhandle area lakes

AMARILLO - Coming soon to a lake near you: Texas game wardens and the high-profile patrols that tend to put boaters on their best behavior.

As boaters prepare for Memorial Day weekend and the traditional beginning of the recreational boating season, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reminds operators "Don't Be a Pain in the Boat."

Following last year's successful \$1.2 million boating safety initiative, TPWD is conducting another summer of law

enforcement patrols on busy, high-profile lakes, rivers and bays.

In the Amarillo area, game wardens will begin their saturation patrols on Friday, May 16, on Lake Meredith, Lake Greenbelt and other area lakes.

For the boating public, the three critical messages of the initiative again are: wear a personal flotation device (life jacket) at all times; obey Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) laws; and be especially careful on personal watercraft.

"Our consistent, highly visible presence

on the water last year really proved to be a deterrent to reckless behavior," said game warden Capt. Trent Anderson of the TPWD Amarillo office.

"People heard, through the grapevine, that we were out each and every day. This isn't a surprise or covert operation - we want everyone to know we'll be out there throughout the summer, daily," he said.

Recreational boating safety is a primary area of responsibility of Texas game wardens. In addition to checking boats for

equipment required under the Texas Water Safety Act and monitoring boating activities to ensure safe operation, wardens make a major effort to enforce the BWI statute.

During the initiative last year, game wardens made contact with more than 150,000 boaters and 450,000 on Texas waters. Wardens filed nearly 13,500 water safety citations and filed 168 BWI cases.

The initiative is funded through revenue from boater registration and titling fees.

Working on the railroad



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Working on the railroad are Gary Bryant of Blackwell, Okla., Bob Hamilton of Amarillo and Danny Archuleta of Kiowa, Kan., at the railroad cross-site at Main Street in Miami. The men are employees of the Pampa Santa Fe Depot location, but are assigned with the rail crews at the site area. According to Pampa Depot Road Master Larry Gawthrop, the repair work sites extend from seven miles north of Pampa into Miami's main line 483. From Miami the crew will move the equipment on down the line between Miami and Lora and into Glazier.

Panhandle GWCD No. 3 considers adding Wheeler County to district

WHITE DEER - Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 may soon expand.

The district's board of directors voted Wednesday night to accept two petitions from Wheeler County to be annexed into the ground water conservation district.

The petitions requested annexation for the northern half of Wheeler County and the southern half separately.

Meeting in their newly expanded quarters in White Deer during a regularly scheduled session, the board accepted petitions from Wheeler County and set hearings for June 12 in Wheeler and Shamrock.

The hearing in Shamrock will be at 3 p.m. at an as yet undetermined spot while the hearing in Wheeler will be at 7:30 p.m. at the county courthouse.

The board will conduct its monthly meeting in Wheeler following the Wheeler hearing and set a date for elections on the same date in each half of the county depending upon the

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input the directors get from the hearings. Such an election would most likely be held in August, according to C.E. Williams, district manager.

In other action, the board voted unanimously to move the district's checking account from Sun Bank's Panhandle branch to the First National Bank of Claude in Panhandle.

The directors also voted to acquire \$185,000 from the Texas Water Development Board for water development loans. This will be in addition to the \$300,000 already allotted to them this year. The money comes from bonds sold by the state water development board and is used for water conservation projects.

The board has 42 loans out-

standing for district projects. It approved its 43rd loan Wednesday night for slightly more than \$69,000 for a center pivot irrigation system.

With the directors meeting in the new addition to their building for the first time, Williams said the final cost of the expansion was \$84,971 about \$33 per square foot. The final payment on the building was April 28 and was paid from funds reserved in last year's budget, a year in which, Williams noted, the board was also able to lower the tax rate for the district.

Williams also informed the board that the district would be hosting the Texas Ground Water Alliance quarterly meeting on July 14 through 16 in White Deer.

NASA: Russia to support space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Construction of the international space station will begin in June 1998, seven months late but with full Russian support as originally planned, NASA said today.

Some members of Congress had argued for a reduced Russian role following the country's inability to fund a critical station component, which in turn delayed station construction.

"All along this has not been a lack of willingness on the part of the Russian Space Agency or their contractors," said Randy Brinkley, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's station program manager. "They

want to participate in the international space station. This has been a difficulty within the country."

Representatives from the participating countries met at Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday. Details of the meeting were revealed after Atlantis lifted off this morning on a critical resupply mission to the Russian space station Mir.

Brinkley said the Russians will launch the first station component in June 1998. This U.S.-financed but Russian-built tug, which should have been launched in November, will be modified to increase its motion control and allow it to be refueled in orbit - a safeguard

against further Russian trouble.

The second component, a U.S. passageway called a node, will fly in July 1998, followed by Russia's plagued service module in December 1998, also seven months late. A crew of three will begin a six-month stay in January 1999 - eight months late.

Last month, NASA delayed the start of station construction because of Russia's money problems with the service module, a chamber containing life-support systems that's required before anyone can live on the station.

After months of stalling, the Russian government finally has resumed paying for the service module, Brinkley said.

HOSTS mentors honored for work with students

Helping One Student To Succeed (HOSTS) is more than a slogan and so much more than just another program for disadvantaged students.

The HOSTS program uses community volunteers and proven methods to teach students the importance of math and that math doesn't have to be a drudge.

This year, 101 HOSTS mentors helped more than 50 students learn addition, subtraction, multiplication and division math facts with a "Can Do Attitude."

Mentors come from all walks of life and for various reasons donate their time to helping one student at a time succeed at mathematics.

Mentors include paramedics, firefighters, school administrative staff and especially community members interested in seeing that local students get every chance possible to get a good start in the fundamentals of math.

Mentors spend only 30 minutes a week with the HOSTS students, but the positive effects of a caring adult and the benefits of a quality mathematics background serves the student and the community for untold years.

"You don't have to be great at math," said Teresa Dyson, program director, "you just need to have a caring attitude and a little

bit of time each week."

Tuesday, the HOSTS students honored all the mentors, the staff responsible for the program's success and the teachers who work with the program at an afternoon tea.

Freda Lankford, the HOSTS volunteer with the most time, 70 hours, was honored with a red rose from Amanda Leal, a former student who has only recently returned to Pampa from Bovina.

The students presented all the mentors with thank-yous and letters of appreciation.

The program was originally researched by Raymond Thornton and put into effect on a trial basis.

"We've been very lucky. Our lists of mentors continues to grow, and without them the program wouldn't work," Dyson said.

For the last two years Wilson Elementary School Principal Debbie Robertson has headed the HOSTS program, but will be handing it over to Tom Lindsey for the next school year.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the HOSTS program should call 669-4976 more information.

"It's never too early or too late to help the students understand and appreciate the importance of solid math skill," Dyson said.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

HOSTS program director Teresa Dyson honors Raymond Thornton for researching the project, Debbie Robertson for taking it on and making it work and Tom Lindsey, who will inherit the program next year while renovations proceed at Wilson Elementary School.

Study finds minimal risks from secret Army tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — A potentially harmful chemical sprayed over parts of Texas during secret Army biological warfare tests in the 1950s and '60s poses minimal health risks, the National Research Council says in a new study.

The conclusion issued Wednesday comes after a lengthy review of the Army's covert dispersal of zinc cadmium sulfide over north-central Texas, the Coastal Bend and 31 other urban and rural areas in the United States and Canada. The Cold War-era classified tests became public knowledge only in the early 1990s.

"After an exhaustive, independent review requested by Congress, we have found no evidence that exposure to zinc cadmium sulfide at these levels could cause people to become sick," said Rogene Henderson, a New Mexico respiratory research scientist who chaired the committee conducting the study.

The Army used the powdery chemical, believed then to be non-toxic, because its properties are similar to those of germs used in biological warfare and

because its fluorescence under ultraviolet light makes it easy to trace.

During 1959 and 1960, the Army dropped more than 3,400 pounds of zinc cadmium sulfide in 13 tests over an area spanning Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco and Fort Hood during an operation known as "Project WINDSOC."

In 1961, during the "Dallas Tower Studies," the Army dropped unknown quantities of the chemical during 37 releases from a television tower at Cedar Hill, 15 miles southwest of Dallas.

During nine tests in 1962 over the Coastal Bend — spanning Corpus Christi, Port Aransas, Aransas Pass, Ingleside, Portland, Rockport, Bayside, Taft and nearby towns — Army planes sprayed 450 pounds of the chemical.

The purpose of the tests was to determine how biological weapons would disperse into the atmosphere under different conditions. The tests also were to estimate the level of biological weapons required in the event of an attack against select Soviet cities.

War memorial in state of decay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dave Pearson, visiting from New Hampshire, wasn't sure what to expect at the memorial honoring those who fought and died in the Korean War. But he knows he didn't like what he found.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial, which cost \$18 million to build and was dedicated less than two years ago, is falling apart.

"With all the money there shouldn't be any reason why it should be like this," said Pearson, 44, of Sandown, N.H., one of scores of tourists who visited Wednesday. "Most people would be disappointed."

Behind a cordon of yellow police tape, workers were removing hundreds of gray paving stones that form the central plaza of the memorial. A cascading water fountain, a centerpiece symbolizing tranquility, was dry except for a dirty puddle of rainwater. And only holes filled with gravel marked the spots where 40 shade trees once ringed the fountain. They all died a year ago.

With a rush of summer tourists about to descend on Washington, it's not clear when the repairs at the memorial will be finished.

Veterans of the Korean War — known by some as the "forgotten war" — waited 42 years to get a memorial. Even after Congress approved it in 1986, it took another nine years before it was dedicated in July 1995. Within months there were problems.

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Running late in Oklahoma City may have saved one family

DENVER (AP) — Richard Nichols was running late. His wife was waiting in the lobby of the Regency Towers near the Oklahoma City federal building so they could take their nephew, waiting alone in the car, to a doctor's appointment.

Jurors in the trial of Timothy McVeigh viewed black-and-white surveillance pictures of the lobby as Nichols met his wife and walked out the doors at 20 seconds after 9 a.m., the final frame the camera took that day.

"I took about two steps when there was a terrific explosion," the maintenance worker testified

Wednesday. "We felt heat and pressure and it kind of spun us around a little bit.

"I grabbed her and she yelled out, 'What's going on?' I thought the boilers blew up. ... We made a lunge for the car because my little nephew — he was in the car."

A block away, the federal building was blown apart by a bomb hidden in a Ryder truck — the same

truck the Regency Towers security camera caught driving by minutes earlier. The glare obscured the driver's face.

Had Nichols left his job at the Regency apartment building on time, he, his wife and nephew would have been driving past the Murrah building when the blast ripped it apart, he said.

Instead, the couple were caught in a maelstrom of smoke, glass and chunks of cars and buildings as they tried frantically to unstrap the seat belt of their ten-year-old nephew.

As Nichols testified, one of the jurors buried her face in her hands for several minutes. Later, she rubbed an eye.

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Air Force pursues court martial in adultery cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Air Force personnel court-martialed on adultery charges has more than quadrupled in the past decade. While most of them are men, women are being accused in increasing numbers, statistics show.

The trend is gaining attention as the Air Force prepares to open its court-martial case next week at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., against Lt. Kelly Flinn, the country's first female B-52 bomber pilot, who is 26 and single.

Flinn is charged with adultery for her affair with a married civilian, and with fraternization for having sex with an unmarried enlisted man. She also is accused of lying and disobeying an order to stay away from the married man.

Her case serves as a pointed reminder that sexual behavior that would draw little more than gossip in the civilian world is treated as a crime in the military.

Unlike civilian society, the military considers adultery a punishable felony. It falls into the category of fraternization if it involves an officer and enlisted person — an offense deemed harmful to unit morale, discipline and order. The maximum punishment for an adultery conviction is a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for one year.

In an Air Force that is 84 percent male, prosecutions of adultery charges against women are unusual. Last year there were seven, compared with 60 against men. As recently as 1988 there were none against Air Force women, and until last year no

more than two women had been prosecuted in any year.

The trend for men is equally stark. In 1987 adultery was among the charges in 16 Air Force courts-martial — all against men, according to statistics provided by the Air Force public affairs office.

The total leaped to 39 — all men — in 1988 and held fairly steady until last year's 67 cases against men and women.

The Army and Navy said they could not immediately provide comparable statistics.

A year ago the Air Force issued a revised instruction on proper relationships. It stressed that all service members are subject to prosecution for adultery and other unprofessional relations. But in fact most adultery cases that come to the attention of a commander are handled "administratively" — by reprimand, for example, or removal from a promotion list.

Two years ago the commander of the 12th Air Force, Lt. Gen. Thomas R. Griffith, was relieved of duty, stripped of one star and advised to retire as punishment for having an extramarital affair with a civilian. He was not court-martialed.

On the other hand, the Air Force did prosecute Lt. Col. Shelley "Scotty" Rogers in 1996 on charges of having "an unprofessional relationship of inappropriate familiarity" with a female officer while he commanded an F-15 squadron.

An adultery charge against Rogers was dropped for lack of evidence, but the court-martial panel found him guilty on the fraternization charge. He lost his command and four months' pay and was given a letter of reprimand.

El Progreso officers



The 1997-98 officers of the El Progreso Study Club are, back row, Eloise Lane, secretary/reporter, and Julia Dawkins, parliamentarian; and front row, Maxine Hawkins, president; Carolyn Smith, vice president; and Eunice Ashford, treasurer.

(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

State briefs

Store giveaway essay contest canceled

CONROE (AP) — It worked in the movies, but in real life — well, it just didn't pan out.

After watching the movie, *The Spitfire Grill*, Karla Fratt, 40, of nearby Cut 'n Shoot announced in March that she would give one or all four of her school supply stores to whoever could best explain in 300 words or less why they wanted to own a business.

Just like in the movie, Ms. Fratt had failed in attempts to sell her businesses. So, like in the movie, she held an essay contest, charging a \$100 entry fee. If she received at least 500 entries, as she hoped she would, that would raise \$50,000.

Wednesday, she announced that she's scrubbed the idea. Only 150 people responded, she said. She said she's already refunded the \$100 entry fees to those who sent in essays.

Ms. Fratt said she needed at least 500 entries to give away the smallest of the stores, which is in Huntsville, about 30 miles north of Conroe.

San Antonio students protest change in dress code

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A school board decision to ban nose rings, multi-colored and spiked hair, baggy jeans and shorts isn't sitting well with some students in the Northside School District of San Antonio.

"This isn't a communist country. We can wear what we want," Richard Arcos, a freshman at Marshall High School, told the *San Antonio Express-News* Wednesday.

Nicole Klimeczko, a sophomore at John Jay High School, said she doesn't plan to attend any protest meetings that some students are organizing. She's just going to keep the nose ring she's had for three years.

"I'm not going to get rid of it no matter what they say. I'm keeping it," she said. "I'll protest and stand outside with signs if I have to. I'm keeping it."

Trustees approved changes in the district's dress code Tuesday night that will affect 30,000 students in grades six through twelve starting this fall.

New obesity drug nearer approval by FDA

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — The first anti-obesity drug that works in the intestine instead of the brain is a step closer to U.S. drug stores.

Xenical, which blocks the body from absorbing almost a third of the fat people eat, should be approved for prescription sale, scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration unanimously decided Wednesday.

The FDA said it would decide within a month whether to follow that advice and give obese Americans their first alternative to appetite suppressants.

"It changed my life," said Joyce Ritchey, 54, of Topeka, Kan., who tested the drug. "I went from a size 24 dress to a size 14."

But for most patients, the drug modestly increases the amount of weight they could lose dieting alone — about eight pounds more

than dieters given a dummy pill, the FDA advisers cautioned.

And it is not a panacea, they said. Xenical can cause some potentially embarrassing side effects such as oily, leaking stools as it flushes out undigested fat, side effects that worsen if dieters sneak more fat into their meals.

Xenical may work by causing "a kind of intestinal aversion," said panelist Dr. Jules Hirsch of Rockefeller University. "Patients learn there are consequences to eating more."

Xenical also can block important nutrients like vitamin D, vital for strong bones, the FDA panel said in recommending that patients be prescribed replacement vitamins.

And scientists do not know how Xenical would interact with appetite suppressants that make brain chemicals trick the body

into feeling fuller, drugs that often cause diarrhea on their own. Such interactions have never been studied, and the FDA said it would evaluate how strongly to warn patients and doctors against such a mix.

Also, scientists were perplexed by a handful of breast cancer cases. Among the thousands of dieters who tested Xenical, ten women were diagnosed with breast cancer, while only one breast cancer case arose among women dieters taking a dummy pill.

Half of those cases were diagnosed so soon after the study began that FDA doctors and independent scientists said there didn't appear to be a link. Nor did animal studies show any sign of cancer risk. Still, the advisers urged further study just to be safe.

Archeologist to give lecture at Plains Historical Museum

CANYON — The Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will sponsor a lecture and slide presentation on Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall at the Museum.

The lecture and slide presentation, "La Belle, La Salle and Fort St. Louis: Recent Investigations of the 17th Century French Presence in Matagorda Bay, Texas," will be presented by Mike Davis with the Texas Historical Commission in the Office of the State Archeologist.

Davis has been involved in Texas archeology for the past 20 years. He was reassigned from the Office of the State Archeologist to the THCs Department of Antiquities Protection from late October 1996 through early March 1997 to

serve as assistant project director for the excavation of the French shipwreck, *La Belle*, in Matagorda Bay. He was one of a five-person team that recovered *La Salle's* eight cannons from Fort St. Louis last September.

"This is one of the most important archeological finds of the 20th century and possibly one of the most important maritime discoveries in Texas history. The findings are of international significance, with people from all over the world interested in the project," according to Rolla Shaller, assistant archeologist at the PPHM.

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Mobile bone density testing service available

With National Osteoporosis Week being observed May 11-17, a new company in Pampa is offering a mobile bone testing service.

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"The test we offer comes directly to the physician's clinic upon his or her request," Ward said. "It is non-invasive and only takes a few minutes of your time. It could well be one of the most important actions you take for your future health."

Ward noted that women's health issues have come to the forefront of medical attention in recent years, with awareness of prevention and treatment of such diseases as breast cancer and heart disease increasing tremendously.

"In our attempts to stay forever young, we have learned how to better care for ourselves," she said. "However, there is one disease of epidemic proportions that has been ignored. Osteoporosis has affected women for genera-



Sharon Ward

tions. We just accepted a woman's loss of height or susceptibility to fractures as a normal aging process."

Ward said women no longer have to wait until they fracture a bone to learn about osteoporosis.

The criteria for women at risk of osteoporosis are: a family history

of osteoporosis; early menopause (before age 45); a previous broken bone that might have been the result of osteoporosis; Caucasian or Asian, thin or small build; use of certain medications such as steroids (commonly used to treat asthma or arthritis) or thyroid hormone (if dose is too high); smoking; excessive use of alcohol; lack of weight bearing exercise; and lack of calcium in diet.

"Any of these factors could suggest that you are at risk," Ward said. "A visit with your doctor to discuss your risk, along with a bone mineral density test, can tell you where you stand."

Ward said that fortunately there are now several medications available that have proven to rebuild bone mass.

"This is a tremendous advancement for the well-being of women of all ages," she said. "Awareness coupled with action on our part can help all of us to have fuller, more active lifestyles for many more years than our predecessors."

For more information, call 1-800-687-8471 or (806) 665-9300.

Clarendon College sets CLEP, GED test dates

CLARENDON - June testing dates have been scheduled for Clarendon College. Tests to be administered are the CLEP and GED.

GED Testing (High School Equivalency Exam) will be given Monday, June 16, at 8 a.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center. Cost of the exam is \$40. Results will be available in 2 1/2 weeks. Individuals must call the Counseling Center in advance to schedule for the GED test.

Clarendon College also offers CLEP (College-Level Examination Program) tests. Cost of each CLEP test is \$50. Students who wish to take the CLEP will need to register by calling the CC Counseling Center at (806) 874-3571. Examinations are limited to the

following subjects: Accounting, American Government, U.S. History, College Algebra, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish and Trigonometry. Test results will be available in 2 1/2 weeks.

The CLEP exam will begin at 1

p.m. on Tuesday, June 17. Both the GED and CLEP exams will be conducted in the Bairfield Activity Center.

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TxDOT ROUTE STUDY - LUBBOCK TO I-10/AMARILLO NORTH

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be conducting the second round of public meetings as Phase 2 of the "Lubbock to I-10/Amarillo North Route Study" continues. Meetings in the Panhandle area are planned for the following dates and locations:

<p>Dumas - May 19, 7-9 p.m. Moore Co. Annex, Meals on Wheels Rm. 310 E. 1st Street, Dumas</p>	<p>Pampa - May 20, 7-9 p.m. Pampa Community Bldg., MK Brown Rm. 200 N. Ballard, Pampa</p>
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The purpose of this this round of meetings is to provide an update on the study progress, discuss the findings from the previous round of public meetings, then evaluate and prioritize proposed improvements in the local area.

The meetings will begin with a brief presentation by TxDOT and their consultants, HDR Engineering. Participants will then break into small groups to discuss proposed improvements and evaluate priorities. Additional opportunities for comments and suggestions will also be available including written comment forms and a court reporter to record private oral comments. Written comments can also be mailed to Mark Tomlinson, P.E., District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 2708, Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708 by May 31, 1997 or voiced on the Route Study Telephone Hotline by calling 1-800-661-3234.

Texas Eagle back on track - for the moment

WASHINGTON (AP) - Having experienced several brushes with death in recent months, Amtrak's money-losing Texas Eagle passenger rail service has been handed a new lease on life.

The route's future - at least for the short term - has been secured with a commitment by the Texas Legislature and Gov. George W. Bush to provide Amtrak a \$5.6 million loan to keep the train running through September.

Wednesday, Amtrak announced it would resume taking reservations and selling tickets beginning today for the Eagle, which runs from San Antonio north through Arkansas and Missouri up to St. Louis. The Eagle, among four money-losing routes targeted last year for termination, had been due to end May 10.

"The Texas Eagle is back on track," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who was instrumental in prodding colleagues in Washington

and Austin to salvage the route. "This ... should come as a great relief to those who rely on Amtrak for their travel requirements."

Said Amtrak Chairman Thomas Downs: "We are grateful for all the efforts to continue the Texas Eagle."

The loan will give Amtrak time to solicit shipping contracts that could make the Eagle self-sufficient.

Leery of losing Texas taxpayer money, lawmakers insisted that the loan be fully backed by Amtrak, which is in dire financial shape. The state would take ownership of 20 rail cars worth up to \$800,000 each if Amtrak does not repay the loan by mid-1999.

In announcing the Eagle's continuation, Amtrak also unveiled an Eagle fare promotion. For every ticket purchased through May 29 for Eagle service, a free companion ticket will be given.

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World briefs

Kabila calls off peace talks with ailing dictator

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — With the collapse of peace talks before they even began, the focus of Zaire's civil war turned today to two questions — would President Mobutu Sese Seko return home or go into exile, and would Laurent Kabila's rebels move closer to the capital?

Mobutu, Zaire's ailing dictator, was stood up Wednesday by rebel leader Laurent Kabila for talks on a ship off Pointe-Noire, Congo.

Kabila said he objected to the site of the meeting, but his snub raised doubts about whether he was willing to stop fighting just as the Zairian capital of Kinshasa — the prize of his rebellion that began in September — was within reach.

South African President Nelson Mandela planned to meet Kabila today in Cape Town, South Africa.

"The discussion will focus on a transitional authority, the make-up and legal framework of the new government," said Foreign Affairs spokesman Pieter Swanepoel.

But Kabila's top aide, Moise Nyarugabo Muhizi, said the rebel leader was going to South Africa to discuss only one thing — Mobutu handing over power.

Humans introduce poultry virus into Antarctic

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Antarctica's Emperor and Adelie penguins have been infected by a poultry virus brought to the icy continent by humans, researchers announced today.

"Antarctica looks so pristine, you don't think of disease. But it is nature's refrigerator, and things survive," said Dr. Heather Gardner, the lead researcher with the Australian Antarctic Division.

The scientists said that although no disease was evident in the penguins, further investigation was warranted. The disease does not infect humans.

The Australian government reacted swiftly, announcing a workshop will look at monitoring programs and ways of responding to possible disease outbreaks.

The discovery will also be raised at the Antarctic Treaty meeting in New Zealand next week, said the parliamentary secretary for the Antarctic, Sen. Ian Macdonald.

The highly contagious Infectious Bursal Disease Virus causes immune deficiency and sometimes death in young fowl by hemorrhaging and breathing obstruction.

But although the virus is widespread in poultry throughout the world, the Australians are the first to discover its antibodies in Antarctica.

Novelist Laurie Lee, author of 'Cider With Rosie,' dies

LONDON (AP) — Novelist and poet Laurie Lee, whose autobiography about growing up in rural England, *Cider with Rosie*, became required reading in British schools, has died. He was 82.

Lee's literary agent Pat Kavanagh said the author, who underwent abdominal surgery in March, died at his cottage in Slad, Gloucestershire, the southwestern village he so lovingly recreated in the book.

Lee had published several volumes of verse before *Cider With Rosie* brought him international praise and popularity in 1959. But it was that book that quickly won him a firm place in English literature.

"The village will never be the same without him," said friend David Tarratt, who runs the Woolpack Inn pub, where Lee was a regular. Tarratt said a "blanket of sadness" had descended on the village of 240 people.

Prisoners use spoons to dig way to freedom

KISHINEV, Moldova (AP) — Seven inmates broke out of a prison in the Moldovan capital after using spoons to hack their way through a wall, a news agency reported Wednesday.

The prisoners, serving long terms for theft, took two weeks to chip a hole in the prison wall, deputy prison director Arkady Socirce said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Prison guards did not realize what was happening because the prisoners replaced the bricks in the hole whenever their cells were checked, he said.

The inmates used the hole to get on to the prison roof Sunday night, where guards spotted them and fired warning shots. Four prisoners were caught, but three got over a fence and escaped.

Future government softens liberties rollback

HONG KONG (AP) — Facing disapproval at home and abroad, Hong Kong's future government sought to soften the impact of a planned rollback of civil liberties today by relaxing some of its most controversial clauses.

The revised version gives police leeway to permit demonstrations on short notice, and seeks to define "national security" — a term that caused widespread alarm when it was first unveiled because Hong Kong associates it with Chinese authoritarianism.

It also narrows the ban on foreign donations to Hong Kong organizations.

But although the changes appear to be a significant loosening in some respects, they don't make clear whether Hong Kong

will remain as free as it is now, 47 days before the British colony returns to Chinese sovereignty.

Already, many newspapers have noticeably toned down criticism of China. On Wednesday, Hong Kong's City Council voted to bar China's foes from holding rallies on city property during the July 1 handover, and the legislature voted down a resolution expressing regret at the narrowing of civil liberties.

Critics say existing civil liberties don't need changing at all, since China has promised to preserve Hong Kong's freedoms for 50 years.

China maintains the laws were liberalized without its consent, and its parliament has declared them void. Tung Chee

hwa, Hong Kong's leader-in-waiting, has justified the changes as necessary to balance individual rights against civic order.

But even pro-China parties have expressed reservations, and Tung aides admit privately that they are pushing the changes not because traditionally placid Hong Kong is about to erupt in chaos, but because China has left them no choice.

The Democratic Party, which has led the resistance to the changes, conceded that the revisions were an improvement, but said it was still a recipe for conflict between police and demonstrators.

"The principle is the same," said Democratic legislator Yeung Sum. "We can't rule out that people like us, who believe in democracy and human rights,

will think these restrictions are unnecessary and go ahead and use some kind of civil disobedience."

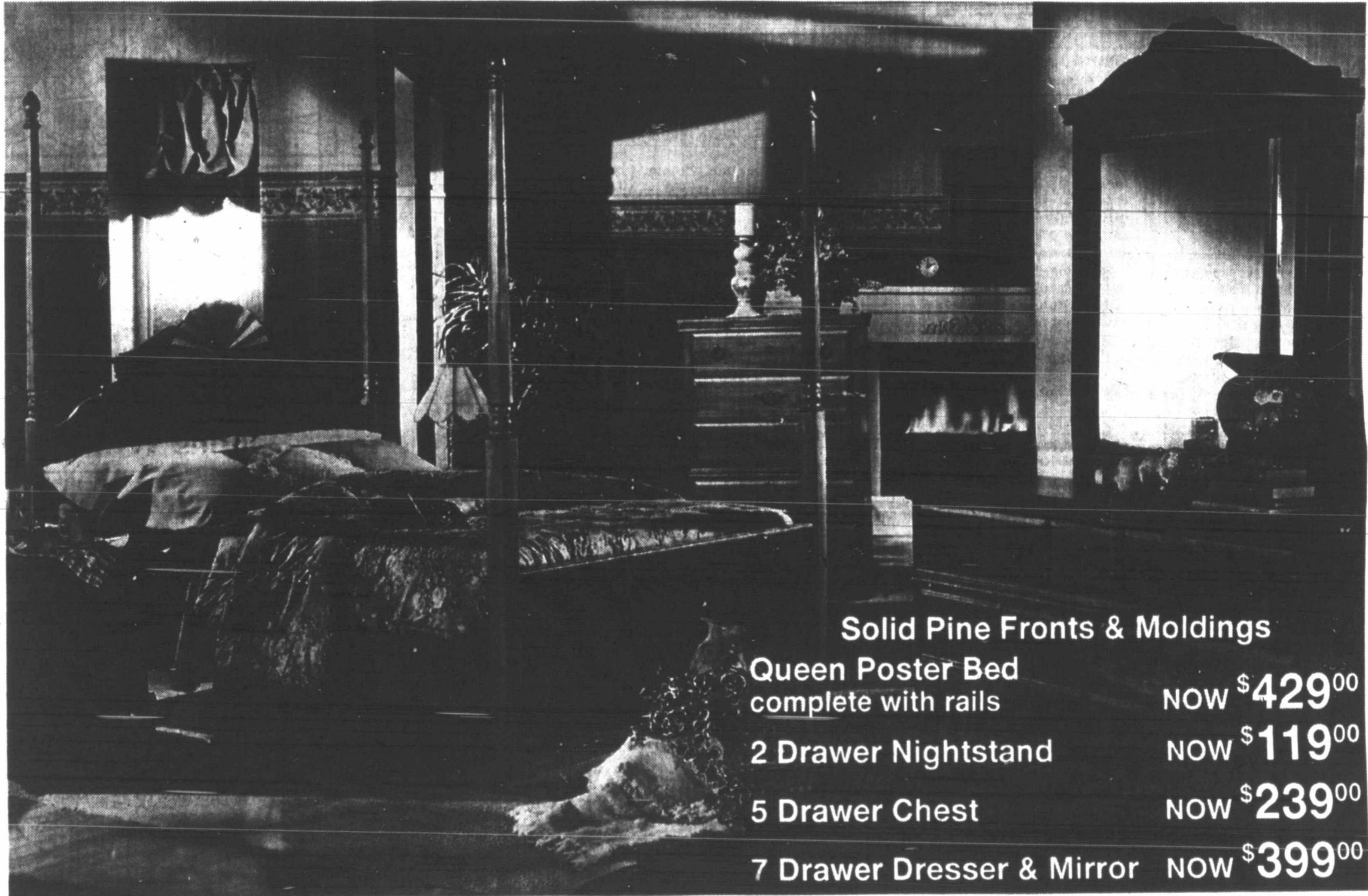
Under the revisions, police may approve a demonstration on short notice "in exceptional circumstances." The original version stipulated seven days' advance notice, or 48 hours in special circumstances.

But police will be bound by undisclosed "administrative guidelines" from the government in deciding whether to permit demonstrations.

The new rules on demonstrations will end up little different from the existing ones, Tung's officials say. Tung has insisted they will be much the same as those applied in most Western cities.

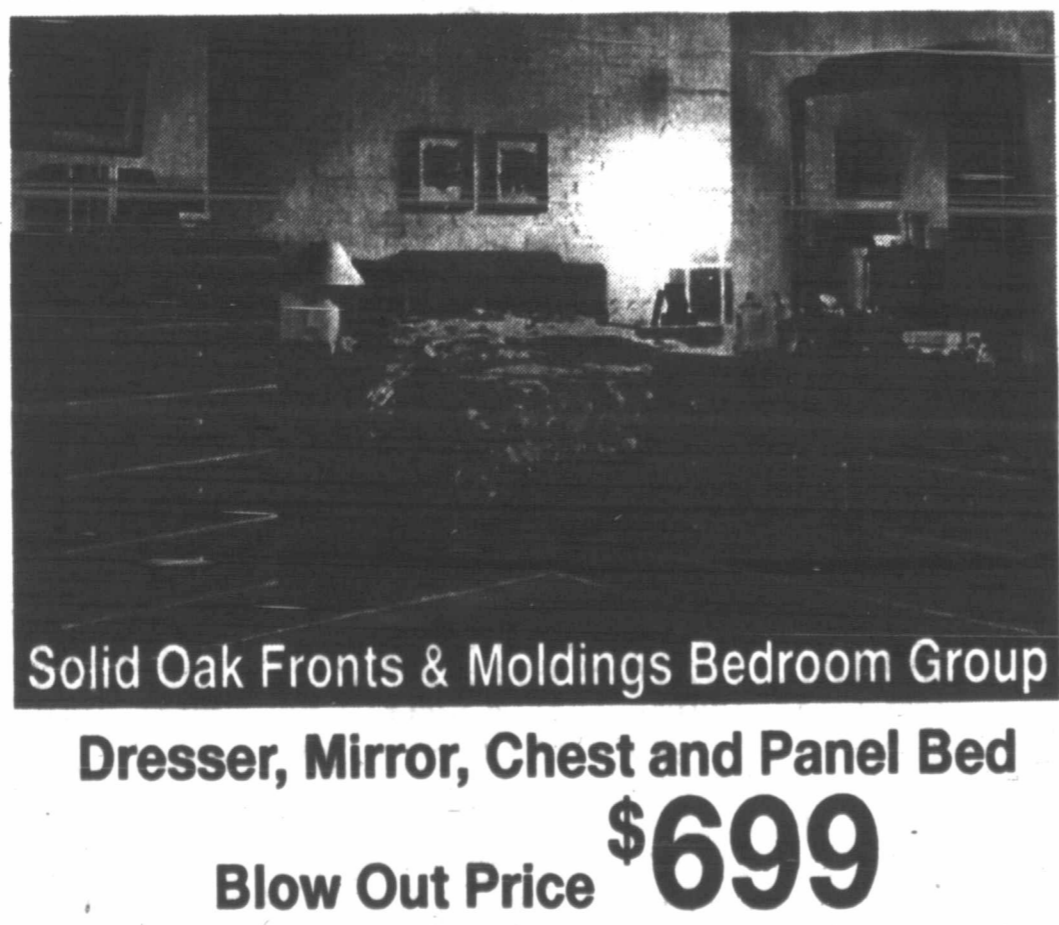
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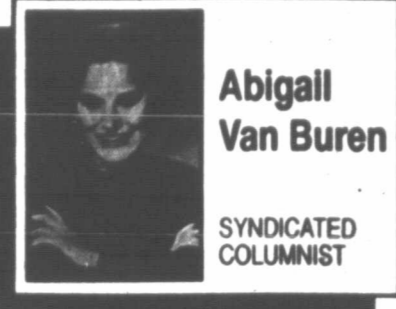
Elderly Mother's 'Addiction' May Be Simply Dependence

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Concerned Daughter," whose elderly mother is being prescribed narcotic medication.

The daughter indicates that the narcotics were prescribed for "aches and pains." Generally speaking, narcotics are not prescribed for general aches and pains. I've had 20 years' experience working alongside physicians and have never seen this happen. Narcotic medication is used to treat pain associated with cancer, injury or other serious pain conditions.

No one is able to feel another's pain. If "Concerned Daughter's" mother has a condition that requires strong medication, that is her physician's decision. I agree that it's important for the daughter to meet with the physician. There may be a condition that the daughter is unaware of. It may be that narcotic medication is the only treatment for the mother because of her age, poor surgical risk, etc.

Chronic, serious pain can have a debilitating effect on an individual, seriously impairing the quality of life. Patients with chronic pain should not be considered addicts simply because they are treated with narcotics. Addiction must be placed in proper perspective. Physical dependence and tolerance of drugs are not the same as addiction. Addiction is aberrant behavior and compulsive use of drugs for non-medical purposes.



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Individuals who suffer from pain should be viewed with compassion. **EXPERIENCED IN PAIN DEAR EXPERIENCED: No one should have to suffer pain when relief is available. However, since many seniors have difficulty monitoring their medications, they are at risk of not only addiction but serious drug interactions as well.**

If a physician determines that a senior patient needs narcotic medication, it would be a kindness for a family member to stay involved to ensure the medication is taken as prescribed.

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Disgusted in Florida": My husband and I met and married in Florida 16 years ago. He, being single and in the Navy, had visited many nude beaches overseas throughout the years, so of course he tried to persuade me to go to a nudist club with him. My response was always, "No way!"

Two years ago, we were sent to Virginia, where he promptly found a nudist club. For some reason, I finally agreed to go with him. I was just like "Disgusted" — I had assumed that people went to nudist clubs only to gawk at all the naked people. However, I figured I might as well go just once, so I could justify my feelings and prove to him that I was right.

Well, I was wrong! I was surprised at the "non-reaction" the people there had. I was also sure that I would either catch him looking around or that I would be intimidated, but neither happened.

Persuading me to go took a lot of perseverance on my husband's part, and although I had determined that I was not the type to frequent such places, I am very happy that I went once. It became a valuable learning experience.

I guess this is a long way of saying, don't be so quick to judge before you try something. You may be pleasantly surprised!

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DEAR HAPPILY SURPRISED: Call me hung-up, narrow-minded, square or behind the times, but I would never be comfortable in a nudist colony. However, I wholeheartedly support the right of anyone with an opposing view to do as he or she wishes. (P.S. Hand me a towel, please.)

Horoscope



Friday, May 16, 1997

Your desire for a better position in your chosen career path will be stronger than ever in the year ahead. It is this drive and determination that will bring you victory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Endeavors that are in the embryonic stage are likely to hold the most appeal for you today. Put the old stuff on the back burner momentarily and develop the new. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758 Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your priorities will be in proper order today, if they are focused on doing for and being with those you consider first in your heart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a good day to tackle those mental chores you've been putting off. Your thinking remains clear and your work could be easier than usual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Financial prospects continue to look encouraging, so make the most of these profitable aspects. Seek out ways today to add to your resources.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In involvements with others today, your original inclinations will be unselfish; however, this attitude could change rather quickly. Be careful!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An annoying condition that has held you in its grip will lose most of its power on you today. This will be due to your newly-found courage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Business and pleasure make a favorable blend today, so if you're trying to cut a deal, sprinkle commercial chit-chat with small

talk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strong, ambitious surges today will endow you with that second effort required to pull off the impossible. Go for the big score, it's reachable!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Challenges to your intellect will be welcomed today. The tougher they are, the better you'll like it, provided you operate in game mode.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You could be exceptionally sharp in business matters today, especially in collective endeavors. Do not abdicate your leadership role.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you will enjoy more success in activities that involve teamwork rather than independence. Do not operate as a loner when there are willing allies.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Attitude wise, you're apt to be all fired-up and ready to roll today. Get an early start, because you should produce twice as much as usual.

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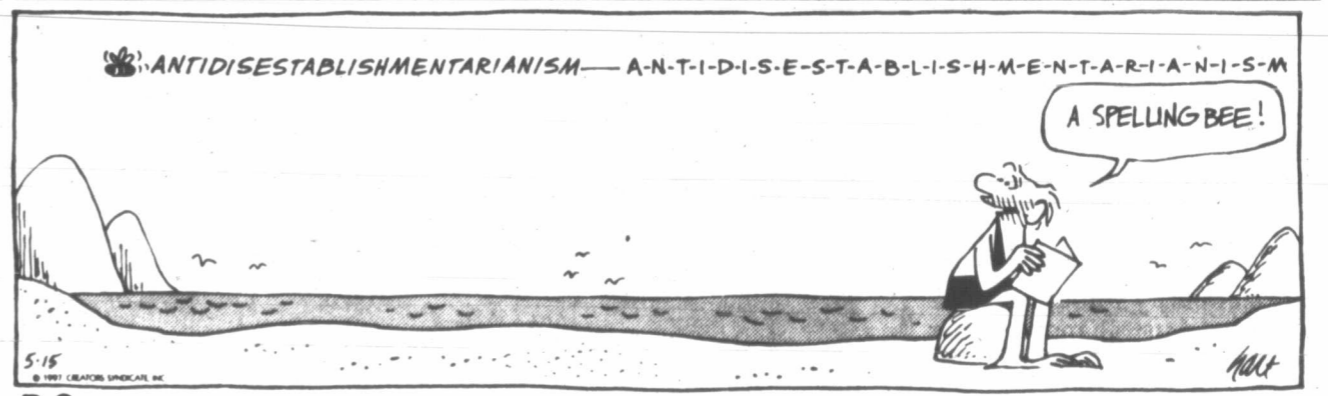
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"Uh-oh! He's been up to some top-level mischief-making somewhere."

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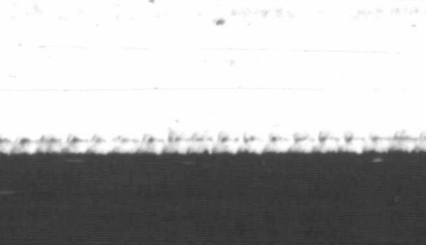
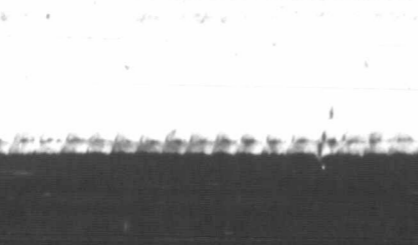
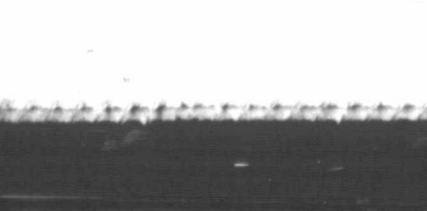
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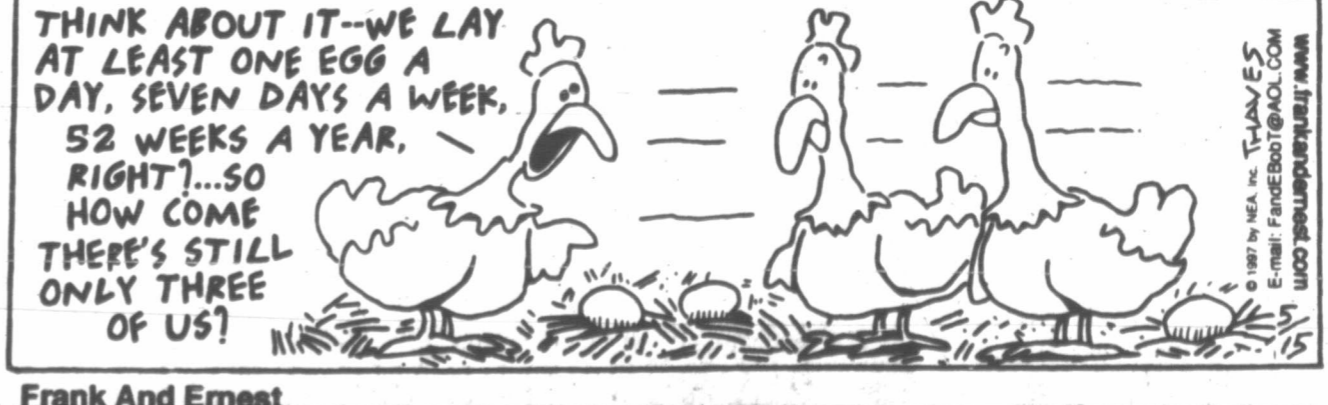
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RODEO

BOWIE — Calf roper Ricky Canton of Cleveland, Texas, tied his calf in 7.6 seconds to earn \$1,772 at the \$48,592 Bowie Championship Pro Rodeo, May 2-3 in Bowie, Texas.

Canton, 31, is less than thrilled with his performance so far this season, but is remaining optimistic.

"I hadn't been doing very good this year," said Canton. "I won pretty good in Houston, and it's been slow since then. It has to get better, it can't get any worse."

Other winners in Bowie were Michael Daniel (Lubbock, Texas), bull riding, 85 points on Bad Company Rodeo's Achey Breaky, \$2,357; Chris Robles (Navasota, Texas), bareback riding, 81 points on Bad Company Rodeo's Ramblin Man, \$1,148; Ryan Mapston (Arlee, Mont.), saddle bronc riding, 81 points on Bad Company Rodeo's Centerfold, \$947; Todd Casebolt (Henrietta, Texas), steer roping, 21.4 seconds in two rounds, \$2,470; Sam Koenig (Cross Plains, Texas), steer wrestling, 3.4 seconds, \$1,280; Charles Pogue (Ringling, Okla.) and Britt Bockius (Claremore, Okla.), team roping, 5.2 seconds, \$951 each; and Kay Blandford (Sutherland Springs, Texas), barrel racing, 16.75 seconds, \$686.

Tee Woolman of Llano, Texas, took the all-around cowboy title from Bowie by competing in steer roping and team roping and earning \$1,413.

Seven-time world champion team roping heeler Clay O'Brien Cooper was injured May 3 at his home in Bandera, Texas. Cooper, 31, was kicked in the midsection by a horse.

Cooper was air-lifted to Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, due to shock and was later released and readmitted because of complications. He underwent surgery May 5 to remove a blood clot. He is expected to miss at least two weeks of competition.

GENERAL

WHITE DEER — Fifteen White Deer athletes have been named to the All-Academic All-District 2-2A team this year.

Named to the All-Academic team were Carrie Zumstein, Tisha Smith, Rhonda McClendon, Rhonna Barrett, Amanda Freeman, Molly Painter, Kimberly Warminski, Kelly Kelp, Paula Paravidini, Jamie Ulmer, Cherie Vermillion, Craig Urbanczyk, Dale Adams, Chadd Warminski and Chris Mize.

HORSE RACING

BALTIMORE (AP) — Bob Baffert doesn't expect Silver Charm to duplicate his Kentucky Derby performance.

This does not mean, however, the trainer is conceding the Preakness at Pimlico on Saturday.

"I can't see him running the same race he did in the Kentucky Derby, but he still will run good because he's got a lot of class," Baffert said Wednesday. "He knows how to win."

Silver Charm was the 4-1 second choice when he beat 3-1 favorite Captain Bodgit by a head in the Derby. He was the early 9-5 favorite to win the Preakness and move to the threshold of becoming the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

Captain Bodgit was the 2-1 second choice in a field of 10 3-year-olds entered Wednesday for the 1 3/16-mile stakes.

Other Derby starters to run in the Preakness are Free House, who was third, and Concerto, ninth. Free House is the 9-2 third choice.

Scheduled to make their debuts in Triple Crown competition are: Touch Gold, Frisk Me Now, Wild Tempest, Cryp Too and the entry of Hoxie and Jack at the Bank.

Texas Tech poses threat to Cowboys' streak

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma State Cowboys have been the bully of their conference baseball tournament the past 16 years, beating up any teams that tried to take their trophy away.

Now a new neighbor appears to pose a threat to Oklahoma State's dominance.

Texas Tech is the No. 1 seed in the inaugural Big 12 Tournament, which begins Thursday and runs through Sunday at All Sports Stadium. The Red Raiders (43-10) won the regular-season championship and spent a good part of the year ranked No. 1 in one of the two college baseball polls.

They have the Big 12's player of the year (Joe Dillon), newcomer of

the year (Keith Ginter), freshman of the year (Josh Bard) and coach of the year (Larry Hays).

"There's no question in my mind they're the favorite," Oklahoma State's first-year coach, Tom Holliday, said Wednesday.

Hays, whose team opens the tournament with an 11 a.m. game Thursday against Missouri, isn't so certain.

"We've got enough problems without that burden," he said. "I think you've got six teams here, any of them can win it."

The Red Raiders have had some recent off-the-field distractions, most notably their reporting last week that they had exceeded the financial limit on their baseball scholarships.

The NCAA's committee on infractions will take up the matter at a later meeting and decide on possible sanctions, which will most likely be a loss of future scholarships. The case is not scheduled for review until after the College World Series.

"We've made a mistake on the thing and I'm not going to try to justify the mistakes and point fingers in the other direction," Hays said. "It just happened to us and hopefully we'll be better because of it. It's something that we're going to have to overcome."

The Red Raiders led the league in hitting — Ginter's .445 average and 88 runs scored were tops in the Big 12, as were Dillon's 28 homers — and pitchers Jason Gooding and

Shane Wright are 10-0 and 10-1, respectively.

Oklahoma State, as usual, has plenty of punch in its lineup. The second-seeded Cowboys (41-15) scored 569 runs during the season, second to Tech's 581. Jeff Guiel (22) and Rusty McNamara (20) were second and third in the conference in home runs. Guiel tied for the league lead in doubles; McNamara was second in RBIs with 84.

Oklahoma State's run of Big Eight Tournament success came under Gary Ward. Now the team is led by Holliday, who was Ward's top assistant throughout the 16-year streak but is trying to downplay its significance.

"Guys are wanting to talk about a

streak of a league that's dead. It's over," he said. "I don't see the pressure or feel the pressure to continue the Big Eight Championship streak. That was coach Ward's and that's his forever, not Tom Holliday's."

The Cowboys will play Baylor (32-21) at 3 p.m. Thursday, and third-seeded Texas A&M (38-18) plays No. 4 seed Oklahoma (36-17) at 7:30.

A&M closed out the regular season by winning two of three from Texas Tech. The Aggies and Tech had the top two pitching staffs in the league, each with earned run averages below 4.50. No other team in the league had an ERA lower than 5.29.

Cougars to meet Claude in bi-district

PAMPA — Fort Elliott meets Claude at 5 p.m. today in a Class 1A bi-district baseball game at Harvester Field.

Fort Elliott brings a 15-7 record into the game while Claude is 12-2. Fort Elliott was the runnerup in District 1-1A while Claude was the District 2-1A champion.

Donnie Barr, who has a 7-2 record, is scheduled to start on the mound for the Cougars. Michael Pillard (8-1) is expected to start for Claude.

Besides being the team's top hitter, Barr also led the Cougars in home runs with 15 while driving in 65 runs. Clay Zybach is hitting .500 and Michael Hilburn .400 for Fort Elliott.

Claude's hitting attack is led by Pillard's .609 average while Tim Roberts is batting .514.

Under coach Curtis Smith, the Cougars have been to the playoffs for the past five years.

This is believed to be Claude's first year to make the playoffs.

Shamrock meets Follett in another 1A bi-district game today, starting at 6 p.m. at Canadian High School. Shamrock was the runnerup in District 2-1A this season while Follett won the District 1-1A title.

In a Class 4A regional quarterfinal best of three series, Randall meets Frenship this weekend at Jaycee Park in Plainview.

The opening game starts at 5 p.m. Friday. Randall is the District 1-4A champion.

The Raiders won their first baseball playoff series in school history last weekend, defeating Lake View, 5-3 and 5-4.

Cree Oil wins Babe Ruth tilt, 8-3

By MATT HUTCHISON
Sports Writer

PAMPA — Cree Oil prevailed in an Optimist Club Babe Ruth baseball contest against Triangle, 8-3, Wednesday night at Optimist Park.

Triangle's Jesse Francis was the first pitcher to face the Cree Oil lineup, allowing one run during his four complete innings on the mound.

That one run was tallied in the top of the first inning as Russell Robben was driven in by cleanup batter Travis Lancaster, who posted the RBI double that ricocheted off the outfield fence.

After the first, both teams struggled at the plate as both teams played stronger defensive-

Golf scholarship



Pampa High senior Mike Smith signs a scholarship letter to play golf at Odessa Junior College. With Smith are his parents, Mike and Linda Smith, and PHS head golf coach Frank McCullough (standing). Smith won second-place medalist in District 1-4A this season.

Boat gets second chance at Indy start

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A year ago, Billy Boat had a frustrating Indianapolis Motor Speedway experience.

He qualified for the 33-car Indianapolis 500 field on the third of four days of time trials, but was bumped out of the lineup the next afternoon, just minutes after he crashed his backup car.

Now, A.J. Foyt, who gave Boat the opportunity to race last year, is

putting him in one of his Aurora-powered G Force cars with a chance to make the May 25 race.

He got into the car for the first time on Sunday and, on Tuesday and Wednesday, was the fastest non-qualified driver in practice.

Now, with 10 positions still to fill in the 33-car race day lineup during the final weekend of time trials Saturday and Sunday, Boat appears to be a lock to make the race.

He went out Tuesday and turned a fast lap of 214.133 mph. On Wednesday, with only 14 other drivers getting onto the 2 1/2-mile oval despite warm, dry weather, Boat upped his top speed to 215.151.

That was fourth fastest for the day behind defending Indy champion Buddy Lazier's 216.570, Tony Stewart's 216.466 and Hamilton's 215.972.

Baseball banquet



Pampa senior Jamisen Hancock (left) presents Harvester head coach Dennis Doughty a baseball autographed by team members at the PHS baseball banquet Tuesday night. Hancock was selected as the team's most valuable player this year. Ryan Davis, another senior, was named team captain.

Report: Michael Irvin wants out of Dallas

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin, highly scrutinized through a year of off-the-field troubles, has asked to be traded, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

The newspaper, which said it could not reach Irvin for comment, cited three sources it did not identify for the report.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and Irvin's agent, Steve Endicott, both declined comment, the Morning News said.

Irvin, 31, served a five-game suspension at the start of last season for conduct detrimental to the National Football League. The suspension

followed his no-contest plea for a cocaine possession charge.

He also became the target of a murder-for-hire plot involving a Dallas police officer and was one of two players named by a woman who alleged she had been raped. The woman later recanted her story and is facing a perjury charge this month.

There have been reports that Irvin is frustrated by public scrutiny related to the past year's events.

He did not attend the Cowboys' first off-season mini-camp two weeks ago. Coach Barry Switzer said Irvin was completing his community-service requirements.

Several factors make it unlikely the Cowboys would or could trade the five-time Pro Bowl receiver. First among them is the affect that could have on the team's salary cap.

Two years ago, Irvin signed a five-year contract that included a \$4.5 million signing bonus. If he were traded, his bonus would count \$2.7 million against the Cowboys' 1997 salary cap of \$41.45 million.

Irvin's legal troubles also work against a trade. He received four years probation, 800 hours of community service and a \$10,000 fine after pleading no-contest to cocaine possession last July.

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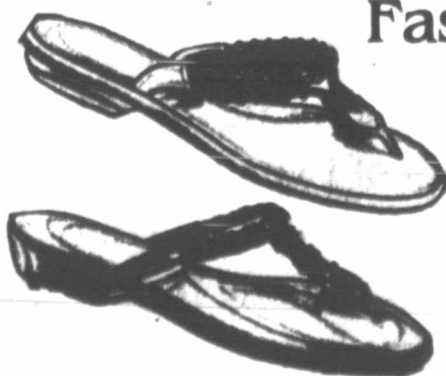
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