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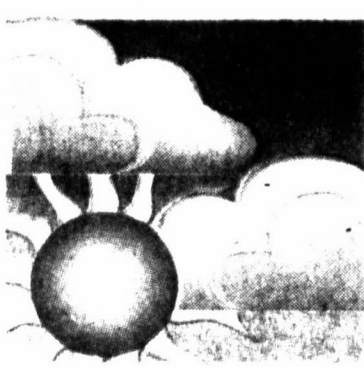
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PAMPA — The official cause of death for Ethan Wayne Anderson has been ruled as drowning by a Lubbock pathologist, according to Potter County Justice of the Peace Jim Tipton. The 18-month-old was found in water near the Super Playground Sunday. He died Monday in an Amarillo Hospital. His complete obituary can be found on page 2.

LUBBOCK, (AP) — A judge who ignored an order to step down from her bench last month because of a question about her eligibility is set to go on trial on a contempt charge.

Today's trial will also determine whether Court-at-Law Judge Susan Scolaro, engaged in a yearlong controversy over her judicial qualifications, will be fined or charged for the cost of prosecuting her case.

A visiting state district judge ruled last month that Ms. Scolaro did not meet a statutory requirement to have practiced law for the four years leading up to her election on Nov. 3, 1998.

Ector County District Attorney John Smith, is assigned to prosecute.

- **Ethan Wayne Anderson, 18-months-old**, son of James Alexander and Angela Anderson.
- **Shirley Bryan, 56**, owner-operator "A" Beauty Salon.
- **Jesse Theodore "Ted" Cooper, Sr., 73**, former owner of Cooper Garage.
- **Shirley Faye Ballard Haines, 52**, assistant director of nursing.
- **C.B. Shackelford, 71**, brother of a Pampa resident.

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Woman files charges over dog's death

Alleges two pit bulls culpable in incident

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Maria Cooper is upset about the death of her dog. She said she has no doubt how it happened and has filed charges in Municipal Court, but those charges may be difficult to prove.

What worries her more than the death of her dog, Duke, is that the same thing could happen to children playing in Central Park.

Cooper, who raises Rotweillers, said that she's chased two pit bull dogs from her yard four different times.

"These dogs were coming over into my yard," Cooper said.

Each time, the two dogs had attacked Duke, a half Rotweiler and half Boxer. She said she kept Duke tied up in accordance with city ordinances.

"We would have to go chase them away from him," Cooper said. "We would get up in the middle of the night to get those

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dogs out of our yard."

On Jan. 19, she took her daughter to the dentist. When she returned, she looked out the window and saw the two pit bulls attacking her dog.

Duke, who was tied to his dog house, was just lying there.

"He wasn't moving," she said. Cooper said Duke suffered multiple bites.

"There was blood all over him," she said. "There were big chunks taken out of him."

She took her dog to a Pampa veterinarian where he spent

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Maria Cooper still has two dogs, Maxey and Sissy, but she misses her dog Duke, and she worries that what happened to him could happen to children playing in the park.

Cooder Graw playing for Edtv premiere party

Pampa's assistant district attorney was in Austin today for a movie premiere.

Matt Martindale, Pampa native, joins his band, Cooder Graw, tonight in Austin to play at the premiere party for Ron Howard's new movie "Edtv." Joe Ely and Jimmie Vaughn will open for them.

Martindale was a former University of Texas at Austin roommate of the movie's star, Matthew McConaughey.

Martindale and company left Amarillo early this morning aboard the bus of Shania Twain and Celine Dion.

"They weren't using the bus," Martindale said, "and let us take it to Austin."

The bus, used by the country music stars' band, has two lounge areas with big screen television sets and 10 bunks.

The Amarillo-based band is also scheduled to perform during this week's South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin. Martindale said the band has several meetings scheduled with people interested in producing their second Compact Disc. Their first one,

Band member Pampa attorney Matt Martindale was a former University of Texas at Austin roommate of the movie's star, Matthew McConaughey.

recorded in February, 1998, at The Golden Light Cafe in Amarillo, sold out.

The band is also scheduled to perform from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Hastings in San Marcos. From 9 p.m. to midnight, they will play at Yellow Rock in San Marcos.

The band will close the week at Bob Popular's, a nightclub on Sixth Street in Austin.

The South by Southwest Music and Media Conference is comprised of three different festivals, according to Austin officials, film, interactive and music.



Pampa native Matt Martindale, left, and Paul Baker belt out one last song early today in the Golden Light Cafe in Amarillo before their band, Cooder Graw, headed for Austin on Shania Twain's bus. (See photo on Page 5)

Dairy support industries would boost economy

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Support industries for the dairies that are coming to Gray County will be very important in diversifying the economy, according to PEDC board president Lewis Meers.

He was speaking this week to the Gray County Commissioners Court where he gave an update on PEDC activities concerning the dairies and the hunt for a new PEDC director.

Meers said 5,000 is considered the "magic number" of dairy cattle. When an area hits that number support industries such as "machinery, transportation and vets," move in to offer services.

Kirk Carrell of Moody Dairy has agreed to bring 2,000 cows here on the first phase of his dairy and another 2,000 in phase two. The Roden Dairy is scheduled to bring in about 2,500 head.

Meers told the commission construction crews have poured the footing and are getting ready to pour the rest of the floor to a barn at Moody Dairy. He also said Roden Dairy has offered a contract on some land.

He told the court a survey the PEDC sent to some businesses on Price Road has had 66 responses and the overwhelming majority indicated they would rather handle their water problems. Only two of the responses favored annexation. Also on the list of possible solu-

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DA seeks seizure of \$10,000 in cash

Pampa's District Attorney said he will move to seize \$10,000 in cash found by a Department of Public Safety trooper during a routine traffic stop.

"We're going for the \$10,000," said John Mann, 31st and 223rd district attorney. "The dog hit on it, and the driver has a record for drug trafficking. They also gave officers conflicting stories."

Trooper John Nelson stopped two Illinois men Sunday night on Interstate 40 for not wearing seat belts.

Nelson said the men, Travis J. Cox, 24, and Darick A. Knutson, 20, both of Oglesby, Ill., appeared nervous when he stopped their 1989 Buick Riviera. In talking to each separately, he said, they told different stories about their trip.

When Nelson asked Cox, the driver to step out of the car, Nelson said he noticed a bulge in Cox's clothing. Suspecting a concealed weapon, Nelson frisked Cox and found \$10,000 in cash

wrapped in a plastic bag inside Cox's trousers.

A check of Cox's driver license indicated a criminal history involving controlled substances.

With permission from Cox, Nelson searched the Buick, finding \$312 in two dollar and one dollar bills and rolls of change.

Nelson brought the Illinois men to Gray County where Roberts County Deputy Paul Sublett and his drug sniffing dog, Czar, searched the pair.

They found no drugs, but the dog "hit" on the money. Nelson said the dog identified the money with the smell of drugs twice, once while it was hidden.

No charges were filed against the men and they were allowed to continue their trip sans the \$10,000. The large amount of cash was hidden and may have been used in drug transactions, Nelson said. The \$312 was returned because it was not hidden, he said.

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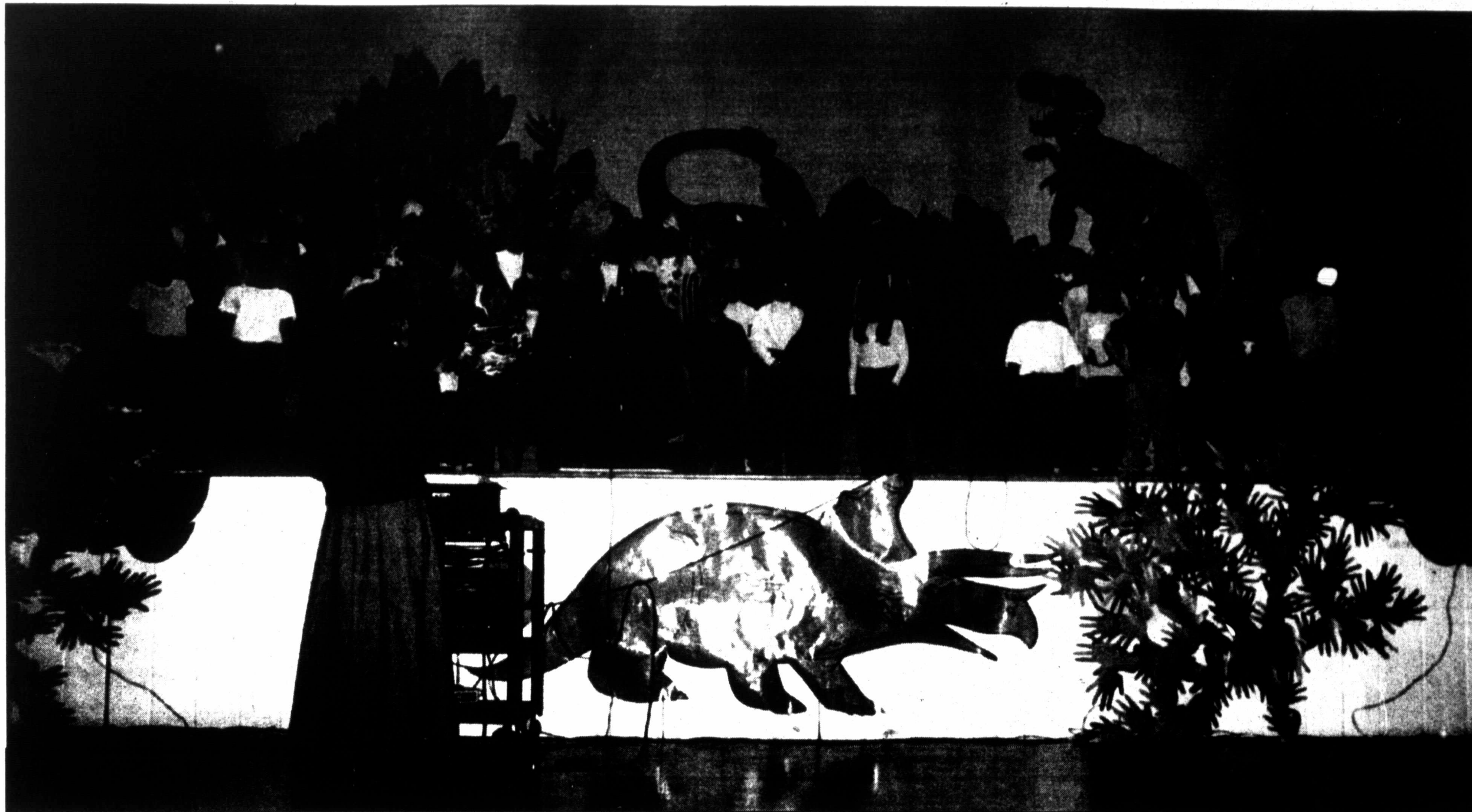
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Wilson music program



(Community Camera photo)

Tammy Greene's second grade class at Woodrow Wilson Elementary recently held a music program. Shown above, the students are performing their program "Dinosaur Valley."

Texas Council on Family Violence names new exec

AUSTIN — The Texas Council on Family Violence recently announced Sheryl Cates as the council's new executive director. TCFV is the statewide coalition of women's shelters and other domestic violence programs such as battering intervention programs, non-residential programs and other supportive organizations and individuals dedicated to ending violence against women. TCFV is also one of the largest domestic violence coalitions in the country and has a national presence as the home to the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

"We conducted an extensive national search and are thrilled to find such talent and experience at home in our own state of Texas," said Joyce Coleman, chair of TCFV's Board of Directors. "Sheryl Cates brings with her a long history of commitment and leadership in the battered women's movement as well as a deep understanding of the needs of battered women in Texas and across the country."

According to Cates, "Our country is at a new place where discussing and facing the realities of domestic violence is more acceptable. The Texas Council of Family Violence is ready to lead that effort with hard earned experience and knowledge of the dynamics and effects of violence in women's lives. I am very proud and excited to be a part of shaping that non-violent future."

Cates brings more than a

direct service experience to her position at the Texas Council on Family Violence. Most of that time, she served as executive director of the third largest shelter in Texas — Women's Protective Services of Lubbock. During her tenure at Women's Protective Services, she and her staff instituted a number of cutting-edge, innovative programs for abused women and their children that will be models for other advocacy organizations around the country.

The Texas Council on Family Violence is a statewide, non-profit membership organization of family violence programs, battering intervention and prevention programs and concerned individuals working to end violence against women in Texas and across the country. Throughout this session of the Texas legislature, TCFV will advocate for increased funding for shelters and battering intervention and prevention programs, and a variety of other laws and policies to protect abused women and their children. The council provides public education materials and technical assistance to women's advocates internationally. And through one phone call to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, individuals in need can find a support and referral to local programs across the country in multiple languages, seven days a week, 24 hours-a-day.

For additional information, contact Nicky Niles at (512) 794-1133.

Texas stock index gets February chill

AUSTIN — The Texas 100 Stock Index declined 2.5 percent in February to a level of 121.8.

"In January, five of the six sectors of the Texas 100 were up; in February, five of the six sectors were down. Overall, the Texas 100 remains 10.2 percent higher than one year ago," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

By comparison, the Standard and Poor's Index fell 3.2 percent in February, but it is up 18 percent compared to February 1998, while the Dow Jones industrial average slipped 0.6 percent in February and is up 8.9 percent compared to the same period last year.

The major contributor to February's decline in the Texas 100 was a nine percent drop in stock prices in the high tech sector. Thirteen of the 19 companies in this sector saw their stock values decline. With the exception of Tandy Corp., whose stock price rose 3 percent in February, all of the Texas 100's computer/electronics firms saw their stock prices drop. Some of the most dramatic declines include Dell Computer Corp., down 19.9 percent; Advanced Micro Devices Inc., down 22 percent; and Compaq Computer Corp., down 25.7 percent.

Technology companies involved in aerospace, defense and telecommunications saw their stock prices rise, but not enough to offset losses by the computer firms. Some stocks that gained value include Textron, Northrup-Grumman, Lockheed Martin Corp., Boeing Co., and MCI WorldCom. Despite its large decline in February 1999, stock prices in the high tech sector remain 27 percent higher than they were in February 1998.

Entertainment and travel companies were the only ones who saw an overall increase in their stock prices in February — up 4.4 percent. It was an especially good month for fast food companies, with a 30 percent jump in the stock price of Tricon Global Restaurants (Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, and KFC), an 11 percent rise by Darden Restaurants Inc. (Red Lobster), and a 7.9 percent gain by McDonald's. Southwest Airlines Co., Delta Airlines Inc., and Continental Airlines also saw higher stock prices in February.

Crime trends to be focus of KACV program

AMARILLO — Becoming the victim of a crime is something everyone dreads, but what can you do to decrease the odds of it happening to you? Which crimes are on the increase, and which are becoming less of a problem locally? These are just a few of the questions that will be addressed at 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 on "Perspective: Crime in the City."

Host James Hunt, with the help of a panel of experts, will discuss

crime prevention tips and self-protection techniques during the program. The recently released Amarillo Crime Report, which provides statistical information on a variety of crimes committed during the past year, will also be reviewed.

There's always a surprise or two that can be found in this report, says Hunt, and this year's edition is no exception.

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In the troubled energy sector, the stock prices of 10 of the 18 energy companies in the Texas 100 declined in February. However, the drop was just one percent, compared to a 6.6 percent drop in January. Compared to February 1998, energy stock prices are down 13.1 percent.

Stock prices in the retail sector showed almost no movement between January and February 1999. Retail stock values are up 28.1 percent compared to February 1998.

Stock prices of the 19 companies in the services and financial sector declined an average of 3.2 percent. The nine firms in the general manufacturing sector also suffered a 3.2 percent decline in the value of their stock.

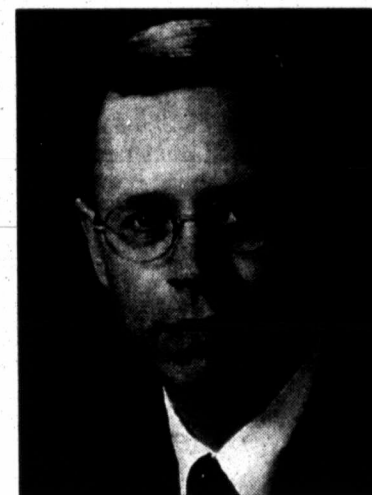
The Comptroller's office produces the monthly Texas 100 Stock Index to track the stock prices of the 100 largest Texas employers whose stock is publicly traded. The Texas 100 is one of 10 components of the Comptroller's Index of Leading Texas Economic Indicators.

Optometrist attends seminar in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Randal Jentzen, doctor of optometry with offices in Pampa, recently attended the 76th Annual Southern Congress of Optometry in Atlanta.

Dr. Jentzen regularly attends educational seminars and lectures to further enhance his clinical skills and to remain abreast of the latest developments in technology related to eyecare. Over 200 hours of optometric related courses, lectures, panel discussions, hands-on workshops and information exchanges were presented at this internationally recognized educational event.

The Southern Educational Congress of Optometry has come to be known as a major annual meeting of highly skilled optometrists dedicated to the best possible care of their patients.



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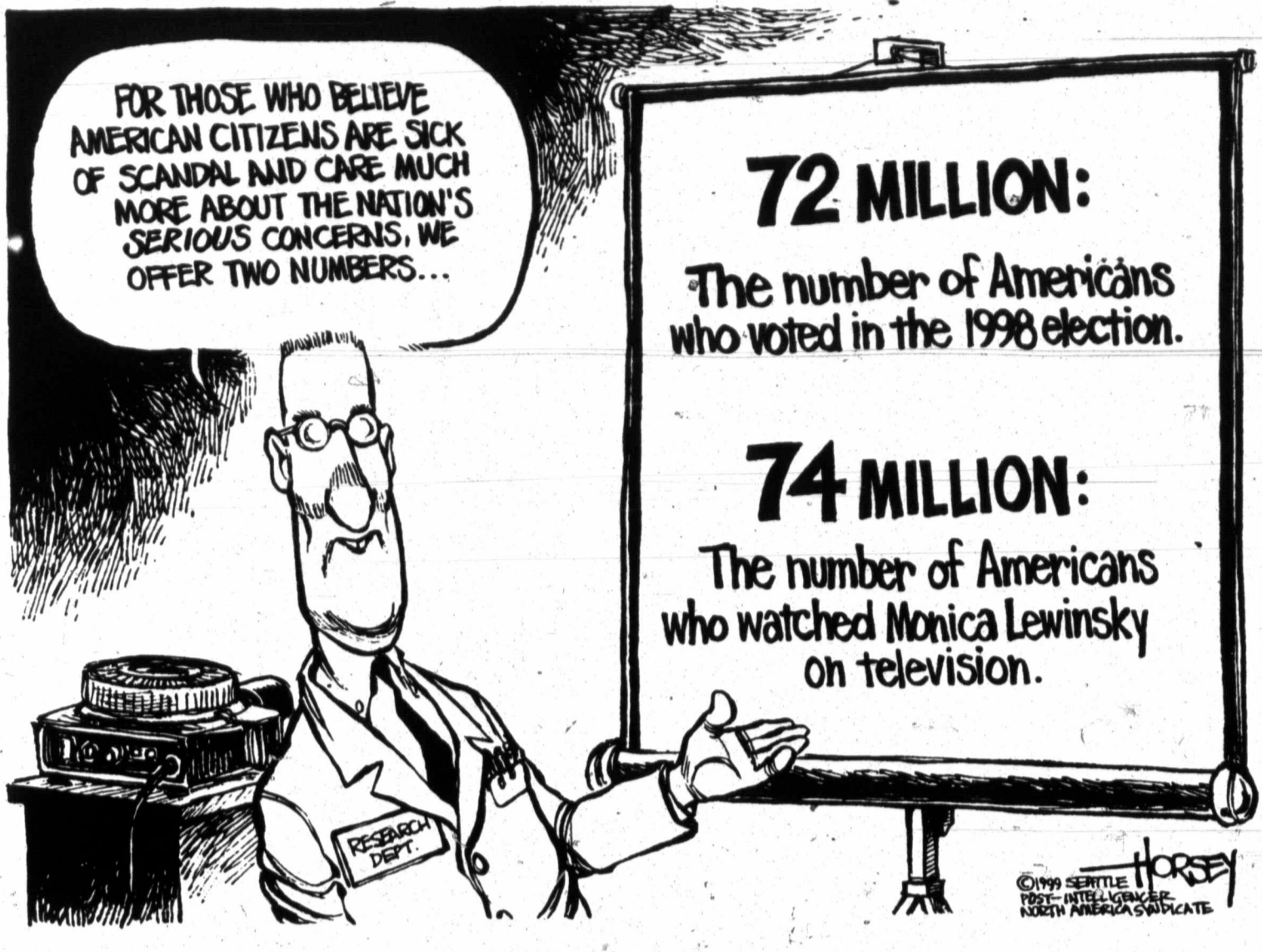
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Inside the Beltway
 with
Rep. Mac Thornberry

Is Social Security worth saving?

Taxpayers being taxed too much

One of the strengths of our country has always been our ability to get together and rally to a great national cause. World War II is a good example. America sent its sons and daughters off to battle in defense of our nation and the principles in which we believe. We also gave our money. Taxes were higher by the end of World War II than at any other time in our history. Few people complained — our tax dollars helped bring about victory. It was a price we were willing to pay, and a challenge we were willing to meet. Today, America has a different set of challenges. Our schools need to be improved. Social Security needs to be strengthened. And our national defense needs to be shored up. While these are important challenges that need to be met, few would compare them to the challenges we faced when we went to war in Europe and waged war with Japan. Yet we are being taxed as if they were. Federal taxes currently consume more than 20 percent of our gross domestic product. This is the highest level since 1944. Over the next 10 years, the federal government is expected to run a surplus of around \$2.4 billion. This equals out to a tax overpayment of more than \$27,000 for every taxpaying household in America. Part of that money should be used to strengthen retirement security. But a good part should be used to lower your taxes. The American people have shown they're ready to sacrifice in times of great national need. But with a \$2.4 billion surplus headed into Washington over the next decade, they also deserve to get some of this money back. After all, it is *your* money.

Mention Social Security, and the average politician will respond as if he were asked to say a few words about the American flag on the Fourth of July. You can expect to hear fervent praise, soaring tributes and stout pledges to honor and protect it, no matter what the cost. Bill Clinton, who is merely the most extreme example, acts as if he has electrodes attached to his body that are programmed to give him a nasty shock if he goes 15 minutes without vowing undying devotion to his favorite government program. Republicans swear that they are the real saviors of the program, but they have trouble matching the president. In his State of the Union address, he made reference to saving Social Security no fewer than seven times. He also quoted a woman who wrote Franklin D. Roosevelt to thank him for creating Social Security and thus eliminating the "stark terror of peniless, helpless old age." Clinton didn't mention that young and middle-aged Americans have their own stark terror today, which is that Social Security will not avert a penniless old age but cause it. The system everyone is so determined to uphold is currently robbing vast sums of money from wage earners, with the unconvincing assurance that someday, they'll get it back. But what they'll receive is certain to be a pittance compared to what they could obtain if they were allowed to keep the money and invest it themselves. The president's rescue plan is only the latest attempt to prevent the American people from figuring out that Social Security is not the noblest achievement of modern government but a coercive fraud that is running out of ways to cover its false promises. If a private company tried to peddle a deal like the one this program offers, it would be closed down. Since the federal government does it, though,

Steve Chapman
 Syndicated columnist

its flaws are portrayed as great virtues. The arrangement between a working person and the Social Security Administration has several onerous components. The first is that you have to "save" for retirement whether you want to or not. Maybe you don't expect to live to age 65, or maybe you intend to keep working till you keel over, or maybe you plan to join a monastery and take a vow of poverty. Tough luck. The government will still confiscate 6.2 cents of every dollar you earn each year up to \$72,600 to provide for your golden years (not counting Medicare). It will also commandeer from your employer an equal amount that otherwise would go into your paycheck. Even if you are happy to save that much money for retirement, Washington will not let you look around for the best deal — as you can if you're buying an annuity or a life insurance policy. Social Security offers a one-size-fits-all plan, and if it doesn't suit you, that's your problem. It won't suit you if you compare it to the alternatives. Someone born in 1970 who invested the same amount in bonds or stocks could expect to get back far more than Social Security will provide under the most optimistic scenarios. Even low-wage workers — the very people Social Security is supposed to help the most — would get anywhere from 27

percent more to three times more, according to a Cato Institute study by financial analyst William Shipman. One of the chief problems with Social Security is that it's both an insurance program and a welfare program, with the worst elements of each. The result is an ungainly hybrid. It's supposed to be geared to help those on the bottom half of the income scale, but it's financed through a tax that falls most heavily on those very same people. An individual is exempt from income taxes on the first \$6,950 of earnings, but FICA taxes apply to the first dollar she makes. This approach is necessary to maintain the fiction that what individuals are doing is making "contributions" to a social insurance program. Most Americans now pay more in payroll "contributions" than they do in income taxes. But Social Security is not really comparable to insurance because what you receive is only loosely related to what you paid in. Low-income workers get back relatively more than the better off. That feature is the excuse for not letting people opt out of Social Security in favor of more lucrative alternatives: We don't let taxpayers decide whether to pay for Medicaid or Head Start. The problem with Social Security is not that it hurts the rich to help those who are not so well off or that it overtaxes the poor while going easy on the affluent. The problem is that it leaves both groups, and everyone else, worse off than they could be if Social Security didn't exist. The politicians are tinkering with ideas to make Social Security a slightly less terrible deal than it is now, but their first priority is to preserve the fundamental elements of the system. They would do better to admit the structure is rotten and start planning how to dismantle it, for the benefit of all.

Thought for today
 "Responsibility is like a string we can only see the middle of. Both ends are out of sight."
 —William McFee

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Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Wednesday, March 17, the 67th day of 1999. There are 289 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History: On March 17, A.D. 461, according to tradition, St. Patrick — the patron saint of Ireland — died in Saul.
 On this date: In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.
 In 1870, the Massachusetts legislature authorized the incorporation of Wellesley Female Seminary. It later became Wellesley College.
 In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York.
 In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. It was formally presented to the public exactly two years later.

A closer look at Rodney King incident

Rodney King has been arrested for the seventh time since his notorious beating in 1991. The Los Angeles Times reports that he was arraigned on charges of domestic violence against his 16-year-old daughter and her mother. His most serious crime involved a conviction for hitting his estranged wife with a car and then leaving the scene in 1995. King's resurfacing coincides with an extremely illuminating video that aired recently on the Learning Channel and is available through Films for the Humanities and the Sciences (1-800-257-5126). "The Rodney King Incident: Race and Justice in America" takes advantage of the passage of time and new evidence to reflect on the role of the police, the media, the courts and the federal government in this searing national trauma. As one of the lawyers in the case explains on this videotape, "Everyone thinks they know what happened that night. They saw it with their own eyes. But they don't know." I must confess that I myself was in that category. After viewing the video of King's beating (which was broadcast more often on American television than any other video in history with the exception of the assassination of President Kennedy), I wrote an irate column calling the officers involved "criminals" and condemning the Los Angeles Police Department for harboring such monsters. The truth is more complicated. There were three people in King's car that night. After the 8-mile high-speed chase on which King led the California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles police, a CHP officer demanded that

Mona Charen
 Syndicated columnist

everyone get out of the car with his hands on his head. King's passengers did as they were told. King, for reasons that remain mysterious, refused to comply and did not speak intelligibly to the officer. An ex-con on probation, King certainly knew the arrest drill. He says he smoked dope and drank malt liquor that night. The police were convinced that he was high on PCP. The whole world thinks that the police next engaged in an orgy of violence. But that is because the first 13 seconds of the tape — which showed King charging at Officer Laurence Powell — were edited out. The first jury saw the whole tape. King simply would not get down. The police accordingly escalated their violence. They attempted a maneuver called the swarm, in which four officers would overcome King. He was able to throw them off. Sgt. Stacey Koon, the officer in charge, next attempted to subdue King with a Taser. It had no effect. Frightened now of this large and seemingly preternaturally strong suspect, the officers began to hit him with their batons, all the while shouting for

him to get down on the ground. King continued to stay up on all fours. Powell told the first jury that he feared King was going to wrest his gun away from him, leading to a shooting. The final seconds of the Rodney King beating tape do suggest excessive force. Ironically, it was Officer Ted Briseno, who turned on his fellow defendants at the first trial, who administered the first unnecessary blow after King had submitted. That is only one of the many ironies this story yields. The tale of the second trial, the federal trial, which followed the riots, reveals federal prosecutors who were determined to make this a racial case (which the black district attorney in the first trial did not) and accordingly coached King to testify that racial epithets had been hurled that night. King testified that he couldn't recall but that he thought they had called him "killer" or "nigger." Stacey Koon, who served 20 months in prison and survived an assassination attempt, knows that "Somebody had to serve as a scapegoat." But as this film makes clear, it was the news stations' irresponsible editing of the videotape combined with their inflammatory decisions to run it so very often that created the charged climate that eventually made justice impossible and helped set the stage for the O.J. Simpson trial. No one emerges unsullied in this tale, not L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates, not President George Bush, not the officers and not Rodney King. Still, it's important to grasp the truth, even if it's too late to prevent the damage.

Billboard protest caller threatens to burn cat a day

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — An animal-rights billboard that says "Jesus was a vegetarian" has raised the ire of some residents, including an anonymous caller who threatened to burn one cat per day as long as the sign remains.

Police are looking into the threat phoned in to the local chapter of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals sometime last week-end.

The male caller said he called the SPCA because he wasn't able to find a telephone number for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a national animal-rights group that paid for the billboard.

"It's clear that he knows nothing about the love and compassion of Jesus," said Bruce Friedrich, PETA's national campaign coordinator. "It's ironic."

The Amarillo Globe-News reported that the sign generated complaints even before it was erected last Tuesday along Interstate 27.

The anonymous caller said he intends to burn a cat each day that the billboard is up. He then said, "Have a nice day," and hung up, said SPCA volunteer Priscilla Sirmon.

"I hope it is a hoax," said SPCA local board president Gayle Luna.

Dave Kemp, first assistant Potter County attorney, said the telephone call itself does not appear to break any laws because it is not a threat against a person or SPCA property.

But cruelty to animals is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$4,000 and a year in jail upon conviction, he said. Nevertheless, the SPCA has filed a report with Amarillo police.

The advertising campaign has generated numerous letters and angry calls to the Globe-News. Most, including some scholars, dispute the claim that Jesus didn't eat meat.

Victor Furnish, New Testament professor at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, told the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal that Jesus is said to have eaten fish and fed it to others.

Ms. Luna, whose group has no affiliation with PETA, said board member Benita Trnka called PETA's national headquarters about the billboard and the complaints it has caused.

"She called PETA to let them know that when you do things like this, there are repercussions," Ms. Luna said.

PETA's solution is to offer a \$1,000 reward for the arrest of the man who left the message, if he carries out his threat, Friedrich said.

"We highly doubt he is serious," Friedrich said. "Calling and leaving a message in the middle of the night on voice mail is a typical harassment technique for phonies and cowards."

As for taking down the billboard, Friedrich said it won't happen. "It would reward this man's cowardice," he said.



Jim Whisenhunt, left; Pampa native Matt Martindale, center, and Paul Baker, right, of the band Cooder Graw sing one last song early this morning in an Amarillo nightspot before loading up in Shania Twain's bus to head for Austin for a movie premiere and music festival this week. The bus left about 1 a.m. today. The band is to perform at the premiere party for Ed TV tonight in Austin. (See related story, photo on Page 1)

Texas news round up ...

Federal appeals court overturns ruling in Dallas housing project case

DALLAS (AP) — Minority residents are welcome in an upscale, predominantly white neighborhood, but shouldn't be forced to live in housing projects built by court order, according to an official of a homeowners association that successfully challenged the order.

"We welcome the recipients into our neighborhood," said Jacob Cherner, legal officer for the Preston Highlands Homeowners' Association. "Our issue is with the building of permanent structures in our neighborhoods based on racial criteria."

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled Tuesday that U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer erred in 1995 and instructed him to come up with a more race-neutral solution to Dallas housing problems.

One suggestion was the use of government housing vouchers, which Buchmeyer has agreed is a less-expensive remedy than new construction.

"It will avoid the stigma of living in public housing, it will serve to integrate the recipients into my neighborhood instead of isolating them in my neighborhood and it will empower them to choose where

to live," said Cherner, 36.

No plan to park steam engine

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — A steam engine that hauled 36,000 passengers last year will keep chugging despite a money-saving suggestion from auditors.

"It is an expensive item and we do need help," said Robert L. Cook, deputy executive director of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. "But there is no plan to cut the railroad out and make it a static display."

A recent audit of TP&W suggested that a savings of approximately \$1.3 million could be experienced if the Texas State Railroad were transformed into a static display and Matagorda Island State Park along the Gulf Coast became a wildlife refuge.

Cook told the Palestine Herald-Press that the state park would continue operating as it had since its opening in 1976. The only other steam train operating in Texas is Fort Worth's Tarantula.

Officials with the Parks & Wildlife Department appeared last week before the House Appropriations Committee to present budget requests for 2000 and 2001.

A St. Patrick's toast to demolished hotel

HOUSTON (AP) — Like the dark stranger who visits Edgar Allen Poe's grave in Baltimore each year, Tom Horan has placed a funeral wreath in a Houston parking lot for the past 11 years.

But today, 50 years after the Shamrock Hotel opened its doors and wove its spell on Houston, Horan is calling it quits.

"I think you need to know when to hold them and know when to fold them," Horan says. "I think it's time."

But not before a proper last party, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Shamrock's opening.

The Texas Medical Center will graciously help Horan host a party in the building that now stands where the Shamrock's Grand Ballroom once stood before oil bottomed out and the wrecking ball came for the hotel in 1987.

Senate set to vote on electric deregulation votes

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer watchdog groups are rallying against an electricity deregulation bill they say would benefit large industries while doing nothing for average Texans.

"No residential customers are demanding the bill," Janee Briesemesiter, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union, said of the measure to be taken up by the Senate today.

"No residential customers will receive any savings from this bill any greater than what they will get under the current law. In fact, they could get less."

If passed by the Senate and House and signed by the governor, the bill would allow Texans to pick their electricity provider much like they already pick from among long-distance telephone companies.

Bill sponsor Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, called the measure "a fair, far-reaching plan that will benefit all Texans."

Woman who took son four years ago turns herself in

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — A woman who disappeared with her son four years ago following her divorce has been arrested after her new family learned of the secret and convinced her to turn herself in.

Rebecca Jo Soza Garcia, 26, was charged Tuesday with interference with child custody and released from the Brazoria County Jail on \$5,000 bond.

Her 5-year-old son, Jacob, has been reunited with his father, Joe Garcia, 28, who was awarded full custody of the boy. Garcia, an Angleton High School graduate, is pursuing a master's degree at Baylor University.

Jacob was just 18 months old when he and his mother disappeared from the Holiday Lakes community outside Angleton in February 1995, according to The Facts newspaper.

After fleeing, Mrs. Garcia built a new life in southern California, where she remarried, had two more children and kept her secret from everyone, including her new husband, investigators said.

Her past was uncovered when her current father-in-law recognized her picture on a missing children's flier. Her husband's family urged her to turn herself in, and Mrs. Garcia surrendered to the FBI on Friday in Missouri.

"She said that was an awful burden to carry around with her for three years," said Brazoria County sheriff's investigator Faye Coupland. "In her mind, she thought she was doing right for her child. After she did it, she was scared to come back and face it."

Rebecca and Joe Garcia had joint custody of their son when she disappeared.

Despite the lengthy separation, paternal grandmother Josie Garcia of Holiday Lakes said Jacob looks "almost exactly the same. He still has beautiful eyes. He's a very happy boy."

And despite what the family has endured, Josie Garcia said she still cares for her former daughter-in-law.

"I still love her," she said tearfully. "She was young. We're not perfect, and we make mistakes."

Heritage Art Club



Members of the Heritage Art Club (from left) Deanna Sanders, Betty McCracken and Polly Benton, work on articles for the art show to be held March 27-28 at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF PAMPA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Pampa will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 22, 1999 at the Southside Senior Citizens Center at 438 W. Crawford in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Robert Eskridge, City Manager, at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Bill Hildebrandt, Director of Community Services, at City Hall at 669-5750 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Hildebrandt at City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Have a story or photo idea? Let us know. We appreciate them. 669-2525

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Woman's 'Mr. Wonderful' Was Really Full of Spleen

DEAR ABBY: As an animal lover, I'd like to share my story so that others may learn from my mistake.

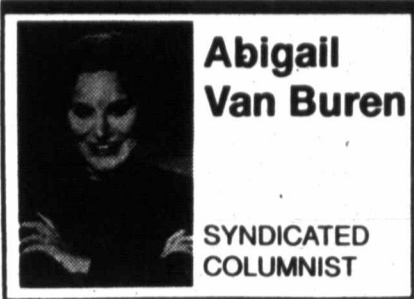
I have had the best companion of my life, my dog Chelsey, for about seven years. Two years ago, I met "Mr. Wonderful," we fell in love, moved in together, and then the honeymoon started to deteriorate. I learned that Mr. Wonderful had a mean streak in him that I was unwilling to live with. As we arranged our breakup (settling bank accounts, dividing up furniture, etc.), Mr. W. made a very big issue out of how close he'd grown to Chelsey, and he insisted that he keep her. Against my better judgment, I let him have her.

Big mistake! To make a long story short, Mr. W. took Chelsey out to a rural area and dumped her. Mr. W. didn't want her — he just wanted to get in one last dig at me.

So there I was, blindly thinking that the two of them were living happily ever after. Meanwhile, some kindly country folks found Chelsey and took her to the city animal shelter, where she was chosen "Pet of the Week." For this honor, she made a short appearance on one of the local TV stations' news broadcasts. I almost had a cardiac arrest when I saw my Chelsey on TV described as a "stray" found eating out of trash cans.

Abby, let this be a lesson. When you're breaking up with someone, don't let him have your beloved pet!

PAT IN FIRCREST, WASH.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR PAT: You and Chelsey are both very lucky — first to have been reunited against great odds, and second, to have the pathological "Mr. Wonderful" out of your lives before he caused more damage.

DEAR ABBY: My letter is prompted by my frustration with insurance representatives with no medical knowledge. I am a physician, and am frequently asked by my patients to write or call on their behalf regarding a medical bill that the insurance company has denied. Many times, I am just repeating what the patient has already said to the claims person. Other times, I am engaged in disputes with claims people who don't know what they are talking about.

Recently I was explaining a disease process to an insurance representative when she haughtily informed me that she had taken a medical terminology class. Perhaps she is able to spell "nephrophthisis," but I believe her scope of knowledge

ends there. Since I don't know how to fix cars, I certainly wouldn't argue with my mechanic about the automobile engine.

My colleagues report similar experiences. My patients share horror stories. I would like to hear an explanation as to why insurance companies employ people who handle claims in subjects about which they are not knowledgeable.

FRUSTRATED DOC, UTICA, N.Y.

DEAR FRUSTRATED DOC: I suspect it has a lot to do with cost containment. If a medical professional were handling the claims, it might drive administrative costs through the roof, and if a debate actually occurred between two medically knowledgeable professionals about whether a claim should be paid, the company might find itself paying out more fees to doctors. I'd be interested in a response from insurance companies — if it is short, sweet and to the point.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY IRISH READERS: Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all. In the words of an old Irish blessing:

May you never forget what is worth remembering, Or remember what is best forgotten.

Horoscope

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 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) ★★ ★★ Though you energetically deal with a backfire today, it could upset you in the near future. Mull over a decision carefully, especially if it involves further financial commitment. Make calls, do research and seek out more information. Tonight: Join friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ You thought you understood where a partner was coming from, but new information takes you aback. You haven't seen eye to eye with this person lately. Say little right now. Remember what you want in the long run. Use sugar, not vinegar. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ ★★ Keep your eye on your goals. Even though you could experience an energy sag and/or problem at work, you'll regroup. Others assist you and help you make a difference. A call surprises you, bringing stunning news. You get what you want because you are upbeat. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ ★★ Allow others to see what is going on with you. What you thought was a done deal emotionally, now resurfaces, or will in the near future. Listen carefully to news from a distance. Accept an invitation,

take a leap of faith. A friend responds to you in a special way. Tonight: Count on working overtime.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ ★★ Take an overview. You might not be able to sit on a hot situation any longer. Your perspective changes with new information. A boss or someone you would like to impress shows his approval. Discussions confirm what is already obvious. Tonight: Seek sanctuary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ ★★ One-to-one relating opens many doors, yet you could feel cut off by another. A misunderstanding pops up out of the blue. You'll work through an old problem over the next few months. News from a relative is important. Use care with any purchases right now. Tonight: Let down your hair and relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ ★★ You could and should be concerned about a money dealing. You aren't getting the whole picture. A partner provides insights, but you might not want to hear them! Catalog your day-to-day life and see where you can tighten your budget and time usage. Tonight: Let others give you feedback.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ ★★ You might be more out of sorts than you realize. Do your best when dealing with others and current pressure. Others are only too happy to express their opinions and ideas. Under the circumstances, why not let them? Plug into work; build security. Tonight: The unexpected reigns once more!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ ★★ Allow greater creativity and opportunity into your life. One way will be to not sit on anger and frustrations. Over the

next few months, give your feelings more reign. Work provides relaxation and an outlet for your ingenuity. You are lucky; another clearly cares about you. Tonight: Let your naughtiness out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ ★★ Remain anchored and steady. A longtime friend might disappoint you and cause you to change a major decision. Give yourself some time; you might be overreacting. A child or loved one dotes on you; be sensitive. Allow more open and comprehensive discussions. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ ★★ Keep talking flowing if you can, though a work situation may become difficult. Over the next few months, you will have a lot of time to think through what you need. Purchase an item for your home to make you more comfortable. Be sure of yourself. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ ★★ Sometimes you don't get the whole story; right now, information seems to dry up. Explore and do more of your own thinking. Your mind is active; perhaps it is time for a chat. Use your traditionally light, easy style. A positive overture comes back in multiples. Tonight: Willingly work late.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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12 Steak	5 Back
13 Breakfast	6 Land in
14 Austen	7 Fold
15 Ready-made	8 Fast food
17 Soda	9 Supply
20 Ordinary	10 Shooter
23 Yale player	11 Amusing
24 Goddess	12 Yard and
26 Scot's cap	13 Texas
27 Tavern	14 Landmark
28 Sparkler	15 Soft
29 Attaché's	16 Cheese
31 Historic	17 Turn aside
32 Blush's kin	18 Scope
33 Connoisseur's	
34 Peruse	
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44 Undo an	
45 Jack or	
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Marmaduke



"If I pull you around the block will you let me sit in the easy chair and control the TV channel changer?"

The Family Circus



"St. Patrick's Day ought to be in April. The world will be greener then."

For Better or For Worse



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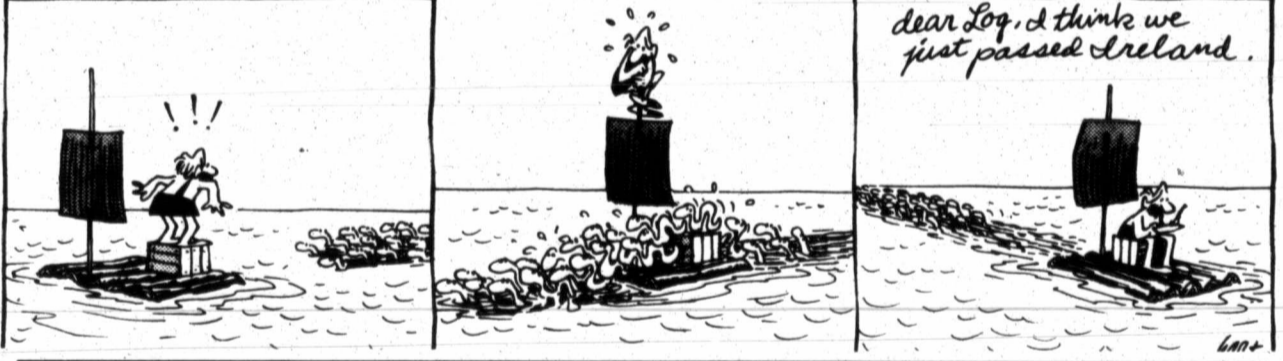
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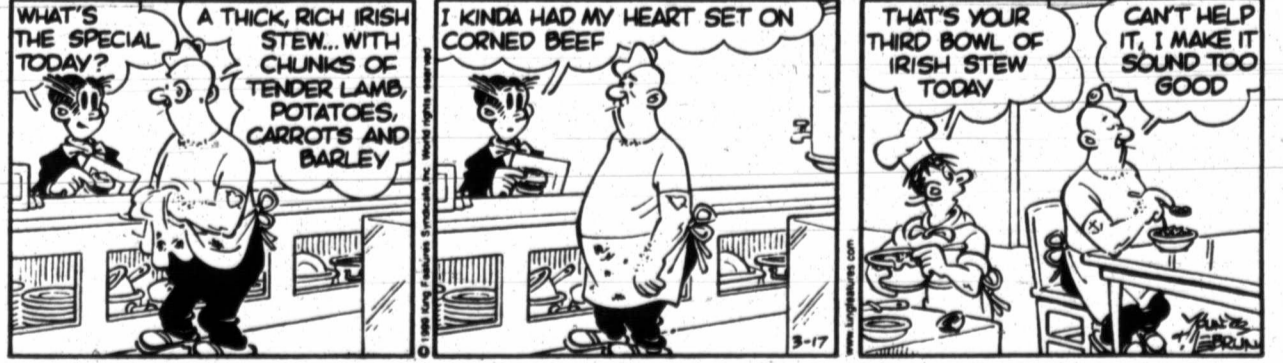
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SPORTS

Notebook

GENERAL

PAMPA — Baseball and softball programs for youngsters 5 to 15 years of age are now available at the Pampa Kids-Youth Club.

Signups will be held at the MPAC building (between the high school and baseball fields) from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 20 and March 27. There is a \$20 signup fee.

For more information, call Sonny or Tinde Haskins at 669-7762 or 669-6732.

The season begins May 4 and lasts through June 29.

To keep costs down, the club is accepting donated baseball and softball equipment or charitable contributions.

Call Larry Lenderman at 669-2035 or Rusty Gallagher at 669-7179.

Coaches and other volunteers will not have to pay fees or club dues.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The NFL's expansion derby has run into overtime, Los Angeles has won the coin flip and is driving deep inside Houston territory.

Los Angeles has an easy scoring opportunity, barring an unforeseen fumble.

The NFL awarded its 32nd franchise to Los Angeles on Tuesday night, but the gift is contingent on the city getting a suitable financing and stadium plan in place within six months. If they don't, then — fumble! — owners say Houston gets the nod in mid-September.

Officials here were disappointed but heartened that Texas' largest city remains in the hunt.

"The city of Houston and Harris County have worked together to support this effort to return football to Houston, and the game is not over yet," Mayor Lee Brown said.

BOXING

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York's attorney general plans to focus his inquiry into last weekend's disputed Evander Holyfield-Lennox Lewis fight on how boxing's sanctioning bodies govern the sport.

The relationship between the sanctioning bodies and fight promoters like Don King is "highly problematic," as is the way the three chief governing bodies choose judges for major fights, Eliot Spitzer said Tuesday.

Spitzer's criticism came as the Manhattan district attorney's office said it is now investigating possible illegalities in how the fight was judged. It is the fourth such inquiry into Saturday night's fight.

Spitzer said his public hearing Friday in New York City on the controversial draw in the Holyfield-Lewis fight will seek to find ways states or the federal government can "redefine" the roles of the principal players in the sport.

Gov. George Pataki said it was time for the federal government to step into the ring.

The IBF, WBC and WBA raise conflicts of interest questions by selecting judges for major title bouts and paying their expenses and their fees for being at ringside, Spitzer said.

When a judge selected by a governing body backs that body's champion despite evidence that his opponent did better during the bout — as the IBF-selected judge is under fire for doing in the Holyfield-Lewis fight — that calls into question the impartiality of the judging and the integrity of the sport, Spitzer said.

Pampa girls grab first soccer playoff win

ODESSA — The Pampa girls' soccer team has claimed its first playoff win in school history.

Competing in the area playoffs Tuesday, the Lady Harvesters shut out El Paso Parkland 2-0 at the Ratliff Soccer Complex.

Both Pampa goals came in the first half.

Desiree Vigil, taking a pass from Jessie Maddox, scored in the 13th minute for a 1-0 Pampa lead.

The Lady Harvesters added an insurance goal in the 24th minute when Danielle Martinez put a shot in the goal. Vigil was credited with an assist on the play.

Pampa's defense didn't allow Parkland much offense as the Lady Harvesters dominated throughout the match.

The Lady Harvesters improved their record to 10-7 for the season and extended their winning streak to five consecutive matches.

Under new head coach Lori Patulea, the Pampa girls advanced to the playoffs for only the second time in the program's history. Pampa's first playoff spot came in 1996.

Pampa's nine wins during the regular season was a school record.

That ninth win was a 4-0 decision over Palo Duro that clinched the second-place playoff spot for Pampa. Vigil also got one of the goals in that playoff-clinching win. Tanja Horsager had two goals and Maddox scored the other one against PD. Horsager, a foreign exchange student from

Denmark, has given the Lady Harvesters a boost this season. She's been one of the scoring and assist leaders.

The Lady Harvesters are scheduled to play El Paso Ysleta in the regional quarterfinals. Ysleta has a 7-8 record and a bye for the area playoffs.

Pampa boys met El Paso Bowie in the area round Tuesday and were eliminated by a score of 3-2.

Pampa grabbed a 2-1 lead at the end of the first half on goals by Kyle McCullough and Jeremy Hall.

Hall earned an assist on McCullough's goal.

Bowie was able to rally for two second-half goals to eliminate the Harvesters.

The Harvesters finished the season with a 7-11 record. Bowie improved its record to 16-3.

Jazz stay unbeaten in youth league

PAMPA — The Jazz 14 and Chad Platt chipped in 12.

Also scoring for the Jazz were Stephanie Gattis and Nefi Mezi and Shawn Stone with 8 points each, and Kim Conner 2.

Ramirez and Conner had two 3-point goals and Cook had one.

Also scoring for the Magic

were Jonathan Ladd with 8 points, Gonzo Salazar 6, Bryce Taylor 5, and Javier Solis 4. Salazar had four 3-point goals and Platt had two.

The Jazz improved their unbeaten record to 5-0. The Magic falls to 2-3.

The Jazz play the Mavericks at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Lady Harvesters beat Randall; host Frenship in girls' softball action

PAMPA — Pampa girls' softball team will be looking to extend its four-game winning streak against Frenship at 1 p.m. Saturday at Optimist Park.

After Pampa's 11-9 victory over Randall earlier this week, another win would give the Lady Harvesters a 5-1 record to close out the first half of district play.

Pampa (4-1 in district, 6-2 overall) owns a half-game lead over Randall for the first-place spot in the district race. Pampa handed Randall its first district loss, giving the Lady Raiders a 3-1 record in district and 4-2 for the season.

In the game played at Amarillo's Southwest Park, the Pampa girls struck first in the top of the second on a leadoff double by Lisa Kirkpatrick, who stole third, then scored on a passed ball before the side was retired.

Randall scored three runs in the bottom of the second to take a 3-1 lead into the third. Pampa responded with four runs in the top of the third. Cassi Scott reached on a leadoff walk, then stole second. With one out, Scott was driven in on an RBI double by Lisa Dwight over the centerfielder's head. Kirkpatrick reached on an error scoring Dwight. Yowell singled, driving in Kirkpatrick, and then Kimberly Clark reached on an error scoring Yowell before the final out of the inning. Pampa led 5-3.

Randall threatened in the bottom of the third when the leadoff hitter reached on an error, stole second and advanced to third on a groundout to first. With just one out, Randall appeared set to add to their total, but a line drive back to the mound was caught by Clark and she alertly fired the ball to third, doubling off the runner and bringing Randall's threat to an abrupt end.

In the fourth, Abby Parker drew a leadoff walk, stole second and scored on an RBI single by Scott. Scott would later score in the inning, stealing third on an over-throw by the Randall catcher and racing home as the ball rolled away from the third baseman. Pampa now led 7-3.

Randall was able to score one

run in the fourth after a leadoff single to bring the score to 7-4.

Pampa added two runs in the fifth. Kelsey Yowell was issued a leadoff walk and advanced to second on a throwing error when Randall's third baseman attempted to force her on a fielder's choice. Clark reached safely on the play. Parker singled to load the bases. Yowell scored when Scott reached on a walk. Then, Dwight singled bring Clark in from third to increase Pampa's lead to 9-4. Randall failed to score in the fifth.

Pampa would add two more runs in its half of the sixth on five hits to increase the lead to 11-4. Randall wasn't done. They added three runs on three singles to pull within four, 11-7.

The Lady Harvesters were held scoreless in the seventh, but needed only to protect their four-run lead for the victory.

Randall threatened in the seventh as its first three batters would each reach on an error to load the bases with no outs. A line drive to Yowell at first resulted in an unassisted double play as she caught the ball and stepped on first, doubling off the runner who had failed to tag up. The next batter singled to drive in two runs to bring Randall to within two at 11-9. With a runner on second and the tying run at the plate, Clark struck out the last batter she faced to end the game.

Clark picked up her sixth mound win of the season while striking out 8, issuing 1 walk and scattering 7 hits.

For Randall, Erika Bell struck out 8, issued 7 walks and allowed 13 hits, including two doubles in the losing effort.

Kirkpatrick led Pampa at the plate with a double and two singles, followed by Dwight with a double and single. Others with hits included Scott, Parker and Yowell with two singles each. Charity Nachtigall and Jessica Conner each added a single.

Dwight, who was catching Clark for the first time this season, turned in an outstanding performance.

Discus throw



(Pampa News photo)

White Deer's Rhonda McClendon works out with the discus in preparation for the Gruver track meet this weekend. McClendon, a senior, won the discus event and was second in the shot at the Hornet Relays held earlier this month at Highland Park.

Rockets roll past Blazers

HOUSTON (AP) — Scottie Pippen wanted more offense and he got it at a good time with 18 points and nine assists as the Houston Rockets held off the Portland Trail Blazers' fourth quarter charge for a 101-93 victory Tuesday night.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 21 points and Charles Barkley added 15 points and seven assists for the Rockets, who almost blew a 19-point third-quarter lead.

Pippen, who complained he has not been a part of the offense, got his wishes answered in the first quarter when he scored six points and took four shots, one less than he had the entire game Sunday against Phoenix.

For the game, he was 6-for-11 from the field, went 4-for-4 at the free throw line and got

eight rebounds.

The Rockets led at 80-61 with 1:17 to go in the third quarter and by 91-76 with 5:59 to play.

Amarillo Heart Group

Agustin Cabrera-Santamaria, MD and Staff of the Amarillo Heart Group will be relocating to 916 N. Crest Rd. Suite 102 effective April 1st, 1999. To make an appointment call 665-3595 or 1-800-355-5858

Stars, Penguins battle to tie

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Tony Hrkac scored against third-string goalie Jean-Sebastien Aubin midway through the third period Tuesday night to pull the Dallas Stars into a 2-2 tie with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Stars, who lead the NHL with 96 points, ran their unbeaten streak to five games (4-0-10), while both teams remain undefeated in overtime.

The Penguins are 6-0-10; Dallas is 2-0-12.

Hrkac scored his 10th goal at 10:51 after Grant Marshall dug out the

puck and passed to Hrkac in the slot. Sergei Zubov's power play goal at 4:11 of the second period cut Pittsburgh's lead in half. Zubov beat starting goaltender Peter Skudra with a shot from the left point.

Jaromir Jagr and Martin Straka scored in the game's first 8:48 to put Pittsburgh up 2-0. Jagr scored his 33rd at 2:52, converting a backhand pass that Straka threw out from behind the net.

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The second graduating group of the 52-week study of the Bible Book of John entitled "Free For Sure" includes, (back row from left) Daniel Flores, Anthony Reeves, Chauncey Cox; (front row from left) George Cutler, Joseph Alexander.

Five Jordan inmates graduate from 'Free for Sure' program

by JERRY GUTHRIE
Jordan Unit Reporter

Rufe Jordan Unit's Prison Fellowship Ministry hosted its second class graduation recently.

Five Bible class inmates/students graduated a year-long study on the gospel of John. PFM classes are based on Bible history, giving the inmates a solid foundation to learn from.

Area Christian volunteers teach and guide the inmates through a four part study. Each session consists of unusual teaching techniques. The class teachers use group interactive skits, plays and small group discussion to teach the gospel of John.

The graduation was titled "Free for Sure." All five of the honored graduates gave personal testimony of how they grew in Bible knowledge and how this class has changed their perspective on life. A common thread

among the men's testimony was the unconditional love given them by the PFM volunteers. Inmates spoke of how they've gotten to know Jesus personally through this four part Bible study.

As the five Free for Sure graduates accepted their diplomas and prepared for life without the class, each echoed the same sentiments. All agreed that their empty seats would be soon filled and more inmates would experience a life-changing Bible study! The gospel word continues to spread through the diligent efforts of the area Christian PFM volunteers.

PFM is dedicated to teaching inmates the word of God. In John 6:28, the verse asks "what are the

works God wants us to do?" That is easy for the volunteers to answer. The PFM is here to teach and guide inmates/students to the word of God.

The gala event's entertainment was provided from the Jordan Unit's own gospel group, the "Jordanaires." One word can describe the sound of this group "Wow!" The Jordanaires are true professionals. They continuously provide spirit-filled music for all of the unit's functions.

The entire PFM class wish to SHOUT! to all who can hear that our God is an awesome God. PFM inmates thank all of the volunteers who made the class possible and appreciate the Jordan Unit staff and Chaplain Schlewitz for his humble help.

Thornberry appointed to subcommittee

WASHINGTON — House Armed Services Committee Chairman Floyd Spence announced recently he has appointed U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry to be vice chairman of the Committee's Military Procurement Subcommittee.

"One of the things I've tried to do as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee," Spence stated, "is move promising young members into positions of increasing authority so they can have a greater say in the national security debate. Mac has more than proved himself since he came on board a few years ago."

"He is an effective advocate for the defense facilities in his District, and someone who I believe will

play a significant role in setting U.S. defense policy in the years to come. In short, he is just the type of leader we are looking for on this Committee, which is why I appointed him to this job."

The Military Procurement Subcommittee is charged with overseeing the annual authorization for procurement of military weapons systems and components which includes full-scale development and systems transition and the military application of nuclear energy.

As vice chairman, Thornberry will be the subcommittee's second highest ranking majority member behind Subcommittee Chairman Duncan Hunter.

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Scheduled guests include Amarillo Police Chief Jerry Neal, WIAMU Criminal Justice Instructor Claudia Stuart and Corp. Jerry Neufeld, a Public Information Officer with the Amarillo Police Department.

Viewers are encouraged to phone in their questions during the program, or e-mail them in advance to www.emeal@actx.edu. A repeat broadcast is scheduled at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28. The program is made possible through a grant from the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation.

American Cancer Society offers class

AMARILLO — The American Cancer Society is sponsoring "Look Good... Feel Better" program from 7-9 p.m. March 22 at the American Cancer Society Office located at 3915 Bell Street. The program was devised to help cancer patients cope with unpleasant side effects of cancer treatment.

With the help of cosmetology professionals, participants will learn quick and easy makeup techniques to make them look and feel more like themselves as well as how to compensate for hair loss including how to use scarves and turbans to best advantage.

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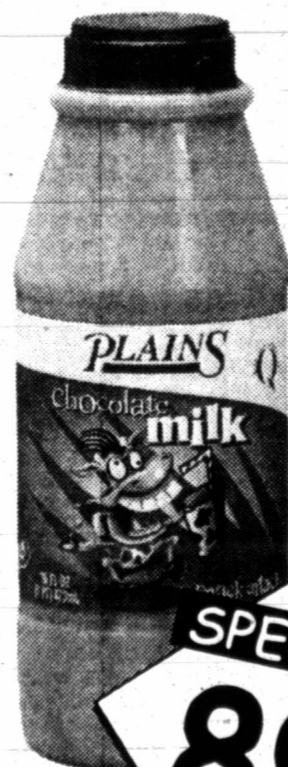
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