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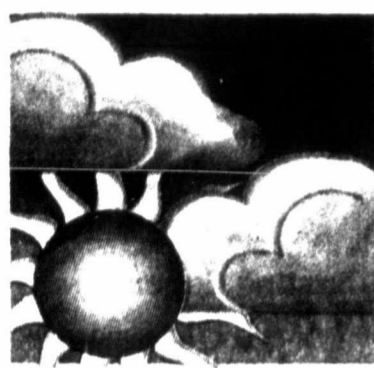
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PAMPA - The Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors will consider ending collection contracts with the City of Pampa and the Pampa Independent School District at their regular meeting Friday morning.

In the past, the appraisal district has been responsible for collecting tax revenues for the two entities. But, in an effort to save money, both the city and the school district voted in the past month to turn their tax collection services over to the county tax assessor/collector.

Other items on the agenda for the Friday morning meeting include the 1998 proposed budget and removal of inactive accounts from the collection roll.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. in the Gray County Appraisal District conference room, 815 N. Sumner.

PAMPA - Due to damages sustained and potential dangers, the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railway is requiring any moves of homes or structures over railway crossings to undergo a request submittal.

The move over any railway crossings while relocating a structure or a house will be overseen by the railway operations support office in Kansas City and any other needed local authorities.

As part of the request, residents and/or companies will need to provide the railway with insurance and execute contracts. Expenses to the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railway will have to be paid prior to the move using a cashier's check or money order. The expenses will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Individuals may call (913) 551-2485 and companies may call (918) 551-2485 to contact the railway about house and structure moves over rail crossings.

PAMPA - Notice has been posted that the Juvenile Probation Board of Gray County will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, in the Gray County Courthouse, second floor courtroom.

Items on the agenda include approval of agencies regarding community service and the contract with Esmoor Canadian facility.

PAMPA - Nominations are being taken for new inductees into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame.

Deadline for submission of nominations is July 26. For information, contact John L. Tripplehorn, chairman, at (806) 669-8040.

The inductees will be recognized at a banquet at 7 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Pampa VFW post building.

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Many babies lack good pre-natal care

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

More than one-third of pregnant women in the Texas Panhandle do not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy, the most important time in fetus development, according to statistics from the Coalition of Health Services in Amarillo.

As a result of this neglect, the infant mortality rate in the Texas Panhandle is nearly 13 percent versus 7.1 percent for the state. In Gray County, there are 15.2

infant deaths per year for every 1,000 live births. This is extremely high when compared to the state average of 7.5 infant deaths per every 1,000 live births.

In an effort to deter the infant death rate, the Coalition of Health Services and the Texas Department of Health are banding together to offer prenatal care services to pregnant women.

2CARE for MOMS provides women of childbearing years the necessary medical services regardless of ability to pay. By helping women access preventative, prenatal care, the Coalition anticipates sav-

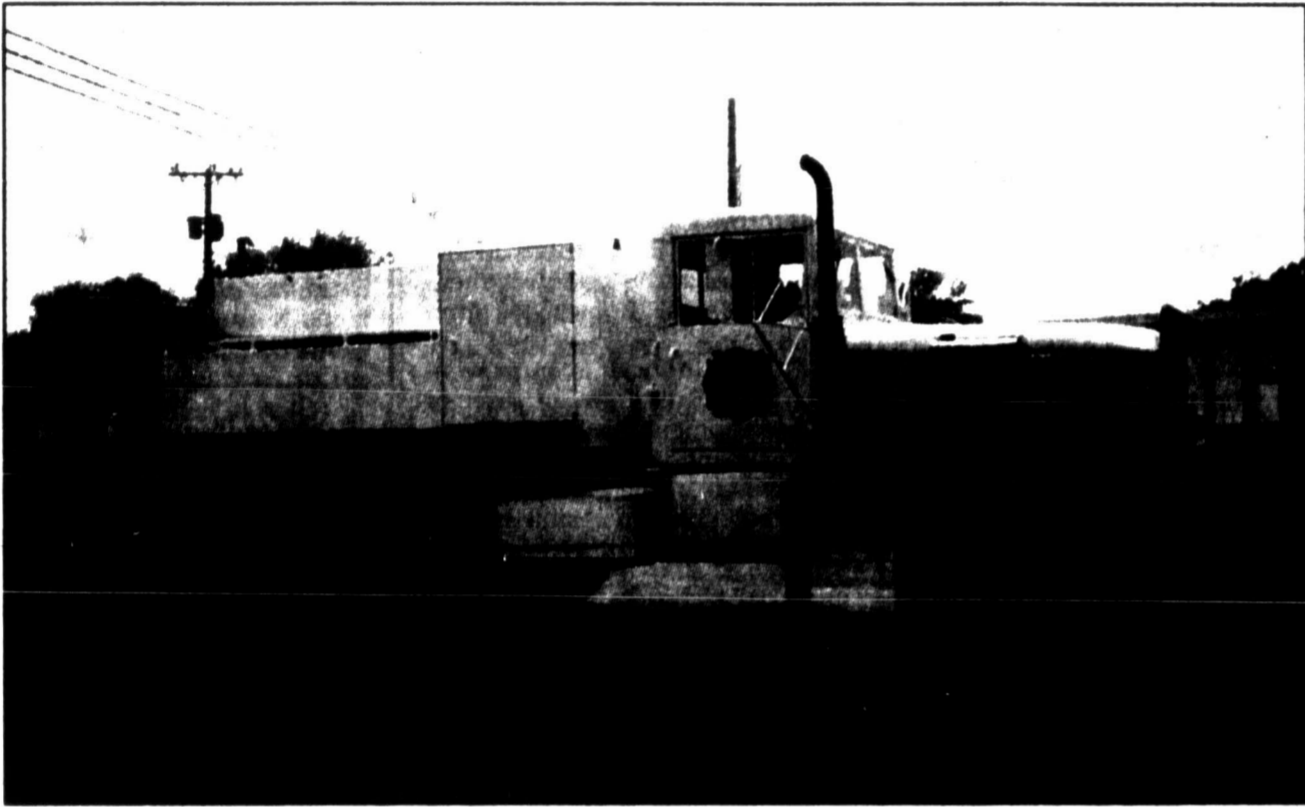
ings of several million dollars in neonatal intensive care costs.

"For example, it costs \$750 to provide prenatal care from the time of conception to delivery," said Dr. James Morgan, Region I director of Texas Department of Health. "If there is no or late prenatal care, the risk of low birth rate, maternal death from infections, high blood pressure, hemorrhage and infant mortality increases dramatically. It can cost as much as one million dollars to treat a low birth rate infant from the time of delivery to its first birthday."

Babies with very little or no prenatal care risk facing a variety of medical obstacles including respiratory distress, kidney shut-down and brain damage. In addition to the potential dangers to the child, little or no prenatal care could also result in health problems during the pregnancy for the mother.

"In addition, the mother may unknowingly develop serious medical complications such as high blood pressure and diabetes that can and should be detected during the first three months of pregnancy," Morgan said.

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(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Members of the Miami Volunteer Fire Department and Sweetwater Creek Association, Greg Haynes and Jimmy Sober, exhibit the newest prize firefighter vehicle, a five-ton truck rebuilt to fight large grassfires over many acres. It is used for the areas served in Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb and Wheeler counties, all of which make up the SCA.

Miami volunteer firefighters pleased with new truck in battling grass fires

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

MIAMI - Firefighters in the Miami area and several other counties are pleased about having a fire truck that really gets the job done.

Greg Haynes, assistant fire chief for the Miami Volunteer Fire Department, said the truck was a donation to the community, and after local mechanics and engineers rebuilt the tank, engine and the pump, it is a great grass-fire engine.

According to Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook, the truck was donated by the Texas Forest Service to Miami Volunteer Fire Department about a year ago. Wayne Williams of Canadian had the plans for rebuilding the tank and to do

the primary construction of the vehicle.

Judge Cook said the completion work on the truck and the finished paint job was completed more recently by the local volunteers. It is a handsome, all-white truck made to complement the vehicles maintained by the MVFD.

"It was plumbed together to use specifically for these large grass fires that happen out in the open range in our counties around here," Haynes said.

"We used it recently in the big fire in Hemphill County when more than 9,000 acres of grassland was burning. The Canadian Fire Department called in an emergency and said, 'We need your help and your truck over here, now!'"

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Some not pleased with new trash carts

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

The new trash Toter carts are not all they're cracked up to be, according to some residents who received the new rolling dumpsters.

According to Judy Johnson, 516 Carr, some of the residents along Carr and Wynne streets are not so happy with them.

She says that with the toters only one third of the way full, she can't roll them to the streets, and the older residents, the handicapped or disabled people will have an even harder time getting them to the streets.

Rick Stone, head of the Sanitation Department, said, "We can't go up on private property to get the carts. We just can't, but most people who are disabled have someone come in and help them anyway. Why can't these helpers take the dumpsters to the roadside?"

For the first day of scheduled pickup, the residents plastered "NOT" signs on the dumpsters in hopes of getting their message through to the city commissioners and the Sanitation Department. They also continued to use the traditional roadside dumpsters instead of the rolling carts.

Citizens are also concerned with the durability of the toters. Johnson said that the plastic

tubs won't be able to stand up to the weather and constant use. "They're top heavy, and the first big wind is going to knock them over. How many times can plastic withstand that?"

According to Johnson, Stone told her to give it a two-week trial, and if the residents didn't like them, he would have them picked up.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)
Many of the private trash toters along Carr and Wynne streets were labeled with big "NOT" signs for the first day of trash pickup Tuesday.

Stone said, "We're trying to do this in a positive manner. If Mrs. Johnson doesn't like her toter, I will put a dumpster in her front yard."

The residents are also concerned with the prospect of who pays if one of the residents gets hurt while moving the toters. They also don't like the idea of having to keep dumpsters clean.

"Is this really our responsibility?" asked Johnson. "If this is our responsibility, why are we paying a garbage fee?"

"I don't understand the big deal about keeping them clean," said Stone. "If residents use garbage bags, there shouldn't be any problem with hosing them out every so often."

"The commissioners and I feel that this is positive effort to get rid of some of the problems caused by the unsightly, smelly, three-yard dumpsters now being used," said Stone.

He continued to say the big dumpsters attract rats, mice, flies and other vermin as well as feral cats and stray dogs. The personal toters will nearly eliminate the raiding animals and the problems they cause.

"As far as the durability of these toters, we expect them to withstand six years or more of constant use. So far, everything we know about them is positive and that's how we're looking at them," said Stone.

PISD trustees award bids on insurance, playgrounds

In an abbreviated meeting of the Pampa Independent School Board Tuesday, the school trustees heard minor discussion on the proposals regarding reinsurance and administrative services for the employee health benefit plan, as well as other items.

The board awarded Insurance Management Services, Amarillo, the stop loss contract and the attachment point contract.

According to Mark McVay, PISD business manager, the stop loss premium puts a cap on the amount of loss sustained by the district in the event of an individual catastrophic claim.

In other business the board heard the bids on new playground equipment and approved the low bid of approximately \$72,000 to the Playwell Company out of Richardson for the four new 10-activity centers.

The new playground equipment is all steel and aluminum and will be installed by PISD personnel, which will save approximately \$20,000.

The board tabled the approval of bids for the Multi-Purpose Activity Center athletic equipment, due to the lack of bids. The bids will be re-advertised and hopefully the board will be able to make a decision in the July meeting.

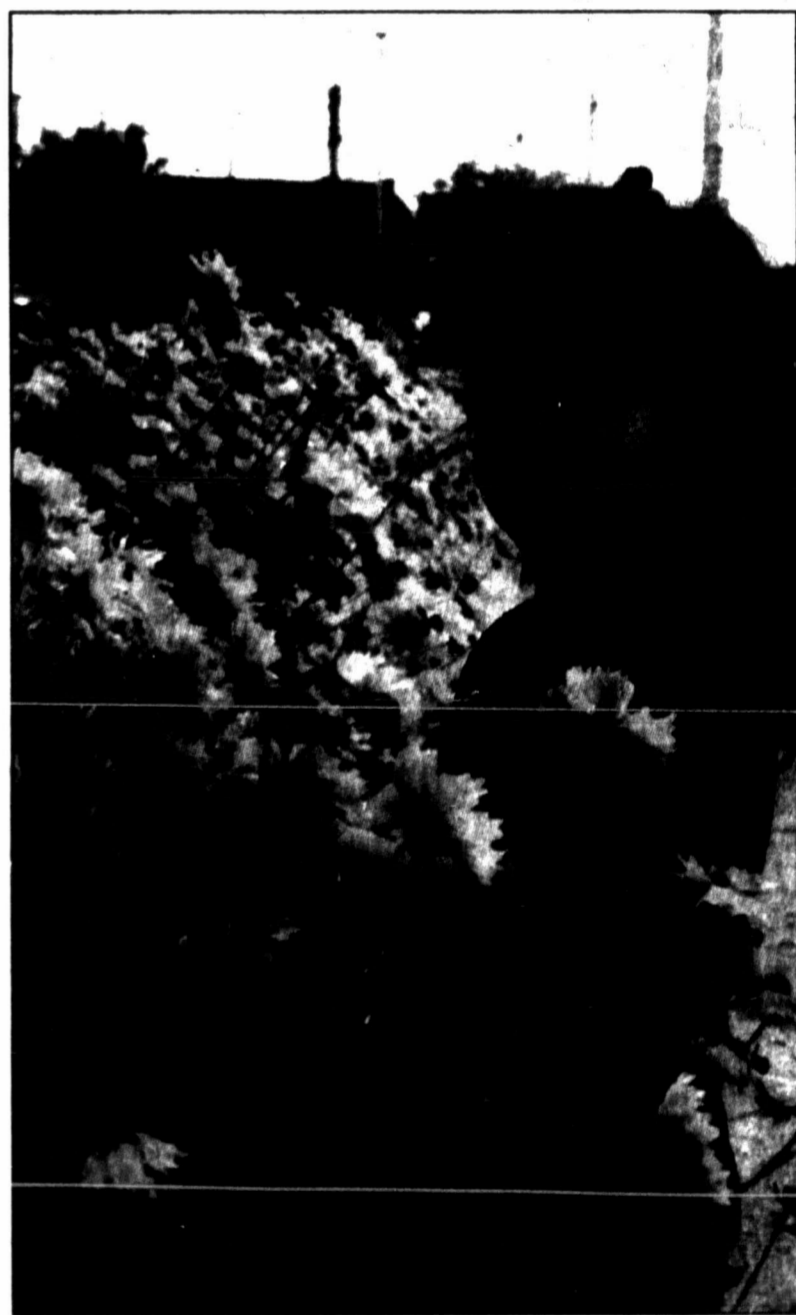
The final action pertained to allowing a new soccer complex to be built on school district property, north of Travis Elementary School. The complex, as detailed in last month's meeting, would come fully from donations and volunteers.

The initial plans include two regulation playing fields, a locker room and bleachers.

Tuesday night, the Pampa High School soccer coaches presented information that the dirt for the base, piping for fencing and some dirt moving equipment has already been volunteered by local businesses.

The board agreed to allow the building of the complex and will take over general maintenance after the construction.

Post Office flowers



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

Melanie Guitierrez gets a nice sniff of the flowers in front of the Pampa U.S. Post Office building. She is one who appreciates beautiful flowers and especially likes yellow ones. Tom Cantrell, maintenance custodian, and Tim McNair, customer service supervisor, said Thelma Bray, an employee at the post office, was instrumental in getting the garden areas planted several years ago. Bray said one day the former postmaster, J.D. Williams, asked her for ideas on planting a garden to enhance the appearance of the grounds. That was when she and other members of the Pampa Garden Club donated the first of the wild flower seeds. The perennial wild-flower garden grows all year, blooming in seasonal flowers of multiple colors. In early spring, Gray said wild iris and daylilies were blooming. Today's flowers are wild coreopsis.

Partisan squabbling erupts over disaster relief, birth defect bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unable to force an all-night Senate session, Democrats staged an all-night vigil to protest the failure of Congress to pass a disaster relief bill that President Clinton will sign. Republicans made their own political point, accusing Democrats of holding up a birth defect bill.

In the House, Republicans on Tuesday rejected a Democratic attempt to bring their version of the \$8.6 billion emergency spending bill to a vote.

The partisan fighting frustrated lawmakers from disaster states, particularly in the flood-hit Northern Plains. People back home, said Rep. John Thune, R-S.D., know that "this institution, Washington, D.C., is playing politics with disaster assistance."

Stymied by a party-line 55-37 vote to adjourn, Democrats were unable to speak indefinitely on the Senate floor and retreated to the office of Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, where a handful of them took three-hour shifts in an all-night session of radio, TV and online interviews.

Eight of the 45 Senate Democrats did not vote on the motion to adjourn, but their votes still would have not been enough to force an all-night session.

Senate Republicans also sought to embarrass the Democrats, who have vowed to block all other legislative initiatives until the disaster bill is passed, by introducing a bill aimed at curbing birth defects.

Democrats invoked parliamentary rules to keep the bill from being debated, prompting Lott to say that 150,000 American babies are born every year with birth defects and "I don't see how there could be objections to it."

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., sat at a computer and told chatline callers that "this is important. You all have to begin to hold our colleagues accountable." In another room, Rep. Jay Johnson, D-Wis., was on the phone to TV and radio

stations in his district, trying to drum up interview time. President Clinton vetoed the bill within minutes after it arrived.

"Can't we find a way to come up with some language that you can live with and that we can live with?"

—Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott

on his desk Monday, citing objections to two unrelated provisions Republicans had attached to the bill.

One would set up a procedure whereby there could be no government shutdown if there was no agreement on spending bills when the fiscal year begins on Oct. 1. The White House said the plan, which would freeze spending at 1997 levels, would keep funding below amounts agreed to in the balanced budget accord.

The other would prohibit the Census Bureau from using a sampling method instead of actually counting everybody in the 2000 census. The bureau says its sampling plan would provide a more accurate count of urban residents. Republicans say unconstitutional and could result in the redrawing of legislative district lines to the disadvantage of their party.

The bill would provide \$5.6 billion in disaster aid for 35 states and \$1.9 billion to replenish funds spent on peacekeeping in Bosnia and elsewhere. With the Dakotas and Minnesota still mopping up from disastrous flooding, Republicans were determined to settle the issue before it became a serious political liability.

"Can't we find a way to come up with some language that you can live with and that we can live with?" asked Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Dying man evicted for smoking

DALLAS (AP) — A man dying of pulmonary disease thought he would spend his last days in the apartment he's been living in for a decade, but his landlord has evicted him, saying he's a fire risk because he smokes while using oxygen tanks.

John D. Womack, 67, is suffering from end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, causing him to be on oxygen and bedridden all day. In February, he was told he had six months to live.

Last week, he received a letter from the new owner of his apartment complex, telling him that his lease had been terminated. He has until the end of the month to move.

The landlord terminated the lease after learning that Womack was smoking while on oxygen.

Anna Corcoran, Womack's new landlady, said the potential danger prompted the eviction.

"My biggest concern about owning an apartment complex is fire. If something happened, would I be liable because I knew he was smoking while he had oxygen in the apartment?" she asked.

Ms. Corcoran is president of M Streets Management, which oversees the complex for M Streets Properties, the new owner of the Martel Manor Apartments, where Womack lives.

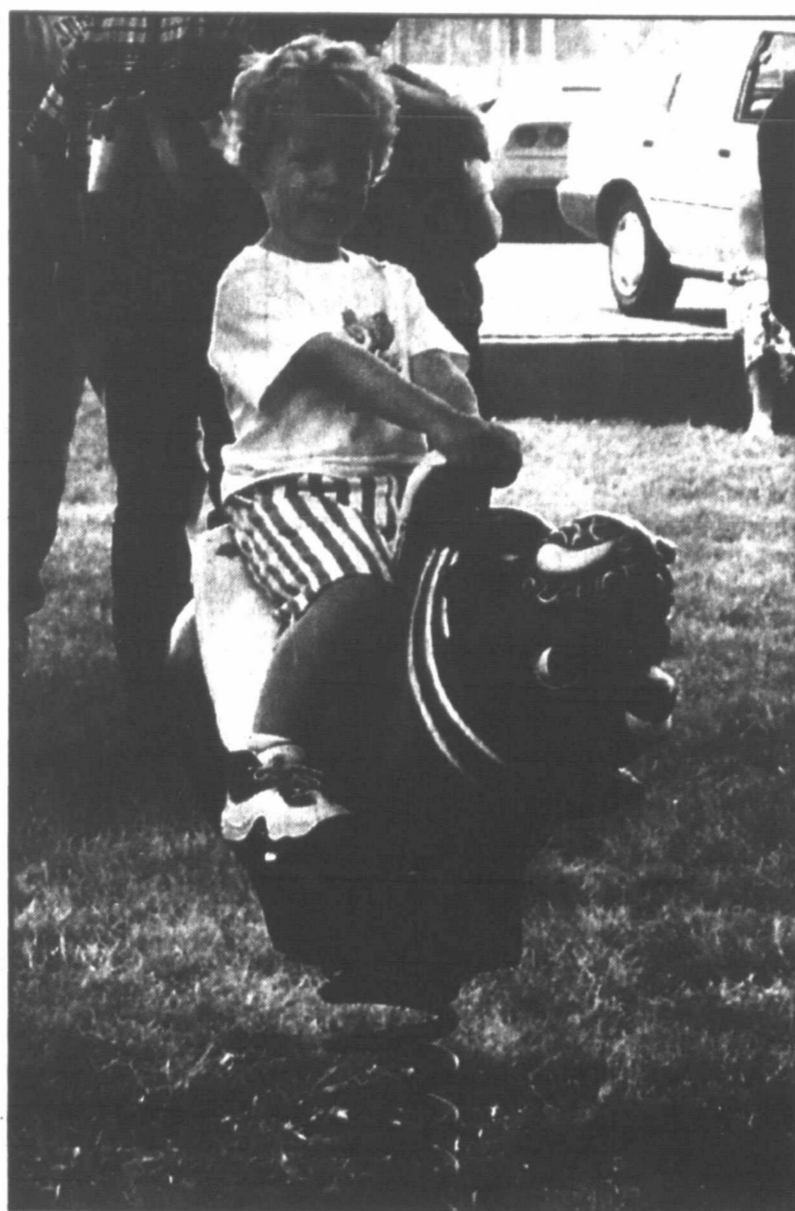
A fire can break out when enough pure oxygen leaks into the air causing a cigarette or lighter to burn faster and possibly out of control, oxygen providers said. Oxygen is not combustible, but acts as an accelerant of nearby flames.

Womack, a retired office manager and part-time poet, said he turns off the oxygen tank when he smokes and doesn't smoke at night when he might fall asleep with a lit cigarette.

"There are some days I don't smoke at all," he said. "But I start getting nervous about dying and thinking about things that happened in the past and I need one."

Womack said he is willing to stop smoking if he can remain in his apartment, but the owner said it would be impossible to make sure he kept his promise without watching him day and night.

Young bull rider



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

An accomplished bull rider — "I didn't fall off!" says Lane Pohnert, 3 years old. He was enjoying the bouncing ride in the Miami City Park on Saturday, June 7, while his grandmother Sammie Bowers Pohnert fed him ice cream bites in between bounces. Lane's family joined in the Miami community's annual "cow calling" celebration festivities and reunion time, combining it with a visit to the great-grandmother, Esther Bowers of Miami.

State briefs

Teens convicted of capital murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old girl and her 18-year-old boyfriend have been convicted of capital murder for the robbery and murder of a man the girl lured into her bedroom with promises of sex.

Shonda Swarouth and Charles Mayle were sentenced Tuesday to life in prison and must serve 40 years before becoming eligible for parole. Her brother, James Swarouth, 18, pleaded guilty to capital murder earlier and is serving the same sentence.

The Swarouths and Mayle needed rent money for the apartment they shared last summer, so they decided to lure Fredy Perla, 21, into Ms. Swarouth's bedroom by promising him sex, they said.

Kerrie Cross, a friend of the teens, testified that Ms. Swarouth was persistent and Perla finally agreed to go to her apartment last June. Perla followed Ms. Swarouth into the master bedroom where the two boys were hiding in the closet with a tire tool, Ms. Cross said.

When Perla took off his clothes, the two boys attacked him and beat him in the head with the tool, Ms. Cross said, adding that she heard Perla pleading for his life.

Internet plea draws attention to itself

AUSTIN (AP) — Be careful about responding to cyberspace pleas for cash to help tornado victims in Jarrell unless you're

sure the request is legitimate, the Better Business Bureau suggests.

The agency's Austin office noted that someone posted a solicitation to newsgroups all over the Internet asking "for just one dollar — cash or money order" to be sent to him to aid victims of the May 27 tornado that killed 27.

The plea urged anyone sending a check to make it out to cash.

Appeals court reverses

BUNTON DECISION
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal appeals court has reversed a decision by U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton III that had kept the state of Texas from helping defend San Antonio and other major Edwards Aquifer pumpers in a lawsuit brought by the Sierra Club.

Texas Attorney Gen. Dan Morales had petitioned Bunton last August to allow the state to join San Antonio and four agencies that regulate water and wildlife rights.

Bunton granted the state's motion to intervene in its capacity as an aquifer pumper through a prison in Hondo, but denied it permission to intervene on behalf of the four agencies.

But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans disagreed on Tuesday, saying Texas' interests in the matter are "several and important."

Gulf States Camera Club sets meeting in Amarillo

AMARILLO — The 1997 Gulf States Camera Club Council Convention, hosted by the Amarillo Photographic Society, will be held June 12-14 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3100 Interstate 40 West.

Anyone interested in photography, amateurs and professionals, are encouraged to attend at a cost of \$40 for all three days or \$25 for one day.

Registration will be held June 12 from 2 to 7 p.m., with the events kicking off at a mixer/cash bar in the hotel from 6 to 7 p.m. The convention will open at 7 p.m. with the year-end print and slide competition beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Gulf States Camera Club Council will hold an executive board meeting at 9:15 p.m. to end that day's activities.

The following day, registration will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A print display will be held all day (from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), with various other activities scheduled throughout the day.

In addition to a model shoot (9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) conventioners may also opt to take tours to Palo Duro Canyon (leaving the hotel at 3 and 4 p.m.). Those taking the tour to Palo Duro Canyon will attend a barbecue dinner and attend the musical TEXAS. Various seminars will also be held throughout the day.

On the last day of the convention, registration will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Activities scheduled for this day include a newsletters editors' breakfast, a steer roping field trip from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Bechtel Ranch and model shoot from 1 to 5 p.m. In addition, a print display will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with various seminars throughout the day.

The event will end with the annual Gulf States Camera Club Council meeting from 4 to 5:30 p.m., followed by the reception and cash bar from 6 to 7 p.m. The annual awards banquet will also be held that evening.

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

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Rep. Mac Thornberry on capital gains tax

If there's one tax that's misunderstood in America, it's got to be the capital gains tax.

Most people think it's a tax on the wealthy. But when you look at who really pays capital gains taxes, it quickly becomes apparent that it's not.

Nearly 57 percent of those who pay capital gains taxes make less than \$50,000 a year. These are people who are selling a home or small business, or parents who have to sell some of their shares in a mutual fund to help put their child through school. These are the people who are affected by capital gains taxes, and these are the people who'll be helped by reducing the capital gains tax.

But it's not just working Americans who will benefit from such a reduction. The economy as a whole will also stand to win. The Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and I will release a report which shows that reducing the capital gains tax would increase the Gross Domestic Product by \$51 billion dollars each year, create 500,000 new jobs by the year 2000, and increase business spending by an average of \$18 billion dollars annually.

The study will also show that because the United States taxes capital gains at a higher rate than its major foreign competitors, reducing the capital gains tax will help American businesses compete around the globe.

Fortunately, some relief is in sight. In the next few days, the Ways and Means Committee is expected to announce that capital gains taxes will be reduced as part of the balanced budget agreement. Coupled with a family tax credit and some relief from inheritance taxes, these tax cuts will serve to not only boost the economy, but help working families and businesses as well.

Thought for today

"What experience and history teach is this — that people and governments never have learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it."

G.W.F. Hegel, *Philosophy of History*

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Berry's World



Texans make 'settling in' easy

Getting settled in a new town isn't the easiest thing to do, but I must say the folks in Pampa are making things relatively painless — so far.

Best of all, I didn't have to take the driver's license test. Of all the places I have lived, Texas is the only state that hasn't required I take a written exam. I guess someone, somewhere in Lone Star government figured if one can legally drive in another state, they probably know most of the rules.

When I moved to North Carolina I studied like it was for a college final and I made 100. A bit more smug when I moved to Missouri, I studied, but not as hard. In Kentucky, it was the same. Then back to Missouri again, I said to heck with the book and took my chances. I passed, but not with flying colors. I still can't remember how many feet something can stick out the back of your trunk/truck before you have to tie a red flag onto it. Four or five feet, maybe?

Next up for me will be moving into my home — thanks to Walter and Janie Shed. They were great at making me feel welcome and finding a house that will suit me and my wonder boxer,



Kate B. Dickson

(Dickson is associate publisher/editor of The Pampa News.)

Jasmine, just dandy. (The movers should be here the week of the 16th just in case any of ya'll have a hankering to unpack boxes!) There's also a (small) reward offered to anyone who can locate my VCR...it's still (hopefully) in some unpacked box from two moves ago.

Some folks write about their children but since I have none, I'll mention Jasmine, my "companion animal" from time to time. She certainly is a trouper, motel living now and all, and she was perfectly content to ride the 1,024 miles from Perryville, Mo., to Pampa.

I'm also getting settled in at The News —

thanks to all the nice employees who are making me feel at home. Having new ownership can be a bit disconcerting at first because, after all, it's change. And even good change takes a while to work through and adjust to.

And while thinking about The News, I hope our readers will give us a hand with some good feature and news ideas about local people and events. We want as much local news in the paper as possible (Call or write me or anyone on the staff with your suggestions) I'm also inviting anyone who has the urge to submit a guest column to us on any subject. And to you letter writers out there — we want to hear your opinions, too. Just remember to sign your letter and include a phone number so we can reach you if we need to.

Maybe right here is where I'll confess to being a Bill Clinton Democrat from Arkansas. And I think he's doing a great job as president. If you don't, or even if you do, and want to share your opinions — write.

Part of what I am trying to say is this is your newspaper and we want your input. We are just keepers of The News for the moment.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 11, the 162nd day of 1997. There are 203 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:
On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence from Britain.

On this date:
In 1509, England's King Henry VIII married Catherine of Aragon.

In 1770, Capt. James Cook, commander of the British ship Endeavour, discovered the Great Barrier Reef off Australia by running onto it.

In 1919, Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner.

In 1942, the United States and the Soviet Union signed a lend-lease agreement to aid the Soviet war effort in World War II.

In 1947, the government announced the end of household and institutional sugar rationing, to take effect the next day.

In 1963, Buddhist monk Quang Duc immolated himself on a Saigon street to protest the government of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem.

CIA theory: Where is the justice?

Something very strange happened at the *San Jose Mercury News*. Executive Editor Jerry Ceppos wrote a column telling readers that the paper's explosive, overwrought series "Dark Alliance" — which alleged the CIA helped hook American blacks on crack — wasn't exactly accurate. "We fell short of my standards for the *Mercury News*... I believe that we fell short at every step of our process... in the writing, editing, and production of our work."

Corrections don't usually come in prominent corners of the newspaper. Ceppos showed rare courage, especially after the "Dark Alliance" series brought the *Mercury News* a large dose of prominence and a raging interest in its Web site.

The *New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, each having filed numerous pieces on this story, correctly put the renunciation on their front pages. But where were the networks? Last fall, the four networks had aired 26 stories on the allegations. The very least the networks could do now is devote one full story each to the retractions. But they haven't. And so the lies stand in television land.

These lies enraged the black inner city community, and the networks fanned the flames by giving the story credibility. ABC's Alexander Johnson said of the CIA-crack theory: "That idea does not surprise some people in communities from Los Angeles to New York City, which have felt the devastation of crack firsthand. ... For the last month, Joe Madison has devoted every edition of his daily Washington, D.C., talk show to this story. Also in Washington, more than 1,200 people attended a recent town hall meeting to discuss the allegations, and on Friday, law students protested on Capitol Hill. Yesterday in Los Angeles, another community meeting drew over 1,000 people. ... And on the Internet, the newest pipeline into the African-American community, the response has been overwhelming. There are more than 100,000 inquiries a



L. Brent Bozell

day into the *San Jose Mercury News* Web site."

CBS began with Pentagon reporter David Martin suggesting Democrats worked hard to prove CIA drug links in the 1980s and came up short. But nights later, Dan Rather took out the matches: "In tonight's Eye on America, accusations, underscore the word 'accusations,' that are nothing short of explosive. They are that the CIA knowingly and intentionally did what amounted to pump crack cocaine into Los Angeles to help fund rebels in Nicaragua. Whether or not these claims prove true, the anger they've produced is very real."

Reporter Bill Whitaker claimed: "There is no evidence directly linking the CIA to the drug sales, and the CIA says its own internal investigation has found no connection. Yet, here at Ground Zero of the crack explosion, the story simply won't go away, and new circumstantial evidence raises new questions."

NBC's Andrea Mitchell announced: "It is a rage building and building. Anger burning through black America. Rage about an old and ugly war. And fears about its consequences today. Spread by talk radio the conspiracy theory goes like this: The CIA pumped drugs into America's inner cities, using the proceeds to finance the Reagan administration's secret war against Nicaragua's communist

regime." Mitchell claimed "top U.S. officials" knew drug money was funding the Contras, "but did nothing to stop it." She ended: "Will any investigation satisfy the people who've been devastated by crack cocaine?" All four networks aired long reports on CIA Director John Deutch's town meeting in Los Angeles, where angry blacks screamed at him. ABC's *Nightline* devoted its entire broadcast to the town meeting that night. Documenting rage, not truth, became the standard for newsworthiness.

In *Time*, columnist Jack E. White did question the *Mercury News* stories last year, but ended up sounding like Timothy McVeigh: "Deutch reiterated last week that he has asked the agency's Inspector General to review the *Mercury*'s charges. The Justice Department has also launched a probe. But if Deutch thinks anyone in black America is going to take the word of those two organizations, he's mistaken. Black Americans have been the targets of so much hostility that many of them would not put it past their own government to finance the war against communism by addicting thousands of people."

Now, White is on the defensive, claiming black reporters were sent out to underscore black paranoia: "Obviously, the popularity of conspiracy theories in black America is a valid subject for journalistic inquiry; obviously, blacks have no monopoly on wacky ideas (Remember those militia groups fantasizing about black helicopters?)"

But the black-helicopters story became media shorthand for militia wackiness. Reporters did not place themselves halfway between reality and fantasy, maintaining "We have no proof, but this story just won't go away." Now that the *Mercury News* has renounced this story, the networks have a moral responsibility for the damage they caused, and a journalistic responsibility to expose those who fabricated and continue to promote these lies.

Albright must think we're all stupid!

Up till now I have been inclined to think rather kindly of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. For one thing, Jesse Helms apparently thought she was a good choice for the job, and the senior senator from North Carolina doesn't praise Democrats indiscriminately. For another, Albright's recent public comments on all sorts of topics in the field of foreign affairs have been frank to the point of bluntness — a refreshing contrast to the foggy and often downright impenetrable prose of her predecessor, Warren Christopher.

But recently Secretary Albright let fly with a remark so preposterous that, like the 13th stroke of a clock, it casts doubt on everything that preceded it.

Testifying before a Senate committee, Albright told the senators that the United States is ending trade with two Chinese companies and a third in Hong Kong that we suspect of providing Iran with technology and raw materials for chemical weapons. Albright added that five individual Chinese businessmen were also put under the ban. Pressed to explain how all this squares with the administration's eagerness to renew China's Most Favored Nation trade status, the Secretary (according to the *New York Times*) breezily told the committee that "there was no evidence that the Chinese government was involved."

No doubt foreign affairs are a complicated field, in which absolute consistency is sometimes too much to expect. But it was open to Albright to admit frankly that, offensive as the described



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behavior was, it didn't warrant the kind of over-reaction that withdrawal of MFN status would constitute. Instead, she chose to insult the intelligence of the United States Senate and of the American people as a whole.

The chances that the Chinese government didn't know what those three companies and five businessmen were doing, handing over chemical weapons technology and raw materials to Iran, are exactly nil — zip, nada. Not a sparrow falls to earth in the People's Republic of China without the government's prior knowledge and approval. If individuals trying to make a fast yuan dared to sell technology and raw materials for chemical warfare to a foreign country without obtaining Beijing's permission first, their next appointment would be with a firing squad.

Of course, one can see how the evasion must have come easily to the Secretary, in the atmosphere

of Washington today. We are told that a number of President Clinton's closest friends, as well as his personal lawyer, were well aware that former Deputy Attorney General Web Hubble was in deep trouble, and indeed that several of them were raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to throw at him in the guise of legal fees (or hush money), but that (to use the Albright formula) "there was no evidence the president was involved."

But if Madame Secretary is allowed to get away with this one, there's no telling how widely the formula may be applied.

If a new intifada breaks out in Israel, she can always argue that there's no evidence Yasser Arafat is involved. If Mexican President Zedillo's entire family is caught red-handed smuggling cocaine, will she point out that there's no evidence implicating Zedillo himself? If the Russian armed forces are suddenly given their back pay, equipped with shiny new weapons, and moved to the Polish border, will we be told that there's no evidence President Yeltsin knew about it?

On China, the truth is that this administration has no policy except maintaining MFN status for the People's Republic at all costs. If that requires us to disregard increased and blatant political repression, heavy-handed mistreatment of both Tibet and Hong Kong, and the sale of highly dangerous weapons, raw materials and U.S. technology to unstable Third World countries, so be it.

But please, Madame Secretary, quit fibbing.

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Community Calendar

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

June

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

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MEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-75-0769811-0.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at 100 S. Price Road. Hobart. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kleinpeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131.

TOP O' TEXAS RODEO PAGEANT COMMITTEE is now accepting entries for Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo and Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Teen. For more information, contact Sonja Longo at 665-1413, Jamie Greene at 665-8850 or the rodeo office at 669-3141.

HIDDEN HILLS LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION has its playdays every Monday with tee off at 6 p.m. Ladies of all ages and abilities are welcome. For more information, call Christine Babb at 665-7640.

PAMPA CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ASSOCIATION meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Caprock Apartments office, 1601 W. Somerville. Dues are \$1 a month. For more information, contact Cpl. Donny Brown at 669-5700 or Jean at 669-6386.

1-30 - WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM is presenting its summer exhibit, "Bison to Boom Town: Transforming the Plains," open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

9 - STEP AHEAD DAY CAMP will begin and go through Aug. 15, daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 665-1199 or contact Phyllis Briggs at 665-6504 or Alice Grays at 669-3719.

10-15 - PRIDE OF PAMPA BOOSTERS BAND CARNIVAL at the M.K. Brown Auditorium-Grand Coronado Inn parking lots.

10-27 - PAMPA MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL selected art works will be on display from 1-4 p.m. at White Deer Land Museum.

14 - TOP O' TEXAS KIWANIS will be sponsoring the Children's Miracle Network. The public is invited to enjoy the fun with hot dogs, sausage on a stick and cokes. There will also be a train for children. For more information, contact Barbara Slater at 665-4354.

17 - CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON will be held in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The Retail Trade Committee will be sponsoring the meal, catered by Gerald Rasco serving hamburgers, red beans and cobbler. For reservations, call on or before 9 a.m. at 669-3241.

17 & 19 - BOATMEN'S FIRST PAMPA BANKING CENTER and WTA&M University's Small Business Development Center will be presenting the 1st Financial Management Series from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

17 - PAMPA CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ASSOCIATION will have its second organizational meeting, "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party," for America's Night Out against crime, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call Cpl. Donny Brown at 669-5700.

Reality of online spying dominates government hearings all this week

WASHINGTON (AP) - The notion of the Internet as a free-flowing forum for ideas and information is giving in to a harsher reality this week.

Business wants to know where you go, what you look at and, most importantly, what you're likely to buy.

In government hearings on online privacy, consumer advocates and regulators on Tuesday cast a harsh light on the practices of electronic-data companies, questioning if they are doing enough to protect the ordinary Americans whose detailed personal information they gather.

In an effort to head off strict government rules, Lexis-Nexis and seven other search services unveiled voluntary guidelines to limit the personal information they assemble.

But several participants at the Federal Trade Commission hearings wondered whether Lexis-Nexis and other search services were pushing the limits of privacy by selling telephone numbers and addresses without people's knowledge or consent.

Some also provide Social Security numbers and information from public documents such as vehicle registration and property deeds.

The target of questions today was shifting to privacy concerns raised by online companies that do business on the World Wide Web, such as America Online, the nation's largest online service, and Netscape Communications Corp., which makes the popular Navigator browser for cruising the Internet.

The concern stems from growth in computer networks and the Internet, which enable far easier sharing of data from public and private sources. For instance, the millions of people who click on Web sites each day may not be aware that many of the sites are gathering personal information about them in the process.

Much of the worries focus on "cookies" - nuggets of information that a Web site can plant in a computer user's hard drive. They are used to track which Web sites are visited, what pages are looked at, even people's hobbies - and then linked to names and addresses.

Site owners can sell the information to advertisers and other interested parties, without the consent or knowledge of users.

"We are selling information today that 10 years ago would not be bought or sold," Marc Rotenberg, director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, told the FTC. "The law has not kept up with these developments."

To assuage concerns, the new industry agreement by the search-service companies calls for a halt to use of information gathered from private marketing databases, such as buying prefer-

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— Marc Rotenberg, director of the Privacy Information Center

ences, household income and other data.

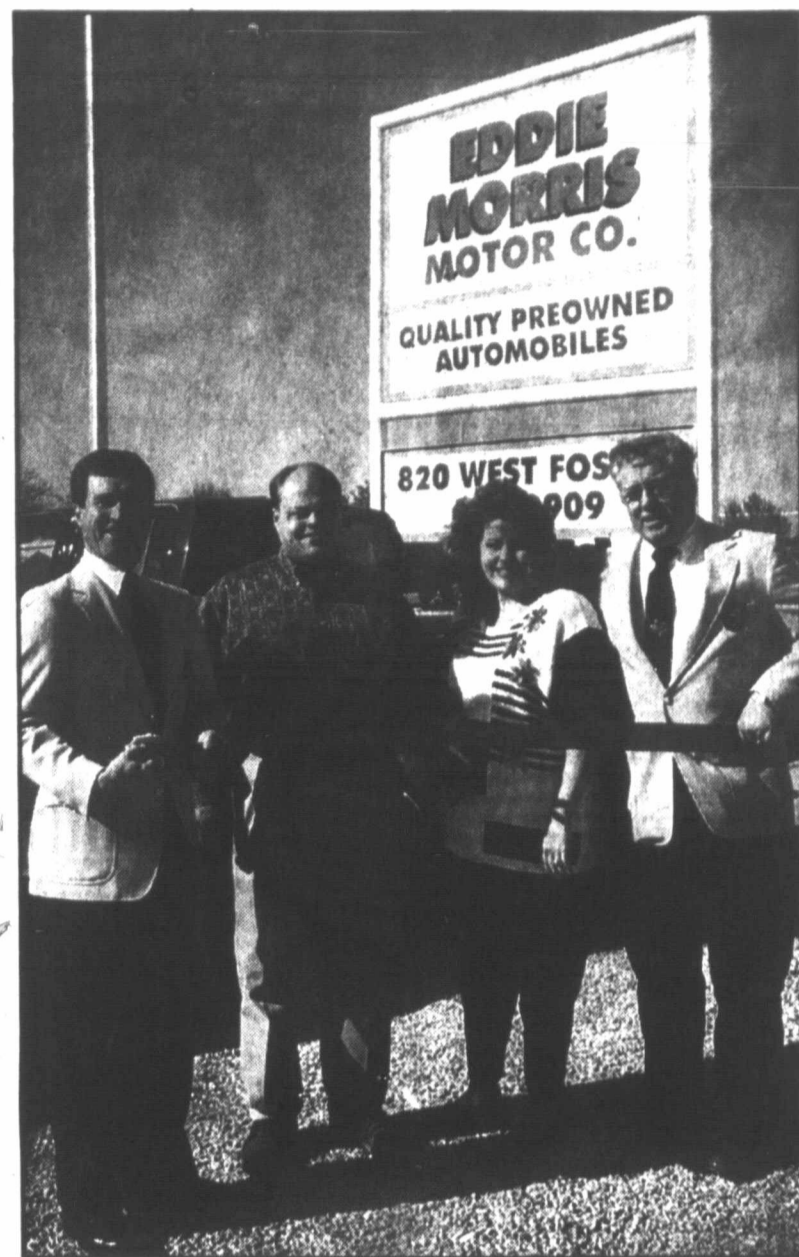
The companies also said they would restrict their sale of non-public information, such as an individual's credit records, to professionals such as banks and private investigators.

But several FTC officials questioned why the companies wouldn't commit to providing a copy of their reports to any consumer who asks to check out potential inaccuracies. For instance, people may be rejected for a loan application because someone hit a wrong key on a computer keyboard.

Robert Pitofsky, chairman of the FTC, expressed concern that consumers couldn't correct inaccurate information about them in the reports generated by the electronic data services.

"Even something as innocuous as your last known address could

New motor company



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats Duane Harp and Scott Hahn welcome the newest members of the chamber, Eddie and Julie Morris, at a ribbon cutting ceremony for Eddie Morris Autos, 820 E. Foster, which opened recently.

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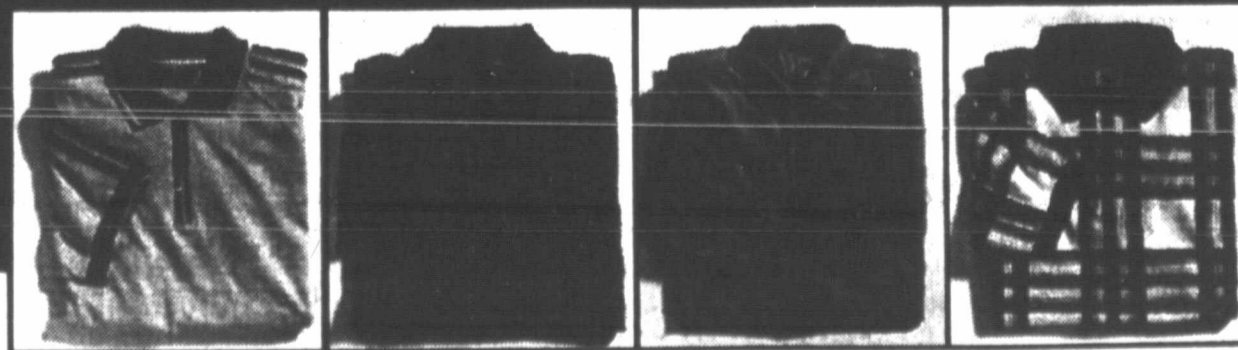
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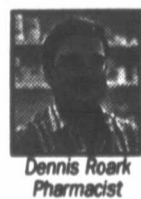
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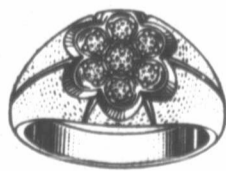
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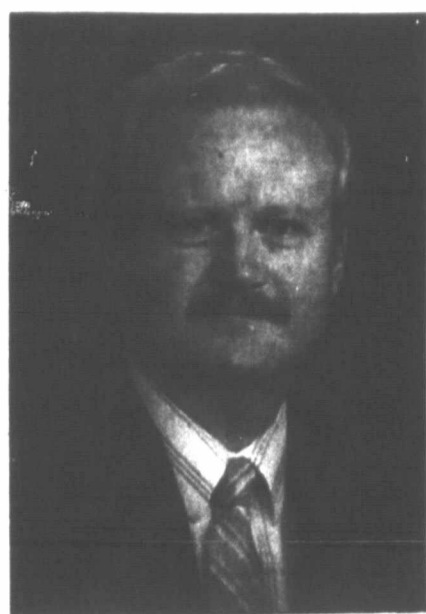
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Study gives slight edge to angioplasty



William A. Ledford



Tina Thomas

Columbia Family Health Clinic adds two to its staff

William A. Ledford, nurse practitioner, and Tina Thomas, registered nurse, have joined the staff of Columbia's Family Health Clinic located at 600 W. Kentucky, according to Phil Young, CEO and administrator of Columbia Medical Center in Pampa.

Ledford received his family nurse practitioner degree from West Texas A&M University at Canyon. He has worked at Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems. In addition to currently working in Pampa, he is also employed by Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Girls Town.

"My goal is to evaluate illness and treat adequately with given cost restraints," Ledford said.

Ledford is in the clinic Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thomas is also a graduate of West Texas A&M University. She has worked for a private pediatrician and at Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems. She has had previous experience in public health in Plainview.

"I feel children should be taken care of regardless of economic status," Thomas said.

Thomas is in the clinic Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"The public is reminded that you may call 665-0746 to schedule an appointment for children's immunizations," Thomas added.

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

BOSTON (AP) — A large new study gives a slight edge to angioplasty over clot-dissolving drugs for the emergency treatment of heart attacks.

The best treatment for heart attacks is a subject of debate among cardiologists. Clot-dissolving medicines, such as TPA, are the standard at most hospitals. However, some specialists believe that angioplasty performed quickly after the start of a heart attack is better.

Some small studies conducted at hospitals that specialize in this approach found that heart attack patients who undergo angioplasty have a 40 percent lower death rate than those who receive clot busters. However, later studies done at ordinary community hospitals came to the conclusion that they were equally effective.

Now, yet another study has compared the two approaches head-to-head. This time, it found that people getting angioplasty appear

to do better during the first month after the heart attacks. The advantages largely disappear within six months.

"The benefit of angioplasty is modest," said Dr. Stephen G. Ellis of the Cleveland Clinic, the study's lead author.

The study was conducted on 1,138 patients at 57 hospitals who were randomly assigned to get TPA or angioplasty. It was published in the June 5 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Heart attacks occur when blood clots plug the arteries that feed the heart. TPA and similar medicines can dissolve these clots and prevent damage if given quickly.

Angioplasty is already a mainstay of treatment for clogged heart arteries. Doctors push a catheter into the artery and inflate a tiny balloon that squeezes open the blockage to restore blood flow.

In its new application, some doctors are performing angioplasty as an emergency procedure within an hour or two after the heart attack patient arrives at the emergency room.

In the new study, the doctors found that 10 percent of patients getting emergency angioplasty for their heart attacks died or suffered repeat heart attacks or strokes within one month, compared with 14 percent of those getting TPA. After six months, though, there was no difference between the two groups.

The researchers said which treatment heart attack patients get should depend on what's available quickly. If a team skilled at emergency angioplasty can be assembled quickly, that's probably the first choice. Otherwise, doctors should administer clot-dissolvers rather than delaying treatment.

"This is hardly the final say," Ellis said. "It's a snapshot in time of how medicine was practiced a couple of years ago."

Experts believe a doctor's experience plays a role in the success of angioplasty, as it does with other technically demanding medical procedures.

Another study by Ellis, published in the journal *Circulation*, found that the more angioplasties doctors perform, the fewer the complications suffered by their patients.

Disabilities and recreation

HOUSTON — A disability does not have to stand in the way of participation in sports and recreational activities. Sports and recreation have become an important lifestyle choice for people with all degrees of disabilities.

"Some people with disabilities find inspiration from mountain climbing," said Lex Frieden, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Others may enjoy playing board games with family and friends."

Recreation does not have to mean exercise. It is getting away from work and finding things to do that can inspire people both mentally and physically. Building recreation into the lives of people with disabilities often begins rehabilitation.

"Most rehabilitation facilities and programs incorporate recreational therapists who are skilled at teaching people proper techniques and approaches to recreation," said Frieden.

They may start by pitching a ball to a therapist and move on to shooting baskets.

Other patients, including those with spinal-cord and traumatic head injuries, might begin their rehabilitation with pool-based activities. The water has a calming effect and the buoyancy can help people with disabilities stand upright and increase mobility. Since there is no impact

on joints, water-based exercises allow patients to be active after leaving the hospital.

"There is a whole range of recreational therapy, including sports," said Frieden. "We try to match individuals with activities they enjoyed before they were injured."

Recreational activities are important, said Frieden, since they help improve self-esteem and provide a sense of accomplishment.

"A disability doesn't have to mean the end of an active life," he said. "With proper guidance and modifications, many people can participate in virtually any activity."

For further information about recreational programs for people with disabilities, contact the National Sports Center for the Disabled at (970) 726-1540 or Disabled Sports USA at (202) 393-7505.

Rubella: It's not just for kids

ATLANTA (AP) — Rubella, long considered a childhood disease, struck mostly teenagers and adults over the past three years.

People 15 and older accounted for more than 80 percent of the 567 rubella cases reported from 1994 to 1996 in 32 states, the District of Columbia and New York City, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"It used to be a childhood disease until we started the vaccinations," said Dr. Susan Reef, a CDC epidemiologist. "Now, we're seeing it shift."

Most of those who got rubella, also known as German measles, in the past three years were born outside the United States in countries without a vaccination program, Ms. Reef said. And some American-born

baby boomers may have missed out on the shots, she said.

A rubella vaccine was developed in 1969, when 57,686 cases were reported nationwide. The average number of cases for the last four years has been 183 per year. The vaccine prevents rubella in 95 percent of those inoculated.

Rubella, spread through coughs and sneezes, may first show up as a pink rash on the face that spreads to the chest, arms and legs. It also can cause a mild fever and joint pains in women.

Rubella usually runs its course in a few days. But it can cause birth defects such as cataracts and hearing and heart trouble in babies born to women who become infected with pregnant.

Experiments show how green tea can help prevent cancer

By The Associated Press

Researchers have found a component of green tea that may stop cancer by interfering with the way the disease invades cells and breaks down healthy tissue.

ECGC, a compound found in green tea, inhibits the activity of the enzyme urokinase, researchers report in the June 5 issue of the journal *Nature*. In cancer, urokinase helps dissolve the proteins in living cells, making room for the tumor and the blood vessels that feed it.


"If you stop this process, you are starving the tumor to death," said Jerzy Jankun, a professor of urology at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. He published the *Nature* paper with Medical College researchers Steven Selman and Rafal Swiercz, and Ewa Skrzypczak-Jankun of the University of Toledo.

The research lends credence to recent animal and human studies that suggest green tea prevents cancer of the esophagus, breast and prostate.

"I was really not a believer in these common sense or home remedies, but when I saw on my computer and I saw in my laboratory, I drank my first cup," Jankun said.

Jankun and his colleagues made their discovery while trying to design a synthetic blocker of urokinase. As a computer program they were using sketched out the specifications of a molecule that would block the enzyme, the researchers noticed that they already knew a molecule with those properties — ECGC, or epigallocatechin-3 gallate.

A simple laboratory experiment confirmed that when ECGC was added to proteins in a test tube, urokinase couldn't break them down.



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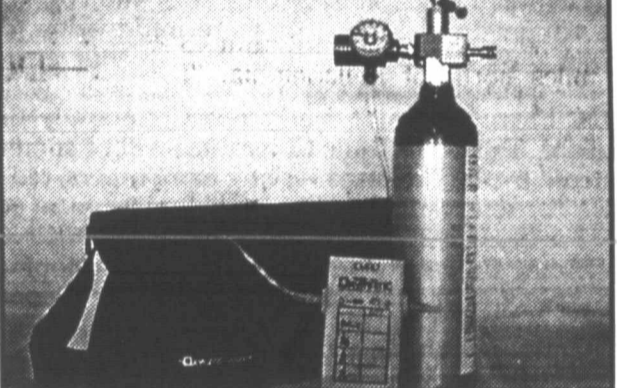
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'Lost World' no longer top dog at box office, 'Con Air' rockets up the charts

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Nicholas Cage thriller *Con Air* soared to the No. 1 spot at the weekend box office, earning \$24.1 million as it knocked *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* into second place.

Lost World took in \$18.6 million in its third week, while the comedy *Addicted to Love* earned \$3.6 million for third place.

The comedy *Buddy* debuted poorly and *Gone Fishin'*, *Trial and Error* and *'Til There Was You* fell sharply in their second week-ends.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co.:

1. *Con Air*, Disney, \$24.1 million, 2,824 locations, \$8,545 average, \$24.1 million, one week.
2. *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, Universal, \$18.6 million, 3,397 locations, \$5,465 average, \$171.1 million, three weeks.
3. *Addicted to Love*, Warner Bros., \$3.6 million, 2,021 locations, \$1,796 average, \$26.2 million, three weeks.
4. *Buddy*, Columbia, \$3.5 million, 2,113 locations, \$1,659 average, \$3.5 million, one week.
5. *Gone Fishin'*, Disney, \$3 million, 1,846 locations, \$1,607 average, \$10.5 million, two weeks.

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Top weekend movies	
Weekend of June 6-8, 1997	
All dollar figures in millions	
Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1. <i>Con Air</i> \$24.1, one week, 2,824 screens	\$24.1
2. <i>The Lost World: Jurassic Park</i> \$171.1, three weeks, 3,397 screens	\$18.6
3. <i>Addicted to Love</i> \$26.2, three weeks, 2,021 screens	\$3.6
4. <i>Buddy</i> \$3.5, one week, 2,113 screens	\$3.5
5. <i>Gone Fishin'</i> \$10.5, two weeks, 1,846 screens	\$3.0
6. <i>Trial and Error</i> \$2.6, two weeks, 2,298 screens	\$2.6
7. <i>Austin Powers</i> \$2.4, two weeks, 1,754 screens	\$2.4
8. <i>The Fifth Element</i> \$55.4, two weeks, 1,957 screens	\$2.1
9. <i>Breakdown</i> \$45.1, six weeks, 1,865 screens	\$1.8
10. <i>Liar Liar</i> \$168.5, twelve weeks, 1,035 screens	\$1.2

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc. AP

6. *Trial and Error*, New Line, \$2.6 million, 2,298 locations, \$1,143 average, \$9.1 million, two weeks.
7. *Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery*, New Line, \$2.4 million, 1,754 locations, \$1,356 average, \$42.9 million, six weeks.
8. *The Fifth Element*, Columbia, \$2.1 million, 1,957 locations, \$1,062 average, \$55.4 million, five weeks.

9. *Breakdown*, Paramount, \$1.8 million, 1,865 locations, \$942 average, \$45.1 million, six weeks.

10. *Liar Liar*, Universal, \$1.2 million, 1,035 locations, \$1,150 average, \$168.5 million, 12 weeks.

11. *Night Falls on Manhattan*, Paramount, \$618,000, 629 locations, \$982 average, \$8.4 million, four weeks.

12. *Volcano*, Fox, \$602,000, 677 locations, \$889 average, \$44.7 million, seven weeks.

13. *'Til There Was You*, Paramount, \$596,000, 753 locations, \$791 average, \$2.4 million, two weeks.

14. *Anaconda*, Columbia, \$537,000, 600 locations, \$896 average, \$60.3 million, nine weeks.

15. *Fathers' Day*, Warner Bros., \$480,000, 1,108 locations, \$433 average, \$27 million, five weeks.

16. *Scream*, Miramax, \$472,000, 711 locations, \$664 average, \$101.1 million, 25 weeks.

17. *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, Disney, \$460,000, 567 locations, \$811 average, \$26.7 million, seven weeks.

18. *Sprung*, Trimark, \$334,000, 283 locations, \$1,179 average, \$6.8 million, four weeks.

19. *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, New Line, \$314,000, 81 locations, \$3,882 average, \$1.3 million, four weeks.

20. *Chasing Amy*, Miramax, \$309,000, 228 locations, \$1,354 average, \$8.8 million, 10 weeks.

Straight A and B students denied diploma due to high school's mandatory community service policy

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kathie Moralis earned straight-A's and competed for valedictorian. Deborah Steirer calls herself a B pupil.

Neither will graduate from high school this spring.

The 18-year-old students are being denied diplomas for failing to perform community service required by the Bethlehem Area Public Schools.

"It's mandatory volunteering, which is an oxymoron in itself," Ms. Steirer said Tuesday by telephone from Bethlehem, about 45 miles north of Philadelphia. "I don't think they should force you to volunteer."

Friends and family plan to honor the pair in a cap-and-gown ceremony Friday night at a church in Bethlehem. It will be the third such gathering held by the policy's opponents since 1994.

Ms. Moralis' brother David, Ms. Steirer's sister Lynn and their parents filed a federal lawsuit against the school district in 1990 after it adopted the requirement that students perform 60 hours of unpaid community service during non-school hours.

The lawsuit claimed the policy violated the Constitution's 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery, and the First Amendment by violating parental rights and the students' personal beliefs.

A federal judge ruled against the students and the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

"It's mandatory volunteering, which is an oxymoron in itself."

—Deborah Steirer, B-student

agreed in 1993, saying the ban on involuntary servitude applied only to situations "akin to African slavery."

The Supreme Court later rejected the students' appeal without comment. A federal judge in 1995 upheld a similar policy in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

Having no diploma didn't stop David Moralis and Lynn Steirer from going to college. After earn-

ing high school equivalency diplomas, Moralis graduated from Penn State with a math degree while the elder Ms. Steirer attends a community college, family members said.

Nor did losing in court spell the end for the local group Citizens Against Mandatory Service. The 20 families it began with in 1990 have dwindled to 10, but members continue to criticize the district and petition the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Three other school districts in Pennsylvania require community service to graduate and more than 90 others offer credit to students who volunteer, said Michele Haskins, a spokeswoman for the state education department.

CAMS' members say they don't oppose community service; they just don't think it should be compulsory. Ms. Moralis and Ms. Steirer both did far more volunteer work than required but didn't report it, family members said.

Paul Saunders, CAMS' president, put his sons into private

McDougal says first lady could land in prison

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Jim McDougal, who provided new information to Whitewater prosecutors after his conviction, says there's an "excellent chance" Hillary Rodham Clinton could end up in prison as a result of the probe.

McDougal, a former business partner of President Clinton and the first lady, is scheduled to begin a three year prison term Monday at a federal medical facility at Lexington, Ky.

"The institution I'm going to ... is co-educational, and I think there's an excellent chance that I might see Hillary there," he said Tuesday in a televised interview with Little Rock station KATV.

McDougal faced up to 84 years in prison following his 1996 conviction on bank fraud and conspiracy counts. He drew a reduced term after cooperating with the investigation of the Clintons' business dealings.

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr said McDougal provided significant new information.

McDougal's former wife, Susan McDougal, has been jailed since Sept. 6 for contempt of court. She refused to answer questions about Clinton before the Whitewater grand jury.

"She's in jail because she's covering for the president," McDougal said. "All she has to do is answer the question 'Did Bill Clinton tell the truth at your trial?' and she'll be out of jail."

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New leaders named for restaurant chains

NEW YORK (AP) — PepsiCo Inc. has tapped new leaders for the three restaurant chains — Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and KFC — making up the new \$10 billion company it plans to spin off later this year.

An advertising executive was named to the top job at Pizza Hut, a Taco Bell marketing executive got the top post at the Mexican-style chain and the new KFC boss comes from PepsiCo's international restaurant business.

The appointments were announced Tuesday, a day after PepsiCo recruited its onetime president Andrall Pearson to be chairman and chief executive of the restaurant company and named David Novak as vice chairman and president of the soon-to-be independent operation. Novak had been president of both the Pizza Hut and KFC chains.

When it is spun off later this year, the business will be the world's biggest restaurant company with more than 29,000 outlets.

Pearson and Novak announced the top executive team for the three chains.

Mike Rawlings, 42, was named as president and chief concept officer at Pizza Hut after a 17-year career in marketing and advertising. Most recently, he had been president and chief executive of the Dallas operations of the ad agency DDB Worldwide and had also headed the agency Tracy Locke in Dallas.

Tracy Locke, which recently changed its name to

TLP, has handled print advertising assignments for Pizza Hut. Novak had worked with Rawlings at Tracy Locke before joining PepsiCo more than a decade ago.

Aylwin Lewis, 43, who had been senior vice president for operations at Pizza Hut, was promoted to chief operating officer. Pizza Hut has 7,700 restaurants in the United States and is based in Dallas.

At Irvine, Calif.-based Taco Bell, the top marketing officer, Peter Waller, 42, was named president and chief concept officer. He replaces John Antiochi, who recently left to head the Blockbuster Entertainment music and video rental chain for Viacom Inc.

Before becoming the top marketing officer at Taco Bell, Waller had held several positions both in the U.S. and overseas in the KFC chain.

Waller expects to name a chief operating officer for Taco Bell soon.

Jeff Moody, 38, 10-year PepsiCo veteran who has been a top operations executive in its international restaurant operations for the past two years, was named president and chief concept officer for Louisville-based KFC chain.

Chuck Rawley, 46, was named chief operating officer at KFC after ten years there, most recently serving as an operations and concept development executive.

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Baby-Sitting Experience Pays Off Later In Life

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in reference to the teen-age girl who feared that her mother's pregnancy would mean more baby-sitting duties.

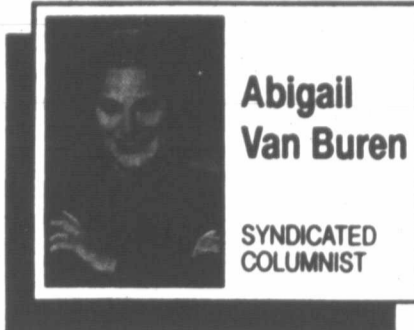
I remarried when my daughter, Tracey, was 8 years old. Within the next four years, we added two more children to our family. After many discussions, it was agreed that Tracey would baby-sit with her two little brothers, without question and without pay, if the reason for needing the sitter was "for the good of the family." This covered doctor appointments, business meetings, etc.

It was also agreed that if we needed a baby sitter for any other reason, Tracey would be asked to baby-sit, with hourly pay. If she was unable to do so, we would contact a neighborhood baby sitter.

This worked beautifully. Tracey is now 33 years old and the mother of two biological children, two stepchildren and four foster children. Their home is a happy one, with children ranging from 3 to 14 years old. I understand that her 14-year-old daughter, Jessi, accepts the same "for the good of the family" agreement.

JUDY WARREN VASILIAUSKAS, ESTES PARK, COLO.

DEAR JUDY: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. The arrangement you worked out with your daughter seems like a very fair one. I



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

heard from many other readers who had baby-sat siblings when they were young. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was the youngest of four children, and 8 years old when my parents had my younger sister. I spent countless hours changing diapers and often made plans with friends, only to have to cancel them when I was informed that I would be baby-sitting. By the time I was in high school, I resented the responsibility that had been forced on me. My sister was 5 and I was old enough to do most of the care when my older siblings were unavailable. I told my mother how I felt, and she told me that responsibilities like baby-sitting were part of what made a family.

I never received monetary compensation for the hours I spent with my sister, but I got something even better: I am now 24, my younger sister is 16, and we have a wonderful relationship. I feel closer to her

than I do to any of my other siblings, and I would venture to say that she feels the same about me. I share her pain when she's having difficulty and am just as proud as any parent when it comes to her accomplishments. I had a hand in shaping her into the person she is today.

Please tell that teen-ager who is afraid that her mother's pregnancy is going to bring her responsibilities she doesn't want, that her parents are not unreasonable to expect her to be part of the family as far as child care duties are concerned. What she might now consider an unfair amount of responsibility will later be remembered as some of the best times in her life.

RACHEL JOHNSTON FISHER, CHICAGO

DEAR RACHEL: I'm pleased your story has a happy ending. I'm printing your letter in the hope that it will lift the spirits not only of the teen-ager who wrote me about her concern, but also the legion of others who need to be reminded that baby-sitting can bring a wealth of future benefits.

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newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you expect things from others today, disappointment is a possibility. Conversely, if you provide help, rewards are likely for all concerned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Strive to be generous in your dealings with friends today, but also be sure that your out-of-pocket cost is not more excessive than theirs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Arrangements that could generate personal gains are likely to be the luckiest for you today. Think in terms of financial growth and don't think small.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A matter that is of significance to you might start off today in a sluggish way today. However, Lady Luck may accelerate the pace in a surprising manner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Shifts in conditions over which you have no control are indicated today. However, you'll like the way matters transpire in the long run.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You

may think that a recent agreement could have been worked out more to your advantage, but nevertheless it will produce desirable end results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In competitive career developments today, be alert so you'll be able to capitalize on mistakes made by your competition. Several are probable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will fare better in the long run today if you don't take yourself too seriously. Play to win, but also play for the fun of it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you attempt to put yourself in the other guy's shoes today, mutual benefits can be derived in your personal relationships. Fairness generates fairness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This can be a productive day for you, provided that you deal with your assignments in totality as opposed to piecemeal analysis.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not toy with speculative financial issues today. You are apt to be the luckiest when you stay within traditional measures.

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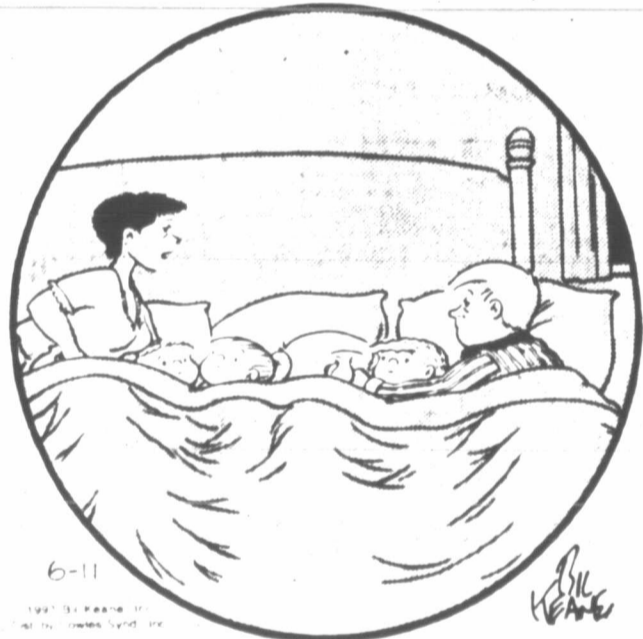


Your Birthday

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In the year ahead you might be luckier in material ways than you've been previously. This does not, however, give you a license to be extravagant. Hold onto what you acquire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A situation that has been a thorn in your side lately looks like it will be eliminated soon, perhaps even today. Be patient and expect positive results. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this



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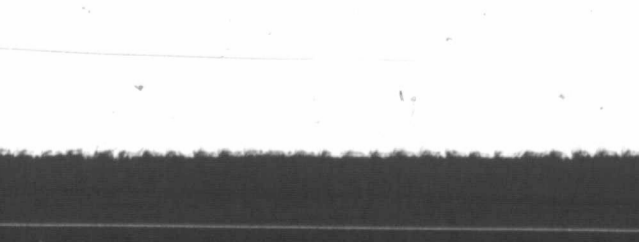
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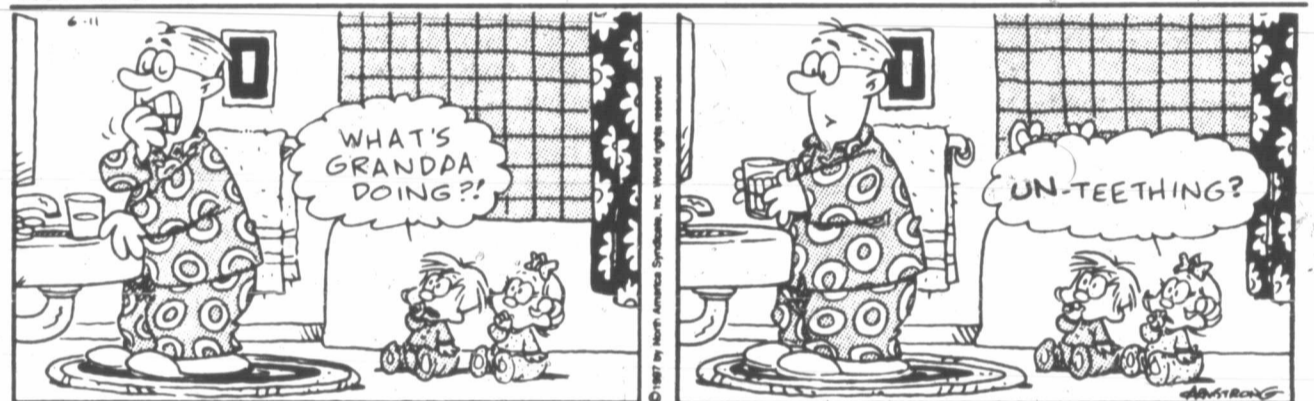
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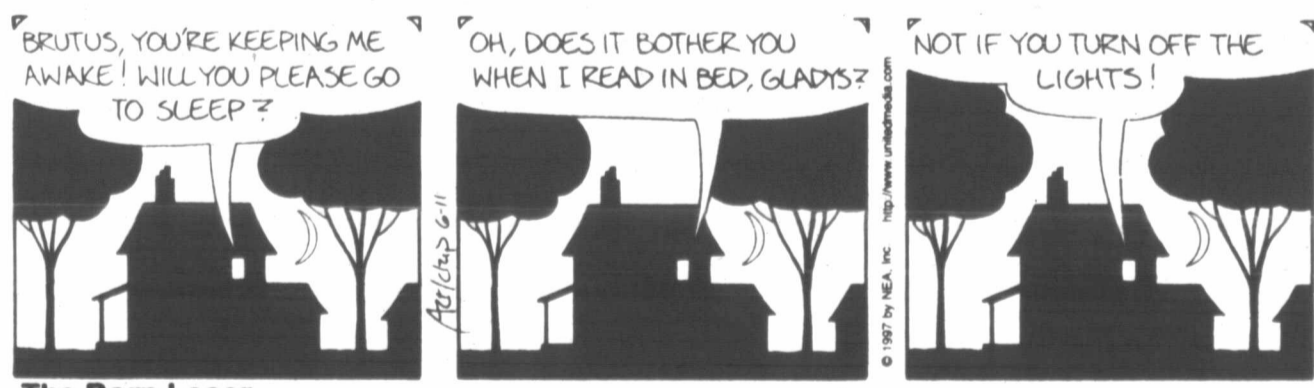
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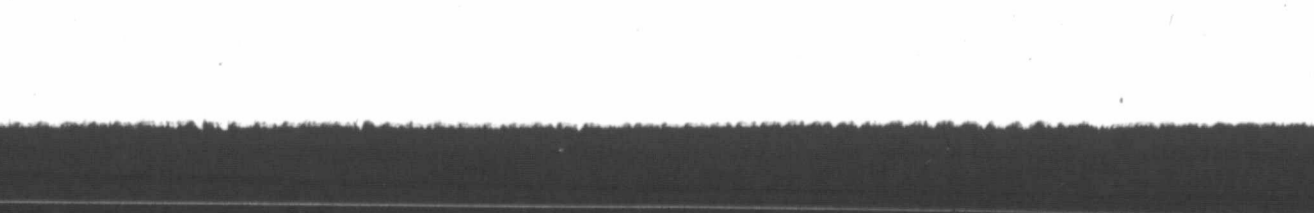
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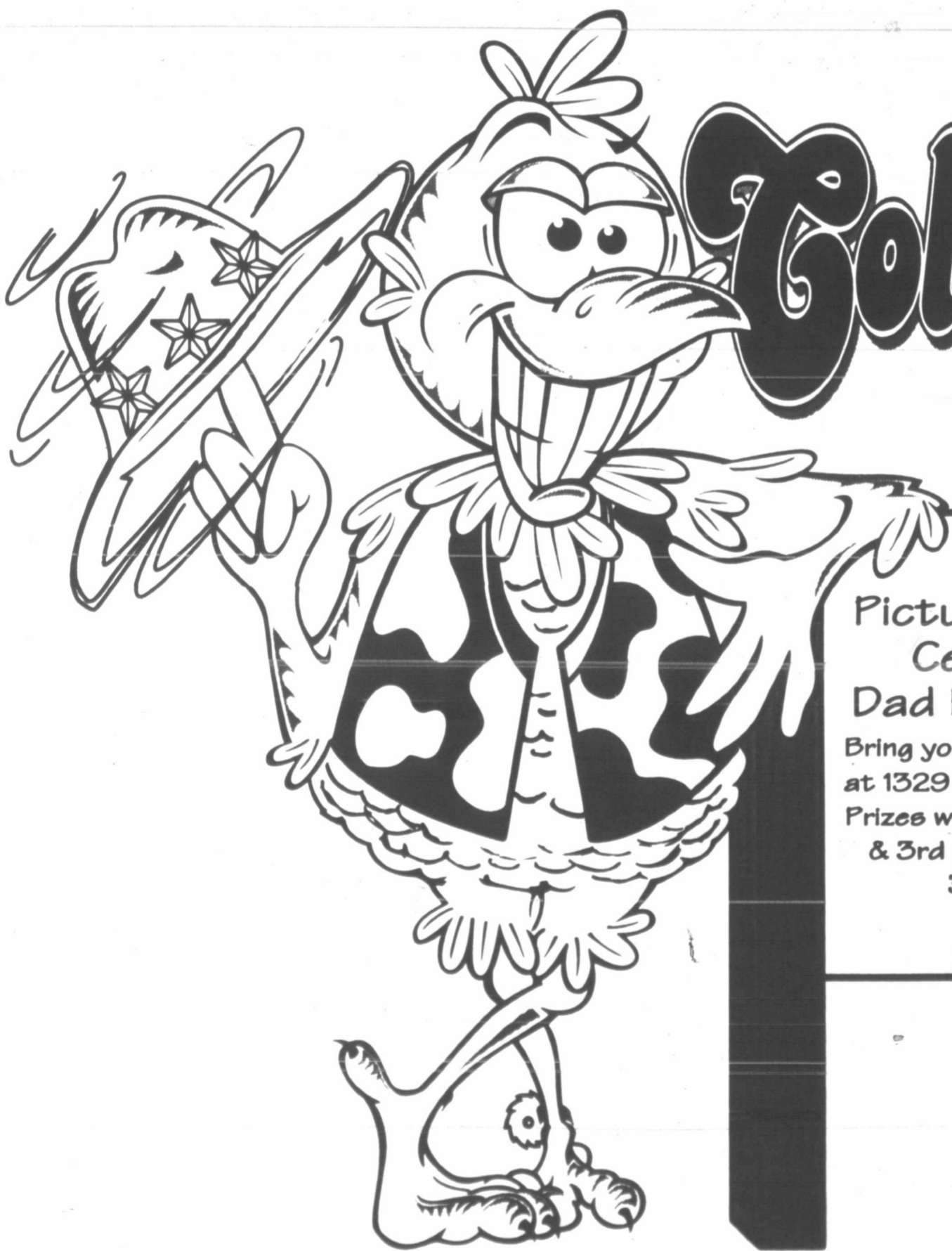
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