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HOUSTON (AP) Hundreds of firefighters from across the nation are expected to attend a Houston memorial service today honoring two fallen comrades.

The 10 a.m. event at Rice Stadium is open to the public.

Veteran firefighters Lewis Mayo III, 44, and Kimberly Smith, 30, died when the roof collapsed shortly after they entered a burning Houston McDonald's early Monday. Smith was Houston's first female firefighter to die on

During today's memorial, firefighters in full dress uniforms will march their way into the stadium from the city's Mecom Fountain, more than a mile away from the event site. Several streets surrounding the proceedings will be closed for part of the

Speakers at the memorial will include Houston-Galveston Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, Mayor Lee Brown, Fire Chief Lester Tyra, state Sen. Mario Gallegos, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee and colleagues of the two victims.

The grieving families are set to receive medals of honor from the city's fire department and the International Association of Fire Fighters.

On Thursday, the teen-ager involved in the McDonald's fire that killed Mayo and Smith was charged with two counts of felony murder, according to officials.

The 15-year-old, remains detained, will have his first court appearance at 9 a.m. Tuesday before state District Judge Mary Craft. The boy worked at the southwest Houston restaurant.

Prosecutors also said Thursday no decision had been made whether to certify the juvenile to stand trial as an adult.

 Anna Belle Brooks, 72, homemaker.

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Ranch land fire trial nears end

By KEITH ANDERSON Staff Writer

bolt setup pictured.

MIAMI — A civil suit in which ranchers are suing an electric power company for damages in connection with a blaze that burned over 5,000 acres of ranch land could wind up today or Monday.

The ranchers are suing Southwestern Public Service Company for \$615,000 in the case being heard before a sixman, six-woman jury in the Roberts County Courthouse.

It involves a 5,353-acre fire Feb. 22-23, in 1996, north of Miami and south of the Canadian river. The case is being heard before 31st District Judge Steven R. Emmert.

Officials determined that fallen power lines caused the fire. The ranchers contend that SPS was negligent in the bracketing of the power lines to the utility pole, that SPS failed to This is the setup at issue in a follow its own specifications. 5,353 acre fire. The Abrahams for bracketing the power lines.

The original civil suit was claim SPS should have used filed with the Roberts County an "insulated clevis," to filed with the Roberts County bracket the power wire to the last March 24, 1997, by Steve Hale, Bill Tolbert, and Blake utility pole, rather than the O'Brien. SPS attorney Marty wedge-clamp assembly eye Jones of Amarillo said the power company settled with Hale and Tolbert, for \$100 per affected acre. But at the time, O'Brien

was involved in a land dispute with Eddie, Salem, and Jason Abraham of Abraham Investment Company over the affected land in the Payne Ranch. An appellate court determined the Abrahams owned the land, and

the Abraham brothers filed a plea of intervention in the civil suit with Roberts County Aug. 8, 1998. The Abrahams, who had the most land damaged by the fire, were

offered \$12.50 per acre from SPS, but declined the offer, Salem Abraham said. The Abrahams claim 8,200 acres of their Payne Ranch were affected by the fire. They are seeking \$75 per acre in damages. In ranch land cases, affected acreage is different than burned acreage. A portion of a pasture may burn, but the burned portion of

the pasture affects the unburned land around it. Attorneys Joe Lovell and David Mullin, both of Amarillo, repre-

Center manager says new theater in works

If all goes according to plan, Pampa will have a movie theater again in about 30 days though no contracts have yet been signed. That's the word from Martin Riphahn who manages Coronado

Center in which the old Cinema 4 was housed. It closed in early January as the result of a tenant-landlord dispute.

"We will have another theater," Riphahn told The Pampa News Thursday, "We are working on the interior now. We are cleaning it up and fixing it up." That work includes updating the bathrooms and replacing ceiling tiles.

The theater will continue to house four screens but Riphahn said it may open with two or three of the screening rooms while work continues in the others.

After the new tenants take over, Riphahn said they have told him they plan to brighten the screens, put in a new sound system and install new seating.

GOP Open House tonight

The public is invited to an Open House from 5-8p.m. tonight to mark the opening of the Gray County Republican Party headquar-

Refreshments will be served and Republican candidates in the March primary will be on hand to meet with the public. Headquarters is located in Suite 202 of the Combs-Worley Building at 120 W. Kingsmill.

Starting next week, headquarters will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. or by appointment.

The phone number is 669-1276 or 665-5563 to schedule an appoint-



Brothers Eddie, Salem, and Jason Abraham visit during a break Thursday in their civil suit trial against SPS. Below, a map showing the affected area.



Want to be a DPS trooper?

Want to be a trooper with the Department of Public Safety?

Well, now's your chance as applications are being made available in advance of the next sixmonth recruit school that starts Sept. 18 in Austin. Application packets may be picked up in Pampa

at the DPS office at 2909 Perrytown Parkway. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Information is also available on the DPS web site www.txdps.state.tex.us "Diversity is a priority at DPS and we're encour-

aging minorities and women to apply," said DPS Recruiting Coordinator Lt. Curly Colquitt. "This is a chance to make a difference in one of the country's elite law enforcement agencies."

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 20 years old by the time they are accepted as trooper-trainees, be of good moral character, meet certain vision requirements and have at least 60hours of college (prior law enforcement or mili- year probationary period.

tary experience may be substituted).

A final conviction (including probation) for any DWI, DUI, family violence or felony automatically will disqualify applicants. The screening process will include verification of written and oral statements and overall scrutiny of the applicant. Physical, psychological and drug testing are also required

Graduates initially are assigned to one of the Department's uniformed services - Highway Patrol, License and Weight or the Driver's License Division. After gaining experience, troopers may apply for promotions within those services or other areas of the DPS, such as the Texas Rangers, Special Crimes, Auto Theft or

Trooper-trainees are paid \$2,000 a month. After graduation, they will earn \$29,000 annually with a pay increase to \$35,000 after completing a one

Environmentalists: Texas third in toxic waste in waterways

ways the nation's third most polluted water bodies fouled by toxic discharges from businesses and other groups

Released Thursday, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group analysis also called for stricter government enforcement to fix what the group called "a continuing water pollution crisis in this coun-

The organization used data from a key part of the federal Toxics Release Inventory, also known as the "right to

know" program, to support its assertions. Statistics from the 1997 inventory, the latest available, indicated that industries, municipal waste treatment plants and

HOUSTON (AP) — An environmental group's latest report ranks Texas water-million pounds of toxic substances to million pounds of toxic substances to rivers, reservoirs and bays.

That figure was the third-largest total among the states, eclipsed by Louisiana's total of almost 47 million pounds and Pennsylvania's 40.7 million pounds, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Jeremiah Baumann, an author of the U.S. PIRG report, said it shows that federal and state enforcement efforts to protect water bodies against pollution are not effective enough.

Recycling and reducing the amount of toxic materials being discharged "is best for human health, best for the environment and usually best for the bottom line," he said.

Officials at the Texas Natural Resource — water bearing about 600 to 800 parts per Conservation Commission had no comment on the report. A spokeswoman for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington told the Chronicle her department was reviewing the report and might issue a response today.

Accounting for more than half of the Texas total release was BASF Corp. at Freeport. It reported discharges to the Brazos River, near the Gulf of Mexico, of slightly more than 14 million pounds virtually all of it listed as "nitrate compounds." It was the third-largest number listed among all facilities nationally.

But Steve Baxter, environmental manager at the BASF plant, said his company's discharge was mainly treated waste-

million of nitric acid, which does not impair the river's environmental quality. A voluntary, \$8 million upgrade at the plant will recycle more than half of the nitric acid into usable products, starting next year, he said.

Nitrate compounds represented more than half of the national total of toxic discharges to water bodies in 1997 - 156 million of almost 270 million pounds. Among the sources listed for nitrates were fertilizer products, sewage and runoff from animal feedlots.

The PIRG report also advocated giving citizens greater authority to file lawsuits to curb water pollution and expand the "right to know" program.

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Services tomorrow

BROOKS, Anna Belle — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Groom Cemetery, Groom.

Obituaries

ANNA BELLE BROOKS

AMARILLO - Anna Belle Brooks, 72, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Groom Cemetery at Groom with the Rev. Tom Moore, of United Methodist Church of Groom, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of

Mrs. Brooks was born in Hughes County, Okla. She married John Adler Brooks in 1944 at Salida, Colo.; he died in 1974.

She belonged to First Baptist Church of Groom. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Lee Moseley of Clyde and Carolyn Keaton of Lubbock; two sons, Johnny Brooks of Groom and Robert Brooks of Leoti, Kan.; four sisters; three brothers; 17 grandchildren; and 29 great-grand-

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Stocks

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Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 17 9:40 a.m. - One unit and three personnel

responded to hydrolic fluid spill in the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

5:34 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a call for medical assistance in the 2000 block of North Christine.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and report for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 17 Billy Ray Swanson, 32, 532 Wynne, was arrested on two outstanding DPS warrants on charges of speeding and failure to appear, and one Pampa municipal warrant on the charge of animal at

Thefts of a \$200 "power rider" and a \$110 "ski machine" were reported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrest for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 17
Kelly Ann Holland, 39, Borger, was arrested on seven charges of issuance of a bad check, on a Randall Co. bond surrender on a theft by check charge, on a Potter Co. bond surrender on a theft by check charge, on a Carson Co. warrant on a charge of theft by check, and on a Moore Co. warrant on a charge of theft by check.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Feb. 17

10:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to a local nursing facility. 2:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of East Francis and transported one to

5:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC. 5:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Christine and transported one to

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911	
Crime Stoppers	669-2222	
Energas	665-5777	
Fire		
Police (emergency)	911	
Police (non-emergency)		
SPS		
Water	669-5830	

The drugs were hidden in tiny false compart-

water or fuel, and within the bilge areas, the sec-

tions between the hull and the floor where waste

Such compartments are often impossible to get at

from the inner deck. Officials searching for contra-

band are faced with cutting through several inches

of flooring, or the costly option of putting the ves-

sels in dry dock and drilling holes in the keel.
Customs agents employed that tactic this month.
After they began pulling out drill bits sprinkled

with cocaine, investigators cut through the thick

metal section of the ships and found more than a

being smuggled out of the United States en route to

junk. The cash was inside brand-new toolboxes on

According to a State Department report last year:

"Efforts by the government of Haiti to investigate,

arrest, prosecute or convict members of interna-

Justice Department officials blame several fac-

tional drug trafficking organizations were lacking.

tors: a political impasse between Haiti's branches

of government, widespread corruption, a dysfunc-

tional judicial system, pervasive poverty and police

The Drug Enforcement Administration has seven

agents in Haiti, but they do not have the authority

to make arrests or conduct investigations. All they

can do is advise local authorities and exchange

Panama. Large shipments are delivered mainly to

Haiti's southern coast by fast boats, cargo

looned somewhat the impact on of what has come

through the Caribbean," said Bob Weiner, a

spokesman for White House drug czar Barry McCaffrey. "It's still a very serious situation."

The success that we've had in Mexico has bal-

information, spokesman Brent Eaton said.

Officials are also finding more drug proceeds

Smugglers adapt, find ways to move drugs through Haiti to U.S.

accumulates.

ton of cocaine.

the deck in plain view.

freighters or air drops.

MIAMI (AP) — Smugglers have been moving increasingly large amounts of cocaine into Florida ments, below floor panels, inside tanks filled with by way of Haiti, employing hiding places so ingenious that federal agents have had to drill into the keels of freighters to find the drugs.

This month alone, agents seized more than a ton of cocaine stashed inside false compartments aboard several freighters from Haiti. They found an additional 160 pounds of the drug hidden inside barrels of butter aboard a commercial flight that arrived in Miami.

"This particular incident of uncovering cocaine in the keel will force the organizations to come up with a new way to bring it in," said Frank Figueroa, lead investigator at the Customs Service office in

In the "Miami Vice" days of the 1980s, Colombian drug lords brought their cargo to Florida shores on fast boats or dropped it from lowflying planes. When federal agents caught on, the smugglers started shipping cocaine through Mexico. Then when agents cracked down on that route, smugglers adapted yet again and began moving the drugs through Haiti.

Ten to 15 years ago, marijuana and illegal immigrants were the main illicit cargo from Haiti, an island nation 600 miles southeast of Miami.

Figueroa said agents noticed an increase in cocaine shipments from Haiti in the past four to five years. They were often brought by "mules," people hired to hide a few pounds of cocaine on them or in their luggage.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy estimates 12 percent of the illegal drugs smuggled into the United States comes through Haiti.

But that figure may be on the rise. Between October 1997 and September 1998, U.S. investigators seized 7,005 pounds of cocaine aboard Haitian vessels. The amount dropped to 2,063 pounds the next year, but in the past five months, Customs has already seized 4,983 pounds of cocaine.

More than 3,000 pounds of that total — with a street value of about \$25 million — was found this month, hidden in the keels of five vessels docked

along the Miami River.

Justice investigates newsprint industry

WASHINGTON (AP) - Newsprint prices are going up and the Justice Department is looking into possible antitrust violations within the indus-

The Wall Street Journal said a federal grand jury in Cleveland has subpoenaed more than two dozen Canadian newsprint salesmen as part of an inquiry into price increases during 1994 and 1995.

The newsprint industry is in the midst of a price increase, with increases of about 7 percent to about \$515 a ton since mid-1999, the Journal said.

"We have an open investigation into the possietitive actions in the newsprint industry, Justin spokeswoman Jennifer Rose said Thursday.

Last week, two Montreal newsprint rivals agreed to combine. Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. agreed to buy Donohue Inc. in a \$4 billion cash-and-stock deal that would create the world's biggest newsprint maker.

A combined Abitibi and Donahue would control about 35 percent of North American newsprint production. Another large newsprint producer, Bowater Inc. of Greenville, S.C., controls about 17 percent, the Journal said.

Presstime, the magazine of the Newspaper Association of America, said that the top five newsprint producers control more than 60 percent of North American newsprint capacity, compared with about 44 percent 10 years ago.

Names in the news

Worried that disparaging comments he made about female comedians might offend those who migh otherwise contribute to his annual Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon, Lewis issued a

statement Thursday offering his "humble apology."

"There are times when half statements get misinterpreted, and that's what happened at the Aspen U.S. Comedy Festival last week," Lewis said.

Lewis, 73, was in a question and answer session Saturday in Aspen, Colo., when he made his origi-

"A woman doing comedy doesn't offend me, but sets me back a bit," Lewis had said. "I, as a viewer, have trouble with it. I think of her as a producing machine that brings babies in the world."

His statement Thursday named Whoopi Goldberg, Elayne Boosler and Phyllis Diller as female comics he admired, but went on to say there were many female comics he did not like.

"When women, doing comedy, do routines written for them by drill sergeants, I take objection," Lewis wrote. "Their filth makes me and many ashamed to be in our business.

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) - George Harrison is asking the Hawaii Supreme Court for another chance to keep his Maui neighbors from cutting through his property to get to the ocean.

Lawyers for the former Beatle have filed a motion asking the court to reconsider its Feb. 1 decision that owners of two neighboring properties could use an easement on Harrison's oceanfront estate between Hana and Keanae.

The decision upheld a 1993 lower-court ruling. Harrison said then that he would sell the property if the court ruled against him in the land dispute. Attorney William McKeon said Harrison is worried about security. In December, a homeless woman was found inside the Maui estate doing her laundry and eating pizza.

Harrison, 56, suffered a collapsed lung after he was stabbed by an intruder in his mansion near London on Dec. 31.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Though he was the guest of honor, Billy Crystal still had to work for Harvard's Hasty Pudding Man of the Year Award.

In a nod to his starring role in the comedy "City Slickers," Crystal was asked to lasso a student dressed as a cow. After hog-tying the "cow," Crystal was presented with a live baby pig and was asked to address it as one of his most recognizable characters, "Saturday Night Live" talk-show personality Fernando.

"Dahhhling, you look mahhhvelous!" Crystal

Crystal, 51, was honored Thursday with the award by members of the Hasty Pudding eral. He died in 1994.

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Jerry Lewis says he's sorry Theatricals, the nation's oldest undergraduate dramatic organization. The star of movies including "When Harry Met Sally" and "Analyze This," will

be host of the Academy Awards show in March. The Hasty Pudding Award goes to performers who have made "lasting and impressive" contributions to entertainment. Previous recipients include Julia Roberts, Steven Spielberg and Harrison Ford. Jamie Lee Curtis was honored as the group's Woman of the Year last week.

NEW YORK (AP) - Playing a Felix Mendelssohn octet with seven other illustrious soloists, world-renown cellist Yo-Yo Ma took a backseat on the stage of Carnegie Hall. And he

The occasion Wednesday was the 40th anniversary of violinist Jaime Laredo's Carnegie debut and a tribute to friendship among 10 world-class musicians. This time, they took turns taking a backseat to each other.

"He is gentle and considerate and tremendously loyal," Ma said of Laredo before the concert. "He is thoughtful about relationships. That reflects so much in his music-making with others."

Ma's own generosity was reflected in a special gesture: lending tunes from a cello concerto once written for him by composer Leon Kirchner. With Ma's permission, Kirchner transformed the music into a 1993 trio for violin, cello and piano.

Cellist Sharon Robinson performed the piece Wednesday with pianist Joseph Kalichstein and her husband, Laredo.

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, is among four air and space pioneers to be inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame this year.

Aldrin, fellow astronaut Eugene Cernan, ace World War II combat pilot Thomas McGuire and military pilot Laurence Craigie will be enshrined July 15, hall officials said Wednesday.

Founded in Dayton in 1962 and later established by Congress, the aviation hall has more than 150 inductees including the Wright brothers, Charles Lindbergh and Neil Armstrong.

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Aldrin, a native of Montclair, N.J., served as an Air Force combat pilot in Korea before becoming a NASA astronaut in 1963. In 1969, he was part of the Apollo 11 mission and became the second man to walk on the lunar surface following fellow astronaut Neil Armstrong.

Cernan flew on the Gemini 9, Apollo 10 and Apollo 17 missions. He is the second American to walk in space and the last to walk on the moon.

McGuire shot down 38 enemy aircraft before he was killed in combat in January 1945. Craigie served combat duty in World War II and retired from a NATO command in 1955 as lieutenant gen-

Support for Bush among GOP regulars may be softening

Republican House member thinking of bolting George W. Bush's campaign, beware.

The chairman of Bush effort in have appeared. that chamber is looking for you, amid signs that the governor's support among GOP regulars could be softening.

"It's frankly not very good politics if you're going to get in the business of endorsing one candidate and then begin thinking of switching those endorsements around," Rep. Roy Blunt, of Missouri, said in a telephone interview.

Still, John McCain's victory in New Hampshire — and rising poll figures elsewhere since then are turning heads among some of the officials who trooped to the Governor's Mansion in Texas last year and handed Bush their endorsements.

the drug kingpins. Customs agents recently found a little over \$1 million aboard a freighter carrying "What Senator McCain is saying is resonating with quite a few people," said New Jersey state Sen. Diane Allen, who was among those state officials who visited Bush in Austin and continues to support him.

"If he (McCain) ultimately is the candidate, he has a lot of ability to reach folks," she added. Governor Bush has a problem."

"There's a rising belief now that (Bush) is not the only one who can win," said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., a fervent Bush supporter. What's left to be decided is The two main routes for the shipment of cocaine whether or not Bush can survive are either directly from Colombia to Haiti or via McCain."

"I think he can," Tauzin said. Already on the record as considering a switch to McCain, Rep. Peter King of New York, says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Any Saturday's South Carolina prima- Gov. Dan Evans switched his ry "is more of a test for Bush" than for McCain.

Other cracks in Bush's support

Former New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato says he's sticking with his endorsement "only out of loyalty to our governor," George

This week, former Washington Michigan.

endorsement from Bush to McCain, as did California Secretary of State Bill Jones.

But Bush also has gained support from about six previously undecided House members since his loss in New Hampshire, including Reps. Roscoe Bartlett of Maryland and Nick Smith of

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high of 45-50 and north-northeast winds at 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy tonight with a low in the mid 20s and light southeast Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high in the mid 50s and light southeast winds. Yesterday's high was 76; the overnight low

STATEWIDE - Cloudy skies were expected for much of the state today, with a slight chance for showers over the central region of South Texas.

Meanwhile, a cold front was moving south through the

Panhandle, from near Childress into east central New Mexico. Low clouds had already spread out over North Texas where there will also be a

chance for thunderstorms central and to the region's eastern half early in the day. Friday morning temperatures in the north ranged from 60 at Wichita Falls to 73 at Dallas.

Morning conditions were cloudy over most of South Texas with fog in the Golden

Triangle area. Today will be warm mainly in the 80s across the south, with conditions changing as a cold front moves into the region

ditions reported along the Rio Grande, where wind varied from the southeast to south at 10 to 15 mph. South Texas' Friday morning

temperatures ranged from 59 at Del Rio to 73 at San Marcos. West Texas will see mostly sunny skies and cooler temper-

atures today, with a few clouds expected Saturday. High temperatures in the

west today will be in the 40s in the northern areas and the 80s along the Rio Grande.

The region's nightime temperatures will dip into the upper teens, the 20 and 30s.

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Spelling bee



Seventh graders Emily Elliott, left, and Jonathan DeLong, right, won the Pampa Home Educators Association Spelling Bee recently. Elliott made first runner-up while DeLong took top honors as the overall champ. Both students will participate in the Gray County Spelling Bee in March.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA

LITERACY COUNCIL office is open from 10 a.m.-4 or the local field operations p.m. Monday-Friday. For more coordinator, Mary Ann Resch, information, call 665-2331. at (806) 364-2743. Green

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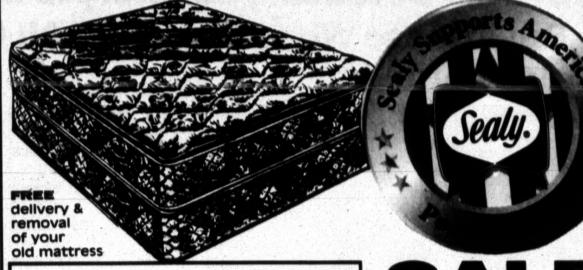


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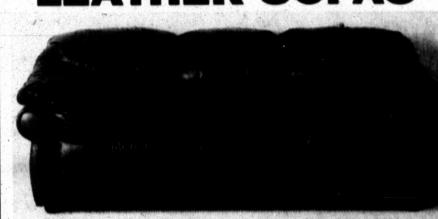


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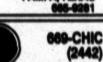
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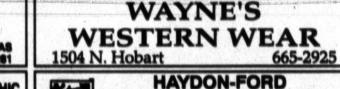
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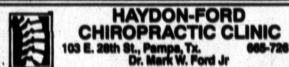


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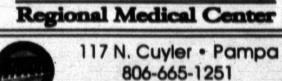
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Remember: God is good all the time — even in death

As many people read this article are aware, my sister recently went to be with the Lord. "Sister" having completed her five year battle with breast cancer, was completely healed at 4:45 p.m., Dec. 22, 1999. I know that many of you have spent countless hours praying for her and my family, and we certainly appreciate it. Even though Sister was victorious, her victory is not what this article

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As preacher, pastor and chaplain for going on 15 years, I have walked many times to the bedside of, and with family and friends as a loved one lay preparing to leave this life. Some were church people, some were not. Some were good people, some were not. Some were religious, some were not. Some were older, some were not.

I have not counted recently, but I have conducted some 60 funerals over the course of my ministry. And in more than a few of those I used, or at least referred to, I Corinthians 15:55, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (KJV). I knew the words, I could say the words, but what did they really look like or mean. Most of the time I felt helpless to answer the questions! But that has definitely changed now.

Sister had been in a steady decline, health wise, since July and most of the family was going to be home for Christmas because there was the feeling that this would be Sister's last. And I was certainly feeling that way.

On the morning that my sister died, I was taking care of some final business matters, when I received news that Sister had "coded," that the doctor had "vented" her and would speak with the family about 4 p.m. Basically, the news was "it

As I was hearing the news, I made a quick calculation as to how long it would take me to get home. I could make it. But I heard myself say to my brother, "Let her go. Do not let them keep her one second, for us." I almost could not believe it myself.

When we finally arrived at the hospital, it was as I expected. One of my brothers met us in the parking lot. Sister had indeed died. From the parking lot to Sister's room was probably the longest walk of my life. I had made it many times with family, to my father's room, to my grandmother's room. I had made the walk over and over again with church members. I had even made it with relative strangers. It always ended the same! Sorrow. Painful. Empty. Helpless. I did not want to go to that room.



By Chaplain Willard Kiper

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However, arriving in Sister's room brought sweet relief. Honestly, of all the possible emotions I anticipated, I found myself feeling envy, even jealousy. The only thoughts I could think, the only words I could say were, "How pretty is it, Sis?" I wanted her to tell me, "Was it worth it?"

This certainly was not the emotions I anticipated. Of all the opportunities I have had to experience death, Sister was probably the closest. Of all the grief that I have shared with others, I never expected to experience sweet relief at Sister's bedside. I was very fearful of my own

But I learned anew that, God is good - all the time. The only explanation I have for this experience is that Sister and I had grown very close. Not just in an earthly manner (because time and space were always problems), but in a spiritual manner. She knew about the "old man," yet loved me any way. And I knew about "her." And we both knew about the difference that Jesus Christ can and did make in the other's life. Sister was not, nor am I, perfect. But Sister was always able to love, always able to look past my mistakes, always able to for-

I know as a preacher it is not my job to preach someone into either heaven or hell, but as I entered my sister's room that evening it was as if I had entered heaven. No, I never heard angels, I never saw Jesus, but I certainly felt His presence. And suddenly, I knew first hand the answer to the questions of I Corinthians 15:55. For when your life is centered on Jesus there is not sting in death and the only victory of the grave belongs to Jesus Christ and His children.

Some might wonder have I cried, yes! But it is because of missing Sister's friendship and counsel. It is because my wife and girls miss her, also. It is because of void, not loss. It is because of emptiness, not pain.

Once again, thanks to all who have and continue to pray. Be blessed, as you bless.

Talk of male leadership tends to make me very, very nervous

A group of couples had signed up for dance lessons at a local dance studio. They gathered late one evening and attended carefully to their

Preceding her directions, the teacher divided them by sex into two facing lines arrayed along the length of the studio.

She began to speak. "In dancing," she said, "the man always

One man, the father of three daughters, responded, "I haven't done that before. Why should I start now?"

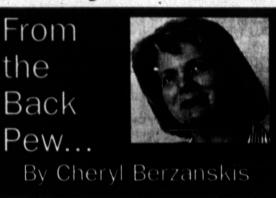
Another, dad to three sons, chimed in, "We're gonna have a problem with that.

The group laughed but they all knew it was true. There wasn't a man in dancing shoes who knew how to lead a woman or necessarily want-

When people talk about male leadership, I get very, very nervous. I suddenly feel relegated to the pink ghetto of hosting baby showers, select-ing wallpaper and teaching Bible school, none of which in and of itself is bad, but I'm very poor at doing. When people talk about male leadership in the home and church, I think I don't hear what they intend to say, but hear, This door is closed to you and the reasons are ours, not yours.

It is a reverberating slam from childhood

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when my parents decisions about my safety were based on their need to avoid the potential for grief caused by losing another child through injury after previously losing two sons to premature death.

Their decisions to keep me out of the swimming pool, away from the lake or off a horse were more about them than me.

And echoing inside is the same clang when men women are not usually so convinced — talk about retaining male leadership in the two most intimate institutions of society. It's about them, about what they believe God has ordained than about the individual me which may or may not fit into the sex role paradigm they hold. (Oddly enough, there are those which hold equal and opposite beliefs about the issue based on the same scriptures.)

Of the group first mentioned, both men are married to women so capable that coping with life will never be their issue. Enjoying the company of a man, the father of their children, will be precious to them as an adjunct to an already complete self, but needing a man per se is not relevant to their level of professional accomplishment, or social and spiritual development.

They are perfectly equipped to lead the dance.

Army's 'containerized chapel' has everything except the chaplain

NATICK, Mass. (AP) — The Army's new "containerized chapel" has almost everything troops need for religious ceremonies in faraway locales: a large tent, folding chairs for pews, generator-powered heat, air conditioning and lights. Not to mention Bibles, Muslim prayer mats and Jewish prayer shawls.

The only thing missing is the chaplain.

Prototypes of the chapel, developed here at the Army's Soldier Systems Center, have been used in Kosovo since September. They're a marked improvement for overseas troops accustomed to catch-as-catch-can religion.

Soldiers stationed away from home have traditionally worshipped wherever they could find space. The only "equip-ment" was what the chaplain had in his purse-sized chaplain's bag, just large enough to hold a Bible, a prayer book, rosary beads.

The chaplain's kits are fine for short-term missions. Soldiers stationed in remote places for months at a time needed something more substantial.
"You wouldn't ask someone

to go to Mass in a drafty old place in America. Why would we ask our soldiers to do that in Kosovo if we can do different?" said Army Maj. Ben Richardson, a Baptist and chaplain at the Natick research labs.

The chapels, accommodating up to 100 worshippers, fit into 8-by-20-foot containers that weigh 16,000 pounds each. They are shipped or airlifted to soldiers who may be stationed "in the nowhere," middle Richardson said.

The chapels, which cost about \$125,000 to build and out-

fit, can be set up in a day. Footlockers inside the container hold religious items for the military's three dominant religions: Christianity, Islam and Judaism. There are no immediate plans to include materials for other religions because their numbers in the Army are much smaller; Hindus and Buddhists make up 0.03 percent and 0.17 percent of soldiers, respectively. Fifteen Muslim soldiers sta-

tioned in Kosovo were "absolutely just tickled" to find prayer mats, copies of the Koran, compasses (to point

toward Mecca), Egyptian oil and dates for breaking the fast of Ramadan, Richardson said.

The Army had not previously provided items for Muslim sol-Besides the Koran, the con-

versions of the Bible, the Book of Mormon and the Jewish Holy Scriptures. The mats and shawls are in camouflage green.
Although the military is dom-

inated by Protestants and Catholics (71 percent of Army personnel identify themselves as Christian, compared with 0.4 percent Muslims and 0.3 percent Jews), it has become a far more religiously diverse place. About 26 percent cite no religious pref-

Of the 1,300 chaplains in the Army, six are Muslim clergy, Catholic priests and the rest represent other Christian denominations.

The mission of Army researchers in Natick is to make life more comfortable for soldiers. They cook up tastier meals, construct better latrines, design more comfortable boots.
"If we don't do this, we're

absolutely no value to our soldiers," Richardson said. "We all know that's not true."

When lives are threatened, chapel attendance soars. Someone who wasn't religiously inclined back home may suddenly reach for God in a foxhole, Richardson said.

"Military service is often a time of heightened spiritual Study of Values in Public Life at Harvard's Divinity School. better pews than the current "People are uprooted, they're hard metal ones for the troops? away from their communities and they may be facing danger or death."

For some, a makeshift sermon under a tree is fulfillment enough.

"But many people need to have their deepest spiritual needs addressed out of specific scriptures and specific signs, like tainerized chapels offer three a menorah or crosses, or specific rituals like the sacraments," he

> Although the containerized chapel feels like an Army tent, efforts have been made to give it a spiritual quality. It has a portable altar, complete with linens, and two linen-covered podiums. There's even a set of digital keyboards that can play themselves when no musician is around. They are programed to play some 1,000 tunes, from gospel hymns to Hebrew

songs.

Cash boxes and offering eight are rabbis, 99 are Roman plates allow tithing to continue even during a military mission. The wine glasses, crucifixes and candlesticks gleam with silverplating or chrome.

The chapels also include five tables for religious study groups, along with a television, VCR and coffee maker for latenight sessions.

The containers hold enough saying religious things have supplies, including communion wafers and juice (in place of wine), to last 180 days.

The military already had some chapels as part of its 550man deployable base camps. But those city-like camps aren't used everywhere, and the chapel can't be shipped separately, Richardson said.

Natick labs is now seeking Department of Defense funding need," said Brent Coffin, execu- to build 44 more containerized tive director of the Center for the chapels. More research is needed. Would padded chairs make better pews than the current

On the other hand, Richardson said, "We don't want them too comfortable."

Weidel Family Singers to perform at Fellowship Baptist Church

Fellowship Baptist Church of Pampa will present the Weidel Family Singers in concert at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20.

The Weidel Family Singers perform Southern Gospel-style music and travel the great southwest extensively. The family appeals to all ages.

A nursery will be provided for children under three. The public is cordially invited to attend these performances. Admission is

Religion briefs...

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 411 E. 29th, will hold an open house from 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Opening exercises will be from 5-5:10 p.m. followed by a video presentation from 5:10-5:40. The video presentation will feature President Thomas S. Monson, first counselor, first presidency of the church. Monson will discuss the restored gospel and how to strengthen families. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo will present recording artists SONICFLOOd, Newsboys and beanbag, in the Love Liberty Disco tour beginning at 7 p.m. March 2. Tickets are \$19 in advance. For more information, call (806) 378-3096. The tour includes modern pop/rock, brit-pop and worship. The group will perform in a state-of-the-art inflatable venue called the "Traveling Air Dome," to be transported in three tractor-trailers and erected by 50 crewmembers.

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Wife Thinks Girlie Calendar In Office Is Behind the Times

DEAR ABBY: Here we go again. Besides being disrespectful, could it be construed as sexual harassment when a business establishment that caters to men and women hangs a calendar depicting nude or almost nude women in a conspicuous

My husband has one of those calendars in his office in a white-collar business that is patronized by male and female clients.

When I or my daughter, adult sons, grandson or granddaughters go to an auto repair shop, gas sta-tion or tire shop that displays girlie calendars, I am embarrassed and offended. My company has semi-nars regarding sexual harassment, and we are informed that this is a form of it. I do not allow it in my office. It is disrespectful, and I don't want to be part of a lawsuit.

Please don't get me wrong, Abby. There is nothing wrong with nudity
— it just doesn't belong in a public

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Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 20, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Easy does it.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

* * Take the time to complete errands

and handle private matters. Relax and get

some needed R & R. Take an overview.

Think about personal goals before plung-

ing off the deep end. Confusion surrounds plans. Check the particulars

before taking off for a meeting. Tonight:

This week: Worry takes over, causing

you to make something worse than it is.

* * * * Your sense of fun may not be

well-received. In fact, another could be

downright gruesome and depressed. Be

nurturing, but do your own thing right

spontaneous and worry less about others for the moment. Tonight: Be gracious

This week: Just when you were about to lasso in what you want, your rope

breaks! With this snafu comes an oppor-

* * * Plans change; misunderstandings

happen. Be easygoing as you decide for

yourself. No one can stay entertained as

well as you can. Don't obsess about a

difficult associate. You don't need that

pressure. He is who he is. Tonight:

This week: Promises at work seem to fall

through, yet an inquiry from months

back will come to fruition. Trusting the

*** You and another have a diffi-

cult time seeing eye to eye.

40 Takes in

41 Headliner

1 Branches

Dunaway

5 Uncovers 6 Skunk's

weapon

Dunaway

8 Bakery

buys

10 Toadies

12 Taboos

17 Clothes

19 Harrow

rival

22 Use a

24 Deer's

25 Two-

home

faced

26 Clears

DOWN

2 Short play 3 Faye

film 4 Casual

Crossword Puzzle

now. Let the child in you emerge. Be magic.

A partner's feedback doesn't help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

about a misunderstanding.

tunity to rethink your plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Lounge around.

universe is instrumental.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 1 Burglar's

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DEAR OFFENDED: It may be in poor taste, but it is not against the law. As a member of the public, you are free to take

Abigail Van Buren

> SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

your business elsewhere if the "calendar art" offends you. However, if you had to work in that environment, and if there was also demeaning conduct that was severe and pervasive, it might be considered sexual

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Still Laughing in Dallas," regard-ing the whistle and the obscene telephone calls, reminded me of my

own experience. My husband was on active duty and was often away from home. During those periods I would receive phone calls on an irregular basis. It seemed that this person would wait until about 10 minutes after I had gone to bed, then call

Misunderstandings pop up out of

nowhere. Be more tolerant of others.

Take a walk, browse through a favorite

bookstore or do whatever you need to do

This week: Anchor in when plans

change. Do your research, pull back and think through a decision. Don't listen to

** What you thought was agreed

upon turns out to be a source of confu-

sion. Stay direct. Know your limits when

dealing with a loved one. Another could

be contrary, simply to get a reaction out

of you! Don't avoid a discussion.

This week: A partner can upset you,

though it might be unintentional. Take

*** Try as you might, you cannot

settle another down. Listen to feedback.

Decide what will work for you. Take

time with a family member, perhaps to

get into a cleaning or rearranging project

standing pops up out of the blue.

Minimize it, rather than making it a big

Marmaduke

deal. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

SOTS

27 Favorite 28 Neighbor

Thebes

30 Loses

31 Herd

33 Fury

37 Owns

color

Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

to lessen stress. Tonight: Don't push.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

the high road.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

and not say anything. It did not matter what time I went to bed. The only thing the police sug-

gested was to change my phone number or keep a whistle handy. I decided that the whistle would wake my children and might push the caller into something more aggressive. Finally, one evening I had enough. I told the caller that if he would just speak to me, we could have a wonderful conversation. Did he know what it was like to be cooped up with two kids under the age of 4 for days on end without another adult to converse with? Changing diapers, cleaning up smeared food all over the table and chairs? I kept talking about the children and then I heard a "click." Never another phone call.

Abby, I bored the person into leaving me alone. FRANKLY BORING

IN FOLSOM, CALIF. DEAR FRANKLY: You may

consider yourself "frankly boring," but I consider you to be a frankly intelligent woman who solved a difficult problem with a dose of reality. Thank you for an interesting letter.

This week: Keep a secret, no matter how cleverly a loved one tries to get it out of you. Don't be surprised by what happens

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** Pressure builds. Accept that there are some things you cannot change. Others confuse you; you could be reactive. Avoid being controlling if possible. Go off and get physical. You need the exercise. Tonight: A must show. This week: You aim to please, but so

many obstacles appear in your path! Consider some changes on the home-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** Reach out for another. Make a phone call; don't put it off any longer. Make plans to visit and see others. Remain flexible, as there might be some unanticipated changes. Careful! You could take a comment far more personal-

This week: You are in the limelight. with him. Another might be choosing to Others don't help, however. Confirm not understand! Tonight: Use your meetings. Make sure everyone has the same communication.

ly than necessary. Tonight: Catch a

This week: Others seem confused, as AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) communication goes up in smoke. Keep though it could be difficult. You have the at it. One-on-one discussions are helpful. choice of not standing on ceremony and * If you can make this a lazy day, do moving through a problem. Give up any need to control others or even to have so. Others disappoint you; plans change. them agree with you. Tonight: Be with a Do your own thing. Stay grounded, knowing what you need. A misunderfavorite person!

This week: You cannot be too careful with finances over the next few weeks. You could pay dearly for a flub!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) This week: Disruptions around work could have you feeling out of sorts. *** Follow through on projects. but don't count on a partner or family. The Avoid taking this out on another, if posmore independent you are right now, the better off you are. Others don't mean to cause problems, but communication runs *** Make plans to join friends. amok. Your sense of humor needs to Don't take another's assessment personcome out. Tonight: Let others do their ally. Discern what you want to share. Finances could get out of control. Use

This week: Dealing with associates takes self-discipline. Take a firm hand. Aim for what you want. Remember that you are talent. You feel as if they don't under-in control. Tonight: Where your friends stand you, and you're right. They don't! talent. You feel as if they don't under-

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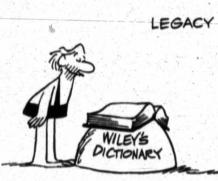


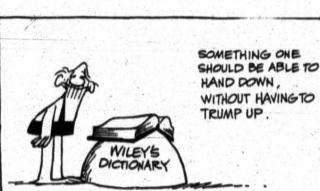
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"Why do I hafta get all bungled up?"

SPORTS

Notebook

BASKETBALL

AMARILLO defeated Amarillo High 44-43 to win the consolation title last weekend at the Freshmen Boys' District Basketball Tournament.

James Silva tossed in 23 points to lead Pampa scorers. Hereford defeated Pampa 63-39 in the tournament opener. Silva was Pampa's top scorer with 18 points.

Pampa came back to beat Dumas 61-58. Jordan Klaus had 16 points and Silva 13. In the B team division, Pampa downed Amarillo High 58-51 for third place. Clay Trimble had 13 points. **AUTO RACING**

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Bill Elliott slowed Dale Jarrett's momentum and ended Dale Earnhardt's streak in Daytona 500 qualifiers by winning for the first time since 1994.

Elliott, a two-time winner of the 500, led every lap to claim the third starting position for Sunday's race. It was the fourth qualifying victory

for Elliott. Ricky Rudd led every lap of the second qualifier, beating Mike Skinner by about 10 car-lengths.

Defending Winston Cup champion Jarrett, who locked up the pole in qualifying last Saturday, finished second to Elliott.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — NASCAR officials fined Tony Stewart crew member Jason Shapiro \$2,000, and put him on probation until June 30 for "actions detrimental to the sport," believing he was too aggressive in breaking up the scuffle between Stewart and Robby Gordon.

FOOTBALL OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) - Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, speaking publicly for the first time since charged with murder Jan. 31, said he was innocent and expressed sympathy for the victims' families.

He returned to Maryland from Atlanta, where he was charged with killing two men after a Super Bowl party and released Tuesday on \$1 million bond.

The bond requires Lewis to stay in Maryland unless he is traveling to Georgia for court appearances or meeting with

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) -Three-time Pro Bowl safety Mark Carrier signed a fiveyear, \$15.9 million contract with the Washington Redskins.

Last year, Carrier had three interceptions and was alternate for the Pro Bowl. He has 34 career interceptions and has been disciplined seven times by the league, six for helmet-to-helmet hits.

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Ravens signed quarterback Tony Banks to a four-year, incentive-laden deal that could be worth as much as \$18.6 million.

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Miami signed Jay Fiedler to a threeyear, \$3.8 million contract, giving them four quarterbacks and leaving little room for Dan Marino, the NFL's career passing leader. Fiedler started one game last season for Jacksonville.

The Dolphins also signed center Ryan Tucker to a threeyear offer sheet. St. Louis has until Feb. 24 to match.

LAKE FOREST, III. (AP) -Chicago re-signed quarterback Jim Miller to a two-year, \$2 million contract.

Miller, 29, missed the final four games last season after the NFL suspended him for using a dietary supplement he bought at a nutrition cen-

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) - San Francisco resigned versatile defensive lineman Junior Bryant. BASEBALL

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) Reliever Armando Benitez and the Mets agreed to a \$22 million, four-year contract, avoiding arbitration. Benitez, who made \$2,037,500 last season, had 22 saves, going 4-3 with a 1.43 ERA in 77 games.



(Special photo)

Takedown Club members who competed in the Randall Open are: (front row, from left) Cameron Wall, Alex Smith, Conor Wilson, Ryan Pearson and Kade Wilson; (middle row, from left) Zachary Bradley, Richard Leal, Coleby West. Trent Carter, Gavinb Jimenez and Steven Botello; (third row, from left) Trevor Collins, Chafen Wilson, John Burns, Jarre Moler, Kasey Urquhart, Ryan Goldsmith, Greg Wariner and John McAnear; (back row, from left) Kayla De Bose, Stephanie Willoughy and David Burns. Not pictured is Dusty Langley.

Chevy drivers unhappy with aerodynamic rules

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — With a record 33 victories at Daytona International Speedway, Dale Earnhardt has had little reason to complain about racing at NASCAR's most famous track.

He's got one now. Earnhardt is upset about the aerodynamic rules for the Daytona 500 on Sunday —

very upset.
"They just killed the racing at Daytona," the seventime series champion said Thursday after he and the other Chevrolet drivers were humbled by the Fords in a pair of qualifying races.

But NASCAR won't budge, so the race will go on

Sunday with Fords expected to dominate.

"We're not going to change anything," said Mike Helton, vice president for the sanctioning body. "I get the feeling that running 500 miles for a \$9.3 million purse, the crew chiefs and drivers will do the best they can.

Earnhardt figures they already are. And that certainly wasn't good enough when the Fords of qualifying race winners Bill Elliott and Ricky Rudd, 500 polesitter Dale Jarrett and Rusty Wallace proved far superior to the Chevys and Pontiacs.

Earnhardt criticized NASCAR's new shockabsorber rule, which requires all of the Winston Cup teams to use the same shocks and springs and allows

only minor adjustments. "They took racing out of the hands of the drivers and crew chiefs," said Earnhardt, who for the first time in 11 years failed to win a qualifying race. "We

can't adjust and make our cars drive like we want." But Gary Nelson, once a top crew chief and now Winston Cup series director, says that's not so.

"There might be 1,000 adjustments that will affect handling," he said. "If we change the target and move it somewhere now, they start from zero."

If he's wrong, the 52nd Daytona 500 could be as boring as the rest of the week, when the only real excitement was a shoving match Wednesday between Tony Stewart and Robby Gordon, and a charge Thursday from 11th position to fourth in the second qualifier by Earnhardt's son, Dale Jr.

NASCAR hopes that part of the problem in the qualifiers was that drivers didn't try to pass for fear of losing several positions in the draft. Falling below 15th position in a qualifying race means a car is in jeopardy of the missing the big show.

The sanctioning body was happy with the competition last Sunday, when Chevy drivers Jeff Gordon and Sterling Marlin nearly beat 500 favorite Jarrett in the non-points Bud Shootout. But that's a pure money event, where the emphasis is on winning, not

consecutive

No. 1 Cincinnati

77, Houston 65

HOUSTON (AP) — Top-

ranked Cincinnati's biggest mis-

take might have been getting

too far ahead of Houston too

It took 26 points and 17

rebounds by Kenyon Martin to

help the Bearcats hold on for a

77-65 victory Thursday night,

Conference USA title and 16th

"We got up early and every-

body was going to have fun," Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins

said. "We didn't run our

offense. Everybody just stood

The Bearcats (24-1, 12-0) led

62-44 with 12:48 to play, but

needed Martin, who had 16

points in the second half, to foil

The Cougars got within seven

points twice, the last time with

2:41 to play on a 3-pointer by Gee Gervin, who had 18 of his

26 points in the second half.

the Cougars (8-16, 2-9).

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straight victory.

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around.

The biggest loser among the Chevys was 58-year-old Dave Marcis, who failed to make the field — and history. So he remains tied with Richard Petty with 32 starts in the race.

on protecting positions. NASCAR believes there will be considerably more action Sunday in the season-opening event. But defending Daytona 500 champion Jeff Gordon thinks that aggression might not include the ill-handling

Chevys and Pontiacs. "Any time Daytona turns into a handling race track, you're going to see a poor race," he said. "We have no adjustments."

Chevy owner Felix Sabates, a frequent critic of NASCAR, says the specs for the new Chevys and the redesigned Fords are unfair.

Basically, they've got bazookas and we've got wooden knives," he said.

He got no sympathy from Wallace, third behind Elliott and Jarrett in the first qualifier.

Told that the Chevrolet teams would like to get some aerodynamic help from NASCAR, he said, Well, I'm sure people in hell would like a glass of ice water, too." Stewart, who scuffled with Robby Gordon after

they collided in practice Wednesday, managed to avoid any problems Thursday. They never came close on the track, but Stewart wasn't concerned about that.

Although he was satisfied after his Pontiac finished fourth in the first qualifier, Stewart was not optimistic about Sunday.

We just can't run with those guys that ran up

front today," he said. The Chevys did better in the second race, in which Rudd started on the pole and led for all 125 miles on the 2 1/2-mile track. But virtually all the top Fords were in the first race.

Mike Skinner, easily the best Chevy all week, finished second to Rudd. Ward Burton was third in a Pontiac, followed by the Chevys of Earnhardt Jr. and Aichael Waltrip.

The biggest loser among the Chevys was 58-yearold Dave Marcis, who failed to make the field — and history. So he remains tied with Richard Petty with 32 starts in the race.

"It's a big disappointment," Marcis said. "It's going to be tough even watching it. I don't know what I'll do. I guess I'll go home if I don't find a ride."

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Pampa Takedown Club competes in **Randall Tournament**

The Pampa Takedown Division One Club recently participated in ond and third-year wrestlers fourth place; 46 pounds: entered in the open tourna- Aric Wagner, fourth place.

At the same time, other Takeclub Club wrestlers were competing in the Rookie State Tournament in Amarillo. The Rookie State Tournament is for first-year wrestlers.

John Burns, competing in Urquhart, third place; 105 the 105-pound class, won pounds: John Burns, first first-place honors Division Three.

"We had a very good showing from our kids at this tournament, too," said club official Christy Wall. "We are very proud of all the kids. We want other teams to watch out for the kids from Pampa."

Randall Open are as follows: Willoughby, fifth place.

the Randall Open with sec- 40 pounds: Cameron Wall,

Division Two

52 pounds: Coleby West, seventh place.

Division Three

pounds: Kasey in place.

Division Four

90 pounds: David Burns, third place; 135 pounds: Dusty Langley, second

Division Five

Pampa results from the 135 pounds: Stephanie

Woods the focus of watchful eyes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With Pines last weekend, has become celebrity comes a need for pro- a super celebrity. David Duval tection, so there are a lot of said Woods' fame has transecurity-type personnel keep- scended his sport, much the ing a watchful eye on Tiger same as Michael Jordan's did. Woods as he makes his way around a golf course.

Asked if he notices when he's playing, Woods said he's

"Yeah, you see it because they're getting in the way when you're trying to hit a shot and they're moving." Woods said the few who want Thursday after his 3-under-par just to be rowdy." 68 left him four strokes behind first-round leader J.P. Hayes in

the Nissan Open. "But that's just a problem with having more people inside the gallery ropes (on the same side as the players). When you get more people, more media, more officials, more marshals, they tend to get in the way sometimes. They mean well and they're just trying to help us out, but sometimes they're moving at the wrong time."

PGA Tour events in a row but finished in a tie for second Hayes, whose only tour victory

A large throng of fans fol-lowed Woods threesome, which included Hal Sutton and Steve Pate, around Riviera Country Club during the opening round.

Woods said most of the fans were well-behaved "except for the few who want to be rowdy

"You can see some of them already tipping back their bev erages of choice, so it's going to get louder as the weekend

comes along," he said. While Woods was satisfied with his first round at Riviera, Haves was thrilled with his.

After beginning with an eagle 3 on the first hole, Hayes birdied No. 2 to jump-start his round of 64.

"I hit a lot of good iron shots, woods, who had won six well, hit a lot of fairways. I guess I just played well," said behind Phil Mickelson at Torrey came in the 1998 Buick Classic.

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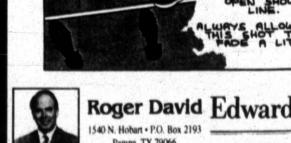
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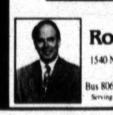
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sioner showed up.

They all came to memorial services Thursday because of the respect and love they shared for the same man: Tom Landry.

"Life isn't about winning and losing, it's about being the best you can be. I think I learned that first-hand through practical experiences with Tom Landry,"

we male athletes throw around like manhole covers. It's real hard for us to express those kinds of things, but we do love you and we do miss you."

Drew Pearson said he was glad 1,200 guests and thousands of he told Landry he loved him. television viewers. The two-hour Dan Reeves said he's sorry he

fortunate enough to speak with and placing it into a vase near a coach Landry on the telephone,"
Reeves said. "I certainly didn't choir sang "Amazing Grace."
Know that would be the last time

A third service was held in

"I wish I had thought - probably like a lot of other people sitting out here the last time they saw you - that we'd have used Rick Perry.

DALLAS (AP) - All five for- the three words that's the most

Landry died Saturday at age 75 after fighting leukemia for nine months. He was buried Wednesday in a private ceremony that featured his son, Tom Landry Jr., placing one of his father's trademark fedora hats into the casket.

About 1,000 people attended a private memorial service Thursday at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

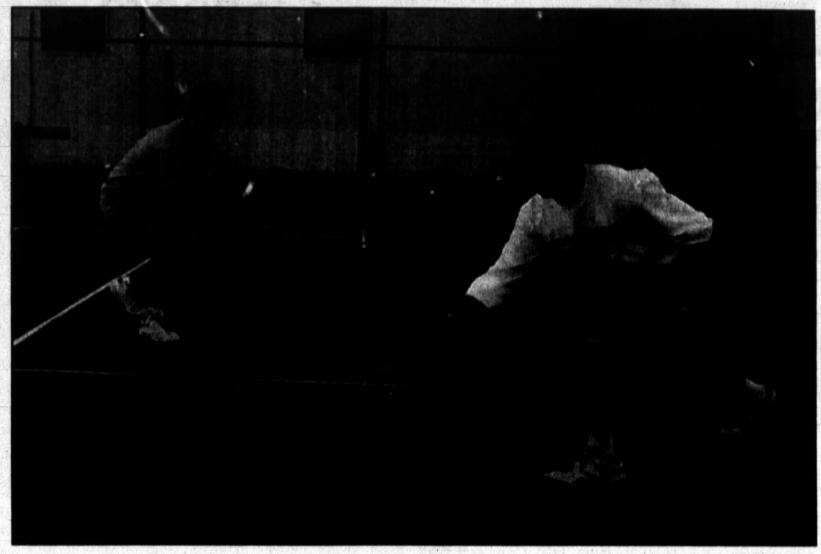
said Don Perkins, one of the first
Cowboys stars and a member of
the Ring of Honor.

"We love you. It's a word that
"We love you. It's a word that typical of the class and simplicity that marked Landry's life.

Hours later, former players and the city of Dallas hosted a public service that drew about ceremony was capped by players dn't. walking across the stage, one at a "About two months ago, I was time, each taking a yellow rose

I'd ever get a chance to talk to Mission, the South Texas town where Landry was born and raised. Statewide, Texas flags were flown at half-staff on state buildings per order of Lt. Gov.

Doubles partners



Pampa juniors Michael Cornelison (foreground) and Bryce Jordan won four of five matches in boys' doubles at the prestigious McKinney Invitational last weekend. They beat the tournament's No. 1 seed, Eaton and Johnson of Abilene High, 6-2. 7-5.

Miller thrilled at chance to play on same line as Matthews

By TERESA M. WALKER **AP Sports Writer**

Growing up in Houston, Fred Miller didn't have to search far for heroes on the offensive line. Now he has the chance to play was glad they made it," he said. with Bruce Matthews and for Mike Munchak as a new member Jon Runyan on the Titans' offenof the Tennessee Titans.

'It's going to be a treat to go out and play with them, line up have good times and bad times with them," the right tackle said Wednesday after signing a sixyear contract. "It's everything contract close to that, but the you want in your football Eagles offered more money earli-

incentives also helped lure Miller to the Titans from the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams.

But Miller said it was a thrill for him to play on a line with Matthews, the man who has played more NFL games than any other offensive lineman, and be coached by Munchak, now an assistant coach after his career with the former Houston Oilers

Miller was happy to see the two finally reach the Super Bowl last month for the first time in their football careers

"I didn't want them to win. I The four-year veteran replaces

sive line. Runyan signed a sixyear, \$30 million contract Monday with the Philadelphia and bleed and sweat and just Eagles, becoming the highestpaid offensive lineman in NFL

> The Titans offered Runyan a er in their deal.

The \$24 million contract and With the money Tennessee saved from not they also signed Dallas linebacker Randall Godfrey to a fiveyear contract.

Godfrey's deal is for \$24 million, according to his agent Ben

"We basically traded Jon Runyan for Fred Miller and Randall Godfrey," Titans president Jeff Diamond said. "We feel we're a better team for that."

NFL SIGNINGS

In other key signings Wednesday, Shannon Sharpe and the Baltimore Ravens agreed on a deal for the former Denver tight end, and Minnesota re-signed Pro Bowl punter Mitch Berger.

Sharpe said on his Web site that he has agreed to a four-year contract the Ravens.

Bob Eller, the Ravens' director of operations, confirmed the team reached an agreement with the seven-time Pro Bowl selection, but would not provide the length of the deal or financial terms.

The Dehver Rocky Mountain News reported it was a \$14 million deal that includes a \$4.5 million signing bonus. Denver's KUSA-TV reported the contract is worth \$12.8 million, including \$4.5 million signing bonus.

Sharpe, 31, who missed most of last season with Denver because of a broken collarbone, is the Broncos' career receiving leader with 543 catches for 6,872 yards.

visited Godfrey Sharpe said in a statement that one of the major influences in his

was the chance to break the NFL mark for career receptions by a tight end, set by former tackles for loss, a sack and an Cleveland Browns star Ozzie Newsome.

Runyan was considered the best free-agent tackle available, but the Titans saw how well Miller played during the Super Bowl. Miller held Jevon Kearse, the NFL's defensive rookie of the year, without a sack during the

Rams' 23-16 victory. That performance more than made up for perhaps the worst game in Miller's career, which also came against the Titans. Miller was penalized six times for false starts last Halloween a couple of contracts to free up waivers from San Francisco;

Nashville. Miller started 39 games in four seasons with the Rams, including the last 21. He was part of a line that helped the Rams average 321.5 yards a game and Marshall Faulk gain an NFL-record 2,429 yards from scrimmage.

Jacksonville Jaguars before flying to Nashville. Both teams desper-

led the Cowboys with 143 tackles last season. Godfrey also had six interception and started 54 high-profile free agents. straight games for Dallas over the

last four seasons. The Jaguars kept calling Godfrey during his two-day visit with the Titans, but Godfrey said he wanted to make a quick decision and end his free agency by signing with the AFC champions. The Titans scheduled a meeting

today with their own free-agent linebacker, Joe Bowden. General manager Floyd Reese said little more free agents.

Berger signed a five-year, \$6 million deal that includes a \$1.65 million signing bonus, a record for an NFL punter. The total value of the deal ties Cleveland's Chris Gardocki as the richest ever igned by a punter.

Berger was the Vikings' top off-season priority, not only because of his booming punts and kick-

decision to sign with Baltimore ately wanted the linebacker who offs that helped them lead the league in opponents' starting field position, but because they were unable to afford their other

> The Vikings, who began the offseason \$20 million over the \$62.17 million salary cap, waived several decorated veterans such as 11-time Pro Bowl guard Randall McDaniel, lost Pro Bowl center Jeff Christy to Tampa Bay without much of a fight and told quarterback Jeff George to seek other offers.

Elsewhere, Denver signed cornerback Jeremy Lincoln from the money remains right now and New York Giants and claimed that they will have to restructure defensive back Toya Jones off Carolina signed defensive e Jay Williams from the Rams.

Cincinnati signed Green Bay defensive end Vaughn Booker to a five-year contract; the Packers signed defensive end John Thierry away from Cleveland; Miami signed Seattle safety Brian Walker to a two-year contract; and New Orleans tended a contract offer to St. Louis Rams linebacker Charlie Clemons.

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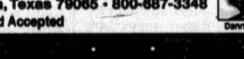
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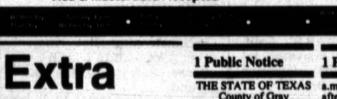


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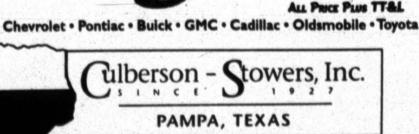
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Coloring Contest



The Greater Area Pampa Chamber of Commerce recently sponsored a coloring contest. The second place prize was a party from McDonald's, the third place prize, a Valentine's Day Goody Basket from M&H Leasing. Over 600 participated in the contest. Above: (back row, left-right) Dawn Hulsey, manager, McDonald's; Clay Rice, manager, Chamber; Mary Ann Richards and Maxine Watson, M&H Leasing; (front row, I-r) Cambree Moreno, second place winner; and Crystal Blanco, third place winner. Judging the contest were: Police Chief Charlie Morris, Fire Chief Kim Powell, Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland and Mayor Bob Neslage.

Hung out to dry

BALTIMORE (AP) — They almost got hung out to dry for

But customers of a bankrupt dry cleaner will have four hours on Saturday to retrieve belongings from the closed shop.

Sukhdarshan G. Singh, owner of Finesse Tailors & Cleaners in suburban Baltimore, agreed to customers to claim trousers, support poetry dresses and shirts that have been there for six weeks.

complaints with the Maryland

Attorney General's office over their captive clothing after a Jan 11 corporate bankruptcy filing effectively closed the shop.

Attorney General J. Joseph Curran said he was pleased with

"Having clothes held hostage for six weeks is a major inconve- a poet-in-residence program and nience," he said.

open his shop Saturday to allow High-tech profits go to

SEATTLE (AP) - Some hightech profits are being devoted to The 35 affected customers filed fund one of society's oldest forms

An Internet entrepreneur has given \$2 million to support the evenly between the poet-in-resi-University of Washington's creative writing program.

The gift from Ravi Desai, presi-

dent and chief executive officer of California-based Logical Information Machines, will fund provide fellowship support for promising graduate students.

role for difficult poetry in our culits creation," said Desai, 30, a in Spain could get fired native of Ithaca, N.Y.

The money will be allocated dence program - which will bring visiting poets to work with undergraduate and graduate students - and a fellowship program that lessens the cost for graduate students.

Desai, who also is a columnist for Worth magazine and a weekcommentator on America "Supporting poetry has certainly attracted its share of students to the brightest talents attacks, but I still think there's a among living poets."

ture, and I want to contribute to Teacher who left student

CHICAGO (AP) — A Chicago teacher could lose her job for allegedly leaving a high school student behind in Spain at the end of a student exchange trip.
"We would be mad if a student

was left behind at the Field Museum after a field trip," said school chief Paul Vallas, referring to a common Windy City school outing. "The teacher should be terminated unless the investigation reveals that there were extenuating circumstances.

An attorney for veteran teacher Christine Matishak says his client was trying to help the student after he lost his passport

in the city of Bilbao on Friday.

Matishak put the student on a
bus to Madrid so he could get a new passport there. The student said she arranged for lodging, an adult chaperone for the journey and even let him use her creditcard.

"It seemed to be the best thing at the time," said the lawyer, Edward M. Maloney.

Wal-Mart meat workers unionize in Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Texas (AP) — Meat workers at a Wal-Mart Supercenter in Jacksonville became one of the few unionized Wal-Mart stores in the nation Thursday, voting to join the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

The 10 members of the meat department voted 7-3 in favor of

unionizing, Dallas-Fort Worth station KXAS-TV reported.

Recently, the National Labor Relations Board ruled the meat department workers were eligible for union representation because of pay differences and separation from Wal-Mart's other departments.

Wal-Mart officials had challenged the unionization effort, saying the meat department was not separate and their was no need for outside arbitration.

"All of our associates belong to a team," spokeswoman Jessica Moser told The Associated Press in January. "The thing that makes the store work is our open-door policy. An associate can take a prob-

lem all the way to the CEO of the company."

Wal-Mart employs more over 850,000 nonunion workers and is among the largest private employers in the country. Company officials have said some Canadian employees are represented by unions.

Jacksonville is about 115 miles southeast of Dallas.

Doctor who operated on wrong side of brain under scrutiny again

NEW YORK (AP) — A neurosurgeon once fired for operating on the wrong side of a woman's brain is under state scrutiny again follow-

ing the death of one of his patients.

Staten Island University Hospital has been directed by officials to keep Dr. Ehud Arbit from practicing medicine there pending an inquiry, The New York Times reported today.

Arbit is the hospital's chief of neurosurgery, a job he has held since being fired five years ago from Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for operating on the wrong side of a patient's brain, the newspaper said.

In a letter to the hospital dated Tuesday, Deputy state Health Commissioner Dennis P. Whalen said officials received information about a "potentially grave risk to patients," and warned of "an immediate and serious threat to the health of any person subjected to surgery" performed by Arbit.

State officials would not specify the nature and extent of their investigation. However, a patient died this year after having brain surgery performed by Arbit, said Kristine Smith, a state Health Department

spokeswoman. She declined to identify the patient.

Arbit's lawyer, Barbara Ryan, said "no cause for concern" exists regarding Arbit's care for patients.

An official at the Staten Island hospital contacted by The Associated Press declined comment early today, and Arbit did not immediately return a message left at his office.

In 1995, a state health department investigation found Arbit had confused the X-rays of two patients with Indian names. He then operated on the wrong side of one patient's brain. The woman survived the surgery, but the operation left her with memory damage.

Cable to bind bonfire together never installed

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A steel cable meant to bind logs together during the late stages of Texas A&M University's Bonfire construction was lying unused in a nearby storage area when the stack col-

lapsed, sources close to the investigation say.

John Weese, A&M's facilitator to the special commission investigating the accident confirmed the cable had not been installed, according to the

Bryan-College Station Eagle.
Twelve Aggies died and 27 more were injured when an estimated 1 million pounds of logs resembling a giant wooden wedding cake came crashing down on them Nov 18.

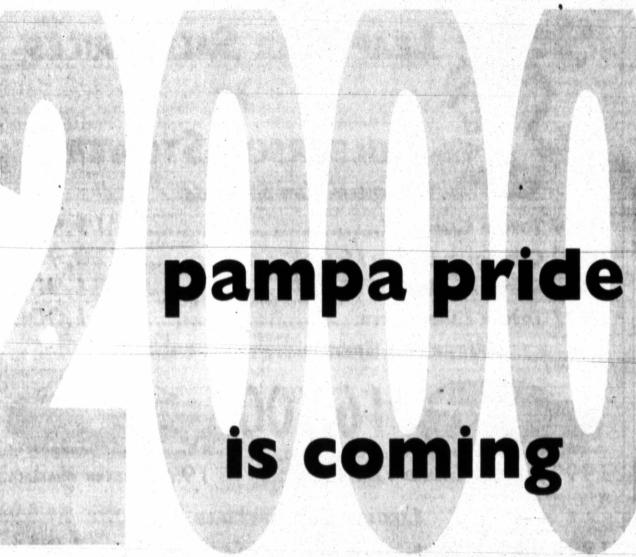
In some — but not all — previous years, the half-inch cable was wrapped around the lower two tiers of the stack, according to Larry Grosse, an unofficial adviser who aided the student-run project for 13 years until late 1995.

Shortly after the accident, Grosse told the Eagle that a missing cable would not necessarily have caused the collapse, but could have contributed to its severity. He cited a previous accident that occurred five years earlier.

"The 1994 Bonfire was completely rain-saturated during massive flooding, began to lean and was pulled to the ground with great effort," Grosse said. "The reason it fell intact is because it had those steel cables holding it together. The 1999 Bonfire just fell apart when it collapsed," Grosse said. "The logs went every which way. The cable would not have permitted the logs to separate so much."

The eight junior and eight senior leaders who oversee the construction of the Bonfire stack, either could not be reached or declined to comment pending the outcome of a special commission inquiry into the tragedy. Rusty Thompson, the official A&M staff adviser to Bonfire, also declined to comment until the special commission completes its report due out

Grosse, who is not part of the investigation, acknowledged that the Bonfire worked "perfectly fine" for decades without having the cable.



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