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India's troops massing at border

Waits for Pakistan to make next move

By NEELESH MISRA
Associated Press Writer

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India said Saturday it will do its best to avert war with Pakistan but will not pull back tens of thousands of troops massing at the border unless Pakistan stops backing Islamic militants.

Pakistan's president, meanwhile, offered to meet Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at a summit in Nepal next week to try to defuse the crisis — something India has refused. Pakistani Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar warned that the stalemate could "trigger a chain of action and reaction that neither side desires. The propensity for such an outcome is very, very high."

With leaders of both nuclear-armed nations insisting they do not want war, Indian and Pakistani soldiers — only 100 yards apart in some places — fired at each other across the "Line of Control"

dividing the disputed Kashmir region overnight, police and army officials said Saturday.

Eighteen Indian soldiers were killed and 12 wounded Friday when mines they were laying to deter Pakistani tanks exploded in the desert state of Rajasthan, army officials in the state said Saturday.

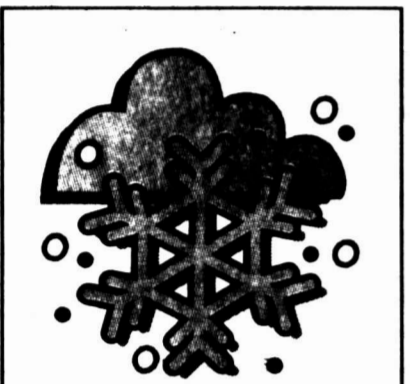
Fearing Pakistani airstrikes if a full-fledged conflict breaks out, local officials said they were preparing to camouflage the Taj Mahal, India's most-beloved monument. Local tailors were stitching more than 400 yards of khaki, black and green cloth, to be strung across the 17th century

mausoleum in the northern city of Agra, officials said.

Vajpayee insisted Saturday that "no means shall be spared" in putting a stop to what he called "Pakistan-sponsored terrorism."

"I have said before and I would like to say it again: we do not want war, but a war in the form of cross-border terrorism has already been thrust of India," Vajpayee told senior officials of his Bharatiya Janata Party, according to Press Trust of India. "We shall do our utmost to avoid war with Pakistan."

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Christmas tree recycling begins

Clean Pampa, Inc. is sponsoring the "Chipping of the Greens" again this year for the Christmas tree recycling. The date — 9 a.m., Jan. 19 at Warner-Horton Supply parking lot.

The safe and efficient method of Christmas tree disposal is designed to save valuable landfill space, eliminate fire hazards by prompt removal, enable the solid waste department of the city to concentrate on increased residential refuse and reduce solid waste operational costs.

The city side-loader trucks are only able to pick up dumpsters and not designed to pick up the left-over Christmas trees, so please do not put the trees in alleys or alley dumpsters.

After Dec. 26, people are invited to bring their Christmas trees, completely stripped of ornaments, to the parking lot at Warner-Horton Supply, 900 N. Duncan. Place trees away from driveway entrances where the designated barricades are located.

The trees will be chipped into mulch and will be available, free of charge, across the street from Hobart Street Park.

"Chipping of the Greens" is free, but Clean Pampa, Inc., accepts donations. For more information, call Clean Pampa, Inc., at 665-2514.

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Love of photography can lead to friendly ribbing

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Cotton Hargrove is taking some good-natured kidding about the Christmas cards he sent out this year.

The scene is a deer alongside a road with fall foliage in the background. Hargrove, an accomplished photographer, took the picture in October west of Trinidad, Colo.

It didn't take long before his fellow deputies at the Gray County Sheriff's office pointed to black marks on the pavement in the foreground and some torn up turf on the shoulder of the road, making grinning accusations of attacks on the deer out of season.

Sgt. Hargrove with the sheriff's office has been taking pictures since he was in high school.

"I just always liked it," he said.

Born in Henrietta, his family moved to Follett when he was 12.

His first pictures were taken with a Kodak box camera there.

"I made a bunch of pictures in high school," he said.

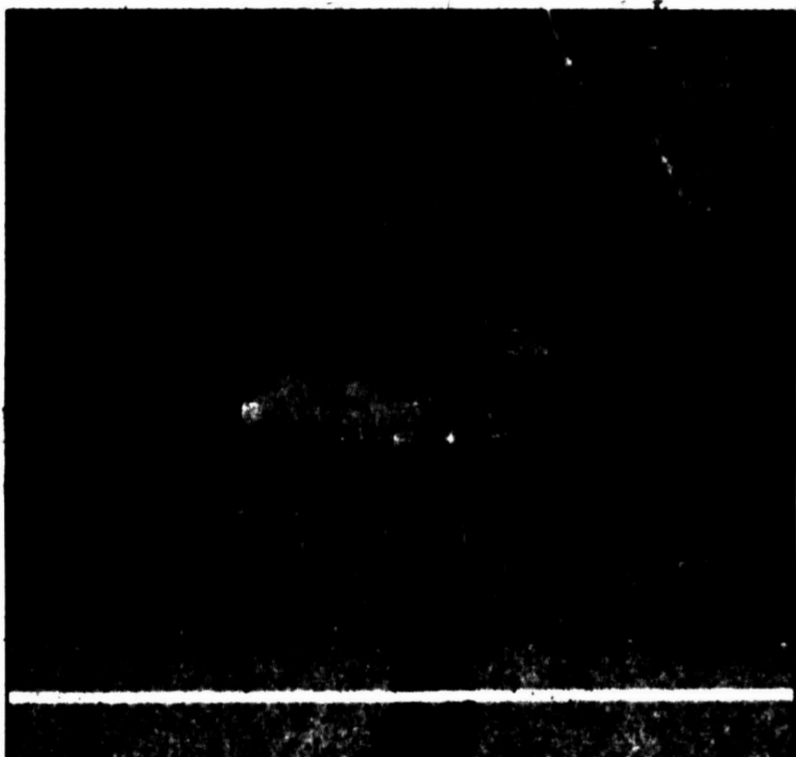
Hargrove graduated from Follett High School in 1957.

He later switched to a 35mm camera and an assortment of lenses, starting his own business of shooting pictures at area rodeos.

He called it Rodeographics. "I used to ride bulls," Hargrove said. "I quit when things got a little rough. I was eating too much dirt."

That was when he switched from being trampled by angry bulls to taking pictures of others being trampled by angry bulls.

He also shot pictures of bronc riders, ropers and specialty acts.



(Courtesy photo by Cotton Hargrove)
A Pampa photographer used this photo of a deer beside the road as his family's 2001 Christmas card.

One of his pictures is of a very young rodeo announcer taken years ago. That photo today hangs on the wall of that former rodeo announcer, John Mann, a Pampa attorney.

"John was a good announcer back there," Hargrove said.

Today, Hargrove said most of his pictures are of family and landscapes.

"I just take pictures of grandkids anymore," Hargrove laughed.

He recently shot pictures of his granddaughter's wedding.

"I was a little nervous about that," Hargrove said.

When he's on vacation, Hargrove stops to take scenic photographs of landscapes.

A framed picture of a waterfall he photographed hangs in his wife's office at the Bank of the Southwest, and he has numerous photos of Mesa Verde, Indian ruins in the Four Corners area of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona.

"I love to take pictures of old houses and weather-

(See PHOTO, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Sgt. Cotton Hargrove of the Gray county Sheriff's Office uses photography as his creative outlet.

2002 brings new look to newspaper

Dec. 31, the last day of the year, also heralds a new day for *The Pampa News*.

Our readers will see a different look for the newspaper beginning Monday with the unveiling of a new design.

For the first few days the change may be a bit disconcerting. Please bear with us. *The Pampa News* — in its new design — will be printed on the old wide sheet newsprint for several days as the print shop adjusts our equipment to the change in newsprint size.

We believe the updated style will be user-friendly — easier to read and handle for our readers.

As the new year progresses, we plan to implement more improvements for our readers' enjoyment.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
Lovett Memorial Librarian Anne Stobbe told the Kiwanis members at Friday's meeting that the library welcomes a volunteer reading program for young children.

Kiwanis Club looks at pilot reading program

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Learning to read can be the most effective tool against illiteracy, and a Pampa Kiwanis Club is doing something about it.

Local Kiwanians are planning on carrying out the Texas-Oklahoma District's current goal of "Putting Children First" by participating in the reading program.

Reading to children at the library one night a week is the goal of the organization.

Anne Stobbe, librarian at the Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa, told the group that children who are read to learn much faster than children who are in households in which adults do not read to them.

She said educators encourage parents to read to their babies and children to help them develop their quest for knowledge.

"The more they are read to, the more they learn," she said.

"The library has an ongoing program working with preschool and elementary children to encourage them to

read in various ways," she said. "We have a story hour, but it is done on weekdays."

Stobbe said the reading program in which the Kiwanians would read to children at the library would be a test program. She believes the project would encourage the children to learn to read.

The library staff would like to see the reading program encourage children who are four, five, six and seven years old to attend the program, she added.

Stobbe said that the library has been providing reading times for children three years and older as well as those between 18 months and three years old.

A theme for the program would be encouraged, she said.

The Kiwanis Club volunteers will be reading to the children as well as family members as part of the project.

Stobbe told the Kiwanians the money the club had given to the library recently resulted in the purchase 35 books for local children to enjoy.

The librarian said the demand for computer use at the library has escalated.

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Snow squalls cause deadly pileups in Pennsylvania

LOGANTON, Pa. (AP) — At first, Pattianne Gibson couldn't see anything when a sudden snowstorm shrouded her minivan. Then she saw cars slamming together, and people leaping to help each other in the fiery pileup. Survivors told of rescues amid tragedy after snow squalls and slick roads caused chain-reaction accidents on three Pennsylvania interstates, killing at least eight people and injuring dozens.

After starting the season with little or no snow, fierce winter storms have spread from Lake Superior to eastern Pennsylvania this week, causing white-

outs in Pennsylvania and burying much of northern Michigan and Buffalo, N.Y., under more than 6 feet of snow.

National Guard troops were at work Saturday helping Buffalo dig out after a record-breaking, five-day storm, and crews from nearby Rochester, N.Y., and Toronto also helped out. The 83.5 inches of snow this month — 82.3 inches since Monday — made it by far the snowiest month in Buffalo history. The old record was 68.4 inches in 1985.

Most major roadways remained closed Saturday, but Buffalo Niagara International Airport had reopened.

U.S. Rep. Jack Quinn and Sen. Charles

Schumer asked President Bush to provide federal help for Buffalo. Schumer estimated snow removal costs at \$5 million.

"The president has nicknames for everyone and he calls me the big man from Buffalo," Quinn said. "I'm 6-foot-5 and I'm going to tell him the snow is over the big man's head."

Heavy snow, wind and cold turned highways to ice and blinded drivers in central Pennsylvania, causing several crashes Friday, including a fiery 51-vehicle pileup on Interstate 80 near Loganton. Six people were killed.

The interstate, one of the busiest east-

west corridors in the country, was shut down in both directions. A highway used as a detour was blocked by a series of minor accidents for part of Saturday morning, and police said several people suffered minor injuries.

Friday's blinding weather came without warning.

"I was driving on the freeway and all of a sudden, it was like somebody flipped a switch and it became a white-out," said Gibson, of Lakewood, Ohio, who escaped injury with her children, Kylie, 15, and Trent, 8. "You really couldn't see five feet in front of you. You couldn't see taillights."

Her minivan slid into a tractor-trailer that jackknifed in front of her. She saw a tanker truck pile in, and car after car slammed in. "The cars kept coming — Kaboom! Kaboom! Kaboom! Kaboom!" she said.

A woman got out of a car that wedged under the tanker and screamed that her children were still inside.

"I got in there, but I couldn't get that baby," said James Blake, of Tiffin, Ohio. "So I got my pocketknife and I went in again and I cut the straps on the car seat and we still couldn't get him out, and then I had to just take him by the head and wiggle him until he came out."

Warrant issued for man: His wife, three children found dead on Oregon coast

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The mystery began less than a week before Christmas, when residents of a trailer park spotted a child's body, small and pale, floating about two feet from shore in a coastal inlet near Waldport.

No one claimed the child, a 5-year-old with blond hair and hazel eyes, so the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department released a retouched photograph and a plea for the public's help.

Within a week, divers would find three more bodies — the boy's sisters and mother. By Christmas, police had launched a nationwide search for the children's father, a longtime Michigan resident with a history of financial trouble and a record of petty crime.

On Friday, police issued a warrant for the man's arrest on four counts of aggravated murder.

Autopsy reports showed the children were victims of violence, and Lincoln County District Attorney Bernice Barnett said their father had been seen Dec. 26 in the San Francisco area.

The discovery of the children's bodies shocked Waldport, a town of about 2,000 that relies on logging, fishing, crabbing and tourism to get by. Residents set up an impromptu memorial on a bridge spanning Alsea Bay, where the first two children were found.

On Christmas Eve, a tip led investigators to Michigan, where family members identified the children as Zachary Michael Longo, 5, and 3-year-old Sadie Ann Longo.

Their parents, Mary Jane and Christian Longo, had moved to the coastal city of Newport from Ypsilanti, Mich., about three months earlier, police said. They

also had another child, Madison, age 2.

That same day, police in a Portland suburb found the family's empty van outside a car dealership. Then, on Dec. 27, divers found the bodies of Mary Jane Longo, 35, and Madison in a bay about 14 miles north of Waldport.

Christian Longo, 27, was still missing Friday. Authorities say autopsies revealed his wife and three children all died of homicidal violence, and the FBI has obtained a federal fugitive warrant, because Longo is believed to have crossed state lines.

Longo, who owned a construction cleaning company in Michigan, has been named in six lawsuits seeking more than \$30,000 and is wanted on two warrants in Michigan for probation violation and a larceny charge.

He was convicted in October 2000 for forging \$30,000 in checks from builders in Michigan. And he is also wanted on at least two warrants in Toledo, Ohio, for passing bad checks and forgery, as well as stealing construction equipment, police said.

In Newport, neighbors said Christian Longo lived alone — though he was visited by his wife and children — in a condominium near the resort where the bodies of his wife and youngest daughter were found.

He told acquaintances he worked for Qwest Communications as a surveyor, but police say he actually worked for a grocery chain. He told friends he had two children instead of three, neighbors said.

"He kept his story pretty good," said Newport resident Sarah Johnson.

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TROOPS

India accuses Islamabad of waging a "proxy war" by supporting Islamic militants battling Indian rule in Kashmir. Tens of thousands have died in the 12-year Kashmir insurgency. The current crisis flared after a Dec. 13 attack by gunmen on India's Parliament that India blamed on militants and said Pakistan sponsored.

Pakistan denies any role in the Parliament attack, which left nine Indians and the five attackers dead, and says it gives only political support to militant groups. India and Pakistan have fought three wars since 1947, two of them over Kashmir.

Indian National Security Adviser Brajesh Mishra said Saturday that India would not pull troops from the border until Pakistan takes "credible, firm, substantive and visible action" against militants operating in Kashmir. Until then, "India will maintain the heightened vigilance on the Line of Control and the international border," he said.

President Bush on Friday praised Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, saying he had arrested 50 militants and telling India it

should "take note." An Indian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Nirupama Rao, said Saturday that India "will need to make our own assessment of the substance and nature of Pakistan's actions."

Musharraf said Friday he was willing to meet Vajpayee at the Jan. 4-6 gathering of South Asian leaders both are attending in Katmandu.

"If there is a willingness from the other side, there will be a willingness on my side," he said. "We do not want a war. We will never initiate a war unless it is thrust and initiated on us. We want peace in the region, and we want peace on the borders."

His foreign minister, Sattar, said Saturday that Pakistan does not want war of any kind, "nuclear or conventional." Amid the build up of forces at the border, there has been no indication that either side has readied its nuclear weapons.

Thousands of poor Indian villagers were fleeing their homes or were asked to evacuate in border areas, where shells and bullets have killed several civilians and their cattle and punched holes in houses. More than 20,000 villagers have fled their homes in Kashmir alone, civil administration officials said.

The Pakistani military has also asked those living on its side near the line dividing Kashmir to move away for their own protection.

"We can't go outside, as bullets and shells fired by India are hitting our houses. We can't move freely. We are frightened," said 45-year-old Tasleem Begum, who lives in the Pakistani border town of Chakothi.

In Agra, Indian officials said they would try to camouflage the Taj Mahal's four minarets and dome in case of war. "The Taj shines as far as 40 kilometers (24 miles) away, and is visible especially on moonlit nights. It could be a target," M.S. Juyal, tourism official in the northern Uttar Pradesh state, said.

Workers also have started construction of five bunkers to house armed guards around the monument, built by a Muslim ruler of India for his wife's tomb. A key Indian air force base is located in Agra.

On Tuesday, bus and train routes over the border are to be closed and flights halted, shutting land and air links between the two countries for the first time since their last war in 1971. As part of tit-for-tat sanctions, each country has also ordered half the other's embassy staff to leave.

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KIWANIS

"Not everyone has a computer at home," she explained.

She said 19 computers are available at the library for the public. Fourteen computers were from a grant from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The computers have such programs as Word, Excel, Access, and Publisher.

Also, Spanish language programs are available on some of the computers.

Stobbe said 11 of the computers are utilized to teach basic computer classes such as Computer Comfort, Internet skills, Word and E-mail procedures. More than 900 residents have participated in the basic classes during the past year.

"Only 11 students can take classes at a time," she said. "We stay filled up." She explained there is a waiting list for the classes.

"The library does not even advertise the classes," she said. "We send fliers out to people on the waiting list when a class time is approaching," she said.

She said the classes are "extremely successful," saying all ages participate in the courses.

"However, I would say the majority are over 55 years of age," she said.

A large collection of Spanish language books is available for the public as well as books on cassette and large print books.

Stobbe said the library is visited by 250 people a day, and is open 70 hours a week. The hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 2-6 p.m.

Information may be obtained by contacting the local library at 669-5780.

The library is located at 111 N. Houston.

PHOTO

ered barns," Hargrove said, "and I like to do wildlife."

He said he loves eagles and has a collection of eagle sculptures and paintings, but he said he has never gotten a good photograph of an eagle.

It was his love of wildlife photography that led him to stop alongside the highway this past fall on a drive between Stonewall and Monument, Colo., and take the picture of the deer that graced his Christmas

card this year.

"We saw more deer up there this year than we've ever seen before," he said.

Hargrove said that when he shot the photo, he didn't notice the black marks on the highway.

Upon further inspection, the marks turned out to be seal-coating over a seam in the highway, not skid marks, but that hasn't stopped his friends from ribbing him.

He just said he's not going to offer them any venison stew any time soon.

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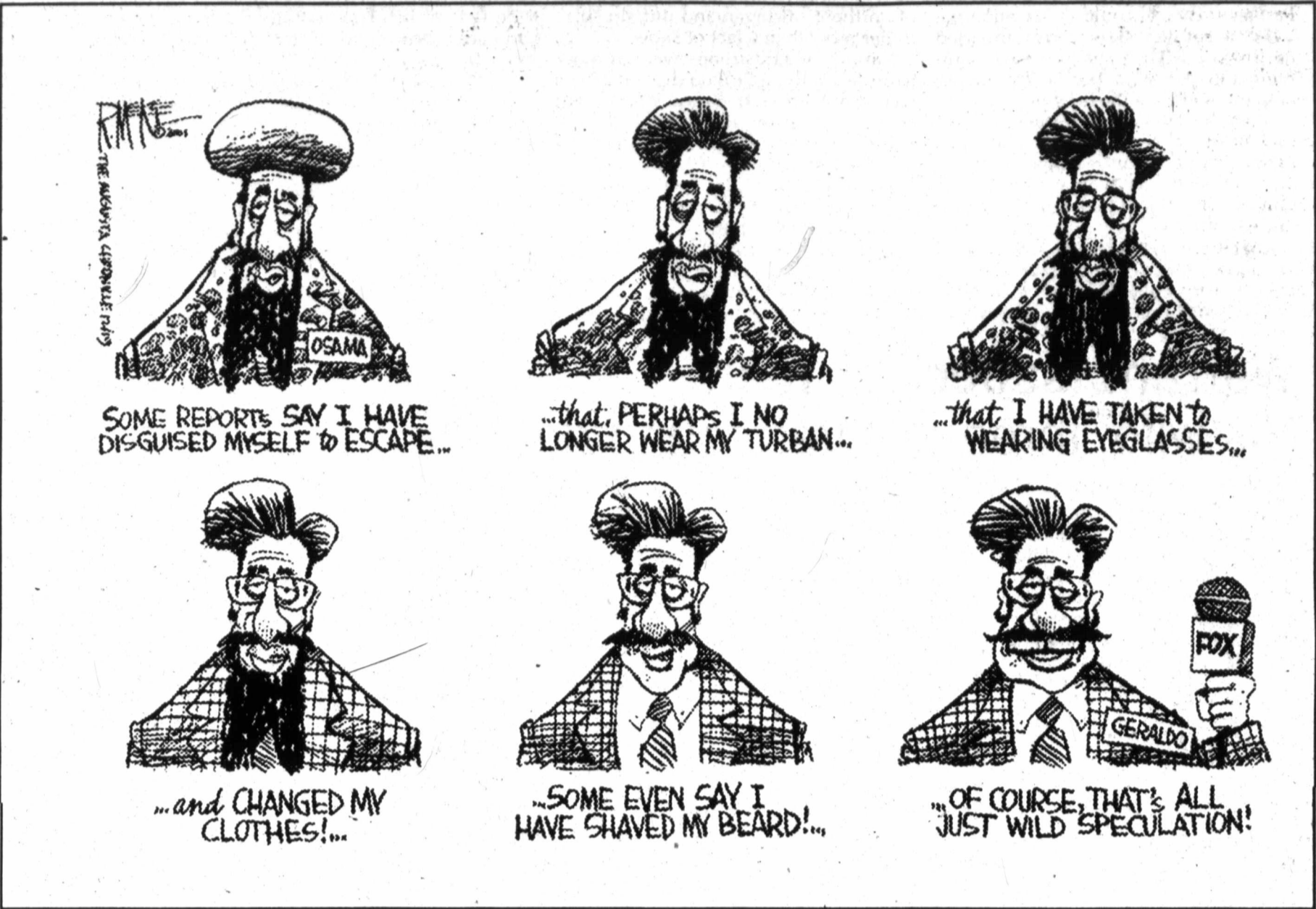
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Texas Editorials

New farm legislation needs to focus on need

Waco Tribune-Herald on farm bill failure:
 American taxpayers received an early holiday present when Senate Democrats this week failed to push through a pork-laden \$171 billion farm bill.

In the name of saving family farms, Senate Democrats, led by Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, attempted to push through a farm bill that would have wasted billions of dollars on huge farm corporations, encouraged over-production, driven down grain and cotton prices and undercut foreign trade agreements.

President Bush and his Republican allies in Congress want a farm bill that weans wealthy corporate farmers from multibillion-dollar annual subsidies and redirects money to small farmers, food stamps and conservation.

While it sounds like a role reversal, Republicans led the charge to pass the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act that was designed to reduce farmers' dependency on escalating government subsidies by encouraging them to participate in the free market.

It was a good idea but powerful farm-state lobbies undermined the 1996 farm act when each year Congress voted billions of dollars of "emergency" aid back to farmers, thus promoting even greater reliance on government payments.

Emergency subsidies enacted since the 1996 farm act have increased spending 500 percent. Last year's farm subsidies reached \$32 billion.

The farm subsidy program has changed little except in size since it was introduced as a temporary measure during the Great Depression.

The farm bill Senate Democrats couldn't pass before the holidays was three times the size of the 1996 bill. It also represented a 77 percent increase over the farm-subsidy level approved by Congress only last spring, despite record farm incomes.

It's easy to understand why Bush wants a different farm bill. Only 40 percent of American farmers get farm subsidies. Half of all federal farm subsidies go to the largest 8 percent of farms.

Midwest grain farmers, often represented by Fortune 500 corporations, receive the greatest portion of farm subsidies.

Bush and his GOP allies support less reliance on subsidies. They want to spread out farm assistance to help more farmers in more states and cut back on subsidies to wealthy commercial farm operations that don't need federal assistance.

The superior Republican farm plan not only spreads out federal assistance, it also would increase food stamp funds to \$10 billion over 10 years, compared to \$6 billion proposed by the Democrats.

The 1996 farm act expires next year. When Congress takes up a new farm bill, more emphasis should be placed on giving more assistance to farmers who actually need the help.


Think only of how to meet the need

Why does the Red Cross have a black eye? Because it has forgotten lessons taught by the organization's founder, Clara Barton, who was born on Christmas day 180 years ago.

Barton became known as "the battlefield angel" during the Civil War, risking her life to save the wounded. Instead of listening to the adage that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," she founded the American Red Cross in 1881 and kept rushing in. When the 1889 Johnstown, Pa., flood left 2,200 dead and many more homeless, Barton — at age 67 — rushed there with 15 doctors and numerous nurses, working in large tents set up as hospitals and refuges. She and other Red Cross workers stayed five months.

Clara Barton was 78 on Sept. 8, 1900, the day 6,000 Texans died as a hurricane hit Galveston, but she and Red Cross volunteers rushed in again and stayed two months. The organization threw all its resources into relief, and the Red Cross treasurer complained that funds were being distributed too rapidly. Barton responded that work "at the field of dying or dead, sick or starving, is not the work of a bank, and cannot be squared by its rules and still be worth maintaining."

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, though, American Red Cross officials acted like self-serving bankers, holding back over half of the \$543 million they had raised for terrorists' victims. Only after receiving horrendous publicity and congressional pressure did Red Cross leaders push out the organization's president



Marvin Olasky
 Syndicated columnist

and pledge that just about all of the money (minus \$49 million for overhead, of course) would go to those for whom it had been given.

If that were the only Red Cross problem, maybe we could all say, "Ho, ho, ho," and forget about it. But frugal Clara Barton would not have been thrilled with the salary of \$450,000 annually that the last Red Cross president received. Visit, sometime, the Clara Barton National Historic Site in Glen Echo, Md., and see how her house served triple duty as home, dormitory and warehouse. Blankets, bandages, rakes, and hoes filled closets built into the main hallway. Some staff members and volunteers, often from wealthy families, slept on cots in storage rooms.

That was in accord with Barton's toughening-up plans: "It will not be an elegant house, but it will well serve the purposes that we believe are necessary." Over a century, though, her Red Cross became rich and soft. Helping people often requires some money, but the love of money is the root of all kinds

of evil in the charitable world and elsewhere.

What's the solution? Not ad hoc organizations. Remember Hands Across America 15 years ago? It received great publicity when 4 million Americans held hands across the continent. But a big chunk of the expected \$50 million in payments and pledges never materialized. Three months after the event, half of the \$32 million that came in had gone to pay for expenses. Organizations that bypass existing community groups seem to reinvent bureaucratic wheels, an even more costly procedure than oiling existing ones.

Barton also would not approve of Washington dominating the charitable world, because even in her time she saw how political power drives government funding. We've also seen that, in recent years, multibillion dollar AIDS expenditures have come at the expense of work on less-publicized plights and on protection against bioterrorism. Trends change from year to year, but the trendiness of those who think politically seems to be almost a constant.

No, we need groups like the Red Cross, but they need to return to the don't-hold-back mercy of Clara Barton, the Christmas angel who always rushed in. All their staffers need to learn and remember her instructions to the helpers she supervised, "You must never so much as think whether you like it or not, whether it is bearable or not; you must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it."

Today in history

- By The Associated Press**
- Today is Thursday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 2001. There are four days left in the year.
 - Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 27, 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.
 - On this date: In 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a voyage to the Pacific aboard the HMS Beagle.
 - (Darwin's discoveries during the trip helped to form the basis of his theories on evolution.)
 - In 1900, militant prohibitionist Carry A. Nation carried out her first public smashing of a bar, at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kan.
 - In 1927, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein II, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.
 - In 1932, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.
 - In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.
 - In 1947, the children's television program "Howdy Doody" made its debut on NBC.
 - In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.
 - In 1970, "Hello, Dolly!" closed on Broadway after a run of 2,844 performances.
 - In 1985, Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; a total of 20 people were killed, including five of the attackers, who were slain by police and security personnel.
 - In 1985, American naturalist Dian Fossey, who had studied gorillas in the wild, was found hacked to death at a research station in Rwanda.
 - Ten years ago: Muslim fundamentalists in Algeria won a major victory in free legislative elections; however, the military ended up canceling the election results. The United States and the Philippines announced that the United States would abandon the Subic Bay naval base by the end of 1992.

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Problem is government, not people


After weeks of hearing that the "noose is tightening," it seems (as of this writing) that Osama bin Laden decided to get out of Dodge while the getting was good.

Three cliches in one sentence. Not bad, huh? If I work at it, I might become a TV journalist or a military analyst yet. I've never had a desire to visit Pakistan (or India, to be fair about it), but I might decide to go. I'd like to see what a "porous border" looks like. Of course, it would be cheaper just to visit one of our own borders, which are also Swiss cheese.

I'm sure the Marine who lost his leg or the three Green Berets who were killed by an errant bomb are glad to know that it was after their injuries and deaths that "the really dangerous work" has now begun, according to the TV chorus.

And while I've never, to my knowledge, met a member of al-Qaeda, they must be quite remarkable creatures to shrink and multiply so often. Sometimes there are 3,000 of them, then a few hundred, then maybe 2,000, then a handful. About the only thing we know for sure is that none of the high-ranking al-Qaeda leaders we went to get have been got. Nor has Mullah Omar. As of this writing, I must add, since the situation is now officially described as "fluid."

Have you noticed, too, that all the caves we've seen so far look considerably rougher and more primitive than those fancy caves the



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

TV people have been showing us? Naturally, it is a lot easier to draw a cave with a computer graphics program than it is to dig one out of the rocks, but I was looking forward to seeing those squared-off tunnels with tanks at the ends of them.

It is possible that a bomb obliterated Osama. High explosives can create MIAs simply by leaving no pieces large enough to identify. But I expect that the head villain left before the noose got too tight. He is, after all, a man who seems not to put too high a value on anyone's life but his own. "Fight to the death, boys, and if you survive, meet me in _____," he probably said in his farewell address.

The problem with this war, aside from the fact that the whole of Afghanistan is not worth one American leg, much less American lives, is that the press, through no fault its own, has been unable to cover it. The only Americans

who will talk to press members are the briefers at the Pentagon.

On the ground in Afghanistan, the American forces shoo them away, except for the token coverage allowed of the Marines. The Afghan warlords keep the media well away from the action (and atrocities/goof-ups), so that in the end, all they know and all we know is what they've been told by a "spokesman." To hear the warlords tell it, they've been engaged in "fierce fighting." The fierce fighting, however, seems to produce damned few casualties on either side.

Furthermore, I detect a disturbing pattern. If we are going to spend \$1 billion a month to bomb a country and then billions more to rebuild it, I'm sure we'll go broke before we work through the list of poor countries still left to be bullied and terrorized by the world's last remaining superpower.

In the meantime, President Bush and Attorney General John Ashcroft are becoming fanatically more secretive, as if the fact that a cabbie has been arrested for visa violations would destroy America's national security if we were told about it. Given the fact that the Soviet Union and later Russia had a high-ranking spy in the FBI for 15 years and one in the Navy for 17 years, I would say that the risk to national security is the government and not the American people and/or the press.

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Letters to the editor

Don't let a good PR job fool you

To the editor,
Oklahomans are very familiar with ProAg. Here's what I found out from them: ProAg is a pork industry public relations front group. They like to present themselves as a down-home, grassroots organization, but that's simply not true. If you examine their board of directors, it reads like a "Who's Who" of the hog boys. There's the area president of a Pennsylvania company that builds hog barns, a few contract hog producers, employees of swine companies and a few folks who helped establish corporate swine production in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The executive director of the group is a young man named Shawn Lepard. He was hired from a public relations firm, Thomas Graham and Associates, that represents swine companies, including Seaboard. Do you really think he's an impartial third party? I also found out that "executive director" is another word for "lobbyist." Oklahoma newspapers are well aware that he represents hog factory political interests. ProAg is regularly identified as "an Oklahoma lobby group that supports corporate farming."

When you look at what else Lepard is doing, you'll find he is on the executive committee of the Guymon Chamber of Commerce. Four of the six members of the committee are directly engaged by the hog industry; two are Seaboard employees. For information on what has happened to Guymon, read Time Magazine's 1998 article "The Empire of the Pigs."

Seaboard wants to put in a packing plant close to Dumas and put in a \$2 million per year hog factory operation in Hutchinson, Hansford, Sherman and Moore Counties. It's obvious that the Dumas Chamber of Commerce would like for their town to be owned by Seaboard as well. They're gearing up the propaganda campaign by inviting ProAg to come in and tell the "truth."

ProAg is a hog factory lobby group that has been propagandizing our Gray County judge and commissioners about how great hog factories will be for Gray County. NPD is only the start of hog factories in Gray County. Remember that ProAg is a group composed of the "hog people" who will gain the most from the pigs — it does not speak for the people. What are the people of Pampa going to do? Will Pampa be another hog town for ProAg and Smithfield? Only you can answer that. At present, we cannot get commitments from our elected officials as to where they stand on this issue. Maybe you can give them a call and find out.

Hog factories only last for 11 to 12 years. Who is going to clean up their waste pits when they leave? The Kerr Research Center in Oklahoma states the Ogallala is declining 10 times faster than any recharge. With millions of hogs will they leave us with any water?

Edna L. Hayden
Pampa

Are economic development corporations really needed?

To the editor,
In the Amarillo Globe, Associated Press article, Sunday Dec. 23,

Ups and downs part of oil business, industry officials say

By HANABA MUNN
Wichita Falls Times Record News

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — Making a living in the oil patch is like riding a bobbing pump jack full of ups and downs.

Not everybody hangs on for the ride.

The current downslide in oil and gas prices is darkening the outlook for everyone in the business, from roughnecks on up the ladder. For paycheck-to-paycheck employees, hanging on through hard times is especially hard.

Employers feel the hurt when they can't keep hands.

When prices began an upswing in 1998, drilling companies scrambled to put crews together.

"We had some good drillers and toolpushers," said Carlton Deen, owner of Deen Drilling of Archer City. "But roughnecks and derrick men we had to more or less train. ... I hope we can stay busy enough to keep them."

The Barnett Shale play in Montague, Denton, Wise and Tarrant counties has kept rigs up and hands busy the last couple of years, but a falling demand for natural gas has slowed the frenzy.

"There's still a lot of activity over there, but it's not as frantic as it was," said Graham-based Duke Reynolds, who runs two rigs. "We've had both our rigs running in the Barnett Shale Basin. We moved a rig out to West Texas."

Finding enough hands to keep his rigs running is a challenge for Reynolds.

"The only things that helped us, some rigs went down in West Texas, and we hired the people," he said.

If rigs keep going down, the labor pool should start to swell as more out-of-work hands look for steady work.

"If the companies don't let them go, they'll go anyway because they can't make any money," said Ronnie Levell, a safety director and personnel manager for Reliable Well Service of Wichita Falls.

Like Deen Drilling, Reliable trains hands on the job.

"We find quite a few people," Levell said. "We don't find anybody that's experienced."

Levell has been in the business long enough to see the cycle more than once. In the 1970s, when prices shot past \$40 a barrel, the oilfield drew former employees back to their old jobs, he said. But when prices fell, so did employment.

"We go through that cycle all the time," Levell said.

... as drilling for gas slows down, seven to eight years is too long for a rig hands to wait for a turnaround.
As for oil, the price seems harder to predict.

Every time the cycle recurs, fewer people climb back on for another ride. "Old people don't come back," he said.

The downturn in gas exploration in the Barnett Shale seems to be affecting the North Texas industry more than any other factor in the industry now. Long-term, the outlook for natural gas demand is positive, primarily because gas is the fuel of choice for electricity generation.

"The utility companies want gas plants," Deen said.

But building more gas plants to process the raw product takes time.

"It's seven to eight years down the road," he said.

Meanwhile, as drilling for gas

2001, the Mayor of Tahlequah, Okla., a town of 15,000 announced they have again attracted a company that will employ 250 to 300 people in well paying jobs — Fast Trac Manufacturing of Hollister, Calif., a motorcycle parts maker that expects to be in operation in July.

Also last week, American Woodmark Corp., a kitchen cabinet maker for home improvement stores, announced it would open a 300,000 square-foot plant in Tahlequah, and will employ 400 to 500 people.

The following quotes were taken from the AP article of Dec. 23: "We have decided not to participate in the national economic downturn," Tahlequah Mayor Jerry Cook said.

Cook said Tahlequah Industrial Park Authority Chairman Roy Cartwright and other volunteers helped lure the companies here.

"I think one of the differences is we don't have a professional paid staff (doing business recruiting)," Cook said. "Some places have hired guns paid to say certain things."

"We've just tried to treat (Fast Trac and American Woodmark) professionally, honestly and straight forward." (End of quotes.)

In a press release, Mr. Dave Blount, senior vice president of American Woodmark, stated, "The company selected Tahlequah because the community offers an economically competitive environment and will provide a high-quality of life for our employees."

Sunday afternoon I called Mayor Cook on the phone, and he said that Tahlequah has no economic development corporation and that they all work together as volunteers for the good of the city.

They do have an Industrial Park, and sell the companies land at a reasonable price, plus furnishing them with only utilities and paved streets to the sites. Fast Trac will invest \$10 million and American Woodmark \$20 million in buildings and equipment, and there will be no indebtedness to the city.

Mayor Cook also said that he knows of a number of cities that have economic development corporations that have those cities in debt from failed businesses and empty buildings. He further said that they had decided some time ago what type of businesses they wanted and what they did not want. They were approached by a packing plant that was talking about coming to Tahlequah, and the City told them to be on their way; they didn't want that type of business in the area.

Dr. Louis W. Hayden
Pampa

What if God only answered prayers once a year?

To the editor,
We're fixing to go in to a new year. Is it going to be any better than last year or years before in this town?

Now it seems to me like the all-mighty dollar sign is more important than peoples' lives.

Look what happened on Sept. 11. Do you think it can't happen here? Or do you think your life can't be changed in a blink of an eye? It can.

Is what happened here what American freedom and the love of God stands for? God has carried me through a lot of trouble. Mr.

"When a guy spends \$150,000 to \$200,000 on drilling a well, he would like a little stability, and he has none," Deen said.

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slows down, seven to eight years is too long for a rig hands to wait for a turnaround.

As for oil, the price seems harder to predict.

"If you want to know what's going to happen in the oilfield, you can call Saudi Arabia and find out," Deen said.

Russia and Mexico are also holding powerful hands. The interplay between all the foreign oil powers keeps the risk high for American oil producers especially independent producers with only domestic production.



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Mrs. Tripplehorn seems to have all the answers. Has she been out there doing the work at these places? Does she know how much water it takes to clean the dairies and other places? How do they control when those animals are going to go to the bathroom and how much?

Where are all of the milk trucks that should be running up and down the highway by now? All I ever see are these gravel trucks that nearly run over you and out by the middle school these empty cattle trucks that run red lights and never slow down.

It looks to me like these small towns are easy prey for these pig farms. Did you see any of these people trying to bring the big businesses in that our children work at that live 2,000 miles away? Don't you think we would like to have ours closer to home?

What would happen if God only answered prayers once a year?

That woman said she had been under stress. Does she know what stress is? It's not making bills for somebody else to pay. It's these people going to fight something that they don't know what it is they are fighting or who.

It's being told you don't have enough income, and I might lose a dollar if I help you. It's small children whose mothers can't afford to keep milk for them. It's not being able to afford medicine or mothers with small children who get sick and can't afford to go to the doctor much less take off work, or the old being told they don't need anything any more because they are old.

Is what has been done in this town what God, America and freedom stands for? Why hasn't some of this been put forth? Are the rest of the people not in the right class to be treated so?

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Nursery, greenhouse industry thriving in Lone Star State

AUSTIN — Ask most people to think of Texas agriculture and they immediately think of beef cattle, cotton, broilers and corn. They're only partly right. It surprises many to learn that the number two agricultural enterprise in the state in terms of cash receipts — moving up from third in 1999 and from fourth since 1996 — is the nursery and greenhouse industry. The industry produces cut flowers, potted plants, starter plants, green plants and other items found in florist shops and garden centers throughout the country.

Nationally, the floriculture and nursery industry has more than doubled from 1988 to 1998. Its 2000 sales totaled \$10.9 billion dollars per year. With such a growing industry, it is vital to document and report the growth

so supporting industries and policy makers can provide necessary resources. With this in mind, the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the Commercial Floriculture Production Survey at the beginning of 2002.

This survey will be used to produce reliable, accurate data on key items such as types and areas of production, numbers sold, value of sales, production and intended sales. Leaders from the Society of American Florists encourage producers to participate in this survey, knowing it is crucial to have accurate data on the industry.

Results from the commercial floriculture production survey are scheduled for release in April 2002. These results will provide an effective measure of America's floriculture industry

and will help measure the economic contribution of this industry to U.S. agriculture. Complete, accurate, and timely reporting by growers will provide reliable, objective data on current commercial floriculture production. Survey results are official USDA estimates and will help ensure information is available to the

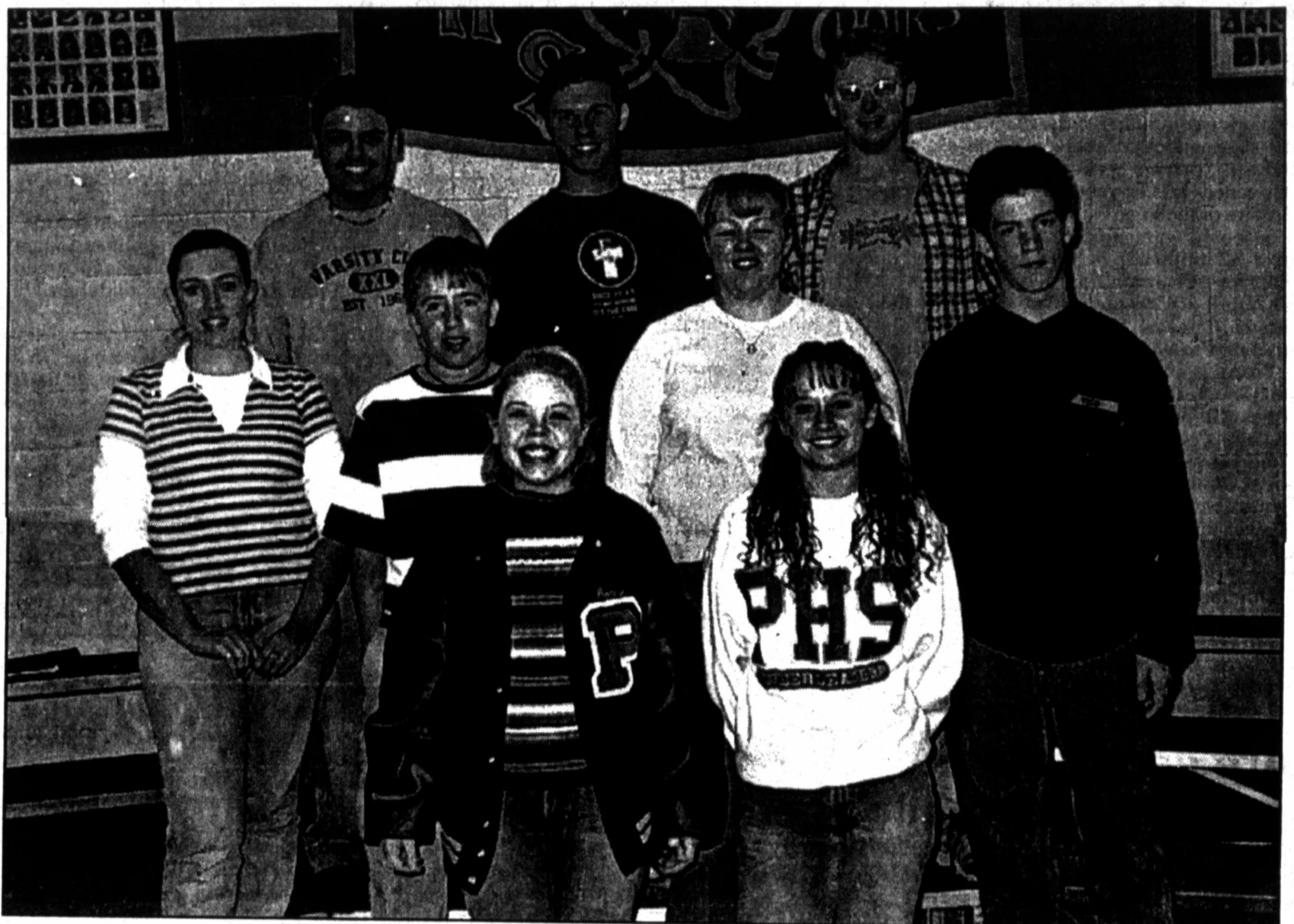
public and the industry on commercial floriculture production. Summarized results will help measure the economic contribution of the floriculture industry to the U.S. economy. These results will also provide accurate industry statistics crucial to obtaining research funding and government support on various issues.

Individual operation information is completely confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all survey responses and publishes state and U.S. data only; no individual operation or grower will be identified.

Commercial floriculture production statistics are available from NASS as are hundreds of

other commodity reports; a full catalog of NASS products and services is available by visiting the NASS Home Page at www.usda.gov/nass/. For other information, e-mail nass@nass.usda.gov or call 1-800-727-9540. To order a printed copy of any NASS report, call the NASS Order Desk at 1-800-999-6779.

Choir clinic



The following Pampa High School students recently auditioned for Region Choir and participated in a Region Choir Clinic at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Those making the choir were: Michael Martinez, Cory Bigham, first chair Bass 2; Michael Eskridge, first chair Bass 1; Stephanie Nelson, Kyle Ward, Shelby McGahen, first chair Alto 1; Dustin Elliott, Denise Mackie and Brittany Herriman. Not pictured: Greg Easley. The directors are Fred Mays and Wanetta Hill.

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Researchers use radio frequency to zap tumors

■ Doctors at UT Southwestern killed a tumor on one of Rist's kidneys with radio frequency ablation, which involved only a needle and a CAT scan. After a one-hour procedure at Zale Lipshy University Hospital, Rist was back home, cancer-free.

DALLAS — When David Rist, 62, was diagnosed with cancerous kidney tumors, he and his wife put plans for their lakeside retirement home on hold. But thanks to a new nonsurgical technique offered at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Rist and his wife are again barreling ahead with plans for a dream house designed for gardening, boating and grandchildren.

Doctors at UT Southwestern killed a tumor on one of Rist's kidneys with radio frequency ablation, which involved only a needle and a CAT scan. After a one-hour procedure at Zale Lipshy University Hospital, Rist was back home, cancer-free.

UT Southwestern is one of the first institutions nationwide to begin using radio frequency ablation on kidney tumors. The procedure allows patients a shorter recovery time, less pain and a nonsurgical treatment option.

Rist, a retired pilot and Richardson resident, was diagnosed with tumors on both his kidneys in 2000. He had surgery to remove one kidney and the baseball-sized tumor growing on it Aug. 17, 2000. He has a 22-inch scar and some continued discomfort from the operation.

He initially chose a wait-and-see approach to treating the much-smaller tumor on his remaining kidney.

"Because of scar tissue from that operation, my options to treat the second tumor were limited," Rist said. "But I discussed it with my doctors and decided it was better to remove it. The simplicity of the tumor ablation procedure really appealed to me."

Dr. Jeffrey Cadeddu, an assistant professor of urology at UT Southwestern, performed the procedure.

"We are not removing the tumor, we are just killing it where it sits," said Cadeddu, head of UT Southwestern's urologic cancer treatment. "This really is the future of cancer treatment."

Using a needle with an end that opens to wrap around the tumor, Cadeddu applied radio frequency to the tumor for about seven minutes at 105 degrees centigrade, essentially killing the tumor with heat.

After conducting a great deal of research on his options, Rist chose the radio frequency ablation, which also has been used on liver tumors and bone cancer.

"We learned as much as we could and decided this procedure, while new, was the best option," he said. "I am really pleased."

Study: Certain type of mushroom may destroy human muscles

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY
Associated Press Writer

A wild mushroom popular across both Europe and the United States may dissolve the muscles and prove toxic in people who continually eat it, according to a recent study in The New England Journal of Medicine.

Twelve people were hospitalized for severe weakness and muscle loss after eating the mushrooms, and three of them died, wrote Dr. Regis Bedry of the poison center of University Hospital Pellegrin in Bordeaux, France.

The only connection among the cases, which occurred from 1992 through 2000, was that all 12 — seven women and five men — had eaten at least three straight meals of Tricholoma equestre, he wrote.

The mushroom, which has a bright yellow cap, is known in the United States as "man on horseback" or "yellow-knight fungus" and in France as "bidaou" and "canari."

Bedry said he confirmed the mushroom's toxicity by feeding extracts to mice and measuring creatine kinase, an enzyme produced during muscle breakdown, in the blood.

The study "raises as many

questions as answers, at least in my mind," said Dr. Denis Benjamin, chair of the North American Mycological Association's toxicology committee and author of "Mushrooms: Poisons and Panaceas," a book for physicians.

"I'm not denying that there may be an association. But I think it's very, very far from proven," said Benjamin, a pathologist at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

There are other mushrooms which have delayed effects, or cumulative toxicity — and it's rare to find more than one meal's worth of T. equestre, he said.

The article also did not mention tests for other enzymes which are better markers of the muscle breakdown called rhabdomyolysis, or give detailed histories about the 12 patients, he said.

For instance, he noted, strenuous exercise can occasionally cause rhabdomyolysis, and a day of hiking up and down hills and squatting to pick mushrooms might have done so.

"It's unlikely, but it's the kind of information that should have been in the report," he said.

In addition, the creatine kinase increases the study found in mice fed the mushroom extract were small, Benjamin said.

TDH: Diet, exercise help combat diabetes

AUSTIN — The latest national and international diabetes studies could have Texans jumping for joy and for health. At least that's what staff with the Diabetes Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) hope people will do — walk around the block, push a lawnmower, swim and, yes, even jump rope.

All with the hope that diabetes, the chronic, often ignored disease that can lead to severe complications including heart disease, can be better controlled and perhaps prevented.

"A recent major U.S. clinical trial shows that people at risk for Type 2 diabetes can dramatically lower their chances of getting the disease with changes in diet and exercise," said Dr. Jan Marie Ozias, director of TDH's Diabetes Program and the Texas Diabetes Council.

Study results released recently show that participants in the national Diabetes Prevention Program trial, supported by the

National Institutes of Health, reduced their risk of getting diabetes by 58 percent by eating a healthy diet and getting moderate exercise. Smaller studies in China and Finland also have shown that diet and exercise can delay Type 2 diabetes in people who are at risk.

"Moderate lifestyle adjustments — not major changes — can significantly affect whether people will develop Type 2 diabetes," Ozias said. "Overweight people benefit by being physically active for half an hour a day on most days of the week, reducing fat and calories in their diet, and losing as few as 7 pounds."

With diabetes, the body either does not produce insulin (Type 1 diabetes) or does not effectively use or produce adequate amounts of insulin (Type 2 diabetes). Insulin, a hormone, allows sugar, or glucose, to enter cells and be used for energy. Insulin also is needed to make protein and store fats. In uncontrolled diabetes, sugar and fats remain in the

bloodstream and, with time, damage vital organs.

Type 2 diabetes accounts for up to 95 percent of all diabetes cases. Type 2 once was considered a condition of older people but now is being recognized in younger adults, with the greatest number of newly diagnosed cases among people in their 30s and 40s.

A risk for Type 2 also is associated with obese children with a family history of diabetes.

"Increasingly, the risks for Type 2 diabetes — what we used to call adult-onset diabetes — are being seen in children and adolescents," Ozias said. "That is why diet and exercise are so important as preventive tools. Diabetes is treatable, but once people are diagnosed with this chronic condition, they must learn to deal with it daily."

Complications from diabetes seriously affect a person's health. Results of having uncontrolled diabetes include blindness, irreversible kidney failure, amputations, heart disease, stroke and complications in pregnancy.

Diabetes was the sixth leading cause of death in Texas in 1999, and TDH estimates that more than 1.3 million Texans 18 years and older have diabetes. About 911,000 of these — 6 percent of the state's population — have been diagnosed. The remainder are not aware they have the disease.

In Texas, African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and people who are overweight are more likely than others to develop diabetes. A family history of diabetes, high blood sugar, high blood pressure and cholesterol, diabetes that occurs during pregnancy, too little exercise and being age 45 or older also increase the chance of developing diabetes.

Symptoms of diabetes may include blurred vision, fatigue, lack of energy, extreme thirst or hunger, frequent urination, sud-

den weight change, numbness or tingling in hands or feet, slow healing sores or cuts, frequent infections and depression.

Because many of these symptoms go unnoticed, people may not be diagnosed or treated early. Half of those who have diabetes are not diagnosed until they have complications such as foot sores. The American Diabetes Association recommends that everyone age 45 and older consider being tested every three years. However, in the face of this growing problem, the American College of Endocrinology and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists recently recommended that diabetes screening begin at age 30 for people at risk.

People with diabetes need a yearly flu shot and should check with their doctor about a pneumonia shot because they are at high risk to develop life-threatening complications of pneumonia and flu.

The TDH Diabetes Program/Council offers 20 easy-to-read publications in both English and Spanish. Some of the titles are:

—You Have the Power, Controlling Diabetes One Day at a Time, pocket folder dealing with diabetes topics.

—"Food for Life - Living Well with Diabetes," 20-page booklet for meal planning.

—Diabetes Card, a simple, wallet-sized card, containing checklists for managing diabetes and space for medical records.

—Could You Have Diabetes?, a quiz that lists risk factors and symptoms of diabetes.

Check for information about diabetes literature on the TDH Diabetes Program/Council Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us/diabetes/public/htm. These publications are available free by ordering online or by calling (512) 458-7490.

Gene profile may aid physicians in fight against prostate cancer

By WILLIAM McCALL
Associated Press Writer

Like detectives developing a profile of a killer, researchers have tracked down new clues to the genetic identity of prostate cancer. That could lead to better testing and tailoring of treatment to individual patients.

The researchers measured the activity of about 10,000 genes simultaneously in normal tissue and prostate cancers, discovering an activity profile for each type of tissue.

Their work revealed some 200 genes involved in the disease, said Dr. Arul Chinnaiyan, who directed the University of Michigan study appearing in an issue of the journal Nature.

"This is important, because it is most likely that many genes are involved in the development and progression of prostate cancer — each controlling a different step in the process," he said.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among men. Doctors typically rely on physical examination to detect prostate cancer but a blood test that became widely available in 1987, called the prostate specific antigen or PSA test, has helped in earlier diagnosis.

Unfortunately, the PSA test also gives many "false positive" results and is not as reliable as doctors would like, Chinnaiyan said.

In addition to a new means of detecting the cancer itself, the new study may lead to a way to determine whether it is relatively benign and slow growing or a very aggressive form that spreads quickly.

Such a test could, in turn, guide doctors in how aggressively to treat patients. It also could help doctors better answer worrisome questions typically asked by patients who want to know if surgery is necessary or the chances the disease will return, Chinnaiyan said.

He noted some of the genes identified in the study previously were linked to cancer but many others had not been associated with the disease.

Two of the new genes linked to prostate cancer are called hepsin and pim-1, which the researchers say may turn out to be markers that can be developed into a test.

More than 700 samples of prostate tissue were tested for hepsin in the study, and the highest levels were found in pre-cancerous cells. The lowest levels were found in benign tissue.

Another leading researcher says the study is only a first step toward a better diagnostic test.

"What's important here is that this test is not ready for routine clinical implementation," said Dr. Todd Golub, who specializes in the genetics of cancer at the MIT Center for Genome Research in Cambridge, Mass.



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... collection of scholarships led to the three ranking scholarship: Ina Mickey, Willard Johns, because of her place as a graduate of 11 colleges of the state.

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Don't be like the tramp, who, when asked where he was going, said "Just from here."

It is not always work that is in the limelight that is important.

American natural resources can be duplicated in many countries, but you can't duplicate American citizenship in that manner.

You can't pursue pleasure, as such, and ever catch up with her.

In the realm of the mind, every man is a monarch.

Habits of thought are more important than habits of conduct, being the basis of the latter.

He who places his faith in material things only can never be an educated man.

... six scholarships. He and Miss Mickey intend to use their Texas Tech scholarships next year, while Miss Brown will enter the University of Texas.

... The graduating class includes: Frankie Barnhart, Ina Fay Mickey, Minnie Vernon Haynes, Macie Lester, Eva Lena Clemens, Albert Ward Hicks, Ruth Henry, Theida Raye Mickey, Albert Lewter, Rosie Mae Baggerman, Willard W. Johns, Hallie G. Gañtz, George Walstad Jr., Rector Preston Roberts, Clara Catherine Brown, Lillian Agnes Mullinar, Jimmie Blackwood, Beulah May Wiseman, Fannie Elizabeth Corson, Margaret T. Buckley.

... The class and the massed audience stood for the benediction by the Rev. F. A. Tippen.

... Then the graduating members, beautifully dressed for the occasion, their faces flushed with the emotions of the hour, "fell out" of formation to receive the congratulations of friends.

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... Many citizens are reported to have sore necks from trying to recognize the large white letters being painted on the side of the water tower. Their curiosity was finally satisfied when a large "Pampa" was completed.

... The word will be painted on the east and north sides of the tower, and a large light is to be placed under the eave on each side to throw a light on the name, which will be seen several miles.

HE HOPPED OFF TODAY



CAPTAIN LINDBERGH, AS HE APPEARED BEFORE HIS PLANE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK

Pampa's Quartet Was One of Most Popular Groups at the Convention

Pampa was well represented and well advertised at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Wichita Falls. Miss Moleta Lofors, as Miss Pampa, played an important part and was ably assisted by the Pampa male quartet and black face comedian.

The quartet was composed of Dr. H. P. Maddy, Horace Oakley, Bob Rose and Dude Balthrope, assisted by Lee Langford, black-faced comedian and better known as Hy and Dry. Much credit was given Mrs. R. R. Jones, who chose and directed the quartet, and Mrs. Tom Rose and Mrs. C. T. Hunkapillar, who designed the costumes worn by the delegates.

The Pampa entertainers, the only quartet featured at the convention, were in demand throughout the time there. They sang at the Pampa headquarters, hotels, music shops, Lake Wichita and meetings.

The Pampa quartet, from Pampa, the oil town, where the oil flows, wheat grows and and the wind blows." While at one of the music shops, the quartet made several records, which will probably be received here later.

Miss Catherine Vincent also "put Pampa on the Map" with an address on "My Home Town," which was judged one of the best. Scott Barcus, secretary of the local C. of C., was an important figure in Pampa's contingent, Mayor F. P. Reid was elected one of the vice-presidents of the W. T. C. C., and B. E. Finley was made a director.

... FLOOD CAUSES NEAR PANIC

Half Million People Affected By New Breaks

(By The Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, May 20.—With the bayou Teche converted into a raging torrent, residents in the Acadian country through which a stream sweeps today were nearly in a state of panic.

Endangered territory, in which approximately 500,000 persons live, is largely in the path of the flood and the state flood director has issued a warning that residents in 27 small towns should flee for their lives. These towns are small.

Women and children were warned to evacuate Point Coupee parish today by Flood Director John Parker.

Governor of North Dakota Fired Upon

(By The Associated Press.) RISMAR, N. D., May 20.—A bullet fired through the panes of the executive mansion here yesterday narrowly missed striking Governor Sorlie. It was revealed at his home today.

Police say they have no clue as to who fired the bullet.

SINCLAIR GETS JAIL SENTENCE

Three Months and \$500 Fine Assessed By Judge

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 20.—A sentence of three months in jail was imposed today upon Harry Sinclair for contempt of the Senate.

In addition, Justice Hitz fixed his fine at \$500. Sentence was imposed because of Sinclair's refusal to answer certain questions in the Senate Teapot Dome investigation.

Eckhardt Likely To Pitch Sunday

It is said that the Amarillo Metros intend to wipe out what they call an insult Sunday afternoon. They must mean that 13 to 9 drubbing the Grays handed them the last game in Metro land.

Skeet Gibson has imported several of last year's players, and some new ones as well, to come to Pampa. He has great hopes of taking home the bacon but the Grays have a surprise. Tom Clayton, local first string catcher, arrived in town this morning, having bid the Texans adieu. Clayton will do the receiving Sunday afternoon and Shaw will go to the outfield.

Manager Ed Gober will start Eckhardt, it is expected, and have Carter in reserve. The Metros have secured Lefty Middleton, former Cleveland pitcher, and Gib Jackson, a fly hawk from east Texas.

The probably line up for the game Sunday afternoon:

METROS	GRAYS
Hayden, 1b	Weeks, ss
Taylor, 2b	Rowe, cf
Duggar, 3b	Shaw, lf
Gibson, lf	Gober, 1b
Whittenberg, ss	Scalling, 3b
Jackson, rf	Cahill, 2b
Ravey, cf	Hunter, rf
Curtis, c	Clayton, c
Middleton, p	Eckhardt, p
Hutton, p	Carter, p
	Game called at 3 p. m.

YOUNGSTER IS WINGING WAY TOWARD PARIS

Trip to Require 36 Hours—Can't Rise From Sea

FLIES ENTIRELY UNDER COMPASS

Good Weather Forecast Beyond Banks of Newfoundland

(By The Associated Press.) ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., May 20.—Captain Charles A. Lindbergh hopped off at 7:52 a. m. today in his Ryan monoplane, "Spirit of St. Louis," for a non-stop flight to Paris.

By his unheralded departure Lindbergh "stole a march" on his rivals, the Ballanca plane and Commander Richard Bird.

The heavily loaded plane left the ground after a dash of 60 seconds down the runway. It was in the air once, but the wheels touched the ground again as it seemed to cling to the wet earth. But the ship braced and picked up speed.

Finally, well before the end of the field was reached, the gray craft went into the air and started climbing. At the end of the field, as he was climbing, Lindbergh barely cleared a series of telegraph wires, and soon disappeared into the mist northward.

The plane carried four 84-gallon tanks of gasoline, and the aviator expects to land in Paris in not more than 36 hours.

With only a week's supply of army emergency rations, Lindbergh is flying without radio and will not be heard from until he lands in Paris. He will travel in a great circle, following the compass all the way.

Lindbergh flew through fogs during the first few hours of the flight. Fairly good weather conditions were reported by the weather bureau, especially for the territory beyond the Grand Banks that lie southeast of the coast of Newfoundland.

Captain Lindbergh reached Nova Scotia's coast line on scheduled time soon after 1 o'clock today, it was reported from Halifax.

"A Fine Plane." NEW YORK, May 20. (AP)—"The Spirit of St. Louis," Captain Charles A. Lindbergh's plane built especially for his New York to Paris non-stop trip, is designed for scientific flying.

The little monoplane, with a wingspread of 46 feet and a fuselage 28 feet long, has a special instrument board upon which the former air mail pilot depends for guidance.

With extra gasoline tanks and the instrument board, the total cost is about \$15,000. The plane is powered with a Wright "whirlwind" J-2, 225 horsepower, nine cylinder, radial air cooled motor, similar to that used by Commander Richard E. Byrd and by Clarence Chamberlin and Lloyd Bertand in the trans-Atlantic Bellanca monoplane "Columbia."

With full load the plane has a cruising speed of approximately 105 miles per hour and a maximum speed of 123 miles per hour. It carried 425 gallons of gasoline and 28 gallons of oil, estimated to be sufficient for a 4,500 mile jump.

Low Gas Consumption. On his 2,500 mile trip from San Diego, Cal., to New York, Lindbergh used less than 250 gallons of gasoline and the average consumption is computed at about 10 gallons per hour.

Its body of metal and wings of wood, "The Spirit of St. Louis," has a gross weight of 4,750 pounds, the full load of gasoline and oil weighing 2,750 pounds. Its cabin holds only one man, sitting in a wicker chair, with the "stick" between his legs and with little opportunity for

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AGRICULTURE

Extension In Progress

The following excerpts were taken from the Texas Cooperative Gray County Extension Service "Agricultural News" newsletter.



Danny Nusser
Gray County Extension Agent-Agriculture

Are Cattle Really Being Downsized?

It's generally agreed a lot of cattle got too big in the race for size, and we have been 'downsizing' in recent years. True? Perhaps the best guide is genetic trend of yearling weight in registered cattle. Since 1973, Angus have increased about 75 pounds genetically, going up steadily each year and still going. (Average actual yearling weights of Angus bulls have increased over 250 pounds.) What about larger breeds? Simmental have increased genetically about 45 pounds since 1973 (and are still going up), not as much as Angus but Simmental were pretty big already. All breeds show the same trends. What about frame? Frame score of Angus plateaued in 1990 and has averaged mid-5 since. So, cattle are heavier and height isn't changing. The pure bred industry is selecting for larger bodies on the same frame. That's enlarging and reshaping, not downsizing.

pare saving heifers to grow out and breed, buying open heifers to grow out and breed, or buying bred heifers to replace open cows 60 days after the end of breeding season. Economics favored saving or buying open heifers over buying bred heifers. (Also, net profit was higher from grazing weaned calves for 80 days than from selling at weaning.) In some studies, economics favors buying bred replacements. Remember, you know the genetics and background of raised heifers. That may or may not be true when buying heifers.

When Do Fed Cattle Marble?

"Feed 'em another 30 days," is a comment often made by a fed cattle buyer to a feeder. Why? As cattle are fed longer they get fatter, so carcass dressing percent goes up. But most packers trim excess fat these days, so dressing percent is not as important as it once was. What about another fat, the marbling in the ribeye which is the primary determinant of quality grade? Idaho researchers fed Limousin-Angus cross heifers for 120 days. Heifers started at 750 pounds and finished at 1214 pounds. Using ultrasound for ribeye fat to estimate marbling, the following was found: After 84 days on feed, 20 percent of the cattle would have graded "Choice"; after 120 days, "Choice" went up to 85 percent. So, if a similar pattern is true of all cattle, then feeding longer means more Choice, and there is a big change in Choice over not much time somewhere in the feeding period.

Effects of Liquid Feed on Cow/Calf Performance

New Mexico workers fed cows 34 percent CP molasses-urea liquids with or without fat for 114 days. Consumption was controlled at 2 lb/cow. After 73 days, supplemented cows had 0.7 higher BCS than unsupplemented cows. At the end of feeding, calves on supplemented cows were 26 pounds heavier. Calves from cows on the fat supplement weighted six pounds more than the non-fat supplement.

Replacement Heifers - Save, Buy Open or Buy Bred?

Virginia researchers used computer simulations to com-

Windbreaks vital to protecting land

In the past, the High Plains was a shortgrass prairie land inhabited by Plains Indians, buffalo, deer, antelope and other small mammals and birds.

Those times are gone, and settlers have altered this land into highly productive crop and ranch land containing beautiful homesteads, while still supporting abundant wildlife.

It is because of these alterations that windbreaks and wildlife plantings play such a vital role in protecting these important resources.

One might think, of all the aspects within a windbreak or wildlife planting, the trees would be the most important aspect to the success of a planting.

In actuality, good planning and site preparation are the most important aspects before a successful, long-lasting windbreak or wildlife planting can be achieved.

In the Texas Panhandle, the majority of the soil is a tight clay substance. This soil type, plus wind, fire and limited amounts

of water, means trees have not been a part of the landscape in this part of Texas.

"With the type of soils and climate we deal with, planting sites must be prepared to a depth of 15 inches, preferably in the fall or winter prior to spring planting, to yield successful results for any type of windbreak or wildlife planting," Brian Scott, staff forester with the Texas Forest Service (TFS), explained.

Scott says the reason for early site preparation is, "it gives the soil a chance to absorb winter moisture and mellow for easier spring planting."

If planning and site preparation are done in a timely manner, planting and establishing a successful windbreak or wildlife planting is not a problem."

There are many species of windbreak trees and shrubs to choose from, and a mechanical tree planter and fabric layer is available to rent through TFS.

Several soil and water conservation districts also have windbreak planting equipment available to landowners seek-

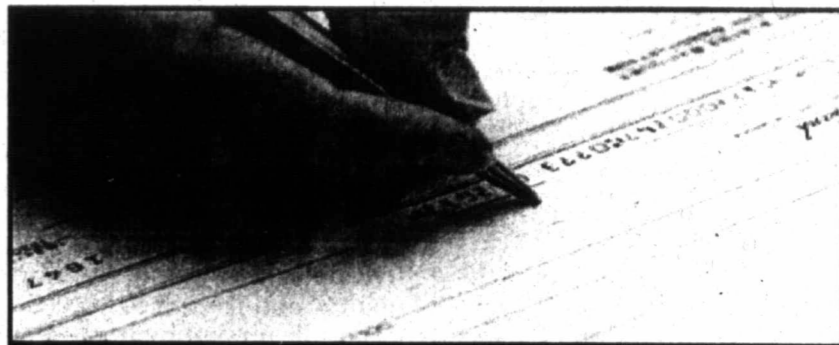
ing assistance.

Tree planters are capable of planting 400-600 trees an hour, provided the site has been prepared correctly. TFS recommends weed barrier fabric be placed down during planting to reduce weed, competition and moisture loss, thus increasing survival and growth within the tree and shrub rows. TFS fabric

layers can accommodate the 6 x 500-foot fabric rolls, only.

For more information on planning and designing a windbreak or wildlife planting, contact TFS at (806) 353-8952.

To obtain windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and fabric rolls, contact your local soil and water conservation district at (806) 665-1751, ext. 102.



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TDA accepting grant proposals for crop research, development

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Agriculture is currently accepting grant proposals involving specialty crop research and product development through Jan. 15.

"Due to a one-time federal appropriation, TDA has \$399,000 in grants available to distribute for research and product development for specialty crops," Combs said. "Individual grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded for research projects. Proposals promoting product development may receive up to \$20,000."

Under a federal law that made the funding available, specialty crops are defined as, "Any agricultural crop, except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts and tobacco."

Specialty crop funding preferences will be given to projects addressing: 1) new varieties; 2)

production techniques; 3) post-harvest treatment; 4) brand labeling/placement; 5) fresh cut/value-added products; and 6) other areas of vital research.

Preference also will be given to proposals that: 1) demonstrate applied research and deliver ready-to-use technology; 2) implement new tactics, practices or components of specialty crop production/post-harvest treatment; 3) demonstrate economic benefits for Texas; and 4) provide matching funds.

For more information about submitting a specialty crop grant proposal, contact TDA's Contracts and Grant Coordinator Carol Funderburgh at (512) 463-8536 or write to the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Cattle on feed up 1 percent

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.99 million head on Dec. 1, up 1 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down 3 percent from the Nov. 1 level. Producers placed 430,000 head in commercial feedlots during November, down 2 percent.

The family of Edward "Edbo" Bryan wishes to thank everyone who brought food, sent cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time. Our sincerest thanks to the Canyon Police Department, Cole Community Center, Brooks Funeral Directors, and Circle of Life Hospice of Springdale, Arkansas. To everyone involved we owe our deepest gratitude.

The Bryan, Bassett, Riggs, and Johnson Families

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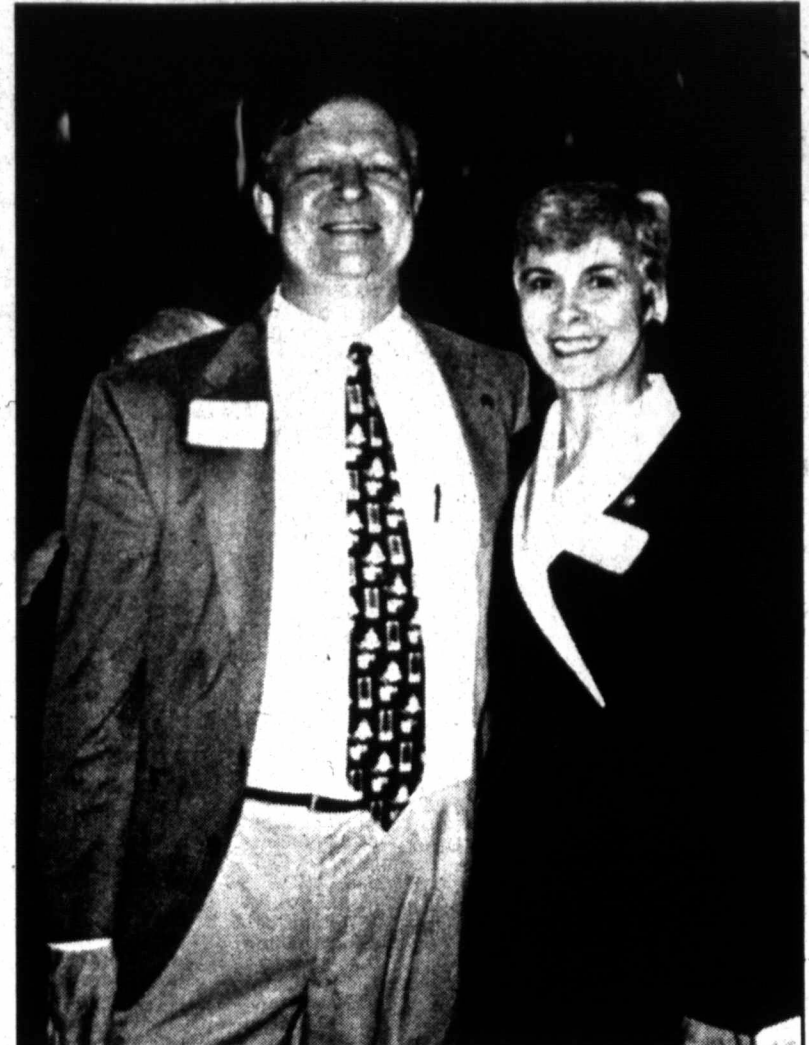
Pampa Middle School art show



(Courtesy photo)

Students in Mr. Jordan's art classes at Pampa Middle School recently hosted an Art Show. Some of the winners included: (back row) Chad Winkleblack, third place, Paper Mache Mask; Jarrett Towles, fourth place, Black and White Drawing; Joe Whiteley, fourth place, Colored Tempera Painting; (front row) Storm McCoy, honorable mention, Soap Sculpture; Ashley Price, first place, Black and White Acrylic Painting and Paper Mache Mask; Stephanie Polasek, third place, Pen and Ink Watercolor; and Valerie Rushing, first place, Colored Tempera Painting, and fourth place, Black and White Acrylic.

Realtor banquet



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Board of Realtors recently held its Installation Banquet at Pampa Country Club. Above: Entertaining at the event were singer Jo Ann Young and speaker Joe Frank Wheeler of Wells Fargo Bank in Borger.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12

Upcoming Events

'LEGACY'

The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

HOBART BAPTIST CHURCH

Hobart Baptist Church's fifth Sunday singing is in the offing from 2-4 p.m., today. The event is free and open to the public.

TOP O' TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOW

Top O' Texas Livestock Show will be held Jan. 4-6 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

FRESHSTART

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation support series sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Jan. 7, 10, 14 and 17. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 214 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 214.

GRAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW

Gray County 4-H Livestock Show is in the offing Jan. 12 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

GRAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

Gray County Livestock Show will be staged Jan. 17-19 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office at 669-8033.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Jan. 2 and 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Jan. 16, Miami School, Miami; 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Jan. 23, Groom School, Groom; 1-3:30 p.m., Jan. 23, McLean School, McLean; and 11 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m., City Hall, Canadian.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Jan. 22, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, Pampa; Jan. 2 and 16, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; and Jan. 15, Family Care Center, Shamrock. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP

Texcare Partnership is the New Children's Health Insurance campaign developed especially for Texas families with uninsured children, birth through age 18. The following health insurance programs are available: Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and Texas Healthy Kids Corp. For more information, call 1-800-647-6558 or 1-888-892-2273.

YMCA DIABETICS CLASS

Amarillo YMCA is offering new water exercise classes specially designed for diabetics. Schedule of classes are as follows: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays; 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesdays; 6 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$4 per class for non-members and \$3 per class with a 10-class punch pass. Y members get in free. For more information, call Cindy Gibson, fitness director, or Junior Garcia, aquatics director, at (806) 374-4651.

PATHWAYS

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

DIALOGUE

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

MUSIC THERAPY

Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center's Quality of Life Project/Palliative Care Services offers free Music Therapy Sessions at 10:30 a.m. weekly on Wednesdays at the Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room. Patient and adult family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 291.

BEGINNINGS

"Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

NIH GUIDE

National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

GREEN THUMB INTERNET SITE

Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training

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HFA PUBLICATION

Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402 or visit www.hospicefoundation.org on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets: "Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB

The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

TG WEBSITE

Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at <http://www.adventuresineducation.org> or <http://www.aie.org> on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

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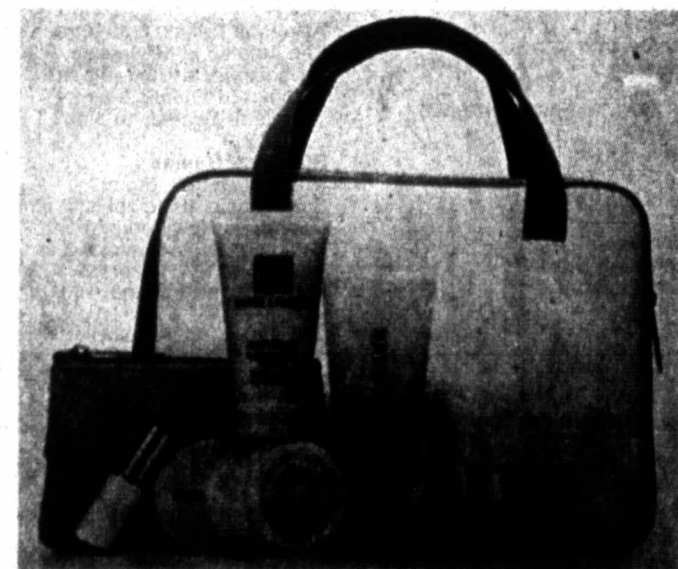
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Debby Opdyke and Jan Luna on the steps of Naturally Yours, their art gallery housed in an old Lipscomb bank building and site of the annual winter solstice celebration in this community of 48 people and 150 turkeys.

Sunlight was just a memory on the flat western horizon as the shortest day of the year came to a close. Inside the stone and wooden structure beneath the barren trees south of the creek with its rich wildlife, people gathered in the warmth of candle light and the glow from kerosene lanterns to share human fellowship and bowls of the feast.

Mankind has long celebrated the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, the longest night of the year. Scholarly studies say Mesopotamians held a 12-day festival to assist the god Marduk in taming the monsters of chaos. More recent research indicates Neolithic peoples may have celebrated the winter solstice as much as 10,000 years ago.

Zoroastrianism, one of the world's first monotheistic religions dating back seven centuries before the birth of Christ, celebrates the turn of the sun's journey with the Yalda feast.

The ancient Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians all had feasts celebrating the winter solstice. It is believed a number of sites around the world from Mayan ruins in Mexico to Stonehenge in southwest England played a part.

But the red glow of the sky over the flat western horizon here was not over the plains of Salisbury, but of the Texas Panhandle.

It was Dec. 21, as the druids of Lipscomb gathered in the century old building that Debbie Opdyke and Jan Luna use for their art gallery, Naturally Yours, in this community along the south banks of Wolf Creek.

"This was built in 1908 as the Bank of Lipscomb," Debby says. "It's got the original tin tile ceilings, and the bank vault is still in tact. It's been everything from a grocery store to a filling station to cafe to lawyer's office."

Outside, the north winds howled, the lanterns on the porch of the stone building swung in the gusty wind.

With the warmth of the kitchen, a wooden addition to the building, friendly shadows filled the room along with the aroma of posole.

In ancient Persia, the Zoroastrianists celebrated with Ab-goosh, a rich traditional soup made of meat and beans.

In Lipscomb, a cauldron of posole has been simmering on Debby's stove all day.

"It has hominy and pork and a laundry list of spices," Debby says.

She says they have borrowed from a combination of various traditions.

The Iranians feature watermelon.

Lipscomb features posole and tortillas.



Geri Wilberforce examines a unique candle holder, carved by Lipscomb artist Dough Ricketts. The only admission requirement to the annual winter solstice celebration in Lipscomb is that guests have to bring a light.

The posole is from the Journey of the Nativity, the poor man's stew that was served to the sojourners to Bethlehem.

"This is a recipe that came from Mark Ricketts," Debby says, "and we've been using it every year since 1989."

No bowl goes unfilled, nor is a bowl left empty. The only ticket needed for entry into this community gathering is a light, Debby says.

Some of the more than two dozen people who have come to the celebration have brought candles, others brought lanterns or flashlights.

"One year, we had a man that brought a Bud Lite," Debby laughs.

Opdyke began the celebration here in 1989. Following a devastating divorce that year, she spent the longest night of the year in a barn with her animals.

It was a brutally cold winter on the plains of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.

"I realized that when the sun rose, it would mark the lengthening of the days," Debby says. "That gave me hope."

Debby had a sister-in-law whose family had been lumber jacks in Montana. She told Debby stories of winter solstice celebrations in Big Sky country.

The Indians there would celebrate the shortest day because that would mean the return of the sun.

"And consequently, the return of life," Debby says.

Debby came to the Oklahoma Panhandle just in time for the winter solstice of 1977, but a divorce in 1989 brought her to Lipscomb.

"I knew that if I left on the solstice, then the next day symbolically light would return, and I would start my new life," Debby says. "Every year since 1989, we've had a solstice celebration."

It marks the end and the beginning, she says.

"I like the idea of the culmination of the end of a life cycle," Debby says. "Tomorrow — good, bad or whatever — we get to launch on a full deck of cards again."

Over the years, this community of 48 has held their festival outside with bonfires to bring light into their world, but when the winter winds blow, they found the warmth of the gallery was much preferable.

Guests include ranchers, artists, families and students home for Christmas. They come from Lipscomb, Canadian, Amarillo and Shattuck, Okla.

News of the celebration has spread in the region by word of mouth, Debby says.

"If many more showed up," laughs Janie Hathoot, who has a neighboring gallery, "she couldn't cook enough."

While the ancients reportedly kept watch through the night to celebrate the return of the sun and the lengthening days, in Lipscomb, it is only 9 or 10 p.m. as one by one the pickups and Suburbans pull away and head for home as the quarter moon rises.

The vehicles are buffeted by the strong winds. The barren trees, shorn of their fall foliage, bend in the gusts.

Occasional movement can be sensed in the darkness of Wolf Creek just north of the gallery.

But the stars that the ancients watched remain, brilliant studs of light in the blackened heavens, and tomorrow the sun will shine a little longer.

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Story and photos by David Bowser



Kathy and Jim Fry brought their daughter Giula Bessard, who had come up from Lubbock for the celebration.



Eima Lue Case gives a happy wave to new arrivals at the winter solstice celebration as she and Virginia Scott and Tootsie Rogers finish their posole.



Clarence Case and Robert Rogers work on the cookies during the feast in Lipscomb on the longest night of the year.

LIFESTYLE

Lifestyles Policies

1. *The Pampa News* will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
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Stone gardens restful

By GEORGE BRIA
POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Mention of a rock garden evokes images of plants against a background of stones. But stones also have a dramatic mystique and beauty suited for solo performances of their own.

Contrast the emphasis on the flower in Wordsworth's, "A violet by a mossy stone half-hidden from the eye," to James Merrill's perception that it was useless to try to name the many "forms numbed in one small rock."

The Japanese are renowned for creating rock gardens, even tiny ones made of just a stone or two and gravel. A touch of moss, perhaps, to bring in some sense of life. Either way, they inspire meditation.

In New York and New England, what once was a backbreaking farmer's hell of stones has now become a paradise of stone fences enhancing the landscape. Anyone owning a little land is likely to boast a fence, or part of one, maybe dating back to colonial times.

In her fine book "Sermons in Stone," (W.W. Norton & Co., 1990) Susan Allport cites a 19th century estimate that in New York alone a staggering 95,364 miles of fences were made of stone, more miles than in the entire U.S. coastline. Similar astonishing figures were cited for New England.

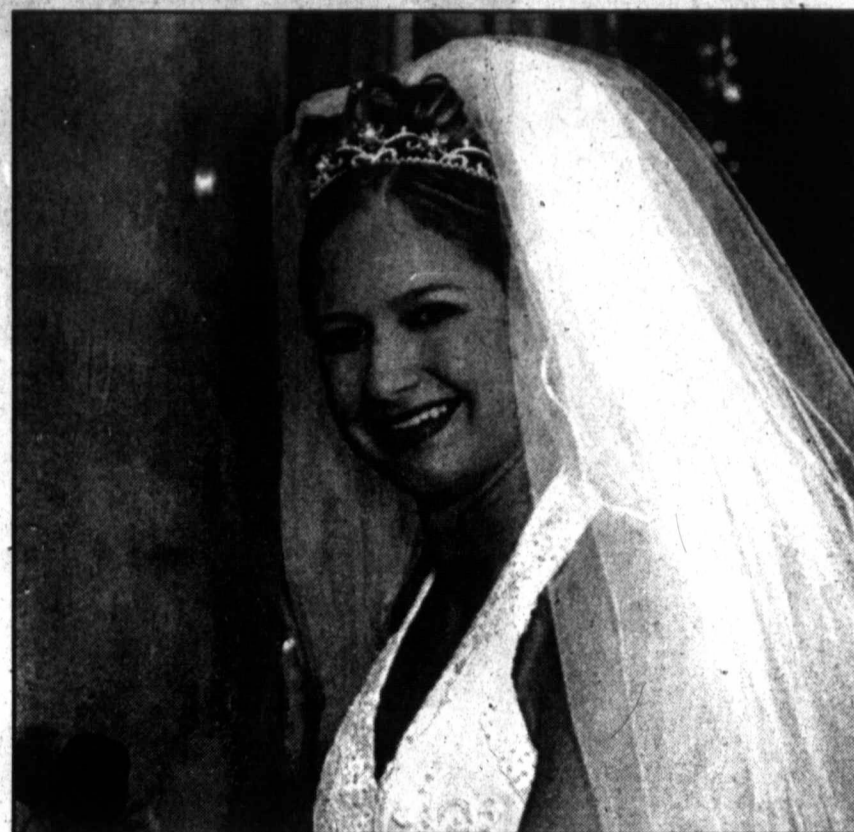
The oldest fences, built of the sweat of men and oxen to create arable soil and also to pen cattle, crisscrossed a land that had been bared of trees. Now that the farms have gone, the forest has come back and the once-utilitarian fences play cosmetic roles, especially as they become visible in winter. In summer, they're hidden in the green but are thrilling to come upon suddenly when walking in the woods.

They evoke nostalgia and thoughts of the timelessness of stone. They're valuable, too, and preyed upon by poachers looking for stones for various purposes — for chimneys, or fireplaces or to build other fences. Local news reports often tell of looted fences.

These old fences are easy to plunder because they're free-standing, built stone upon stone with no mortar to hold them together. Over time, some stones become dislodged and fall to the ground, making them easier to carry away.

Some owners of fences bordering the road have brought in skilled labor to mortar the stones together to create a smoother, tidier effect. But are the rebuilt fences pleasanter to the eye than the weather-beaten old-timers?

(See, STONE, Page 19)



Shannon Ervin and Andy Edmondson

Ervin-Edmondson

Shannon Ervin and Andy Edmondson, both of Lubbock, were wed Dec. 29, 2001, at First Christian Church in Pampa with the Rev. Thacker Haynes of United Methodist Church of McLean officiating.

The maid of honor was Cindy Hobbs and the matron Julie Hudson, both of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Justina Campbell of Amarillo, Jill Reinders of Irving and Angie Edmondson of Pampa. The flower girls were Kolbi Furgason of Pampa and Allison Graddy of Wichita Falls.

The best man was Dennis Edmondson of Pampa. The groomsmen were Chris McKean of Amarillo, Brooks Ferguson of North Richland Hills, Kory Tice of Skellytown and Steve Terry of Lubbock. The ring bearer was Riley Watson of Petrolia.

The ushers were A.J. Taylor of Pampa, Terrell Thaxton of Borger, James Thaxton of Lubbock and David Gamblin of Amarillo.

Registering the guests was Whitney Browning of Canadian. Music was provided by soloist Christopher Crow and The Vienna Conspiracy String Quartet, both of Amarillo.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Pampa Country Club with Layla Harrell and BreeAnn Dennis, both of Lubbock, Susan Furgason of Pampa, Michelle Holladay of Canadian and Jennifer Graddy of Wichita Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Peggy Ervin of Pampa and Melvin and Menia Ervin of Port Aransas. She graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University in May 2001 and is to join Wal-Mart Home Office as a computer programmer.

The groom is the son of Dennis and Jan Edmondson of Pampa. He also graduated cum laude from Texas Tech (December 2001) and plans to attend the University of Arkansas School of Law.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Santa Fe, N.M., and intend to make their home in Bentonville, Ark.

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Newsmakers

Amanda Dawn Hall of Pampa recently graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies.



Amanda Dawn Hall

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Hugh Craddock of Davenport, a current second trimester student enrolled in the Doctor of Chiropractic program at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, was recently named to the Dean's List for the first trimester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

Menus

Dec. 31-Jan. 4

Pampa Schools
MONDAY-FRIDAY
Holiday.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY-FRIDAY
Holiday.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY-TUESDAY
Holiday.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, squash, turnip greens, beans, spice cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or meatloaf, boiled potatoes, green beans, beets, beans, black forest cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or taco salad, potato wedges, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lemon bundt cake or chocolate pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY
Chopped sirloin, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, pumpkin bars.

TUESDAY

Holiday.
WEDNESDAY
Stew, cornbread, vanilla wafers.

THURSDAY

Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, green beans, cake.

FRIDAY

Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, broccoli, jello.



Anna Renea Thiessen and Michael Shawn Miller

Thiessen-Miller

Anna Renea Thiessen of Canyon and Michael Shawn Miller of Amarillo plan to wed March 9, 2002, at First United Methodist Church in Canyon.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Tim and Beckie Thiessen of Canyon. She graduated from Canyon High School in 1999 and is a member of Lone Star Ballet. She is currently majoring in dance at West Texas A&M University.

The prospective groom is the son of Russell and Marilyn Miller of Amarillo and is the grandson of Red and Vergie Ballard. He graduated from Amarillo High School in 1999 and is a member of Amarillo Hockey Association. He is currently an accounting major at West Texas A&M University.

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Middle school art show



Students in Mr. Jordan's art classes at Pampa Middle School recently hosted an Art Show. Some of the winners included: (back row) Kenny Hightower, second place, Toothpick Sculpture; George Albear, fourth place, Mosaic Pattern Star; (middle row) Michael Waldrip, special award, Color Acrylic Painting and second place, Tempera Painting; Jad McGuire, fourth place, Scratch Art; Rafael Boccanegra, third place, Toothpick Sculpture and Scratch Art; Enrique Marquez, third place, Color Drawing; (front row) April Newsome, second place, Pencil Drawing; Sara Foster, fourth place, Pencil Drawing; MacKenzi Pigg, achievement award, Paper Mache Mask; and Heather Addington, first place, Pencil Drawing.

Man discovers forgotten treasures in lost suitcase

By JAMES RAGLAND
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Dr. Witold Winiarz is an encyclopedia of knowledge. He's 96, speaks four languages and, when you get him going, can talk your ears off about historical events.

He sort of makes you want to just sit at his knee and listen. Winiarz fled Poland at the height of World War II. His native land was under German occupation, and his life was in danger. Seems the Germans didn't like all the medical passes the Polish doctor was granting to his compatriots to help get them away from the fighting.

Luckily, a German officer, who happened to be a friend, directed Winiarz to a safe haven at a home in Zell am See, Austria. When Winiarz left Austria in 1944, he also left behind a suitcase full of documents detailing his work, his travels, and his family.

He later immigrated to America, thinking he'd never see the luggage again.

But it turned out that a member of the Austrian family with whom Winiarz temporarily stayed now lives in the U.S. Otto Egger and his wife, Antonia, go back each year to spend a couple of months at the apartment. Three years ago, the Eggers came across Winiarz's suitcase in the attic. With the help of an Austrian historian, they were able to trace Winiarz's footsteps all the way to Dallas.

Earlier this month, in what he calls one of the happiest days he has had in a long time, Winiarz got his suitcase back. Inside were passports revealing some of the exotic places to which he got to travel and work, such as Japan, India, and China.

There were family photos. Aged maps. Newspaper and magazine articles that he wrote decades ago. And a palm reader's written prediction that he would live to the ripe old age of 68.

He's still examining the artifacts. So far, one of the most cherished items he found was his old license to practice medicine in China. In the early

1930s, he worked as a chief physician to some of China's top government officials.

"Sometimes I think that I should not have left 3/8 China," he said. "I had a nice home, a good position with the Chinese government, a good salary, and I was happy."

He was so young then. He's always been resilient, and still is.

His father was a prominent banker, and Winiarz had a privileged upbringing, which included nice vacations and private schooling. He made the most of it, studying hard and pursuing his childhood dream of traveling the world. His parents died a long time ago, as did his only sibling, a younger brother.

He's lived through plenty of tough times, too.

Months after he and his wife, Elizabeth, moved to the U.S. in 1947, his 8-year-old son and 14-year-old stepson were struck and killed by lightning in Maryland.

The tragedy prompted his wife, a pediatrician whose first husband died of tuberculosis, to delve into child psychiatry. "That was her way of dealing with the grief," said Christina Lammers, their daughter. Lammers said she had one other stepbrother, who died three years ago.

Winiarz practiced medicine in Maryland until the mid-1970s. Elizabeth died in 1984, and it was her published obituary that helped the Austrian researchers locate Winiarz. He followed his daughter and son-in-law, Roger, to Dallas, where he met Mary Sue, his wife of 16 years. He was 80 when he tied the knot for the second time.

These days, he likes to read a lot, especially history books. He also watches a little more TV. "He loves English comedies," his daughter said.

Now he plans to spend more time eyeballing the contents of his recovered luggage. "I 1/8thought 3/8 I would never see this again," he said while riffling through the suitcase. "This is very special."

No more special than the man to whom it belongs.

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Marin provides vision, paintings for San Antonio art exhibit

By T.A. BADGER
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Cheech Marin made his name portraying a hapless pothead from the Hispanic barrios, and now he's using the fruits of that celebrity to promote the visions of Mexican-American artists from similar origins.

Marin is the driving force behind "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge," which opened this month at the San Antonio Museum of Art.

He says Chicanos have long contributed quietly to America's cultural identity, the evidence of which is becoming more obvious through the work of its artists.

"It's like you put fingerprint powder on it," said Marin, a passionate collector who provided many of the paintings on display. "Before it was invisible, but now it's glowing in the dark."

The 80 works by more than two dozen artists date back to the early 1970s and cover a range of styles and influences — some are crudely primitive, others sparely abstract, and still more employ an almost photo-like realism.

But common themes from Chicano life are found in many of the paintings: explosions of vivid, sometimes clashing colors; the powerful grip of religion as expressed through the use of icons and imagery; human violence and brutality; and politics as seen from the vantage point of an American underclass.

"My argument has long been that these Chicano painters are forming a 'school'

— that they are about something," said Marin, who was in San Antonio for the show's opening. "Every piece shows you another piece of the culture."

In a piece titled "The Virgin of Guadalupe and Other Baggage," painter Rupert Garcia created a pastel triptych with the saintly virgin as the center image, flanked by a bright red poppy on one side and a shirt riddled with bloody bullet holes on the other.

Garcia, 60, said the virgin — the patron saint of Mexico — has been a central image in his life since his childhood in California farm country.

"I've been moved more by her than by Jesus," he said from his home in Oakland, Calif. "I haven't figured out why. Maybe that's why I keep making these damn pictures."

Garcia called the exhibit "a whirlwind" composed of varied viewpoints, feelings and experiences, some of which are not expressly Chicano. His second work on display, "Homage to Tanya and the Soviet Defeat," was done after he watched a TV documentary on the Battle of Stalingrad in World War II.

"When I saw it, I couldn't believe this heroic battle. I was moved to make a series of paintings about it," said Garcia, a Vietnam veteran who later protested that war.

But even that work takes on Chicano highlights, as Garcia rains brightly colored confetti from a children's fiesta game on the Soviet defenders.

Vincent Valdez, a 24-year-old painter from San Antonio, says older artists like Garcia have influenced his work and

that he's thrilled to hang in the same room with them.

"It meant a lot to me," he said. "I remember being younger and looking up to these guys."

Valdez, who earned a fine arts degree at the Rhode Island School of Design, said his paintings are inspired by a modern, high-energy blend of commercialism, sex and violence.

But his work chosen for the exhibit is historical in nature; it commemorates the so-called "Zoot Suit Riots" in Los Angeles in 1943, when bold young Chicanos clashed with white U.S. sailors on shore leave. As a ferocious bar fight sprawls across the oversized canvas, a kneeling young woman spattered with blood prays fervently with her rosary.

"I always heard about the incident, and then I stumbled across one of the actual photographs on the Web," he said. "I thought, 'What a powerful, powerful event.'"

Valdez, who also teaches art to middle-school students, said he hopes the exhibit will help Chicano artists move from their narrow niche into the mainstream.

"I want the average person to walk out of the show thinking that Chicano painters are able to hang in the MOMA or the Metropolitan Museum of Art or the Smithsonian," he said.

Marin has a similar desire that broader exposure will raise the artists' stature. After the show ends its San Antonio run in April, it will travel to 14 other U.S. cities over the next five years.

"This show posits that the influence of Latino culture is not a sidelight — it's one that's a main thread in our (national) fabric," he said. "The whole idea of the show is to break it out of the Southwest and into all parts of the country."

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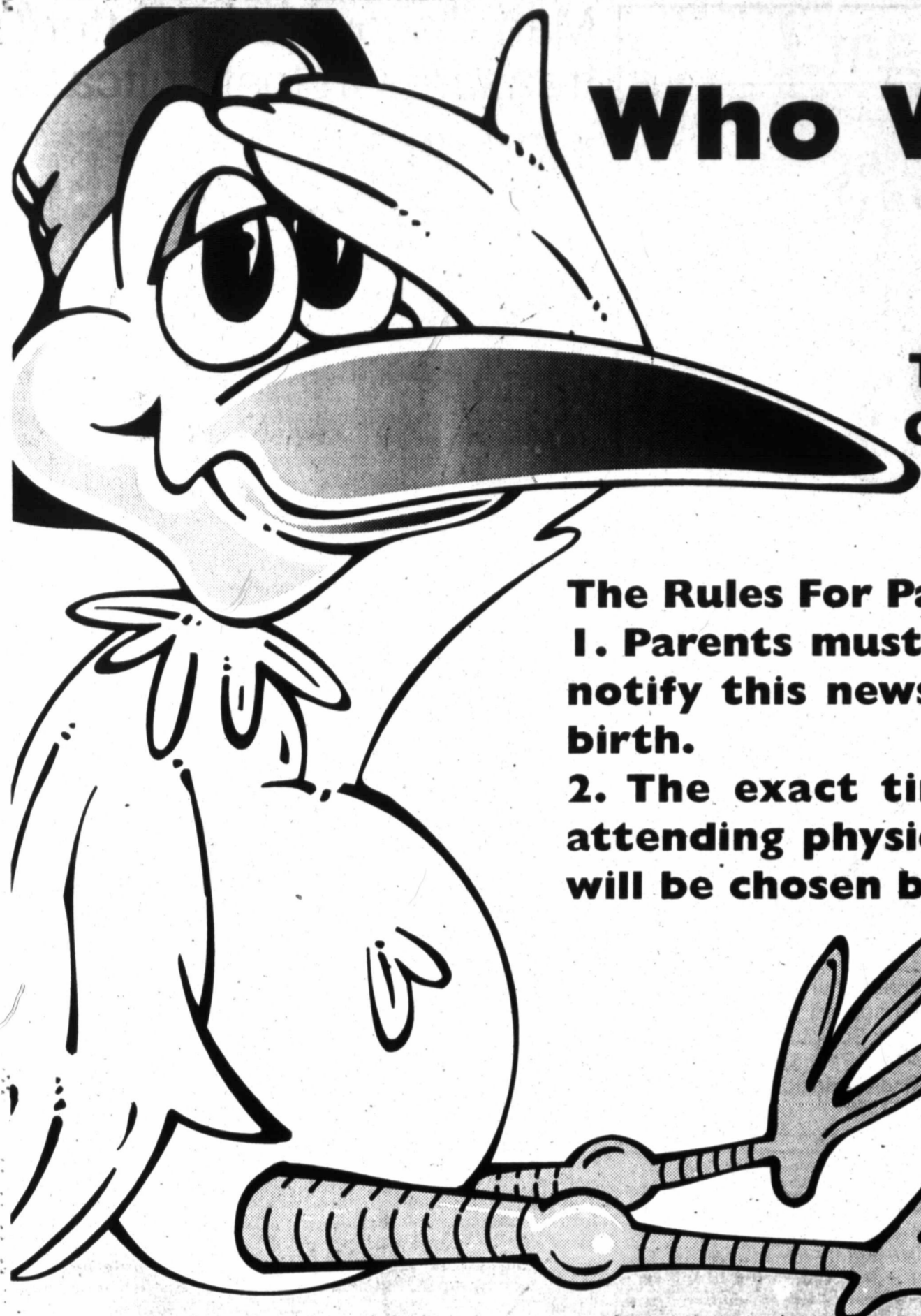
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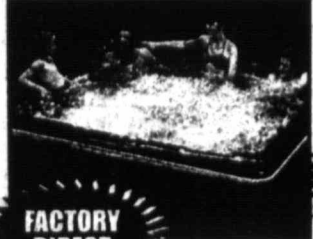
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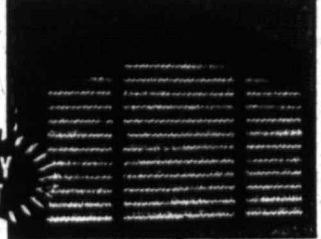
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Wife Has No Cause To Rejoice For This Good Christian Man

DEAR ABBY: My first husband died of cancer in 1997. In 1999, I met a man on the Internet — I'll call him Roland: Roland and I have been married for 23 months. He is a division chaplain (colonel) in the Army Reserves, a part-time pastor in a small church and also a marriage therapist.

Roland has suddenly decided he doesn't want to be married anymore. Last summer he bought a red Corvette, and recently he purchased a bottle of Grecian Formula. A couple of weeks ago, I discovered e-mails he had written to other women saying he wants a "special lady" in his life. (Abby, that's what I thought I was!)

Please warn women about being on the Internet, even the Christian sites. At 55, I'm facing being single again, and it's no fun. Roland is sweet, charming, and even says grace in restaurants before a meal. I'm not the kind of woman who "has" to have a man, thank goodness, but I just thought I had met the right one. Where did I go wrong?

DISILLUSIONED IN CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: You naively believed that a man you met on a Christian Web site was automatically a "good" Christian. I don't know what problems he brought to the relationship, but it appears he started having one heck of a midlife

Dear Abby

Is written by
 Pauline Phillips and
 daughter Jeanne Phillips.

crisis last summer. Either that, or you married a wolf in pastor's clothing.

Although you're not the kind of woman who "has" to have a man, please don't lose faith in all men. There are some terrific men out there, but none of them comes with a money-back guarantee.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 55 years used to be verbally abusive when things didn't go right for him.

Some years ago, you suggested that if someone was angry with his or her spouse, a list of 10 admirable qualities be written down before expressing anger.

My husband took your advice. He composed a list of 13 things he admired about me and gave it to me. Abby, he has been a new person since then, and reading his list has made me a better person, too.

Other people should try it. I have enclosed his list in case you would like to share it with your readers.

BERTHA IN PIQUA, OHIO

DEAR BERTHA: I'm almost hesitant to do so, for fear that you'll be stolen away by someone who wants to place you on an even higher pedestal.

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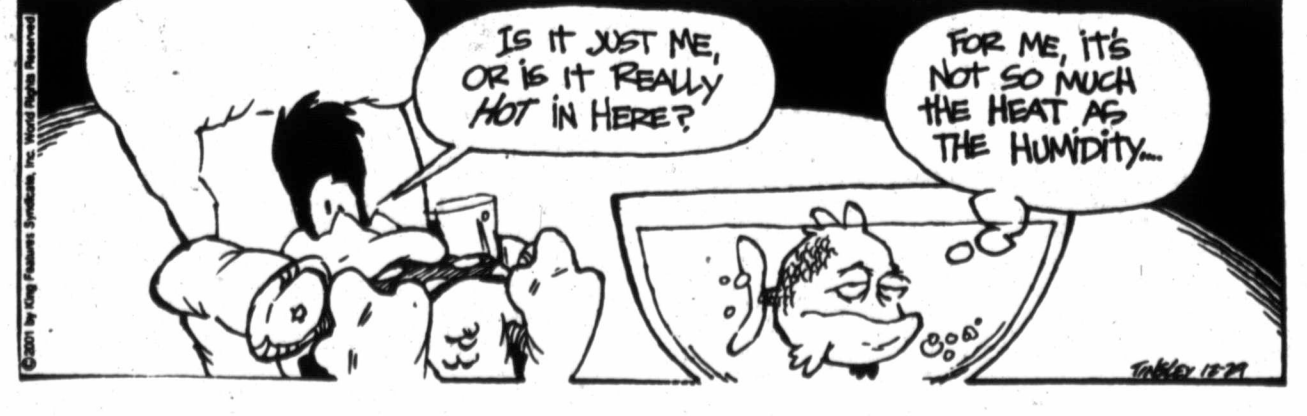
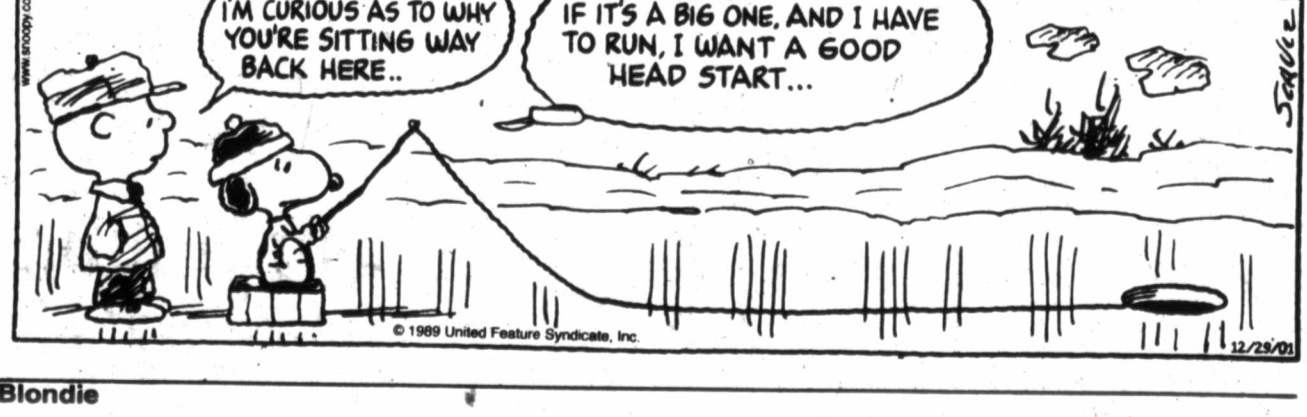
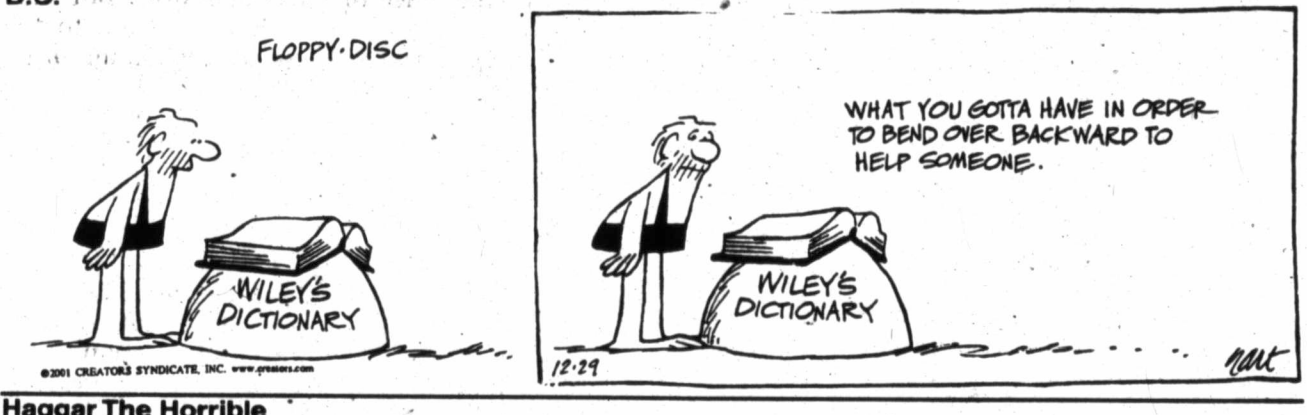
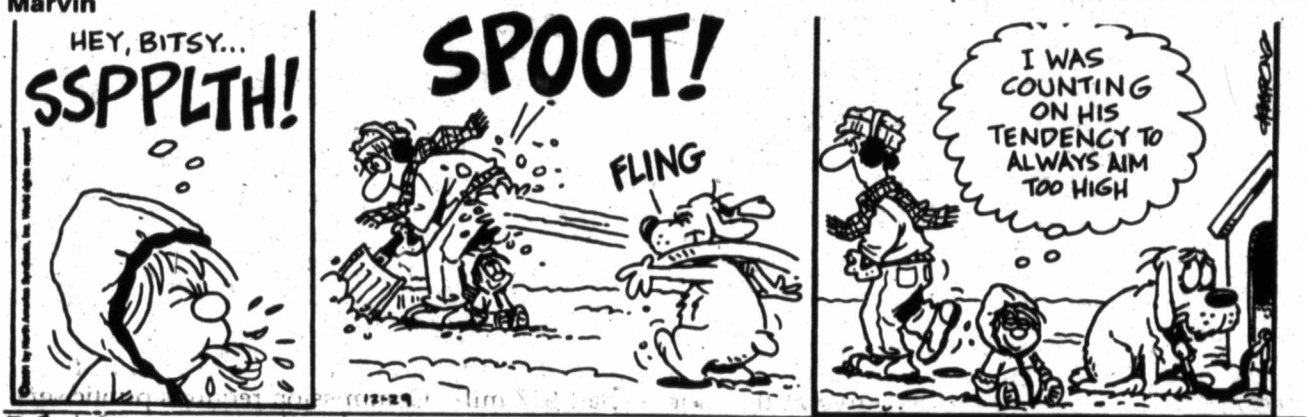
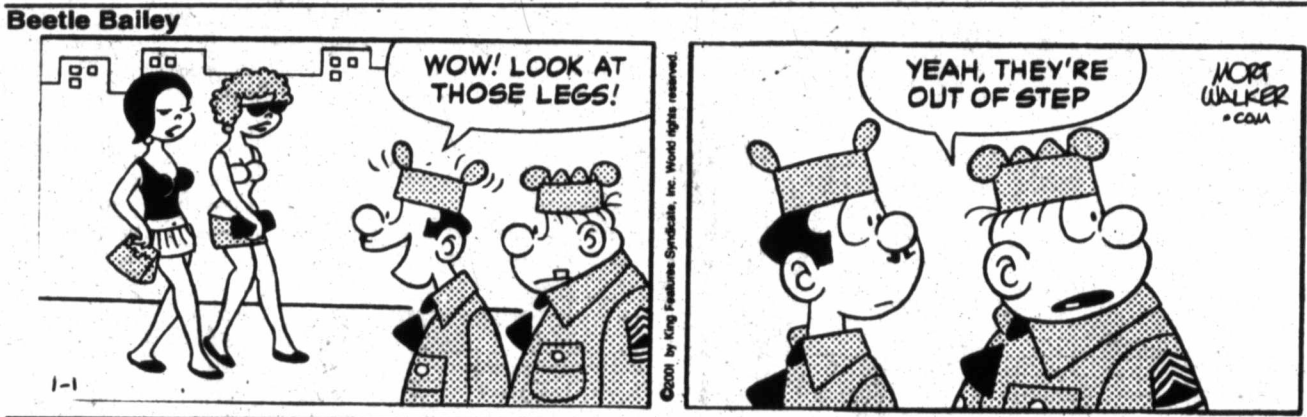
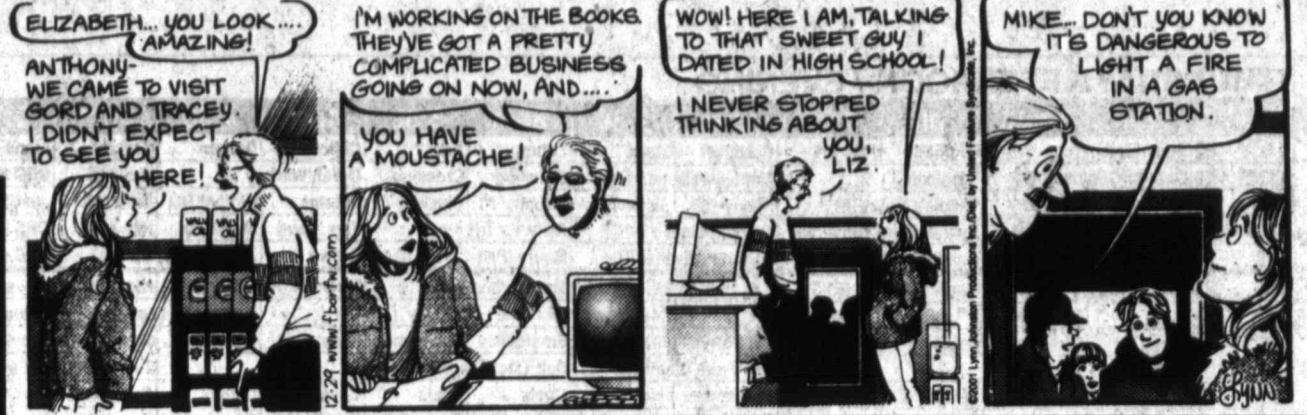
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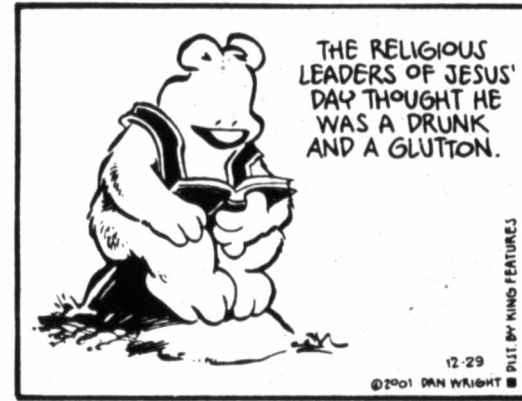
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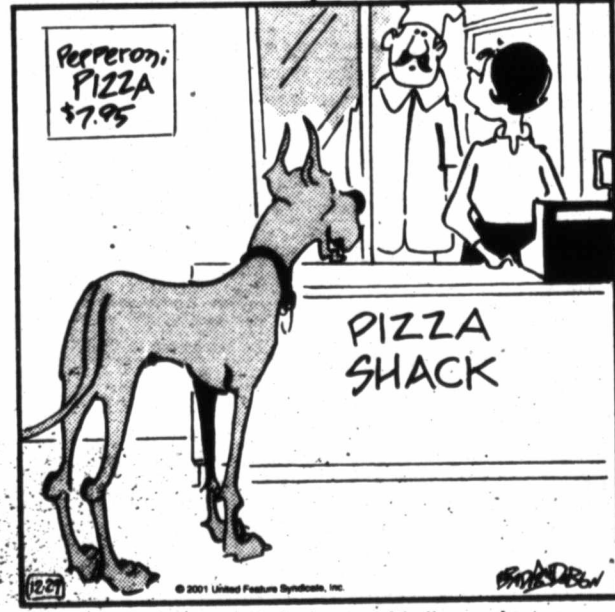
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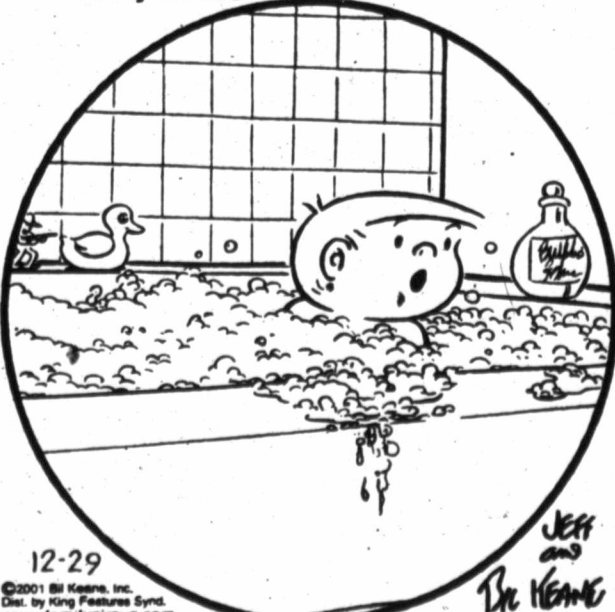
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Egyptian worked with Green Berets and bin Laden

By TOM HAYS and SHARON THEIMER
Associated Press Writers

When the Green Berets needed insight on the Middle East, they turned to one of the U.S. Army's own: Sgt. Ali Mohamed.

When Osama bin Laden wanted help training troops and raising money for his al-Qaida terrorist network, he enlisted the same man, known as "Abu Mohamed al-Amriki," or "Mohamed the American."

Now in U.S. custody at an undisclosed location, the Egyptian-born Mohamed, 49, ranks as one of the most puzzling figures in the war on terrorism.

His story shows how a terrorist managed to infiltrate American society and join the Army, then turn his military training against his adopted country. In the end he also betrayed bin Laden, supplying the FBI with inside information on al-Qaida as part of a plea deal with federal prosecutors in the 1998 terrorist bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa.

"He is one of the people who lurks in the background of this whole conspiracy," prosecutor Kenneth Karas said at the embassy bombing trial in New York earlier this year.

Court records, including Mohamed's own admissions in his guilty plea last year, portray a man who mixed easily with civilians in California, soldiers in Fort Bragg, N.C., and terrorists in Nairobi, Kenya.

The trail of double-crosses can be traced to 1981. That year, as an Egyptian army captain fluent in English, he completed a program for foreign officers offered by the Special Forces school at Fort Bragg.

There, Mohamed learned unconventional warfare — the same training given Green Berets, minus classified classes. He has admitted that around the same time, he became involved with Egyptian Islamic Jihad, a militant Muslim group eventually absorbed by al-Qaida.

Mohamed left the Egyptian Army in 1984 and contacted the CIA, offering to be a spy, according to a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity. The CIA learned he was boasting of a relationship with the agency, judged him unreliable and dropped him as a source, the official said. He was later placed on a U.S. government watch list, according to U.S. officials.

Mohamed moved to the United States in 1985, settling in northern California and becoming a U.S. citizen. He married Linda Lee Sanchez of Santa Clara, Calif., that year in Reno, Nev. Sanchez, on advice from her attorney, has declined to comment on Mohamed.

In 1986, at age 34, Mohamed joined the U.S. Army in Oakland, Calif. Army officials said they did not know to what extent his background was checked.

He returned to Fort Bragg as an enlisted man in 1987, working as a supply sergeant for Special Forces. He never became a Green Beret or received

security clearance, but he gave briefings on Islamic fundamentalism and the Middle East at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

During one lecture, he told soldiers they had nothing to fear from devout Muslims, court records show.

"The word fundamentalism scares people in the West," he said. "The word fundamentalism does not mean extremism."

At the same time, Mohamed was moonlighting as a trainer for soldiers of a different stripe: militant Muslims in Brooklyn hoping to join the fight against a Soviet puppet government in Afghanistan.

One member of the group, Khalid Ibrahim, testified at a 1995 trial that Mohamed trained them to fire AK47 assault rifles at a Connecticut shooting range. The witness also told how Mohamed gave classes in a Jersey City, N.J., apartment on "how to find your way by looking at the stars" and "how to recognize some of the weapons if you see them, like tanks."

Some of Mohamed's students were later found guilty of plotting terrorist attacks, including the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center and a plot to blow up New York City landmarks.

Seized from the apartment of one of the convicted terrorists were manuals from the Kennedy school swiped by Mohamed, including an "enemy weapons guide" describing the Soviet arsenal, according to court testimony. Defense lawyers have said other documents included "top secret" plans for a Special Forces training exercise for an attack on a section of Pakistan.

Army officials and prosecutors declined to discuss the specifics of the documents Mohamed had. But a Special Forces spokesman, Maj. Gary Kolb, called the value of a late-1980s training manual in today's Afghanistan "debatable."

Back then, no breach of security was evident at Fort Bragg. Kolb said an officer who worked with Mohamed "did have some suspicions about what he did, but nothing came as a result of it. It really depended on who you believed."

Mohamed received at least two medals for "meritorious achievement" before being honorably discharged in 1989.

After he left the U.S. Army, Mohamed took up al-Qaida's cause. Ibrahim recalled encountering a westernized Mohamed at a mountain training camp in Afghanistan in 1992. L'Houssain Kherchtou — a former bin Laden follower who testified in the embassy bombings trial — remembered meeting Mohamed at a training session in Pakistan in the early 1990s. Known as "Amriki," or "the American," Mohamed was "very, very strict and not gentle" while giving explosives and reconnaissance training.

Trainees were warned in advance that Mohamed "was a severe man" who was "not a good practitioner of Islam," Kherchtou said through an interpreter. "You can hear from him some bad words."

Mohamed, during his plea, admitted teaching al-Qaida foot soldiers how to create cell structures that could be used for operations. He also trained bin Laden's security detail.

The plea provided one of the most direct links between bin Laden and the bombings that killed 231 people — 12 Americans and 219 Africans — at the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Mohamed claimed bin Laden in late 1993 asked him to conduct surveillance of American, British, French and Israeli targets in Nairobi. His diagrams and photographs were reviewed by bin Laden, who "looked at the picture of the American Embassy and pointed to where a truck could go as a suicide bomber," he said.

Returning to California in the mid-1990s, Mohamed helped a top aide to bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, raise money for the Egyptian Islamic Jihad. He also monitored the trial of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman — the blind Egyptian cleric convicted in the 1995 New York terrorism trials — for bin Laden.

Once terrorists had struck the embassies, Mohamed said he planned to return to Egypt and then join bin Laden in Afghanistan. But prosecutors have said he also contacted the FBI, telling agents that bin Laden was responsible for the attacks.

Mohamed was subpoenaed to testify before a New York grand jury before being indicted on conspiracy charges. He pleaded guilty in October 2000.

"Abu Mohamed al-Amriki" has not been seen in public since.

It remains unclear how Mohamed managed to enter the United States and join the Army in the 1980s, despite the CIA's misgivings. Equally unclear is how he was able to maintain his ties in the 1990s without being banished by either side, even after the Special Forces documents he stole turned up in the 1995 New York trial.

The State Department, CIA and FBI declined to answer questions about Mohamed. Officials have refused to discuss how much he has helped in their investigations as he awaits sentencing, which has been postponed indefinitely.

Given what's known, Mohamed fits the profile of a double agent, said Larry Johnson, former deputy chief of counterterrorism for the State Department. He believes Mohamed was an FBI informant before the embassy bombings.

"I just see it as the FBI screwed up," Johnson said. "They didn't do a good job of information management."

Rusty Capps, a retired FBI agent and president of the Center for Counterintelligence and Security Studies, said Mohamed seemed too interested in "trying to impress people" to be reliable.

"If I were al-Qaida, if I were the CIA, if I were the FBI, I would not want to have a person like this anywhere within a thousand miles of me," Capps said.

In the Army, Mohamed "was doing what was asked of him, and there was no reason to suspect anything differently," Kolb said. "Would we like to go back and change things? Definitely. Then maybe a lot of this would never have happened."

EDITOR'S NOTE — AP reporter Larry Neumeister in New York also contributed to this story.

Luci Baines Johnson carries on first family's local radio tradition

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Like her mother before her, Luci Baines Johnson presides over a Texas radio empire.

With the emphasis on Texas.

Home state musicians Lyle Lovett, Robert Earl Keen and Willie Nelson get plenty of air time. So do up-and-comers from Austin's music scene. At the flagship KLBJ-AM, local news is a mainstay. Throughout LBJ Broadcasting Co., employees promote community service.

Some competitors are much bigger. But for Luci Johnson — daughter of the late President Lyndon Johnson and wife Lady Bird Johnson — sticking closely to the Austin area is good business.

"In a day and time where communications, especially radio, has an increasing march toward homogenization, we have resisted that march," she said. "We believe that the edge for radio as an entity is being local."

Market figures appear to back her up.

The six stations of LBJ Broadcasting, all in Austin, combined are the local leader in the desirable age category of 25-54 in share, or percentage of people listening, and total number of listeners, according to Arbitron ratings.

Being in the market for nearly 60 years has helped, said Johnson, who as chairman of her family's privately held LBJ Holding Co. oversees its radio business.

"There is a local presence that you have that just is a real advantage over somebody who is a big conglomerate," she said.

Johnson, 54, explained her business philosophy in a recent interview in her historic downtown office, where she spoke fondly of her parents and her sister, Lynda Johnson Robb.

Ian Turpin, Luci's husband, is president of LBJ Holding Co., which also includes real estate ventures. The couple returned to Texas from Canada in the early 1990s to work more directly with the company following an economic downturn that took a toll on the Johnson family operation.

Frequently, Luci Johnson repeats her parents' belief: "The best fertilizer for a man's land is the footsteps of its owners."

Lady Bird Johnson, 89, remains on the holding company's board and attends most of its meetings. She started the business when she bought the family's first radio station in 1942 with \$17,500 in inheritance money while her husband was in Congress.

Then known as KTBC, the station had frequency problems, sales problems and personnel problems.

"It just was problematic," Luci Johnson said.

Lady Bird Johnson's close attention gradually improved the station's bottom line. She sold radio air time and even helped clean floors.

Later she obtained one of the first FM signals at a time when the potential of FM radio was unknown. The family acquired a television station, KTBC, but sold it and its call letters in 1973.

That's when the designation KLBJ for the flagship radio station came about.

With telecommunications deregulation in the 1990s, other radio companies like industry mammoth San Antonio-based Clear Channel Communications, a publicly traded company, began to acquire hundreds of stations nationwide.

The Johnsons set out to expand their ownership in Austin, now permissible under deregulation.

Clearly, LBJ Broadcasting has found a way to compete effectively against larger companies, said Tom Taylor, editor of M Street Daily, a radio industry newsletter.

In 2000, the Johnson family's cluster of stations — numbering five at the time — had \$27 million in revenue, second in the market only to the \$31.3 million generated by Clear Channel's stations, according to Duncan's Radio Market Guide.

A large corporation with hundreds of stations may benefit from cost savings and efficiencies. But the smaller, private LBJ Broadcasting doesn't have to meet outside analysts' profit projections and can concentrate on serving a niche in a local market, he said.

An example is KGSR-FM, which joined the Johnson empire in a merger with Sinclair Telecast in 1997.

The station offers a mix of folk, blues, country and rockabilly. Program director Jody Denberg likes to call it "roots music."

Bob Dylan, Paul Simon and Lucinda Williams are featured alongside the music of emerging artists Eliza Gilkyson, Slaid Cleaves and Alejandro Escovedo. Though the station promotes Texas musicians, being one isn't enough to make it on the air, Denberg said.

"We don't have an affirmative action program for local music," he said. "It just needs to be a great song."

This past summer KGSR was second in the 25-54 age group, and it consistently finishes among the top five in the market, said Scott Gillmore, vice

president and market manager for the six LBJs stations.

The company's other stations feature traditional rock, oldies, talk and news radio, alternative rock and dance club music.

Some of these formats might not work in other cities, where there isn't a thriving live music and club scene, Gillmore acknowledges.

The stations also make their mark with community fund raisers. For instance, KGSR and KLBJ-FM produce compact discs of recordings of well-known musicians' on-air performances and sell them to benefit the SIMS Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps musicians obtain mental health services.

Luci Johnson notes that the Federal Communications Commission requires public service of radio operators. But she also said it's the right thing to do and helps strengthen community ties.

"Quite candidly, a lot of these people want to do business with the people whose values they respect and appreciate," she said.

Among other places, Johnson has worked with the Children's Hospital Foundation of Austin, the SafePlace Foundation and the College Assistance Migrant Program at St. Edwards University, where she completed her degree in communications shortly before turning 50.

She serves on the board of the local public television station, KLRU, and points out that public broadcasting began in the 1960s during her father's administration. She and her mother are big fans of PBS, she said.

Now that the former first lady has "passed the baton" as leader of the family's broadcasting business, Luci Johnson said she is working to live up to her mother's standards.

"It is what I try to do," she said. "I had a great teacher, a remarkable mentor."

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Weapons win wars, but many question U.S. ideals

By DAVID FOSTER
Associated Press Writer

Abdel Malek does not hate America. He just doesn't like it as much anymore.

Malek, 36, is a Muslim who lives a thoroughly modern life in a fashionable suburb of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, one of the wealthiest nations in southeast Asia. He adores Michael Jordan and never misses a Steven Seagal movie.

He used to believe America stood for justice and human rights.

"I'd watch on CNN how the U.S. would be the first to condemn any wrongdoing anywhere in the world," he said.

Once U.S. jets started bombing Afghanistan in October, however, Malek cut back on CNN, distressed by the images of Afghan parents weeping for children killed by errant bombs.

"You start to think more and more about what the U.S. actually is, behind that mask of rhetoric," Malek said. "They may have their reasons in blaming Osama bin Laden, but to invade a country, kill innocent people to take out one man, how do you justify that?"

"Now I think every country, including the U.S., will say one thing and then do exactly the opposite if it serves their interest. I am no longer idealistic or trust what people say. I take everything now with a pinch — make that a barrel — of salt."

With the rout of the Taliban and al-Qaida, the United States has shown it can crush a repressive Third World regime. But can it make friends overseas? Do its ideals still hold persuasive power, or must it rely on bombs?

As America looks beyond Afghanistan in its war against terrorism, it can count on a certain reservoir of global good will — but not enough to squander.

Throughout the world, including in heavily Islamic countries, plenty of people admire U.S. ideals of liberty, democracy and tolerance. Many are quick to complain, however, that America doesn't always live up to its principles, especially in foreign affairs. Such dissatisfaction slides easily into disillusionment, especially with a nudge from Islamic fundamentalists eager to portray America as a sinful nation bent on destroying Islam.

To gauge how the non-Western world views America's most cherished values, Associated Press reporters interviewed a sampling of citizens across Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Taken together, they reflect an unstable world in

which the balance between love and loathing of America can shift quickly. Local miseries get blamed on America, fairly or not. And contradictions abound: Witness those who denounce U.S. culture as evil, all while sipping Coke and watching "Ally McBeal."

Amid the complexities, there still are some straight-ahead, old-fashioned fans of America.

"The United States is doubtlessly the most dedicated country in the world in protecting human life, rights and dignity, as well as democracy and freedom," said Choi Jung-suk, 62, a retired air force colonel in South Korea and now an executive with the Korean Veterans Association.

He views America as a "blood-tied ally," recalling the Korean War, in which more than 33,000 U.S. soldiers died defending South Korea against communist North Korea. That was a just cause, Choi believes, as is the current campaign against terrorism.

"Terrorism is not only a challenge to democracy and freedom," Choi said. "It is also a disrespect to human life. Thus the U.S. retaliation is a punishment under the name of justice."

Justice for all. Freedom of worship. The right to speak freely and elect leaders. Such tenets of Western democracy have proved remarkably durable, spreading throughout the world. Where they are officially renounced by an authoritarian government, they tend to simmer amid the populace.

Americans attach themselves to such noble ideals, especially when waging war. They see their America as a nation that keeps to itself unless mightily provoked. President Bush said he was fighting terrorism "to save civilization itself."

Outside the United States, however, many people see the world's lone superpower as more heavy-handed than high-minded.

Some blame America for killing thousands of innocents in Iraq through bombing and economic sanctions.

The United States even gets blamed for tragedies not of its making. In Rwanda, resentment lingers over its slowness to respond in 1994 when more than a half-million minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus were massacred.

"Rwanda was too small, was of no strategic importance to the U.S.," said Jean Baptiste Kayigamba, 38, a Rwandan journalist who lost his parents and five of his seven siblings in the massacres.

Throughout the Middle East, many Muslims consider America's military presence in Saudi Arabia to be a defilement of Islamic holy lands, and they

believe U.S. support has helped Israel remain a disruptive force in the region.

"America is behind all our trouble," said Leila Khaled of Amman, Jordan.

She knows trouble well, having hijacked two airliners in 1969 and 1970 for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Now a member of the PLO's parliament, 57-year-old Khaled condemns the Sept. 11 attacks but thinks Americans should consider why they were targeted.

U.S. actions in the Middle East, she says, are driven not by high ideals but by an addiction to Arab oil. She says America has propped up puppet governments, defended totalitarian regimes and disrupted democracies.

"Where is the United States' torch of liberty and justice in all of this?" she asks. "Those ideals are meant for the American people only. Beyond its borders, America's policy is hegemony and arrogance, which has driven nations against the United States."

Many Muslims suspect that America is leading the world down a secular, immoral path. They worry about the "Westoxication" of their culture by consumerism and fast living. To them, America's vaunted "freedoms" are little more than licenses to sin.

In Iran, where the Islamic revolution of 1979 reversed a long trend toward westernization, anti-Americanism is an institution, though one that is beginning to fray around the edges.

Ghader Mansouri, 35, a school teacher, lives with his wife and young daughter in a small Tehran apartment on \$100 a month, a modest salary by Iranian standards.

Their only vehicle is a motorcycle. Mansouri says he is "happy and satisfied" with his life, and while he grants that America may be more comfortable than Iran, he adds that American freedoms carry a moral cost.

"Can you close your eyes to these social vices and corruption we see from the American movies? There are huge numbers of crimes, rapes, sexual abuses, sexual harassment and many mistreatments of the women there," Mansouri said.

"I cannot imagine the negative effects of this culture for the youth when they grow up. I cannot accept at all that this much freedom is helpful and good for the society."

Even in Iran, anti-Americanism is not absolute. Iran and America found common ground in opposing the Taliban. And Western influences keep seeping into Iranian culture, despite the misgivings of clerics. With help from U.S. advisers, for example, Iran is training a national team in the thoroughly American

sport of baseball.

Mansouri himself comes across as thoughtful, not ranting.

Yet this is still Iran. After his chat with a reporter, Mansouri and his wife went to Tehran's main mosque. They filed into segregated sections: men in front, women in back. Then everyone began to shout. "Death to America," they chanted. "Death to Israel."

Friday prayers had begun.

Given a chance to export images of their nation's most cherished ideals, many Americans might choose a Norman Rockwell collage of patriotic scenes. They'd picture voters striding dutifully to the polls, or fresh-scrubbed school kids at their desks.

They certainly would not picture this scene, at a coffee shop in the Ikea furniture store of Beijing:

A 24-year-old man stands out from the crowd with his leather jacket, black pants and straight, black hair falling to the small of his back. His name is Zhang Nan, though he goes by the stage name Mummyfry Zhang when playing guitar in his death-metal band, Stale Corpse.

Zhang says his first contact with American culture came during middle school through a smuggled tape cassette of the heavy-metal band Metallica.

"It made an instant connection in my brain, and I knew that's what I wanted to do," Zhang said.

He has since filled in around the edges with other images of America. He says he admires U.S. freedoms, especially the freedom to express oneself, and he believes America's biggest problem abroad is envy.

"They see American strength, and it makes them mad because they want their country to be like that," he said.

The images that America spreads most vigorously around the world are not ones that Americans should be proud of, says Najib al-Othman, a civil engineer in Kuwait City.

"There is McDonalds, fast music and violent movies," al-Othman said.

He is a Muslim, but no extremist. Al-Othman wears a shirt and pants to work, not the traditional white robe, or dishdasha, favored by most Kuwaitis. He attended Syracuse University in New York, and he heartily endorses U.S.-style civil liberties such as equality for all and innocence until guilt is proven.

The official Kuwaiti stance toward America, ever since U.S. forces beat back Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1991, has been one of gratitude. But a suspicion of Western ways persists.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: The following named defendants, namely, EMMANUEL TEMPLE CHURCH, IMMANUEL TEMPLE, Pampa, Texas, and J.S. ABEL, and if married, the unknown spouses of said Defendants, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of said named Defendants; the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, and the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, if the said unknown heirs are dead; the unknown heirs of said named Defendants and if the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named Defendants are dead; their legal representatives; and all other persons claiming any title or interest in the property described in Plaintiff's Original Petition filed herein; all of whom are parties to this suit and whose places of residence and whereabouts are unknown to Plaintiff and to Affiant.

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YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 223rd Judicial District Court of Gray County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said County in the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, on or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance

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hereof, that is to say, at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, the 4th day of February, 2002, and to answer the Petition of THE CARPENTER'S HOUSE, Plaintiff in Cause No. 32,429, styled THE CARPENTER'S HOUSE, Plaintiff, vs. EMMANUEL TEMPLE CHURCH, IMMANUEL TEMPLE, Pampa, Texas, and J.S. ABEL, Defendants, which Petition was filed in said Court on the 20th day of December, 2001, and the nature of which suit is as follows: A Trespass to Try Title Suit in which Plaintiff claims that it has been lawfully seized and possessed of the following described property, land and premises situated in Gray County, Texas, to-wit: All of Lots Nos. Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), and Twenty-two (22), in Block No. Four (4), of the WILCOX ADDITION, and Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas, according to the duly recorded map or plat of said Addition filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Gray County, Texas. That on or about July 20, 1976, a COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CENTER, now COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CENTER, INC., a Texas Non-Profit Corporation, acquired ownership of the above-described property and

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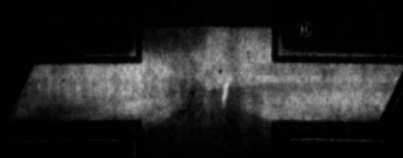
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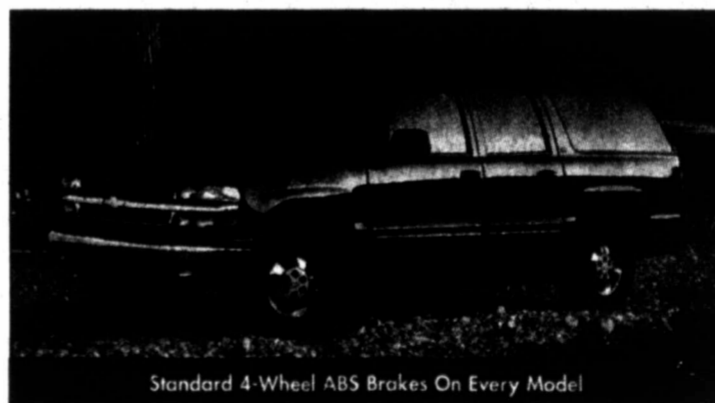
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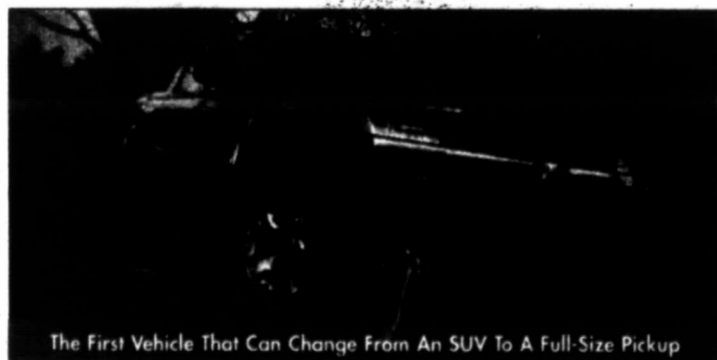
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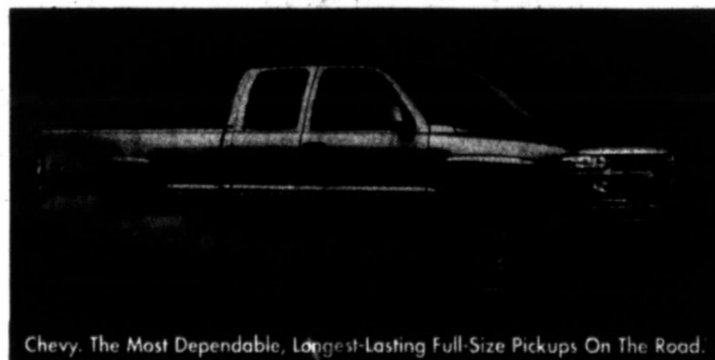
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