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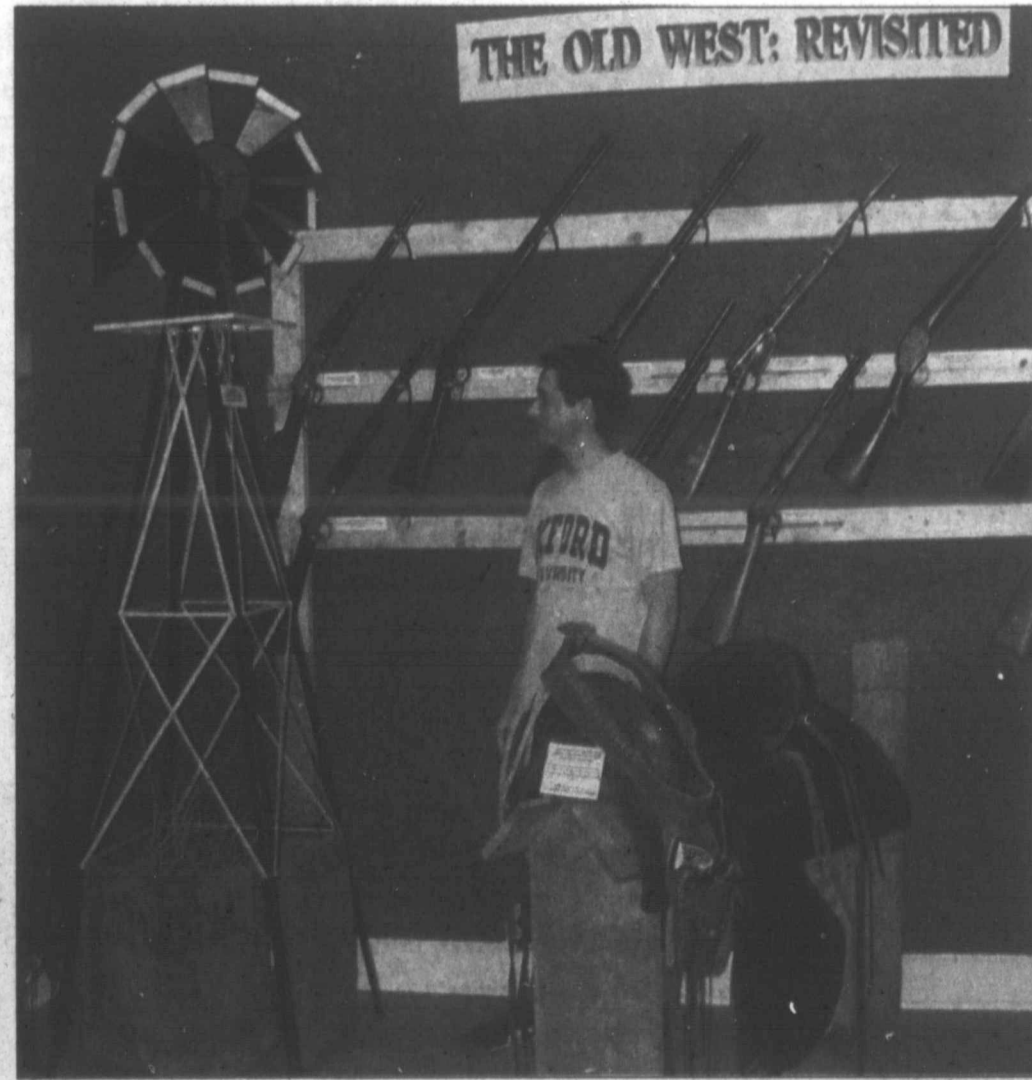
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Into the past



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

Deborah Chambers, left top, of White Deer Land Museum, and Liz Martin check to see if an antique stethoscope still works in the re-creation of a doctor's office from the early days of Gray County. Nathanael Hill, below, of Pampa examines a windmill at the "Old West: Revisited" exhibit at White Deer Land Museum. The windmill is on loan to the museum from the Pampa Gebo's store. The exhibit will be open through the summer, and includes items dating back to the early days of Gray County.



Relay for Life hero fought brain tumor

This year's Relay for Life Hero is Taylor Ann Smith.

Taylor, 9, recently completed the fourth grade at Austin Elementary.

In January of 2005 Taylor was diagnosed with a brain tumor after experiencing severe migraines and nausea for several weeks.

An MRI discovered a mass at the top of the brain stem on her cerebellum. The first diagnosis was a tumor where typically the patient had a 32 percent chance of survival.

Taylor's devastated family sought a second opinion at M.D. Anderson in Houston, where a diagnosis gave them more hope that the tumor would be benign and surgery might be the cure.

There were no guarantees until the surgery was complete.

After much prayer and a 7 1/2-hour surgery it was found that the tumor was a Juvenile Polycystic Astrocytoma.

JPA is a common type of tumor found in children, and those diagnosed with it usually have life altering disabilities caused by the surgery.

Taylor's family was told that she might have trouble with her speech, her motor skills, her sight and numerous other problems.



Smith

Taylor left the hospital in a wheelchair but was walking on her own in no time.

Taylor is doing well now and recently underwent an eye surgery to correct a fourth optic nerve palsy that was caused by her original surgery.

She enjoys playing basketball, tap, ballet jazz, singing, playing the guitar and being with her friends.

She is the daughter of Stuart and Kristi Smith and the sister of Hunter Smith.

Taylor will be at the Relay for Life event at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Recreation Park.

For more information on Relay for Life or the American Cancer Society, call Pam Dalton at 665-0356.

Hundreds expected for birthday party

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

LEFORS -- Eudell's having a few friends over for a birthday party this weekend.

Eudell Gifford is turning 75, and if this year's birthday party is anything like last year's, there will be several hundred people from half a dozen states lined up outside the Pickin' Shack, Gifford's gift to the Texas Panhandle.

The fish fry Friday night and the barbecue Saturday night will be outclassed only by the bluegrass music on the evening air.

Gifford and his bride Mary Ann settled in Lefors in 1965. Friends would stop by with their guitars and mandolins and banjos and jam session would erupt spontaneously in the living room or garage.

As the crowd of friends became larger and more frequent, Gifford bought a shotgun shack and turned it into what has become known today as the Pickin' Shack, a Panhandle institution.

When the original Pickin' Shack was blown away by a tornado in 1975, Gifford



Gifford

bought a house in Skellytown and moved it to Lefors. It cost \$500 for the building and another \$500 to move it.

"It took forever to get it plumbed," Gifford said.

It became the place for bluegrass music in the Texas Panhandle. There was so much interest in the Friday

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

**GRIFFIN, Jesse Dewaine** — 2 p.m., Grace Fellowship Church, Borger.

**Vince Ray Marker, 76**

ROGERS, Ark. — Vince Ray Marker, 76, of Rogers, died Saturday, June 17, 2006

at his home. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Stockdale Funeral Services.

Mr. Marker was born March 11, 1930, in Headon, Okla., to Lillie M. McClellan and Luther Marker. He was an instrument technician in the oil industry and was a Christian. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. He married Edna E. Aven in 1955. She preceded him in death in 1980. He moved from Pampa to

northwest Arkansas and lived there until his death.

Survivors include two daughters, Sheri Jarvis of Rogers and Edna Ray Thompson of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Teresa Neal of Pampa; a sister, Ruby Stracener of Rogers; one grandchild; and five step-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Ark. 72762.

**Winfred Wilson 'Winnie' Wells, 92**

DALLAS, Texas — Winfred Wilson "Winnie" Wells, 92, died June 22, 2006, at Dallas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Wells was born Feb. 16, 1914, in Mexia, Texas. He graduated from Sudan High School in Sudan, Texas, and graduated from business college in Fort Worth. He married Helen Lemons on Nov. 19, 1938, in Amarillo.

After living in Amarillo and White Deer, he and his family moved to Pampa in 1955. He and his wife owned and operated Hi-Land Fashions from 1955 until his retirement in 1980. During his retirement, he

and his wife lived for 12 years in Palo Mesa and Fallbrook, Calif. In 1999, Mr. Wells and his wife moved to Dallas.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa and was a member of the Pampa Noon Lions Club. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving in the Admiralty Islands in the Pacific.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Wells, of the home; two daughters, Judy Chisholm of Dallas and Jane McDaniel and husband David of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Kyle Abraham and wife Elizabeth of Lubbock, Ashley Hood and husband Doug of Dallas,

Curtis McDaniel and Gregory McDaniel, both of Austin; and four great-grandchildren, Elliot Abraham and Katherine Abraham, both of Lubbock, Phillip Hood and Helen Hood, both of Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six sisters; and one brother.

The family requests memorials be to Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109, or the Faith Hospice, 6100 Colwell Blvd., Suite 225, Irving, TX 75039.

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Emergency Services

**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Ten traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1100 block of Duncan, the intersection of Hobart and Rham streets, and the 1000 block of South Banks.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 100 block of South Nelson and the 600 block of West Brown.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 200 block of South Hobart.

Animal complaints were received from the 1200 block of Duncan, the 600 block of Magnolia, and the intersection of Browning and Warren streets.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 800 block of North Gray and the 800 block of East Francis.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson, the 100 block of West Albert, and the 900 block of South Banks.

A civil matter was reported in the 2200 block of Dogwood.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1400 block of Coronado Drive

and Highway 60 East.

A prowler was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 2200 block of Dogwood.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 500 block of West Crawford.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Navajo.

Assault was reported in the 700 block of East Scott.

One open door was checked.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 800 block of South Faulkner.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at Ma's Auto Sales, Towing and Recovery, 210 E. Brown. A Kawasaki motorcycle valued at \$600 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Terry Road and the 400 block of North Starkweather.

Theft of services was reported in the police department lobby.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of West Foster.

**Sheriff**

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

**Sewing Guild to host artist Suzy Seed**

The American Sewing Guild will host artist Suzy Seed at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Southwest Branch Library, 6801 SW 45th Ave. in

**Wednesday, June 21**

Rowdy L. Spurgeon, 34, of La Junta, Colo., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a Randall County warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Dirk T. Gellert, 41, of Longview was arrested by GCSO for forgery of a financial instrument and a bond surrender for theft by check.

**Thursday, June 22**

Rod Lamont Donnell, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of East Tyng by Pampa Police Department on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Jerwoody Moler, 23, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for non-payment of fine and court costs for public intoxication, and bond surrenders for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, assaulting a public servant and escape from custody.

**Fire**

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

**Wednesday, June 21**

12:45 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma on a carbon monoxide check.

1:10 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 500 block of Faulkner on a Dumpster fire.

**Sewing Guild to host artist Suzy Seed**

Amarillo. In addition to fitting art to wear tips and techniques, a trunk show will be presented. There is no charge.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	4.33
Milo	3.21
Corn	4.10
Soybeans	4.68

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	94.60 +0.75
BP PLC ADR	66.74 -0.27
Cabot Corp	32.47 -0.05
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## 'Ancient Southwest' author to sign books in Panhandle

PANHANDLE — Carson County Square House Museum of Panhandle has announced a book signing with Michael H. Price, former city editor of the Amarillo Globe-News and author of "The Ancient Southwest."

Price, a historian and illustrator, will be at the museum at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

"The Square House Museum has remained a favorite place with me since long before its development as a museum," Price said. "So the Square House makes an ideal place for a book launching appearance."

"The Ancient Southwest" is a collection of educational comic strips focusing on the prehistory and early-day settlement of the Panhandle-Plains region of Texas.

Price is currently an editor and columnist with the Business Press of Fort Worth.

He grew up in the Panhandle area and says he is fascinated with early-day build-

ings. As a reporter and editor in Amarillo in the 1960s and 1970s, Price helped cover the preservation and development of the Square House.

"The Ancient Southwest & Other Dispatches from a Cruel Frontier" contains the complete restoration of a comic strip called "The Ancient Southwest," created in the early 1950s by Price's mentor, the late George E. Turner.

It depicts the early primitive marine life, dinosaurs and early mammals of the area before the arrival of humans. The book also contains a complete restoration of Turner's "The Palo Duro Story," a later comic strip that relates the expeditions of Spanish conquistadors into North America.

Neither strip has been published since their original newspaper appearances in 1951-52.

## Senate snubs Democrats' calls to withdraw troops from Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The GOP-controlled Senate today rejected Democratic calls to start withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq by year's end, as the two parties sought to define their election-year positions on a war that has grown increasingly unpopular.

"Withdrawal is not an option. Surrender is not a solution," declared Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee, who characterized Democrats as defeatists wanting to abandon Iraq before the mission is complete.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada, in turn, portrayed Republican leaders as blindly following President Bush's "failed" stay-the-course strategy. "It is long past time to change course in Iraq and start to end the president's open-ended commitment," he said.

In an 86-13 vote, the Senate turned back a proposal from some Democrats that would require the administration to withdraw all combat troops from Iraq by July 1, 2007, with redeployments beginning this year.

Minutes later, the Senate rejected by 60-39 the proposal more popular with Democrats, a nonbinding resolution that would call for the administration to begin withdrawing troops, but with no timetable for the war's end.

The votes come a week after both houses of Congress soundly rejected withdrawal timetables for the 127,000 troops in Iraq and as polls show voters are weary about the war in its fourth year.

Republicans argued the United States

must stay put to help the fledgling Iraqi government, while Democrats demanded that the Bush administration make clear that American forces won't be in Iraq forever.

"We must give them that support and not send a signal that we're going to pull possibly the rug out from under them," Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said.

"The United States, with our Iraqi partners, has the responsibility to see this through," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., added.

But Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., said: "It is time to tell the Iraqis that we have done what we can do militarily."

"Maintaining the status quo is a recipe for continuing instability and failure," Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said.

Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill have staged bitter partisan debates on Iraq for two weeks, with both sides maneuvering for the political upper-hand in a midterm election year.

This week, Senate Republicans welcomed the Democratic-engineered debate because it highlighted divisions in the Democratic Party, little more than four months before Election Day and as the GOP is trying to overcome polls showing the public favors a power shift in Congress to Democrats.

Democrats, for their part, tried to deflect attention from differences in their party on Iraq, even though the debate was over two separate Democratic proposals on the fate of U.S. troops.

## Gifford

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night jam sessions that people began bringing covered dishes, and Gifford had to add on a large room on the side to the house to accommodate everybody.

The ceiling of the old house is covered with the signatures of visitors over the years. They range from itinerant newspaper reporters to Arlo Guthrie.

"He was a picker," Gifford said of Guthrie.

Perhaps best known for his song "Alice's Restaurant" and movie of the same name, Arlo Guthrie is the son of folk music legend Woody Guthrie, who began his

musical career 15 miles up the road in Pampa in the 1930s.

Originally from Comanche County, Okla., Gifford moved to the Texas Panhandle with his family as a child during World War II, when his father went to work at the carbon black plant in Borger. Gifford and his brother Melvin rode atop the furniture piled on the back of a truck.

"We got pretty sun-burned," Gifford grinned.

Growing up south of Borger, Gifford and his brother worked at a dairy. It was at the dairy, in an old bunkhouse, that Gifford found a dusty guitar and began a life-long love of music.

"Both my parents were musicians," Gifford said.

His parents taught him how to play the stringed instrument, but it wasn't until he joined the Navy when he was 17 that his musical talents flourished.

"There was always someone with a guitar," Gifford said.

By the time he got out of the Navy, he was writing songs and went to Nashville. There he met a man named Fred Rose, who was a partner with country music legend Roy Acuff in Acuff-Rose Music.

Rose showed an interest in Gifford's musical abilities and asked Gifford to record some songs and send them to him, but by the time Gifford got back home, got a tape recorder and recorded his songs, Rose had died.

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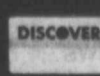
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# Viewpoints

## Land of Enchantment to host intertribal event

Is "Ugh" really the universal greeting of the American Indian? I really don't think so, but I must confess, and it's sad to say, that I know very little about Native Americans or Native American customs. And either my great- or my great-great-grandmother on my mother's side of the generational tree was a full-blood Native American.

Thousands-upon-thousands of Americans, I am

sure, share similar family histories. Trace yours. Do you have a drop, or more than a drop, of Native American in you?

If you do, or even if you don't, you might be interested in a pow-wow over in the "Land of Enchantment." The 85th Annual Intertribal Indian Ceremonial is planned July 26-30 at Gallup, N.M.

The following is an excerpt from a press release

provided by the Tourism Department of the State of New Mexico, better known as the Land of Enchantment:

**Skyla Bryant**

News Editor

"The Intertribal Indian Ceremonial includes Indian art sales and exhibits, rug auctions, livestock show, contest pow-wow and Indian Art Village. The indoor and outdoor mar-

ketplace and the ceremonial showroom present the country's most complete and varied displays of genuine Indian fine arts. There is also a hands-on activities center and educational programs, as well as stalls selling Indian food.

"The annual Intertribal

Indian Ceremonial gives New Mexicans and their visitors an experience with family and friends found nowhere else," said Michael Cerletti, secretary of the Tourism Department, "It is a highlight of New Mexico's annual calendar of events, one not to be missed.

"The Ceremonial represents what it means to be a Native American," Secretary Cerletti said, "and it's a cultural experience cherished

and treasured by its many visitors."

If you have access to a computer, you can go online to [www.snowowl.com/pwlinks2.html](http://www.snowowl.com/pwlinks2.html) and access a Native American Events Calendar, or go to your favorite search engine and do a search for the New Mexico Department of Tourism to find out more about this and future pow-wows.



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 22, the 173rd day of 2006. There are 192 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 22, 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa officially ended; 12,520 Americans and 110,000 Japanese were killed in the nearly three-month campaign.

On this date:

In 1611, English explorer Henry Hudson, his son and several other people were set adrift in present-day Hudson Bay by mutineers.

In 1870, Congress created the Department of Justice.

In 1906, writer-director-producer Billy Wilder was born.

In 1911, Britain's King George V was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

In 1938, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round of their rematch at Yankee Stadium.

In 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler

gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris.

In 1944, President Roosevelt signed the Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the GI Bill of Rights.

In 1969, singer-actress Judy Garland died in London at age 47.

In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure lowering the voting age to 18.

In 1993, former first lady Pat Nixon died in Park Ridge, N.J., at age 81.

Ten years ago: At their first summit in six years, Arab leaders meeting in Cairo, Egypt, urged Israel to prove its commitment to peace by resuming negotiations without delay.

Five years ago: The British government announced that Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, who were 10 years old when they kidnapped and killed toddler James Bulger, had been granted parole. Striking Comair pilots ratified a new contract, ending a three-month strike.

One year ago: An American U-2 spy plane crashed while returning to its base in the United Arab Emirates, killing the pilot after a mission in support of U.S. troops in Afghanistan. Federal drug agents launched a wide-ranging crackdown on medical marijuana providers in northern California.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ralph Waite is 78. Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 70. CBS News correspondent Ed Bradley is 65. Actor Michael Lerner is 65. Fox News correspondent Brit Hume is 63. Actor Klaus Maria Brandauer is 62. Singer Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon) is 62. Actor Andrew Rubin is 60. Actor David L. Lander is 59. Singer Howard "Eddie" Kaylan is 59. Singer-musician Todd Rundgren is 58. Actress Meryl Streep is 57. Actress Lindsay Wagner is 57. Singer Alan Osmond is 57. Actor Murphy Cross is 56. Actor Graham Greene is 54. Pop singer Cyndi Lauper is 53. Actor Chris Lemmon is 52. Actor Tim Russ is 50. Rock musician Garry Beers (INXS) is 49. Actor-producer-writer Bruce Campbell is 48. Rock musician Alan Anton (Cowboy Junkies) is 47. Actress Tracy Pollan is 46. Rock singer-musician Jimmy Somerville is 45. Rock singer-musician Mike Edwards (Jesus Jones) is 42. Actress Amy Brenneman is 42. Actress Paula Irvine is 38.



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## Manipulating the all powerful Clipboard

Ever wanted to move or copy information from one application to another? How about copying a document's contents into an e-mail message? Sure beats typing it all over again. Well, you can do that, and much more using one of the most powerful and least used features of the Windows Operating System: the Clipboard.

Think of the Clipboard as a "temporary storage place for information." It can only hold one thing at a time, but it will hold it until it is replaced by something else. Any type of information can be stored there, from a single book title to an entire sonnet from Shakespeare. Pictures and other multimedia bits of data can also be stored. Once you learn a few Clipboard tricks, you'll wonder how you survived without it.

The Clipboard is available to every program in Windows. Word Processors, Spreadsheets, Databases, and even Web Browsers all

benefit from its many features.

Here's how: First, decide whether you will be "moving" or "copying" the information. Then, decide which method of moving or copying you will employ. Four basic methods exist. I'll go over all four, but you will probably only use two or three on a day-to-day basis.

To move information, highlight it first. In other words, if it is text, position the cursor before the first letter of the word or phrase you want to select, hold down your mouse button and, while continuing to hold it down, drag the mouse until all of the text you want to move is highlighted.

For graphics, just click once anywhere on it. Then, take your mouse pointer up

to the menu bar and choose "Edit." You'll see quite a few options. To move the information, choose "Cut." The text will disappear, but don't worry, you didn't delete it. It is on the Clipboard.

Next, position your cursor wherever you want the text to be moved (either in the same document or in another program), pull down the "Edit" menu, and choose "Paste." The text will magically appear. Congratulations, you have just performed a "Cut and Paste!"

To copy the information, simply choose "Copy" instead of "Cut" from the "Edit" menu.

The second technique involves the toolbar (you know, that row of buttons under the Menu bar.) You'll notice one of them looks like

a pair of scissors. That's "Cut." The other resembles two sheets of paper stacked on top of each other. That's "Copy." The button with a Clipboard picture on it is "Paste." Using the toolbar rather than the "Edit" menu will save you a couple of mouse clicks.

The third method uses your right mouse button. Select the text or graphic you want to cut or paste. Position your pointer over the selected data and hit your right mouse button. A context sensitive menu will appear, giving you the option of cutting, copying, or pasting.

Finally, the fourth method, at least in my opinion, is the easiest of all. It involves "keyboard shortcuts." Select the data. To "Cut" the data, hit CTRL-X. In other words, while holding down the CTRL key on your keyboard, tap the "X" key. To copy, hit CTRL-C.

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**Eric Spellmann**  
Columnist



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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 12

Austin American-Statesman on U.S. flag burning:

With Flag Day approaching in two days, legislators and citizens alike continue to debate how the flag should be respected.

An amendment to ban flag desecration, which is scheduled for a vote in the U.S. Senate in two weeks, claims to respect the flag by criminalizing its desecration. But the right way to respect the flag is by upholding the values it represents: those of democracy and freedom.

Freedom of speech is at the very core of America's values. It is what our founding fathers envisioned as they

struggled to write our Constitution. It is what sets our Constitution apart. We have enshrined free speech as a top priority in our Constitution as the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights.

So why are we trying to curtail it? Political expediency? Please, not at the cost of our most valued freedom.

The amendment says: "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech." It says there shall be "no law" at all, not even one that prohibits the burning of our flag. To add the flag desecration amendment to the Constitution makes the document contradictory.

Our First Amendment clearly says Congress cannot abridge freedom of speech. But an amendment banning flag burning does just that, essentially setting fire to an important part of the Constitution.

We hold our Constitution in the highest regard, and citizens of this country have been willing to fight to preserve it. It is amended rarely, only 27 times in 217 years.

What is the crisis necessitating the flag desecration amendment? Does the mere act of burning a flag put our democracy at risk?

Yes, the flag should be treated with respect as a symbol of this nation's sovereignty, but defiling it does not weaken the nation.

This amendment should not be enshrined in a Constitution that preserves the nation and the rights of its citizens.

On Wednesday, as Americans remember the flag as a physical representation of this country's values, it is equally important to celebrate what those values are.

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I just read the letter from "Pete and Repeat in Ohio" whose in-laws constantly repeat themselves. My mother-in-law does the same thing. She's 61 and has done it for at least 10 years. I do not believe it's a sign of early dementia, but it drives me crazy. I think the reason is she cannot stand silence. If there is a pause in the conversation, she is compelled to fill it with endless drivel about herself or family that's been told 100 times before. Because she doesn't seem to notice or care if the person she is with is an active listener, I have finally learned to turn a deaf ear, say "uh-huh" at the appropriate times and focus on her better qualities, as my husband and father-in-law have done for years. — **NO LONGER LISTENING IN COLORADO**

**DEAR NO LONGER LISTENING:** That letter brought some thought-provoking feedback. Not everyone agreed with me that the woman's problem could be early dementia. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I have another thought. Perhaps the in-laws were trying to elicit an acknowledgment of what they were saying, so they kept saying it, thinking it wasn't sinking in. I find myself doing the same thing when it appears my daughter isn't listening or hasn't reacted to something I have said — particularly if it's something important to me. — **ANNIE IN ORTONVILLE, MICH.**

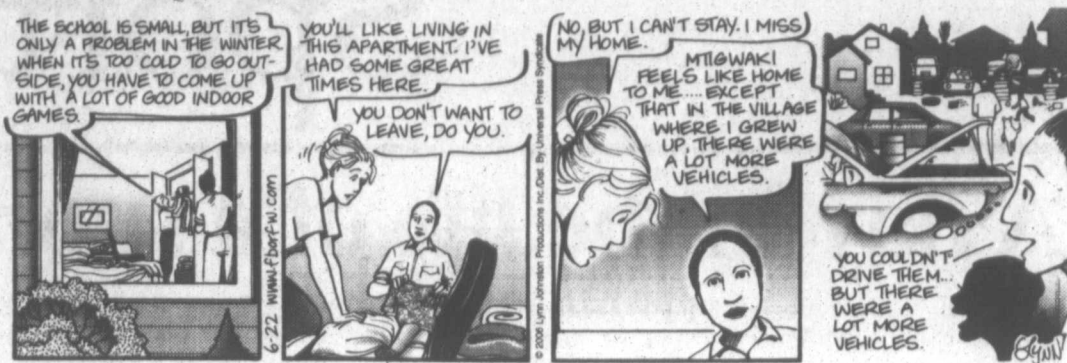
**DEAR ABBY:** I'm only in my 30s, and I sometimes have the habit of repeating myself. I do it when I feel the person I am speaking to is blowing me off, patronizing me, misunderstanding me or not acknowledging me. "Pete and Repeat" should try the following before sending the older folks to a doctor or deciding they have dementia: When Mom and Pop repeat themselves, look them straight in the eye,

and gently and sincerely acknowledge the message. Example: Say, "Mom, thank you for telling us about the surprise! You always plan such great gifts, we can't wait to see what it is." They should teach their children to do the same. "Pete and Repeat" may think they are acknowledging their parents by telling them they already heard them eight times, but my guess is the parents are looking for a more positive form of affirmation. — **LAURIE IN LARAMIE, WYO.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband's mother was a wonderful mother-in-law, but she also told the same stories over and over. Finally, I started charging my husband a dollar for every time I had to listen to a story I already knew. This way I was more than polite to his mother — I was enthusiastic when she repeated herself, and I silently counted up my winnings. Maybe "Pete and Repeat" could promise their kids a quarter for every time the grandparents repeat themselves. I promise you, everybody's attitude will change for the better. — **MISSING MY M-I-L IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR ABBY:** Your advice to "Pete and Repeat" was right on. My mother-in-law started repeating herself more than 15 years ago, at the young age of 61. Her children wrote it off as "old age," but her daughters-in-law saw it as an early sign of dementia. Unfortunately, we were right. I hope "Pete and Repeat" won't put off encouraging her parents to visit their doctor. Medications can slow the onset of Alzheimer's disease. The sooner they know what's going on, the better they all can prepare for the future. — **LISA IN BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICH.**

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



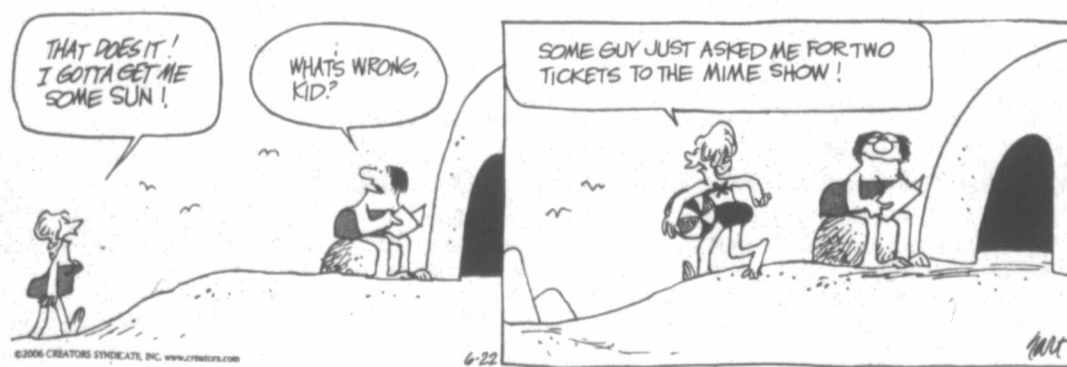
## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**  
 1 Makes a choice  
 5 Thrash  
 10 Saucy  
 11 "The Rescuers" mouse  
 12 Much of the globe  
 13 Took it easy  
 14 Contract oversight  
 16 Biggest part  
 20 News-group topic  
 23 Was a pioneer  
 24 Core  
 25 Queen's ship  
 27 Jackie's second  
 28 Begin to occur  
 29 Slot for a popular TV show  
 32 Shoe layer  
 36 Sock pattern  
 39 General Bradley  
 40 Humiliated  
 41 Israel's Golda  
 42 Aspirations  
 43 Some linemen
- DOWN**  
 1 Milky stone  
 2 Cuban coin  
 3 Jazz combo  
 4 Desk accessory  
 5 Playing area  
 6 Surgery tool  
 7 Colony member  
 8 Diamonds (SI.)  
 9 Young fellow  
 11 Expansive  
 15 Miami team  
 17 Lena of "Chocolat" out  
 18 Carson's successor  
 19 First place?  
 20 Yon thing  
 21 Roll-call answer  
 22 April weather  
 25 Baby bull shade  
 26 Impressive letter  
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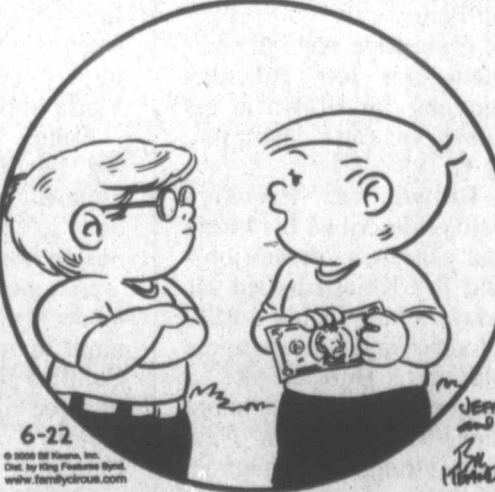
Yesterday's answer

## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



## Flo & Friends



# Sports Day

## A day in the life of a sports editor

A man walks into his favorite home town eatery. He finds an empty, well-worn stool at the counter and has a seat. His face rests

in his hands he lets out a sigh he thought only he could hear. "What's the matter?" asks the waitress as she lays out his place set-

ting. "Long day?" "No," replies the man. "I'm the sports editor for the local paper." He slowly raises his head from his hands, fixes his eyes on the waitress and asks, "I know you're not really a bartender, but...got a minute?" Without missing a beat, she fires back, "Honey, I ain't got that kind of time."

**Michael J. Stevens**  
Sports Editor

but I do try. Every one of those kids, boys and girls, deserves attention. Yet it seems the only time I hear from anyone is at the end of the season. Some good, some not so good. Wednesday was a mix of both.



Without going into detail, a simple phone call saved me from a great deal of heartache and misery Wednesday. At the same time, it filled me with resolve. It has been something of a struggle to secure information regarding POYC baseball and softball games over the past three seasons. For crying out loud, I learned only two days ago The Pampa News sponsors a softball team that — at that time — was undefeated. This has to improve. If I occupy this cubicle next season (I plan on winning the lottery), it will. To be more accurate, I will take the steps necessary to effect a change. Whether it works will be up to those other than myself. But the offer will be made.

Whew! Thanks for letting me clear my conscience. I do feel a little better. Now, can I get a piece of that peanut butter pie?

OK, it's not that bad — most of the time.

For the most part, I have the best job in town. The only time it seems particularly challenging to me is when school is out for the summer and anything remotely sports related is at a premium. I glanced through the Amarillo paper Monday and learned I am not the only one suffering from lack of local sports.

Sports camps and clinics. The skateboard ramps at Memorial Park. Fishing at Recreation Park. A golfer swinging a club anywhere. A blue jay chasing a squirrel. These are all fair game and worthy of my camera's lens.

Pampa Optimist Youth Club baseball is another. Due to timing, I am usually only able to get to the park near the end of the season,

### CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

## Cabot, DFB play for title tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

It all comes down to tonight. Cabot Corp. and Duncan, Frazer & Bridges Insurance will square off at Pampa Optimist Youth Club Park for the Cal Ripken 11-12 League city championship. Game time is 5:45 p.m. If DFB defeats Cabot, a second game will be played 30 minutes after the completion of the first.

Cabot enters the championship meeting undefeated in city tournament play this week. Duncan, Frazer & Bridges Insurance defeated Rotary Club Wednesday night to advance to the title round.

DFB and Cabot hooked up for an exciting game earlier in the week with Cabot coming from behind late to take a 9-6 win.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Panhandle Regional Transportation Advisory Group of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission will hold a series of public hearings on the following dates, times and locations to discuss public transportation and the development of a Regional Transportation Service Plan. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen's participation plan, the citizen's need of public transportation and the citizen's barriers to accessing public transportation. Citizens are encouraged to attend and to participate in the development of the Regional Transportation Service Plan and may send written comments and suggestions to Chris Coffman, Local Government Services Director at P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105 or email at [ccoffman@theprpc.org](mailto:ccoffman@theprpc.org) or call at 806-372-3381.

Please select a location that is nearest your residence and plan on attending.

Date/City	Name of Meeting Facility / Address of Facility
Tuesday, June 20 5:00 PM - Dalhart	Dalhart Senior Citizens Building 610 Denrock
7:30 PM - Dumas	Moore County Community Building 16th and Maddox
Wednesday, June 21 5:00 PM - Hereford	Hereford Community Center 100 Avenue C
7:30 PM - Tulia	Swisher County Memorial Building 126 S.W. Second St.
Thursday, June 22 7:00 PM - Childress	Childress Auditorium-Reunion Room 1000 N. Commerce
Monday, June 26 12:00 PM - Pampa	Chamber of Commerce 200 N. Ballard
5:00 PM - Miami	Roberts County Community Center 103 Main St.
7:30 PM - Perryton	Frank Phillips College, Allen Campus Conference Center 2314 S. Jefferson
Tuesday, June 27 7:00 PM - Amarillo	Panhandle Regional Planning Commission - Board Room 415 W. 8th Avenue

All the meeting facilities are ADA accessible. Individuals who require assistance, auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Chris Coffman at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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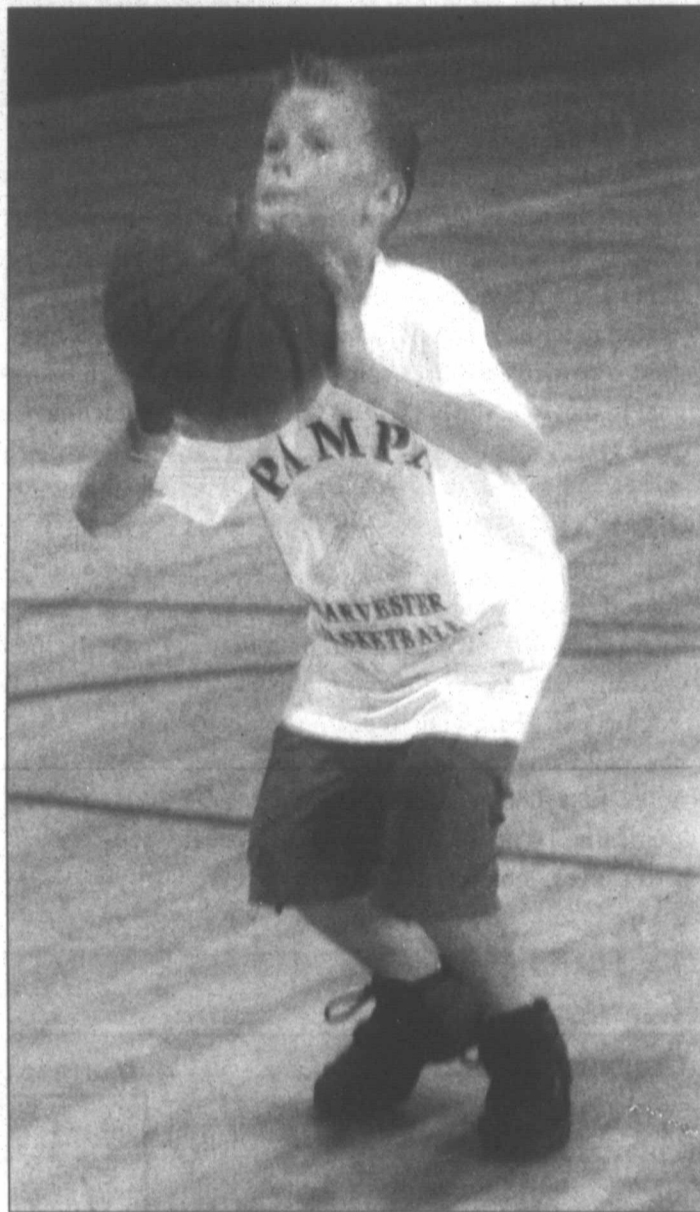
## Red, White & Gold scramble results

Red, White & Gold Scramble  
Hidden Hills Golf Course  
June 21, 2006

**1st Place** (63)  
Don Adams  
Larry Heard  
Duane Cash  
James Lee  
**2nd Place** (64)  
Jim Cantrell  
Gary Herr

**3rd Place** (65)  
Howard Wells  
Nathan Lancaster  
Harley Knutson  
Darrell Hinkle  
**4th Place** (65)  
Tom Lindsey  
Lucio Moreno  
Gabe Crossman  
**Closest to the Pin**  
Doug Reeves (#12)  
James Lee (#15)

### Cool shot



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Nine-year-old Blaze Sullivan zeroes in on the basket as he lets a free throw fly during coach Dustin Miller's basketball clinic at Pampa Junior High school earlier today. The soon-to-be Austin Elementary School 4th grader says Coach Miller's clinic is "cool." When asked what he wanted to be when he gets older, Sullivan said, "A pro football player." He added, "I'll play basketball too."

## Knicks fire Brown

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks put Larry Brown out of his coaching misery today, ending weeks of uncertainty by firing the Hall of Fame coach with four years and \$40 million left on his contract. President and general manager Isiah Thomas was named to replace Brown as coach.

In Brown's one season in New York, the Knicks stumbled to a 23-59 record — second worst in the NBA and matching the most losses in club history. But the postseason may have been even more difficult for Brown.

His coaching status had been in limbo for months, and reports surfaced in May that owner James Dolan was looking to buy out Brown's contract. It was at about that time that Brown called himself a "dead man walking" because of the uncertainty.

"No one in our organization is happy with last season and we all accept responsibility for our performance," Thomas said in a statement released by the Knicks. "This has been a difficult time for the entire organization and our fans."

"Larry Brown is a great coach, but for various reasons, bringing him to the Knicks did not turn out the way we had hoped and we wish him the best in the future."

Brown endured a miser-

able season with the Knicks, squabbling with star guard Stephon Marbury and other players and missing three games in April because of illness. He had only one worse season as a coach, when he went 21-61 with the San Antonio Spurs in 1988-89.

The Hall of Fame coach signed a five-year deal with the Knicks before last season worth a reported \$50 million.

A message seeking comment was left Thursday morning for Brown at his home in East Hampton, N.Y.

Brown, a Brooklyn native, described his hiring last year as a "dream job," and the Knicks hoped his homecoming would lead to a long-awaited return to the playoffs. But despite a league-high payroll of more than \$120 million, New York struggled throughout the season.

Thomas joined the Knicks as president and GM in December 2003. He was coach of the Indiana Pacers for three seasons through 2002-03, compiling a 131-115 record.

Brown coached the Detroit Pistons to the NBA title in the 2003-04 season. He missed 17 games the following year with the Pistons because of hip replacement surgery. That led to a bladder problem that required surgery.

## CWS: OSU forces elimination game

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Jay Cox's powerful bat put North Carolina in position to play for its first College World Series title.

Daniel Turpen's surprising performance on the mound allowed Oregon State to cling to its championship hopes.

Cox homered twice and made a great catch in the ninth inning to help North Carolina move to the best-of-three final with a 6-5 victory over Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday night. The Tar Heels (53-13) will play Oregon State or Rice in the championship series that begins Saturday.

"It's obviously exciting to think about and say the words that we're playing for a national championship," said North Carolina coach Mike Fox, whose program had lost six of eight games in four previous CWS appearances.

The Tar Heels will have to wait a bit before finding out who their opponent will be.

Turpen, who made only

11 previous appearances, started for the first time in nearly two months and combined with Joe Paterson on a five-hitter in a 5-0 victory over Rice.

"We were on our last leg, and we asked Turp to get out there and give us a good start, to give us the distance he could go: three, four, two, five, whatever it was, and we'd clean up whatever we had to do," Beavers coach Pat Casey said.

"Boy, he pitched a heck of a ballgame against a very good club, and we scored enough runs to take the pressure off of him. And then, Joe Pa came in and did a great job."

The Beavers (47-15) forced another game against the Owls (57-12), with the winner of Thursday night's matchup advancing to the championship series.

Turpen (3-0) gave the Beavers their third straight impressive start when facing elimination.

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## Summer Reading Program



The Summer Reading Program at Pampa's Lovett Memorial Library is currently in full swing. The program will continue through July 19 and includes weekly reading activities and events. Jo Sikes, director of the program, is seen here reading to a group of participants recently. More than 180 kids are presently enrolled in the free program. To find out the deadline for enrollment or for more information, contact the library at 669-5780 or log onto [www.lovettlibrary.org/page4.htm](http://www.lovettlibrary.org/page4.htm) on the Internet.

### Clip

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To paste, use CTRL-V. I use this method more than all the others because it doesn't require my hands to leave the keyboard to use the mouse. I can more quickly move data around using that technique.

The Windows Clipboard is incredibly useful. Practice what you've read here, and before long, you'll wonder how you lived without it.

Free Newsletter

On another note, every day I receive e-mail messages from readers asking for copies of previous columns. While I'm happy to oblige, I remind them of my free e-mail newsletter. Twice a month, I send out the previous weeks' columns and the complete transcripts of my television segments (in case you missed one). Included are links to my "sites of the week," and some computer shortcuts that will shave hours off of your next project. To sign up (all I need is your e-mail address), go to <http://www.EricSpellmann.com>.

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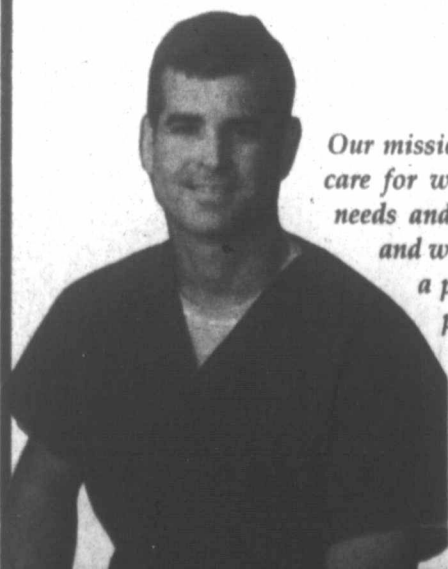
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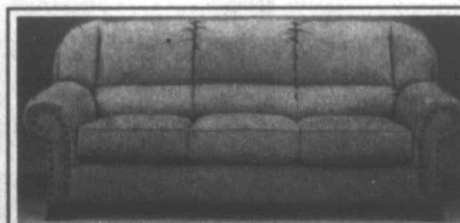
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