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Guymon hog plant nothing but a plus

City officials say Seaboard is a good neighbor and an asset to the Oklahoma community

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Some of the community leaders in Guymon, Oklahoma have almost nothing but praise for the hog processing plant that Seaboard Corporation built there in 1995.

Pampa was announced as a possible site for a new hog processing plant along with four other cities. A short list was promised to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation by the end of March.

"The processing plant has been nothing but a plus," said Teri Barber, the president of the board of the Guymon Chamber of Commerce. "It has been nothing but a plus."

Linda Hobart, editor of the *Guymon Daily Herald*, said, "They have brought economic development and growth."

The growth has come has come not only from the 2,000 people employed at the plant, but by fifty new businesses that have opened up in town, according to Hobart.

On a down side, there was not sufficient housing in town so many of the workers have to commute from area towns. That is despite the fact that there has been a new 92-apartment complex built. In addition, three new mobile home parks were built and housing permits have jumped.

"Housing is hard to find," Hobart said, "that is our biggest problem."

Both Hobart and Barber say that the "finishing farms," surrounding the pro-

cessing plant, are a problem both in odor and worry concerning water pollution.

But Pampa is not being considered for finishing farms. Company officials have told Pampa officials that this area is not conducive for hog farming and that only a processing plant is being looked at.

The city of Guymon has no economic development corporation and so the city had to pass an eight million dollar bond issue to attract the plant. The issue passed by 81 percent of the vote.

"If the vote were held now I believe it would pass by the same margin," Barber said.

A new elementary school was built, as was a new jail. Hobart said the jail had been needed for some time but the increased sales tax revenues made paying for it much easier. Barber said the sales

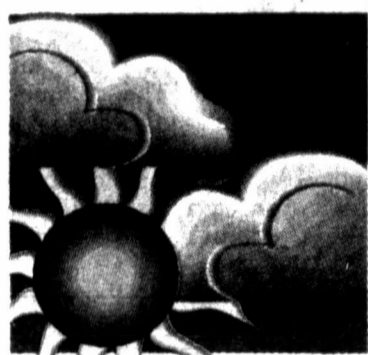
tax is up there, "several million dollars" since the plant opened.

Building is something Guymon appeared to have forgotten how to do. Barber said that when she came to Guymon in 1992 there had only been two homes built in five years.

"There was also a lot of empty buildings downtown before they came; there are no empty buildings now.

A truck stop has been built, along with a Super 8 Motel. Another motel expanded and a motel that had been closed, reopened and the grocery store expanded, according to Hobart.

Barber said the population has increased so far from 7,700 to about 10,000 since the plant opened. "We have to stand in line at the grocery store now, what a wonderful problem to have."



High today 57.
Low tonight upper 30s.
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CLARENDON — Clarendon College's Multicultural Club is offering an evening workshop next Tuesday, Feb. 24 in the Bairfield Activity Center entitled, "Minding Your Business."

Keynote speaker is Alvin T. Johnson, president of Management Assistance Corporation of America (MACA). The 7 p.m. workshop will end the club's month-long recognition of Black History month. Admission is free. For more information, contact Jewel Austin at 806-874-3571.

PAMPA — An organizational meeting for senior parents to plan this year's prom will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in the PHS library. All senior parents are invited.

PAMPA — Girl Scout ALERT! The cookies are arriving for distribution on Feb. 25. And you can still buy them if you haven't already! Contact your favorite girl scout, the Girl Scout office, 669-6862 or Martha Hadley, 665-2751.

The cookies come in a variety of flavors including: Carmel Delites, Peanut Butter patties, Shortbread, Thin mint, Peanut Butter sandies plus five new flavors including reduced fat varieties.

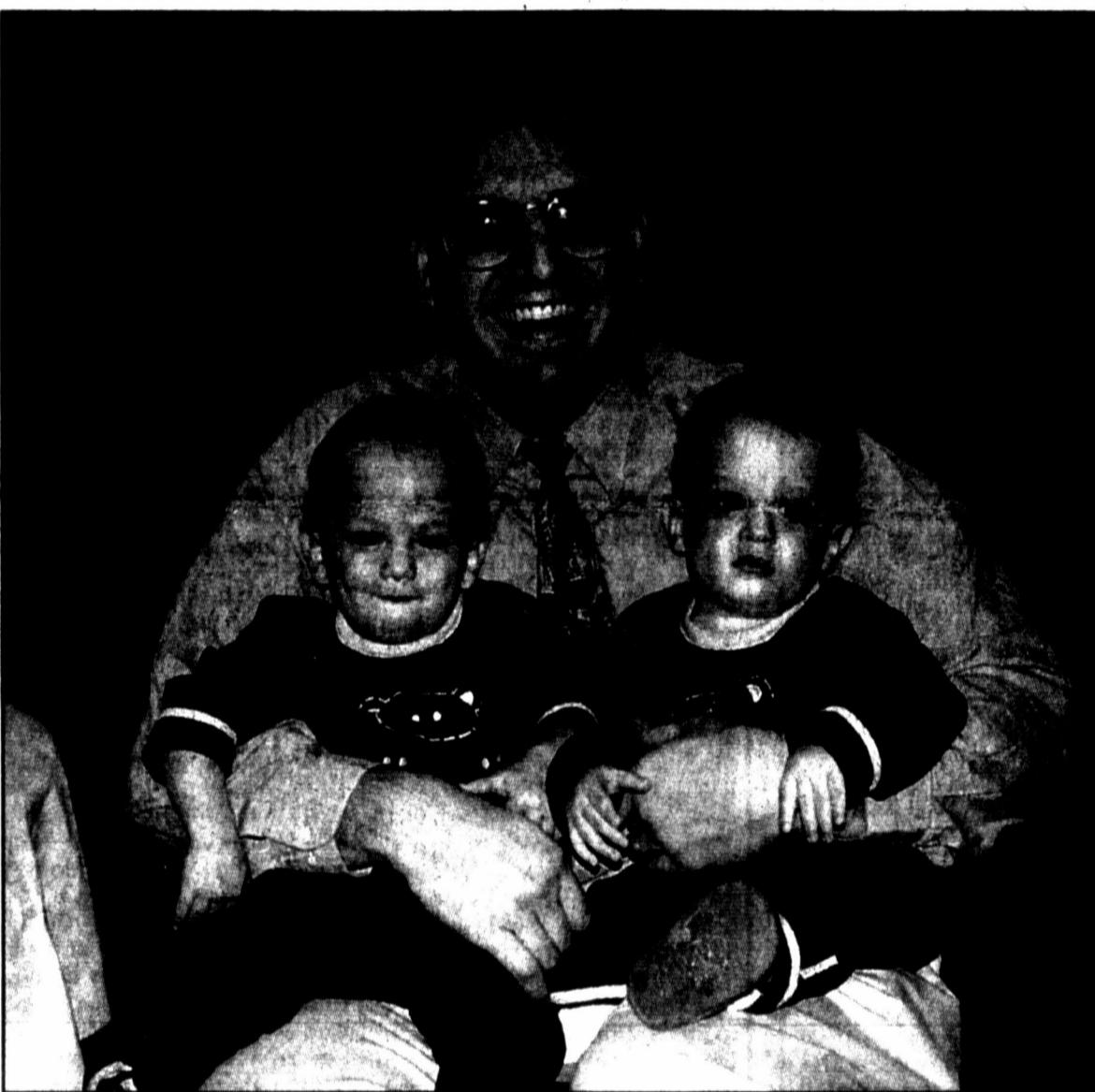
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Two of a kind ...



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Twins Christopher (left) and Gregory Smith, 16-months-old, joined mom and dad, Paul and Lisa Smith, at last week's Artrain "Thank You" reception at M.K. Brown auditorium. Lisa Smith just rotated off the Pampa Fine Arts Association board. About 150 guests gathered for an evening of food, fellowship and storytelling by Eldrene McMenamy, of Canyon, a cousin to an artist whose work is on the train. The cost of the party was underwritten by the Panhandle Chrysler Dealers in Texas and Oklahoma.

Economist says cattlemen can't tie market plunge to Oprah Winfrey

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press

AMARILLO (AP) — There's no way to pinpoint Oprah Winfrey's show about "dangerous foods" as the cause for a cattle market decline in the spring of 1996, according to an economist testifying in her defense.

Iowa State University agricultural economics professor Marvin Hayenga on Thursday told jurors in the talk show host's beef defamation trial that myriad factors were depressing cattle prices around the April 16, 1996, program.

"There is no way to sort out the Oprah show for all of that price decline, as is being claimed in damage calculations," said Hayenga, who presented several charts on behalf of the defense.

Hayenga began testifying after Diane Hudson, the show's

executive producer, finished being grilled by plaintiffs' lawyers. Her questioning became so intense at times that U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson often admonished counsel for being argumentative and repetitive.

Through it all, Ms. Hudson calmly refused to acknowledge that anyone made any false statements despite plaintiffs' persistent attempts to get her to do so.

"As far as I was aware, there were no falsehoods on the show," Ms. Hudson testified. "I believe today as I did then that guests believed what they were saying was true."

A group of Texas cattlemen claim that a market plunge following Ms. Winfrey's talk show about "dangerous foods" cost them \$12 million. They're suing her, her production company and vegetarian activist guest

Howard Lyman for business disparagement.

Part of the show centered on mad cow disease, which has stricken British herds since the 1980s. A unique, related strain of a similar human ailment is suspected of killing 23 people there.

Neither mad cow disease nor the human variant has been reported in the United States.

Under friendly questioning by Lyman attorney Barry Peterson, Hayenga testified that oversupply, weak exports and seasonal factors pushed already slumping cattle prices lower in the spring of 1996.

"This (declining market) was already happening in response to a drop in consumption in Southeast Asia, Japan particularly, ... not regarding anything to do with what happened on this show," Hayenga said.

Hayenga also targeted cattle

See OPRAH, Page 2

Man shot in head; woman in custody

A 39-year-old Pampa man was shot in the head this morning and police have a 70-year-old woman in custody who has been charged with attempted murder, said Pampa Police Sgt. Terry Young.

The victim, Jess Baker of 2225 Hamilton, was in the front room of his home when he was shot for reasons that remained under investigation at press time, Young said.

Baker was able to call police at 10:16 a.m. and Young said Baker, who was conscious and talking when police arrived, appeared to be "in pretty good condition."

According to police radio dispatches, officers were sent to Pampa High School to get Baker's sons and take them to Columbia Medical Center.

Arrested at a local physician's office about an hour after the incident was Joyce Dingler, who is believed to live in Pampa though Young said police initially only had a tentative address.

"The two (Baker and Dingler) are known to each other," Young said. "Just what the relationship is we're not sure right now. That's part of the investigation...we are trying to pull it all together."

Auditor approves PEDC bookkeeping

Tuesday the Pampa Economic Development Corporation found out that its books for 1997 were in order, U.S. Bus had its engineering staff in place and then the group gave annual raises to the PEDC staff.

Doug Ware of Brown, Graham and Company reported that BG&C audited the books for the PEDC and wrote that the statements were "in all material respects... in conformity with generally accepted accounting procedures." Ware said that was as good a review as they gave.

Ray Huff, the manager of U.S. Bus reported to the board that they have hired their engineering staff and new engineering procedures are in place.

He said the week before the meeting, the company produced six to eight buses and 55 people are now employed there, he added.

Low Mollenkamp, director of the PEDC, reported on both his trips out of town to try and bring dairy farms to the area and the problems they are encountering because of some legal maneuvers concerning environmental issues in other parts of the state and region.

After a closed session to discuss land purchases and personnel matters, the board voted to give all three members of the PEDC an annual raise of slightly over six percent. Mollenkamp's salary now stands at \$62,600.



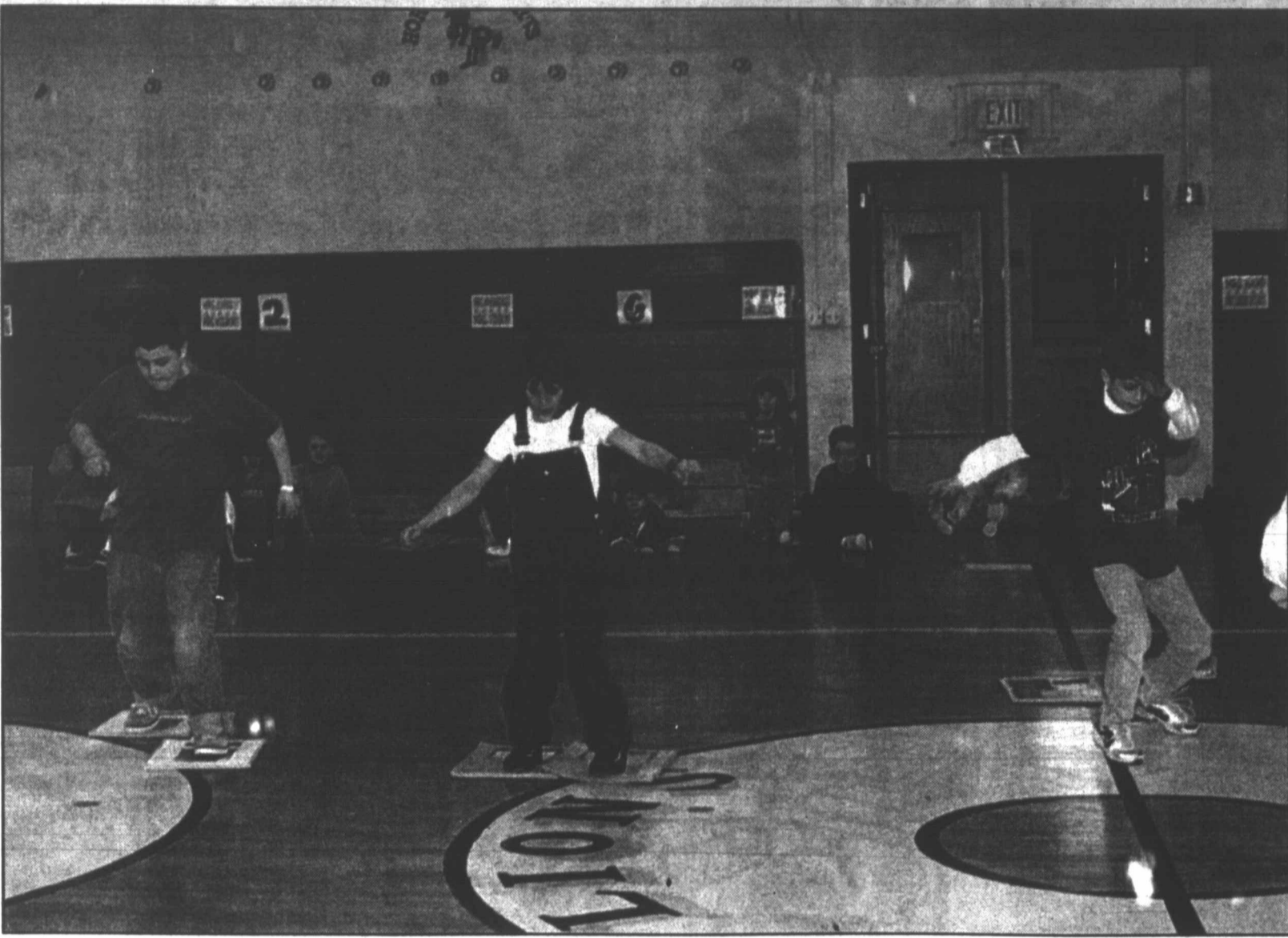
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Oprah Winfrey leaving the courthouse after a long day in court.

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Olympic speed skating?



Olympic speed skating, third grade style. Mason Watkins (left), Sammie Pereira and Craig Crowell try skating on mats in Kelly Porter's third grade P.E. class at Austin Elementary earlier this week. (Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

First lady helps stir up support for Mauro campaign, compares him to President Clinton

DALLAS (AP) — Long odds and little money won't stop Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro from winning the election, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told a Texas crowd.

He's too much like her husband to let those things get in the way, Mrs. Clinton said.

"He knows the odds are against him, but I remember years ago when a young Arkansas man was running for governor and thought he didn't have a chance," the first lady told a group of about 500 Mauro supporters at the Le Meridien Hotel.

"One of the people who did think ... (Clinton) had a chance was Garry Mauro."

Former Democratic Gov. Ann Richards led a birthday serenade for Mauro, who turned 50 Thursday, before introducing Mrs. Clinton to the crowd.

"I'm glad all of you are here to see me," Richards joked, before advising Mauro that there are "easier ways to deal with a midlife crisis" than running for governor.

With rock music blaring in the background, Mrs. Clinton walked on stage and received a standing ovation. She then gave a stamp of approval to Mauro's education and health-care platforms.

Mauro's campaign spokesman, Joe Cutbirth, shrugged aside suggestions that the brewing scandal involving President Clinton and a White House intern might hurt the value of a Clinton endorsement.

"Having the first lady come down here is a tremendous asset to the campaign," Cutbirth said. "To have her come down here and express concern for the same ideas: smaller classroom sizes, better teachers ... it draws a clear distinction between our priorities and those of Governor Bush."

Gov. George W. Bush's campaign seemed unconcerned by the high-profile endorsement, noting Mauro's support for the ill-fated Clinton health care reform plan.

A statement issued by Bush's re-election campaign pointed out that Mauro supported Mrs. Clinton's unpopular 1993 health care plan.

"The first lady's visit brings another reminder that Garry Mauro is a liberal's liberal who is out of step with the mainstream conservative philosophy of most Texans," the statement said.

"Her visit should remind Texans of a previous trip when she and Garry Mauro tried to sell Texans on the Clinton plan to put the federal government in charge of Texans' health-care decisions."

Mauro's vision includes guaranteeing Texans the right to choose their doctors regardless of medical insurance plan; giving teachers a \$5,000 pay raise; and spending \$2 billion on new school buildings.

"In Garry's plan, Texas families are first," Mrs. Clinton said. "It's time to pay our teachers what they deserve, it's time to make sure our classrooms are not overcrowded. ... He will protect every Texan's right to choose a doctor."

Nearly 100 supporters attended the \$1,000-a-plate lunch and 500 people attended a \$50 reception. Mrs. Clinton also was scheduled to attend fund-raising events in Fort Worth and Austin that Mauro hopes will generate about \$500,000 for his campaign.

Recent campaign finance reports showed Bush with \$13 million in his campaign coffers, while Mauro had about \$350,000.

In Austin, a single protester briefly interrupted Richards' introduction of Mauro, shouting opposition to the escalating conflict with Iraq.

Campaign workers quickly escorted Greg Ericson, who has a television program on one of Austin's cable access channels, from the hotel ballroom. He was not arrested and later joined other protesters outside the hotel where Mrs. Clinton, Richards and Mauro had dinner with several hundred supporters.

Spelling champs!



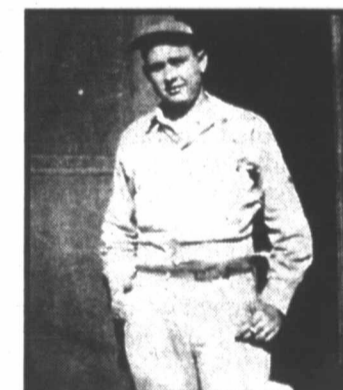
The best spellers at Austin Elementary: Christopher Smith (left) fourth grade runner-up, Aly Mackie, fourth grade Champion, Stacy Pepper fifth grade champion, Seth Foster fifth grade runner-up. (Special photo)

Tobacco deal could fall through

DALLAS (AP) — The state of Texas could lose up to \$985 million this year because of a deal Texas Attorney General Dan Morales made during tobacco talks, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

If Congress approves a national tobacco settlement before legal challenges to Texas' settlement with the industry are resolved, Morales' deal to protect the state could be in jeopardy, the newspaper reported in a copyright story.

Since the settlement proposals now competing for approval in Washington are likely to offer Texas less than it would get under its own \$15.3 billion deal with the industry, Morales said he signed a side agreement with the tobacco companies last month that would make up that difference.



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A "BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN"???

We hear statements from people stating that they are "born again Christians". This seems to suggest that a "born again Christian" is just one of many different kinds of Christians. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (Jn. 3:3-5.) Peter writes that those "obedient children" had been "born again" by the word of God (1 Pet. 1:14,23.) James tells us that God has begotten us with the word of truth (Jas. 1:18.) In all of this we learn that the only way

one can be "born again" is in obeying the word of God.

The first people to be called "Christians" were those disciples at Antioch who composed the church at Antioch (Acts 11:22-26.) Only saved people are added to the church of the Lord (Acts 2:47.) Conclusively, the only Christians in those early days were saved members of the one, true church. The same is still true today. When one hears the word of God, believes the word of God and obeys the word of God, the person is "born again" and is a Christian (Heb. 5:9.)

When one's soul is purified in obeying the truth (1 Pet. 1:22), that person has been "born again." It is not some experience "better felt than told", nor is it something mysterious or miraculous. It is simple obedience by faith to the gospel of Christ.

- Billy T. Jones

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Health officials: No outbreak of strep disease

AUSTIN (AP) — State health officials say there is no epidemic, but a bacterial infection has claimed the lives of 10 people in Texas since Dec. 1, and there have been at least two times the number of confirmed cases of the illness in the last six weeks.

The Texas Department of Health said Thursday it has confirmed 26 cases of invasive group A streptococcal infections since Jan. 1.

Despite the unusual number of cases, officials said the potentially deadly illness remains rare, with about 100 cases a year in Texas.

"There is no call for panic," said Dr. Michael Kelley, head of the health department's communicable disease control bureau.

The same bacteria causes strep

throat. The bacteria is estimated to be present in the throats and nasal passages of roughly 15 percent of the nation's population.

In invasive infections, the bacteria enters the bloodstream and can cause toxic shock syndrome, bleeding in the lungs and organ failure. It also can cause severe flesh injuries.

The bacteria is not airborne, but can be transmitted in person-to-person contact that allows exchange of mucus or droplets

from the nose or throat, the health department said.

Health officials said Texans can take precautions against the bacteria by:

- Practicing good hygiene, including frequent handwashing.
- Taking antibiotic prescriptions as directed and completing the treatment.
- Seeking medical attention if suffering from flu-like symptoms that worsens after three or four days.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:
The Dallas Morning News on insurers checking your credit:

Credit history can tell you whether a person paid his mortgage on time or bounced a check to his auto mechanic.

But can it tell an insurer whether a bad check writer is more likely to be a bad driver than someone who has never bounced a check?

A recent study by the public insurance counsel, the voice of Texas consumers in insurance matters, found that more than 80 percent of the state's insurers review credit before issuing new policies to their best customers. That's up from 25 percent in 1994.

Insurers argue that good credit risks demonstrate a lifestyle or character that will result in fewer claims. Conversely, people with major financial troubles are more costly to insure, they say.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act and state insurance regulations give insurers the right to run credit checks before issuing coverage. And there may very well be links between credit histories and driving records. Nonetheless, the practice is troubling.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners recently urged insurers to use credit information more judiciously. And in Arizona, a state senator wants to ban or limit the way auto insurers use credit histories. Similar measures have failed in the Texas Legislature.

Allstate, which uses credit history to screen applicants, finds about 13.8 percent of its Texas applicants to its preferred rate company are financially unacceptable, but that just 5 percent of those would have been turned down solely for credit problems.

Allowing insurers to use credit records to screen applicants seems an unneeded intrusion into financial records to accomplish what a routine check of a driving record could reveal.

Uninsured motorists already pose a serious problem in Texas. Insurance decisions based on credit checks aren't likely to improve the situation. Consumer groups say low-income and some minority applicants could be hurt unfairly by credit checks.

There are many legitimate reasons for checking an applicant's credit background. For example, a mortgage company needs to know whether a borrower is likely to repay a home loan. But when insurers have so many other ways to check driving records, using credit history seems inappropriate.

Austin American-Statesman on Kenneth Starr:

It is hard to imagine that an administration as scandal-ridden as Bill Clinton's would generate sympathy for the president and calumny for the special prosecutor looking into the allegations. But so it is.

Even as Clinton has mostly himself to blame for his troubles, not some right-wing conspiracy, independent counsel Kenneth Starr can take much of the blame for being widely described as a modern-day Torquemada (the original Grand Inquisitor), though Republicans in Congress who think of Starr as their political attack dog can share blame, too.

He's investigating the Whitewater real estate dealings of the Clintons, the possible obstruction of justice in that case, the firing of White House travel office personnel, the possible misuse of FBI files on Republican officials — and the purported affair of the president with a White House intern.

But the way Starr is going about his probe, with almost daily "unauthorized" leaks of a titillating nature, is offensive.

He needs to be told that if he does not restrain himself, he could endanger the independence of the independent counsel office.

Republicans should remember that their party will inevitably retake the White House. And they should remember that the independent counsel can be used against Republicans as well as Democrats. Six special prosecutor investigations of high Clinton administration officials have been initiated, and there could be more to come. But the record, eight, is currently held by a Republican administration — that of Ronald W. Reagan. The independent counsel should be used appropriately, not zealously.

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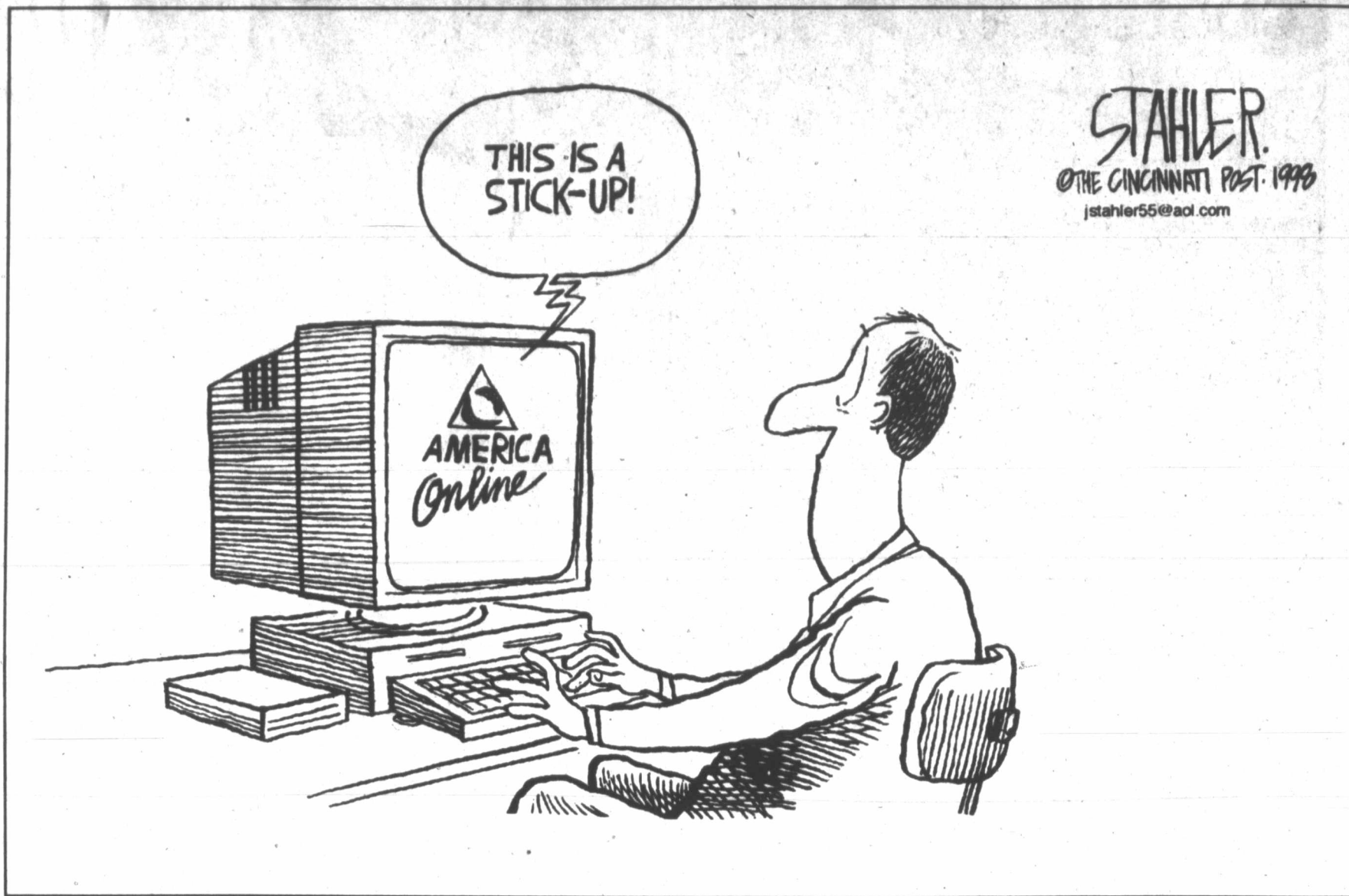
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Good news for Republicans

Just because the Republicans have been largely silent about l'affaire Lewinsky, don't assume they haven't been watching developments carefully. They are well aware that, whether that wily old trout Bill Clinton manages to throw the hook once more, or is gaffed and netted at last, the GOP is almost bound to benefit politically; the only question is how much. At a minimum, the scandal seems likely to increase the odds that the Republicans will keep control of both houses of Congress this November.

But while all eyes have been riveted on Washington and the steamy events being disclosed there, across the country in California the Republicans have been the astonished beneficiaries of a series of recent developments that add up to almost equally good news.

With 52 congressmen and 15 percent more population than Canada, California is indisputably the Big Casino of American politics. The party that shapes the redistricting of its congressional seats after the decennial census of 2000 could easily change control of from eight to 10 of them, and thus quite possibly determine which party will dominate the House of Representatives. Since the Democrats control the legislature, Republican hopes of a fair redistricting depend upon holding onto the governorship. Similarly, the party that holds the governorship has an inherent advantage in the battle for California's huge bloc of electoral votes in the next presidential election.

The Republican candidate for governor this November will be Attorney General Dan



William Rusher

Rusher is a member of the Claremont Institute.

Lungren, an able, popular and broadly conservative man. But until late last month it was assumed that his opponent would be Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a hugely popular moderate Democrat. Even Dan Lungren's best friends harbored serious doubts about his ability to beat her.

Sen. Feinstein took her time about deciding whether to enter the race for governor, but finally decided against it. What she is really after is the vice presidential nomination on Al Gore's ticket in 2000, and she reasonably concluded that her chances of getting it were just about as good from her present perch in the Senate as they would be after a long, bloody and expensive primary fight for the governorship, even if she could beat Dan Lungren.

That leaves two major contenders in the race for the Democratic nomination, and it is fair to say that Lungren ought to have a first-rate chance of beating either of them. One is Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, a Democratic warhorse whose personality is neatly summed up in his first name. The other is Al Checchi, who has never held public office but who has amassed

half a billion dollars in his business career and says he is prepared to spend 50 million of them on becoming governor of California. But Californians may not like seeing such a brazen price tag hung on their governorship.

Without taking anything for granted, therefore, one can see why California Republicans feel that fate has been exceptionally kind to them recently.

And there are other good auguries on the horizon. In June, at the time of the primary elections, Californians will vote on an initiative called "English for the Children," which would effectively close down California's current elaborate system of bilingual education. The present system is a bonanza for the teachers' union and the Hispanic politicians who want to keep their voters in Spanish-language ghettos. But the initiative will pass overwhelmingly, and perhaps most overwhelmingly of all among Hispanic voters, who know that a knowledge of English is their children's passport to full American citizenship.

Also in June, Gov. Wilson will lead the fight to pass a "paycheck protection" initiative prohibiting employers and unions from withholding any portion of a worker's salary or dues for political purposes without first obtaining the worker's annual written consent. This, if it passes (as seems likely), will be the largest single nail ever driven into the coffin of overweening union political power in California.

So don't spend all your time watching the Washington rat-race. As Winston Churchill said, "Westward, look! — The land is bright."

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 1998. There are 314 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, flying aboard the

Friendship 7 Mercury capsule.

On this date:

In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.

In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled

the power of the federal government is greater than that of any individual state.

In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

In 1895, abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington, D.C.

In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary in a dispute with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

A house divided over issue of Iraq

"We have a divided house, I think," said one of the White House emissaries seeking to rally Americans behind President Clinton's threatened air attack on Iraq.

And probably a divided Senate too, although Sandy Berger, the White House national security adviser, wasn't talking about Congress.

Berger was describing the mixed and protest-punctuated response he, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen got Wednesday as they explained the case for attacking Iraq at Ohio State University. They said the United States preferred a diplomatic settlement, but insisted that otherwise, there must be attacks.

Albright called the risk of nuclear, chemical or biological attack by a nation such as Iraq "the greatest security threat we face."

The CNN-televised session at the university fieldhouse was part of an orchestrated effort by the Clinton administration to prepare the nation for the air raids Clinton plans unless Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agrees to unrestricted U.N. inspections of suspected chemical and biological weapons sites.

This one was dissonant.

And not only because of the noisy handful of protesters who jeered from seats high above the red-carpeted TV platform on the arena floor. Questions put politely were often sharp, sometimes hostile, on the morality of striking Iraq, the fraying of the anti-Baghdad alliance since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the magnitude of potential civilian casualties, and the consistency of U.S. foreign policy given abusive regimes elsewhere in the region and the world.

"I really am surprised that people feel it is necessary to defend the rights of Saddam Hussein, when what we ought to be thinking about is how to make sure that he does not use

Walter Mears AP Special Correspondent

weapons of mass destruction" Albright said.

She said there were other countries with chemical and biological weapons, but they haven't used them "and Saddam Hussein is a repeat offender" who, at the end of the Gulf War, agreed to the U.N. inspections he now is restricting.

Even the hawks, like the white-haired veteran in his campaign cap, and the telephone questioner who wanted to know how many times this has to happen, had misgivings — they wanted to know whether the administration would go all the way this time, and get rid of Saddam for good.

"We do not support that option," Berger replied, saying it would take a major ground war and risk heavy casualties.

Cohen said the Pentagon did not anticipate significant U.S. losses or injuries in air strikes against weapons sites. He said they've been spotted, carefully selected and can be hit.

And if rebuilt, he said, hit again.

The questions about options, civilian casualties, the effectiveness of air strikes and how far to go against Saddam echoed the debate Congress will resume when it reconvenes Monday. While Republican leaders back the president, they delayed Senate action on a resolution saying so, uncertain about the vote.

The administration effort to rally Main Street support is meant for that audience too.

But it is based on repetition of the same message Clinton, Albright and Cohen have been

sounding since Iraq balked at full inspections last October.

An intelligence paper was issued by the White House on Tuesday, reporting evidence that Iraq has hidden the forbidden weapons from inspectors and seeks to develop larger missiles that could deliver them beyond the Middle East.

Clinton drew no louder ovation from Congress than when he declared in his State of the Union message that the United States would deny Saddam Hussein the capacity to use weapons of mass destruction. Now he says air strikes would "leave him significantly worse off" in the ability to threaten or attack.

With that revised measurement of success, without a rallying point like the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait that led to the Persian Gulf War, without the fearsome menace at home that was posed by Soviet missiles in Cuba in 1962, the task of persuading Americans to back attacks is far more difficult.

"First you commit the country and then you commit the troops," a skeptical Democrat, then-Speaker Thomas Foley, said before the Gulf War. "I think the country is still confused and concerned."

So it seems now, seven years later.

While campus protests are predictable, the performance in Columbus was made for television, and the replays won't help Clinton's effort to gain and cement support for his policy.

"It didn't turn out the way we hoped it would," a senior White House official acknowledged privately.

But, Berger said, "Part of what we fight for as a country is the freedom to argue."

At the same time, part of what the administration is campaigning for is to get past the arguments.

DAR to honor contest winners

Local winners have been announced in this year's Daughters of the American Revolution American history essay contest. The winner in the fifth and sixth grade division is Meghan Lewis, a Woodrow Wilson Elementary student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lewis of Pampa. Winner in the seventh and eighth grade division is Taylor Stellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stellman of Stillwater, Okla., formerly of Pampa. Taylor attended Pampa Middle School.

Winners will be honored at the annual DAR tea and reception at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22, in the Nona Payne Room of the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Lewis will read her essay on "Fort Elliott" and Mary Gandy, PMS teacher, will read Stellman's "Fort Laramie." Friends and relatives of the winners are invited to attend the tea.

The winning essays have been sent to the state contest. The local DAR chapter sponsors the essay contest each year as part of the observance of February as American History Month. Betty White is regent of the Las Pampas Chapter of DAR.

DPS cautions consumers beware of telemarketers

AUSTIN — Although some law enforcement associations may claim to be raising money on behalf of the Texas Department of Public Safety, they are not affiliated with the agency. The DPS does not benefit from funds the groups and their professional telemarketers raise.

"Over the years, we have gotten numerous questions and complaints from Texas citizens regarding telephone solicitations by law enforcement associations," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, director of DPS. "The DPS does not solicit financial contributions from private citizens. We receive our funding from the Texas Legislature."

Some organizations solicit funds using names similar to those of the DPS, including Texas Rangers, State Troopers, Texas Highway Patrol or Department of Public Safety. While some DPS officers may be members of these organizations

on their own time, these associations are not affiliated with the DPS, Thomas said. They raise money to fund their own programs, some of which may benefit officers and families.

The 75th Texas Legislature enacted a law that requires these organizations to clarify that they are not part of the DPS and prohibits them from implying that the money they raise will go to the DPS. In addition, solicitors cannot use names, symbols or statements that are similar to those used by the Texas Department of Public Safety or the Texas Rangers to confuse or mislead someone who is being asked to give money.

DPS has created an informational brochure about law enforcement solicitation for Texas citizens and has established a recorded information line on this topic at (512) 424-5588.

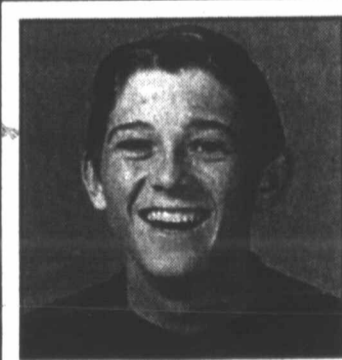
Taos: From pueblo to art colony

CANYON — Two exhibits concerning the history of Taos, N.M., will open at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Feb. 27. "Taos: From Pueblo to Art Colony" will trace the history of the Taos region from prehistoric times until the 20th century using photographs and a variety of artifacts. The items on exhibit will include a carreta or cart constructed at the Taos pueblo and presented to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society in 1930. Pottery, drums and other items made by the Taos Indians also will be displayed.

The other exhibit, "Taos: The Panhandle Connection," will spotlight Spanish expeditions, trade between the Taos Indians and the Plains Indians who ranged in the Texas Panhandle, and two Panhandle artists who studied under members of the Taos art colony. Several works by the artists, Harold D. Bugbee and Lloyd L. Albright, will be on display.

Both exhibits will occupy the space between Indian and Ranching halls on the first floor of the museum.

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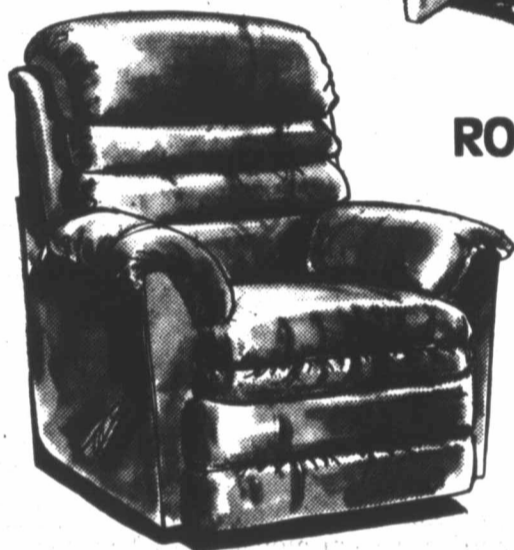
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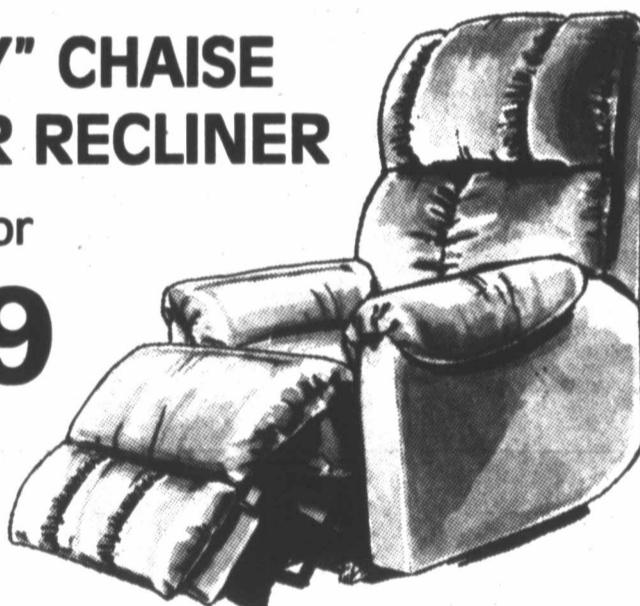


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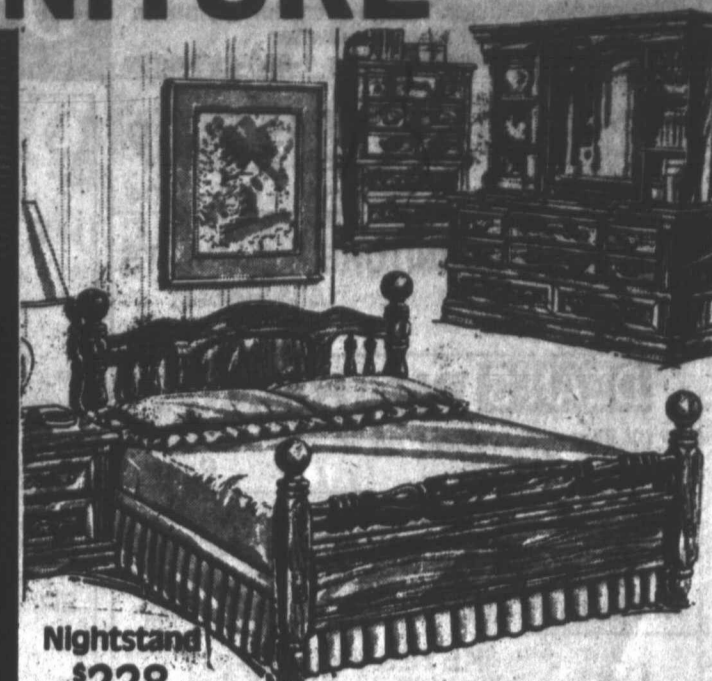
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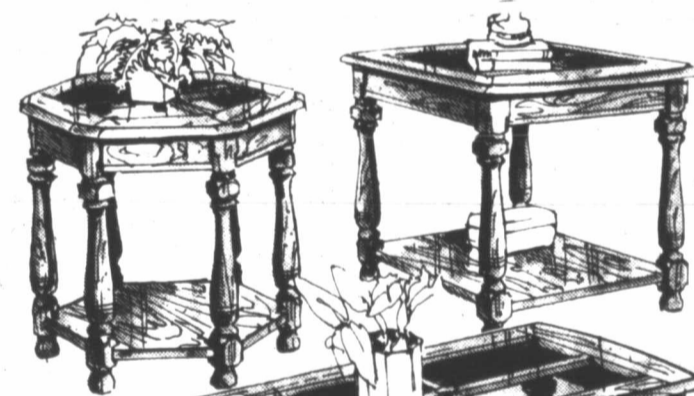
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HiLand Church sets conference

HiLand Church, 18th and Banks Street, in Pampa is pleased to sponsor a "Deliverance Conference" Friday through Sunday, February 20th through 22nd. Service times are 10 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and 7 p.m. each evening except Sunday evening at 6 p.m. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Ministers for the conference will be Marvin and Kathy Sistrunk of Plainview, Texas and Nathan Hopson pastor of HiLand Church.

Marvin and Kathy Sistrunk were both raised in West Texas and are both children of Christian parents. They received their schooling in Plainview. After their marriage, they lived in El Paso for 23 years before returning to Plainview.

In 1986, the Lord led Marvin and Kathy into full time work in the office for The Children's Bread Ministry of Frank and Ida Maie Hammond. Marvin was the office manager, as well as printer and counselor. Kathy did counseling by letter and phone. In 1984 the Lord led Marvin and Kathy into their own ministry known as Lighthouse Ministry. They teach and do much one on one counseling in their home. They are anointed for counseling and helping marriages to be restored. The Lord has used both to set many people free through their home ministry, as well as in churches.

They rely upon the Holy Spirit, the gift of discernment as well as the word of knowledge during their ministry.



Marvin and Kathy Sistrunk

Nathan Hopson has pastored HiLand Church for over ten years and has worked with the Sistrunks and Children's Bread

Ministries in the past. There is no admission or registrations required. A love offering will be taken for the Sistrunks.

Religion briefs...

Sculpting workshop at HiLand

The Creative Artisans Network Sculpting Workshop is scheduled for Feb. 23, Monday, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at HiLand Christian Church in the gym. Various sculptures of wax, clay and alabaster will be on display. Refreshments are offered. A special exhibit of the sculpting process from beginning to end will be hosted by Grant Johnson, local artist. This show is offered free to the public! Come join us!

Calvary Assembly programs

Calvary Assembly of God invites the public to join the anointing with Uncion. There will be music, human videos, testimonies, and much more. This will be 1,3, and 5 Friday nights starting Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. Calvary Assembly of God is on the corner of Crawford and Love. For more information call 669-7207 or 669-0455.

Latter-Day Saints Open House

The Pampa Ward of the Church of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will host an open house to the community on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 5-7 p.m. A special 30-minute satellite program, featuring Elder Henry B. Eyring of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, will be presented. The church, at 411 E. 29th, will also open doors to the new Family History Center and member librarians will be available to answer questions about genealogy and family history research. All are invited. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 669-7754.



Rev. and Mrs. William H. Jackson

Dallas evangelist Rev. William H. Jackson, will be the guest speaker Sunday, Feb. 22, at the 11 a.m. worship service at New Hope Baptist Church. The public is invited. He attended school at El Centro Mountain View, Eastfield College and Northwestern Bible College. He and his wife, Linda, have two sons, Marcus Jackson and William Jackson III.

Emmaus community will meet Saturday

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet in the Waka Christian Center on Saturday, February 21 at 7 p.m. An agape meal will be served followed with a service of praise, worship, and communion.

All churches including the tri-state area of Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas are invited to participate. The public, family and friends are invited and a nursery will be provided. Plans are being made for Men's Walk No. 1 and Women's Walk No. 2 which will be held in the First United Methodist Church in Perryton during the summer. The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.

The Board of Directors of the Waka Christian Center, which is a non-profit organization, is renovating the former Waka school

into a retreat center for Christian organizations, churches, scouts, and families in the area. The center is located three blocks south of Hwy. 15 in Waka, ten miles east of Spearman. Many people are donating their time, supplies, and funds toward developing the center. You are invited to attend the Emmaus services and to see the progress being made on the center.

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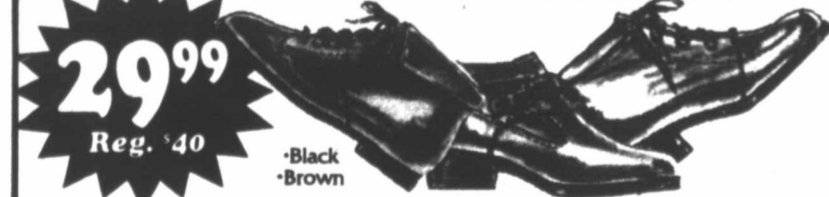
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Lax Food Safety Spoils Uncle's Culinary Skills

DEAR ABBY: My uncle, who is in his 80s, loves to cook and is very good at it. He took up cooking after my aunt died. He won't pay any attention to what I tell him, but he reads your column daily, so perhaps he will listen to you.

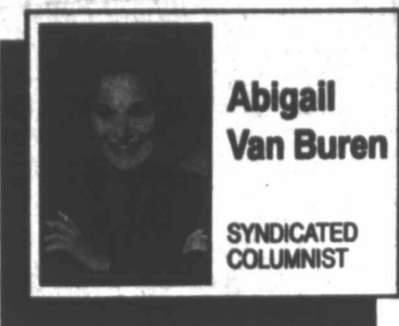
My uncle thaws his frozen meat and poultry in his gas oven, with only the pilot light. I have told him repeatedly that this is the way bacteria grows on meat, but he insists that cooking it will sterilize it.

He also leaves food on the buffet or the kitchen counter after he entertains, so that his guests can help themselves to "leftovers." It's sometimes left out all night.

Abby, he frequently gets an upset stomach, and I have a hunch that it's a mild case of food poisoning. Please, can you help me wise him up? He has tuned me out completely.

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DEAR LOVING NIECE: Your uncle is lucky to have such a caring niece. I hope he will listen to me. I checked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and according to Beesie Berry, the acting director of the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline, it's best to thaw food in the refrigerator where it will be maintained at a safe, constant temperature. That's because bacteria multiply rapidly between temperatures of 40 degrees and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, and any



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

bacteria that may have been present before the meat was frozen can begin to grow again.

Food should never be left at room temperature for more than two hours — and in weather above 90 degrees, the time should be reduced to one hour maximum. Leftover food should be placed in shallow containers and placed directly into the refrigerator or freezer. Theoretically, food is "sterilized" by the heat that cooks it. However, that is not true if the meat or poultry is not cooked thoroughly.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, have read the letter from "Longtime Reader, New York State," who was offended by her husband wearing the wedding ring from his former marriage. My story is a bit different.

My first husband and I were married 56 wonderful years. Two years after he died, a man who belonged to the same senior club as I asked me for a date. Five weeks

later we were married. I had always thought that a person could only love once. I was wrong. We spent five happy years together, until his death at age 90.

A month later, a friend of mine died at the nursing home where she had been a patient for two years following a serious stroke. Two weeks later, her widowed husband called to visit. Three weeks later we were married. He asked me if I would wear his wife's rings, or if I wanted new ones. I knew that most of his resources had been swallowed up during his wife's illness, so I told him that if her rings fit, I'd be proud to wear them. They did fit. I had known this couple for about six years and I knew he was a good man. It was breathtakingly fast, and now we are both very happy.

On our dining room wall hang four photographs. One is of John and his wife, another of me and my first husband, another of me and my second husband — and in the center, a picture of John and me. Neither of us is jealous of our partner's past life. We're too busy being in love with each other.

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DEAR MARY: Life is for the living, and I commend you and John for living it to the fullest, and for affirming that love is not necessarily limited to once in a lifetime. My warmest congratulations to you both.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998

Last year, some of the things you have done left a good impression on your peers. As a result, more social and commercial partnerships are indicated in the year ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) General conditions look rather good for you at this stage of the cycle. Be alert for an arrangement that could turn into a joint endeavor. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A short, unplanned jaunt to someplace fun and different today will help quell your restless spirit. Get on the road early and take a happy friend along.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something worthwhile that will awaken your expectations could happen for you today. Others will be involved, but you'll be the principle initiator.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your status in the eyes of your contemporaries is starting to curve upward. Nice things of which you were unaware will be said about you. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You are operating on a very imaginative level. It is important that you follow through on your newly inspired ideas today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, you'll be lucky for others and they, in turn, could be lucky for you. New joint endeavors could put you ahead of the pack.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may continue to be more fortunate in achieving your aims when involved in partnership

arrangements. Each party will reinforce the other's position.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not be reluctant to talk about career developments with big shots who you may be entertaining today. They will be responsive to what you have to say.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A repeat performance of something that turned out well for you in the past is probable today. Follow the same script to achieve the same results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Beginning today, your material aspects should start to look more encouraging. You will recognize this, and so will your associates.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are apt to be luckier today dealing with larger issues than you will be with smaller ones, so schedule your day accordingly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A special friend wants to do something memorable for you today, so don't impede his or her efforts. Everyone knows you're not looking for a free ride.

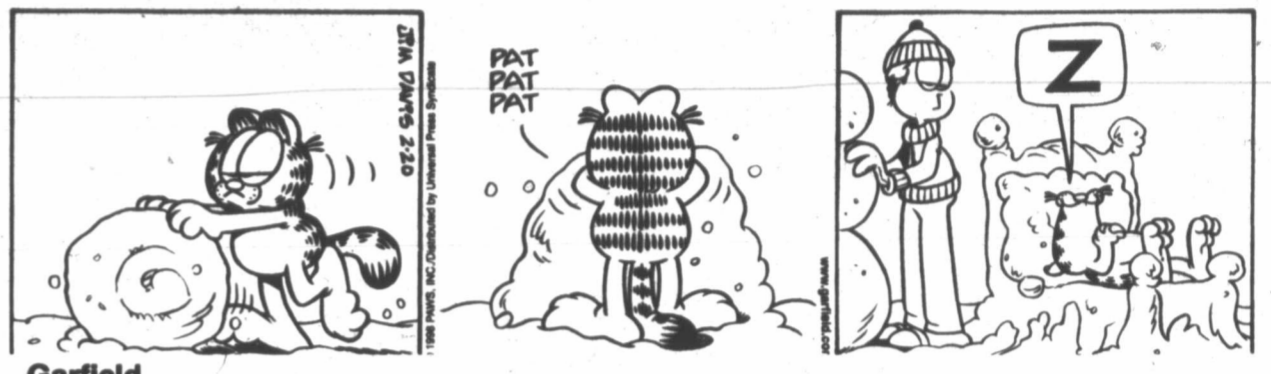
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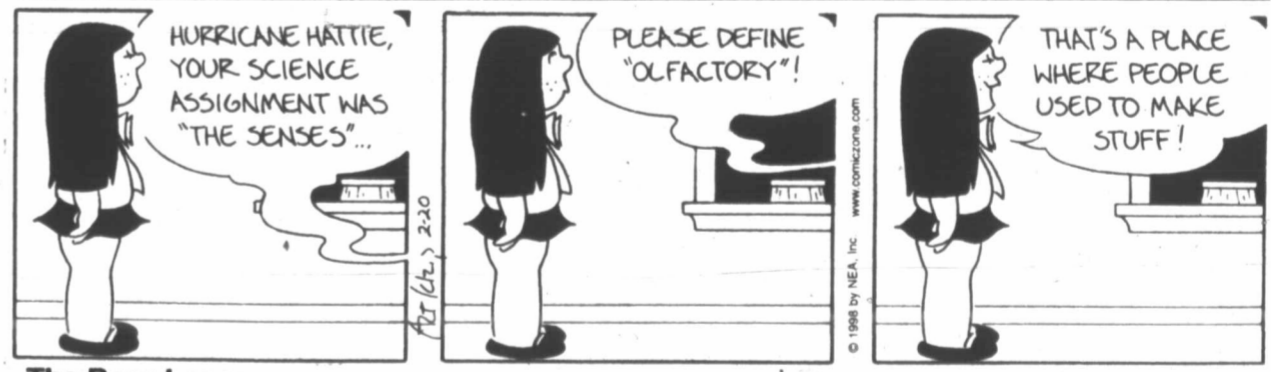
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Meredith House



(Special photo)

The staff of Meredith House recently expressed its appreciation of the various groups and individuals who volunteer at the facility. Among the volunteers are eighth graders of Team Leadership, pictured, led by Debbie Sewell. Also present is resident Lillie Maye Levi, center.

Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America honors volunteers

AMARILLO — St. Thomas the Apostle Church was the location of the recent Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America's annual recognition of volunteers and Eagle Scouts dinner. Over 300 gathered to honor the 83 members of the Eagle Scout Class of 1997. The Eagles represented youth from 26 counties served by Golden Spread Council in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles headquartered in Amarillo.

Mark D. White, council vice president, administration, served as master of ceremonies. Darnell Grosz, assistant scoutmaster for Troop 86, recognized the 42 1997 Eagle Scouts present, aided by Richard Herbsleb, council advancement chairman, as Leonard Nussbaum presented each with momentos of the occasion. The Eagle rank is the highest level a boy scout can attain.

National Council Representative Paul Harpole recognized the council as a National Quality Council for the fifth consecutive year. The recognition is awarded by National BSA Council in Irving and is bestowed on the basis of outstanding achievements in membership, quality program and fiscal stability.

Ron Boyd, council president, presented a James E. West Fellowship to Mrs. Gary Billingsley of Hereford in memory of her late husband, Gary Billingsley, who served as Longhorn District chairman and who worked with Troop 50 of

Hereford. Exploring vice president, Ted Kubicki, presented Post 31 with the Outstanding Post Award.

Scout Executive Bob McGinnis presented Everett Lutyens with the Veteran Pin for 60 years as a registered scout.

The keynote address was given by E.P. "Penney" Jones, associate regional director from Georgia. Shirley Wallick, committee chairman, conducted the Silver Beaver Court of Honor. The Silver Beaver is awarded to adults who have served not only scouting but their church and community as well. The award is the highest recognition the local council can bestow. Receiving the Silver Beaver were: Martha Lostroh of Dumas, Eva Mussman of Guymon, Okla., and Mark D. White, Janice Johnson and Glen Atkinson, all of Amarillo.

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Two charged in germ warfare plot, raising fears of domestic terrorism

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The call to the FBI came from an informant, a cancer researcher who said he had been contacted by two men who needed to test their store of anthrax — perhaps enough to "wipe out the city."

In the tense hours that followed, the FBI tailed the men by ground and air, briefly losing them in the desert darkness. The men were arrested Wednesday night in Henderson, a Las Vegas suburb, as they allegedly tried to arrange the lab test with the informant for \$20 million.

As the city breathed a sigh of relief, the men were charged Thursday with possessing a deadly germ for use as a weapon. The two-count complaint alleges conspiracy to possess and possession of a biological agent.

The FBI did not discuss a potential motive. The FBI in an affidavit said one suspect was a white supremacist who last summer spoke of a plan to release bubonic plague on New York City subways, causing "hundreds of thousands of deaths" in a massacre that would ruin the economy, surprise the military and be blamed on Iraqis.

That man, Larry Wayne Harris, 46, of Lancaster, Ohio, and William Leavitt, 47, of Las Vegas and Logandale, Nev., appeared before a federal magistrate handcuffed and shackled at the ankles.

Their detention hearing was delayed until Monday while the government runs tests to determine whether the anthrax was military grade or simply an anthrax livestock vaccine.

Leavitt, who has no criminal record, owns a microbiology lab in Logandale, north of Las Vegas, and another in Frankfurt, Germany, the FBI said. His attorney, Lamond Mills, said his client is innocent — and said he believed the FBI would find that the material in the car was

merely an anthrax vaccine used to inoculate cattle and is not illegal to possess.

Harris' attorney, Michael Kennedy, said the credibility of the FBI informant "is something we're going to look into."

The informant said Leavitt told him he had "military grade anthrax" in flight bags in the trunk of the Mercedes, according to the affidavit. The informant said he saw eight to 10 bags marked "biological" in the trunk.

The FBI said the pair were trying to arrange to buy the informant's testing equipment for \$2 million up front and another \$18 million later.

Bobby Siller, the FBI agent in charge of Nevada, said authorities acted aggressively on the tip from the informant because of the potential danger from anthrax, an infectious disease that usually afflicts only animals, especially cattle and sheep. But anthrax spores can be produced in a dry form suitable for weapons and can be fatal to humans in microscopic amounts.

"Our primary concern was the safety of the community," said Siller, who added that there was no indication the men had any target.

Still, people flooded the lines of Las Vegas radio talk shows with questions and concerns about safety. In New York, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani at first denied any link between the two men and the city as a target, then complained the FBI had not informed city officials of Harris' alleged plot.

The arrests, which raised the specter of domestic terrorism and memories of the Oklahoma City bombing and the Unabomber, also come amid escalating tension with Iraq, where leader Saddam Hussein is suspected of manufacturing biological weapons such as anthrax.

After the arrests at a business complex in

Henderson, the Mercedes the men were driving was sealed in plastic and taken to Nellis Air Force Base.

The FBI affidavit said the informant called Wednesday to say he was a research scientist and had been contacted by Harris and Leavitt, who asked him to use some of his equipment to test vials of the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*, which causes anthrax.

Over the next 12 hours, the informant kept in touch with the FBI and at least one phone call was tapped. The document outlined a meeting of Harris and Leavitt with another man at the Gold Coast Hotel.

That man, who was neither identified nor charged, was later tracked down by the FBI and related their conversation.

"Harris had shown him what appeared to be a vial, which was wrapped in cardboard and stated that it contained anthrax," the affidavit said. "Harris held the vial in his hand and further stated that there was enough there to 'wipe out the city.'"

The FBI confirmed the informant's claims to be a research scientist, specializing in cancer research. The source had two felony convictions for conspiracy to commit extortion in 1981 and 1982, but the FBI said there was no deal cut for his cooperation.

As for the informant, he first met Harris at a Denver science convention last August, the FBI said, and had met Leavitt about six weeks ago. The three allegedly were working on a project to test a device to supposedly "deactivate" viruses and bacteria.

The men also had contacted the informant "some time ago" about testing *E. coli* and *Bacillus subtilis* bacteria, and on Tuesday told the source they had other organisms to test, including *Bacillus licheniformis* and *Bacillus anthracis*, the FBI said.

More rapid administration of anthrax vaccine weighed for Gulf troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — With U.N. diplomats trying to avert American military action against Iraq, Pentagon officials are weighing whether to speed up plans to vaccinate U.S. troops against the deadly germ warfare agent anthrax.

The anthrax vaccine was given to more than one-quarter of U.S. forces who served in the Persian Gulf War. In December, the Defense Department announced plans to start inoculating 100,000 military personnel deployed to high-threat areas. Eventually all 2.4 million U.S. military personnel are to be vaccinated.

The inoculation program was to begin as early as this summer, but Kenneth Bacon, a Pentagon spokesman, told reporters Thursday that the inoculation program may be accelerated.

An Army official speaking on condition of anonymity elaborated: "Our troops have protective

clothing and gas masks to block chemical and biological weapons. The Defense Department is considering accelerating the anthrax inoculation program announced late last year to provide a prudent extra layer of protection for our troops in the Persian Gulf theater."

President Clinton said Thursday he had made no decision on setting a deadline for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to allow unrestricted inspections by U.N. teams looking for evidence of chemical and biological weapons.

But on the eve of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's high-stakes diplomatic trip to Baghdad, Clinton ordered his national security team to postpone overseas travel while he considered a possible military strike.

"We hope the secretary-general's mission will succeed," Clinton told reporters at the White House. "But let me be clear: If diplomacy

fails, we must be and we are prepared to act."

Clinton said most Americans support his policy, an assertion backed up by a new poll today that found that 63 percent of Americans surveyed said they would support dropping bombs on Iraq if it continues interfering with U.N. weapons inspection

teams. And 56 percent would go even further, saying the United States should try to force Saddam from power.

The Washington Post-ABC News poll of 1,026 adults was conducted by telephone Tuesday and Wednesday, and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent points.

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