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## Good Evening!

### LOCAL

**PAMPA** — The Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will present a teleconference Saturday entitled "Today's Symptom Control ... Tomorrow's New Treatments" at sites convenient to the chapter area: Amarillo, Dalhart and Pampa; Guymon, Okla.; and Clovis, N.M.

The program in Pampa will be held from 1-2:45 p.m. at the Panhandle Health Services, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., Suite 101. Participants should be seated before 1 p.m.

There is no fee for this two-hour program, which will include a short video followed by a question and answer session by speaker phone from every group participating.

The Pampa Chapter will be having a meeting in conjunction with the teleconference, and nurses from Panhandle Health Services will be on hand to answer questions from audience members.

The Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo is sponsoring the conference.

For more information and registration, call Anna Lee at 665-2218 or Fredricka Gens at (806) 372-4429 or 1-800-344-4867.

**PAMPA** — Tralee Crisis Center will be having a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at the old Clement's Flowers building, 308 S. Cuyler. Proceeds will benefit the Tralee programs and services.

Donations of items for the sale will be accepted at the location, called Tralee Treasures. The center will be having the garage sale every Friday.

### NATION

**PROVO, Utah (AP)** — A feminist housewife who wrote about a divine mother in heaven and challenged the notion that Jesus would not allow the Mormon Church to be led astray says she has been excommunicated.

Janice Allred said the action was taken late Tuesday after a five-hour hearing before a disciplinary council headed by Bishop Robert Hammond, the lay leader of her congregation.

Hammond declined to comment. Spokesmen at church headquarters in Salt Lake City routinely refuse to comment on such cases, saying they are local matters.

Including Allred, at least eight high-profile feminists and academics have been excommunicated in the last two years on grounds of apostasy or public criticism of leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The nation's mail carriers will be collecting food for the hungry on Saturday.

The annual drive is being conducted by 1,130 branches of the National Association of Letter Carriers. Union officials hope to collect more than 32 million pounds of donations.

Carriers are asking people to leave cans and boxes of nonperishable food near their mailboxes on Saturday. It will be collected by mail carriers as they travel their routes.

After the food is collected at local post offices it will be distributed to food banks, pantries and shelters for the homeless in each community.

## Bob Neslage sworn in as new Pampa mayor

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

A new mayor was sworn in Tuesday when City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers administered the oath of office to Bob Neslage during the city commission meeting.

Also sworn into office were Ward 1 Commissioner Jeff McCormick and Ward 3 Commissioner Bob Dixon.

During the meeting, the commission voted to authorize

Neslage and Jeffers to sign a contract with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority which promises the city of Pampa will pay for a portion of the Lake Meredith desalination project.

Total cost of the project is \$9,455,000, of which \$258,942 will be Pampa's share.

City Manager Bob Eskridge told commissioners in work session the Federal Bureau of Reclamation will pay about \$2,920,000 and a

matching \$2,920,000 will be provided by the state of Texas. The balance is to be provided by the authority through Texas Water Development Board financing. Pampa is responsible for 7.163 percent of the project.

Eskridge estimates participation in the desalination project will cost the city \$56,000 for the next 10 years until the debt is repaid. The city will be responsible for operating costs of the project after the debt is repaid, he said.

Estimated cost to residents is 5 cents per 1,000 gallons of water, based on 1994 volumes of use, Eskridge said.

The project is expected to affect the quality of Lake Meredith water, though the improvement is expected to take an estimated 10 years before residents see a difference, he said.

Authority member Dr. Bill Hallerberg noted the lake water must turn over and the river bed must be cleansed of salt to affect the difference.

Member cities Levelland and Lamesa still must ratify participation in the project. If they do not, other CRMWA member cities must pick up their portion, which will change Pampa's participation, said City Attorney Don Lane.

During the meeting, outgoing mayor Ray Hupp was honored with a reception by commissioners and city staff members.



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers administers the oath of office to newly elected Mayor Bob Neslage, right, during the city commission meeting on Tuesday.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Joe VanZandt, left, of Pampa visits with Dr. Max Garrison of Amarillo-based Micro Chemical Inc. during the Ranch to Rail North Field Day Tuesday at the Amarillo Civic Center.

## Ranch to Rail Program cattle are healthier

**AMARILLO** — Cattle in the 1994-95 Ranch to Rail Program are healthier and their genetics reflect an increased English influence, according to the man who put the program together, while a team mate in the Ranch to Rail Program chided producers for failing to produce uniform cattle in competition with pork and poultry.

Dr. John McNeill of Texas A&M University, the Ranch to Rail coordinator, says that the cattle in this year's program have more English influence than exotic, that they suffered fewer health problems during their time in the feedlot and that the average daily gain was up this year.

Some 3,000 head of cattle from 120 ranches in nine states went on feed at Randall County Feedyard south of Amarillo and at King Ranch Feedyard near Kingsville last October. Participating ranchers began getting the results of the feeding and carcass data on their cattle this month as the cattle started moving to slaughter.

McNeill credited better herd health programs prior to enrolling the cattle in the program along with a milder winter for the cattle being fed in the Texas Panhandle for the lower morbidity and death loss rates this year.

The livestock specialist also said that the cattle in this, the fourth year of the program, showed a strong English influence in their breeding.

In past years, the program has focused on health. It was instrumental in the development of the VAC-45 program, using a combination of vaccinations and boosters on the ranch before sending the cattle to the feedyard.

This year, the focus appears to have changed toward the genetics of the animals involved.

Dr. Bill Mies of Texas A&M pulled no punches in identifying by brand name which vaccines appeared to work the best. Mies this year is tackling the ticklish issue of genetics. He stopped short of naming breeds but is telling producers what he thinks should be

included in the types of cattle for their breeding program.

Noting that English breeds are the only cattle that have been developed solely for eating, Mies says his choice is for an animal that is at least half English. Continental breeds, he says, have been bred for such things as draft animals as well as meat. Bos Indicus or Brahman cattle are used for environmental purposes to enable cattle to be raised in harsh climates. Dairy cattle are raised for milk.

For these reasons, he says, he would want an animal that was at least half English, no more than a quarter Bos Indicus or no more than half Continental or no more than half dairy.

"We have played with genetics too long just to see what would happen," he says.

Mies says the cattle industry is in competition with the production processes of the pork and poultry industries and it is time that cattle are produced for the consumer than "just to see what happens."



(Pampa News photo by Larry Hollis)

Former District Judge Don Cain, right, administers the oath of office to newly elected Pampa school board member Bill Jones.

## Perez, Jones take office; Frugé named president for Pampa school board

By LARRY HOLLIS  
Managing Editor

Chris Perez, incumbent re-elected to Place 6, and Bill Jones, elected to Place 7, were sworn in Tuesday night as trustees for the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education.

Administering the oath to the two board members, who were elected in Saturday's balloting, was former District Judge Don Cain.

Judge Cain swore in the two members after the board approved the canvassing of the ballots and certified the election results.

Prior to the administering of the oath, the board presented Sherry McCavit, former Place 7 trustee, with a plaque in honor of her years of service on the board. McCavit chose not to run for reelection to devote more of her time to other matters.

Trustee John Curry said McCavit had "added a lot of insight to our board" with her ideas and service, as well as adding "a tremendous amount to our district."

Superintendent Dawson Orr noted that McCavit and Curry were two of the board members serving when he was hired to come to Pampa. He said McCavit had been an advocate for the teachers, always questioning how decisions would affect the teachers and their ability to serve in the district.

McCavit provided "positive feedback" for the teachers and had "a rare gift" of being empathetic to their needs and concerns.

Jeanna Miller, representing the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, told McCavit that the organization members "appreciate all you've done for us as teachers."

McCavit said her service on the board had been a positive experience, saying she had learned a lot from those with whom she served. She said she had come to have a great appreciation for the Pampa public school system.

After Perez and Jones were sworn in, trustees elected new board officers for the coming year: James Frugé, president; Jim Baker, vice president; and Pat Kennedy, secretary.

In other matters, the board approved waivers relating to eight days of staff development for the 1995-1996 school year.

Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele said the staff development plan centers around three major areas: new teacher orientation, district initiatives and campus initiatives.

The district initiatives concern narrowing the achievement gap among students, with the campus initiatives being adapted to best fit each campus' needs.

Programs for improving student scores and grades include such aims as giving more attention to improvement of TAAS testing, including special education students in regular classroom activities, providing accelerated reading and spelling programs, developing curriculum and utilizing newspapers in the classrooms.

After meeting in executive session, the trustees approved the following personnel items:

Charles Mulligan and Debra Tucker were employed as teachers for Pampa High School; a leave of absence was approved for Austin Elementary School teacher Connie Holland; and resignations were accepted from Jim Blanchard, Pampa Middle School band director; Rod Davis, PHS teacher/coach; and Laura Morris, Wilson Elementary School teacher.

## White House security tightened

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In the most visible tightening of presidential security since the Oklahoma City bombing, the Secret Service closed the traffic lane on Pennsylvania Avenue closest to the White House.

Officials said today the lane will open again, although they would not say when.

"The lane remains closed at this time," Secret Service spokesman Eric Harnischfeger said. "We will not discuss security procedures."

The move, made without public notice late Tuesday afternoon, occurred in advance of release of a security review that recommends permanently closing the six-lane avenue immediately north of the White House to vehicles and turning it into a pedestrian mall.

An administration official,

speaking on condition of anonymity, said the closure is temporary and denied that the move suggests that the entire street will be closed.

The Secret Service has occasionally shut down a lane of traffic in the past to deal with short-term problems or threats, the aide said.

Only the president can shut the entire street down, and he has not yet seen the review or considered the recommendation, the aide said.

The lane on the south side of the avenue between the Treasury Building on the east and the Old Executive Office Building on the west was closed to traffic with a long row of wooden barricades Tuesday. The barricades were gone today, but the lane was blocked by police cars and vans.



## Forage tour



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Dr. Don Dorsett, left, Extension forage specialist from College Station, and Don King, Wheeler County Extension agent, look at luna pubescent wheat grass being raised southeast of Mobeetie and used as a substitute for wheat pasture. The pair led a group of two dozen area farmers and ranchers on a forage tour Tuesday in Wheeler County.

## Expelled student files suit

BEEVILLE, Texas (AP) — A lawsuit has been filed against the Beeville Independent School District by a senior honor student who was expelled after school officials found a marijuana cigarette in her car.

In the lawsuit, Misty Eve Spidel claims she was denied due process of law in a disciplinary matter and was wrongfully expelled based on circumstantial evidence.

Miss Spidel was offered several chances to present her case, school officials said.

She was ranked among the top 10 students in her class and had been accepted to Baylor University when she was expelled from school in April under the school district's zero-tolerance for drugs policy, the lawsuit says.

The policy calls for automatic expulsion of students found in possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia, school officials said.

State District Judge Alonzo Rodriguez issued a temporary restraining order recently that has allowed Miss Spidel to return to classes.

State District Judge Ronald Yeager will hold a hearing next Monday to determine whether the temporary restraining order should be extended until the lawsuit is resolved to allow the student to finish classes.

Graduation is scheduled for May 29.

The lawsuit, filed by Beeville attorney Starr Bauer, claims that the rolled cigarette found on the student's dashboard was not hers and may not even have contained marijuana.

"To our knowledge the cigarette has not been tested and the contents not verified," Bauer said.

A field test confirmed that the cigarette found in the vehicle contained marijuana, Beeville Police Chief Joe Salinas has said.

No charges were filed against Miss Spidel because the officer who investigated the case could not link the cigarette to the student, Salinas said.

Under Beeville's school policy, any student who possesses marijuana is automatically expelled. The school's definition of possession encompasses the student and his or her property, such as a car or purse, superintendent Larry Moehnke said.

In an affidavit submitted with the lawsuit, Miss Spidel said she believes the cigarette may have belonged to a friend who rode in her car the evening before it was found in her car.

Stephen Jon Moss, an attorney for the school district, says the district believes the case has gone through the proper channels.

## Community Calendar

May

13 — AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE GOLF TOURNAMENT, Pampa Country Club, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Alan Fletcher at 669-7154.

13 — BEAUX ARTS DANCE RECITAL, "Star Spangled Dance," 7:30 p.m., M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. For more information, call Jeanne Willingham at 669-6361 or 669-7293.

13 — CALICO CAPER SQUARE DANCE CLUB OF PAMPA, St. Vincent's School cafeteria. Gary Schick of Fritch will be guest caller from 8-10:30 p.m. For more information, call 665-7400 or 665-1061. Visitors are always welcome.

15 — HIDDEN HILLS LADIES GOLF PLAY DAY, Hidden Hills Golf Course, 6 p.m. For more information, contact Hidden Hills Golf Pro Shop at 669-5866.

15 — BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS BOARD MEETING, Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 7 p.m.

16 — CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY BREAKFAST, M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 7:30 a.m. For your reservation, call the Chamber office at 669-3241.

20 — TOP O' TEXAS NIGHT OWL POKER RUN & RALLY, sponsored by Gold Wing Rough Riders Association, Texas 2, Region H, Chapter "H," Recreation Park and City Lake. Registration is \$8 per person or \$10 at the door. For more information, contact BJ Perez at 665-9245.

20-21 PAMPA PARTNERSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT, May 20 at Hidden Hills Golf Course and May 21 at Pampa Country Club. For more information, contact Mickey Piersall at 665-8431 or David Teichman at 669-5866.

22 — LEAGUE OF PAMPA WRITERS, Lovett Memorial Library, 111 Houston, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 669-3002.

22 — HIDDEN HILLS LADIES GOLF SCRAMBLE, Hidden Hills Golf Course, 6 p.m. For more information, contact Hidden Hills Golf Pro Shop at 669-5866.

22 — HEAD START DISTRICT WIDE APPLICATIONS, Baker Elementary School, 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Following must be presented or application will not be taken: Birth certificate, proof of income, child's and parent's Social Security numbers, child's shot record, proof of current assistance and documentation of disability. Acceptance will no longer be on a first-come basis.

26 — PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, Harvester Stadium, 8 p.m.

27 — TOP O' TEXAS CHAPTER OF FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS Pot-Luck Supper, 6 p.m., Clyde Carruth Pavilion, Recreation Park grounds. For more information, contact John or Carolyn Stokes at 665-7896 or Jim or Kathleen Greene at 665-8067.

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241.

## Aquifer bill approved despite opposition

AUSTIN (AP) — Old hard feelings showed through as the Texas House tentatively approved a bill that would establish a 15-member elected board to manage the use of water from the Edwards Aquifer.

Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, tried to kill the bill by Rep. Robert Puente, D-San Antonio, before the debate began.

The House, however, rejected the move. Several members argued that if a bill isn't passed, management of the huge underground lake — the primary water source for 1.5 million people — would end up in the hands of the federal courts.

The Legislature passed a bill last session that established an Edwards Aquifer Authority to

regulate groundwater use, but the status of the authority remains uncertain due to U.S. Justice Department objections under the federal Voting Rights Act.

Last session's law followed a federal court order that gave the state until May 1993 to produce a satisfactory plan to limit water withdrawals from the aquifer to protect endangered species that rely on the water.

The law was opposed by many lawmakers who said it stripped landowners of their right to pump water on their property.

Supporters of Puente's bill tried to separate Tuesday's bill from the one passed last session. But Hilderbran and his supporters said the two were inseparable.

"What you're concerned about is something that was debated in

this House two years ago," Puente said. "And two years ago this House said this is the aquifer management plan that ... we want."

Later, Puente said he was "offended" by Hilderbran's action.

"We rarely do a motion to table from the outset," Puente said. "There is no reason to ever cut off debate."

Hilderbran said he wanted to see if the bill had the support to pass before the House took time debating it. Thursday is the final day for the House to approve new bills.

"This thing isn't over," he said.

He and other opponents of the bill predicted lawsuits would be filed against the management plan on voting rights grounds and property rights grounds.

## NASA engineers and astronauts may be split

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas congressman says he hopes "logic and common sense" will overrule an internal review team's recommendations to space agency chief Dan Goldin today that could shift thousands of space shuttle and engineering jobs from the Johnson Space Center.

A closed-door session today in Washington was the first opportunity for Goldin to hear both the proposals of the Zero Base Review Team and counter-proposals formulated by top-level administrators and the agency's center directors.

According to copies of documents forwarded late last week

to those slated to participate in the meeting, the Zero Base team will urge that spacecraft engineers be transferred to the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., and shuttle program personnel to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., as part of a sweeping cost-cutting strategy.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, a member of the House Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee, and other members of the Texas congressional delegation have urged Goldin to reject the proposals. They object to a strategy that would split engineers from the flight control and

astronaut teams at Johnson for the first time in its 32-year history.

"Logic and common sense is what we hope will rule the day," Ms. Lee said.

According to an economic analysis by the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation, the loss of engineering personnel could range as high as 7,000. An additional 21,000 service industry jobs could be lost, the foundation says.

The reorganization was triggered in January when the White House ordered Goldin to trim \$5 billion in planned NASA spending over the next five years. In late March, the cut was raised to \$8 billion.

## Miss USA makes political statement

WINDHOEK, Namibia (AP) — Miss USA will make a political statement at the Miss Universe pageant.

Chelsi Smith, 21, from Deer Park, Texas, chose a 75-year-old gown worn during the struggle for voting rights for women in the United States.

The beige, ankle-length, silk-

trimmed cotton lace dress "celebrates 75 years of women's political emancipation" in the United States, she said.

Passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920 gave women the right to vote. Smith said she would like to see women the world over receive the same right.

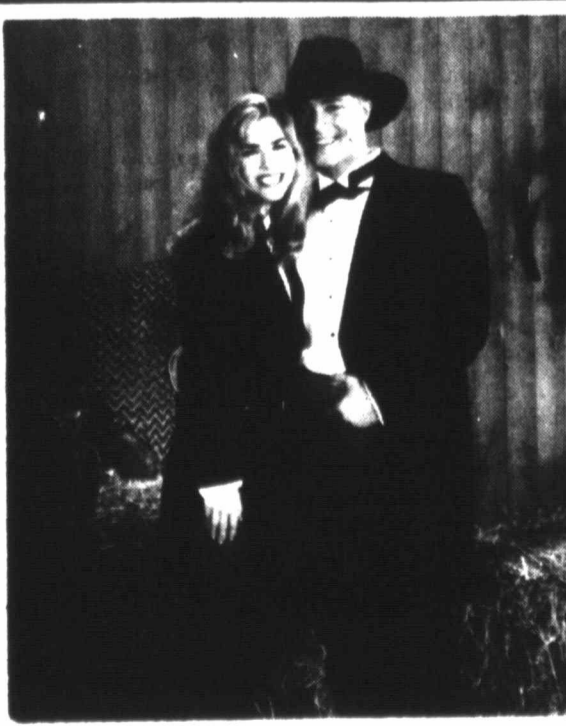
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## Trade feud with Japan escalates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration has decided to draw up a formal complaint accusing Japan of closing its auto markets to American products, a move to keep up pressure on Tokyo to reduce its huge trade gap with this country, U.S. officials say.

Preparation of the complaint, which would be lodged with the new World Trade Organization in Geneva, was to be discussed today with reporters by U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor.

Kantor also was expected to hint at other actions, such as punitive trade tariffs targeting a list of more than \$1 billion in Japanese products. However, the administration was not expected to release that list today.

Japanese luxury cars, minivans and auto parts all have been mentioned as likely targets in what could easily be the largest trade sanctions case in U.S. history.

But the Japanese have said repeatedly that if they are threatened with punitive tariffs, they will bring an unfair-trading complaint against the United States before the WTO, created recently to settle trade disputes between nations.

Trade specialists have said Japan would have a good chance of winning such a case on grounds the United States had no right to impose trade sanctions unilaterally without first pursuing a remedy before the WTO.

While the Japanese case would be on the narrow issue of the timing of trade sanctions, U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the administration's case would cover the much broader problem of barriers erected by the Japanese to keep American and other foreign-produced autos and auto parts out of the Japanese market.

It was unclear how long the administration was prepared to wait before issuing a sanctions list. Officials said the list was still being developed, and Commerce Secretary Ron Brown told reporters on Tuesday that it could be designed to punish Japan while protecting U.S. consumers.

"When you look at options, you would tend to focus on those options that send a clear message to those whose markets you would like to open without doing significant damage to American consumers," he said.

Brown insisted that the administration would like to resume talks and get a market-opening agreement rather than be forced to impose sanctions. He pledged that the United States would be "steadfast" in pursuing its goal of lowering Japanese barriers as a way of reducing the trade gap between the two nations, which last year hit a record \$66 billion. Nearly 60 percent of the U.S. deficit with Japan was in autos and auto parts.

Industry and congressional sources said any sanctions list, once it is unveiled, would target between \$5 billion and \$6 billion in Japanese products for retaliatory tariffs, but the figure would be pared back to \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion after a comment period of 30 to 60 days.

## Community Builders Award



(Special photo)

Vic Raymond, center, was recently presented with the Community Builders Award at Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Also present for awarding the honor to Raymond are, from left, Jack Daniel, District Deputy Grand Master of the 98th Masonic District, who presented the award; Ralph Jackson, Master of Pampa Lodge #966; Raymond; Mrs. Raymond; and Rudy Hermann, master of ceremonies. The award, the second highest award presented by the Grand Lodge of Texas, is given to non-Masons who have contributed their time and effort to making their community a better place to live.

## Jury sits through another day of scientific testimony

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They could be called the marks of murder or the dashes of death. What they look like, though, are a bunch of black smudges on a piece of X-ray film.

As innocuous as these "autorads" appear to be, they could mean the difference between life in Brentwood or life in prison for O.J. Simpson.

On Tuesday, jurors held copies of an autorad that depicted, in lines of dark bars, the genetic makeup of blood from Simpson and the two people he is accused of murdering.

The unspoken promise was that prosecutor George "Woody" Clarke and scientific witness Robin Cotton would link the results of that autorad with the results of genetic tests on blood collected at the murder scene, in Simpson's Ford Bronco and at his mansion.

That promise, however, was left for when testimony resumes today.

Cotton, director of Cellmark Diagnostics, a top DNA testing lab, testified for two days without revealing any of the results. Legal analysts, at least, were getting antsy.

"It's not exciting. It's not interesting. It's the reason we all tried to get out of high school biology," said Loyola University law professor Stan Goldman.

The jury, however, looked like it always does, which is impossible to read. There were the occasional yawns, and one alternate appeared to drift into sleep for a moment before awaking with a jerk of her head. But for the most part, jurors appeared attentive and interested.

Many took notes during even the densest of testimony, such as when Cotton explained the various forms of scientific controls used in testing.

Still, the most exciting moment of the court day had nothing to do with autorads and genetic markers. It involved Superior Court Judge Lance Ito, who showed a flash of anger over a minor technical glitch.

When Cotton's wireless microphone cut off the judge's microphone, Ito called a recess, threw his microphone in a trash can and bolted from the courtroom while technicians fixed the problem.

Another minor surprise came when Cotton revealed to the jury that 10 percent of some blood swatches, or samples, were cut away by the defense and kept for future testing.

Defense attorneys didn't want jurors to know that Simpson's experts had taken samples for testing. Jurors might speculate on whether the defense tests implicated Simpson — if such tests were even conducted.

Otherwise, it was Day 2 of cramming about 40 years of developments in microbiology into just a few hours. Although tedious, the testimony by DNA scientists is critical for the prosecution, which hopes to link Simpson to murder through the analysis of blood, hair and fiber evidence.

No eyewitnesses or murder weapon has been found in the June 12 knife murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

## Consumer-friendly technology possible

DALLAS (AP) — When the digital revolution arrives in American homes, it's going to depend a lot on a "box" that will look something like that ugly thing that perches atop TV sets in today's cable-wired homes.

More than a dozen companies are developing these digital devices, which have the power of computers. Most companies expect to begin production next year, with the boxes being available to cable customers shortly thereafter.

Before that happens, the nation's top telecommunications regulator wants cable, broadcasters and telephone companies to work together to make sure this new equipment is easy to use, inexpensive and compatible with other like-minded electronic gizmos that will offer a wide array of programs and services.

"We need to talk about how to make sure that consumers don't

have to pay hundreds of extra dollars for a digital receiver, and hundreds more redundant dollars to make the cable connection compatible," Federal Communications Commission Chairman Reed Hundt said in a speech to the National Cable Television Association's convention.

By this time next year, Hundt predicted, the FCC will have approved a standard that broadcasters will use to transmit programs and other information digitally.

"We don't need economists to tell us that if consumers believe the digital conversion is overpriced, the private and public sectors will feel the heat," Hundt said.

With digital technology, broadcasters, cable and other video distributors can pack many more channels into existing bands. The signal, less susceptible to interference than existing analog channels, will provide movie-quality

images with CD-quality sound.

Before the FCC approves the digital transmission standard it must consider compatibility and other issues. Hundt said he wants the industry to solve compatibility questions, but held the door open for the commission to take steps on its own if the industry doesn't.

Incompatibility of TV equipment irks consumers and sends them running to Congress or federal regulators for help, Hundt said. When some cable customers — including members of Congress — found they couldn't use their "picture in picture" and other options on their TV sets and had problems operating their VCRs, Congress stepped in and told the FCC to come up with rules solving the problem.

Hundt said he doesn't want history to repeat itself as companies move into the digital age. "We know it can get complicated," he said.

## Notorious virus results in city-wide quarantine

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — American infectious disease experts were packing up today for a trip to Zaire, where a city of 600,000 was placed under quarantine after more than 100 people died of a mysterious disease.

Dr. Muyembe Tamfun, a microbiologist and consultant to the World Health Organization, blamed the Ebola virus for the illness that began sweeping Kikwit, 375 miles east of Kinshasa, the capital, in mid-April.

Ebola, which causes hemorrhaging, fevers and vomiting, was considered the most deadly virus before the appearance of HIV, which causes AIDS. Ebola kills about 90 percent of those it infects and there is no treatment or vaccine.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it was sending a team of investigators equipped with protective suits and respirators to the area.

"With the little we know, we're going to have to assume that this could be Biosafety Level 4," the highest level of possible infection, said Dr. Rima Khabbaz, an infectious disease specialist at the centers.

Doctors have not confirmed the cause of the outbreak, Khabbaz said, but acknowledged that Ebola "is a suspect any time you hear of anything with bleeding and hemorrhage."

Investigators hope to reach Kikwit in a few days and the diagnosis should be relatively rapid "if it's something we know

and have dealt with," Khabbaz said. There was no word on when they would depart.

CDC experts were analyzing victims' blood samples that arrived from Zaire, said CDC spokesman Bob Howard.

Ebola's ferocity has given it notoriety — it was the virus fought in the movie *Robin Cook's Virus*, which appeared recently on NBC-TV. The recent movie *Outbreak* concerned a hemorrhagic virus that first appeared in Zaire, although it was not specifically named as Ebola.

In 1976, 274 of 300 people infected in an Ebola outbreak in one village in Zaire died. Ebola is spread through body fluids and secretions, though not through casual contact.

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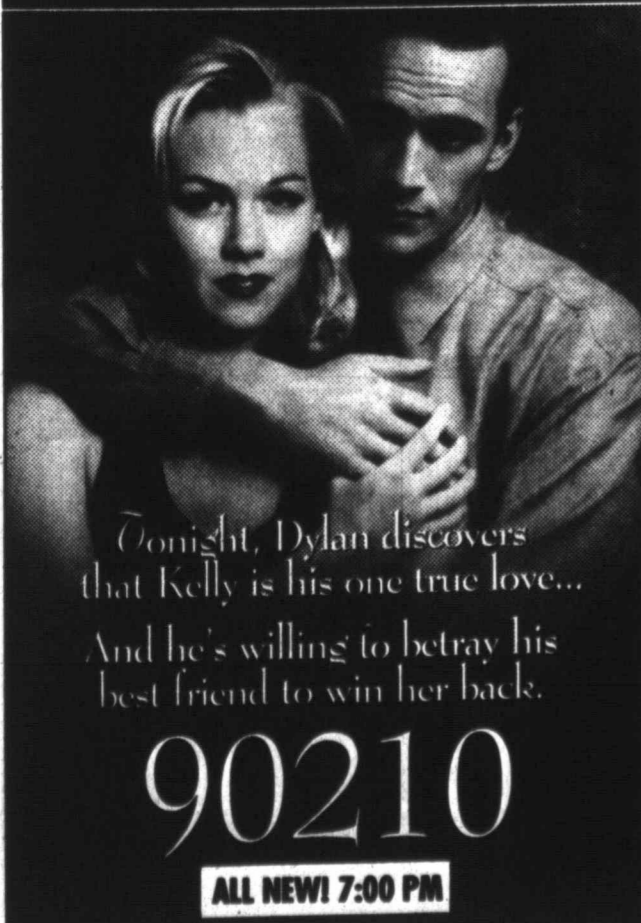
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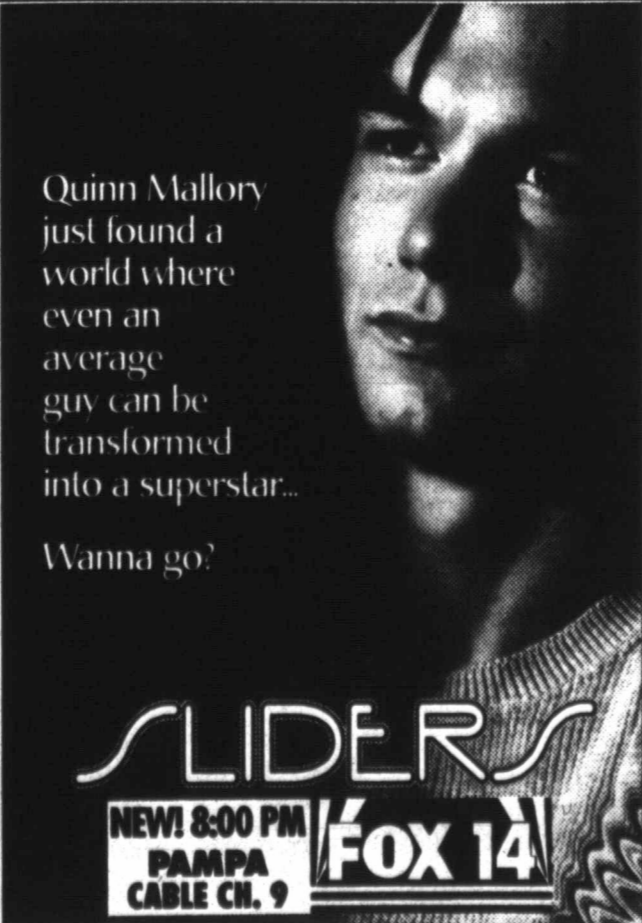
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# Rise and shine to smart breakfast breads

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Date Nut Twist and Apricot-Almond Coffee Ring are fancy enough for a Sunday brunch, and easy enough for a busy Saturday morning. Each starts with frozen Italian bread dough to save time — you get fresh-baked taste without starting from scratch. To keep calories in check, added table sugar is completely eliminated, and replaced with your choice of either Equal or Equal Measure™

sweetener. These recipes are 19 percent lower in calories than traditional versions; see the complete nutrition information that follows each.

Equal Measure is the same sweetener as Equal in packets, but in bulk form, so it's easier to measure into recipes. It's a concentrated sweetener and has different cooking properties from sugar, so food professionals recommend that you use recipes specially designed with it in mind. You can send for a copy of a new baking booklet from the folks who make these sweeteners. Use the instructions that follow this column.

**Date Nut Twist**  
3/4 cup pitted dates, chopped  
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts  
egg whites  
3-1/2 teaspoons Equal Measure or 12 packets Equal sweetener

Combine dates, 1/4 cup walnuts, two egg whites, 3-1/2 teaspoons Equal Measure, and lemon rind in small bowl.

Roll dough on floured surface into rectangle twenty by six inches. Spread date mixture on dough to within one inch of edges. Roll dough up, beginning with long edge; pinch edge of dough to seal. Cut roll into two equal pieces. Place rolls on greased cookie sheet and twist together, tucking ends under. Let rise, covered, in warm place until dough is double in size, about one hour.

Beat egg white and water in small bowl; brush over top of dough. Sprinkle dough with one teaspoon Equal Measure and remaining 1/4 cup walnuts. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven until golden, about 35 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Makes 16 servings.

Nutrition Information per

Serving: 130 cal., 4g pro., 22g carbo., 3g fat, 0mg chol., 144mg sodium.

Diabetic Food Exchanges: 1-1/2 Bread, 1/2 Fat.

This recipe is 19 percent lower in calories versus a traditional recipe.  
**Apricot-Almond Coffee Ring**  
1 cup dried apricots, sliced  
1 cup water  
3-1/2 teaspoons Equal Measure or 12 packets Equal sweetener  
1/8 teaspoon ground mace  
1 loaf (16 ounces) frozen Italian bread dough, thawed  
1/3 cup sliced or slivered almonds  
Skim milk  
1 teaspoon Equal Measure or 3 packets Equal sweetener  
1 Heat apricots, water, 3-1/2 teaspoons Equal Measure and mace to boiling in small saucepan; reduce heat and simmer, covered, until apricots are tender and

water is absorbed, about 10 minutes. Simmer, uncovered until no water remains, two to three minutes. Cool.

2. Roll dough on floured surface into rectangle 14x8 inches. Spread apricot mixture on dough to within one-inch of the edges; sprinkle with 1/4 cup almonds. Roll dough up, beginning with long edge; pinch edge of dough to seal. Place dough seam side down on greased cookie sheet, forming a circle; pinch ends to seal.

3. Using scissors, cut dough from outside edge almost to center, making cuts one inch apart. Turn each section cut-side up so that filling shows. Let rise, covered, in warm place until dough is double in size, about hour.

4. Brush top of dough lightly with milk and sprinkle with remaining almonds and one teaspoon Equal Measure. Bake in

preheated 375 degree oven until golden, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Makes 12 servings.

Nutrition Information per Serving: 154 cal., 4g pro., 27g carbo., 3g fat, 0mg chol., 180mg sodium.  
Diabetic Food Exchanges: 1/2 Fruit, 1 Bread, 1/2 Fat.  
This recipe is 19 percent lower in calories versus a traditional recipe.

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## American is truly apple pie

Many American folk-tales have apples at their "core." A carefully polished red apple is sure to please the teacher.

Being "the apple of one's eye" is a delightful position.

Most of us don't care to "upset the apple cart" but we may find an "apple-pie" (shortsheeted) bed amusing.

One thing involving apples is certain.

There is something truly American and "down home" about apple pie.

Upside-down Apple Walnut Pie is likely to become a favorite version of this dessert.

Its nutty, crisp crumb crust, made from crushed cinnamon graham crackers and a generous sprinkling of broken walnuts, is piled high with juicy apple slices.

It is micro-baked in only 12 minutes, then turned upside down for a new way to enjoy this old favorite.

Whirlpool Corporation home economists recommend loosening the edges before inverting the pie.

Then carefully remove the waxed paper. It is delicious served warm topped with a spoonful of whipped cream and a pinch of ground cinnamon.

**UPSIDE-DOWN APPLE WALNUT PIE**  
(8 servings)

1/4cup margarine or butter  
cup broken walnuts  
1/4cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1 1/4cups crushed cinnamon graham crackers (18 2 1/2-inch squares)

8 cups sliced, peeled apples  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
3 tablespoons flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 teaspoon margarine or butter

1. Cut waxed paper round to fit bottom of 9 1/2-inch deep-dish glass pie plate. Lightly grease bottom of pie plate. Place waxed paper in pie plate. Set aside.

2. Melt the 1/4 cup margarine in 2cup glass measure or small bowl at HIGH (100%) for 50 to 60 seconds. Pour 1 tablespoon of the margarine into waxed paper-lined pie plate.

Spread over paper. Top with walnuts. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar. Set aside.

3. Add crushed crackers to remaining melted margarine in cup, stirring until well mixed.

Spoon into pie plate. Press crumbs part way up sides and onto walnuts and sugar. Set aside.

4. Combine apples, granulated sugar, flour, salt and lemon juice in large bowl. Spoon into pie plate. Dot with the 1 tablespoon margarine.

5. Microwave at HIGH for 11 to 12 minutes or until apples are tender, rotating plate a half turn after 5 minutes.

Cool 5 minutes. Loosen edges with knife. Invert onto serving plate.

Carefully peel off waxed paper. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.

Nutrition Information (per serving)  
Calories 364  
Protein 3 g  
Fat 17 g  
Cholesterol 0  
Carbohydrates 54 g  
Sodium 218 mg  
(calculated using margarine)

**INSTANT APPLE BUTTER CRISP**

Top a 2 1/2-inch cinnamon graham cracker with 1 tablespoon apple butter. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 5 to 10 seconds. Quick. Easy. Delicious.

## Get an extra sizzle from pairing salsa and chicken

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor Better Homes and Gardens Magazine For AP Special Features

Spicy chicken breasts get extra sizzle from snappy homemade salsa.

That's no surprise. Homemade salsa is a top pick on everyone's list of favorite low-fat condiments.

The recipe is based on dried tomatoes that you can keep on hand all year round.

Just soak them in a little boiling water to plump and revive that tangy tomato flavor.

**Cumin Chicken with Hot-Citrus Salsa**

4 dried tomato halves  
1/2 cup boiling water  
1 medium orange  
2 teaspoons snipped fresh

cilantro or parsley  
1 teaspoon grated gingerroot  
1/2 teaspoon finely chopped, seeded jalapeno pepper  
2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1/2 pound)

3/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
1 tablespoon cooking oil  
Hot cooked rice

For salsa, in a medium mixing bowl combine tomatoes and boiling water.

Let stand for 10 minutes. Drain; chop tomatoes.

Peel and chop orange, reserving about 2 teaspoons of the juice.

In the same bowl combine tomatoes, chopped orange, reserved juice, cilantro or parsley, gingerroot and jalapeno pepper. Set aside.

Rinse chicken; pat dry with paper towels. Place each breast half between two pieces of plastic wrap.

Using the flat side of a meat mallet, pound chicken to 1/4-inch thickness.

Remove plastic. Combine cumin, salt and pepper; rub onto both sides of chicken.

In a skillet cook chicken in hot oil over medium heat about 3 minutes per side or until chicken is no longer pink.

To serve, spoon salsa atop chicken.

Serve with hot cooked rice. Makes 2 main-dish servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 351 cal., 11 g fat, 59 mg chol., 26 g pro., 37 g carbo., 2 g fiber, 210 mg sodium. Daily values: 19 percent iron, 485 vit. A, 39 percent vit. C.

## Parquette launches food news letter

WALLINGFORD, Vt. (AP) — Cookbook author Sharon Parquette Nimtz has launched CookSpeak, a food newsletter that she describes as "a seasonal narrative with recipes." CookSpeak is available by subscription (\$18 for 10 issues).

The November 1994 issue begins: "Naked, clad only in burgundy appleberries, the crabapple in the dooryard aptly portrays the season."

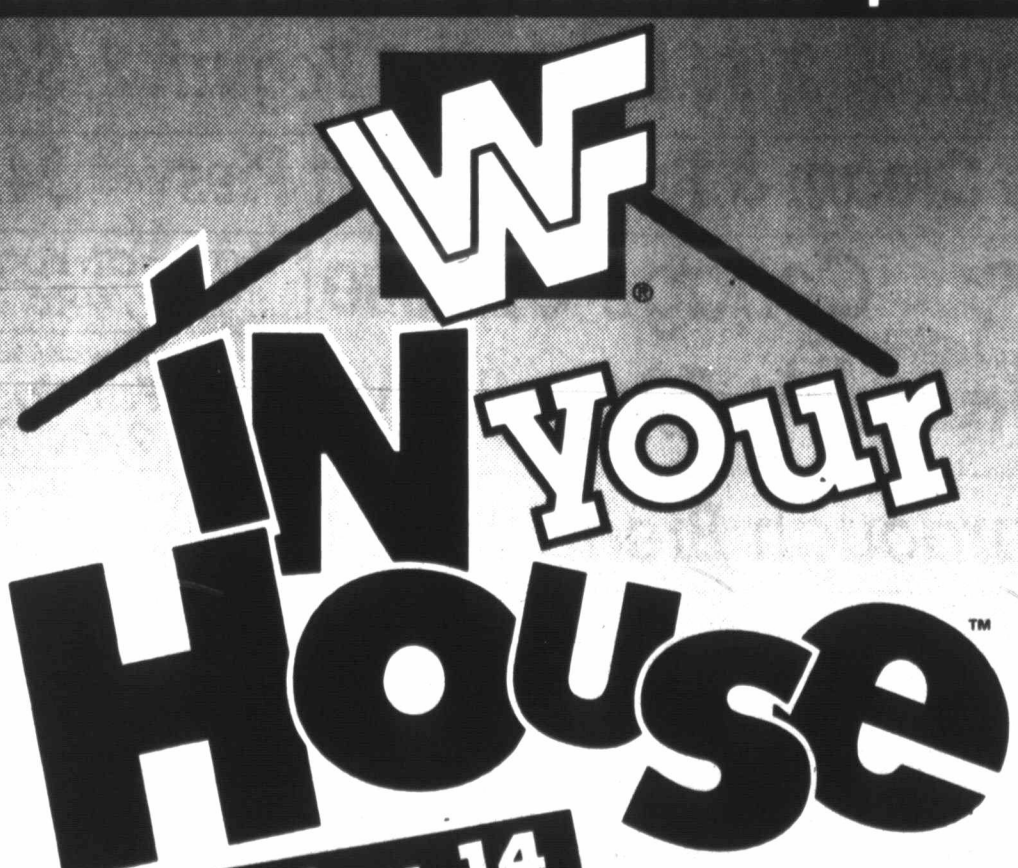
What follows is a long, chatty article, Glory in a Drab Season, with recipes for risotto, Vermont

maple squash saute, sweet rosemary walnuts, fig and apple tart, cabbage compote, cranberry and apple tart and cranberry applesauce. Another article, Dense and Suetty Christmas Pie, has a recipe for mincemeat.

Nimtz sings the praises of The Maine Organic Farmer & Gardener, a tabloid-style paper in Augusta that's filled with gardening and food information, and shares correspondence from readers.

She is the author of "Tomato Imperative," published by Little, Brown.

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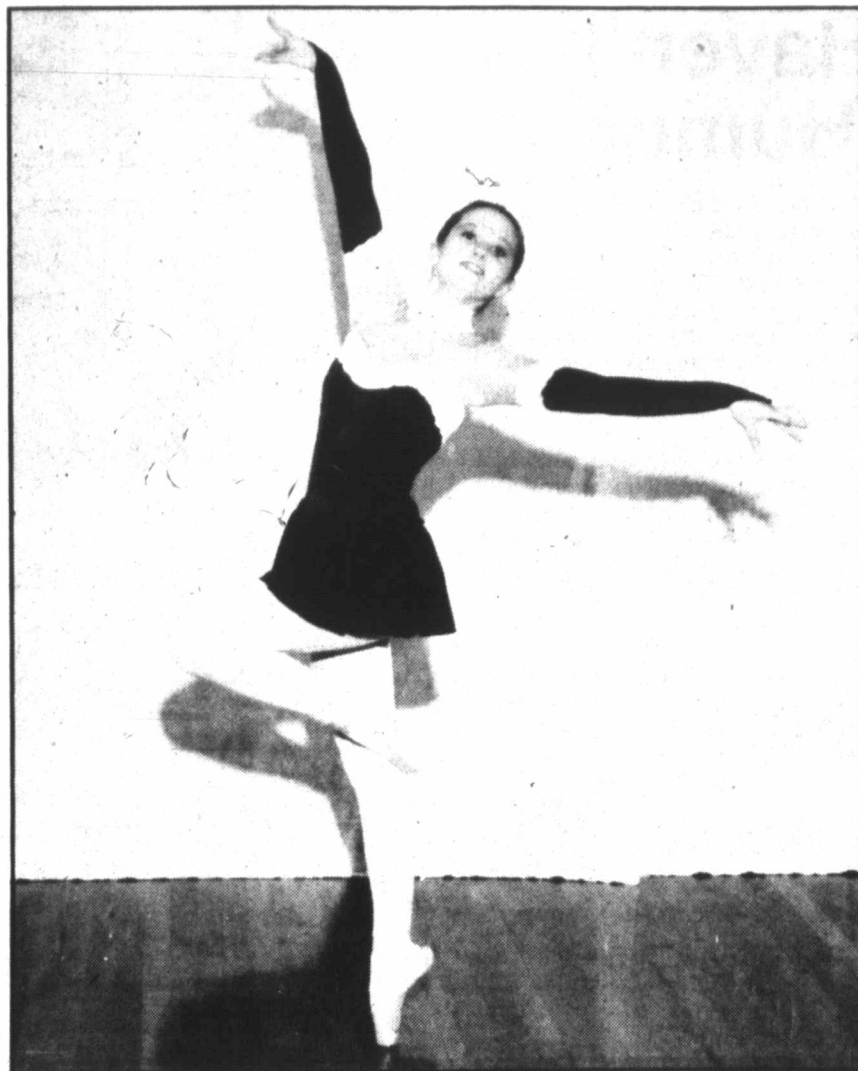
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Lifestyles

# Dance studio to present "Star Spangled Dance"



Amy Watson



Amanda Jacobs



Jennifer Keeton

The Beaux Arts Dance Studio, under the direction of Jeanne Willingham will present its 47th Annual Revue "Star Spangled Dance" 7:30 p.m. this Saturday at M.K. Brown Civic Center and Memorial Auditorium.

Featured in the performance will be graduating seniors Jennifer Keeton, daughter of Mrs Sandra Keeton and Mr. Allan Keeton, both of Pampa and Amy Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Watson also of Pampa.

Also to be honored is Amanda Jacobs,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jacobs, who will receive her certificate for 10 years of study of dance.

Awards for Perfect Attendance will be received by: Katie Shaffer, one year; Ashley Wheeler, two years; Megan Wheeler, two years; Meredith Hendricks-Young, two years; Sophia Gruszecki, four years; Beth Buzzard, six years; and Kristen Stephens, seven years.

The 1995 Special Dance Award will not be announced until "showtime."

The program will include ballet, tap, acrobatic and jazz dances.

The Pampa Civic Ballet will perform excerpts from the ballet "Sleeping Beauty."

Students in the performance are: Carrie Angel, Amy Bradley, Abby Bradley, Laurel Berzanskis, Mollie Baker, Beth Buzzard, Helen Brooks, Claire-Elizabeth Boyd, Kirby Broadus, Jacey Carter, Nichole Cagle, Brooke Colton, Stephanie Boyd, Megan David, Paige Deaver, Casey Dunham, Cara

East, Misty Ferrell, Melyssia Flaharity, Glennette Goode, Rebecca Gindorf, Krissa Galloway, Sofia Gruszecki, Jennifer Hinds, Krissy Holman, Ashley-Brooke Holley, Kebbi Hutto, Kristen Hagerman, Laura Johnson, Anna Johnson, Amanda Jacobs, Candice Jameson, Amanda Jeffries, Jennifer Keeton, Monica Kohler, Brandy Kempf, Britany Kempf, Shealeigh Lambright, Melissa Lewis, Meghan Lewis, DeannaMcGill, Chelsea Ma, Riki Mauricio, Jennifer Muns, Sarita Mohan,

Laura Miller, Julie Noles, Cama Niccum, Alison Piersall, Hailey Phillips, Destinee Patton, Jennifer Rapstine, Courtney Ritchey, Rebecca Rapstine, Anna Roberts, Brianna Roberts, Laura Reynolds, Julianna Schuneman, Katie Shaffer, Anna Schafer, Kristen Stephens, Shawna Salazar, Shannon Smith, Lindsay Tidwell, Elizabeth Thomas, Carla Wood, Ashley Wheeler, Maegan Wheeler, Abby Weaver, Morgan White, Amy Watson and Meredith Hendricks-Young.

## Bradshaw tells ways of uncovering family secrets

### Lovett Memorial Library Staff Picks

**Why Women Need Chocolate**  
by Debra Waterhouse

The bestselling author offers a sound, satisfying, five-week, five-point Optimal Nutrition plan that shows women how to create a sensible eating regimen that anticipates and incorporates cravings for maximum mood management and minimal weight fluctuation.

and addressing family secrets, the author applies his "genogram" tool as a means of recognizing and understanding gaps, silences, missing information, and partial memories, and cites the risks involved with exploring dark secrets.

**Family Secrets** by John Bradshaw

Bradshaw defines family secrets and explains how they limit the wholeness and freedom of family members even when their presence is unknown. He describes the process by which secrets are created and how these secrets serve to influence generation after generation. Offering step-by-step strategies for uncovering

**Bad Manners** by Marne Kellogg

When Lilly Bennett's affair with a California politician threatens to hit the papers, she heads back home to her family's Wyoming ranch and starts up a security consulting business. Her first case turns up soon after, when the head of a neighboring ranch is murdered at his own birthday bash.

**Far To Go** by Julie Ellis

In this stunning new novel, Ellis

draws readers into the intimate drama of four generations of women searching for love, facing the joys and sorrows of motherhood, and finally, embracing the challenge of their own dreams.

**The Juror** by George Dawes Green

You are a juror in a murder trial. They tell you your child will be safe, your career will flourish, your friends will remain alive—all you have to say are two words: Not Guilty. Beginning with this icy ultimatum, Green has written a spectacular new novel destined to become a num-

ber one bestseller.

**Walking After Midnight**  
by Karen Robards

A romantic thriller from the author of *Maggy's Child*. While cleaning the town's funeral home one night, Summer McAfee is taken hostage by a horribly disfigured man who's on the run from the cops, killers, and his own decidedly complicated past.

And, slowly, Summer comes to realize that the man of one's dreams sometimes wears a disguise.

**Cowboy Angst** by Jasen Emmons

Dennis McCance is on his way home for the summer to Prairie View, Montana, and he's nervous. Dennis has dropped out of law school and hasn't yet told his family. The reaction is going to be major.

Especially when he tells them what he wants to do — play drums in a country-and western band.

**The Wedding** by Dorothy West

The first novel in 45 years from famed African American author Dorothy West, the last surviving member of the Harlem Renaissance, *The Wedding* is a wise and heartfelt story about the shackles of race and class we all wear — and the price we pay to break them.

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## For the birds

By BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS  
A Meredith Magazine  
For AP Special Features

Bring a bird home, and you'll add a lively, cheerful critter to the family, says Better Homes and Gardens magazine. Pet birds can be full of antics and may even speak your language. Most birds don't need as much attention as a dog or a cat, but proper care contributes mightily to their well-being.

Different birds are chosen for different reasons: canaries for their lively chirping, finches for their unique feather colors, and cockatiels and parrots for their amazing ability to mimic the human voice. Each type requires different care and foods, which is why you should talk with a veterinarian familiar with birds before buying your pet. Veterinarians can tell you what care birds need and the best places to acquire them.

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### "Dirty Works"

The Pampa Dions, members of the Pampa High School drama department, are set to present "Dirty Works" at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the PHS auditorium. This play involves a beautiful girl, Nellie, played by Megan Taylor (left in photo), kidnapped by an evil villain (Ben Holman) and rescued by the dashing hero, played by Chris Miller (right). Tickets are \$2 and will benefit the PHS drama department.

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## Men Who Lack Hair Haven't Lost Their Sense of Humor

**DEAR READERS:** On April 5, I published a letter from a 34-year-old bald-headed man who expressed amazement at the rude questions he encountered from strangers about his hair loss. His letter generated a flood of mail — with a thing or two to say to the man who signed himself "Bald in Texas." Read on for a sample:

**DEAR ABBY:** In regard to "Bald in Texas," who says he has come to grips with his baldness: Balderdash!

I, too, started losing my hair in high school. By the time I was 24, I was shaving my head because the hair was so thin it looked like tinsel on a Christmas tree. With a bald father and two bald grandfathers, I had ample warning what to expect. Besides, it's an interesting way to meet new people. When a sweet young thing gives me a kiss on the scalp and says, "I think bald men are sexy," it makes me feel great.

BALD BOB CRAIG IN DALLAS

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been bald since I was 18. I am now 88 and, of course, I'm still bald — but comments I hear do not upset me.

I used to work on whaling boats when I was in my late 20s. I doubt if 90 percent of my shipmates knew my correct name, for everyone



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

called me "Baldy" — including the officers. When we were in port for supplies, we would go our separate ways, but often some of the crew would spot me and yell out, "Hey, Baldy!" to get my attention. Many onlookers laughed about it, but it didn't bother me — I'd just grin about it.

My first wife wanted me to get a hairpiece, but I told her, "Love me, love my bald head."

By the way, no one calls me Baldy now. I guess it's because at my age, it's no longer unusual. And I pay only \$2 for a haircut because all I need is a neck trim.

LEROY SHATTO, MONTROSE, COLO.

**DEAR ABBY:** Concerning the problem of baldness: I am bald — Kojak bald. There is not one hair on the top of my head. In fact, I have been mistaken for Kojak many times.

Once when my wife and I were in a shopping mall in Lakeland, Fla., a group of young people approached me. One young man stepped forward and said, "We are on a treasure hunt and need to bring in a bald-headed man with a 'happy face' painted on the top of his head."

Being a good-natured person, I said, "Go ahead." Soon, a crowd of people gathered around as the young artist painted the top of my head. People were taking pictures, laughing and having a good time. So was I. I'll never forget the fun we had.

The moral of the story is: Relax and enjoy life. Your attitude about yourself can either destroy you or make your life a joy.

You may use my name.

JOE LEONARD, LAKELAND, FLA.

**DEAR ABBY:** The best retort concerning baldness came from writer-humorist Abe Burrows ("Guys and Dolls").

On being introduced to a woman, he politely removed his hat. With shock, she said, "Why, you haven't any hair!" To which Burrows replied, "I don't have a mustache either ... it's a set."

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## Horoscope

Thursday, May 11, 1995

The quality of the social contacts you make in the year ahead could be superior to those you've made in the past. Your new friends will be more inclined to do things for the common good.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Financial opportunities will surround you today and you might uncover ways to add to your resources or enhance your earnings. Act promptly when you see the signals. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465 New York, NY 10163.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Even though you'll be quite capable of taking care of your own needs today, persons who like you might still go out of their way to try to make you comfortable.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You can make remarkable gestures today if you look out for the welfare of others. When you only look out for yourself, though, the results will be mediocre.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Information from unrelated sources can be pieced together today in a manner advantageous to you and to others. Become a link in these chains of success.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Trends will be moving in your favor today that could help fulfill your career or financial aspirations. Do not be afraid to take a calculated risk.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Dare to think big and proceed boldly today. If you expand your horizons, you'll become aware of opportunities that previously escaped your notice.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Today gentleness can accomplish what commands cannot. When dealing with others, emphasize your compassion and tolerance, and underplay your authority.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Something that will prove ultimately beneficial

for you might develop through an ally today. Be patient because what he/she offers needs time to grow.

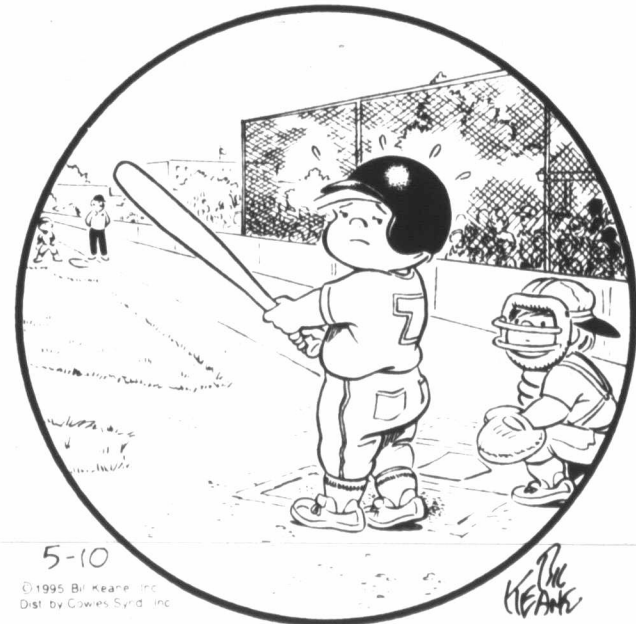
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Conditions are favorable for your work or career today. If you've been waiting to push through something significant, this is a good day to start.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** The need may arise today to exert your authority over several individuals. To your credit, you'll handle this in a manner that will win you respect.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A beneficial change that takes place today may be screened from your view, but it could have an advantageous ripple effect bringing gains to you and to others.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** It would behoove you today to cooperate with others, even those you sometimes feel you have to pamper. A pleasant surprise might result.

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A ballplayer's dilemma: Coach signals "bunt." Mom signals "swing for the fence."



"So that's why I can never find it in the morning."

### The Family Circus



### Marmaduke



### Grizzwells



### Alley Oop



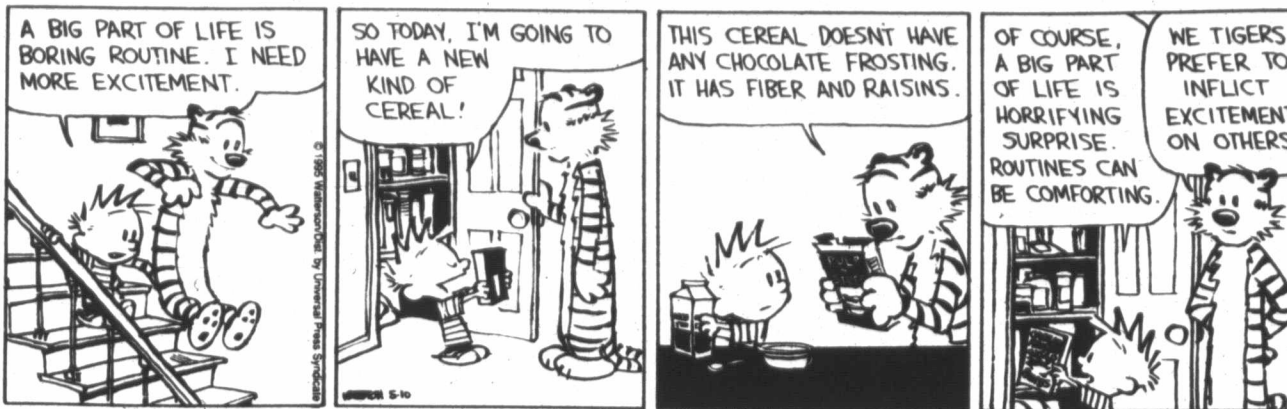
### Peanuts



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### Calvin & Hobbes



### Arlo & Janis



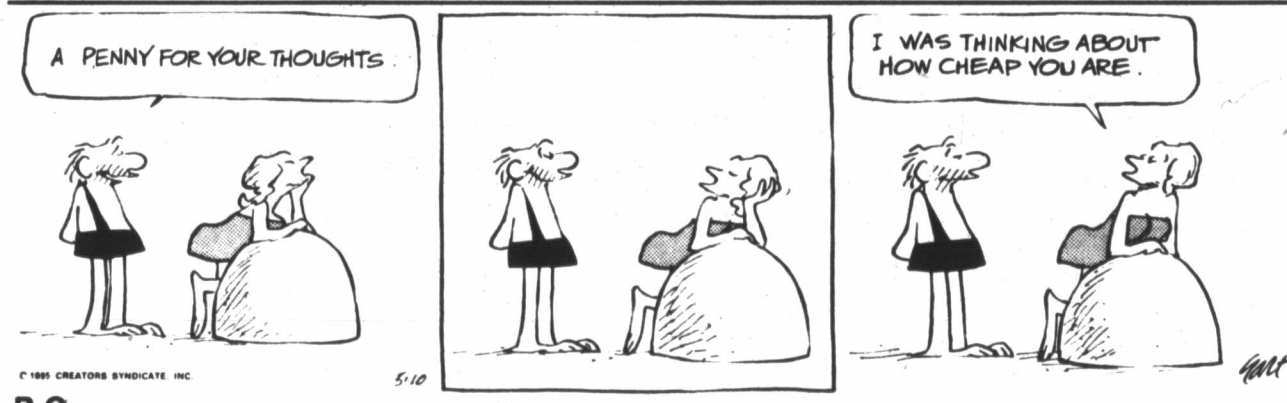
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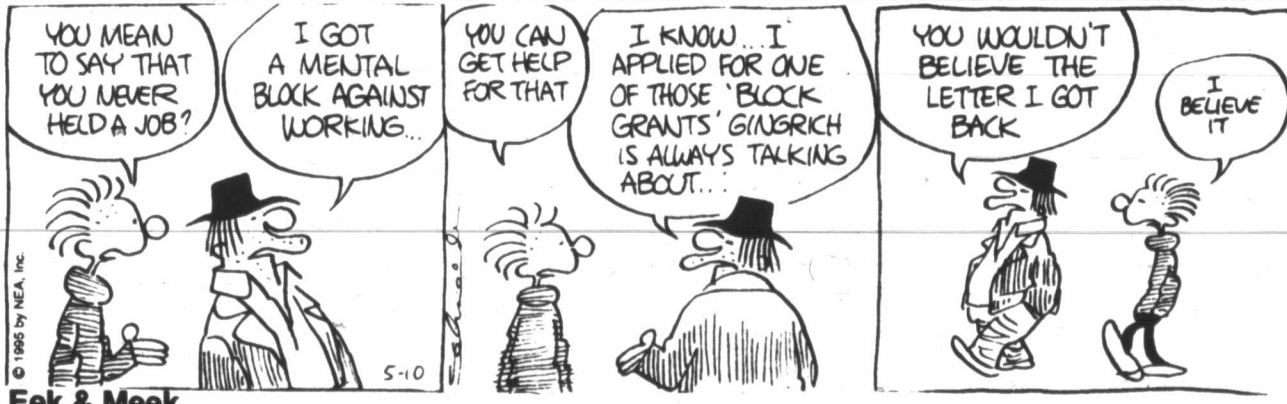
### Walnut Cove



### Marvin



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### Eek & Meek



### The Born Loser



### Robotman



### Mallard Filmore











## 'French Kiss' edges 'Sleeping' to top box office

By JOHN HORN  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kevin Kline and Meg Ryan's *French Kiss* narrowly defeated *While You Were Sleeping* at the box office but the results in the romantic comedy duel may be deceptive.

Even though *French Kiss* was first with \$9 million in its debut weekend, *While You Were Sleeping* made nearly that much — \$8.5 million — in its third week of release. Furthermore, *While You Were Sleeping* beat *French Kiss* Saturday by an estimated \$87,000.

Among other new films, *Panther* fared moderately well in limited release and *My Family* was strong in only 402 locations, mostly Hispanic markets. *Kiss of Death* continued to slip, as did *Top Dog*.

Overall business was up from the same weekend a year ago.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday-Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

1. *French Kiss*, 20th Century Fox, \$9 million, 1,721 locations, \$5,240 per location, \$9 million, one week.

2. *While You Were Sleeping*, Disney, \$8.5 million, 2,066 locations, \$4,107 per location, \$34.6 million, three weeks.

3. *Friday*, New Line, \$4 million, 881 locations, \$4,526 per location, \$14 million, two weeks.

4. *Bad Boys*, Columbia, \$2.9 million, 2,103 locations, \$1,386 per location, \$54.4 million, five weeks.

5. *Panther*, Gramercy, \$2.4 million, 713 locations, \$3,303, \$3.1 million, 1 1/2 weeks.

6. *My Family*, New Line, \$2.2 million, 402 locations, \$5,385, \$2.7 million, 1 1/2 weeks.

7. *Rob Roy*, MGM, \$2.12 million, 1,821 locations, \$1,166, \$26.8 million, five weeks.

8. *A Goofy Movie*, Disney, \$2.05 million, 1,994 locations, \$1,032 per location, \$28.7 million, five weeks.

9. *Village of the Damned*, Universal, \$1.9 million, 1,919 locations, \$1,005 per location, \$6 million, two weeks.

10. *Kiss of Death*, Fox, \$1.6 million, 1,567 locations, \$1,024 per location, \$12.5 million, three weeks.

11. *Don Juan DeMarco*, New Line, \$1.11 million, 1,083 locations, \$1,034 per location, \$17.8 million, five weeks.

12. *Top Dog*, MGM, \$1.05 million, 1,911 locations, \$554 per location, \$3.7 million, two weeks.

13. *Tommy Boy*, Paramount,

\$868,000, 1,181 locations, \$735 per location, \$29.6 million, six weeks.

14. *Circle of Friends*, Savoy, \$854,000, 901 locations, \$948 per location, \$19.8 million, eight weeks.

15. *Jury Duty*, TriStar, \$783,000, 1,215 locations, \$644 per location, \$14.2 million, four weeks.

16. *Outbreak*, Warner Bros., \$717,000, 890 locations, \$805 per location, \$63.9 million, nine weeks.

17. *Legends of the Fall*, TriStar, \$402,000, 538 locations, \$747 per location, \$65.1 million, 20 weeks.

18. *Forrest Gump*, Paramount, \$393,000, 574 locations, \$685 per location, \$329.2 million, 12 weeks in re-release.

19. *Major Payne*, Universal, \$373,000, 508 locations, \$735 per location, \$24.3 million, seven weeks.

20. *Pulp Fiction*, Miramax, \$335,000, 467 locations, \$718 per location, \$103.9 million, 30 weeks.

## Study: More than half of female inmates drug dependent

AUSTIN (AP) — More than half of the women inmates in state prisons are dependent on alcohol or other drugs, according to a new study.

In addition, 40 percent claim to have been drunk or high at the time of the offense that led to their imprisonment, the study released Tuesday says.

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse randomly surveyed 500 women inmates between the ages of 17 and 63.

"The most important result of the study ... is the overall picture the study gives us on the impairment, physical and sexual abuse

and the poverty that characterizes these inmates," research psychologist David Farabee said.

The study is the first the commission has conducted on women inmates, the number of whom are growing nationwide.

"We've kind of disregarded them, but they're growing," said Farabee, who authored the study.

Unlike male inmates, the majority of female inmates had children living with them at the time of their arrest. The typical mother in the sample had three children with an average age of eight.

With the growing population, over 7,000 mothers could be in

prison by September, a situation that could affect as many as 20,000 children, Farabee estimated.

In addition, about 45 percent of the inmates surveyed reported an average annual household income of less than \$10,000 and 72 percent did not complete high school.

The survey says that successful treatment of substance-dependent female inmates requires offering alternatives to substance abuse and a host of destructive lifestyle patterns.

A comparison with male inmates reveals that women were more likely to have mental health

problems, such as depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts, with substance-dependent female inmates reporting more of those problems than other female inmates.

Lifetime prostitution was reported by more than half of the substance-dependent female inmates, versus only 8 percent of the non-dependent inmates.

"The overall prevalence of drug use is similar between males and females, but the overall dependence (for women) is actually higher," Farabee said.

About 45 percent of the women were dependent on drugs compared to 32 percent of the men.

## Report: Stroke risk for ex-smokers stays higher than normal for 20 years

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Former smokers still face a higher-than-normal risk of a stroke more than 20 years after they quit, a study suggests.

Previous research indicated that within five years of quitting ex-smokers faced the same odds as people who never smoked.

"The message to smokers out there is simple: The earlier you quit this habit, the better your chances are for decreasing the risk of stroke or other vascular diseases," said Dr. Lawrence M. Brass, an associate professor of neurology at Yale and the study's co-author.

The findings were to be presented today at the American Academy of Neurology's annual meeting in Seattle.

The authors of two previous studies showing smokers in the clear after five years questioned the validity of the new survey's data.

Researchers from Yale and the U.S. Department of

Veterans Affairs conducted a mail survey of 7,116 men, ages 56 to 67, who were listed in the National Academy of Science National Research Council Twin registry. About 60 percent said they had been smokers at one time.

The research found that risk for stroke decreased somewhat within a few years after quitting but didn't return to a normal range until more than 20 years.

For those who had stopped smoking 10 to 20 years earlier, the risk was still more than 30 percent higher than for lifetime nonsmokers.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, behind heart disease and cancer. Of the 500,000 Americans who suffer strokes each year, about 150,000 die. Cigarette smokers are nearly twice as likely as nonsmokers to have a stroke.

A stroke occurs when the blood supply in the brain is disrupted. Often a blood clot chokes off an artery,

depriving brain cells of oxygen. Strokes also occur when blood vessels burst and flood brain tissue with blood.

A long-running study of residents of Framingham, Mass., indicated that after five years, smokers who kicked the habit had the same risk for stroke as nonsmokers.

A 1993 study of nurses at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston said women who quit smoking virtually eliminate their added risk for a stroke within four years.

"That just didn't make much sense, and it tends to minimize the risk of smoking," said Brass. "For example, your lungs suffer damage from smoking. They don't just get better once you quit."

Dr. Ichiro Kawachi, assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and the lead researcher on the nurses' study, agreed that smoking's effects on organs like the lungs and heart are long-term. But he

said he believes Brass' results may have been skewed by people's memories.

"You can get recall bias, people saying they quit a long time ago, because they feel guilty," Kawachi said.

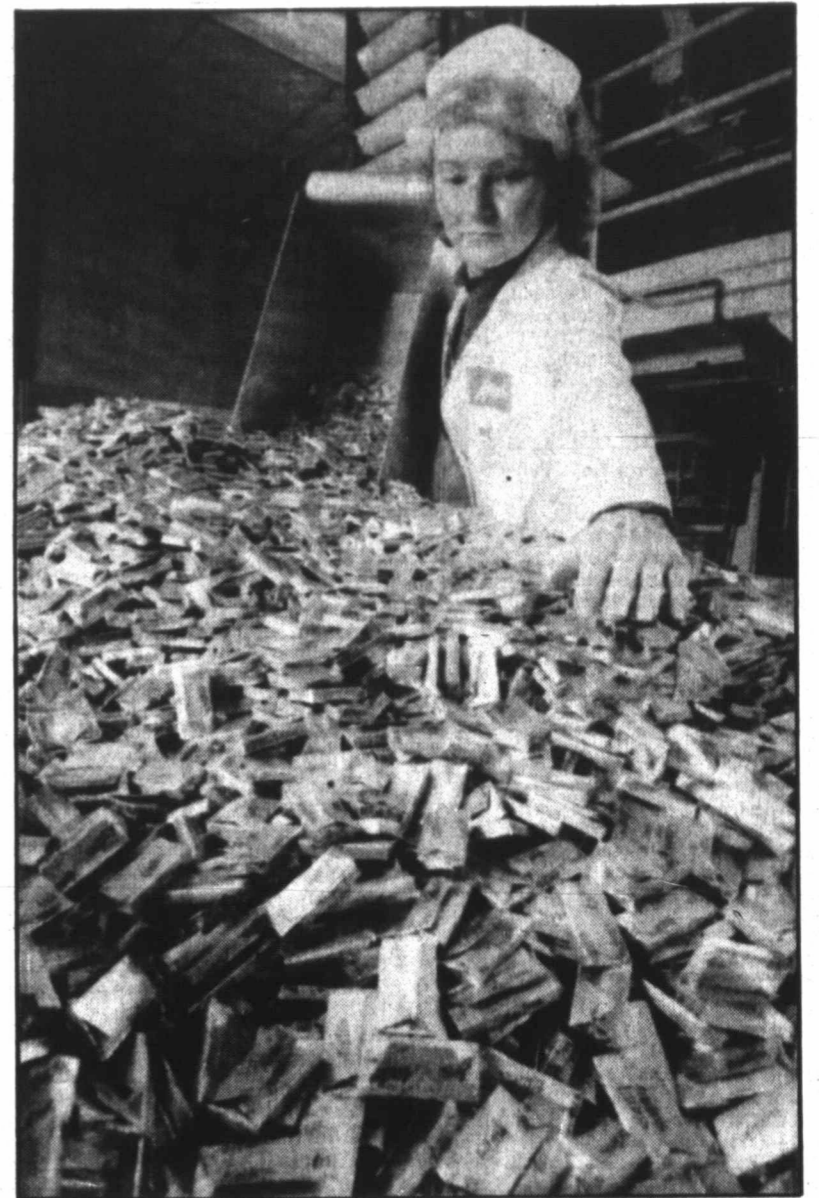
The Nurses' Health Study has been observing more than 87,000 women since 1976 with biennial questionnaires checked against medical records.

The Framingham study started in 1950 with about 5,000 residents, and is now down to 1,200 survivors who are examined every two years.

The Framingham study's principal investigator, Philip A. Wolf, also questioned Brass' survey method.

Brass acknowledged there are inherent weaknesses in relying on a mail survey rather than observing patients directly because not everyone who receives the survey responds and because people aren't always truthful.

## Candy for mothers



(AP photo/Andes Candies)

Lori Healey, a quality inspector for Andes Candies Inc. in Delavan, Wis., fills a packaging machine with individual pieces of Mint Parfait candies on Tuesday. The candies will fill gift baskets for Mother's Day. The company will produce over 10 million pieces of its chocolaty mints for Mother's Day sales.

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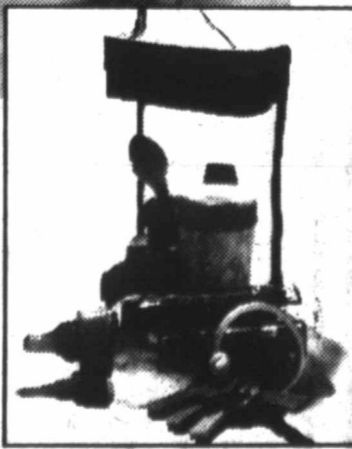


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