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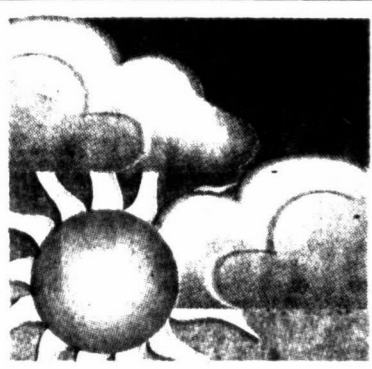
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PAMPA — The Pampa Social Security Office will be installing a new computers system from Mar. 22-26. Services will be limited due to equipment installation and employee training. Please plan to visit the Social Security Office before or after the week of Mar. 22-26. Services will also be limited the afternoon of Mar. 19. You may conduct most business by phone at 1-800-772-1213.

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the chairman of the Senate Education Committee, was hospitalized Monday after suffering chest pains.

Bivins, 51, also had chest pains last week and underwent angioplasties over the weekend, said his spokeswoman, Cathy Teague.

"He's doing OK," she said. "He's still talking and doing work and working the phones."

Ms. Teague said Bivins flew from Amarillo to Austin on Monday morning and felt pains shortly before noon.

"It was just discomfort, and he thought it was best to go in," she said.

- Shirley Bryan, 56, owner-operator "A" Beauty Salon.
- Ethan Wayne Anderson, 18 months.

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Toddler dies after playground accident

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Funeral services are pending for an 18-month old boy who died a day after falling into a creek bed that had filled with about two feet of water.

Ethan Wayne Anderson, son of James Alexander and Angela Anderson, was pronounced dead at 11:48 a.m. Monday at Northwest Texas Hospital where he had been airlifted shortly after the accident occurred at the Super Playground.

His aunt, Melodie Lane, told *The Pampa News* today that Ethan never regained consciousness and had been on life support since entering the hospital.

At 2:58 Sunday afternoon city police received a call of a missing

"Ethan loved his sister so much ... he loved to rock ... there was a rocking chair in the lay-a-way for him. And he liked balls and balloons ... and he loved his family."

— Melodie Lane
Ethan's aunt

child at the playground in the 900 block of North Frost. Shortly thereafter, another call was received that reported a possible drowning.

Ethan was found face down in about two feet of water and a man at the playground performed CPR until Officer Corey Powell arrived to take over. A nurse on the scene relieved

Powell and continued the attempt to revive the toddler.

Lane said Ethan had gone to the park with his great aunt, Debbie Mojica, Mojica's daughter-in-law, Windy Mojica, Ethan's sister, Melodie, 4, and Windy Mojica's little boy, Michael, 17 months.

"They were all playing," Lane said of the group. "Miranda was

on a tire swing and when she hollered Debbie went to check on her. When Debbie turned around, Ethan was gone."

Lane, who is the baby's mother's sister, said Windy was playing with her little boy when Ethan walked away.

She quoted Debbie and Windy as saying the lay of the ground causes one to lose sight of the water in which Ethan was found.

And, Lane recalled that Ethan "was so fast. We called him our little track star."

"My sister won't rest until something is done ... there should be fence there (to block creek bed access) or something," Lane said. "We know it was an accident but we felt like there should have been a fence."

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Ethan Wayne Anderson

Chamber banquet set Thursday night Tickets remain available

Members of the Pampa business community will come together Thursday night at 7 at M.K. Brown Auditorium for the 70th annual meeting of the chamber.

Special events on tap include the announcement of The 1998 Citizens of the Year and humorist Janice Ralston Sons will entertain the crowd.



Janice Ralston Sons

Tickets are available through the chamber at 669-3241. Tickets are \$20 at the door but if bought in advance there is a \$5 savings.

The speaker, Sons, has been making audiences laugh for over 10 years and has entertained groups throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

She's an elected official who is active in her Wichita Falls community where she serves on several boards. Her awards include Business and Professional "Woman of the Year," 1997 Hirschi High School Alumni of the Year, induction into the North Texas Women's Hall of Fame and the Distinguished Leadership Award presented by Leadership Wichita Falls.

Trooper Nelson stops car; makes seizure of \$10,000

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Two Illinois men have headed back home missing \$10,000 that was seized by the DPS and the District Attorney's Office.

The seizure happened late Sunday night when DPS Trooper John Nelson spotted a 1989 Buick Riviera on I-40 with two men who were not wearing their seat belts. Nelson stopped the car and said when he asked for their licenses they seemed "very nervous."

Nelson questioned both the driver, Travis J. Cox, 24, and Darick A. Knutson, 20, both of Oglesby, Illinois. He said they gave "conflicting

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'Officer, what was I doing?'



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Officer Colby Brown pulled over a driver earlier this week who was doing nothing wrong! In fact, Evangelina Portillo was doing things so right Brown made her the first recipient of the Good Driving Award. She was given Pizza Hut coupon for a free single-topping pizza. The police department hopes to give away about 20 pizzas a month to safe and courteous drivers in Pampa. With Evangelina are her children Ernesto (in the front), Christopher, Angel and Phillip. Everyone was buckled up safely.

Glitch puts hitch in reunion list

The Lefors all school reunion for 1999 will be held July 3rd. Invitations were sent out on February 1st but due to computer problems some names have been lost.

Any Lefors graduate or anyone knowing of a Lefors graduate who has not received an invitation should contact Johnny or Mary Wariner at

835-2249 or Becky or James Hall at 835-2315.

There will be a barbecue meal catered by the Shriners that evening. The cost will be \$9 for adults and \$4.5 for children.

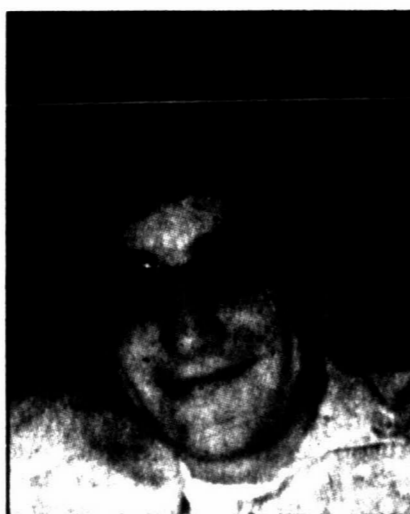
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Quite frankly... Who will win the men's NCAA tournament?



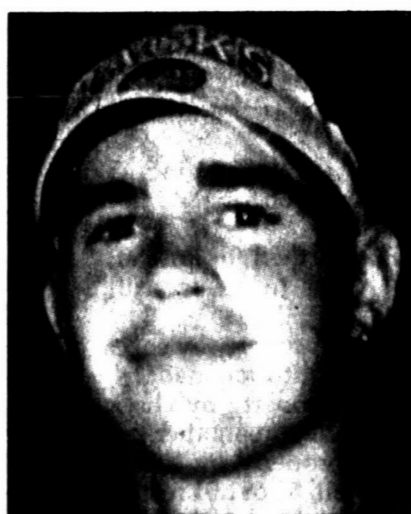
"Oklahoma, because they're the cinderella team from around our area."

— Todd Lancaster



"Gonzaga, because its all about cinderella teams."

— Mark Michaels



"Duke, because they've got experience."

— Travis Lancaster



"Michigan State, because Mateen Cleaves has skills."

— Thomas Long

Shamrock Car Show Saturday

SHAMROCK — In addition to the Donegal beards, the Irish stew cook-off and the Miss Irish Rose beauty pageant, this Wheeler County town will host a St. Patrick's Car Show Saturday.

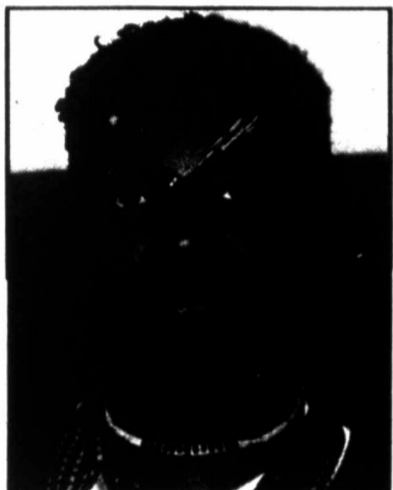
Registration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church, 401 N. Main, according to Bill Beck, coordinator for the car show. There is no entry fee, he said.

While St. Patrick's Day Celebration officials are encouraging owner to drive their cars in the parade down Main Street at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Beck said that is optional.

Judging for the car show will be at 1 p.m. Saturday with the (See SHAMROCK, Page 5)

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Students attend FHA meeting

AMARILLO — The Pampa chapter of the Future Homemakers of America attended the Region 1 Conference held recently in Amarillo. The chapter members were among 1,300 delegates attending the two-day conference. The youth developed theme, "FHA/HERO: Spotlight on Excellence," was carried out through workshop and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in the issues facing today's youth. Some of the issues that were addressed at the meeting were career choices, violence, alcohol and drugs, sexual awareness, leadership and accomplishing goals.

Participating in the STAR Events contest (Students Taking Action For Recognition) were Kris Ann Rogers, Kim Jones and Rachel Ledford in Chapter Showcase, placing first, and

Carrie Jennings and Lindsey Hampton in Chapter Service, placing second. These events allow the members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

The new officer team for 1999-2000 was elected to lead the region to greater heights. Justin Lemons was elected as first vice president of Projects. He was installed during the second session of the regional meeting conducted by our own Regional officer, Valorie Johnson. Other members attending the meeting include: Amanda Buck, Danette Navarrete, Chris Dallas, Chris Hearron, Cristy Canaday, Brandi Fausett, Berna Rendon and Stacie Winegeart. Also attending were

members of the Pampa FHA-HERO: Brandi Burnett, Crissy Norris, Kim Newman and Candice Jameson. The group was supervised by Karen Skaggs, Gaylene Skaggs and Katie McDonald.

Future Homemakers of America is a youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Future Homemakers of America is considered the "best kept secret." A secret that we plan to put in the spotlight in the near future. Members learn leadership and life skills related to parenting and child development, management, interior design, food science, institutional maintenance, hospitality and career awareness.

(Special photo)

'Pride of Pampa' Band



(Community Camera photo)

Two "Pride of Pampa" band members were chosen as members of the All-Region Jazz Band. Seniors James Carter and Jordan Holmes were selected to perform with the jazz band March 5 and 6, at Caprock High School in Amarillo. Carter was chosen as first chair trumpet and Holmes was chosen as first chair alto saxophone. Both were selected as All-State band members earlier this year and both plan to pursue a career in music at West Texas A&M University in the fall.

National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week to be observed

NEW YORK — Ben Stolmeier, 12, and his friends wanted to experiment. They filled a small plastic, black film canister with spray paint and inhaled the fumes. It produced a brief, dizzy feeling. Over the next couple of years, they "huffed" household cleaners and cooking sprays through a white sock, producing more serious effects.

"We did it when we didn't have any other drugs," recalls Ben, now enrolled in a Phoenix House drug treatment program. "We didn't think of these things as drugs; they were right in the garage or under the kitchen sink. They were easy to get and very easy to conceal from our parents."

Inhalants are easy to obtain and conceal. "We inhaled computer cleaners from a can," said Christopher Merle, a student in a Phoenix House program. "We'd buy a dozen of them at a local office supply store, and always thought that if we were caught we'd just say we were bringing it home for Dad."

"We didn't think of these things as drugs; they were right in the garage or under the kitchen sink. They were easy to get and very easy to conceal from our parents."

Ben is one of millions of American adolescents who have abused inhalants, according to Kevin McEaney, executive vice president of Phoenix House, which operates drug treatment program in New York, Calif., Texas and Florida. Last year 1 in 5 Americans of middle school age reported having inhaled common household products. McEaney emphasizes that National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week, March 22-27, is an important occasion for parents, educators and others involved with youth to understand the dangerous effects and patterns of abuse of these legal drugs.

Inhaling the computer cleaner regularly for three months generated a variety of disturbing effects — vomiting, coughing up blood, shortness of breath, difficulty concentrating.

According to McEaney, repeated use of the substances increases the risk of brain damage, glaucoma, blindness and potentially fatal liver and kidney diseases.

Inhalant abuse is often part of a pattern of using other drugs. "Our cocaine dealer was late, and we wanted to get high," recalls a teenage girl enrolled in a Phoenix House counseling program. "We took some floor cleaner and huffed it through a rag. We did the same thing about a week later. While we didn't think of it as a drug at the time, I look back on it as even worse — the dizziness, killing all those brain cells."

Inhalants frequently serve as a gateway to other drugs. "On weekends, a friend and I would put aerosol sprays to our mouth," explained another Phoenix House adolescent. "I was 13, and we were just experimenting. But that was before we knew where to get pot," which he abused heavily for the next few years.

For additional information on Inhalant abuse and prevention, call the American Council for Drug Education, an affiliate of Phoenix House, at 1-800-488-DRUG.

Frank Phillips offers more career services

BORGER — Frank Phillips College is offering America's Career Kit. ACK is supported by the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration and the State Employment Service. ACK offers a series of linked Internet sites to help students find and keep good jobs. These sites are easy to use and are free due to federal unemployment taxes. The sites are:

—America's Job Bank (www.ajb.dni.us) — the largest and most frequently visited job bank in cyberspace. All types of jobs are listed from accountants to welders. Those with a high tech background should be sure to check out the Job Bank's new high tech site at <http://it.job-search.org>. There is a strong demand for workers skilled in information technology.

—America's Talent Bank (www.ajb.dni.us) — a nationwide database of electronic resumes regularly searched by employers looking for the right job candidate.

—America's Career InfoNet (www.acinet.org) — a collection of information regarding the employment outlook and wage rates for various occupations, a description of hundreds of occupations and training requirements for them, as well as the demographics of various geographic areas you may be considering living after college.

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MAWF plans seminar

AMARILLO — Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains will host a Volunteer Seminar from 11 a.m.-12 noon, Saturday, March 20 at Marty's, 34th and Georgia, Amarillo.

Make-A-Wish Foundation invites representatives in the Pampa area to attend the seminar. Appetizers will be provided.

Attendees should RSVP Nancy Boles by Wednesday, March 17 at (806) 358-9943.

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Pampa native receives alumni award

LUBBOCK — Howard Karbo, a 1972 graduate of Lubbock Christian University, has been awarded the K.C. Moser Award for Service to the Church. The Alumni Association presents this award — named after beloved Bible professor, K.C. Moser — to recognize the contributions an alum has made to the church.

The current school counselor at Tippet Middle School in Georgetown was honored recently during Homecoming Chapel in the Moody Auditorium. Howard received the honor for his 25-plus years of service to Christian camps.

Each summer, he packs his bags and spends the majority of his "summer off" working at Camp Ch-Yo-Ca near West Monroe, La. He began as a counselor when he was still a student at LCU. He has been director of the camp since 1984. The camp averages between 550-600 campers each summer.

According to Chrys Howard, camp coordinator, "God sent Howard Karbo to Camp Ch-Yo-Ca. The job of the director is all encompassing. Howard must keep 40 staff members and 600 campers happy and safe each summer. He has done this by keeping God

number one in the camp program. Because his professional background is counseling, he is able to handle even the most delicate camp situations with sensitivity and concern. What a blessing it has been to work with Howard. God put a special person, in a special place, to do a special job."

Karbo, a Pampa native, graduated from LCU in 1972 with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education, and in 1987 received his master's degree from Northeast Louisiana University in counseling.

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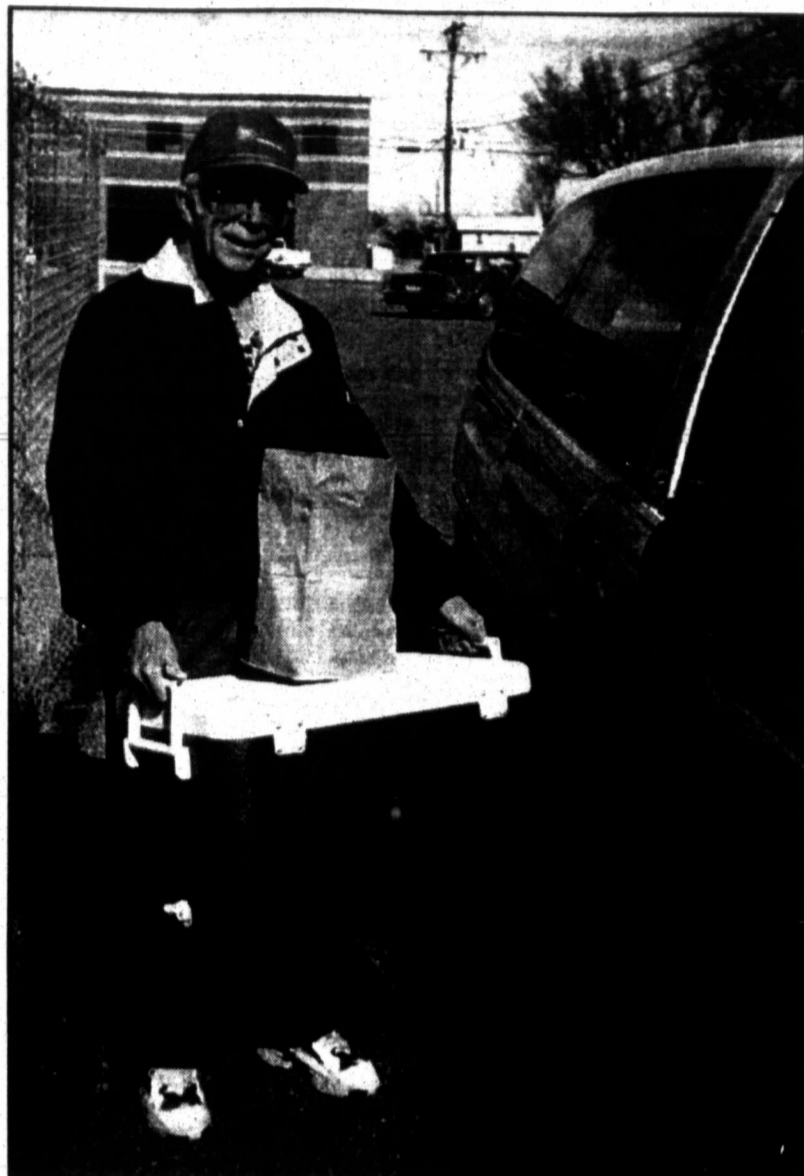
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Meals on Wheels



(From left) Margaret Hall, Carolyn Gilbert, James Washington, and Margaret Washington are Meals on Wheel Kitchen Volunteers along with long-time volunteer Dale Butler, who is shown here as he prepares to deliver meals.



(Community Camera photos by Cindy Gindorf)

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awards presentation scheduled for 2 p.m. in the church parking lot.

Beck said there are categories for antique cars, classic cars, street rods and special interest cars. For more information call Beck at 806-256-3657 or 806-256-3567 after 6 p.m.

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TROOPER

and changing stories" as to their trip. The trooper asked the driver, which a license check showed to have a criminal history involving controlled substances, to step back to his patrol car to talk to him. Nelson said he noticed a "large bulge" in the driver's pants. Upon frisking the driver to check for a hidden weapon, Nelson discovered \$10,000 wrapped in a plastic bag hidden inside the pants. Nelson received permission to search the vehicle

and found \$312 in two dollar bills, one dollar bills and rolls of change. Nelson asked Cox to follow him back to the Gray County Sheriff's Office where Roberts County Deputy Paul Sublett brought his drug dog, Czar, to search. Sublett said Czar "hit" on the money twice, once while hidden, but found no drugs in the car. The Illinois pair was not arrested and allowed to leave but the \$10,000 was kept pending seizure motions by District Attorney John Mann. That's because the money was hidden and may have been used in drug transactions, Nelson said. The \$312 was returned because it was not hidden.

Patrol close to wrapping up George Jones' accident probe

By KARIN MILLER
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Highway Patrol is close to wrapping up its investigation into country singer George Jones' near-fatal crash earlier this month.

Troopers may meet with prosecutors this week to decide whether to seek a subpoena for Jones' hospital records, which include results from a blood-alcohol test, THP spokeswoman Dana Keeton said Monday.

Evelyn Shriver, a close friend of Jones and president of Asylum's Records Nashville office, said she expects Jones' family would fight any effort to turn over the records.

THP investigators do not believe alcohol was to blame for the March 6 crash, though a half-pint of Smirnoff vodka that the THP says "was less than half-full" was found in Jones' Lexus sport-utility vehicle.

WTVF-TV in Nashville reported Monday that two people called 911 and reported seeing the SUV weaving on Interstate 65 shortly before Jones crashed into a bridge on Highway 96, a mile from his Franklin home.

The first call was patched in to a THP dispatcher a little before 1:13 p.m., when the caller saw the vehicle get off at Exit 61.

"I had to hit about 90 to get away from him 'cause I thought he was going to run over me," the caller said. "I don't know, his head kept bobbing down. I don't know whether he's going to sleep or whether he's sick."

The second call was made

around 1:22 p.m. A woman told the dispatcher, "He's driving a Lexus and he is either sick or drunk."

The dispatcher then put the caller on hold, but the 911 audiotape kept running and the women in the vehicle are heard talking about the license plate on the Lexus — reading "No Show." That is Jones' nickname.

The women reported the Lexus exited the interstate at Highway 96, about four miles from exit 61. The accident was reported at 1:29 p.m.

Trooper Michael Sprawling was the first officer on the scene after the accident. He cited Jones' use of a cellular telephone and "inattentiveness" as factors in the crash.

He said there was no evidence alcohol was involved and did not request a blood-alcohol test when Jones was taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

The hospital routinely conducts such a test on emergency-room patients, but the results are kept secret due to patient confidentiality requirements. That is why prosecutors would have to get a judge's permission to look at the results from Jones' test.

About three hours after the accident, the vodka bottle was found under the front passenger seat of Jones' Lexus. Sprawling did not believe that alone gave him cause to seek a blood-alcohol test, Keeton said.

Under state law, an officer must have "reasonable grounds to believe (a) person was driving while under the influence of an intoxicant or drug" before requesting a blood-alcohol test.

Mike Fox, a Nashville defense attorney specializing in drunken-driving cases, said prosecutors may not be able to convince a judge to allow any blood-alcohol test results to be used in court in part because Sprawling's report does not mention alcohol.

Also, the state's implied consent law requires a driver to give permission and be under arrest before blood can be taken, Fox said.

When that occurs, an officer normally watches the blood being drawn. No officer was present when hospital personnel took blood from Jones.

"In an accident where a person is unconscious, you can draw blood but that person can decide, once-conscious, to say whether you can bring it into evidence or not," Fox said.

The penalty for refusing a blood-alcohol test is a one-year driver's license suspension.

The THP supports Sprawling's handling of the Jones case. "There's been no second guessing of Trooper Sprawling's investigation or his decision not to call for a BAC test," Keeton said. "There's been no feeling that he did anything wrong."

Jones, 67, who has a history of alcohol and drug abuse, was near death when he was admitted to Vanderbilt but made a remarkable early recovery. He developed pneumonia last week and was placed back on a ventilator but was removed from it this morning. He was listed in critical but stable condition.

The Texas-born singer has charted more than 140 records, including classics like "He Stopped Loving Her Today" and "A Good Year for the Roses."

Texas round up ...

Report: Airline weighing in on negotiations for new arena name

DALLAS (AP) — The new home under construction for the Dallas Stars and Dallas Mavericks will bear the name of American Airlines Inc., according to a published report.

Sources familiar with the deal told The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram for today's editions that the arena, tentatively set for completion in fall 2001, will be called American Airlines Center. A ceremony announcing the name is set for Thursday.

Terms of the deal struck between the Fort Worth-based airline and developers were unavailable Monday.

American would be the country's first company to pay for naming rights at two major sports venues. The Miami Heat's new home, American Airlines Arena, is scheduled to open in Miami next year.

The airline earlier agreed to pay \$40 million over 20 years to put its name on the arena in Miami, home of the National Basketball Association's Miami Heat.

Missing girls' families call ordeal 'five weeks of hell'

LAKE JACKSON, Texas (AP) — Two teen-aged girls who disappeared into Mexico after leaving notes to their parents that God had called them for missionary work have described their time away as "weeks of hell," a family spokesman says.

The families of Harmony Olachia and Nicole Conrad, both 14, declined to answer questions about the ordeal, citing "the sensitive nature of the traumatic experiences the young girls have suffered."

The girls said nothing during a news conference Monday. Olachia's youth minister, Greg Pickering, read a statement from the families, saying in part: "Nicole and Harmony have been through five weeks of hell."

Their parents said earlier feared they had gone to Mexico with three adults to join a cult.

Houston lawyer Guy Womack, who represented the teens during their interviews with Lake Jackson police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation this weekend, told the Houston Chronicle that the two girls spent several days in a cave in Mexico, eating whatever they could find.

New Austin airport will have no prayer room

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The capital city's new international airport will offer no designated area for travelers to pray or meditate because, according to one top official, there's no need for such a space.

The city is bucking an international trend among new and remodeled airports to provide an area for prayer or just to get away from airport commotion.

"I don't know if it's something that was overlooked or if it was purposeful," said J. Worth Kilcrease, chairman of the advisory board for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The Austin American-Statesman reported today that the idea of having a room for meditation and prayer was never a topic during nearly five years of advisory board meetings. The 12-member citizens panel advised the City Council on everything from landscaping and parking to shops and bars at the

airport, which will open May 2.

Airport project director John Almond said there won't be a chapel because there's no need for one. He added that he has never had a request for a place to pray in his eight years working for the city's aviation department.

Film's first Superman, actor Kirk Alyn, dies at age 88

HOUSTON (AP) — Hollywood's first Superman is dead.

Actor Kirk Alyn, a dancer and B-movie actor whose muscular physique won him the first film role of Superman in the 1940s, died Sunday in a hospital near his home in The Woodlands, Texas, just north of Houston. He was 88.

Alyn told an interviewer in 1987 that he didn't believe it when producer Sam Kazman asked him to play the caped crime fighter.

"I thought it was a publicity stunt," Alyn said. "I didn't think you could ever put Superman on film. They brought the people from D.C. Comics over and they said, 'Hey, he looks just like Clark Kent.'"

"They said take off your shirt, so I did and flexed my muscles. Then the guy said, 'Take off your pants,' and I said, 'Wait a minute.' I was 37 when I played Superman. I picked up that girl and ran up that flight of stairs like it was nothing."

Report: Better communication could have improved flood forecasts

HOUSTON (AP) — It didn't take a formal review of government forecasters' performance during last October's deadly South Texas storms for Robert Martin to know that something had gone wrong.

The report, issued last week, concluded that improved communication could have helped the National Weather Service and other agencies avoid understating flooding that rapidly swamped cities along the southern Guadalupe River.

Martin, Chamber of Commerce president in hard-hit Victoria, has another theory.

"We maintain that the flood of mid-October in 1998 was a demonstration of the degradation of services that the six-county area (around Victoria) experienced because of the anticipation of the closing of the National Weather Service office here," Martin said.

The Weather Service-appointed team that wrote the service assessment did not cite the closing of the Victoria office as a reason weather bulletins were slow to correctly predict Guadalupe flooding levels.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a male friend who is a nonstop talker. He talks constantly during a meal and doesn't even stop when eating.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

One man said he's the only person who can carry on a conversation with himself. His son and I have both told him he talks too much.

Abby, he's a faithful and helpful person, and he wants to marry me. We are older people and men are scarce at this age.

TALKED TO DEATH IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TALKED TO DEATH: A person who does all the talking is no less a hog than the person who comes to your table and eats all the food.

Men may be scarce in your age bracket, but from your description he appears to be self-centered, insensitive to the feelings of those around him, and probably very insecure.

ical problems, try to find a mate who will be more sensitive to the feelings of those around him.

DEAR ABBY: I have a sister I love very much, but I don't understand her. Although she is 35 years old, she still relies on her family to take care of her.

Abby, her behavior is hurtful, especially to our father. Frankly, I'm tired of the situation. Please advise me how to handle this.

SISTERLY TROUBLE DEAR SISTERLY TROUBLE: You didn't mention whether your sister has emotional problems, or whether she's dependent simply because she can be.

As long as she has you to shore her up, why should she tread water for herself? If there is no compelling reason why the family should bail her out, you are doing her a disservice by doing

so. By age 35, your sister should have taken responsibility for herself, so get the family to stand together and send her the message that she's on her own.

DEAR ABBY: You are always looking for letters about heroes and heroines. Well, I have one for you!

My grandmother lives in a retirement home in West Palm Beach, Fla. Her name is Elsie Simon. Every day she reads the paper to the ladies there who can't read it themselves, and the high point of it is your column.

My grandmother has always been a giving person, and she remains so today. I think it would make her happy to read in your column that I love her and am thinking of her.

Thank you, Abby. You have done a lot of good in your work. Keep it up.

GILBERT B. SIMON, TITUSVILLE, FLA.

DEAR GILBERT: Thank you for the compliment. Your Grandmother Elsie sounds like a peach of a woman who brightens the day for everyone who is lucky enough to know her.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** New beginnings are possible, but you might not want to reveal what is on your mind just yet. Do needed research and sort through options.

responsibility elicits trust from others. Tonight: Don't count on getting to bed early!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Listen to feedback. Remain in contact with a key associate. Together, you are an unbeatable force.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Strong personalities seek you out, wanting your feedback. Relax and observe. Interpersonal relations could be stressful if you permit them to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Finances are your highest priority. A decision could have stunning results. Consider how much money motivates you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You are personality plus. Allow others greater freedom to express where they are coming from.

BORN TODAY Actor Patrick Duffy (1949), actor Rob Lowe (1964), actor Kurt Russell (1951)

better than one. Tonight: Put on your green dancing shoes and ...

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Reach out for others. Conversations have an unusually animated tone.

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Crossword Puzzle

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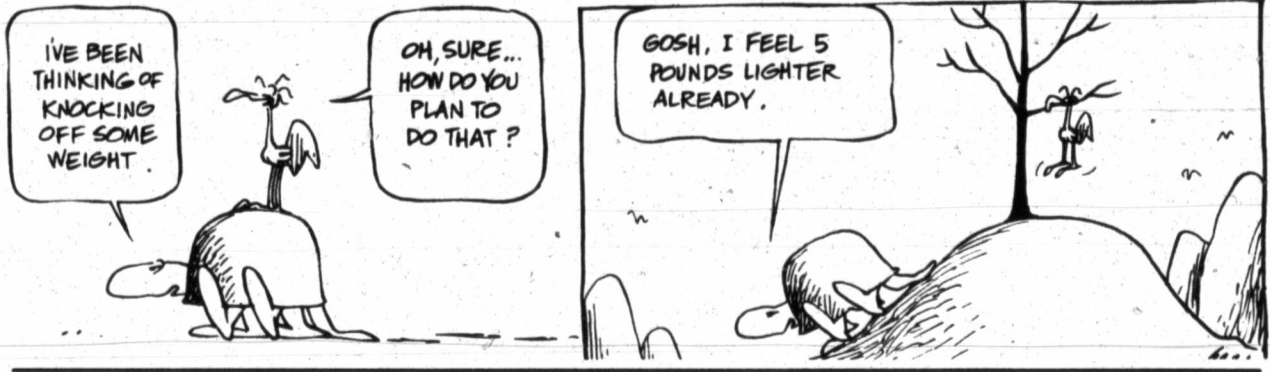
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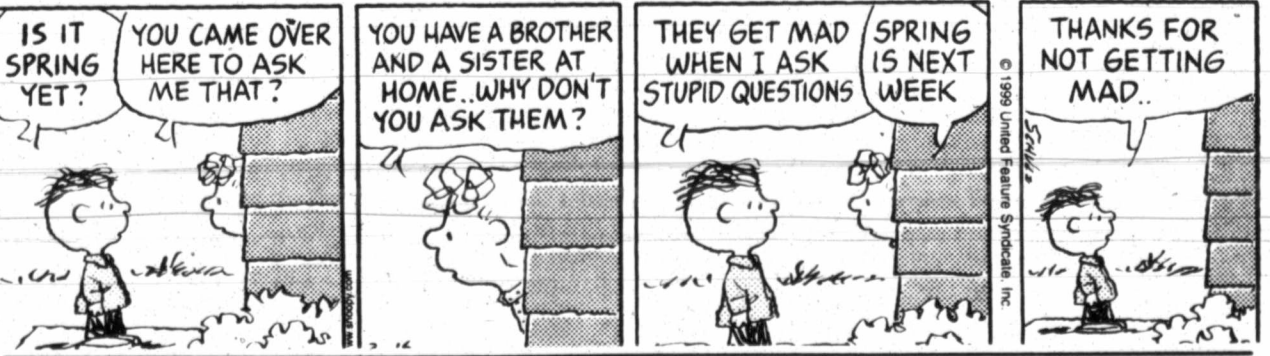
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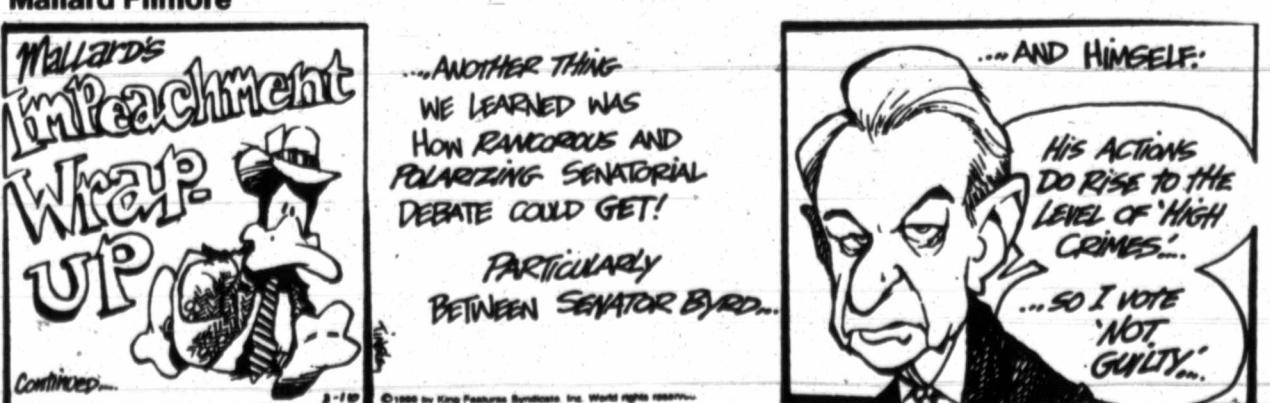
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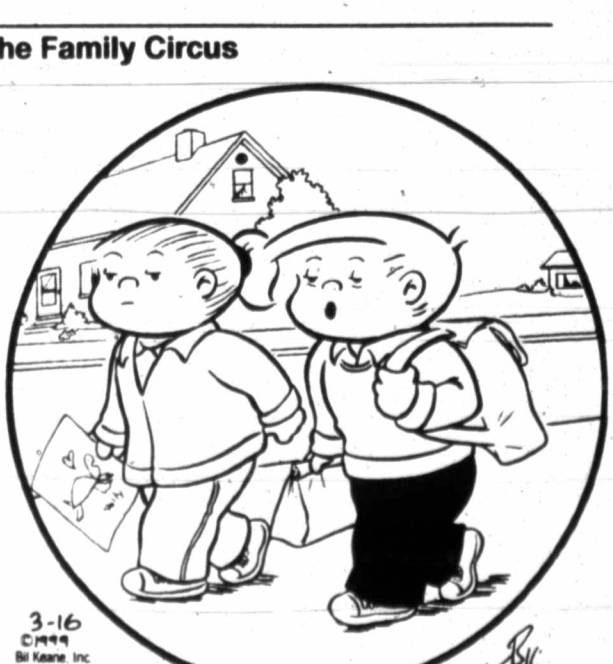
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NCAA Tournament Glance

All Times EST EAST REGIONAL First Round Friday, March 12 At Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, N.C. Tennessee 62, Delaware 52 Southwest Missouri State 43, Wisconsin 32 Duke 99, Florida A&M 58 Tulsa 62, College of Charleston 53 At The FleetCenter Boston Cincinnati 72, George Mason 48 Temple 61, Kent 54 Miami 75, Lafayette 54 Purdue 58, Texas 54 Second Round Saturday, March 13 At Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, N.C. Duke 97, Tulsa 56 Southwest Missouri State 81, Tennessee 51 At The FleetCenter Boston Temple 64, Cincinnati 54 Purdue 73, Miami 63 At Continental Airlines Arena East Rutherford, N.J. Regional Semifinals Friday, March 19 Duke (34-1) vs. Southwest Missouri State (22-10), 7:38 p.m. Purdue (21-12) vs. Temple (23-10), 9:55 p.m. Regional Championship Sunday, March 21 Semifinal winners SOUTH REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 11 At The RCA Dome Indianapolis Oklahoma State 69, Syracuse 61 Auburn 80, Wake Forest 41 Ohio State 72, Murray State 58 Detroit 56, UCLA 53 At Orlando Arena Orlando, Fla. Maryland 82, Valparaiso 60 Creighton 62, Louisville 58 St. John's 69, Sanford 43 Indiana 108, George Washington 88 Second Round Saturday, March 13 At The RCA Dome Indianapolis Auburn 81, Oklahoma State 74 Ohio State 75, Detroit 44 At Orlando Arena Orlando, Fla. St. John's 86, Indiana 61 Maryland 75, Creighton 63 Thursday, March 18 At Thompson-Boling Arena Knoxville, Tenn. Regional Semifinals Maryland (28-5) vs. St. John's (27-8), 7:38 p.m. Auburn (29-9) vs. Ohio State (25-8), 9:55 p.m. Regional Championship Saturday, March 20 Semifinal winners MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round Friday, March 12 At The Bradley Center Milwaukee North Carolina Charlotte 81, Rhode Island 70	OT Oklahoma 61, Arizona 60 Michigan State 76, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 53 Mississippi 72, Villanova 70 At The Superdome New Orleans Utah 80, Arkansas State 58 Miami, Ohio 59, Washington 58 Kansas 95, Evansville 74 Kentucky 82, New Mexico State 60 Second Round Sunday, March 14 At The Bradley Center Milwaukee Oklahoma 85, North Carolina Charlotte 72 Michigan State 74, Mississippi 66 At The Superdome New Orleans Miami, Ohio 66, Utah 58 Kentucky 92, Kansas 88, OT At Trans World Dome St. Louis Regional Semifinals Friday, March 19 Michigan State (31-4) vs. Oklahoma (22-10), 7:55 p.m. Miami, Ohio (24-7) vs. Kentucky (27-8), 10:15 p.m. Regional Championship Sunday, March 21 Semifinal winners WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 11 At McNichols Arena Denver Iowa 77, Alabama-Birmingham 64 Arkansas 94, Siena 80	New Mexico 61, Missouri 59 Connecticut 91, Texas-San Antonio 66 At Key Arena Seattle Gonzaga 75, Minnesota 63 Stanford 69, Akorn State 57 Florida 75, Pennsylvania 61 Weber State 76, North Carolina 74 Second Round Saturday, March 13 At McNichols Arena Denver Connecticut 78, New Mexico 56 Iowa 82, Arkansas 72 At Key Arena Seattle Gonzaga 62, Stanford 74 Florida 82, Weber State 74, OT At America West Arena Phoenix Regional Semifinals Thursday, March 18 Gonzaga (27-6) vs. Florida (22-8), 7:55 p.m. Connecticut (30-2) vs. Iowa (20-8), 10:15 p.m. Regional Championship Saturday, March 20 Semifinal winners THE FINAL FOUR At Tropicana Field St. Petersburg, Fla. National Semifinals Saturday, March 27 East champion vs. Midwest champion, 5:42 p.m. South champion vs. West champion, 30 minutes after first game National Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.
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Jimmy Bond

Bond speaks in Amarillo

Jimmy Bond, former Pampa Harvester basketball great, was a guest speaker at the "Hope for the Family" conference held last week at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

Bond has served as president of Point Loma Nazarene College in Pasadena, Calif. for the past 14 years.

Bond is one of six general superintendents of the International Church of the Nazarene, and he travels extensively throughout Mexico and Central Oklahoma.

Bond is pictured at left during a dedication ceremony in 1997 in McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa.

Bond helped lead the Harvesters to two state championships in the early 1950s.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Nina Spoonmore, Deceased, were issued on March 10, 1999, in Docket No. 8479, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to KURT BLAINE SPOONMORE, Kurt Blaine Spoonmore is a resident of Tarrant County, Texas. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows: Kurt Blaine Spoonmore, Independent Executor, Estate of Nina Spoonmore, Deceased, c/o Don R. Lane, P.O. Box 1781, Pampa, TX 79066-1781. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 10th day of March, 1999. Kurt Blaine Spoonmore, C-68 Mar. 16, 1999

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'Pride of Pampa' Band



(Community Camera photo)

Members of the "Pride of Pampa" Band participated in UIL Solo and Ensemble contest recently. The contest was held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Those students making first division in ensembles were: Josh Ellis, Bradley Stucker and Jordan Holmes - saxophone trio.

Compromise possible on federal share of tobacco settlements

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators and state officials are talking compromise on a dispute over whether states should share with the federal government any of the \$246 billion that tobacco companies agreed to pay to settle health-related lawsuits.

The Clinton administration has threatened to seek what it says is the federal government's share, unless states agree to spend the settlements on health-related matters. The federal government pays 57 percent of Medicaid costs.

State officials contend that since they fought for and won the settlements, the money is theirs to spend as they please — even if it's on sidewalks, roads and tax cuts. "It may be that we can reach some accommodation," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on labor, health and human services. As he prepared his own amendment to the measure, Specter asked state officials

to provide him a "general set of standards" they could agree to for how to spend the money.

The request underscored the instability of the full committee's approval this month of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's amendment to a \$1.9 billion emergency spending bill and the political heat surrounding the tobacco issue following the death last year of a \$516 billion Senate settlement.

In November, the tobacco industry settled with the states, but what to do with that money has sparked new controversy from Washington to the 50 state capitals.

The tobacco companies agreed to pay \$40 billion over 25 years to settle four state lawsuits and an additional \$206 billion in a broader deal with the other 46 states.

Hutchison said Wednesday her amendment would prevent "the Big Brother federal government" from dictating spending priorities to states that fought for and

won the settlement money. The full Appropriations Committee approved the measure on voice vote, but it's unclear whether it will survive House and Senate negotiations.

"I am going to try to keep you from sending to the states what they should do with money that I think they've earned," Hutchison told Mike Hash, deputy administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicare and Medicaid.

Hutchison's measure would bar the Clinton administration from using Medicaid law to recoup the money. Supporters said it was critical to move the measure swiftly because state legislatures nationwide are making decisions on how to spend their shares.

The White House also contends that states must share the proceeds of any lawsuits involving Medicaid because the federal government pays 57 percent of the cost for that program.

Blood center holds meeting, elects VP

America's Blood Centers, the national network of non-profit, independent community blood centers, recently held their annual meeting and elected John T. Guthrie Vice-President after serving four terms as treasurer. Guthrie is the President and CEO of Coffee Memorial Blood Center, which serves 24 counties in the Panhandle, and has a long history of serving on boards and committees of professional blood banking organizations.

ABC members provide almost half (47 percent) of the U.S. blood supply serving more than 125 million people. Members of ABC subscribe to a community-based blood banking philosophy determined and governed by the community. Community donors know that the blood they donate stays in their community to help patients that are family members, friends and neighbors. Any excess is shared with other communities that need it.

ABC members provide a wide range blood products and services to more than 3,100 hospitals nationwide. They are also the leaders in

blood-related research and development receiving the majority of blood-related National Institute of Health research funds.

Dr. Russell Long, Chairman, Coffee Memorial Blood Center Board of Directors said, "Our Board encourages the participation is not only ABC, but also other national organizations. These organizations set the standards for blood banking and transfusion medicine; provide educational and training opportunities; and allow for group purchases enabling our Blood Center to be more efficient. The Board recognizes the invaluable benefits from these organizations that position the Blood Center for the future as new technologies and new products emerge."

Guthrie also serves as a Director and Treasurer of the ABC Foundation and is a founding member of BCx, a professional liability insurance company for blood centers. He is also a past president of the South Central Association of Blood Banks and has served on many committees of the American Association of Blood Banks.

Pampa Post Office announces new service

If you want to know when it got there, the Pampa Post Office has a new service to provide you with the delivery status of domestic expedited and package products. For as little as 35-cents, the new Delivery Confirmation provides the date, time, and ZIP Code delivery status of Priority Mail and Parcel Post. The service will be available on March 14.

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Report: State poised to being paying charter school

WACO (AP) — The state comptroller will probably remove a hold on payments to the Emma L. Harrison Charter School when an educational expert begins to manage the school's operations, according to a published report today.

The comptroller's office decided to hold future payments to the charter school after the Waco Tribune-Herald reported that the East Waco Community Center that sponsors the school has been barred for more than two years from receiving state funds.

The community center owes unemployment taxes to the Texas Workforce Commission, which filed a lien in October 1996.

"We want to make sure that it's possible to have the school continue operating for the remainder of this school year so that the children will not be made victims," Keith Elkins, spokesman for the state Comptroller of Public Accounts, told the newspaper.

Center officials, as a result of the block, had trouble getting a \$25,000 charter school check last

August, but the workforce commission agreed to release the money in return for a payment plan.

Ida Pinkard, school chief executive officer who is also the director of the community center, then gave the Texas Education Agency a new identification number, effectively skirting the hold. The school has since received more than \$650,000 from the state, but is at least \$275,000 in debt and cannot pay its staff members or bills consistently.

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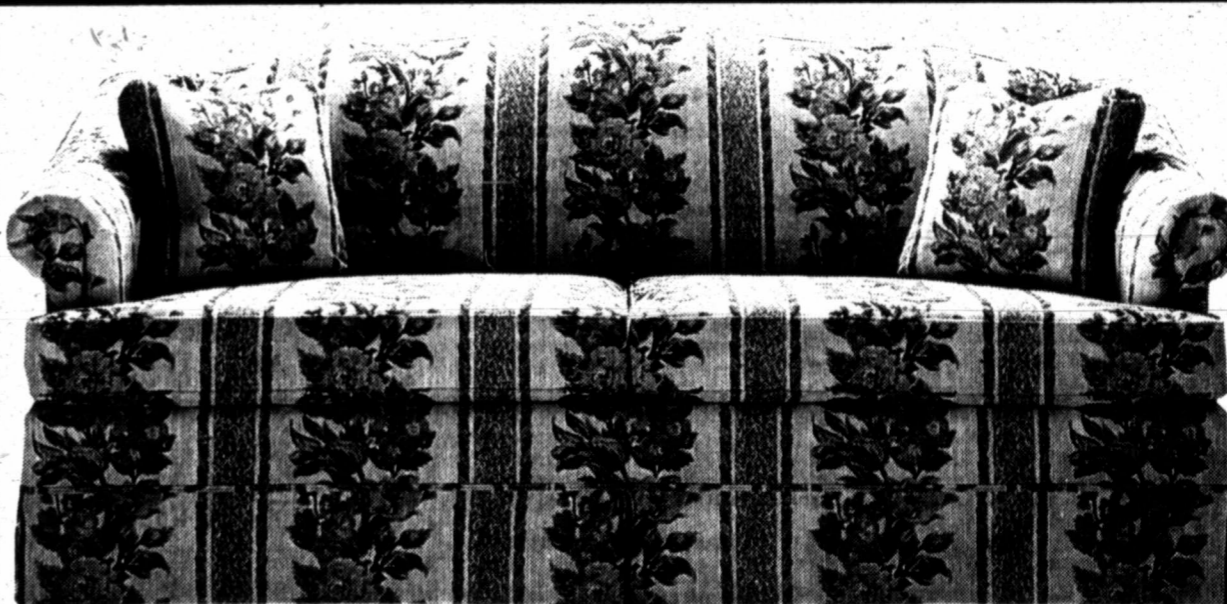
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