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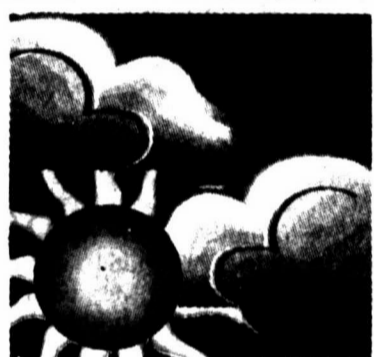
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PAMPA — Registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Head Start is set for May 19 at Lamar Elementary School, 1234 S. Nelson.

Eligible children are four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000. Qualifiers include the family meets income guidelines or is on public assistance, or the child has a documented disability or is a foster child.

Parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate, two month's income verification or tax return, child's immunization record, social security numbers, documentation of child's disability (if applicable), proof of public assistance, and health insurance card (if applicable).

PAMPA — Pampa Lovett Memorial Library Foundation will host a reception honoring Pampa Middle School students and teachers who have worked on the mural for the library's Texas Room from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18. The mural was the last step in the renovation of the library. The project was begun in the spring of 1999 and was completed this month. The mural celebrates the heritage and history of Texas. The following students worked on the project: Andrew Ammons, Stacy Atchley, Alyssa Bromwell, Mateo Campos, Sam Conner, Kori Dunn, Cristina Elliot, Joshua Ennis, Clay Jones, Dusty Lenderman, Austin Morgan, Cameron Segar, Kara Shephard, Aaron Silva, Johnny Story, Jennie Waggoner, Erin Winegart, Melissa Zubia, and art teachers Thomas Chavez and Don Ledesma. The project was begun by Cyndi Austin and Barbara Bigham.

• Anthony L. Cornell, 46, partner in A&B Steaming.
• Dorothy Welch Peters, 72, homemaker.

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Jury seated; testimony under way

■ Defense attorney Mike Warner contends he has DNA evidence of blood on the driver's side air bag that does not match any of the four occupants of the vehicle.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

While exiting the second floor courtroom today, Darrell Sehorn and Justin David Sober, accused of causing the crash that killed Sehorn's daughter, Stacey, met face-to-face in a moment filled with tension and profound sadness.

Because of air-conditioning problems in the third floor courtroom, the trial of

Sober, charged with intoxication manslaughter - second degree, was moved to the second floor.

After both attorneys gave the opening statements, the witnesses were called and sworn. Defense attorney Mike Warner called the Sehorn's as witnesses for the defense, drawing protest from Mann and his staff.

"It's not fair to remove the Sehorn's when one of their kids are involved," Mann told 31st District Judge Steven Emmert who is presiding over the trial. "The Sehorn's have personal knowledge of some of the facts in this case," Warner countered.

After hearing from both the prosecution and the defense, Judge Emmert invoked the rule which keeps any sworn witnesses from remaining in the court room except for the time they are in the witness stand, and forbids them from discussing the case with anyone other than the attorneys involved or their staff.

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"There is not going to be any emotional expression that could influence the jury," the judge warned the two families. "If any of that happens, I'll have to ask you to leave."

Warner finished his objection to the Sehorn's staying in the courtroom, saying it put his client "in a precarious position" and himself at a "disadvantage." But conceded that since the Sober family mem-

bers could remain, "what was good for the goose, is good for the gander."

Two witnesses were called to the stand by press time today, Sarah Marie Baxter, 17, of Pampa, who testified that she saw Justin Sober, Stacey Sehorn, Nakisha Horton and Shawn Reames leave Lake Greenbelt in Sober's truck with Sober driving.

"I told Stacey don't leave, Justin is drunk, but she said she was gonna go anyways," Baxter recalled.

She said that everyone at the party at Lake Greenbelt was drinking, except that she did not see Horton take a drink.

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(Pampa News photos by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage, right, presents a check for \$40 in Pampa Bucks to R.L. Shay, the first in line at the Cash for Trash round-up Saturday. Shay arrived at the City of Pampa Landfill with a trailer filled with old refrigerators, washers and chairs for the clean-up promotion. Although officials thought the majority of residents would bring their trash by noon, long lines continued throughout most of the day. About \$5,000 was paid out by the city.

Man jailed on theft charge; bond \$1,500

A Pampa man was in Gray County jail today in lieu of a \$1,500 bond after being accused of taking \$8 from a pickup Monday.

Carl Thomas Shook, 23, who, according to jail records, lives in the 1100 block of Starkweather, was arrested about 4:40 Monday afternoon after witnesses said they saw him take money from a pickup parked in the 400 block of North Sumner.

Clint Lee Miller, 37, 409 N. Sumner, said his

pickup was parked in front of his home.

Officers said witnesses accused Shook of reaching through the driver's window and taking \$8 in cash from off the dash.

Police said they located Shook in the 1106 block of Alcock shortly after 4:30 p.m. Monday and arrested him.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Bob Muns set bond for Shook at \$1,500 on a charge of burglary of a motor vehicle.

Okla. seeking execution date for killer Braun Pampan among victims

With Gregg Francis Braun's appeals exhausted, the state attorney general's office is asking for an execution date for the Kansan in the death of an Oklahoman in a multistate crime spree that left five people dead.

Though he was charged but not tried, authorities say one of Braun's victims was Pampa businessman Pete Spurrier who was slain at his Pampa business on July 20, 1989.

The 1989 killing of Gwendolyn Sue Miller, 31, of Ardmore is the only death for which Braun received the death penalty. He received four life sentences in the deaths of two Garden City, Kan., convenience store clerks and a life sentence in the death of a Springer, N.M., convenience store clerk. He was charged with but never tried for the death of a Pampa businessman.

Gerald Adams, a spokesman for the state attorney general's office, (See KILLER, Page 2)

Hit, run mishaps have police busy

Pampa police are investigating a series of hit-and-runs accidents today that were reported over the past few days.

One car was damaged Saturday morning in the 900 block of Lincoln.

Police said a 1990 gray Cadillac sedan belonging to David Haynes of 1117 Seneca Lane was parked on Lincoln when it was struck about 11:15 a.m. Saturday. The car that struck it, according to witnesses, drove off.

Two cars were damaged Saturday night when an unidentified vehicle struck them in the 900 block of Fisher.

Officers said a westbound vehicle swerved left in the 900 block of (See HIT, RUN, Page 2)

Quite frankly... What is your favorite summer activity?



"Swimming. The exercise is great and it keeps you cool. We just love it."

— Janie Luna



"We like going camping in the mountains. We especially like to go to the Trinidad area."

— Tracy Washington



"Bingo. My wife and I like to play bingo every day."

— E. W. Lotty



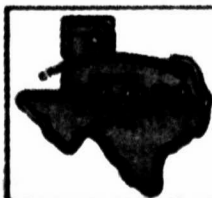
"Fishing. We like to go to Lake McClellan and up to the lake at Perryton. All the lakes around here."

— Brenda Humphrey



"I like having evening summertime parties."

— Terry Floyd



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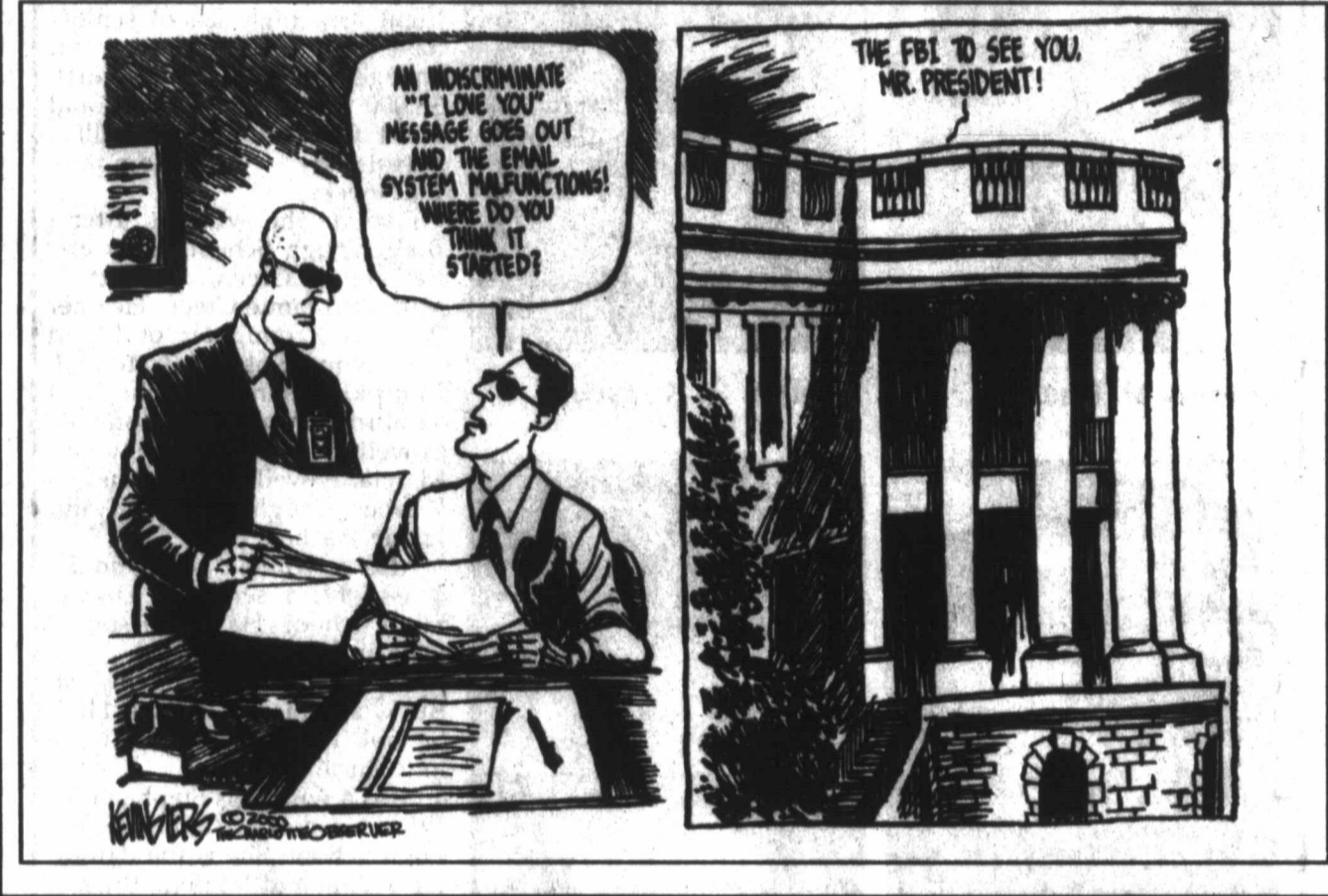
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Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, May 16, the 137th day of 2000. There are 229 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On May 16, 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won "best production" while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.
 On this date:
 In 1770, Marie Antoinette, 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.
 In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the five-cent piece.
 In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.
 In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.
 In 1946, the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" opened on Broadway.
 In 1948, the body of CBS News correspondent George Polk was found in Salonika Harbor in Greece, several days after he left his hotel for an interview with the leader of a Communist militia.
 In 1960, a superpower summit in Paris collapsed on its opening day as the Soviet Union leveled espionage charges against the United States in the wake of the U-2 spy plane incident.
 In 1965, the musical play "The Roar of the Greasepaint — the Smell of the Crowd" opened on Broadway.
 In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
 In 1977, five people died when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.
 Ten years ago: Death claimed entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. in Los Angeles at age 64 and "Muppets" creator Jim Henson in New York at age 53.



Inside the Beltway
 with
 Rep. Mac Thornberry

IRS targeting CRP farm payments

A few years ago, Congress passed a bill to try to make the IRS a little "kinder and gentler" for taxpayers. If a new ruling is any indication, we still have a lot of work to do.
 The ruling deals with payments to landowners under the Conservation Reserve Program (or CRP). An owner agrees to take environmentally sensitive land out of production for several years in exchange for yearly government payments.

The IRS recently convinced an Appeals Court that CRP payments were like earned income and therefore anyone who gets CRP payments has to not only pay income tax, but also a self-employment tax of 15 percent. What's more, the IRS wants everyone to pay the 15 percent tax for each of the last three years.
 The CRP program has been around for several years, and it is rather surprising to have the tax rules changed at this point. It is even more surprising to hear that CRP payments are more like earned income than rental income. But it is also very expensive.

Texas has more acres of farmland enrolled in the CRP program than any other state — over 3.6 million acres. Many of those acres are found in our area. Last year alone, Texas farmers received more than \$130 million in CRP payments.
 To add a 15 percent tax for each of the last three years would have a severe impact on the economy of our area. Plus, it is just not right. I've signed on to a bill to prevent this ruling from taking effect. I'm working with others to try to get it passed.
 But this episode is also a good reminder of how Washington is always looking for new ways to take money out of our pockets, and why "kinder and gentler" for the IRS does not always mean "kinder and gentler" for you.

Miss Dee Dee's kindergarten nightmare

Have you seen the movie "Kindergarten Cop" with Arnold Swarsi - Schwarze - what's -his-face in it? In the movie, Arnold is this huge, burly, tough guy herding around these little kindergartners, much like a bull in a china shop.
 If they made a movie about my recent experiences as a substitute teacher, they would call it "Kindergarten Flop." My first assignment was to spend half a day with a kindergarten class at Travis Elementary while their regular teacher received special training in Amarillo.
 We started off by sizing each other up. They're just five-year-olds, I thought. I can relate to them like I do Kaitlyn, my granddaughter.
 But there's 20 of them and only one of me! I screamed silently. I may have been smiling on the outside, but I was experiencing abject terror on the inside.
 I started off by telling them to call me "Mrs. Laramore." They tried to say it, but it soon became clear that my name was beyond their speech abilities. We settled on "Miss Dee Dee."
 Okay, okay. We're getting somewhere now. What's next?
 Their teacher will never know how much I appreciated the list of "things to do" she had left for me on her desk. I had somewhere to start — to read a story.
 Sounds simple, huh? Hardly!
 First we had to decide who would sit where. Here's 20 little ones wanting to sit beside me and I only have four sides, one of which was backed against the wall. No matter what I did, someone's feelings were hurt.



Dee Dee Laramore
 Staff writer

Remember Arnold walking around with the little boy stuck like glue to his leg? I felt like a piece of flypaper as I peeled kids from my legs and arms and coaxed them over to their seats.
 Eventually, everyone found a place to sit where they could see and hear me. I began to read the story about all these animals who had a hard time waking up in the morning. A little hand flew into the air. What is it? I asked. She proceeded to tell me of how her dog had died. I'm so sorry, I said.
 I began to read again. A flurry of hands and little voices filled the air. Apparently the entire class had lost a pet of some kind within the past 48 hours. I thought I was going to be a substitute teacher, not a grief counselor.
 We made it through the story with only one casualty — me.
 Now it was time for "stations." Someone had forgotten to tell me what "stations" were. I looked at the class and they looked at me. The silence became heavy. I had to do it. I had to tell them I didn't know just what it was they were supposed to be doing.

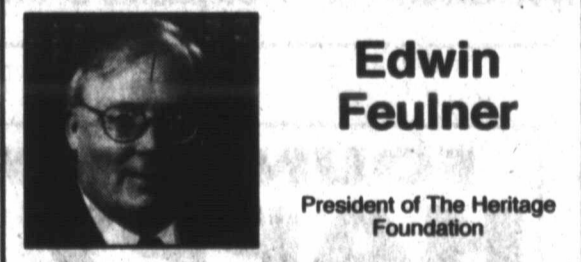
They were happy to tell me — all 20 of them at once. Amidst the mayhem, I pieced together that there were different places in the classroom where little groups could partake in an assortment of activities geared to enrich and educate them.
 They all wanted to work on the computer. Naturally.
 I don't remember exactly how we did it, but everyone found their spot and began working.
 Then it was time for bathroom break. Everyone wanted to be first in line to leave. Somehow we got through that disaster and then we had to walk quietly down the hallway to the bathrooms. "Sh-h-h-h" has no meaning to five-year-olds, I discovered.
 I may have lost some child along the way. I'm not sure. I counted as many kids when we got back as I had when we left, but having known them only about 90 minutes, I'm not sure. I figured if any other teacher had a new face in their room or was missing a child, they'd let me know.
 After settling back into the room, a little girl came up to me, crying. "He called me a 'capeesh'," she wailed, pointing to her classmate standing a few feet away. His face was turned, but I could tell he watched from the corner of his eye. A sly grin crossed his features.
 "It's okay," I comforted her. "It only means 'do you understand?' in Italian." Satisfied, she went back to her desk.
 The little boy looked at me with profound respect.
 Hmmmm, I thought. Maybe I'm not such a kindergarten flop after all.

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Census Bureau is playing the numbers

During the hubbub over the U.S. Census, I kept waiting for someone to point out the worst part. It wasn't that the census is too intrusive, although that was a legitimate concern. It wasn't even the privacy scares whipped up by anti-census groups.
 No, the worst part was the way the government marketed the census to the American people, as though we were panhandlers greedy for a federal handout.
 You've probably seen the Census Bureau's pitch on television. In one commercial, a waitress is having a hard time at work because she has to bring her toddler to the restaurant. The child gets fussy and starts crying. Diners sigh in disgust. The manager gets mad. The waitress might even get fired. Then a voice explains that government daycare funding is determined through the census. Message: Fill out your form and you'll not only help this poor woman, but you'll be able to eat in peace.
 Another spot shows a house on fire. Firefighters try to douse the blaze, but their equipment keeps falling apart. A voice explains that funding for public services such as fire stations is determined by the census. Message: Fill out your form or risk watching your home burn to the ground.
 The census has been around for 210 years for one purpose — to determine congressional rep-



Edwin Feulner
 President of The Heritage Foundation

resentation. But that's not good enough for the Census Bureau. In a letter sent to all Americans, Census Director Kenneth Prewitt said there's a second reason to fill out the census that "may be more important to you and your community. The amount of government money your neighborhood receives depends on your answers."
 How crass. The census has become a lottery states play once a decade to win federal dollars — an estimated \$182 billion this time around. As the Census Bureau's website bluntly states: "Participating in the census is in the individual's own self interest. For example, census information helps decision makers understand which neighborhoods need new schools and which ones need greater services for the elderly."
 The "decision makers" in question, of course, are Washington bureaucrats who use the census to determine how much federal money commu-

nities from Wagon Mound, N.M., to New York City get for schools, roads and the like. And federal agencies have billions to shower on those communities lucky enough to provide a healthy head count.
 Local officials know it. According to Bud Gilbert, a former state senator who organized a lottery in Tennessee for census participants, "Millions of dollars are at stake for our community." Valdosta, Ga., offered a \$5 bill to every resident who completed the census. "What we are looking at is an investment to help the city achieve a very important status that will prevent us from losing millions of dollars," City Manager Larry Hanson explained.
 Others were willing to stretch the definition of "resident." Ames, Iowa, officials held a \$7,000 drawing called "Claim Ames in the 2000 Census" to entice students at Iowa State University to file as city residents, regardless of where they actually live. Thousands responded, but according to one city official, "We had students who said, 'We think you are bribing us.'"
 They're right. But with the Census Bureau declaring success — 65 percent of all forms have been returned, matching 1990's totals — we're sure to hear about still more prizes, lotteries and cash giveaways in the future. Sure, appeals to self-interest work, but is it worth it if we turn a basic civic duty into a gigantic game of "Lotto"?

Texas round up ...

Trial continues in O'Hair disappearance

AUSTIN (AP) — Federal prosecutors who say atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair was robbed of some \$500,000 in gold coins, and then killed and buried along with her son and granddaughter are confronting a problem as they bring their case to trial: The bodies have never been found.

It's also a key element being used by Gary Paul Karr's defense lawyers.

The 52-year-old ex-con went on trial Monday on charges of conspiring with others to kidnap and extort money from O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and her granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair.

Without their bodies, prosecutors will have a hard time proving their theory the three were kidnapped in 1995 and later killed, defense attorney Tom Mills of Dallas told jurors in opening statements Monday.

"That is something you're going to have to decide on importance," Mills said of the missing bodies.

Continental rolls back fare increase

HOUSTON (AP) — Industry analysts said an unexplained decision by Continental Airlines Inc. to forgo a planned rate hike could force competitors to back out of similar business and leisure fare increases.

Continental spokeswoman Julie Gardner gave no reason and refused the elaborate when she confirmed that the nation's fifth-largest air carrier would not be raising all domestic business and leisure fares by \$10 to \$30 per round trip, as the company had announced Thursday.

The reversal left it unclear whether all of the increases, especially for excursion travelers, would remain at the nation's three largest air carriers

— United Airlines, American Airlines and Delta — who all said they would match the fare boost for business and leisure travelers.

"We're going to have to wait until Tuesday, but my guess is the leisure hike will be dropped and the business fare will hold," said Terry Tripler of 1travel.com, an online seller of discount travel tickets.

Tripler said those three airlines and U.S. Airways had not raised their excursion fares on the computer reservations systems used by travel agents.

Bush touts free trade, links with Mexico

AUSTIN (AP) — Shortly after he was elected governor, George W. Bush attended the inauguration of Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo. Friendship blossomed as the Texan promoted free trade and close ties.

Now Bush, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, cites his relationship with Mexico as one of his foreign policy credentials and extolls the benefits of the North American Free Trade Agreement despite critics' arguments that the pact hurts U.S. workers.

"NAFTA is good for Texas, it is good for Mexico, and it is important for our citizens to understand it is good for America," Bush says. With Texas accounting for nearly half the U.S. exports to Mexico, he says, "I have seen firsthand the benefits of trade and free trade."

As a presidential candidate, he is taking his views further, favoring permanent normal trade relations with China and admitting China and Taiwan into the World Trade Organization. There, too, organized labor contends that granting China permanent normal trade status would pull jobs from the United States. A House vote on China trade is set for this month.

Council head acknowledges irregularities

DALLAS (AP) — The head of a Boy Scouts council covering 11 counties in North Texas has acknowledged that some irregularities occurred in membership counts, but he said the problem isn't widespread.

The Circle Ten Council is being investigated by federal authorities after being accused of doctoring membership figures to ensure the group would gain millions in charitable donations.

In a copyrighted story on Sunday, The Dallas Morning News reported that the council inflated its membership and left inactive troops on its rosters.

Investigators with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service seized boxes of documents from the group's Dallas headquarters during an April 7 search. Council officials, meanwhile, have suspended one employee for "improper conduct."

Group president Bobby Lyle told the newspaper in a story for today's editions that the suspension is related to the alleged wrongdoing.

"We have no information to suggest that this is widespread, none at all," he said.

Elsewhere:

COACH PLEADS: A former head coach for the University of Texas-Pan American men's basketball pleaded no contest Monday to stealing \$25,000 from the school. Delray Brooks was dismissed last August for depositing a check from a Southwest Missouri State basketball tournament into his personal account, then frittering away the money. ...**CYBER SECURITY:** Security experts from government and industry spoke Monday at a conference of corporate information and computer-security officials.

Wal-Mart says it is winner in East Texas union vote

A 6-5 vote against allowing Wal-Mart meat department workers to form a union at a store in Palestine will stand after union and company officials on Monday agreed to drop all challenges to the April 12 decision, a spokeswoman for the Arkansas retailer said.

"We are excited about today's win for the entire Wal-Mart family and for all of the Palestine store associates, who have fought for their right to continue representing themselves," said Wal-Mart spokeswoman Jessica Moser.

Greg Denier, a spokesman for the United Food and Commercial Workers, could not immediately be reached for comment.

The UFCW won a February election by meat-cutters at a Wal-Mart in Jacksonville and followed up by trying to organize meat-cutters at a Wal-Mart in Palestine, southeast of Dallas. Eleven votes by Palestine workers were opened in April, with six against union representation and five for the union. Four votes were challenged by one side or the other.

After the Jacksonville vote, Wal-Mart announced it would end meat-cutting operations in Jacksonville, Palestine and 178 other stores in six states and sell only prepackaged meat at those stores.

The company said the move was unrelated to the union votes.

Officials accused of misusing grant money, stealing traffic funds

HOUSTON (AP) — A search warrant shows that officials in Kendleton — a community of 600 people — are accused of misusing federal grant money and stealing thousands of dollars collected through traffic fines.

The warrant alleges that Kendleton employees and elected officials misapplied between \$1,500 and \$20,000, the Houston Chronicle reported in a story for today's editions.

The document, filed in the Fort Bend county clerk's office last week, also alleges that the employees and officials unlawfully appropriated money, violated laws relating to their office and employment and misused government property with the

intent to gain benefit.

Four of Kendleton's five City Council members made the allegations in a letter to the Texas Rangers last month.

The warrant also states that cash was routinely collected by the town's police officers for traffic fines and turned over to a police captain.

Officials with the state Comptroller's Office told investigators that cash collected for the fines normally is deposited in a bank account in the name of the city. However, a review of bank records showed that no cash deposits were made from June 1, 1998, to July 15, 1999, and that only money orders, cashier's checks and personal checks were deposited.

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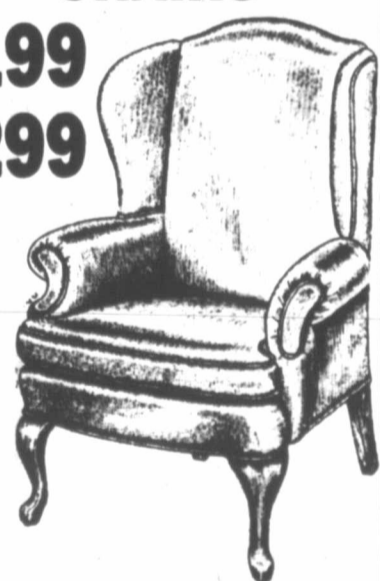


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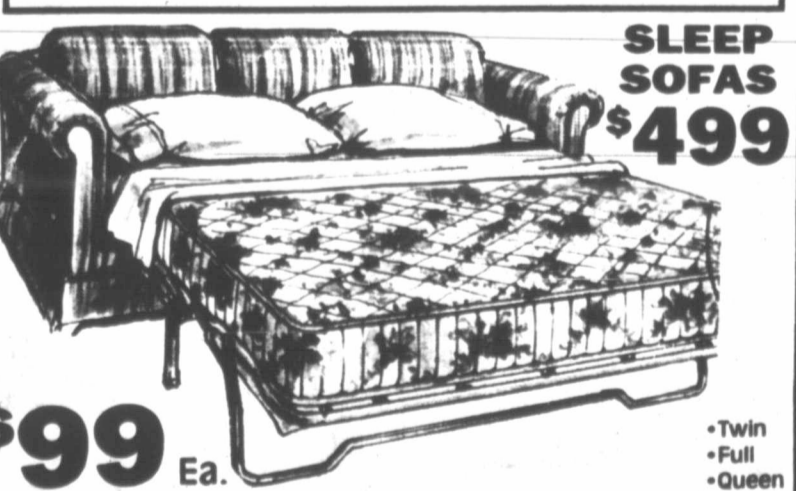
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Pregnancy Support Center



(Community Camera photo)

Some Junior Service League members made a donation towards the Pregnancy Support Center's recent Walk For Life. Above are JSL members Kim Thompson, Donna Smith and Misty Payne with Walk of Life representative Brandi Urquhart.

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Mother Ill-Timed Surgery Cuts Into Vacation Plans

DEAR ABBY: I was an only child. I am 53 years old and have been married 33 years. All my life, my mother told me never to tell my maternal grandmother when our family had plans, because she would always "get sick" and spoil everything. For several months, my husband and I have been looking forward to a vacation in a cabin in the mountains. We have not had one mainly because of the illness and death of our son.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

My mother has scheduled back surgery three days before our vacation. She had three choices, but selected that day. She keeps telling me not to cancel my vacation, but I know I will pay dearly if I don't. I will never hear the end of it.

We really need this time away. My husband cares for his invalid mother on a daily basis, and I have a very stressful job. We could use this time to gather our wits about us.

Should I cancel our plans and accept what I know is my responsibility, or go ahead and take a vacation and "face the music"?

TORN IN KENTUCKY

DEAR TORN: Take the vacation you and your husband so sorely need. If your mother tries to lay a guilt trip on you when you return, don't take the bait. Calmly point out that she chose the date for her operation knowing when you were leaving, and she had other options. If this sounds harsh, forgive

me, but you must take care of yourself first, and your reasons for going are compelling.

DEAR ABBY: I am furious at "Lesson Learned in Florida," who thought marrying a "relative stranger" for the sake of his child was a mistake! How about sleeping with a "relative stranger" for the sake of physical pleasure? I guess that part didn't bother him as much.

And the divorce was painful and traumatic for him? How about the quality of life for a little girl who must struggle with two selfish, irresponsible parents who have joint custody? How about the confusion and turmoil of straddling two homes? Now that will be traumatic for an innocent little victim of his bad behavior.

For those who haven't made these foolish and unfortunate mistakes yet, take this advice: Don't marry strangers, but don't sleep with strangers, either. Keep your pants zipped until you know and

love your chosen mate. The result will be that a planned and wanted child will be raised in a home where married people love and care for each other.

MELISSA ATTINOTO, ORION, MICH.

DEAR MELISSA: I agree that it's irresponsible to sleep with strangers. It is even more irresponsible to have sexual relations without protection. Both the man and the woman risked a possibly life-threatening, sexually transmitted disease, as well as an unplanned pregnancy.

However, not all children of divorce are traumatized by "straddling two homes," as long as each home is filled with unconditional love.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "LOST IN LOVE": Don't marry for money; you can borrow it cheaper. (Scottish proverb)

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$9.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2000

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) *** Opt for a new beginning financially. Discussions with a partner allow you to see both sides of an issue, even if you don't want to. Extravagance could easily become a theme. Be realistic about expenditures. Tonight: Join a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** You and another might not always see eye to eye, but at present you couldn't care less. Laughter permeates your surroundings. You actually have to work to be serious and businesslike. A boss, though reactive, sees the humor. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Attempt to clear your desk. Your mind might wander. You could be quite taken with someone. Do not minimize the importance of a loved one in your life. Be aware of your actions. You could be hurting another's feelings. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Let your imagination speak. Others pick up on your mood and run with the moment. A meeting might need more organizing than you are willing to do presently. A relationship spices up, but be sure you want what comes along

this path. Tonight: Togetherness works. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Pressure escalates at home, but your strong sense of humor helps resolve any problems. Go where you can be successful. Your efforts make a difference. Emphasis is on work and achievement. Unexpected interpersonal developments need to be eyed with detachment. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Your efforts pay off. Make inquiries; help others open up. Your sense of humor comes out, but be careful about indulging in gossip. Laughter doesn't need a reason! Relax and enjoy yourself. Detach from a volatile situation. Tonight: Take in another point of view.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Expenses seem trivial next to the happiness that surrounds a partnership. Loosen up about your long-term goals for now. Go with the flow. An adviser has a different perspective than you do. Swap ideas. Don't feel insecure next to another's expertise. Tonight: Let another take the lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Your sensitivity emerges with a difficult associate. Allow your sense of humor to speak. Follow-through counts. Understand where a peer is coming from. Allow more frivolity and laughter into your life. Let someone else call the shots. Tonight: Surprises follow you!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Take your time. Don't feel pressured. You are in the process of making important decisions; you gain a lot of information by just observing. A coworker's giddiness adds to the fun at the

office. Let the good times roll. Tonight: Bring extra work home. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Focus on success and getting more of what you want. Your sense of humor emerges with a child or loved one. Creativity surges in the present convivial atmosphere. Worry less about being a role model. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Take charge. Get into work and get the job done. A family member can't help but delight you. Laughter surrounds a personal matter. Standing up to a boss just won't fly. You are spontaneous in your work. Tonight: Do what you must.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** An overview helps you remember what is important. Listen to your sixth sense with a neighbor, who tends to be rather dour. Laughter and joking mark your interactions. Let another express his sense of well-being. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

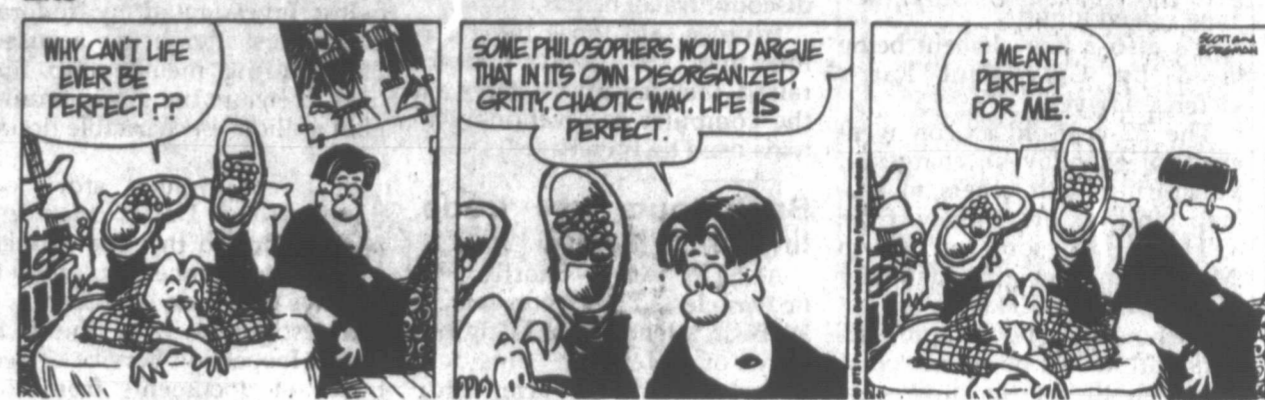
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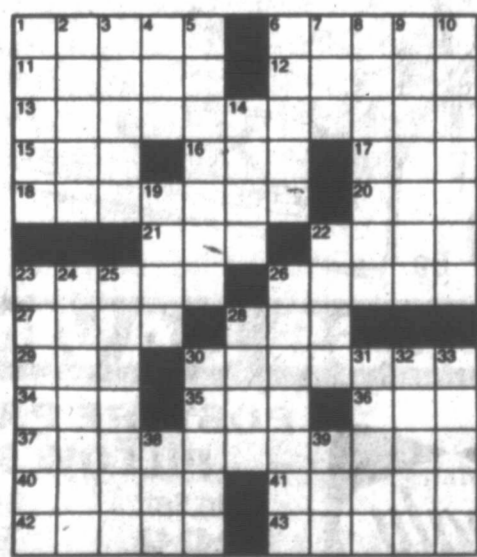
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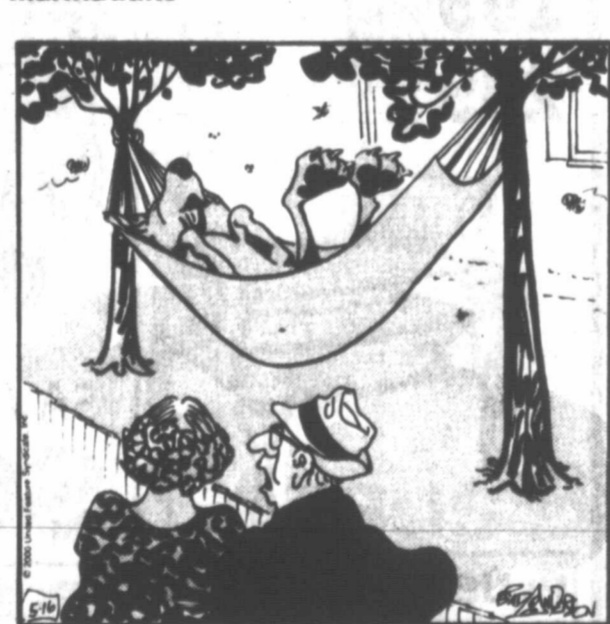
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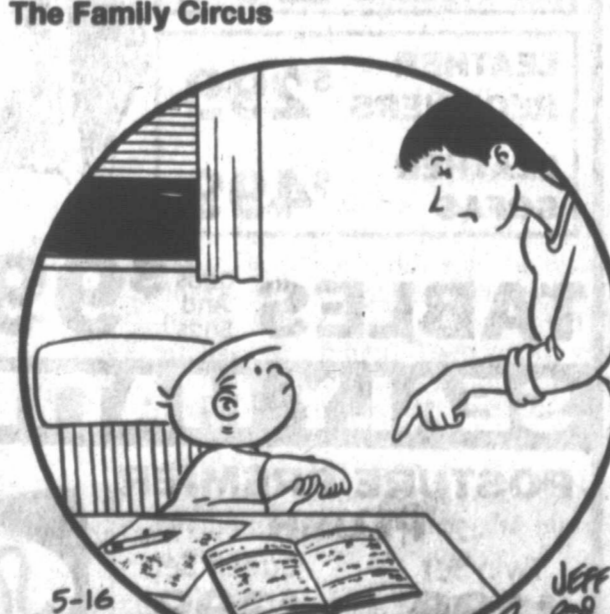
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Marmaduke



"Spring fever."

The Family Circus



"Doing additions and subtractions doesn't cause carpal tunnel syndrome."

Area youth participate in Greater Southwest Music Festival

Three piano students from Pampa and White Deer performed at the 30th Annual Greater Southwest Music Festival held recently in Amarillo.

Participating in the festival were seventh grader Therese Haiduk and fifth grader Rebecca Rapstine, both students at White Deer schools, and Jon Hildebrandt, a fifth grader at Community Christian School in Pampa.



Jon Hildebrandt



Rebecca Rapstine and Therese Haiduk

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Whitten Studio at Tarpely's Music in Pampa, Hildebrandt studies with Jerry Whitten while Haiduk and Rapstine are students of Loralee Cooley.

Hildebrandt, making his second appearance at the annual festival, received a first rating, comparable to an "A." This rating is an evaluation by the judge on the student's presentation, musicality and technical achievement. The students do not compete against each other; rather, they are competing against a standard.

Rapstine and Haiduk were making their first appearance at the festival. Rapstine received the very commendable first rating. Haiduk earned the highest accolade of "Outstanding" (comparable to an A+).

Mexico police arrest American

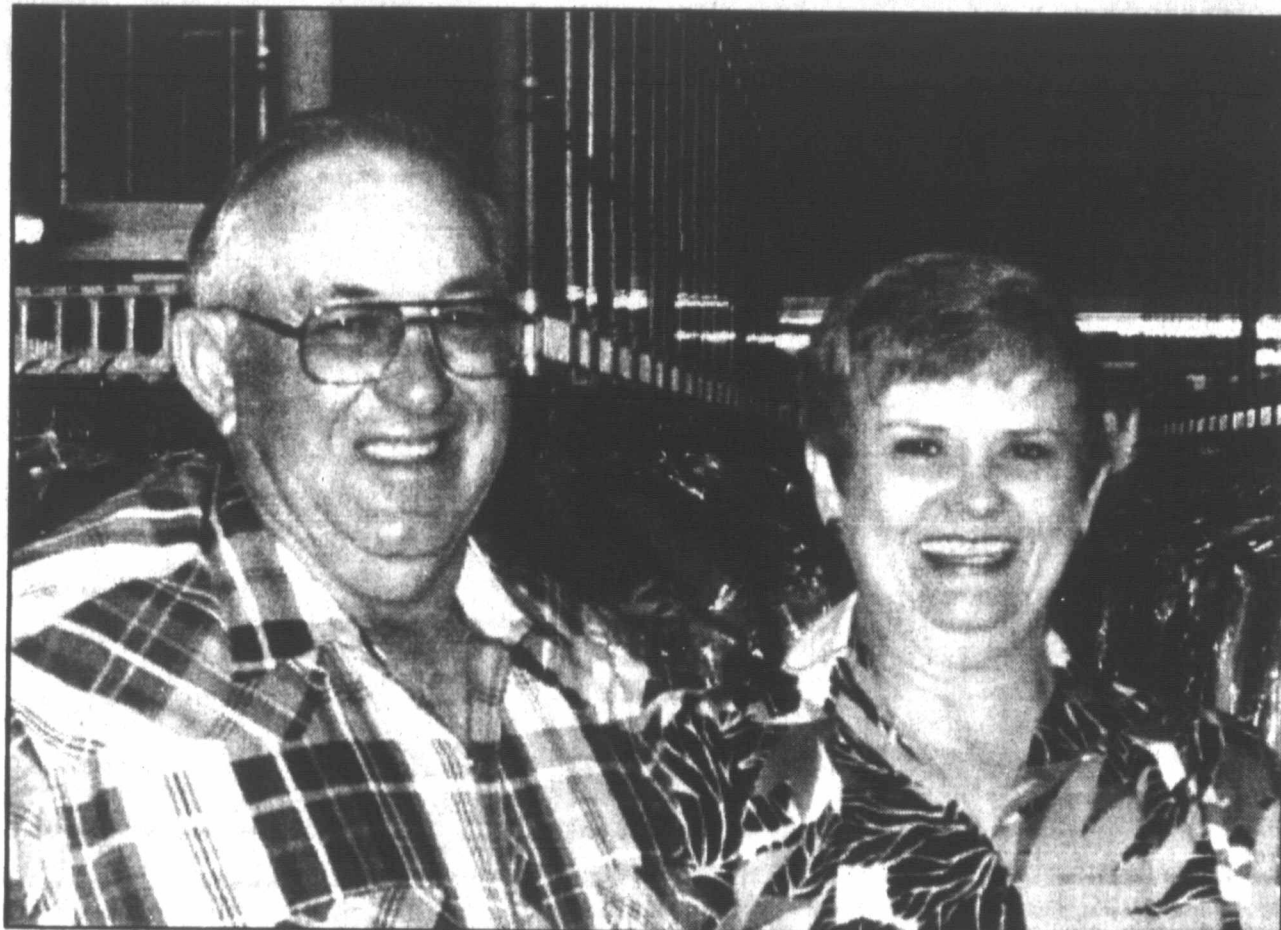
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Police on Monday arrested an American with a cache of arms, grenades and military clothes in his home in the border city of Nuevo Laredo, the government news agency Notimex reported.

Guillermo Antonio Sepulveda, 28, of Puerto Rico told authorities that he was in Mexico giving military training to a dozen men, Notimex reported. Nuevo Laredo is across the border from Laredo, Texas.

A cache of arms was found at the home including an AK-47, a 9 mm pistol, a military Razorback III rifle, grenades, a bayonet, and a bulletproof vest and camouflage clothing, Notimex reported.

"I just wanted to help them in their work," Sepulveda told Mexico's national TV networks Monday night.

~ Business Review ~



Neil and Mary Fulton, owners of Bob Clements Inc., dry cleaning services.

Quality most important at Bob Clements Inc.

Neil and Mary Fulton, owners of Bob Clements Inc., credits the expertise of their employees for the success of their local dry cleaning business.

"Our greatest asset is our employees," Neil said. "Most have been here for 15 years or longer. Two of our employees, Cleo Spencer and Lottie Cary, have been here for 37 years."

Mary Fulton joined Bob Clements Inc. almost 16 years ago, she said. She began working the front counter and in time began working in the back, as well. When her husband Neil retired from Energas Company two years ago, they decided to buy the cleaners.

"So I could be her boss," Neil quipped.

"He wishes," Mary countered.

Kidding aside, the couple enjoy working together with their 12 employees to provide a full range of cleaning services for Pampa and the surrounding area. The Fultons also employ a full-time seamstress for repairs and alterations.

"We go more for quality than quantity," Mary said. "We want clothes to leave here looking as close to new as they possibly can. That's what we strive for."

Bob Clements Inc. performs all types of cleaning and dry cleaning, including wedding dress preservation, shirts and

jeans with heavy starch, draperies, bedspreads, blankets, and tablecloths.

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To help keep their cleaning services at the highest possible standard, the Fultons continue to upgrade and add new equipment.

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