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Man sought in rampage

ORANGE (AP) intense search was under way for a man suspected of a murderous rampage early Monday that left three people dead. including two children, and two others severely wounded.

Authorities believed the shootings in Orange and Newton counties along the Louisiana border were related. State and local investigators assisted by trained dogs are searching the woods of the two counties, and law enforcement officers escorted school buses through the area Monday morning.

Trooper Richard Vasser of the Texas Department of Public Safety said a man shot and killed a woman in Orange about 2 a.m. Monday, set fire to the house where the killing happened, then stole a car from a nearby home.

DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange said the man then apparently traveled about 40 miles north to near Kirbyville, where he tried to break in but was repulsed in an exchange if gunfire.

DEATHS

Robert 'Bob' Aycock, 67 water well service owner. Bill Cole, 76, retired

Cabot field supervisor. Ernest L. Waters, 87, 50 years in service industry.

Rankin Elmo Wright, 91, Wright's Fashions owner.

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Monday, January 28. 2002

Zoning commission eyes annex sites

By KATE B. DICKSON ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Possible annexations around the northern border of the city from 23rd Street east and along the Loop 171 to U.S. Highway 60 are getting a preliminary look by Pampa's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Annexation is a subject that "comes up from time to time," City Manager Bob Eskridge said noting that city commissioners have expressed interest

recently in reviving the subject.

Last week P&Z board members took a look at a map that has broken up possible annexation parcels into tracts and members plan to physically view all the sites, Eskridge said

Meanwhile, city staff will look at some of the areas to see where there is existing development and to determine what infrastructure needs there will be if some areas are annexed. Eskridge

And that's something that takes a the city manager said.

lot of work to get good numbers for utility costs," he said.

After that, the P&Z group will take another look and decide if they'll make any annexation proposals to the City Commission.

"We're not saying there will be any annexation," Eskridge said, "It's just being explored right now."

By law, the city's extra-territorial, jurisdiction as it pertains to zoning is one mile from the existing city limits, the tax base

"There's not much annexation done here," Eskridge said in an interview, adding, "it's both an emotional and very political topic."

Before seeking to annex an area, Eskridge said. "We need to be able to articulate why ... what's the purpose?" Traditionally, he said there are three reasons for annexing property:

• Though seldom used, one reason is to get value for the city ... to increase

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Dumb laws

What were they thinking?

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Human nature being what it is, people often think many laws are dumb.

Now, a web site is listing laws which might be considered dumb. Some of the laws

listed on the web site include: •Driving without windshield wipers is illegal in Texas, but the car must have the wipers.

 You can be legally married by publicly introducing a person as your husband or wife three times.

story of a hotel.

•A \$25 annual fee is required to possess a dead alli-

· When two trains meet each other at a railroad crossing, each shall come to a full stop, and neither shall proceed until the other has gone.

In Lefors, it's illegal to take more than three swallows of beer standing up.

•The entire Encyclopedia Britannica is banned in Texas because it contains a formula for making beer at home

While Pampa is not listed on the dumb law web site. another Gray County commu-

The web site claims the City of Lefors has a law that •It is illegal for one to shoot—states it is illegal to take more a buffalo from the second, than three swallows of beer while standing

Susan Oldham, a secretary in the Lefors City Office, said there was discussion about this law at a city council meeting a few months ago. "J.W. Franks, our mayor at

the time, said he remembered (See LAWS, Page 4)

New GCAD board



Judge Lee Waters, left, administers the oath of office to Gray County Appraisal District board members who recently accepted reappointment. Taking the oath are Wallace Birkes, James Fruge and Neil Quattlebaum. Fruge serves as the board's chairman.

No pressure here

Warning system down, fails to notify officials of water woes

BY KATE B. DICKSON

ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Monday morning's wakeup call greeted many Pampans today with problems associated with extremely low water pressure as a computer was unable to signal an on-call employee due to a Cellular One outage.

The call was needed to signal a warning that system pressure and the water level in the Warren Street tank had dropped.

Douglass. LaTonne Cellular One spokesman in

Pampa, said the linking problem "was very widespread" and affected Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

The Cellular One malfunction meant no calls could be a.m. made between cellular phones and land lines, though cellular-to-cellular calls could be made.

Gary Turley, project manager for OMI, said "the whole town was affected with low water pressure but there was no danger to public health." OMI is the company that contracts with the city to manage both the water and waste

He quoted a Cellular One employee as saving their problem started about 5 a.m. and was corrected a bit before 10

that runs the water distribution operation triggered a telephone call to alert those on tank. call that there was a problem, Turley said, but because the workers use a Cellular One phone the call didn't go through.

Instead, the notification came the old-fashioned way as Turley's wife noticed it when

she turned on water this morning at their home and told him, he said.

From home, Turley can tie into the computer system and he restarted a pump that had The computerized system gone down in order to repressurize the system and set things in motion to refill the

Normal system water pressure is about 54 pounds per square inch (psi). This morning that dropped to 19.2 pounds psi which provided a bit more than a trickle to most water users.

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PGCD board declares election of candidates

discovered

low water

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

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turned on their faucets

Pampans

extremely

this morning.

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors has declared all candidates in the Feb. 2 elections have been elected as none were opposed.

In accordance with the Texas Election Code, the four unopposed candidates are elected and the scheduled election will not be held.

The Texas Election Code allows political subdivisions of the state to declare the results of an election without conducting it if there are no contested positions, saving the cost of an election.

Billy Van Crawford, who lives near Panhandle, will begin his first term as director of Precinct 2

Three other directors were re-elected to their positions.

 Charles Bowers, who lives at Grandview-Hopkins, was re-elected to Precinct 4.

• Jim Thompson, who lives at Washburn, was re-elected to

Precinct 6. · Danny Hardcastle, who lives near Wheeler, was reelected director of Precinct 8.

of a total of nine elected direc The four newly-elected directors will take office in

PGCD board is comprised

Shell Renewables purchases Llano Estacado Wind Ranch

Ownership of the Llano Estacado Wind Ranch at White Deer has changed hands now that Shell Renewables' U.S. WindEnergy operations purchased it for an undisclosed

The 80-megawatt facility was developed by Cielo Wind Power, LLC of Austin, and will operate under a 15-year power purchase agreement with Southwestern Public Service, an Xcel Energy operating company.

Each year, the White Deer wind farm is estimated to produce enough power to meet the energy needs of approximately 30,000. The power is connected at the site to an Xcel Energy 115-kV transmission line.

Shell WindEnergy entered the U.S. market in Nov. 2001, with the launch of Rock River I. a 50-megawatt wind power facility near Foote Creek Rim. Wyo.

"We are delighted to have moved so quick-

ly in making a second major investment in the U.S. wind power market," said David Jones, director of Shell WindEnergy Inc. "Wind energy is not only the fastest growing area of power generation world-wide but it is also one of the cleanest sources of energy...

Walter Hornaday, president of Cielo Wind Power, LLC, said his company "... is proud of the performance of the project's construction team to complete site work in three months despite severe weather conditions in the Panhandle. We had great local support from the City of White Deer officials, Carson County officials and local farmers.:

Cielo is the largest wind energy developer in the Southwest and has developed approximately 600 megawatts of wind energy capacity, including the world's largest wind energy plant, a 278-megawatt facility near McCamey,

(See SHELL, Page 4)

ON RECORD

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the ollowing arrests and incidents during the 48nour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Jan. 25.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported n the 1100 block of South Christy where a peaker valued at \$75 was stolen.

Lost/theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight where a black Yorkshire terier puppy is missing.

Possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone was reported in the 400 block of North

Clint Miller, 39, 409 N. Sumner, possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Information was taken with regard to an aggravated assault in the 800 block of North Duncan.

A domestic assault with no injuries was reported in the 1100 block of South Nelson. Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100

block of North Starkweather. Simple assault with no injuries was report-

ed in the 1000 block of South Huff. Criminal mischief in which a vehicle was cratched was reported; location not specified.

Sunday, Jan. 27 Tina Sue Hoskins, 31, 333 Sunset, was harged with possession of a controlled substance under one gram and burglary of a habi-

ation. Barbara Della Keys, 29, White Deer, pos-

ession of a controlled substance under one gram and burglary of a habitation.

A runaway, who returned home, was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner. Burglary of a habitation in the 600 block of North Yeager was reported in which a stereo, television, light bulbs and two shotguns were aken.

A purse and its contents were found; locaion not specified.

A CD player was taken from a motor vehiele that was burglarized in the 800 block of East Murphy.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Yeager where two tires were damaged.

Monday, Jan. 28

A runaway was reported in the 700 block of North Faulkner.

A robbery was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner in which the victim said he was assaulted and \$20 to \$50 taken from him.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests in the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Jan. 26

David Ray Burrow, 22, McLean, arrested by the DPS on a charge of purchase/furnishing marijuana to a minor.

Isaias Chavez, 33, 712 N. Frost, arrested by the DPS on a charge of DWI/third offense.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the ollowing calls during the 48-hour period endng at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Jan. 27

1:09 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters esponded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

2 p.m. - Three units and four firefighters esponded to a hazardous material spill in the 100 block of West Alcock. Firefighters found what appeared to be a drug lab in a dumpster. They turned the scene over to the Pampa Police Department.

3:25 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters esponded to a gas meter leak in the 300 block of North Hobart.

5:10 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters esponded to a dumpster fire in the 900 block of Terry Road.

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WEATHER FOCUS

Today, partly sunny with highs around 70 Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy with lows in the middle 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph, shifting to the northeast late. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and colder with highs 40 to 45. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

STATEWIDE

Drizzle and mist covered parts of Central Texas early Monday, but temperatures were unseasonably mild under the influence of southerly breezes and warm, Gulf moisture.

Low cloudiness surged northeast from South Texas to around Waco. The clouds were producing low visibilities and drizzle around Austin.

Elsewhere, only scattered high clouds were reported in the panhandle and West

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s in the northwest to high 60s in the far

Extremes were 34 degrees in Dalhart and 68 in Brownsville.

Other readings were 35 degrees at Friona

and 56 at San Angelo. Just north of Dalhart, a cold front moved in from southeastern Colorado and southwestern Kansas. Temperatures behind the front were

in the 20s in southwestern Kansas. Winds were generally southerly and southwesterly at 5 to 15 mph across the eastern parts of Texas, turning mostly southwesterly from Wichita Falls to between Abilene and

Mineral Wells. Partly cloudy conditions in West Texas and the panhandle were expected to give way to increasing cloudiness by Tuesday.

A slight chance of showers was forecast for the far west and mountains, with a chance for thunderstorms in the extreme southeast.

Daytime highs should range from the 60s to 70s, reaching the mid-70s to mid-80s along the Rio Grande by late Tuesday.

Lows overnight were expected to be in the upper 20s in the north and 30s and 40s elsewhere in West Texas, with mid-50s to lower 60s elsewhere.

Enron workers' futures not rosy

HOUSTON (AP) — In the wake of America's largest bankruptcy ever, remaining employees at Enron Corp.

City Briefs

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PAMPA LODGE 1381 Special Called Meeting, Jan. 29th. Be there.

BIBLE TALKS held at Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium, 111 N. Houston, each Wednesday 7:30 p.m. beginning Jan 23 thru Feb. 20. Services: Quiet, Brief, Scriptural, Free; John Mulford; Berlin Raymond; Kevin Naillieux. All Welcome.

can't help but wonder about their futures with the crippled energy trader.

They were some of the thousands of employees and big and small investors around the country who lost fortunes in the company's plunging stock. And, even though they still have jobs, it's small consolation for some. They're grieving, apprehensive - even embar-

"The stress has gotten so bad on me, so intense and so sustained, my brain could no longer take it," one Enron employee, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions.

He's quit watching and reading the gloomy news, like former Enron company Vice Chairman Cliff Baxter's suicide, because it had begun to affect him physically. But he knows he's missing out on information

that could be important to him. "I feel like I'm flying blind," he said, adding that when his future is at stake along with Enron's, "it's mostly about survival — our own and the com-

pany's." When Enron reported big third-quarter losses and the Securities and Exchange Commission began its inquiry in mid-October, an unidentified trader told the newspaper he began to see in his colleagues' eyes "a desolate, transparent, stare-out-in-space look."

"People were losing an enormous amount of money" in stock holdings and 401(k) plans, the trader said.

Apprehension intensified by early November, when Dynegy announced its plan to buy Enron. The trader said he started getting 25 to 30 e-mails a day from people stating, "If I'm not here tomorrow, here's my home phone number. In case you hear of a new group starting up, here's how you can get ahold of

When 4,200 people were laid off on Black Monday, those who kept their jobs were still shocked and mourning for lost co-work-

An unidentified woman who works in Enron's pipeline group told the newspaper she wanted to stay at her desk with her head

buried. "I felt guilt and hurt," the woman said. "Now, I'm more depressed. You definitely don't want to be here anymore. Everyone I know has their resumes out."

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro made the following calls durng the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Sunday, Jan. 27

1:01 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

9:54 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell; no transport.

10:53 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

11:28 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Starkweather and transported one to BSAW.

12:50 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Linda and Christine and

transported one to PRMC.

2:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Alcock and transported one to PRMC.

2:33 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to

3:23 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Malone and transported one to PRMC.

5:56 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Wells; no transport.

9:05 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to

10:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

COLE, Bill — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa. **WATERS,** Ernest L. — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa. WRIGHT, Rankin Elmo — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

ERNEST L. WATERS

1914-2002

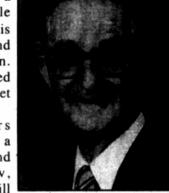
Ernest L. Waters, 87, of Pampa, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at Edmond, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of First Baptist Church of Childress, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Waters was born Oct. 1, 1914, in Atlanta, Texas. He was a resident of Pampa since 1938. He married Loreta Bell Burns on Jan. 30, 1938, in Pampa. She preceded him in death on July 10, 1990. Mr. Waters worked in the service industry for over 50 years as a butcher, a milkman for Plains Creamery and a bread deliveryman for Mead Bread Company. At the end of his career, he worked for Jewel Tea Company.

He was a member of Central Baptist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Army

giving person who was a Christian role model for his children and grandchildren. He was loved by all who met him.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law Joyce and Bill



Ritter of Canyon; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Loyd D. and Thelma Waters of Pampa, Oscar Waters of Amarillo, Kenneth and Charrie Waters of Plano and Harold and Marsha Waters of Longview; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, during World War II. He was a loving and Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of the

home; two daughters, Virginia Hungate of

Mobeetie and Carolan Aycock of Pampa; two

sons, Albert Aycock of Dallas and Doyle

Aycock of Tulsa, Okla.; and two grandchil-

ROBERT 'BOB' AYCOCK

1934-2002

MOBEETIE — Robert "Bob" Aycock, 67, Well Service in Mobeetie for many years, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002, at Amarillo. No retiring in 1992. services are scheduled. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Aycock was born May 20, 1934. He married Joyce Smith in 1959 at Newkirk, Okla., and owned-operated Aycock Water

dren. BILL COLE

1925-2002 Bill Cole, 76, of Pampa, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with John Chronister officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Cole was born May 29, 1925, at Ranger, Texas. He married Linnie Burns on July 15, 1950, at Kermit, Texas. He worked for Cabot Corporation before and after World War II, spending 23 years in Beaver, Okla., and the rest in Pampa after 1980. He retired in 1986 after 43 years of service as a field supervisor.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving during World War II, and was a member and past president of Beaver Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Linnie, of the home; three daughters, Cassandra Wilson of Woodward, Okla., Colleen Chronister of Lexington, Okla., and Brenda Satoe of Pampa; a son, James D. Cole of Borger; a sister, Elsie Mae Tolley of Stephenville; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Senior Citizens, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX

RANKIN ELMO WRIGHT

1910-2002

Rankin Elmo Wright, 91, of Pampa, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002. Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Wright was born April 4, 1910, at Bowie, Texas. His family moved to Oklahoma City when he was six, and he graduated from Classen High School there in 1929. He held a bachelor of science degree from Northwest Missouri Teachers College of Maryville, Mo., (1935) and completed Officer's Candidate School in Miami Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

Beach, Fla. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during World War II and with the Eighth Air Force in England and France.

In 1960, he and his brother opened Wright's Fashions at 222 N. Cuyler; he operated the store until retiring in 1984.

He married Ruth Wooley on Dec. 11, 1963, at Pampa; she preceded him in death in 1984. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and Men's Fellowship Sunday School Class.

Survivors include a niece, Gloria Hiratsuka of Billingham, Alaska; and a nephew, John Hightower of Newport, Ore.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981,

'Grave' request results in best-seller

wrote her 20th book about a Central Texas businessman's murder-for-hire of his former wife says the work was effectively commissioned from the grave.

Ann Rule said "Every Breath She Takes," which explores the brutal 1997 slaying of Sheila Bellush followed a request by a sister of the mother of quadruplets.

San Antonio millionaire Allen Blackthorne was accused of masterminding the killing of Bellush in Florida in November 1997.

Blackthorne, 45, who became rich from inventing a muscle stimulator, was convicted. after a two-year investigation and sentenced in federal court to two life prison terms for his role in arranging and paying \$54,000 for Bellush's slaying.

"I was working on another book in 1999 when Kerry Bladorn, Sheila's sister, sent me

DALLAS (AP) — A crime writer who an e-mail saying that Sheila had called her after watching a TV miniseries adapted from one of my books," Rule told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions.

> The show was based on "Dead By Sunset," the story of convicted murderer Bradley Cunningham, who murdered in Portland, Ore., and attempted to relocate to Houston.

"Kerry said Sheila had made a strange request: 'If I'm not here one day, you have to find Ann Rule and ask her to tell my story. After that, I couldn't help not do it," said

Bellush, a mother of six, was found on Nov. 7, 1997, in a pool of blood in her home in Sarasota, Fla. She had been shot and her throat slit. The quadruplets, age 2, were found unharmed but naked and covered in their mother's blood.

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District 3-4A irls openers with vill be played at. Randall

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BALL

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it I had a small vin — he can on the court," on, seeded 16th. thought I was a Grand Slam the way I've g the last two been great. I est tennis in just natch."

Rams believe they're better than '99 team

the Super Bowl for the second time in three years, the St. Louis Rams believe they are even better than in 1999. Their defense is stingier, their offense is more versatile, they are more experienced.

And they are just as strongwilled as the first time around.

"In '99, it was really a dream season the way that it played out, and nobody expected us to do anything — that was a special year," NFL MVP Kurt Warner said after Sunday's 29-24 victory over Philadelphia gave the Rams the NFC title.

"This year may be a little more rewarding, because we were really the team that every-

get-go. We were favored from the start and to be able to fight through the season and have the season we did, fight through these last two games and make it back to the Super Bowl, it's very rewarding.

"No doubt we have a lot of talent. But beyond that, you don't win as many games as we won and the tough ones we've won without having a lot of character. I tribute a lot of what we succeeded with this year to that character."

They needed that fortitude in the second half Sunday. Trailing 17-13 at halftime - just the second time the Rams were behind at halftime this season;

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Back in body wanted to beat from the St. Louis had outscored opponents 329-146 in the first half — the offense and defense displayed talent and grit.

> Marshall Faulk carried on the first seven plays of the third quarter, and a 21-yard pass to Torry Holt got the Rams (16-2) into position for Jeff Wilkins' third field goal, a 41-yarder. He also had 39- and 27-yarders in the opening half.

The Eagles (13-6) went three-and-out, then Warner and favorite receiver Isaac Bruce took charge. Bruce caught three passes for 44 yards on a 71-yard march to Faulk's first 1-yard TD run.

After another three-and-out, the Eagles were floundering.

"They didn't change anything, the intensity just picked up a little bit," Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said.

"In the first half we were just clicking on all cylinders. And not to say we weren't clicking on all cylinders in the second half, they controlled the time clock and what they were doing was just running the ball and having the time clock run out."

Faulk, who rushed for a career playoff high of 159 yards, scored on another 1-yard dive, making it 29-17. Although McNabb led the Eagles back, scoring on a 3-yard run with 2:56 remaining, he was intercepted by All-Pro cornerback Aenaes Williams to kill

Philadelphia's last real chance. After Williams got his sixth career playoff interception, he ran all the way to his own end zone, flanked by jubilant teammates, to celebrate his first

Super Bowl trip after 10 generally unrewarding seasons in Arizona. "I've enjoyed the journey,"

Williams said. "This is a very special team." Special enough to add anoth-

er Vince Lombardi Trophy to the team's collection? Perhaps.

The last time New England lost was a 24-17 home defeat to the Rams on Nov. 18. And there's been something almost magical about the Patriots this season.

White Deer, Wheeler split district games

WHITE DEER — White Deer split a basketball doubleheader with Wheeler in District 2-1A action last weekend.

White Deer notched a 50-42 victory in the boys game. The Bucks got a 29-point performance from Dustin Harper. Kirk Kelp followed with 8.

Joe Salas and Dirk Chapman led the Mustangs with 10 and 9 points, respectively.

Wheeler came through with an 84-44 win in the girls game. Lindy Finsterwald poured in 31 points to lead Wheeler scorers. Taylor Hudgins followed with 19.

Valarie Griffin had 13 points and Cassie Petty 12 for White Deer.

CANYON — Pampa can take a big step toward a possible playoff spot with a win over Canyon tomorrow night. It won't be an easy task, however. Canyon is the District 3-4A leader with an 8-1 record, and for the season the Eagles are 21-4.

In the first district meeting between the two schools, a dismal first-quarter hurt the Harvesters in a 57-43 setback.

Pampa fell behind 18-5 in the first quarter and Canyon stayed ahead the rest of the

way. Canyon's inside game hurt Pampa. James Hartman had 16 points and Danny Storey had 12 to lead the Eagles. Both

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Hartman and Storey are listed at 6-6.

Kyle Francis (6-1 senior) had 15 points to lead the Harvesters in that game.

The Harvesters, winners of their last two district games, are 5-4 in district play.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters are also on a two-game winning streak going into Tuesday night's contest with Canyon. The Lady Eagles are ranked No. 2 in the state behind Plainview in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

BRISCOE - Follett slipped by Miami for a 55-52 victory in District 2-1A action last weekend.

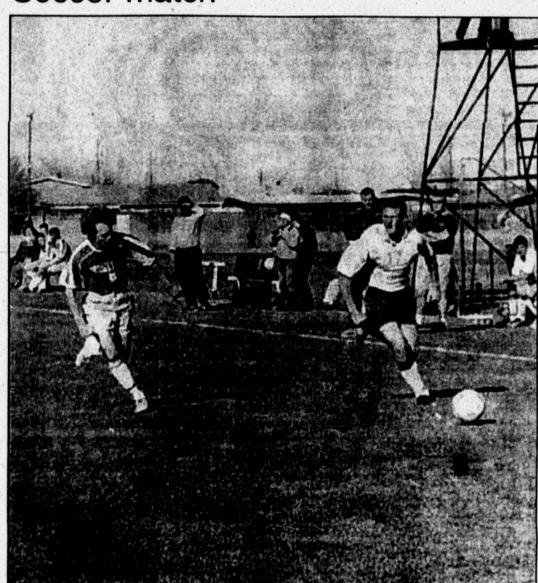
Josh Robertson tossed in 20 points to lead Follett in scoring. Jimmy James was high scor-

er for Miami with 16 points. Jeffrey Browning followed with 11. The loss evened Miami's

district record at 3-3, while overall the Warriors are 17-6. In the girls' game, Follett won by the score of 61-37.

Howard and Cullers were Follett's scoring leaders with 15 points each. Jennifer Hutchinson was the leading scorer for Miami with 15 points. Lauren Seuhs followed with 10.

Soccer match



Brodie Hall (right) of Pampa moves with the ball in a soccer match Saturday against Lubbock Coronado. The Harvesters lost 1-0.

Patriots magical mystery tour continues

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Nobody in Pittsburgh expected the New England Patriots to win the AFC championship — most of all,

it would seem, the Steelers them-

Now, as New England's magical mystery tour of a season unexpectedly heads to New Orleans for a Super Bowl matchup with St. Louis that nobody predicted, the Patriots will be America's underdog again.

Their response is much the same as it was before their 24-17 upset victory Sunday over Pittsburgh in the AFC title game - no matter the point spread or the public perception, no matter who their quarterback is, it makes no difference as long as they themselves believe.

"I think the only way we are going to get respect is not just making it to the Super Bowl, it's to party at the end of the year, and nobody else will be invited."

They've already ruined Pittsburgh's postseason party, one the Steelers may have - at least mentally - booked last week. The day after manhandling Baltimore 27-10 in the playoffs, the Steelers held a logistical meeting to review their Super Bowl plans.

The session was innocent enough - coach Bill Cowher called it so they wouldn't be distracted if they advanced - but Patriots coach Bill Belichick seized on it as a sign of Pittsburgh's overconfidence.

The Patriots picked up on the theme. More importantly, they picked up on the Steelers' season-long special teams problems and exploited them for two touchdowns: Troy Brown's 55yard punt return and Antwan Harris' 49-yard blocked field goal return.

win it," safety Lawyer Milloy said. "Hopefully, we'll have a

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Luis Aguilar (left) of the Pampa Youth Survival boxing club works out with

manager-trainer Michael Chaney in preparation for the Texas State Regional

Golden Gloves Championships. At least 15 Pampa boxers are expected to fight

in the tournament, which is set for Feb. 15-16 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic

Center. Aguilar is sponsored by John Mann Law Firm.

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(Courtesy photos)

Lindsey Price, top, of Gray County 4-H won second in Showmanship Senior Steer Division at the Gray County Livestock Show held recently at Clyde Carruth Pavilion in Pampa. Krista Smith, bottom, of McLean FFA won second in Showmanship Junior Steer Division.

Cheney: Refusal to release names will end up in court

WASHINGTON (AP) -Vice President Dick Cheney says the Bush administration's refusal to identify business. executives who met with him and his aides concerning energy policy probably will end up in court.

Amid the Enron Corp. scandal, Cheney on Sunday defended President Bush's right to withhold the information, prompting accusations by some Democrats of White House stonewalling.

The head of the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, said he will decide this week whether to sue to force the White House to turn over documents on the meetings last year with representatives of energy companies. They included the nowcollapsed Enron, a Houstonbased concern with deep ties to Bush.

On television interview shows, Cheney acknowledged that the dispute "probably will get resolved in court." Last week, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer had left open the possibility of a compromise, but he said Monday that Bush was determined to maintain the right of a president to seek advice without fear of the talks becoming public.

"I think it is to stop the decline of the power of the presidency that have taken place the last 35 years or so," Fleischer said. The stance cemented a standoff between Bush and the GAO.

Asked directly whether the administration is taking any steps to avert the lawsuit, Fleischer offered none. He seemed to firmly close the door on negotiations by repeating the White House stance on the issue and declaring: "Only GAO can decide if

they're going to sue." "The ball is in the White House's court," Comptroller General David Walker, who heads the GAO, said Sunday

in a telephone interview.

The White House said recently that representatives of Enron, an energy trader that was ranked as the seventhlargest U.S. corporation, met six times on energy issues last year with Cheney or his aides.

"Who were these Enron officials? What did they discuss? And what role did they have in shaping national energy policy?," asked Scott Harshbarger, president of the private group Common Cause. "The public deserves answers to these questions. Keeping this information secret only fosters suspicion and cynicism."

In a letter, Harshbarger urged Walker to sue if necessary to persuade the administration to disclose the identities of all participants in the energy task force meetings. "Disclosure of this information has become even more crucial to the public interest in the light of the Enron scandal," he wrote.

Thousands of employees and big and small investors nationwide lost fortunes in Enron's plunging stock as the company spiraled into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2.

The Justice Department is pursuing a criminal investigation of Enron and its longtime auditor, the accounting firm Arthur Andersen.

The Securities Exchange Commission has been investigating since Oct. 31. Eleven congressional panalso have opened inquiries.

Asked whether anything in the energy plan was included specifically for Enron or at its urging, Cheney replied: "I can't say, I'm sure they supported many parts of it. ... I can't say a particular proposal

came from them." Cheney also defended the conduct of Army Secretary Thomas White, a former vice chairman of Enron's energy services division, which reportedly was one of the

units used to conceal the company's huge losses: Enron overstated its total

profits by more than \$580 million since 1997. White has "always con-

ducted himself in an ethically fine manner," Cheney said. "There's no evidence to indicate anybody did anything wrong in the administration."

The vice president's comments raised the prospect of a battle over presidential privilege reminiscent of the Clinton administration's bitter Whitewater disputes with Republican lawmakers.

Democratic leaders said the White House is making a serious mistake, and they predicted Enron would be a looming issue in this year's election campaigns.

"The American people have a right to know what the facts are," said Senate Leader Majority Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "I think the administration needs to open up, to be willing to be forthcoming with all the information regarding these circumstances."

Cheney insisted that providing the list of industry executives would harm his ability to receive advice in the future.

"Now that would be unprecedented ... in the sense that it would make it virtually impossible for me to have confidential conversations with anybody," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

"You just cannot accept that proposition without putting a chill over the ability of the president and vice president to receive unvarnished advice."

Cheney's comments escalated the months-old dispute between the White House and Congress' GAO over documents related to his task force that formulated a pro-industry national energy policy last May - including expanding oil and gas drilling on public

Leadership program offering skills for PHS senior women

Senior women at Pampa High School will soon be involved in an exciting new young women's leadership program called "Enlighten!"

Laura Johnson Allen, a 1996 Pampa High School graduate, has designed the program specifically for senior girls in high school.

"The daylong seminar is dedicated to giving girls the confidence and skills necessary to follow in the footsteps of today's female leaders, or to use these tools to blaze their own trails," Allen says. "Today, female graduates must be equipped with more than a diploma."

On Jan. 31, "Enlighten!" will show young women how developing effective studying and time management skills, setting goals and making a positive, professional impression can open doors for their futures. The seminar will also illustrate the successful results that come from combining a positive self-image, proper health, proper etiquette, choosing a mentor and superb interview skills.

This educational and entertaining opportunity is being offered free of charge to the young women, thanks to support from local businesses. Major sponsors of the event include Pampa Regional Medical Center, First Baptist Church, Dr. J.A. Johnson, D.D.S., Inc., and Celanese Chemical Co.

Allen is CEO and creator of "Enlighten!"



Laura Johnson Allen

leadership seminars. She has taught courses on image, self-improvement and poise in various capacities. Allen holds a bachelor of arts degree in public relations and a master of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies — studying business, communications and leadership from Texas Tech University.

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Charles Buzzard is chairman of the P&Z board. Other members are Harold Price, Janie Shed, Ray Boring, Annie Swaney, Bob Curry and John Haesle.

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when this law was passed," she said. "He said it was passed when our community was 'wet,' and people would loiter outside and drink their alcoholic drinks. The law made the people stay inside."

She said although the law was passed decades ago the staff at Lefors City Hall cannot find it anywhere in the minutes or in the

Another area town, Borger, is credited with having a 'dumb' law. The web site states that in Borger it is against the law to throw confetti, rubber balls, feather dusters, whips or quirts (riding crop), and explosive firecrackers of any kind.

In Clarendon it is illegal to dust any public building with a feather duster.

In Houston beer may not be purchased after midnight on a Sunday, but it may be purchased on Monday. However, it is illegal to purchase Limburger cheese on Sunday.

Unusual haircuts on children are banned in Mesquite. In Port Arthur, obnoxious odors may not be emitted while in an elevator. In Temple people may ride their horse in the saloon, and cattle thieves may be hanged on

Many, many more dumb laws in states and cities across the country may be viewed at DumbLaws.com.

A spin-off site, dumbfacts.com, can also be viewed

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Turley said it appears the low water call should have gone out about 6:50 a.m. It was about 7:20 a.m. when he restarted the pump.

Low water pressure at the Gray County Jail interrupted breakfast dish washing but Chief

Deputy Kelly Rushing said no major problems were created by the problem. Breakfast, he said, had been served at 6 a.m.

- "We'll keep a closer eye on it for the next few days," Turley said, adding that a similar situation, resulting from a computer malfunction, occurred about five or six years ago which sent water pressure down.

Submarine, transport ship collide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. submarine involved in the deadly collision with a Japanese trawler last year collided with an amphibious transport ship in the Arabian Sea.

No injuries were reported. The collision happened Sunday as the ships were preparing to transfer two sailors, Pentagon officials said Monday. It punctured the fuel tank of the amphibious transport dock ship USS Ogden and caused some damage to

the USS Greeneville, the officials said. The Greeneville collided with a Japanese fishing vessel off Hawaii on Feb. 9, 2001, killing nine people on the fishing boat. And on its first major deployment after that accident, the sub grounded while trying to enter the

Saipan seaport in rough seas in August. Initial reports from the scene of Sunday's accident said the Greeneville was on the surface about 40 miles off the coast of Oman in the Northern Arabian Sea.

"Both ships continue to operate safely," said Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke.

The vessels were operating in support of the war in Afghanistan, Clarke said. The submarine was to continue on its planned journey to the island of Diego Garcia and will receive an underwater assessment of its damage there,

"What went wrong, we don't know," Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at the Pentagon briefing.

The rear portions of the ships touched, he

Stufflebeem said the Ogden would remain on station in the northern Arabian Sea and repairs might be made at sea. Divers have gone over the side to assess the damage, he said.

As a precaution, the submarine remained on the surface while traveling to Diego Garcia, the

One Navy officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the weather conditions were described as windy at the time of the incident.

The collision occurred at 9:55 a.m. local time Sunday, said the officer.

At the time of the accident, two sailors from the sub were being transferred because of deaths in their families. They had been granted emergency leaves, the officer said.

The men were supposed to have been placed on a small boat from the Ogden and taken to the larger ship, but the transfer had not yet taken place at the time of the accident. Because of the collision, the transfer never took place.

Troops storm al-Qaida stronghold

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — With grenades and volleys of automatic fire, Afghan troops and U.S. soldiers wearing "I Love New York" buttons and Yankees caps stormed a hospital Monday and killed six al-Qaida fighters who had been holed up there for two months.

U.S. and Afghan troops surrounded Kandahar's Mir Wais Hospital before dawn and traded fire with the Arab fighters inside for hours until - just after the noon call to Islamic prayers - American troops barked," "Stand clear!" and they and the Afghans hurled

grenades through the hospital windows to launch a final assault.

A series of 20 explosions sent out showers of glass from the hospital, already burning from the morning's fighting, and the pop-pops of pistol shots and rattle of automatic weapons fire followed as troops went in.

Afghan and American forces said all six Arabs holed up in a second-floor ward were killed. There were no American deaths or injuries, and none of the Afghans fighting alongside were killed. Some injured Afghan fight-

ers were treated at the U.S. military base in Kandahar, said Maj. Mike Gibler, an operations officer for the 101st Airborne Division.

"These Arabs fought to the death," said a U.S. soldier, who identified himself as Maj. Chris. He described the battle as "a very hard gunfight."

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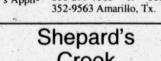
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Horoscope TUESDAY, JAN. 29, 2002

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) that a discussion with a mate or business Listen carefully to an older relative. 'associate helps you verbalize more of Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. what you need. The unexpected occurs LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

home

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) * * * You might not agree with does you a favor by shaking up the status on a work project. Don't toss your hands someone, but expressing your thoughts quo. Tonight: Follow your pals. diplomatically can make all the differ- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

with a friend. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Work with a change in procedure. loved one. Tonight: Out late. Reorganize and follow through on prior- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ities. A partner does the unexpected. * * * Express your views and detach philosopher Thomas Paine (1737) Work with someone carefully. Share from any petty actions or thoughts. By

figure. Tonight: Pay bills.

or come by in person.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) 4-Positive; *** Use your creativity. The unex- yourself. pected runs high within a situation. Your CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** A minor brouhaha between fiery response lands you exactly where friends could upset the apple cart at you want to be. Allow your sunny side to work. Your efforts to negotiate a truce or emerge when dealing with a friend.

a peace agreement pay off. Though on Tonight: Whatever makes you happy. some level you might think this incident VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) is very funny, you must keep a straight ** Take your time when making deciface. Tonight: Make nice with a loved sions. You have more will and strength than it appears. If someone pushes you, it's OK, because you're capable of ** Basics do count. You discover reversing your tune when you're ready.

with a boss. Deal with this person hands *** Don't allow others to distract on. Don't back off. Let this person know you from a prime objective. Someone you mean what you say. Tonight: At opens a door that you refuse to see. That is OK, but recognize that you will gain through a broad-minded view, Someone

ence in how your ideas are received. *** Others demand, and you a boss or higher-up. A family member or Carefully set your limits when someone respond. You assume responsibility like roommate could be in a sour mood. Buy pushes you hard. Let this person see your few can. You often function as the office a card for this person. Tonight: Take a strong constitution. Tonight: Catch up anchor. Unexpected activity from a fam- walk after dinner. ily member or involving a domestic matter distracts you. Ask for help from a BORN TODAY

tuning into your higher self, you get

your vision with someone. Reveal more results and calm down an excited comof your thoughts with a boss or authority panion or co-worker. Don't believe everything you hear. Establish stronger limits with associates. Tonight: Enjoy

sense of direction must be emphasized in *** Deal with others on a one-onlong-term goals and friendships. Your one level. You might not be content with news that comes your way. You can't by Mona, fresh, salt fish, change it either. Dig into work with an sm. animals, supplies. In-

> or at your workplace. Consider a homebased business. Tonight: Talk to a loved

eye to potential change in your lifestyle

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) * * * Defer to someone, even though you might want to rebel or toss everything that is in your way. You might have a difficult time with communication, especially with a child or a loved one. Listen to a friend who tosses another perspective. Choose your words. Tonight:

Go along with a friend's ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

* * You could spend much more time in the air in frustration. Stick to it, especially since you made an agreement with

Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey (1954),

actor W.C. Fields (1880), political

is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

EHNUUGZU WNR ZTA EHGZU VNMMGZPBB, EKA ZT VNFGZU YNKUVA CGBV, UTPB VTWP AVHTKUV

Saturday's Cryptoquote: IT IS EASIER TO FORGIVE AN ENEMY THAN TO FORGIVE A FRIEND. — WILLIAM BLAKE

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DEAR ABBY written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

ABBY - MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002

Sister of Homeless Man Appeals for Compassion

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have a brother, "Stan," who has been homeless for a decade. Stan is borderline schizophrenic. He goes through periods when he hears voices, believes things to be true that aren't, and does not keep himself clean. He has always had trouble dealing with

Although I am younger than Stan, I have taken on the responsi-bility of sending him money, getting him out of trouble, etc. He is often unappreciative, but I realize his problems are beyond his control.

Every day I thank my lucky stars that I am mentally healthy and can get up every morning with the resolve to work and enjoy my life and relationships with people.

I'm writing because I often hear others make comments about "the homeless" - that they are lazy, drunk, etc. People don't realize that while they're airing their distorted views, a relative of a homeless person could be in their presence.

I have struggled with Stan's mental illness and the problems it causes him, trying to get him proper treatment and shelter. For people to imply that I should tell him to get a job conveys nothing but ignorance. Homeless people have a disability that is not visible.

So why do people persist in believing the homeless choose their fate? Because it means they don't have to feel compassion or try to help. Please print this so people will open their minds before making insensitive, ignorant, black-andwhite statements.

SISTER WHO CARES IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SISTER: I'm not sure that I agree with your conclusion that people persist in believing the homeless choose their fate so they won't have to feel compassion or try to help.

I think there is an element of fear when we are confronted by the homeless. Some of them are so ill, talking to people who aren't there, that there is a fear they might become violent.

Also, many people live from

paycheck to paycheck. In other words, they're only a paycheck away from being homeless themselves. And that in itself is so frightening that people want to distance themselves so they won't have to think about that

terrifying reality.

DEAR ABBY: I have been friendly with "Janet," my neighbor, for 12 years. When my daughter "Heather" turned 19, she moved out. Heather, who is irresponsible and immature, then went behind my back and asked Janet to co-sign for an apartment for her and one of her girlfriends. Without consulting me, Janet agreed.

Well, Heather and her friend got evicted, owing their landlord \$2,400. Janet called me and told me I should pay her for Heather's portion of the rent. I told her, "Sorry, I can't help you." Janet became very upset and now refuses to have anything to do with me.

Heather enlisted in the Army and is out of the country. Janet still calls and threatens me. I feel bad about this because she was a good friend. What do I do?

A MOTHER IN FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR MOTHER: Do nothing. Janet made a bad business decision that has nothing to do with you. Also, Janet is not your friend. She conspired with your child to undermine your authority as a parent. She has learned an expensive lesson the hard way. Now please stop grieving for her.

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CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH **ACROSS** 39 Packing

1 Reach string 40 Computer across 5 Old poets key 10 Like bulls 41 Forest and rams unit

11 Warns 13 Largest 1 Big hit continent 14 Clean a

2 Noodles 3 Assumed spill 15 Catch off name guard beverage

17 Nabokov 5 One who novel 18 Oncewails famous 6 UFO occupant person 7 Agent, for 19 About half short of the 8 "You population wish!" 9 School

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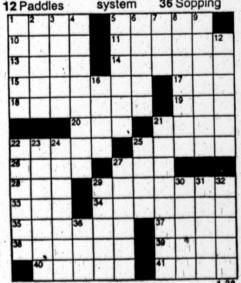
ating defeat 35 Pinhead 37 Friend to Françoise 38 Allergy symptom



Saturday's answer 4 Prohibition 16 Blue hue 25 Role 21 Show with 27 Gangster's rabbits

> and rings 29 Grab 22 "- Run" (1976 30 Knight movie) wear 23 John 31 French river Lennon 32 Garbo, song for

24 Our cne attendee number 36 Sopping system



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STOCKED SON That's his way of telling you he

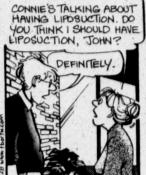
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The Family Circus

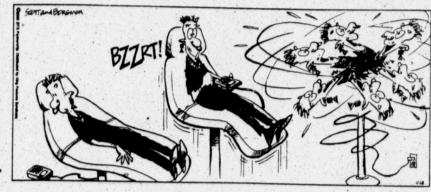
"Why does Billy keep salutin' me?

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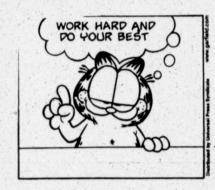








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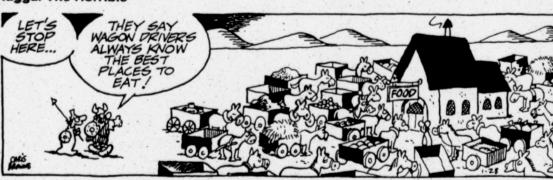


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