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Good Evening!

LOCAL

PAMPA — Victor P. Raymond, chairman of a coalition committee on a proposed 1-27 north expansion, has scheduled two meetings for citizen input. The meetings will confirm Pampa's presentation to be included in the proposed 1-27 north expansion meeting with the Texas Department of Transportation on March 27 in Amarillo. The community meetings will be held Friday, March 17, at 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 23, at 5 p.m. Both will be held at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. During the public meeting in Amarillo, TxDOT officials will be hearing Panhandle community transportation proposals in order to develop their transportation plan.

PAMPA — Efforts are being undertaken to find food, clothing and other items for a Pampa family whose trailer house was burned down Friday night.

Family friend Mary Rossiter said donations are being taken for the Gaylene Shipp family, who lost most of their possessions when the trailer was totally destroyed by the fire. Needed items include dishes, pots and pans, food and clothing.

The family has a stove and refrigerator, but any food would be appreciated, Rossiter said. Clothing needs include items for Ms. Shipp and for her three sons — 13, 16 and 18 years old.

Money donations also would be accepted to help purchase needed items, Rossiter said. Anyone having items or donations to make can contact Rossiter at 665-5921.

PAMPA — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering CPR and first aid classes this month.

An adult CPR class will be held Monday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. On Tuesday, March 21, a standard first aid course will be taught, also at 6:30 p.m.

An infant and child CPR class will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 27.

All courses cost \$15, which includes instructional materials. Advance registration is required by calling the Red Cross office at 669-7121.

Those planning to take upcoming lifeguard classes are required to have current CPR and first aid cards.

SKINNER TRIAL

FORT WORTH - Testimony on DNA evidence presented by the state was expected to continue for a second day today in the capital murder trial of Henry Watkins Skinner.

Testimony was interrupted as of press time today pending the end of a procedural delay in the proceedings.

District Attorney John Mann and the prosecution team began the presentation of DNA evidence on Tuesday.

The testimony began with Department of Public Safety serologist Gary Stallings, according to a Gray County official with the trial in Tarrant County.

Testimony continued today with two DNA experts and the pathologist who performed the autopsies on the woman and two men alleged slain by Skinner.

Meghan Clement, one of the two DNA experts, is employed by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

The pathologist is Elizabeth Peacock, who worked in Amarillo at the time of the slayings. She concluded the three stabbing deaths to be a homicide.

DNA evidence is used to identify the person who is the source of human tissue.

City awards contract for street repair projects

By JEFF CARRUTH
Staff Writer

The second and larger phase of the street reconstruction in the city took a final step towards the beginning of work during the regular meeting of the Pampa City Commission on Tuesday.

Commissioners approved the award of a \$3 million contract to E.D. Baker of Borger for the project.

Public works director Richard Morris said work could begin as

early as April. If there are no weather delays, an initial estimate for the time until completion is 15 months, he said.

Phase two involves the rebuilding previously paved streets, including Duncan Street.

Morris said the city will provide information on the progress of the project and what areas will be affected. He said the city will have a public education project at the beginning of the work.

"We want to move the project along as we can, but at the same time

we want a real quality project," Morris said.

Funds for the street program will come from a 1991 bond issue approved by Pampa voters. Phase one of the project, which involved paving dirt streets primarily in the southeast part of the city, took place in 1993.

Commissioners also approved the Pampa Police Department's submission of two grant applications to receive federal funds from the 1994 Crime Bill. One grant will seek assistance with the salary of a patrol officer.

The other grant seeks money for equipment purchases including communications equipment.

Commissioners approved appointments to two municipal boards at the meeting. James Lewis and Tamita Olson were named to the cable advisory board. Everett Butler was named to the municipal golf course advisory board. Commissioners also named Brenda Moody as municipal election judge and Barbara Dougherty as the alternate judge.

In other action, the commission approved the purchase of 1,000 water meters, approved the sale of two delinquent tax properties and awarded a banking depository contract to Citizen's Bank and Trust.

Commissioners took no action after an executive session on appointments and terms of office about to expire on the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Commissioners also canceled the scheduled March 28 meeting to attend Panhandle Day at the Texas Legislature in Austin.

Lefors city, ISD to view plan for tax collections

By JEFF CARRUTH
Staff Writer

A plan by the Gray County Tax Assessor/Collectors Office to collect Lefors city and school taxes now faces consideration and approval by the Lefors City Council and Lefors ISD school board.

The Gray County Commissioners Court on Tuesday authorized Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris to approach the two Lefors entities with proposed contracts for the collections.

Morris said she will present Lefors school officials with the plan and a proposed contract at a meeting in April.

Lefors city officials have okayed the plan subject to ratification of a contract with the county.

The Gray County Appraisal District currently handles tax collection for the two Lefors entities.

"It costs less money for the county to do it," Lefors Mayor J.W. Franks said. The county would charge "quite a bit less" for the service, he said.

W. Pat Bagley, chief appraiser of the Gray County Appraisal District, said his office will likely adjust its budget if Lefors officials go with the county plan.

Bagley and Morris both said their offices try to help local governments in the way taxes are collected when they can.

"We all need to help each other out," Morris said.

Under the proposed plan, Lefors city and school taxes would appear on the same statement as Gray County taxes. Lefors area taxpayers could then pay with one check to the county. The assessor/collector's office would supply an itemized receipt showing how much was paid to each entity.

Morris told commissioners Tuesday the service would not burden the assessor/collector's office. The county currently mails tax statements to Lefors residents, and the information from Lefors would be handled by computer, she said.

The county currently provides the same collection service for McLean city and schools tax collection.

Protesters occupy Gingrich's office

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — About 300 union members occupied House speaker Newt Gingrich's district office for nearly an hour today, then scuffled with police outside.

The protesters left the office on their own just before noon. As they stood outside shouting slogans, a few got into a fistfight with police and troopers.

"We came out here to send Mr. Gingrich the strongest message that we could, that we intend to protect the middle class, we intend to protect the labor movement, we intend to protect union jobs, we intend to protect our families and our futures," said Stewart Acuff, head of the Atlanta Labor Council, an umbrella organization for 65 major unions.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

One of the world's tallest leprechauns, Bill Howe of Shamrock is out on the Main Street of Shamrock early this year awaiting the beginning of the city's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Even beards can be green in Shamrock

SHAMROCK — It's a good thing that Bill Howe liked the weather in the Texas Panhandle or he might be in Florida organizing Christopher Columbus celebrations.

Eventually, he took over the operation. He retired in 1989, with Kip Pease taking over the duties of publishing the paper.

"That story appeared in the paper on July 6, 1989," he said. Although he's officially retired, he still maintains an office at the newspaper office looking out on Main Street.

And he still plans on wearing a green beard for St. Patrick's Day this year.

One of the key players in the traditional St. Patrick's Day celebration in Shamrock, Howe's now white beard has been green for a number of years.

It's the green chlorophyll pills from Ireland that he takes that turns it green, he claimed.

It doesn't do any good, he said, to take one a day for just three or four days. You've got to take them daily for at least a week.

"I've told that story so many times, I almost believe it," he said with his eyes twinkling.

The St. Patrick's Day celebration had been abandoned during World War II, Howe said. It wasn't until the 1960s that a group of businessmen, including Howe, decided to revive it.

"I was a member of that com-

mittee," he admitted. "It's been real good."

The success of the Shamrock St. Patrick's Day celebration surprised even the veteran newspaperman.

Although the crowds weren't always as large as he sometimes reported, he said with an impish grin, he was constantly amazed at the calls from the far away places he received to ask about it.

UPI carried stories on the celebration for years, he said. Howe would get clippings from around the world.

"Somebody sent me one from Japan one time," he said.

Another time, a man called from Ireland and asked if he could be the Irish correspondent for The Shamrock Texan.

Howe told him he didn't really need a correspondent on the Emerald Isle, but he would use some stories in the paper on Ireland and St. Patrick's Day tradition.

He used the material from his Irish correspondent, Con McParland, in the newspaper's special St. Patrick's Day edition.

"It's amazing how many people that celebration attracts," Howe said. He tells the story of the band that had been brought in to play for the St. Patrick's Day dance a number of years ago. The leader of the band thought he had been booked into the Shamrock Hilton in

Houston. When 3,000 people showed up for the dance that night, however, he was a lot happier.

Howe also remembers the time his wife missed the celebration because she was in a hospital in Amarillo.

"I went up to see her," he said, "and I didn't even think about having a green beard. One of the nurses passed me in the hall and stared at my beard. When it dawned on me what she was looking at, I just turned to her and asked if she could direct me to the psychiatric ward."

For years, Howe was the spark plug that brought the St. Patrick's Day event to life. With his green suit, green hat and green beard, he could be seen leading the parade, introducing Miss Irish Rose contestants and making sure everything ran on time. And then it happened.

"I was visiting with some people out on the street," Howe said, motioning toward the window next to his desk that looks out to Main Street. "And then I saw it. Some one was riding a green horse. I knew I'd been upstaged, so I walked back into my office and behaved myself the rest of the day."

Howe said there's a good group in charge of the celebration now, and he doesn't worry about it this year. But he will, he said stroking his chin whiskers, still be wearing his green beard.

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Domestic violence victims denied insurance coverage

By JOHN PACENTI
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — An abusive husband struck Jody in the face with a soda can and a shoe in separate 1990 attacks.

Four years later, she received another blow: Her insurance company denied her a life insurance policy. It had found out about the past abuse through medical records.

"I was 32 years old and wasn't worth insuring," Jody said.

She and other victims of domestic violence told their stories by telephone Tuesday to a panel of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which is drafting model legislation to prohibit insurers from discriminating against such victims.

One advocate, testifying in person, told the panel that the insurance refusals will discourage victims from reporting and documenting abuse.

"If victims have to come forward at the risk of losing their insurance ... they won't come forward and we will be set back 25 years," said Terry Fromson of the Women's Law Project in Philadelphia.

Fromson represents a 25-year-old Carlisle, Pa., woman who was instrumental in bringing the problem to light last year. The woman was denied medical, life and mortgage disability insurance.

Her story prompted Washington Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn to look at companies in her state. At first, it appeared no such discrimination existed. But then her office discovered that other excuses, such as alcoholism, were being used.

"It was very subtle," said Senn, who chairs the NAIC panel. "This is further victimizing victims, punishing victims for being beaten."

In another case, a Seattle woman said her homeowner's insurance policy was canceled after the irate ex-wife of her boyfriend's brother damaged a door. The insurance company

said she had "too much trouble with people."

The discrimination in other states was more blatant, Senn said — one company even denied insurance to battered women under the rationale that it would encourage spouses to kill in order to collect.

Senn said the model legislation, which the panel is expected to approve in June and send to the full NAIC, will have great weight when commissioners present it to state legislatures.

"When you are in the middle of a legislative session and you tell the legislators this is a NAIC model, then they know its been through a hearing process and has had the industry testifying on it," Senn said.

Last week, two bills were introduced in Congress to prohibit discrimination of domestic violence victims.

"I feel domestic violence is a crime," said Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who sponsored the House bill. "It's not a disease or a pre-existing condition or accidental injury. What about stabbings or muggings, are they going to call this a pre-existing condition?"

Some insurance companies are trying to catch up as the issue gains momentum. After the Pennsylvania case became public, State Farm Insurance Cos. of Bloomington, Ill., changed its policy of not providing life insurance to women who still lived with a past abuser.

"We looked at the situation and didn't want to be party to the fact that someone wouldn't want to move out of an abusive environment because she would lose her insurance," said K.C. Eynatten, spokeswoman for State Farm.

But State Farm still uses domestic violence as a criteria for medical coverage. And Eynatten said the real solution lies at the roots of domestic violence.

"The real problem," she said, "is that people are beating people up and that needs to stop."

Muddy play



James Webb, 13, kicks up some mud while four-wheeling during his spring break in a park near Waco on Tuesday. Heavy thunderstorms dumped over two inches of rain over Central Texas, adding to Webb's enjoyment of the activity.

(AP photo/Waco Tribune Herald)

Henry Lucas wins execution stay, new trial

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Henry Lee Lucas, who once claimed that he killed hundreds of people in at least 22 states but later recanted, has won a stay of execution.

Less than 10 hours before he was to have been put to death by injection, the one-eyed drifter got a reprieve Tuesday from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The court said the prosecution had suppressed evidence in the 1985 trial in which Lucas was convicted and sentenced to die. A new trial might be ordered.

The victim was a woman, never identified, who was known as "Orange Socks" because that was the only clothing she wore when her body was found in 1979 in a culvert near Georgetown, about 25 miles north of Austin.

When Lucas was first arrested, he generated enormous publicity by confessing to nearly 600 murders in at least 22 states. He finally recanted all of them, including that of his mother in 1960 in Michigan, the one slaying he consistently had acknowledged.

Lucas, now 58, has been convicted of 12 other murders in Texas and Florida.

Among the slayings he confessed to was "Orange Socks," a woman he said he picked up while she was hitchhiking on Interstate 35. However, he later contended he was in Florida on Halloween night of 1979 and could not have killed her.

"The prosecution suppressed evidence of another suspect in the case that they were pursuing at the time Mr. Lucas confessed," according to Richard Wetzel, executive administrator of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

"Despite a request by defense counsel, they never told the defense about the other suspect," Wetzel said.

The appeals court granted the stay Tuesday in order to send the case back to trial court in Williamson County for a review. That court could order a new trial.

New evidence suggests Mexican cardinal murdered

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A government source says new evidence indicates that the gunfire that killed a Roman Catholic cardinal last year was meant for him.

The source, who asked not to be named, told The Associated Press Tuesday the break in the case would be announced within days.

Many Mexicans didn't believe the government's initial theory: that Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo was caught in the cross-fire of rival drug traffickers.

"We have always treated this as an open case," said Mexico City Cardinal Ramon Godinez Flores, declining to comment further.

Footage of the cardinal's bullet-riddled body shocked this predominantly Catholic nation. His chauffeur and five other bystanders also were slain during the shootout at the Guadalajara airport on May 24, 1993.

The death of Posadas, Mexico's second-ranking Catholic cleric, was the first of three high-profile killings that have shaken faith — at home and abroad — in the nation's ruling party.

The source said new leads suggested the clergyman was assassinated. He

did not elaborate on whether a motive or masterminds had been found, but said the attorney general's office would elaborate with an announcement by some time next week.

The announcement is to be made by Pablo Chapa Benzanilla, the special prosecutor in all three killings. Chapa Benzanilla today reportedly was to visit Guadalajara, 280 miles northwest of Mexico City, to examine advances by his investigators.

Unnamed sources told the respected Mexican newspaper Reforma that Chapa Benzanilla would brief new Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez this week about the latest leads in the case by a beefed-up team of investigators.

Until now the government contended the outspoken clergyman was mistaken for a drug trafficker because he was in a white 1993 Gran Marquis and dressed in black, as is common among traffickers.

Reports of progress in the Posadas case came when unidentified sources close to the investigation were quoted Monday as saying key evidence had been overlooked earlier.

Reforma quoted one source as saying the cardinal's bullet-riddled auto

had been repaired and sold at auction without a more exhaustive examination and that his clothing had also not been rigorously examined.

But the sources told Reforma they had tracked down the car and re-examined the clothing, the car interior and seat upholstery, coming up with unspecified evidence overlooked before.

The reports said a large team of investigators has been working on the case, both in Mexico City and in Guadalajara, and that the case was the most complicated to investigate of the country's three high-profile murders.

The Posadas slaying was followed in March 1994 by that of Luis Donaldo Colosio, a ruling party presidential candidate, and September's shooting of Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, secretary general of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party.

PPROA to meet in April

AMARILLO — Carole Kecton Rylander of the Texas Railroad Commission will be the keynote speaker for the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association on the first day of the group's annual meeting in April.

Keith Selinger of GSM & Associates in Amarillo will hold a five-hour workshop on the first day of the meeting, April 18, at the Radisson Hotel in Amarillo. Amarillo geologist David Walker with Heritage Drilling will also give an overview of 3-D seismic work.

Other presentations that Tuesday afternoon include production based financing alternatives and risk management.

The Lubbock OSHA office will also present a workshop on safety and health regulations in the oil patch, according to PPROA

Executive Vice President H. Wayne Hughes.

Dr. Margaret Maxey, engineering professor from the University of Texas, will speak at breakfast on Wednesday. She will be followed by Gail Bishop, president of People For An Energy Policy, a Houston-based grass roots organization which seeks to counter the growing radicalism in the environmental movement, Hughes said.

Kent Hance, Austin lawyer, will address the convention later in the day on the threat of imported oil. Rep. Mac Thornberry will speak on the first 100 days of the Republican's Contract with America.

A Sugarland-based independent geologist, Andy Bagot, will end the day with a presentation on oil exploration in the Chechnyan region of Russia.

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Opinion

Does the Internet need regulating?

The arrest of Kevin D. Mitnick, alleged to be one of the most sophisticated, adventuresome - and criminal - computer "hackers" in cyberspace has highlighted the difficulties of keeping information in one's computer system private when you're connected to the Internet and to other computer-to-computer communications systems. When you're hooked up that way you can be vulnerable to hackers - people who get a kick out of breaking into other people's computers and sometimes mess up systems or use the information obtained for profit or for illegal purposes.

The problem has people scratching their heads, wondering if there isn't something the government can do to protect people's privacy without subverting the open nature of the Internet - a system originally created to help scientists share information as widely as possible and, therefore, with little concern for security or privacy. But it turns out that the problem of security and privacy has already been made significantly worse by previous government actions. The best thing government can do is to cease what it has been doing, let people who use the Internet solve their own problems, and abandon its lust to regulate and control the Internet.

It turns out that one of the best ways to send private messages, exchange information privately, or protect information on one's own system, once it's hooked up to what is essentially an open-access Internet system, is cryptography - using a special code so that messages and information appear to be meaningless garble unless someone has the proper cryptographic "key" at the other end to unscramble the garble.

But the government has declared cryptographic systems to be vital to national security. They've been used for centuries in spying (unlocking the Japanese cryptographic code is considered one of the most significant feats of American spycraft during World War II), and the government has come close to asserting ownership and control even of cryptographic systems developed in the private sector for private purposes. Private companies and individuals are forbidden to export cryptographic systems (the laws have been interpreted to classify them as weapons), and even domestic sales are not encouraged.

Cryptographic systems are not a cure-all that will solve the problem of privacy in cyberspace permanently. Clever people armed with ever more powerful computers will try to figure them out, providing a constant challenge to cryptography designers to improve them or to keep changing them whenever a breach is discovered. But the best bet for keeping ahead of the problem of hackers invading privacy is for those who have an interest in privacy to work on it themselves, maintaining the flexibility and innovativeness necessary to keep one step ahead of the game.

Letting the government get into the privacy-protection business could be the worst approach - both because government entities tend to be too rigid and cumbersome to stay ahead of clever hackers and because in many cases the government is a notorious invader of privacy itself.

The government keeps pushing the metaphor of the "information superhighway," which creates the image of one broad stream of information and allows people to posit that a superhighway could use a traffic cop. But the Internet is much more complex than that - and also more complex than a spiderweb, another metaphor some have tried - and getting more complex. The decentralized nature of computer communications, the lack of hierarchical structures, the freedom of interchange constitute its most attractive features. The last thing needed is more regulation.

Let's not let the government run the Net.

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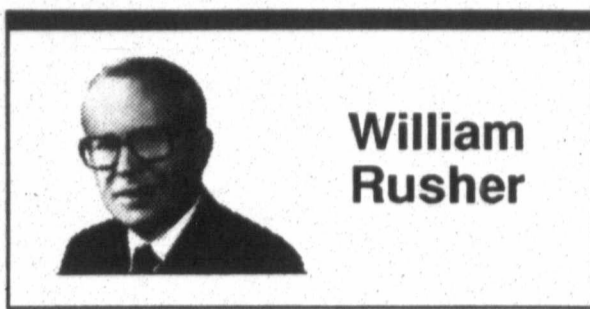
Let's define 'affirmative action'

The backlash against "affirmative action" is rolling over the Democratic Party like a tidal wave, and President Clinton has come forth with his first response. (No doubt there will be others.) It is a typical Clinton waffle: We will examine the whole spectrum of affirmative-action programs and eliminate any that "aren't working," but will defend the principle of affirmative action to the death.

Practically the entire Democratic Party has fallen in behind this formulation, including some black politicians (like Willie Brown in California) who until last week were vowing to defend the whole edifice of affirmative action with their dying breath. This merely demonstrates how scared they are and they have every right to be scared.

For the rest of us, it is important to hack our way through the thick growth of misconceptions and planted axioms with which the liberals and their allies in the media have attempted to obscure the whole issue.

1. In the first place, exactly what is "affirmative action"? It is a nice-sounding phrase, carefully chosen about 30 years ago as a substitute for such unpopular terms as "preferences" and "quotas." Liberals nowadays always hotly deny that they favor quotas or preferences in hiring (e.g. in fire departments) or admissions (e.g. to colleges), but if affirmative action doesn't mean exactly that, then precisely what does it mean?



William Rusher

At that point you will be treated to some woozy poetry about "goals," or diverted to some side issue such as "outreach" (making sure that minorities are given a chance to compete) on which everybody agrees. But the present drive to eliminate "affirmative action" is aimed squarely at policies that favor one skin color over another regardless of individual merit. We must insist that liberals tell us whether they are for that or against it, and where they stand on policies that would eliminate it.

2. The liberals are forever telling us that the glad day will dawn when discrimination no longer exists in America, "but it certainly isn't here yet," so affirmative action can't be abandoned yet. The planted axiom here is that this country at some point decided to correct the consequences of discrimination by requiring "affirmative action" until those consequences were eradicated.

But exactly where and when did America adopt

such a policy? Certainly not in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. One of its chief authors, Hubert Humphrey, swore that he would "eat his hat" if that law was ever interpreted as requiring a black American to be hired, or admitted to college, in preference to a better qualified white. The whole object of the act was to require that blacks be evaluated on their individual merits and treated accordingly - that they be judged, in Martin Luther King Jr.'s ringing words, "not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

And yet, under the rubric of "affirmative action," a whole complex skein of entitlements has evolved that benefits nobody but smart lawyers and their wealthy clients. One of the slickest came to light recently when it was revealed that because a former Carter administration consultant, Frank May, is black and therefore theoretically disadvantaged (even though he controls more cable systems than any other black in the country), white billionaire Sumner Redstone stood to be excused from paying upwards of \$440 million in taxes because he had the compassion to sell Viacom to May's company (for \$2.3 billion) rather than to a white owned business.

The Republican Congress put a stop to that outrage, but the issue is far broader. The American people are poised to put an end to the whole racket of race quotas and race preferences, and the liberals know it. No wonder they are scared.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 15, the 74th day of 1995. There are 291 days left in the year. This is "Buzzer Day" in Hinkley, Ohio.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 15, 44 B.C., Roman Emperor Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

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In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1875, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, John McCloskey, was named the first American cardinal, by Pope Pius IX.

In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

In 1919, the American Legion was founded, in Paris.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

O.J. trial's impact on nation's police

The National Law Journal has surveyed 300 lawyers. More than 2-to-1, they believe that O.J. Simpson will go free.

They've watched on television the familiar exercise in futility, and they know there is no chance of a unanimous guilty verdict from this jury.

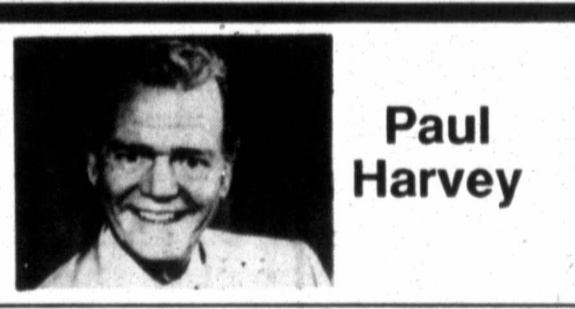
Outspoken trial attorney Gerry Spence says, "This case is going to affect our nation's entire jury system."

Yet, although the outcome is a foregone conclusion, this trial will drag on through most of this year. Cynics suggest it will drag on for as long as Simpson's money lasts.

I am less concerned about this trial's reflection on our jury system. Much of the nation is likely to shrug off the result as "the way things are in Southern California."

I am more concerned that this trial's merciless maligning of law enforcers might make it even more difficult to recruit police professionals.

Who is going to want to be a cop when court trials are likely to get twisted around to where the offi-



Paul Harvey

cer of law has to hire lawyers to defend himself?

The policeman's lot is not a happy one.

One police officer was the target of shrewd castigator-lawyer F. Lee Bailey, who sought to impress the jury with an implied shame-on-you accusation he knew to be insane: "You did not measure the temperature of Nicole's bath water? Why not? Why did you not measure the temperature of Nicole's bath water?"

In ANY murder, when a trail of blood leads from the crime scene to a suspect, the suspect's lawyers

have only one chance. They must turn things around so that it's the police who are on trial.

By accusing the police of carelessness at least and conspiracy at worst, the lawyers must divert the jury's attention away from the evidence.

In any murder trial, the accused's lawyers must try to raise doubt by alleging ineptness by police.

But when it is the trial of the century, and when the world is watching and the underpaid police on the witness stand are no match for seven major-league lawyers, if the attorneys succeed in making a cop look bad, they make ALL cops look bad.

And that, perhaps, is the most devastating fallout of what's happening in Los Angeles.

A policeman is a composite of what all of us are - a mingling of saint and sinner, dust and deity. But realistically - statistically - less than one-half of 1 percent of policemen misfit that uniform.

And that is a better average than you'll find among clergymen.

Surgeon general nominee troubles far from over

Dr. Henry Foster, President Clinton's nominee for surgeon general, is heading into a new firestorm that may overwhelm his earlier skirmishes over abortion and involuntary sterilizations.

Investigators from news organizations, private groups and the White House itself are right now combing the files of the Macon County, Ala., Medical Society in search of records that will shed light on the role Dr. Foster played in the infamous Tuskegee Experiment.

The Tuskegee Experiment was among the darkest episodes in American medical history. Begun in the 1930s by the United States Public Health Service, the experiment started as an effort to study the epidemiology of syphilis. Poor, black men from the rural areas of Alabama surrounding the Tuskegee Institute were recruited for the research.

At first, the study proceeded like any other medical research. But in the 1940s, it took a sinister turn when penicillin became available to treat syphilis. In a decision that defies understanding, the physicians and medical researchers who ran the Tuskegee Experiment decided not to treat 400 of the men in their cohort but simply continued to monitor the effects of the disease over the years. The subjects of the experiments were not told the nature of the study and were misled into thinking that they were being treated. In truth, they received only painful spinal taps (to measure the effects of the disease on the nervous system). Their symptoms were noted and recorded and simple burials provided when the disease had run its course.



Mona Charen

In 1972, when the truth about the study came to light, the public outrage was enormous. Senate hearings in 1973 (chaired by Sen. Ted Kennedy) led to passage of the National Research Act, which codified strict rules about informed consent.

Dr. Henry Foster was a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Tuskegee Institute - the medical hub of the experiment - during the 1960s. He was also the vice president and later president of the Macon County Medical Society.

According to the book *Bad Blood: The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment* by Professor James H. Jones of the University of Houston, the Macon County Medical Society was fully briefed about the Tuskegee Experiment in May of 1969, three years before the experiment came to public light. Two Public Health Service doctors, Leslie Norins and Alfonso H. Holguin, "explained the experiment in detail to the society's members ... (who) listened attentively and ... volunteered cooperation and approval and support."

Indeed, according to *Bad Blood*, the doctors were cautioned against treating any of the men in

the study with antibiotics, lest they disturb the experiment. The Macon County Medical Society, 14 of whose 15 members were black, agreed to withhold treatment and asked for a list of names of the men in the study. Lists were provided to each physician.

In 1972, when the experiment had become a national scandal (though somewhat eclipsed by the news of Thomas Eagleton's withdrawal as George McGovern's running mate, which broke on the same day), Dr. Henry Foster, by then the president of the Macon County Medical Society, expressed a desire to help the subjects of the experiment in any way possible. But he made no reference to the meeting, three years earlier, at which the society had pledged its cooperation with the experiment.

Dr. Foster has told friends that he was not present at the 1969 meeting detailed in *Bad Blood*. But even if that is true, was he not informed about it later? How often does a small county medical group get a visit from the Public Health Service? Did the vice president of the society not keep abreast of what happened at meetings he couldn't attend? Would the group's vice president be kept in the dark about something so important? Didn't simple gossip among the small group virtually ensure that Foster would have heard about it?

It was difficult to credit Dr. Foster's early claim that he had performed fewer than a dozen abortions and all had been in cases of rape, incest or life of the mother. That statement turned out to be, in the old Watergate phrase, inoperative. If Dr. Foster now pleads ignorance about Tuskegee, he may find his nomination "ambushed at credibility gap."

Pregnant woman shot five times over traffic dispute

HOUSTON (AP) — A pregnant woman who got in a traffic dispute in the parking lot of a state paroles supervision office was killed Tuesday after she was shot five times in the back.

The 41-year-old woman's infant daughter was delivered by Caesarian section and was in extremely critical condition Tuesday, said W. Johnson, assistant head nurse at Ben Taub Hospital.

The suspect, a woman who had her 9-year-old grandson with her at the time of the shooting, was shot in the thigh by a security guard.

Johnson said the suspect, who is in her mid-60s, was in fair condition.

Beth Branley, spokeswoman for the Harris County Hospital District, said the names of the women were not available for release.

The shooting occurred about 2 p.m. after the victim and her fiance

and the suspect became deadlocked in their cars at the entrance of the parking lot.

The suspect got out of her car and opened fire, hitting the pregnant woman, said Linda Fulton, an employee at the Texas Department of Pardons and Paroles office in southwest Houston.

"This woman was trying to leave. This lady was trying to come in the exit. They wouldn't back up for her far enough for her to get in. She just got out of her car and started shooting. No words were exchanged or anything," Ms. Fulton said.

One of the people in the car shot at was a client of the parole office, Ms. Fulton said. She said she did not know the identity of the woman who shot at them.

Sgt. C.P. Elliott called the shooting a "domestic dispute" but he would not tell the relationship of the people involved.

'Outbreak' breaks out at top of box office

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The virus movie *Outbreak* debuted in first place at the box office while business slumped for several films in their second weekends of release.

Outbreak earned a strong \$13.4 million, while second-week holdovers *Man of the House*, *Roommates* and *Hideaway* all declined 30 percent or more from a week earlier.

Pulp Fiction and *Forrest Gump* played strongly, and *Gump* is now poised to pass *The Lion King* as 1994's highest-grossing title.

Overall business was dim. The Top 10 films brought in \$38.2 million, compared with an average of \$55.7 million during the past 52 weeks.

In limited release, *Muriel's Wedding* was popular and more markets will be added this weekend. *Ninjas Knuckle Up* bombed.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters from Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of screens, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and Entertainment Data Inc. from actual returns and studio estimates:

1. *Outbreak*, Warner Bros., \$13.4 million, 2,215 locations, \$6,059 per location, \$13.4 million, one week.
2. *Man of the House*, Disney, \$6.8 million, 2,054 locations, \$3,307 per location, \$17.9 million, two weeks.
3. *The Brady Bunch Movie*, Paramount, \$3.4 million, 1,941 locations, \$1,736 per location, \$37.5 million, four weeks.
4. *Just Cause*, Warner Bros., \$3.1 million, 2,048 locations, \$1,502 per location, \$30.6 million, four weeks.
5. *Roommates*, Disney, \$2.6 million, 1,272 locations, \$2,033 per

6. *Hideaway*, TriStar, \$2.5 million, 1,900 locations, \$1,320 per location, \$9.1 million, two weeks.
7. *Pulp Fiction*, Miramax, \$2.1 million, 1,063 locations, \$2,015 per location, \$88.7 million, 22 weeks.
8. *Forrest Gump*, Paramount, \$1.8 million, 1,103 locations, \$1,636 per location, \$312 million, four weeks in re-release.
9. *Billy Madison*, Universal, \$1.278 million, 1,397 locations, \$915 per location, \$22.4 million, five weeks.
10. *Legends of the Fall*, TriStar, \$1.271 million, 1,018 locations, \$1,249 per location, \$61.5 million, 12 weeks.
11. *The Madness of King George*, Goldwyn, \$1.17 million, 422 locations, \$2,796 per location, \$9.6 million, 11 weeks.
12. *The Shawshank Redemption*, Columbia, \$1.12 million, 744 locations, \$1,506 per location, \$22.2 million, 25 weeks.

13. *Heavyweights*, Disney, \$1.09 million, 1,546 locations, \$707 per location, \$14.7 million, four weeks.
14. *Nobody's Fool*, Paramount, \$975,000, 1,022 locations, \$954 per location, \$36.7 million, 12 weeks.
15. *Boys on the Side*, Warner Bros., \$685,000, 770 locations, \$889 per location, \$21.5 million, six weeks.
16. *Dumb and Dumber*, New Line, \$663,000, 653 locations, \$1,015 per location, \$117.7 million, 13 weeks.
17. *Richie Rich*, Warner Bros., \$503,000, 774 locations, \$650 per location, \$37.1 million, 12 weeks.
18. *The Hunted*, Universal, \$502,000, 837 locations, \$600 per location, \$5.7 million, three weeks.
19. *Bullets Over Broadway*, Miramax, \$389,000, 310 locations, \$1,255 per location, \$11.9 million, 22 weeks.
20. *The Mangler*, New Line, \$376,000, 800 locations, \$470 per location, \$1.5 million, two weeks.

Fish, wildlife information on computers

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is offering computer users cruising the information highway data on conservation and management of the nation's fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.

The information is available on the agency's Internet server. The new World Wide Web server "home pages" contain summaries of numerous activities and programs conducted by the federal agency.

Examples include a current listing of all endangered and threatened species, information concerning recreational activities on the more than 500 national wildlife refuges and tips for travelers concerning the purchase of wildlife products in a foreign country. Also available is information on fisheries management and conservation, descriptions of various wildlife species and information on hunter and angler supported programs to enhance fish and wildlife conservation.

Service Director Mollie Beattie recently announced establishment of the newest Web server, saying it is to provide a front door for the agency on the Internet and a link to virtually all other Internet servers maintained by the service.

"Modern wildlife conservation and management increasingly depend on the effective sharing of information among all concerned," she said. "I am confident this effort can greatly enhance our collective conservation efforts by expanding the availability of information concerning wildlife and their habitats."

Accessing the World Wide Web server requires a computer program that can communicate with hypertext transfer protocol (http), such as Mosaic. "http://www.fws.gov/11" is the Internet address for the new server.

Information is also available to those with only Internet mail text transfer capabilities through a separate dial-a-file library server maintained by the Service.

Send an E-mail message to "R9IRMLB@mail.fws.gov" to access this server. On the subject line (not the body of the message), type SEND HELP and you will be sent a user's guide including an index of topics in the library.

To receive a specific document, on the subject line type the command SEND followed by the document name as listed in the index. No text is necessary in the body of the message.

A new server established by the Service's National Wetlands Inventory office is an example of how this new technology can bolster conservation activities, agency officials said.

For the past 13 years, this office has been conducting an inventory of the nation's wetlands and producing geospatial data on magnetic media. The material depicts the relationship of wetlands habitat to U.S. Geological Survey maps.

Last July, the office began offering the capability of downloading this information from an "anonymous FTP" server (address "enterprise.nwi.fws.gov") accessible through the Internet.

Since that time, more than 64,000 wetlands maps have been downloaded to users from some 25 countries around the world. This service has resulted in a significant savings to both the user and the service.

The service's National Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon, has also experienced a number of successes through information sharing over the Internet.

A service criminologist recently passed on information about a new forensic technique for identifying elephant ivory to a scientist in New Zealand. This tip ultimately led to solving a significant wildlife crime case in that country.

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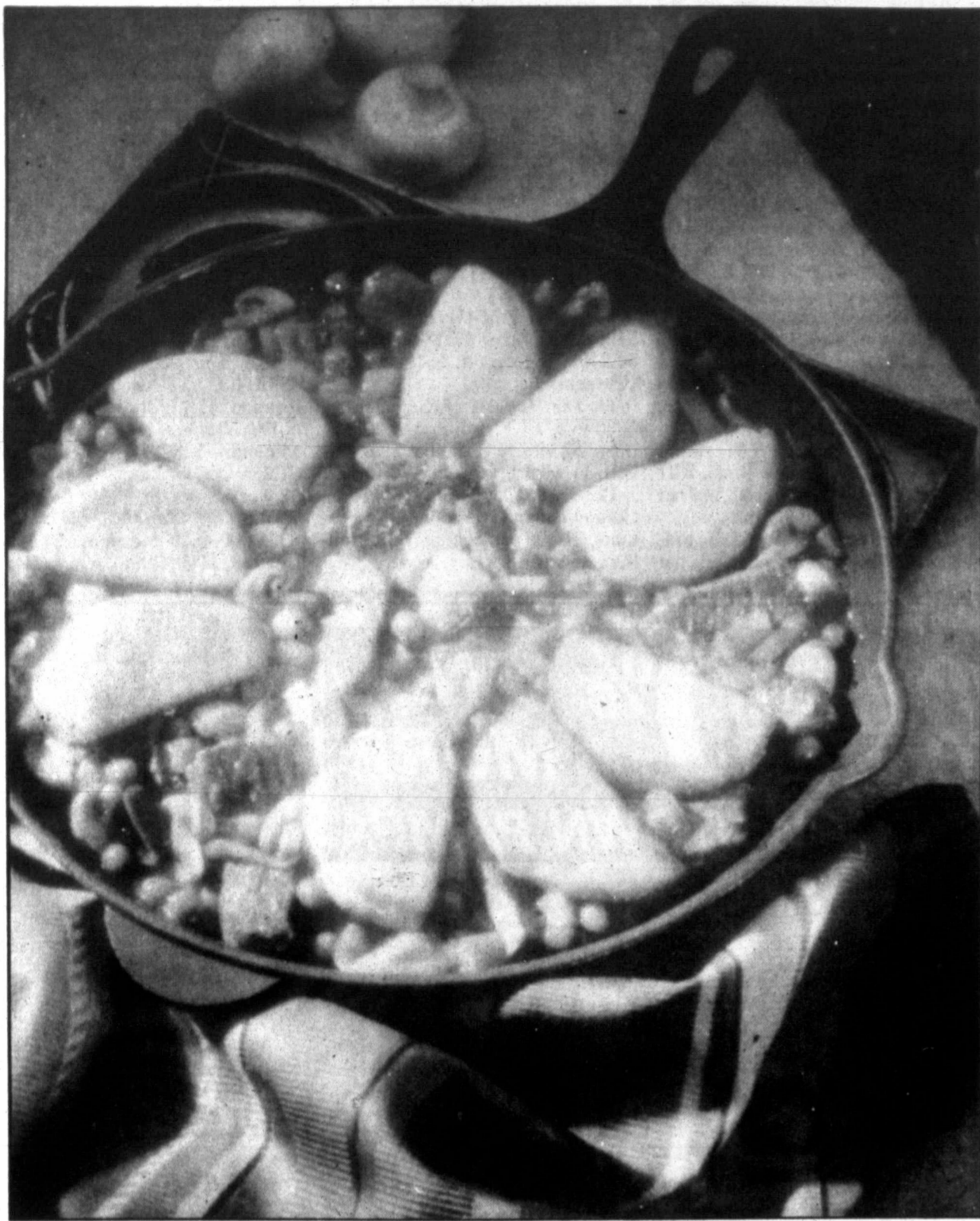
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Food



Beef pot pie makes a Sunday night supper for the family

By The Associated Press

Remember when the whole family got together on Sunday night for supper? It was fun, a chance to talk and enjoy spending time together.

For a simple Sunday night stew at your home, serve make-it-easy beef pot pie. Pieces of lean, tender beef sirloin are stir-fried, then combined with jarred beef gravy, sauteed mushrooms and frozen peas and carrots. Top with refrigerated buttermilk biscuits and bake. You get old-fashioned flavor in this contemporary dish that's on the table in just 30 minutes.

Make-It-Easy Beef Pot Pie

- 1-pound boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 3/4-inch thick
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 8 ounces small mushrooms, quartered
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1/4 cup water
- 12-ounce jar beef gravy
- 10-ounce package frozen peas and carrots
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 4 1/2-ounce can refrigerated buttermilk-flavor biscuits

Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Trim fat from steak. Cut steak lengthwise in half and then crosswise into 1/2-inch thick strips. In large ovenproof skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add beef (one-half at a time) and stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes or until outside surface is no longer pink. (Do not overcook.) Remove from skillet with slotted spoon.

In same skillet, add mushrooms, onion, garlic and water. Cook and stir 3 minutes or until onion is tender. Stir in gravy, vegetables and thyme. Bring to a boil; remove from heat. Return beef to skillet. Cut biscuits in half; arrange in a ring on top of beef mixture.

Bake in a 400-degree F oven 12 to 14 minutes or until biscuit topping is golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

Note: If skillet is not ovenproof, transfer beef mixture to 9-inch square baking pan. Top with biscuits and bake as recipe directs.

Nutrition facts per serving: 253 cal., 23 g pro., 21 g carbo., 9 g fat, 3.9 mg iron, 576 mg sodium, 52 mg chol.

* Recipe from: Meat Board Test Kitchens

Left: To streamline old-fashioned beef pot pie, beef sirloin is paired with a combination of quick-cooking vegetables and a refrigerated biscuit topping.

(AP photo)

Shortbread, American style The sweetest kind of success

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

Leave it to Yankee ingenuity to rival classic British shortbread. This version is all-American in flavor: two rich chocolate layers with a creamy peanut butter filling in between. The chocolate-peanut combo adorns the top too. Each wedge sports a slightly melted chocolate kiss and a peanut. Scrumptious!

Peanut-Butter-Chocolate Shortbread

- 1 1/2 cups margarine or butter
- 1 1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2-3rds cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup finely chopped unsalted peanuts
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup sifted powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate pieces
- 16 milk chocolate kisses
- 16 whole unsalted peanuts

In a large mixer bowl beat margarine or butter

until softened; beat in the 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar and the vanilla. Add flour, cocoa powder, cornstarch and salt; beat until smooth. Stir in chopped peanuts. Reserve 1 and 1-3rd cups of cocoa mixture.

Spread remaining cocoa mixture in the bottom and up the sides of an ungreased 10-inch tart pan with a removable bottom, or in the bottom and 1 inch up the sides of a 10-inch springform pan.

In a medium mixing bowl stir together peanut butter and the 1 cup powdered sugar; stir in chocolate pieces. Carefully spread peanut butter mixture over crust. Spoon remaining cocoa mixture over peanut butter mixture; carefully spread to cover. Using the tines of a fork, score shortbread into 16 wedges.

Bake in a 325-degree F oven about 50 minutes or until surface looks slightly dry. Cool slightly. While warm, place a chocolate kiss on each wedge. When the kiss softens (about 10 minutes); top with a peanut. Score wedges again. Cool completely. Remove sides of pan; cut into wedges. Makes 16 servings.

Nutrition facts per wedge: 494 cal., 35 g fat, 48 mg chol., 10 g pro., 41 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 117 mg sodium. Daily Values: 11 percent iron, 21 percent vit. A, 13 percent thiamine, 11 percent riboflavin.

Bottled dressing makes a quick chicken dinner

AP Special Features

A stir-together sauce based on bottled salad dressing is one of the slickest ways to add lots of flavor to baked chicken. Keep calories and fat to a minimum by using reduced-calorie dressing and skinless chicken breasts.

Tangy Baked Chicken

- Four (4-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
 - 1/4 cup reduced-calorie Catalina salad dressing
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
 - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Rinse chicken; pat dry with paper towels. Combine the black and red peppers; rub onto chicken breasts. Combine the salad dressing, mustard and Worcestershire sauce. Lightly brush both sides of the chicken breasts with some of the dressing mixture.

Place chicken in a shallow baking dish or pan. Bake, uncovered, in a 375-degree F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. In a small saucepan heat any remaining dressing mixture just to boiling; serve with chicken. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 145 cal., 4 g fat, 59 mg chol., 22 g pro., 4 g carbo., 0 g fiber, 280 mg sodium. Daily Values: 58 percent niacin.

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Lifestyles



Magic Plains Chapter American Business Women's Association has named the 1995 Woman of the Year and Business Associate of the Year. Named as the Woman of the year was Eitha Hensley (right), chapter president, and named as Business Associate of the Year was E.E. Simmons. Simmons has been a certified public accountant in Pampa for the over 44 years.

March of Dimes prepares to celebrate 25th Anniversary

Citizens from around the area will step out for America's mothers and babies during the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation's 25th Anniversary of WalkAmerica on Saturday, March 25, celebrating 25 years on the road to healthier babies.

The local walk for the March of Dimes Golden Spread Chapter will take place in Pampa's Central Park. Coronado Hospital is the Corporate Sponsor organizing the local event under the direction of Lisa Mitchell. Pizza Hut and Coca Cola will be providing free food and beverages during the event. In addition, publicity has been provided courtesy of The Pampa News.

The David and Susan Bromlow Family has been chosen as this year's ambassador family, Mitchell said.

The area-wide chapter's goal for 1995 is \$85,000. Funds raised by WalkAmerica in the Panhandle will help support Northwest Texas Hospital Neonatal Unit and the Mom Mobile among other area projects.

The March of Dimes WalkAmerica began 25 years ago with a few hundred walkers in two cities raising \$1 million to fight birth defects and infant mortality. Today, WalkAmerica is the biggest and best walking event in the nation, with more than one million volunteers from coast to coast raising \$60 million to benefit America's mothers and babies.

The national sponsors of the March of Dimes 25th anniversary WalkAmerica are CIGNA HealthCare, Dr. Scholl's footcare products and Kmart Corporation. In addition to its record third year as a sponsor, Kmart Corporation has been the top national WalkAmerica team for the last 10 years. CIGNA HealthCare is the first national health care sponsor, whose maternal and infant health care programs complement those of March of Dimes. Dr. Scholl's footcare products is launching its biggest consumer promotion ever to support WalkAmerica.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Through its campaign for healthier babies, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy. For information, contact Lisa Mitchell at 665-3721 ext. 100.

Art show scheduled

MCLEAN — During the Old Route 66 Roundup, coming on June 9 and 10 the Devil's Rope Museum will host an art show at the Western Heritage Community Room. Starting on Tuesday May 30, and ending on June 13. The show will display art pieces or crafts pieces of all mediums, made or constructed from recycle material in any form. Rules require that the art be in good taste, pleasing to the eye and suitable for family viewing. A card must accompany the art explaining materials that were recycled, explanation of the subject and identifying the artist.

Peoples choice voting, which will be from registration coupons, will choose first, second and third places. Gift certificates will be given by Hastings Books Music and Videos. The public is invited to participate. For additional information call (806) 779-2225.

Speakers Association holds meeting for professionals

AMARILLO — The Southwest Speakers Association will hold its second meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, in the Badger Den at the Amarillo College Student Union Building.

The group of professional speakers was organized to provide a clearinghouse of speakers for civic groups, chambers of commerce, businesses, agencies and other entities that seek presenters for a variety of functions.

Drawing from professionals within a 150-mile radius of Amarillo, the Southwest Speakers Association will publish a brochure listing member speakers, their qualifications and areas of expertise. The brochure will be made available to interested people who are seeking qualified program presenters for their organizations.

Qualified speakers who are interested in joining the association are invited to attend the meeting or call Gene Parker at (806) 355-9337.

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Former United Way Chairman testifies

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The former chairman of United Way of America said he would have acted immediately if he had evidence that the charity's president was having an affair with a teenage girl.

But Sears Roebuck & Co. Chairman Edward A. Brennan testified Tuesday that William Aramony denied everything when confronted, insisting that an illness precluded him from having sex.

Aramony, who was fired as president of United Way of America in February 1992, is accused of 53 counts of fraud, conspiracy and money laundering. He faces up to six years in prison if convicted. Federal prosecutors say he and two associates looted the United Way and a spinoff company of more than \$1 million.

Lori Villasor has testified that she began dating Aramony in 1986, when she was 17. Villasor said Aramony, now 67, paid for trips the two took to Egypt, London, Paris, Las Vegas and New York.

The United Way of America also paid her \$27,500 a year, she said, to explore real estate development opportunities, a job she testified she spent only one or two hours doing. Villasor testified under immunity from prosecution.

Former Aramony secretary Laura Shifflett Gorme testified Tuesday that she routinely faked Aramony's expense accounts and charged Villasor's airline tickets to credit cards controlled by codefendants Thomas J. Merlo and Stephen J. Paulachak.

Gorme, who testified under immunity from prosecution, said Aramony personally approved the bogus expense forms.

Another former secretary, Rina Duncan, testified under immunity Monday that she also faked Aramony's expense accounts and carried on an affair with him for three years.

Aramony's lawyer, William Moffitt, asked Brennan why he took no notes during his meeting with Aramony or in subsequent meetings with other United Way board members.

"You didn't want this on your watch, did you?" Moffitt asked Brennan, who is no longer on the United Way board.

Brennan bristled. "If there was any truth to the allegations, or if Mr. Aramony had admitted ... I would have taken immediate action. That was my responsibility."



Doug Swingley of Simms, Mont., runs down the finish chute of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Tuesday, the first non-Alaskan to win the 1,161 mile race.

Non-Alaskan resident wins Iditarod

NOME, Alaska (AP) — A rancher from Montana became the first non-resident of Alaska to win the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, mushing his nine dogs across the finish line at midday Tuesday.

Doug Singley, from Simms, Mont., had to jump off his sled and guide the dogs partway down Nome's Front Street when they became confused by the cheering crowds. They crossed the finish line at 12:43 p.m., with an official time of 9 days, 2 hours and 43 minutes for the 1,100-mile race.

"That's a personal victory for myself because I've got a lot of competitors in the Lower 48," he said. "Now I don't have to worry about it any more."

Martin Buser of Big Lake, Alaska, last year's winner and the favorite this year, was in second place, six hours off Swingley's pace.

Trail conditions and weather were near-perfect for the entire 23rd Iditarod, favoring Swingley's choice of dogs.

"This just played into my hands in trying to train a really fast, fast dog team," he said. "I just decided that (Buser) was beating us by having a team that would lope whenever the trail conditions warranted it. So we set out to do that."

He started with 16 dogs, dropping off seven at checkpoints along the way.

Swingley, running in his fourth Iditarod, will take home the race's top prize of \$52,500 and a new pickup truck.

He led the field since the race's fourth day, and collected the \$3,000 halfway prize, \$2,500 for being first to the Yukon River and another \$2,500 for being first to the Bering Sea coast at Unalakleet.

Insurance officials seek delay in legislation

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Department of Insurance staff is recommending a three-month delay in date for three anti-discrimination rules the industry has opposed to take effect.

State insurance officials recommended Tuesday that the rules not go into effect until Sept. 1, three months after the June 1 deadline given to insurers. They said in a proposal that the delay in needed to allow State Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer "time to review the impact of these (rules) on consumers and industry."

The proposal filed by the department also notes the Legislature is considering several bills on insurance availability and unfair sales practices.

But the move is being questioned by a consumer representative, who says discrimination against drivers and homeowners is well-documented in the state.

"We are disappointed," said Rob Schneider of Consumers Union. "This is a problem that has been studied and studied and studied ... Any effort to reverse these rules would be unwarranted."

Jerry Johns of Southwestern Insurance Information Service said the extra time is in the best interest of Texans paying insurance premiums.

"If the rules were adopted in their present form, millions of policyholders in Texas will be subject to higher insurance premiums to offset increased expenses associated with defend-

ing unwarranted lawsuits," he said. Bomer, who is expected to approve or reject the new deadline in about a month, could modify or overturn the rules or let them remain on the books.

Sworn into office last month, Bomer said he would review the rules — the most significant of which would outlaw discrimination in the sale of insurance on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin and — unless justified by risk data — on the basis of geographic location, disability, sex or age.

The rules were adopted by former Commissioner Rebecca Lightsey, an appointee of former Gov. Ann Richards. Bomer was among those who criticized Ms. Lightsey for approving the rules.

Bailey and Fuhrman face off on witness stand

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's been billed as the greatest cross-examination of modern times, an epic clash between F. Lee Bailey and Mark Fuhrman, with so much hype you'd half expect to see ring girls and Don King jumping in during court reporter breaks.

But this O.J. Simpson trial matchup that has commentators scrambling for metaphors — pitcher vs. hitter, boxer vs. boxer, surgeon vs. patient — has actually come down to something far less dramatic.

After a day-and-a-half, it's simply been a good attorney questioning a good witness, legal experts said.

No home runs, knockouts or scars. Just a lot of insinuation, a little contradiction, perhaps some reasonable doubt. Fuhrman returns to the stand today for his third day of cross-examination.

The question for Simpson, however, is whether battling to a draw with Fuhrman will be good enough, since the defense made so much of its theory that the detective is a racist who planted a bloody glove on Simpson's estate.

The defense is already downplaying the matter.

"No one really expects Mark Fuhrman to break down on the stand and acknowledge planting a glove or acknowledge that he's a racist. You're really not going to be able to break down an experienced witness in that way," said defense attorney Carl Douglas.

On Tuesday, legal analysts said Bailey had made some headway, but fell far short of destroying Fuhrman, let alone getting any damaging informa-

tion about his role in the investigation. "Both Bailey and Fuhrman are performing so admirably, that in the end, the dual skill of both of them gives Fuhrman an edge. Fuhrman wins if he keeps his cool and calmly denies the charges," Columbia University law professor George Fletcher said.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has given the defense wide latitude to question Fuhrman on allegations of racism.

With tough, precise questions, Bailey insinuated that Fuhrman fabricated illogical details, including Fuhrman's oft-repeated claim that the glove he found on a leaf-strewn pathway at Simpson's estate was "moist and sticky" with blood more than seven hours after the killings.

The lawyer suggested the glove was picked up at the murder scene, encased in plastic or rubber, then dropped at Simpson's estate by Fuhrman, who has testified he found it there the morning after the slayings.

The glove, which prosecutors say was stained with blood from both victims and Simpson, is key evidence against Simpson.

Bailey also pointed to exact words from Fuhrman's preliminary hearing testimony: how he spoke then about blood "in the Bronco," but this week said he never made such an observation, and how he described first seeing the glove at Ronald Goldman's feet.

"And looking there I could see them down at his feet," the transcript of the hearing said. Bailey suggested he saw two gloves, not one. Fuhrman denied that Tuesday.

TxDOT honors employee



Ronnie Preston, left, receives the Texas Department of Transportation's "Service Award" for his years to the department from Billy Parks, P.E., district engineer of the Amarillo District. Preston has been with the TxDOT for 10 years. He is currently employed as a maintenance technician.

Iran smuggling weapons parts involving nuclear technology

NEW YORK (AP) — Iran could have nuclear weapons within five years thanks to a sophisticated smuggling network that has allowed it to bypass the West's arms embargo, *The New York Times* reported today.

Nuclear technology and weapons parts — broken into such small components that they are hard to recognize — are entering Iran through smuggling points scattered across Europe, Russia and Central Asia, the newspaper said.

"It is almost impossible to trace the material being smuggled out by the Iranians," said a senior German intelligence official whom the *Times* did not identify. "Unless you know exactly what type of technology they are trying to build, the smugglers can collect various parts from various

sources that mask the Iranians' intent." Iranian officials deny they are trying to build a nuclear arsenal. The country has signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, and Iran's foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, has called for disclosure of all nuclear weapons programs in the Middle East.

But the intelligence officials told the *Times* that Iran's effort to acquire nuclear weapons technology mirrors Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's attempt to build a nuclear bomb over the last 15 years.

They said the materials are carried on small planes that land on airstrips in Poland and possibly other Eastern European countries, often by way of Brussels and Vienna. From there, the

materials are loaded onto cargo planes or carried by truck to cargo ships bound for Iran, the intelligence officials said.

The *Times* identified one of the smuggling points as Hartenholm airport in Hasenmoor, Germany. The small civilian airport about 35 miles north of Hamburg operates largely beyond the scrutiny of customs officials because of its size.

German officials say they are working hard to stop the flow of arms-related technology to Iran.

But the senior German intelligence official told the *Times* the smuggling is so sophisticated that authorities can only hope to delay it.

"We will not be able to stop it," the official said.

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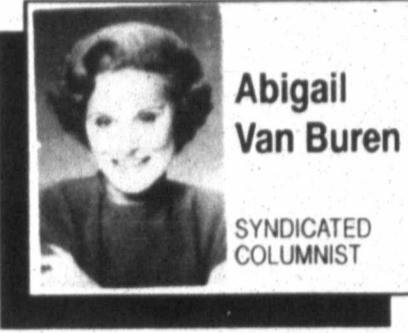
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Grandfather praises parenting through 'applied' psychology

DEAR ABBY: About small children who misbehave in public places: Several years ago, I witnessed this scene in a large supermarket in Iowa. A mother (in her 20s) was at the checkout counter with a child who appeared to be about 4 years old. The woman was obviously pregnant, and was being hassled by her little boy who was nagging for a candy bar. After she refused him several times, the little boy hauled off and hit her in the stomach with his fist!



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and this includes the difference between right and wrong, and that unacceptable actions result in certain consequences — and then the parents must follow through.

DEAR ABBY: This is in regard to smokeless tobacco:
In 1967, my husband had a severe heart attack, and he stopped smoking. Several months later, his cardiologist told him that smokeless tobacco would not be harmful.

After a year or so, during a physical examination, several malignant tumors were discovered in his bladder. The urologist immediately scheduled surgery to remove them. The urinary specialist said, "We don't think smokeless tobacco caused this ... we know it!"

He was checked regularly from then on, and had to have tumors in his bladder removed six more times before he passed away in 1994.
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DEAR DICK: You saw a parent in the checkout line who had not only allowed her child to get away with inappropriate behavior, but rewarded it — a mistake that will compound as her son grows larger but not more civilized.

Children do not learn good manners and acceptable behavior by magic or osmosis. These traits must be taught, and the lessons must be constantly reinforced. It takes patience and consistency, as well as love, to be an effective parent.

Children need to know exactly what is expected from them,

organize it constructively. If you dilly-dally too much, you'll accomplish only a fragment of your aims.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might encounter an individual whose strong opinions diametrically oppose yours. Resist becoming involved in a fruitless combat with this person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Beware of inclinations today to make your life harder than it needs to be, especially where your career is concerned. Scout out easy routes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In matters where it's truly important, it's OK to be assertive today. Avoid behaving aggressively, however, in social situations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you want to spruce up your surroundings today, try to do so without going overboard on the expenses. Real bargains might be hard to find.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your first assessments might not be accurate today, so don't jump to conclusions. Allow adequate time for studying all

aspects of a situation.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Instead of calling in the experts for minor household repairs today, pull out your tool kit and see if you can handle these tasks yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You should be adept at managing your personal affairs today, but don't try to impose your ideas on others or tell them how they should run their lives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Important objectives might be unusually difficult to achieve today, but don't toss in the towel. Victory will come through persistence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone you like might do something you'll disapprove of today. If you make it into an issue, it might deteriorate and prove difficult to rectify.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Associating with high rollers today might give you delusions of grandeur. Trying to match them would be a folly you'd soon regret.

Horoscope

Thursday, March 16, 1995

In the year ahead, try to involve yourself in projects that provide creative outlets for your talents. The end result of your efforts could be quite impressive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even though you might feel your judgment is better than your friends' today, you'll do a little to salvage their pride. 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 \$2.50 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This can be a productive day for you, provided you



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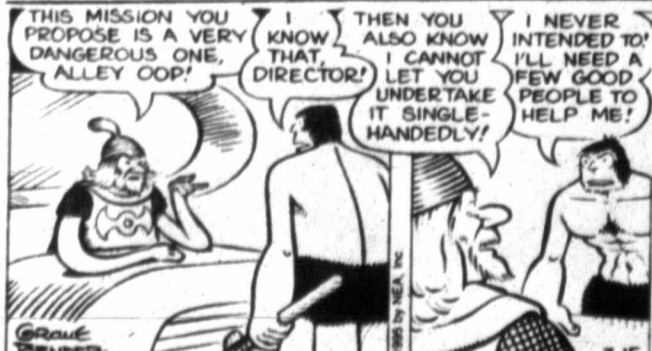
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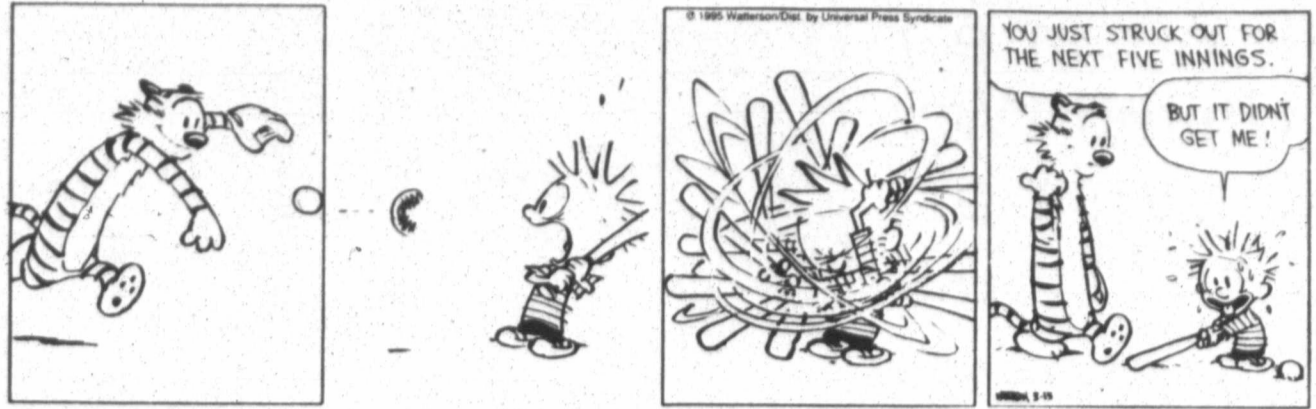
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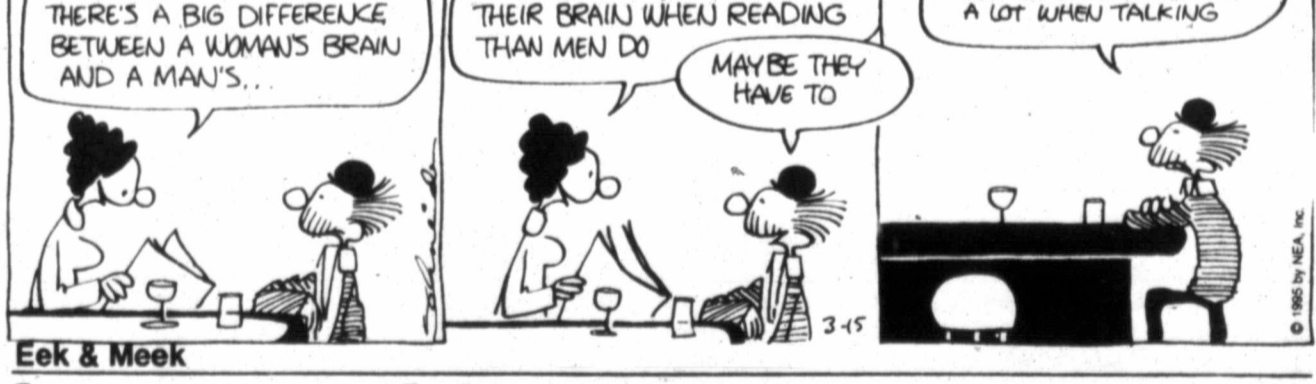
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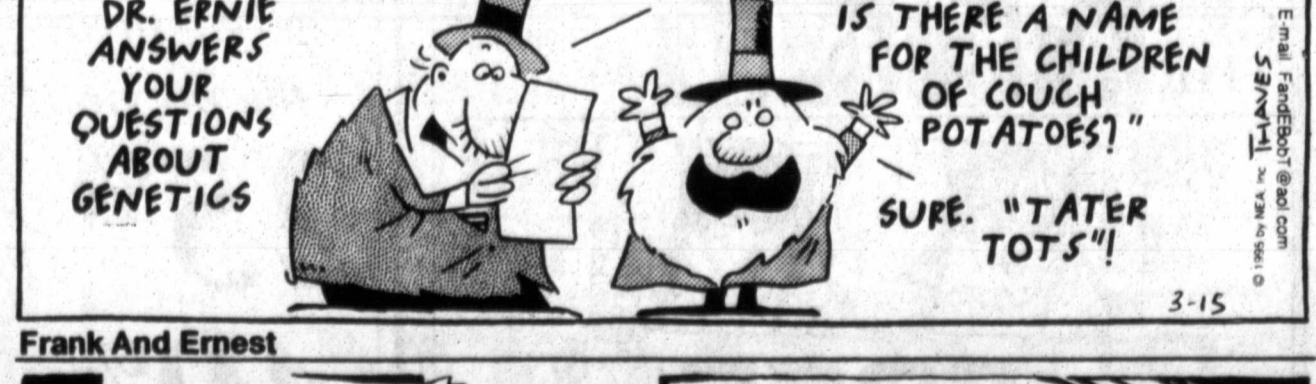
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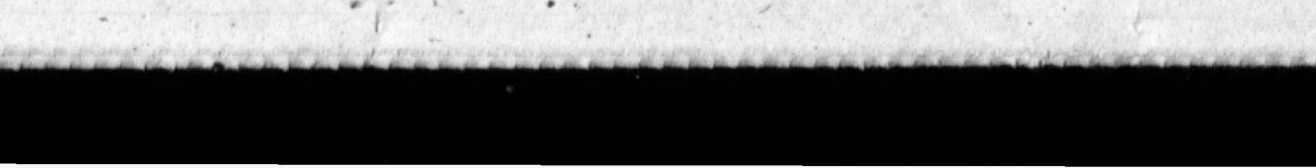
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