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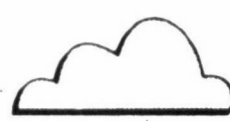
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Good Evening!

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LEFORS — The Lefors school board will discuss textbooks, elections and contracts tonight during its February meeting.

The board of trustees for the Lefors Independent School District is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. today at the Lefors Elementary Library.

Topping their agenda is changing the meeting date of their March session because of a conflict with spring break. Trustees are also scheduled to discuss the superintendent's and principal's employment contracts. The contracts now run through June 1996.

"We usually extend them one year at a time," said Superintendent Joe Roper.

The board will also discuss statewide standards for school board members as proposed by the Texas Education Agency and review goals of the Campus Improvement Plan.

They also are expected to approve textbooks, Roper said.

"We normally approve all text books," he said, explaining that a textbook committee within the district usually makes the final selection of the books that are used after consulting with the board.

A date is expected to be set tonight for the May election of school board members. Keith Roberson, Barry Jackson and Clay Lock are up for election, Roper said.

PAMPA — The federal government was trying to determine today who has jurisdiction to investigate an industrial accident at Pampa's Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group plant that cost one man his leg.

A worker for a contractor at the Pampa Hoechst Celanese plant reportedly slipped while rail cars were being switched late Friday afternoon and fell beneath a rolling car. Celanese officials said there were no witnesses to the accident.

The man was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital by helicopter. Officials said one of his legs had to be amputated at the knee.

Company officials said they did not have the man's name. Officials with Celanese said the man worked for Omni Trak, a contractor out of Lubbock; however, there is no listing for a company named Omni Trak in Lubbock.

Celanese officials reported the accident to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration office in Lubbock. Pat Bradley, district officer, said today that the agency was trying to determine which government agency had jurisdiction in the case.

PAMPA — Employees of Malcolm Hinkle Inc., 1925 N. Hobart, reported a theft of tools totaling over \$600 in value in a burglary.

Taken were a 6-inch, silver with black shields bench grinder; a Dewalt hand grinder; a green Speedy portable air compressor on wheels, and a 12 volt Dewalt cordless drill in a black case.

Maxine Rae Watson reported to Pampa police the building was entered between 4 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday through a south window and exited through a west side overhead door.

Employee Charles Eugene Bechtel told police some of the missing tools belong to him.

In another case, a pair of dogs were nabbed from a Frost Street home over the weekend. Sandra Jean Dunham, 412 N. Frost, reported the missing Pomeranian show dog and beagle as worth \$400. They were taken sometime between Friday and Sunday from the yard.

Man robs credit union in Pampa

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A man sporting a three- to four-day growth of beard is being sought today for a credit union heist Monday.

Pampa police are looking for the 20 to 30-year-old white man who stole a "substantial" sum of money from Amarillo Federal Credit Union, 1064 N. Hobart, about 3:35 p.m. Monday.

According to reports, the man entered the front door of the credit union and approached teller Kerri Riggs for the money. After she gathered a "substantial" sum of money from the cash drawer and handed it to him, the thief left through the front door and raced north along the front of the building, Lt. Steve Chance said.

The thief is about 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing about 140 pounds, with short, light brown hair. He was wearing a brown or tan baseball cap, brown or tan Dickey-type slacks and a dark-colored, bomber-style jacket.

He did not display a weapon, Chance said, but indicated by motions he had a gun inside his jacket.

Five patrol officers and three detectives searched the area for the robber, including the drainage system under Coronado Center, Chance said.

In another incident, a former Lovett Memorial Library employee has been charged with burglary in connection with the theft of over \$200 in cash and checks from the library on Feb. 6.

Kenneth Lee Ridenour, 17, 332 N. Christy, was arrested Friday and charged with burglary of a building. He was released on \$2,500 bond, according to Gray County jail personnel.

Ridenour began work at Lovett Library as a part-time clerk on Aug. 15, 1994. City Manager Bob Eskridge said. His last day on the job was near the end of last week, Eskridge said.

"He's not coming back to work," he said.

Jail records show he also stands charged with burglary of a motor vehicle and continues free on a second \$2,500 bond. He is accused of stealing a stereo and speakers from the cab of a pickup in the 900 block of East Frederic on Jan. 22.

The February burglary was the second incident in 1995 in which money and checks were reported stolen by library officials. The first occurred Jan. 25 when over \$500 was reported missing.

In another case, two admitted members of the local BDK gang have been sent to juvenile detention on charges of criminal mischief exceeding \$1,500. The boys, ages 14 and 15, were detained Friday by



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

A police car sits in front of the Pampa Branch of the Amarillo Federal Credit Union Building during investigation of a robbery Monday afternoon.

police officials. One was sent to Moore County Juvenile Center, Dumas, and the other to Youth Center of the High Plains, Canyon.

A witness identified one of the youths, which led to his arrest, said

Juvenile Det. Bracie Sherling. The second boy was picked up by patrol officers Friday night when they responded to a criminal trespass call involving the teen.

"We're going to petition the court

for restitution from the families," Sherling said.

The boys are accused of damaging a travel trailer and two tires in the 600 block of North Stark weather on Feb. 9.

Special Valentines



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Meredith Hendricks, a sixth-grader at Pampa Middle School, spreads a little Valentine's Day cheer over at Coronado Nursing Center as she tapes a wreath of hearts on the door of a nursing home resident. Hendricks and other students of the Dolphins, a community project group, delivered wreaths and valentine cards to nursing home residents recently to let them know they are thought of by others.

Icy road conditions blamed for deaths of two in car-truck crash near Shamrock

From Staff and AP Reports

Icy conditions were being blamed for the deaths of two people in a car-truck crash on Interstate 40 near Shamrock this morning.

A California woman and her 9-year-old daughter were killed about 4 a.m. today as the Ford Mustang convertible in which they were riding swerved in front of a tractor-trailer rig near the Texas-Oklahoma state line, Department of Public Safety troopers said.

The westbound car occupied by a family of four had just passed the truck, officers said, when it apparently skidded on a patch of ice and was hit by the truck.

The husband of the dead woman was rushed to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by ambulance. His son was taken to Shamrock Hospital.

Law enforcement officers were still investigating late this morning and no names were immediately available.

The family was reportedly returning to their home in California after attending the funeral of the dead woman's father, officers said.

Elsewhere across the Panhandle, slick spots still haunted highways and streets as an icy fog covered most of the region early this morning.

U.S. 60 appeared clear early

today although a dense fog cut visibility across the area in some places to an eighth of a mile.

City maintenance vehicles were sanding intersections in Pampa before dawn as local motorists reported slick street conditions.

Temperatures around the area hovered around or just below freezing with Amarillo reporting an unofficial 32 degrees and Pampa reporting 29 at 7 a.m. today.

Various communities across the Panhandle were experiencing power outages due to ice. Southwestern Public Service representatives said crews were out before dawn because of ice on power lines and icy tree limbs breaking lines.

Pampa, Amarillo and Panhandle were affected as well as a number of rural residences.

Jim McDonald reported that streets in McLean were still slick.

"It's a solid sheet of ice," he said.

Jamie Bishop said it was icy and cloudy in Canadian today.

"It's still pretty slick up here," she said.

Ann Bryant with the Roberts County Sheriff's Office said highways in the county were reported slick and the streets in Miami were icy this morning.

Despite a layer of ice that covered most of the Panhandle throughout Monday into this morning, National Weather Service officials reported only a trace of mois-

ture. Pampa recorded 0.02 inch of moisture through 6 a.m. today.

Temperatures were forecast to warm today through Wednesday with a chance of rain later in the week.

A winter weather advisory was in effect today for extreme north portions of North Texas and a freezing drizzle advisory was in effect for northern sections of the low rolling plains.

In North Texas, the advisory called for freezing drizzle and light freezing rain north of a line from Jackboro to Denton to Sulphur Springs to Linden. It included the cities of Sherman, Paris, Denton, Decatur and Greenville.

Dense fog advisories were in effect early today for most of South Central Texas, the Lower Rio Grande Valley and along the immediate coast in South Texas.

Much warmer weather is in store for the entire state tonight and Wednesday. Highs on Wednesday will be in the 50s, 60s and 70s.

In North Texas, there is a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight and Wednesday.

Lows tonight will be in the 30s and 40s in West Texas and in the 50s and 60s elsewhere across the state.

Highs Wednesday will be in the 50s and 60s in West Texas and in the 60s and 70s across the rest of the state.

House nearing vote on block grant bill for crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House put final touches on the contentious centerpiece of the GOP crime package, a bill that would give \$10 billion in anti-crime funds to local authorities and end the program to hire 100,000 new police.

Hanging over the bill was a veto threat by President Clinton, who warned Congress over the weekend against playing "partisan politics with police." Clinton said he would use a veto, which would be the first of his presidency, to stop "any effort to repeal or undermine the 100,000 police commitment. Period."

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said today the Republicans haven't yet drawn up a strategy for responding to a possible veto.

"The president is, I think, trying to draw a whole series of lines in the sand on this and other issues, and that's fine," Gingrich told reporters. "We're a long way from getting a bill to his desk. We're a long way from deciding how we would deal with a veto."

The Democrats said Monday they believed they had enough votes to sustain a Clinton veto of the bill.

Looking ahead to Senate debate on the legislation, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, defended Republican criticism of the crime prevention programs in the 1994 law.

"Far from opposing prevention, I support legitimate crime prevention efforts," Hatch said today. "I do, however, question the merit of using limited (federal) violent crime resources to fund programs that have not been proven to reduce crime."

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the committee's senior Democrat, responded, "I'm so sick and tired of this pap. ... Where is the logic of dismantling this crime bill other than to say it has the name Clinton on it so it must be bad?"

Attorney General Janet Reno lobbied against the bill Monday in telephone calls to

Democratic and Republican members and went to Capitol Hill for the second time in less than a week.

Lawmakers were expected to vote today on the bill, which is the final and most controversial of a six-part Republican package to revamp last year's \$30 billion crime law. The proposal, part of the House GOP's "Contract With America," also would eliminate funds set aside in the 1994 law for after-school, midnight basketball and other crime prevention programs.

Instead, local governments would receive block grants of \$2 billion a year for five years to use as they wished to reduce crime and improve public safety. The bill also would reduce the local match of federal funds from 25 percent to 10 percent.

Democrats charged the block grants would create a political pork barrel for mayors and other local officials who would spend it on public safety items such as street lights rather

than police or prevention programs.

"It's a \$10 billion taxpayer giveaway that is begging to be abused," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. "If I've ever seen a piece of legislation that might be a candidate for a veto, I think (this bill) is it."

Majority Republicans countered that their bill gives localities the flexibility to tailor anti-crime programs to local needs.

Said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill.: "I guess that not only do we think Washington doesn't always know best, but we have more faith and trust in local government officials than" the Democrats.

The Republicans did accept a revision, however, to curb potential abuses by local governments. The amendment by Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., would forbid the block-grant funds from being used for tanks or armored personnel carriers, fixed-wing aircraft, real estate, limousines or yachts. It was adopted by voice vote on Monday.



(AP photo)

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, left, and Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, go over paperwork Monday during a Senate State Affairs Committee meeting in Austin.

Bivins targets private work for clients by lawmakers

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislators would be barred from representing private clients before state agencies for pay under a bill approved by a Senate committee.

The Senate State Affairs Committee on Monday voted 7-4 to approve the measure by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo. The bill now faces consideration by the full Senate.

"I had in mind the fifth-grade teacher that tells her class, 'Not only should you avoid evil, but the appearance of evil,'" Bivins said.

"I think there is a broad perception that state legislators represent clients before state agencies for pay and get undue influence before those state agencies.

"It doesn't happen that often, but it does happen. That's wrong."

Consumer groups testified in favor of the bill. No one testified against the measure.

Sen. Greg Luna, D-San Antonio, a committee member who voted against the bill, is an attorney who has represented clients before state agencies.

"Serving in the House and Senate takes a tremendous amount of time and if you take this away, it will make it more difficult for those of us who practice law and who are not independently wealthy," Luna said.

Tom Smith, Texas director of the government watchdog group Public Citizen, said several House and Senate members have earned good paychecks from representing clients before state agencies.

Smith said five senators received a combined total of \$325,000 for such business over a three-year period, ending in 1993. Smith said 11 representatives earned a combined \$355,000 over the same period.

GOP's school prayer reform proposals heavily under fire

MIAMI (AP) — The nation's largest group of lawyers voted today to oppose a Republican-backed proposal in Congress for a constitutional amendment allowing officially sanctioned prayers in public schools.

The American Bar Association's policy-making House of Delegates, in a nearly unanimous voice vote, went on record as saying the proposed amendment is a dangerous idea.

"Children (already) can pray in school, they can say grace at lunch, can pray in groups ... as long as they do so in a way that does not interfere with the educational process," New York City lawyer Peter Zimroth told the 538 voting delegates.

"Politicizing religion is a prescription for disaster," he said. "This is simply not the business of government."

Albuquerque, N.M., lawyer Roberta Ramo, who in August will become the 370,000-lawyer group's first women president, called the proposed amendment "the first and terrifying step" toward government interference with religious faith.

No one spoke in favor of the proposed amendment, but minutes before the House of Delegates considered the issue, a future ABA president strongly endorsed school prayer.

Birmingham, Ala., lawyer N. Lee Cooper, whose candidacy to become ABA president in 1996 is unopposed, said during an introductory interview with reporters that he believes officially sanctioned

school prayers cause no harm. "I would not testify against school prayer," he said. "Someone else would have to" present the ABA's policy.

Also being considered by ABA policymakers today was an effort to force some lawsuit losers to pay the winners' costs.

That proposal, part of the Republican-backed "Contract With America," represents a major change in the federal legal system — a switch from the so-called American rule under which both sides in civil lawsuits pay their own legal costs.

The new proposal would impose a "loser-pays" system for state law cases that end up in federal courts. The proposal is aimed at curtailing frivolous lawsuits.

David Weiner, head of the ABA's litigation section, said Monday that a loser-pays policy "doesn't encourage people with problems to take their problems to the courts."

Hugh Reynolds Jr., who chairs the ABA's tort and insurance practice section, said it places small businesses at a great disadvantage in disputes with big businesses.

Labeling himself a conservative Republican who is sympathetic to the frustration caused by certain aspects of the legal system, Reynolds said, "It's perfectly understandable (but) I think they've chosen the wrong weapons."

Meanwhile, members of Congress are drawing partisan battle lines on several legal-reform issues.

House proposes welfare reform ban on unwed mothers

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are refusing to back down from their plan to ban cash welfare to unmarried teenage mothers, saying illegitimacy must be stopped because it condemns children to lives of "hopelessness and desperation."

On a straight party-line vote, members of a House Ways and Means subcommittee rejected a Democratic amendment late Monday that would have allowed states to continue supporting these mothers as long as they live at home, attend school and cooperate with child support enforcement.

The GOP's blueprint for welfare reform bars states from using federal dollars to provide single mothers under the age of 18 a monthly check. It is on a fast-track and is expected to go to the full House for a vote before Easter.

The subcommittee on human resources began writing the bill Monday, and should finish its work by week's end.

Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y.,

said the Republican plan was based on a stereotype that "we're dealing with a baby-making machine here." He argued that young women, especially those growing up in poverty in the inner cities, do not have children just to get a welfare check.

For them, he said, having a child is like "having a giant miracle," a baby who will "give you love." He said the cycle must be broken, not by slapping mothers on the head with a sanction, but with "common sense and reason."

But Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La., said the issue is the most important question Congress faces as it tries to reverse six decades of social policy and reform a welfare system that all sides agree is badly broken.

"We must do everything in our power to prevent illegitimacy," McCrery said, "because that problem condemns illegitimate children, the great majority of them, to lives of hopelessness and desperation."

McCrery called the GOP plan "the single most powerful thing we can do to start to change the mindset of

that culture that says it is OK to have a baby when you cannot support that baby."

Lawmakers also wrestled with other controversial issues during a session that began at noon and continued until nearly midnight. The Clinton administration weighed in, too, echoing other Democrats who say the legislation is weak on work and punishes children.

In a letter to lawmakers, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said the bill does nothing to move people from welfare to work, and puts millions of children at risk of serious harm.

The panel's chairman, Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., however, signaled he was willing to strengthen the work rules for welfare recipients.

But he and other GOP lawmakers turned back a Democratic attempt to guarantee child care for all mothers on welfare who would be pushed into a job, as well as an amendment to continue cash benefits after five years if a parent is willing — but unable — to find work.

Republicans argued that a time limit is the strongest possible work requirement and that finding safe child care is a parent's responsibility, not government's.

"Pretty soon we'll have the department of the alarm clocks to wake them up in the morning and the department of bedtime stories to tuck them in at night," said Rep. Jim Nussle, R-Iowa.

The GOP blueprint would repeal the New Deal promise that all single mothers and children whose income and family circumstances meet eligibility requirements automatically qualify for a monthly welfare check.

Democrats tried chipping away at the proposal, saying its work requirements for welfare recipients are weaker than current law. Under the GOP plan, only 105,000 of the 5 million adults on Aid to Families with Dependent Children would be required to be in a work program in 1996.

The Department of Health and Human Services says current law would require 595,000 welfare recipients to be working next year.

Government troops now guard town threatened by rebels

GUADALUPE TEPEYAC, Mexico (AP) — Six weeks ago, thousands of armed Indian rebels in black and brown uniforms marched through a jungle amphitheater to celebrate the anniversary of their Jan. 1, 1994 uprising.

Today, the uniforms of the soldiers occupying this isolated town are government green.

The Mexican army marched into the rebel stronghold on Friday, scaring away members of the Zapatista National Liberation Army who last year dubbed the town a "Zapatista municipality" and even gave it a new name — San Pedro de Michoacan.

Some 270 villagers hid in the hospital alongside Red Cross workers after army troops in transport trucks and light armored vehicles rumbled up the dirt road into town.

The Zapatistas had themselves earlier fled into the hills, apparently after hearing radioed reports of the soldiers' approach.

The rebels launched their insurgency last year to demand basic rights and services for the impoverished Indian peasants of southern Chiapas state. More than 145 people were killed in the uprising before a Jan. 12, 1994 cease-fire was declared.

The Mexican government, unable to negotiate a peace agreement, authorized a major army push into rebel territory on Thursday.

Brig. Gen. Guillermo Martinez Nolasco, who has replaced rebel leader Subcomandante Marcos as the supreme authority in Guadalupe Tepeyac, said Monday that soldiers had asked villagers to return to their homes. They offered them food, medicine and protection from the rebels.

But the residents of this pro-rebel community refused to take anything from the army, quickly gathered as many personal belongings as they could carry, and began the 25-mile

trek along a dirt road to the town of Nuevo Momon.

Evidence of the villagers' rapid exit remained Monday. Chickens and pigs roamed freely throughout the jungle underbrush, and shirts and slacks dangled on clotheslines strung outside the dirt-floored wooden homes.

Several dozen soldiers stood nearby, alongside troop transport trucks and armored vehicles. The several hundred army troops — who now live here had already hung their olive uniforms and camouflage on some of the lines.

The front door was ajar on the town hall, painted black and brown — the colors of the Zapatista uniform. The Zapatistas' trademark red star adorned the front of the building.

"Zapatista Municipality," read the lettering painted on the building. "San Pedro de Michoacan, Rebel State of Chiapas."

At the nearby amphitheater that rebels carved out of the jungle for a convention last summer, government troops with automatic weapons patrolled the rows of tree trunks fashioned into bleachers.

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Opinion

School finance bill finally passes

The Texas Legislature cleared a huge hurdle the other day and didn't even have to put it to a vote.

When the Texas Supreme Court upheld the latest share-the-wealth school finance law, lawmakers could heave a figurative sigh of relief. If Senate Bill 7 had been stricken down by the state's highest judiciary, as had three previous school funding laws, legislators would have faced yet another time-wasting, resource-draining fight.

Approval of the plan simply means that lots of taxpayer money will not be spent covering the same old well worn ground. For good or bad, Senate Bill 7 will provide educational stability.

The merits of the law, naturally, will be judged by what it means to individual school districts and the taxpayers who support those districts.

As a practical matter, statewide equity probably is being served because both the lawyers representing richer districts that will be shuffling money to help fund less fortunate districts and the attorneys for poorer districts dislike the court's ruling. That would indicate that neither extreme benefits to an undue extent.

From a purely philosophical viewpoint, any kind of taking from the rich and giving to the poor is government intrusion of the worst kind. If taxpayers are going to be forced to support a public educational system whether they choose to or not, the money should not have to be pooled in a socialistic manner to benefit areas that aren't located within the contributing tax base.

But then that's exactly what has created a festering mood in the country right now. The federal government seizes part of the wages of all workers and promptly sends it all over the globe. In Texas, much of the tax revenue from the oil and gas rich Permian Basin ends up in Austin for distribution all across the state, especially in the higher education system.

So public school funding has reached the same juncture. The share-the-wealth plan now has legislative and judicial approval.

Some West Texas school districts are big losers. But school officials in places like Andrews and Denver City saw the handwriting on the wall and built some first class facilities while they still had all their district's money.

As for the Ector County Independent School District, it falls somewhere in between the rich and poor extremes. Odessa's schools really didn't have much to lose or gain when compromise time came.

The prevailing school funding plan certainly isn't ideal. But, at least the court ruling prevents more squandering of time and money to create a procedure that could never be perfect in a system that has so many basic flaws.

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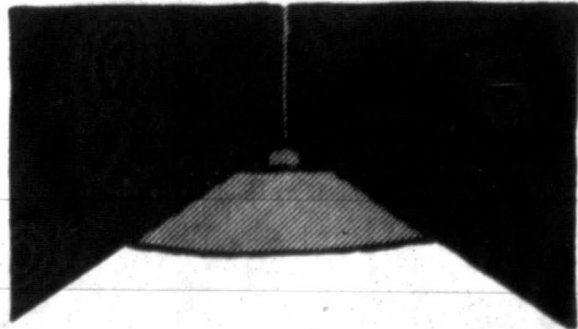
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GOP pokes its nose in crime

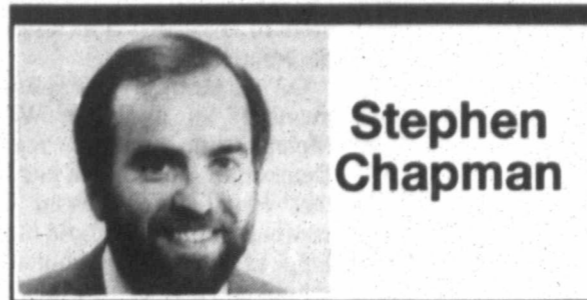
"We are committed to getting power back to the states," declared Newt Gingrich recently. Maybe we should believe it when we see it. On matters of social welfare, Republicans are probably more than happy to dump the headaches on the nation's governors. But on a treasured issue like crime, Capitol Hill conservatives display a mysterious infatuation with the old idea that Uncle Sam knows best.

They have yielded to that temptation just as the Supreme Court may be overcoming it. The court, not famous as a friend of decentralized government, is now considering a lower court decision that, if upheld, would thunderously revive the principle that there are limits on Washington's right to meddle in provincial affairs.

The most audacious of the crime measures, due for congressional action in May, would undercut state authority by requiring a stiff mandatory federal sentence for anyone who uses or carries a gun while committing a serious state crime involving violence or drugs. That would instantly give U.S. attorneys jurisdiction over hundreds of thousands of crimes that have always been reserved for local prosecutors.

This drastic change could be justified if soft-hearted district attorneys were letting such offenders go scot-free. But judging by all the new penitentiaries rising on the landscape and all the new inmates filling them up, severity is the norm from coast to coast. Capitol Hill Republicans are thus in the odd position of usurping decisions that state and local officials, by Republican standards, are handling perfectly well.

It may be that this bill is not meant to achieve anything except to let Congress pretend to be taking action against crime. Federal prosecutors may very well refuse to waste their time on everyday street



Stephen Chapman

crimes that someone else is happy to prosecute. In that case, the Republicans will have generated nothing more harmful than hypocrisy.

But if the measure has any effect at all, the results could be dire. Federal courts, already groaning under the weight of all the drug cases Congress has delegated to them, would be weighed down even more. Civil cases, which are at an all time high, will pile up even faster as judges put them off to process penny-ante criminal matters.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who has never shown an overabundance of sympathy for law-breakers, has complained that draconian federal drug laws have left federal judges running nothing more than "national narcotics courts." If this gun law were to pull in just a fraction of all the crimes committed with firearms, the problem would get much worse. Law-abiding citizens would have to either put up with longer court delays or else pay more taxes to expand the capacity of the federal criminal justice system - or both.

The Republicans, who take the position that many tasks currently performed by Washington ought to be returned to the states, should have no trouble with the idea that responsibilities already assigned to the states ought to remain with the states. That is

the principle at issue in the Supreme Court case, which involves a federal law banning guns in or around schools. The Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 was struck down by a federal appeals court on the novel grounds (novel at least since the New Deal era) that Congress has no power to legislate on a matter of purely local concern.

Like the GOP proposal on gun crimes, this law gives federal authorities jurisdiction over lots of new offenses, including many minor ones. It also puts Uncle Sam's nose into a matter that is plainly none of his business.

Past gun laws have rested on the theory that they are regulations of interstate commerce, something Congress has explicit constitutional power to do. This time, Congress didn't even bother coming up with an interstate commerce excuse.

Whatever rationale it could have concocted might not be good enough anyway. Education may be said to affect interstate commerce, and this law deals with schools. But the appeals court found no basis to believe that the "ordinary citizen possession of a shotgun during July, 900 feet from the grounds of an out-of-session private first grade in rural Llano County, Texas, has any effect on education even in relatively nearby Austin, much less in Houston or New Orleans."

The forgotten 10th Amendment says that any powers not granted to the federal government in the Constitution "are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." If that means anything, said the appeals court, it means the power granted by the interstate-commerce clause "is not unlimited."

The only way to justify the gun free schools measure is to assume Congress can legislate on anything it wants. That is also the premise of the GOP proposal on gun crimes, a premise that Republicans should not be eager to embrace.



Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 1995. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Feb. 14, 1895, Oscar Wilde's final and possibly most enduring play, "The Importance of Being Earnest" ("a trivial comedy for serious people"), opened at the St. James's Theatre in London.

On this date: In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Star and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1848, President Polk became the first chief executive to be photographed while in office as he posed for Matthew Brady in New York.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray applied separately for patents related to the telephone.

Russia should be left alone

Charley Reese

What should the U.S. position be in regard to Chechnya? There shouldn't be a U.S. position. It is none of our business.

Chechnya, which most Americans never heard of, is a province of Russia. Its current leader wanted to secede. The Russian government tried several non-military means to dissuade the people of Chechnya, both overt and covert. They all failed.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin then found himself in the same position as Abraham Lincoln: Part of the country was seceding and refused any compromise. Yeltsin, like Lincoln, had two choices: Let it go or send in the army.

He sent the army, and like Lincoln's army, it has suffered some embarrassing setbacks. But like Lincoln's army and for the exact same reason - it's so much bigger than Chechnya's - it will prevail. Chechnya will not be allowed to secede.

Even though this is entirely an internal affair of Russia, some Americans cannot keep their mouths shut, and some, by opening them, have removed all doubts that they are fools.

The most foolish criticism has been about the brutality of the fighting. I would like to know, and I'm sure every soldier in the world would like to know, how one takes a city defended by fierce fighters in a nonbrutal way? I hate to disillusion folks who live in these dream worlds, but war is an act of

brutality. One fights a war by killing people and by destroying their property.

I'm sure the Russians would have loved to have taken the Chechen capital without firing a shot, but the Chechen fighters wouldn't cooperate. Once in battle, there is no way for either side to practice moderation. Americans can't do it. The Russians can't do it. The Chechens can't do it. Neither could Ulysses S. Grant or Robert E. Lee.

And, as any professional soldier will tell you, there is absolutely no worse place to fight than in a city. Thousands of windows and hundreds of corners provide fortified positions for defenders. Tanks are extremely vulnerable inside a city, and ultimately, as is now happening, the infantry has to take the city street by street, block by block, house by house. It is always ugly, always brutal, always deadly to civilians who can't get out of the way.

For American politicians and commentators to act as if there is something unjustly brutal going on in pure bull. There is not. It is just the same hard, bloody fighting American GIs experienced in World War II when they had to take an occupied city.

What's really going on in America, aside from those speaking from ignorance and naivete, is that the internationalists, including The Heritage Foundation, which many mistakenly think is a conservative think tank, are using this as an excuse to push their internationalist agenda.

Russia, they say, must not be allowed to attend to its internal affairs. Instead, Russia must submit to international groups tending to its internal affairs. Well, if that's so, then the United States must do likewise. Are you ready to let a nonelected, non-American international organization run the internal affairs of the United States?

I'm not, and most Americans are not. To defend our sovereignty and independence we must respect the sovereignty and independence of other nations, including Russia. To agree that Russia's sovereignty and independence can be compromised by international organizations is to agree to an encroachment on our own sovereignty and independence.

The line is clear. People who love their country, whom internationalists will sneeringly call nationalists, must support like minded people everywhere. In the case of Russia, our support need only consist of telling the Clinton administration, the Heritage Foundation and the internationalists in both parties to shut up and butt out of Russia's affairs.

Specifics on cutting the budget

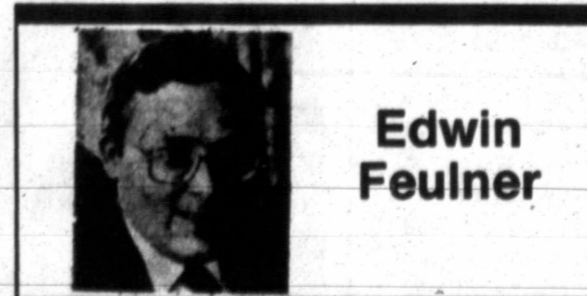
One of the oddest things about Washington is how everyone seems to be screaming at one another, but no one seems to be listening.

For example, liberal lawmakers and the national news media love to go on and on about how those who would cut the budget never talk specifics. They think it's just a scream that conservatives talk a tough line about balancing the federal budget, but never say where the budget should be cut.

Yet, conservatives keep telling them precisely where and how Congress should cut the budget. We tell them all the time. We tell them the specific programs we would reduce in size, consolidate with other programs serving the same purpose or eliminate altogether. But you hardly ever hear about it. And they keep droning on about how no one ever gets specific. Go figure.

But don't get discouraged: The latest installment from my colleagues at The Heritage Foundation is a list of 40 independent federal agencies that could be cut from the fiscal 1996 budget at savings of \$2 billion per year. Included are such perennial favorites as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), Legal Services Corporation, National Endowment for the Arts, U.S. Civil Rights Commission and National Endowment for the Humanities.

Among the 35 others the analysis recommend for extinction are the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Appalachian Regional Commission, Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation,



Edwin Feulner

Commission on National Community Service, East-West Center, North-South Center, FDR Memorial Commission, National Capital Planning Commission and State Justice Institute. Don't worry, I hadn't heard of half of them either.

The 40 agencies identified by our budget cutters were created - in one case about 100 years ago - to pursue objectives that appeared important at the time. For a variety of reasons, all of these programs are ready for what Ronald Reagan called the "ash-heap of history."

For example, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights does substantially the same thing as the civil rights offices of lots of other federal agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the civil rights division of the U.S. Justice Department, and the Division of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

And why should taxpayers pay for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting when a global communications revolution is bringing hundreds of privately financed TV channels into your living room - many specializing in documentaries, news, cultural programming and other staples of public television? The CPB provides only 14 percent of the public broadcasting system's total financial support anyway. The Arts & Entertainment Network, The Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, National Empowerment Television and the new History Channel demonstrate that quality programming can be commercially viable. In fact, Bell Atlantic recently offered to buy CPB outright.

Other examples: Congress should return all Department of Education functions to the states and close the department. It should consolidate more than 70 federally funded anti-poverty programs into a single block grant to the states, and limit the growth of that grant to 3 percent annually. The government should sell to the private sector its \$200 billion federal loan portfolio, Amtrak, the Power Marketing Administration, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and many of the government's real estate holdings.

Of course, we already know what the media response to these specific proposals on cutting the budget will be: Their eyes will glaze over and they'll talk about how nobody ever gets specific on budget cuts.

Lifestyles

Roller returns to conduct orchestra concerts

Amarillo Symphony's former conductor, A. Clyde Roller, will be returning to conduct the orchestra concerts with guest doublebassist Gary Karr Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 17 and 18 in Pampa and Amarillo. The Friday night concert will be held in Pampa at M. K. Brown Auditorium at 8 p.m. In addition to the concert, musician ensembles will perform before and after the concert as well as during intermission. Miss Amarillo Area, Sonja Solano of Pampa, will perform during the reception following the concert.

"The concert will feature many of our audience's favorites," said James Setapen, the Amarillo Symphony music director and conductor. Included will be works by Beethoven, Gershwin, Koussevitsky, Paganini, and Rimsky-Korsakov.

Tickets for the Pampa concert may be purchased at Tarpley Music Co. and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$10 for adult. Tickets will also be available at the door. Symphony season tickets will be honored at the Pampa concert. Pre-purchased tickets will be available at the door.

Valet parking will be available on the south side of the Auditorium, announced Marian Stroup, chairman of the event. Pampa Middle School Booster Club parents will coordinate the parking.

In addition to the special music coordinated by Pampa High School band director Bruce Collins, Bill and Greta Arrington and Sandra Waters are

coordinating an art exhibit in the auditorium foyer featuring paintings and sculpture.

Roller spent 13 years as the conductor of the Amarillo Symphony. "He influenced many lives in the Panhandle and brought internationally famous musicians to our town, teaching us all more about the beauty of great music," said symphony board member Eddie Melin. During his time as conductor in Amarillo, Roller was invited by Arthur Fiedler to guest conduct the Boston Pops for four seasons. He was conductor of the Houston Symphony orchestra for several years and conductor and professor of music at the University of Texas in Austin as well as the University of Houston, University of Wisconsin and University of Michigan. For 36 years he was conductor at the Interlochen Center of the Arts.

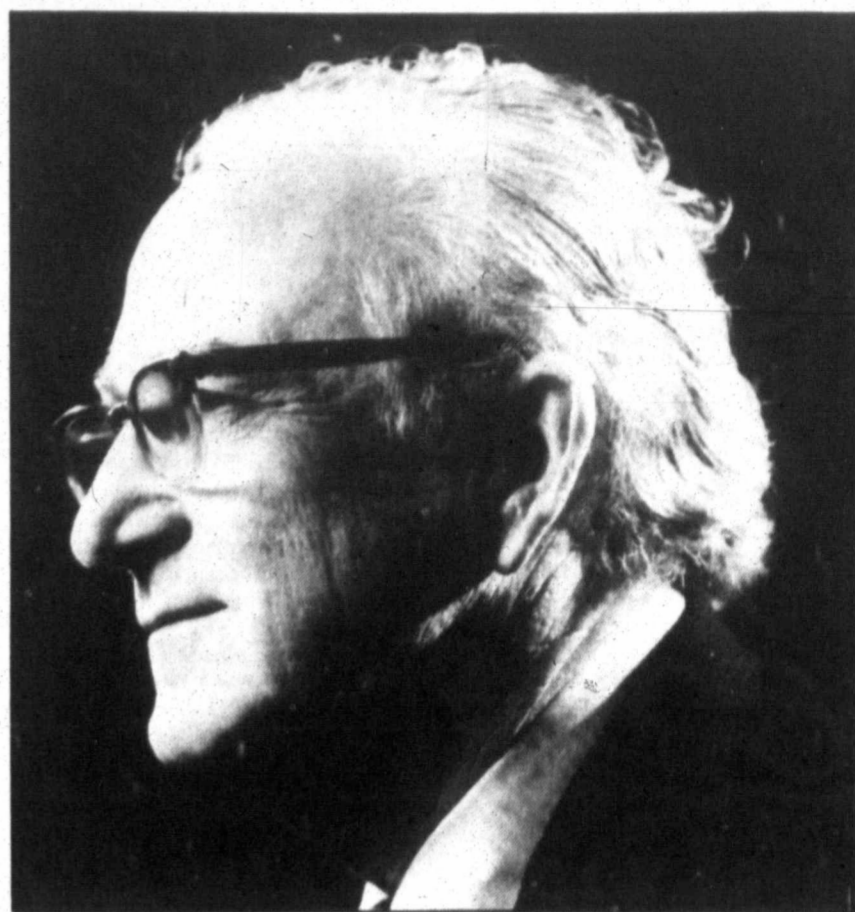
Guest soloist Karr is considered the world's leading solo bassist, according to *Time* magazine. He will be playing the Bass Concerto by Serge Koussevitsky. Interestingly, Roller studied and played under Koussevitsky, and Karr will be playing on the 1611 Amati doublebass last owned by Koussevitsky.

Karr has performed with orchestras all over the world, including the London Philharmonic, the Hong Kong Philharmonic, and orchestras in Canada, Venezuela, Israel, and Australia. For 15 years he has taught at the University of Hartford and for 20 summers at the Johannesen International School of Arts in Victoria, British

Columbia. Karr's influence on both instrument design and playing technique has raised the standards of performance of the doublebass worldwide.

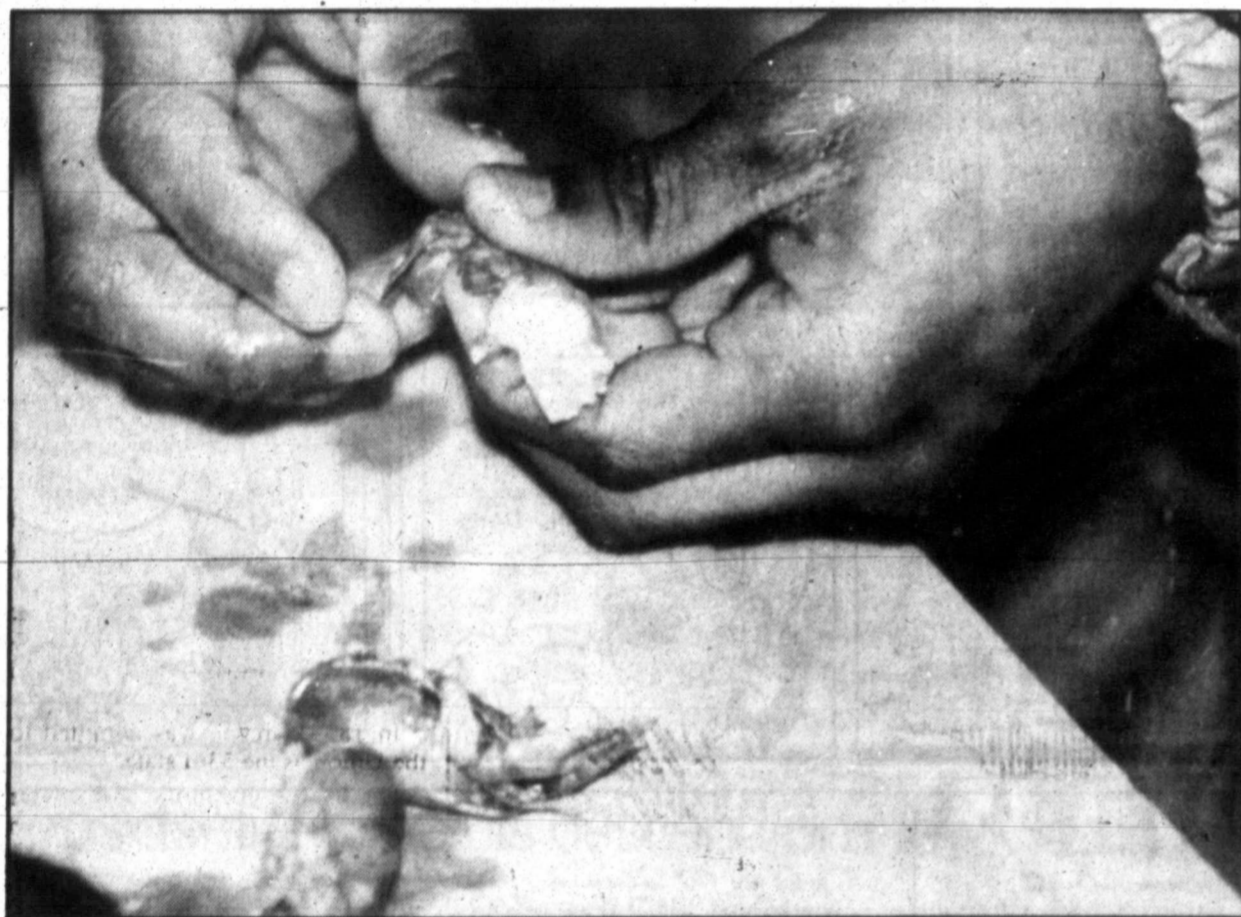
The Pampa concert is sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association, with the Tourism Committee of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, a grant from the Texas Commission of the Arts, and donors including Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group, Cabot, David and Nona Payne Foundation, and the M.K. Brown Foundation.

Assisting Pampa Fine Arts concert chairman Stroup is Lilith Brainard, ticket chairman; Betha Lee Roberts, program cover; Michael Trimble, program book; Vicki Phillips, program ads; Curt Beck and Seleta Chance, house chairmen; Betty Henderson, special invitations; Mike Parker, liaison for Chamber of Commerce tourism committee; Kim Trimble, orchestra amenities; and Denise Hampton, reception.



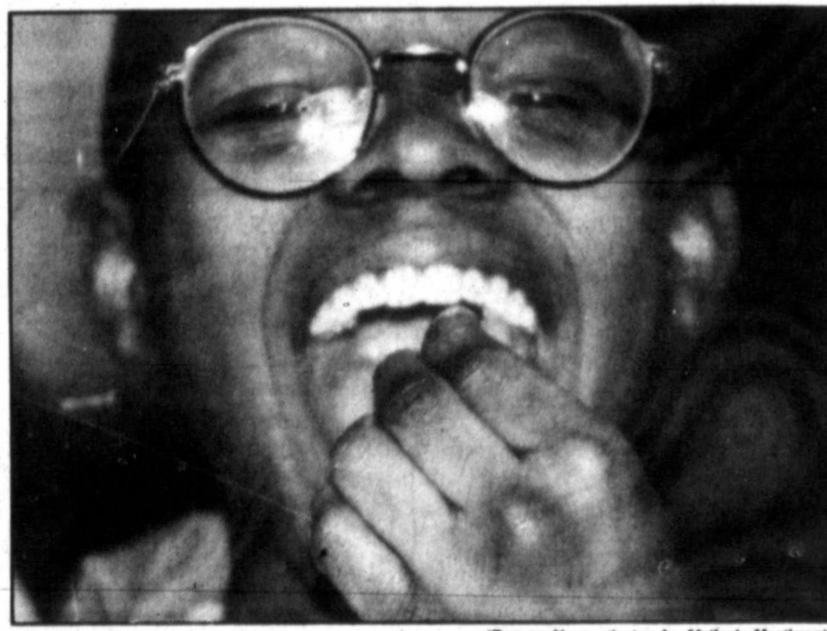
Right: A. Clyde Roller, former conductor of the Amarillo Symphony will return to conduct the orchestra this Friday in Pampa and Saturday in Amarillo.

A feast fit for a...



David Robinson, a Pampa Middle School seventh grade science student of Elizabeth Moore, peels and eats a crawfish during an invertebrate feast the class had Monday morning. Moore's students were asked to bring edible animals such as shrimp, crawfish or crab or other foods that looked like invertebrate animals such as a cake in the shape of an earthworm or starfish. Robinson caught the crawfish himself and his mother boiled them.

student of science



(Pampa News photos by Melinda Martinez)

Artus Van Briggle opened doors to fine pottery

By COUNTRY LIVING
For AP Special Features

Artus Van Briggle died of tuberculosis at age 35 — but not before he opened doors for a new generation of potters and those who appreciate the shape, decoration and glaze of fine pottery.

Pieces designed by Van Briggle and dated before 1910, Bruce E. Johnson wrote in an article in the current issue of *Country Living*, sell for from several hundred to \$2,000 and a few have soared beyond the \$10,000 mark.

In contrast, mass-produced examples made after 1920 can often be had for less than \$100.

Van Briggle, born on March 21, 1869 in Felicity, Ohio, moved to Cincinnati at age 17 where he enrolled in art classes and served as an apprentice to Karl Langenbeck, a renowned potter.

In 1886, Van Briggle joined Rookwood Pottery, where he became one of their most respected decorators. Rookwood was established in 1880 by Maria Longworth Nichols, whose grandfather owned much of downtown Cincinnati.

In 1893, William Taylor, the ace. The Lorelei, as it was called, was

sent to a Paris exposition and achieved critical acclaim.

The cold winters and humid summers of the Ohio River Valley aggravated his deteriorating health, and in 1899 he moved to the dry mountain air of Colorado Springs, where he continued to experiment with native clays and his matte-glaze formula. Anne Gregory joined him, accepting a job teaching art at the local high school.

By the end of the summer of 1901,

Van Briggle had produced nearly 300 matte-glazed vases. Within a few days, all were sold. Stock was issued in 1902 for the new Van Briggle Pottery Co. That summer he and Anne were married and Anne began working full time at the pottery.

Van Briggle's vases required extensive handwork. Only a few examples of each original design were produced in the pottery's early years.

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Alpha Mue Xi Sweetheart

Alpha Mu Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has chosen Belinda Britten as their 1995 Sweetheart. She has been a member of Alpha Mu Xi for four years and has served on various committees. Presently she is on the social committee and is a corresponding secretary. Britten, a homemaker, is the wife of Greg Britten who is a farmer in Groom. They have three children: Brooke, 12; Clay, 9; and Morgan, 2. Britten has taught religion for four years. She was a leader of the Daisy Scouts for one year and of the Girl Scouts for five years. She has been an adult leader in 4-H for four years and the manager of the Groom 4-H for one year. For two years, she has coached T-ball and pee-wee basketball. Britten is a member of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Christian Mothers. Her hobbies include all sports and shop-



Belinda Britten

ping. Britten will be honored this Saturday with a Sweetheart Banquet in Groom.

Challenges and goals

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Does striving toward goals help to make an activity more interesting, whether it's swimming laps around the pool, doing math homework or working on an assembly line?

Or do goals actually spoil enjoyment of an activity?

The answer partly depends on your personality, says a University of Rochester psychologist.

"Some people savor the challenge of striving to be at the top," says professor Andrew J. Elliot. "They love getting the best grade on the test, or beating a sales quota. Measuring themselves against others is energizing."

But for others, having their performance compared with others triggers anxiety, he notes, adding: "They do better striving for personal bests."

When is it more than a cold

By DR. PAULA PREZIOSO
New York University Medical Center
For AP Special Features

Children and colds often go hand in hand, and knowing when these illnesses need further medical attention can allow children — and parents — to breathe easier.

Colds are caused by a variety of viruses that have no cure but generally will resolve themselves within a few days.

During a cold, children may feel relatively well but may have such symptoms as runny nose, congestion and, in some cases, a low-grade fever. Seeing a pediatrician usually is not necessary although it may ease the concerns of parents.

To help relieve the symptoms of a cold, pediatricians may recommend increasing fluids and taking acetaminophens to help reduce fever.

Over-the-counter cold medicines are not a cure for colds, but they may relieve symptoms. But these remedies generally should not be given to children under 6 months of age.

Infants under 2 months of age

require special attention because their immune systems are still developing, and even a very low-grade fever and irritability can signal a serious illness that requires medical attention.

There are some circumstances in which an older child's cold also may require further medical attention. These include symptoms that persist more than a few days, irri-

ability, lethargy and other changes in behavior.

It is important that children with flu are seen by their pediatricians. The illness is caused by a virus, and in some instances its onset can resemble a cold. But instead of fading within a few days, however, flu symptoms will progress to include body aches, high fever and persistent cough.

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Valentine's Day is reminder to be a sweetheart all year

DEAR READERS: Can you believe it! It's St. Valentine's Day — already! And what better time to revive my Ten Commandments of Love?

Yes, Dear Readers, I actually had the chutzpah to write my own Ten Commandments. But it wasn't as though I was stealing from strangers — one of my ancestors was privileged to have received them on Mount Sinai from the Lord Himself — at least, that's what the Good Book says.

Originally, I wrote two sets of commandments — one for men and one for women. Then, Mandy Stillman, a lawyer and early feminist from Milwaukee, wrote to demand equal rights for women, insisting that there be only one set of commandments.

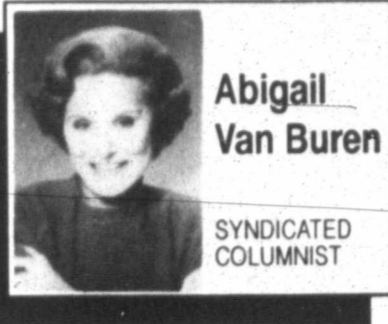
She was right, of course. So how's this for a gender bender?

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE

— Put your spouse before your mother, your father, your son and your daughter — your mate is your lifelong companion.

— Do not abuse your body with excessive food, tobacco, drink, or any foreign substance that goes into your arm or up your nose.

— Remember that cleanliness is a virtue.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

— Permit neither your business nor your hobby to make you a stranger to your children; the most precious gift a parent can give his or her family is time.

— Willingly share all of your worldly goods with your mate.

— Do not forget to say, "I love you." Even though your love may be constant, your spouse needs to hear those cherished words often.

— Remember that the approval of your spouse is worth far more than the adoring glances of a hundred strangers, so be true to him or her, and forsake all others.

— Keep your home in good repair, because out of it comes the joys of old age (not to mention its resale value!).

— Forgive with grace, because who among us does not need to be forgiven?

— Honor the Lord your God

every day of your life, and your children will grow up and bless you.

Today, be a sweetheart. Call someone you love and say, "I love you." (Make two or three calls; who says you can't love more than one person — in different ways, of course.)

Go through your closets and give all those clothes you've been saving until you lose 10 pounds to your favorite charity. Call someone who's lonely and say, "I'm thinking of you." Or, better yet, say, "I'll be over tomorrow to take you to lunch, or to run some errands for you ... or to give you a ride."

Visit a sick friend. Say a prayer. Donate some blood. Adopt a pet. Will your eyes, your kidneys and all your usable organs to someone who can use them after you're gone. Forgive an enemy. Hug your teen-ager. Write a fan letter. Listen to a bore. Pay your doctor. Tell your parents you think they're wonderful. Spay your dog. Neuter your cat. Quit smoking. Drive carefully. If you're walking, watch where you're going.

And don't wait until next year to be a sweetheart again.

LOVE, ABBY

Horoscope

Your Birthday

Wednesday Feb 15 1995

An unusual joint endeavor might breath new life into your financial position in the year ahead. Collective efforts will be more successful for you than solo attempts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to exercise tact today in an important relationship. Thoughtless behavior on your part could create ill feelings that will linger. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2

to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Carefully supervise any critical work that others do for you today. Mistakes will slip through if you fail to monitor their performance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Use your common sense today by not taking unpopular positions that oppose the will of the majority. You won't like it if everyone refutes you at once.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you have a domestic disturbance today, resolve it within the confines of your home. The worse thing you could do is bring in-laws into the picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Associates may challenge you today, so be prepared to back up your statements with irrefutable proof. If you can't, you'll lose credibility.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone you're indebted to, but have been ignoring lately, might corner you today and ask why you are treating him/her in this manner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try not to speak for your mate today. There is a strong possibility that his/her desires might diametrically oppose yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You haven't learned a lesson from a recent mistake. Today you might have to contend with the same problem again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Select your companions carefully today because you may be judged by the company you keep. Even if you're innocent, you could be guilty by association.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You usually work very efficiently, but today could be an exception. Even if others recommend changes, you're apt to ignore them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The way you treat others will set the tone for how you'll be treated today. If you are rude and uncooperative, expect to see these flaws in others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make sure that any major purchases made today have the proper guarantees and warranties. Get them in writing.

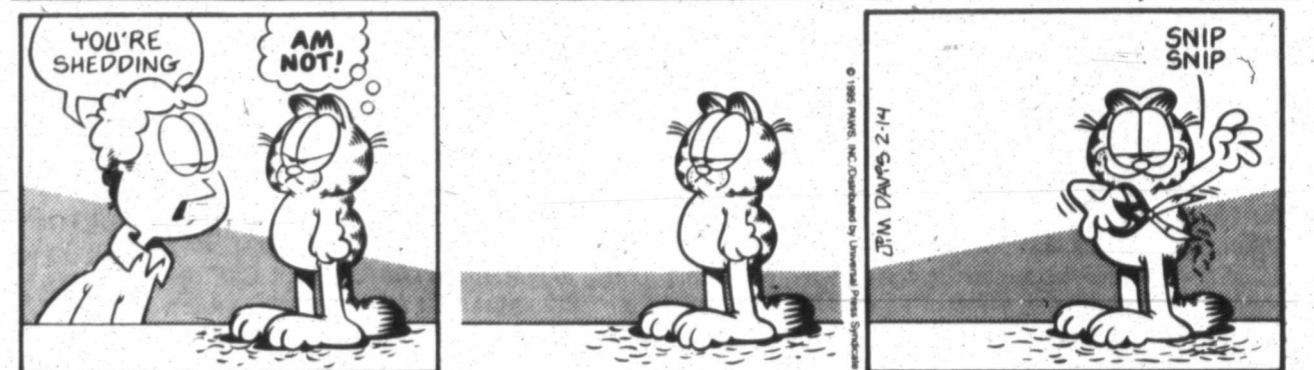
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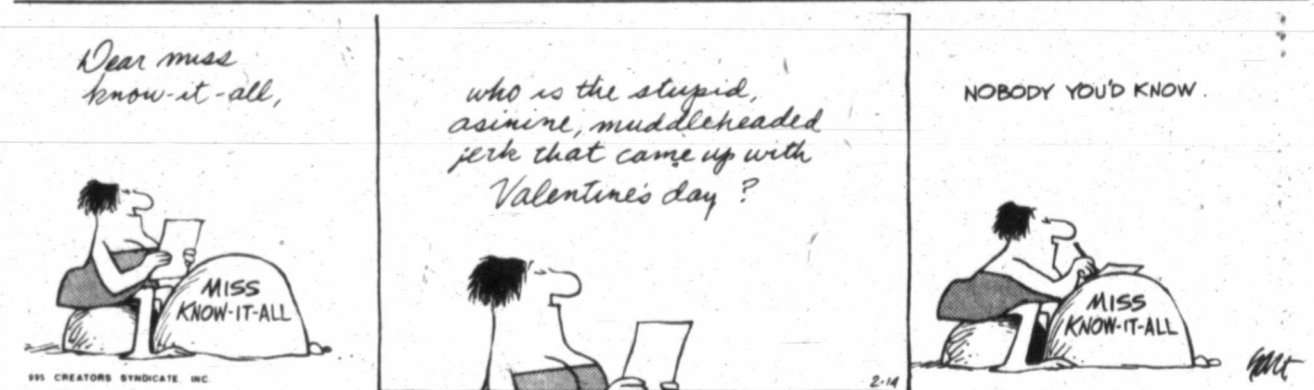
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"If it wasn't for Valentine's Day, we wouldn't have any candy holidays between Christmas and Easter."



"We need to move the thermostat higher on the wall so Marmaduke can't reach it."



Alley Oop

Peanuts

Russia, Chechnya begin limited cease-fire agreement

By JULIA RUBIN
Associated Press Writer

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — A limited cease-fire between Russia and Chechen rebels began today, with both sides agreeing to halt the use of heavy artillery.

Many were skeptical that the latest truce would hold, but early reports indicated the war zone was quiet. Russian helicopter gunships continued to fly over the region from their base in Beslan, 75 miles west of the Chechen capital, Grozny.

Vladimir Nikanorov, a spokesman for the Russian Defense Ministry, said the agreement was reached in five hours of talks Monday between the commander of Russian troops in Chechnya, Col. Gen. Anatoly Kulikov, and Aslan Maskhadov, the chief of separatist Chechen forces.

"The parties have reached an agreement to stop fighting with heavy artillery," Nikanorov said in Moscow.

It was not immediately clear whether the Chechen fighters would honor a cease-fire agreement. Truce

accords in December and January collapsed within hours.

Maskhadov, in an interview with Moscow's Ostankino television Monday night, said he hoped both sides would honor the truce.

"A complete cease-fire will require further work," he said. "But if I were to give my word that there won't be any more shooting anywhere, it would be just empty talk."

In Moscow, a top Russian commander, Lt. Gen. Lev Rokhlin, was among those predicting that peace talks would fail. "It is impossible to reach agreement with them because their hands are stained with blood," he told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

The talks were held at an airport near the village of Sleptsovsk in neighboring Ingushetia, 30 miles west of Grozny. The Ingushetian vice president, Boris Agapov, also attended the meeting as an observer.

Agapov later told reporters the two sides agreed "to stop all military action and guarantee to stop using air forces, heavy artillery and grenade launchers."

The sides also agreed in principle to an exchange of bodies and prisoners of war, he said. Details were to be

worked out Wednesday, when the talks resume.

"It was the first serious meeting on a very high level," Agapov said. He described the talks as "complicated," but also "businesslike and calm."

At one point, he said, the negotiators rose and drank a toast to all the dead on both sides.

Russian soldiers invaded the breakaway southern republic on Dec. 11 in an attempt to crush its 3-year-old independence drive. Thousands of civilians and fighters have died since the fighting began and hundreds of thousands of Chechens have been driven from their homes.

On Monday, President Clinton urged Boris Yeltsin to end the war in Chechnya, telling the Russian president in a 20-minute telephone conversation that there was "legitimate international concern" over the growing bloodshed.

The limited cease-fire agreement came amid continued fighting in Grozny, where artillery fire could still be heard in the southern regions.

In the northern part, held by the Russians, a few civilians were on the streets patrolled by foot soldiers, tanks,

trucks and armored personnel carriers.

Occasional small-arms fire rang out, and residents and soldiers said sniper fire increased significantly throughout the city at night.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said as soon as the agreement was reached, Kulikov ordered his troops to immediately cease heavy artillery fire on Chechen targets from Sleptsovsk.

The news agency quoted Maskhadov as saying Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev had authorized him to confine the talks "only to military issues," and not to discuss political aspects of the conflict.

The Chechen capital has been largely destroyed and surrounding villages have been heavily damaged in Russian bombardments. In recent days, as Russian forces consolidated their grip on Grozny, the fighting has spread to villages east and west of the capital.

The Russian government press service said Chechen fighters continued to leave the capital for rebel-held Gudermes, Chechnya's second-largest city, 25 miles east of Grozny.

Lovers Day



(AP photo)

A Chinese man buys a rose on a Beijing street on Valentine's Day. Roses were selling for 15 yuan (U.S. \$1.80) each Tuesday, up from their normal price of around 3 yuan (U.S. 35 cents). Valentine's Day, known as Lovers Day in China, is one of a number of western traditions which have been adopted, on a small scale, by the once isolated country.

Feel-good movie 'Forrest Gump' gains 13 nominations for Oscar

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — *Forrest Gump*, the feel-good story of a simpleton who triumphs in the end, received a leading 13 Academy Award nominations today including best picture. Its star, Tom Hanks, got a shot at a second consecutive Oscar for best actor.

The 13 nominations are the most for any movie since 1966's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* The record is 14 nominations, captured by *All About Eve* in 1950.

Also nominated for best picture were *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Quiz Show* and *The Shawshank Redemption*.

The winners will be announced March 27 in a ceremony broadcast live by ABC. David Letterman will be the host.

Besides Hanks, who won the award last year for his work in *Philadelphia*, the best actor nominees were Morgan Freeman in *The Shawshank Redemption*, Nigel Hawthorne in *The Madness of King George*, Paul Newman in *Nobody's Fool* and John Travolta in *Pulp Fiction*.

Two-time winner Jodie Foster was nominated for best actress for her starring role in *Nell*. She will face Jessica Lange in *Blue Sky*, Miranda Richardson in *Tom & Viv*, Winona Ryder in *Little Women* and Susan Sarandon in *The Client*.

Trailing *Gump* with seven nominations apiece were *Bullets Over*

Broadway, *Pulp Fiction* and *The Shawshank Redemption*.

Pulp Fiction's Samuel L. Jackson was nominated for best supporting actor, as were Martin Landau in *Ed Wood*, Chazz Palminteri in *Bullets Over Broadway*, Paul Scofield in *Quiz Show* and Gary Sinise in *Forrest Gump*.

Two performers from *Bullets Over Broadway* — Jennifer Tilly and Dianne Wiest — were named for best supporting actress. The other three selections were Rosemary Harris in *Tom & Viv*, Helen Mirren in *The Madness of King George* and Uma Thurman in *Pulp Fiction*.

In the documentary feature category, *Hoop Dreams* failed to get nominated despite some of the best reviews of the year.

Woody Allen was nominated for both co-writing and directing *Bullets Over Broadway*. Also nominated for directing were Robert Zemeckis (*Forrest Gump*), Quentin Tarantino (*Pulp Fiction*), Robert Redford (*Quiz Show*) and Krzysztof Kieslowski (*Red*).

Macedonia's *For the Rain* was picked as one of the five top foreign language films. It will compete against Russia's *Burnt by the Sun*, Taiwan's *Eat Drink Man Woman*, Belgium's *Farinelli: Il Castrato* and Cuba's *Strawberry and Chocolate*.

It was the first nominations for both Cuba and Macedonia.

The 13 nominations for *Forrest Gump* ties it with 1939's *Gone With the Wind*, 1953's *From Here to Eternity*, 1964's *Mary Poppins* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

The film was also nominated for art direction, cinematography, film editing, makeup, original score, sound, sound effects editing, visual effects and adapted screenplay.

More than 600 journalists and scores of producers and studio publicists attended the traditional 5:38 a.m. reading of the Oscar nominations.

Forrest Gump's sweep came as no surprise.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association gave Golden Globes to *Forrest Gump* for best dramatic movie and dramatic actor.

The Los Angeles Film Critics Association, on the other hand, picked *Pulp Fiction* as film of the year, with Travolta honored as best actor. The National Society of Film Critics also chose *Pulp Fiction* as best picture.

In the Oscars, approximately 5,000 Academy members vote on the best picture selections. Nominations in other categories are done by specific Academy branches; the nearly 1,300 members of the acting branch, for example, vote on the acting nominations.

Special committees nominate the foreign-language, documentary and short films.

Presidential hopefuls descend on New Hampshire

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — With the first in the nation presidential primary one year away, White House hopefuls already are canvassing New Hampshire to garner support for their bid for the Republican nomination.

U.S. Sens. Phil Gramm and Arlen Specter and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander made various stops and attended a Carroll County Republican Committee dinner in North Conway on Monday.

Specter continued to tout himself as the only pro-choice, anti-tax candidate in the field that once included former Vice President Dan Quayle as well as former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp.

He criticized those who said the party's nominee should oppose abortion. "I am not going to accept second-class citizenship anywhere, including the Republican party and including this race for the presidency," he told reporters in Concord.

Specter said he feared abortion would be a divisive issue in the party and reiterated his call that it be eliminated from the party platform. He said the GOP should unite around a platform everyone agrees upon — less government and spending, lower taxes, crime control, civil rights and a strong defense.

Specter told reporters his grilling of Anita Hill at Clarence Thomas'

1991 Supreme Court confirmation hearing would not hurt him, in part because he had been a strong supporter of women's issues.

The Pennsylvania Republican reiterated he has since learned sexual harassment is a bigger problem than he initially realized, but he refused to say whether he believed Hill's accusations that Thomas harassed her while she worked for him.

"I stand by what I said at time — that the weight of the evidence supported the confirmation of Justice Thomas," he said.

In Portsmouth, Alexander called himself pro-life and said he believed states could restrict a woman's right to an abortion and that the federal government should stay out of the fracas.

Like others in the race, he said he had been helped by Quayle's recent decision to withdraw from the race.

"I think our nominee in 1996 is most likely to come from outside Washington D.C. That's a nominee that will do the best job of taking our message to the rest of the country and persuade half the country that we're right," Alexander said.

Gramm, R-Texas, met privately with GOP leaders in Concord and Manchester before joining Specter and Alexander at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner in North Conway.

"I'm not here to ask you to 'read my lips' but to read my record," Gramm said in a speech

to about 300 Republicans.

The unchecked growth of government and the deficit is the nation's number one problem, Gramm said.

"I would look at every program in the federal government and I would ask a simple question: would the benefits to be derived by spending money on this program be worth taking the money away from people working hard for a living," he said.

Specter said crime control would be his top priority as president.

"I would eliminate plea bargaining, have early intervention with juveniles and, when faced with career criminals, (impose) life sentences," he said.

Alexander told the group New Hampshire's role as the first primary state is both traditional and practical. "New Hampshire's primary allows someone like me — someone from outside Washington who otherwise wouldn't have a chance — to run for president," he said.

New Hampshire's primary tentatively is scheduled for Feb. 20, 1996, but it could be moved up to stave off challenges from states that want to disrupt the traditional week lag between New Hampshire's primary and others.

Delaware wants its primary four days after New Hampshire. Arizona capitulated and said it will give New Hampshire its desired week lag but will be second, putting it at odds with Delaware.

Texas child receives life-saving heart device

HOUSTON (AP) — A 9-year-old northeast Texas boy is the first person to receive a new device designed to correct congenital heart defects, doctors say.

Cody Bachman of Clarksville underwent the pioneering medical procedure on Friday at Texas Children's Hospital. By Monday, he was already feeling better and planning to use his in-line skates and ride a tractor with his grandfather.

"The doctors are saying I'll have a lot more energy," Cody said Monday. "I'd like to race some (Roller) blades."

Doctors said Cody was the first person to receive the Gianturco-Grifka Vascular Occlusion Device.

The boy was born with an additional blood vessel between his aorta and lung arteries. During a five-hour operation, surgeons placed an inflatable nylon sack into the extra artery to block a dangerous surplus of blood into his lungs.

"This blood vessel had all this extra blood going into the lungs, which could create damage to the lungs and cause extra work for the heart to pump," said pediatric cardiologist Ronald Grifka.

Cody's parents, Lori and Rick Bachman, said the procedure has already made a difference.

"He had no energy whatsoever," Mrs. Bachman said. "He couldn't walk down the hall without having to lay down and rest ... This has given us hope that we did not have before."

The boy had already undergone two open-heart surgeries, the first when he was just 16 months old. Doctors said scarring and other conditions made a third operation hazardous.

Instead, the occlusion device was inserted through a catheter in the groin area and implanted in his heart to block the blood flow. The device consists of the small, circular nylon

sack that is expanded by flexible "filler" wire to block blood flow, Grifka said.

Doctors said the new procedure could prove cheaper than open-heart surgery, eliminating three to five days in intensive care and several weeks of hospitalization.

"It could cut a third to a fourth of the costs," said cardiologist Charles Mullins.

The new occlusion device is expected to benefit several hundred children born each year with heart defects, the doctors said. Mullins added that at least 50 will be implanted during this first year of availability.

Rick Bachman said his son was hesitant to undergo the new procedure.

"He kept saying, 'I don't want to be the first one; I don't want to be the first one,'" the father said.

But Cody, who was to return to school today, has changed his mind. "I'm kinda glad I had it done. Very glad," he said.

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Paul and Wiki Erickson of Waco hold love letters they have exchanged for the last 20 years.

Texas couples find time for love letters art form

By MIA B. MOODY
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO (AP) — How do I love thee? Let me count the love letters I have sent you over the years.

If this were a true test of love, most couples would fall short in the cupid quotient. In an era of greeting cards, candy and other ready-made displays of affection, the art of love-letter writing is almost extinct.

A shame, according to Wiki Erickson who believes that, among all written documents, love letters are the most thoroughly read, the longest preserved and most appreciated.

"It takes some sacrifice and time to successfully express one's feelings in writing," said Erickson, who teaches Spanish at Texas State Technical College.

"But it's worth it because love letters show that you're not taking the easy way out to express yourself. Most people would prefer to pick up a card at the grocery store."

Her husband, Paul, began putting his love for her in writing 22 years ago, shortly after she moved to Europe.

"Every country that I visited, I checked with the American Embassy and I would be surprised with a beautiful love letter," said Wiki. "It took one letter in particular to help me decide that he was the man with which I wanted to spend the rest of my life."

Paul, who still writes love letters on special occasions, said they help keep the couple's relationship strong.

"People tend to take their mates for granted after years of marriage, but Wiki has concrete reminders of how much I love her," said Paul, who teaches business law and accounting at Baylor University.

"She can look at the love letters I have given her over the years and see how I felt about her before the children were born, before jobs and major commitments, and how I feel about her today."

In more romantic eras, couples like the Ericksons who put their love in writing were common. Many had bundles of old love letters tucked away in a shoe box or basement just waiting to share them with anyone willing to listen.

For centuries, couples have exchanged love notes, flowers and candy on Feb. 14 and it's not by chance. According to history, the tradition started when St. Valentine, an early Christian, was imprisoned for marrying young couples in defiance of Roman laws forbidding young men to marry. The children he had

befriended missed him so much they tossed loving notes between the bars of his cell windows.

In today's fast-paced society, love letters are outnumbered by store-bought gifts. But a lack of time is not the only reason that people have put their pens to rest. Some people just don't know where to start, said Brian Holtcamp, co-author of *When Romeo Wrote Juliet*.

Holtcamp, who hopes to guide neophytes through the love-letter writing process, believes people should tap their own creative resources and come up with something that doesn't resemble a pre-printed card.

"I try to write things that I notice about the person and that are unique," said Holtcamp, who has been writing love letters since he was about 14 years old. "I pay attention to detail, originality and try to show them that they have my undivided attention."

Holtcamp said couples can put a different twist on love letters by mailing them to the house or writing a message on the mirror that will appear when their mate takes a shower or by hiding love letters under pillows or in briefcases.

Couples can personalize their love letters using dried flowers, perfume, lipstick kisses, letterheads or stationary that say something about their personality. Holtcamp recommends writing love notes by hand instead of typing them because this gives them a one-of-a-kind touch.

In addition, love letters should represent how you feel about your mate, said Doyle and Helen Elliott who decided years ago to stop buying ready-made greeting cards and replace them with hand-written notes.

"It finally got to the point where I couldn't find a card that said what I wanted it to," Helen said. "We've been married 51 years and everything you can find in a card, we have already said."

Love letters are like a breath of fresh air in relationships, said Waco resident Linda Webb, who writes and receives love letters from her husband, Dennis, a copier technician for Central Texas Word Processing.

Love letters don't have to be elegant like a poem, she said. The Webbs often write about special memories or short notes telling how much they love each other.

"It helps brighten your day when you get a note from the person you love," said Linda, who has been married 15 years. "I think the written word is one of the most powerful things in the world. Cards are nice, but I like people who do their own thing."

Unknown Coleridge poems found

LONDON (AP) — Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote more poems than previously thought, although an academic who dug them up say they contain no new masterpieces like *Kubla Khan* or *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*.

Jim Mays, head of the English Department at University College in Dublin, says he has discovered 300 Coleridge poems that he plans to publish this year.

About 500 Coleridge poems were already known.

The *Sunday Times* quoted Mays as saying Coleridge did not stop writing poetry around 1810, as had been thought.

"The 1820s saw a kind of renaissance. He kept writing poems. Whenever he felt anything intensely, it came out in verse," Mays was quoted as saying.

Mays declined to give further interviews about the book, a spokeswoman for the university said Monday.

The *Sunday Times* said the poems spoke of homosexuality, gout, ingrown toenails — and one poem in Greek and Hebrew about a man who has trouble keeping an erection.

One poem, titled *An Autograph of an Autopergamene*, apparently was written in blood on a piece of the poet's skin that peeled off in the bath.

Committee approves flag desecration resolution

AUSTIN (AP) — A U.S. constitutional amendment against flag desecration is being urged by state Sen. Jerry Patterson, who served as a Marine in Vietnam.

The idea is opposed by Jay Jacobson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas — who received a Purple Heart after being wounded as a Marine in Vietnam.

The Senate State Affairs Committee voted 8-0 Monday to endorse Patterson's resolution. If it's approved by the full state Senate and House, the Legislature would petition Congress to propose a constitutional amendment for approval by the states.

The proposed amendment would protect the U.S. flag and state flags from desecration, such as burning, and exempt such desecration from protection under the First Amendment right to free speech.

"It's particularly significant to me, because I (had) discussed this issue with Marines that I

served with who did not make it home, who are not alive today, who died in the service of their country, and I know how they feel about it," said Patterson, R-Pasadena. "It was an issue in the '60s."

Jacobson, who said he was wounded in Vietnam in 1968 as an infantry platoon commander, said, "Some of us that almost didn't come back don't support it."

Jacobson said he didn't testify against the bill in the Senate committee because he didn't know it was coming up. But he said he would have liked to do so.

"It's important that you oppose things like this every time they come up. You have to remind people what freedom is really all about. Freedom is about tolerating the ideas we hate," he said.

"I love my country. I love what it stands for. That's why I joined the Marine Corps. That's why I joined the ACLU," Jacobson said.

Patterson said that his proposal still would allow people to speak against the flag.

"So it really doesn't restrict speech. It just restricts the desecration of the flag as an object and a symbol," he said.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1989 held that flag-burning was a constitutionally protected form of free speech. The case arose from the 1984 arrest of a man for burning a flag at the Republican National Convention in Dallas.

Patterson's resolution would put the Texas Legislature on record as disagreeing with the court majority in that case.

Patterson said he intends to ask the Senate to consider the resolution on Feb. 23, the 50th anniversary of the raising of the American flag on Iwo Jima in World War II.

U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich didn't immediately return a telephone call concerning the proposal from The Associated Press.

Ex-millionaire Cullen Davis denies he was 'Man in Black'

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Ex-millionaire Cullen Davis denied again Monday he was the "man in black" who gunned down four people in a bloody rampage 19 years ago at his secluded hilltop mansion.

Davis, 61, reputedly the richest man ever tried for murder in this country, was acquitted of murder and murder-for-hire charges in the 1970s.

He told a hastily arranged news conference that he and his third wife, Karen, intend to write a book about the case and their subsequent conversion to Christianity.

The couple appeared at the office of a publicist to respond also to comments from one of the stars of the ABC-miniseries *Texas Justice*, based on the Texas saga.

The show aired Sunday and Monday nights with Peter Strauss

portraying Cullen and Heather Locklear as his ex-wife Priscilla.

Dennis Franz appears as defense attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes.

On ABC's *Good Morning America* last Friday, host Joan Loudon asked Ms. Locklear if she played the role from the point of view that Davis was guilty.

"That he's guilty, absolutely," Ms. Locklear replied. "Priscilla, the character I play, said she saw him and there were other eyewitnesses."

The case dates back to August 1976 when a gunman dressed in black and wearing a woman's black wig invaded the \$6 million Davis mansion on Fort Worth's southwest side.

The intruder killed Andrea Wilborn, Priscilla's 12-year-old

daughter by a previous marriage, and Stan Farr, 30, Priscilla's live-in boyfriend.

Mrs. Davis, now 53, was critically wounded, as was a young mansion visitor, Bubba Gavrel, now 40.

Gavrel's teen-age date, Beverly Bass, escaped unharmed.

The three survivors identified Davis as the gunman, and police flushed him from the home of his mistress about four hours after the shootings. He insisted he was innocent.

From the witness stand, the survivors later testified that Davis was the killer.

After the longest, costliest murder trial in Texas history, the Amarillo jury acquitted him of killing Andrea, whose body was found in the basement of the mansion.

She had been shot once in the chest.

Nine months after the verdict, Davis was rearrested and charged with solicitation of capital murder, a case almost as bizarre as the mansion shootings.

An FBI informant swore that Davis ordered him to kill 15 people, including a divorce judge and the three survivors of the 1976 siege.

The FBI videotaped and tape recorded two meetings between Davis and the informant and arrested Davis after he handed over \$25,000 purportedly earmarked for the slaying of his divorce judge.

That case first was tried in Houston, and ended in a mistrial in January 1979. Later that year, jurors in Fort Worth acquitted Davis of the murder-for-hire charges.

Harvard cafe offers customers coffee and computers, too

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — At Harvard Square's newest cafe, there are no dogeared copies of Baudelaire or Byron on the tables. No photocopies of Sylvia Plath's poetry. No outlines for the Great American Novel.

The tables at Cybersmith are covered with computers.

This is a place where people can have a cup of cappuccino and try all the computer tools and toys they've been hearing about.

"It's a lot easier than I thought,"

said John Barbieri, pointing and clicking his way to everything from Impressionist paintings to sports schedules on the Internet.

Cybersmith, situated in a part of town crowded with coffee shops and bookstores frequented by students and professors at Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other schools, is not the first cafe to go on line.

Seven or eight have opened in Boston, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco with a computer terminal or two in the back so customers can

log on to the Internet. A cafe opened in London last fall with seven terminals. But Cybersmith has 48 work stations and a smorgasbord of technology: the latest multimedia titles, on-line services, virtual reality and video games. It opened on Friday after a \$1 million investment.

"The underlying concept is to take whatever the new technology is as it comes out and say to the public, 'Come on in, check it out,'" said its founder, Marshall Smith, a Boston-area entrepreneur who also built the

Paperback Booksmith — and Videosmith chains.

The cafe offers everything from a \$1 coffee to lunch. (To order your sticky bun, click on Smitty's On-Line Cafe on one of the terminals.)

Along with the waiters and waitresses is a staff of technical support people to explain how to use all the machines.

Customers must pay a \$1 membership fee. After that, most machines cost 17.5 cents a minute to use. The virtual reality station costs \$5 for about five minutes.

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