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LEFORS — A woman whose home was severely damaged by fire Monday is trying to recover with the aid of friends, said Tonya Lock Wednesday.

A fund has been set up to provide funds for interior furnishings to benefit the Phyllis Crutcher family. Lock explained.

The kitchen is destroyed and half the living room is burned, she continued.

The 9 p.m. Monday fire in Crutcher's two-story home at Sixth and McLean was ignited by a faulty floor furnace, Lock said.

Crutcher was at work at the Neal Prison Unit, Amarillo, when the fire broke out. Her children were being cared for by their father or family friend and were not home at the time.

Donations to the fund may be made to Lefors Federal Credit Union, Box 425, Lefors, TX 79054.

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club will hold sign-ups for its baseball and softball programs Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven.

Fees for ages 6, 7 and 8 baseball and 7-9 softball will be \$35; ages 9-12 baseball and 10-12 softball will be \$55; and ages 13-15 baseball will be \$60. Sign-ups will be limited and players will be assigned to a team on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tryout information will be available at the sign-ups.

The club also is looking for parents to assist in coaching a team. Call 665-4361 for information or contact a club member at Saturday's sign-ups.

WHEELER — Wheeler County Extension Service and family and consumer sciences advisory committee are co-sponsoring a Southwestern Public Service diabetic delights cooking school on Monday, April 1.

The program will be held at the Wheeler Banking Center in the Coin and Copper Room at 7 p.m.

The free demonstration will include tasting and recipes. Reservations may be made by calling the county Extension office at (806) 826-5243. For more information, call Joan Gray at the same number.

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket bought in Sinton correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$18 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 2, 4, 9, 12, 33 and 43.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

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Aides say Clinton will veto ban on late-term abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a highly charged election-year battle with Congress, President Clinton will carry out his promise to veto a bill banning certain late-term abortions, the White House said today.

The measure gained final approval Wednesday night on a House vote of 286-129, a lopsided majority that testified to bipartisan opposition to a procedure dubbed "partial-birth abortion" by its foes.

Reaffirming Clinton's veto threat, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the bill "brings unnecessary intrusion by the federal government into the life and health of a mother, of a woman, at what is obviously a painful and difficult moment in that woman's life."

Abortion rights supporters urged the president to hold fast to his promise. "We urge President Clinton to veto this legislation and preserve the ability of women and their physicians to make sound medical judgments free of political interference," said Jane Johnson, interim president of Planned Parenthood.

House passage came with support of 214 Republicans and 72 Democrats. Opposed were 113

Democrats, 15 Republicans and one independent.

Senate passage last year came on a narrower 54-44 vote.

Final passage of the measure came after two hours of debate that was charged both politically and emotionally.

Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., the chief backer of the bill, said a Clinton veto "will demonstrate he is an extremist on abortion, using any procedure imaginable. He's saying there are no limits. There are no restraints."

"Do your politics on some other issue," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, a California Democrat. "It's not going to be an issue in campaigns," added Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "Believe me, it's too arcane and too gruesome."

The rarely used procedure is referred to by some doctors as "intact dilation and evacuation." It involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, through the birth canal, then draining the skull's contents or squeezing the skull so the head will fit through the birth canal.

In House debate, several supporters of the bill described the procedure in graphic detail, and displayed oversized illustrations that showed a fetus, legs dan-

gling, at the moment of abortion. "It's not a termination of a pregnancy, it's an extermination of a defenseless little life," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

The measure provides an exception to the ban in cases in which the procedure is essential to save the life of the mother. Otherwise, a doctor performing such an operation may be subject to fines and a prison term of up to two years, as well as be vulnerable to civil penalties.

The bill marks the first time that Congress has passed a law to ban a specific abortion procedure since the landmark 1973 Supreme Court ruling that granted a woman the right to choose. Outnumbered opponents in the House said the measure was the first step in a full-scale assault by Republicans on the court ruling, and would give the government an unwarranted role in private health matters.

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., called it "another step on the road to the back alley."

While White House aides have threatened a veto, Clinton's most recent public pronouncement listed a series of objections to the bill but did not include an explicit veto threat.

'Sacrifice of Glory'



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Rick Muniz, as Jesus, teaches two little girls who follow him. The girls are Alyssa Kelsey, left, and Heather Burkhalter. The scene is from Calvary Baptist Church's production of *Sacrifice of Glory*, an Easter season musical drama set for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 30, and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 31, at the church, 900 E. 23rd. For information, call the church at 665-0842.

Group: Government should regulate web site ads aimed at kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bulletin boards or billboards?

A media watchdog group said today the government should regulate what the group considers children advertising that exploits children cruising the Internet.

The Center for Media Education said a number of companies, including Kellogg's, Frito Lay and SpectraCom, have designed web sites "to capture the loyalty and spending power" of children.

Kellogg's, Frito Lay and SpectraCom, which runs KidsCom web site, said their sites don't exploit children.

Many of these web sites are advertisements in disguise that unfairly target children, the center said. It wants the Federal Trade Commission to investigate and set guidelines to protect an estimated one million children who use the Internet.

"Companies are creating electronic pipelines into children's subconscious, urging them to identify with their brands," said Jeffrey Chester, executive director of the center, in an interview. "Advertisers and marketers are able to amass information on individual children's behavior and needs and sell to them. Doing that bypasses the parent," he said.

The center, a non-profit group supported by private foundations, has been active in urging TV stations to air more educational shows and to rate cartoons and other children's programs.

The FTC does not specifically regulate advertising for children over the Internet and other on-line services, said FTC spokeswoman Bonnie Jansen. She said the FTC's jurisdiction over deceptive marketplace practices extend to the Internet.

The Center for Media Education said some web sites

either invade children's privacy by requesting personal information or exploit them by weaving products and opportunities to buy them with such on-line activities as sending a friend an e-mail or playing a game.

Taking a page from Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding TV advertising aimed at children, the center recommended labeling ads and promotions and separating them from editorial content.

It also proposed that product characters like Tony the Tiger, Snap! Crackle! and Pop! and Chester Cheeta not be allowed to communicate in any way with a child over a computer network and that personal information should not be collected from children.

None of the web sites mentioned in the center's report make a direct sales pitch or urge children to tell their parents to buy a particular product or service. But many offer the opportunity to make a purchase using credit cards.

On the Kellogg's web site, Snap! Crackle! and Pop! — the Rice Krispies cereal characters — invite on-line visitors to come into their clubhouse. But first, the visitors are told to type their e-mail address.

A visitor can send a friend an e-mail card and select a character to appear on it. The choices are all Kellogg's cereal characters.

Another choice allows a visitor to buy a Tony the Tiger watch or official Kellogg's clothing.

Kellogg's spokeswoman Karen Kater said most of the company's web site browsers are adults. "Many people think Tony the Tiger and Frosted Flakes are kids oriented. But 50 percent who eat Frosted Flakes are adults and they want to go visit Tony the Tiger on the Internet, too," she said.

Tree winners



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Racquel Ramirez, a fourth grader in Leslie Schafer's class, is handed her blue-ribbon winning poster and an Eastern red cedar sapling from Shonda Meadows and Earlene Davis, representatives of the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District. Ramirez's poster, along with winning posters from three other classes at Baker Elementary, hung in the district's office until recently. First through third place winners, along with honorable mention students, received ribbons for their posters; every student won the tiny trees. Other blue-ribbon winners include Vicky Mangus, a fifth grader in Marlene Kyle's class; Nicole Bryan, a third grader in Barbara Nichols' class; and Megan Coffee, a third grader in Beverly Morris' class.

Japan's prime minister signs documents to force renewal of U.S. bases in Okinawa

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto today signed documents to force the renewal of leases for U.S. military bases on Okinawa, overruling the island's governor and the wishes of the property owners.

Demands for removal of all U.S. bases from the southern Japanese island have intensified since the rape in September of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl, for which three American servicemen were convicted.

For several months, the private owners of small sections of the U.S. base property have said they would not sign the leases. Okinawa Gov. Masahide Ota was expected to step in and sign the papers despite the owners' objections.

Because so many of his constituents want the U.S. bases off the island, Ota instead defied a court order issued Monday to sign the documents, meaning

Hashimoto had to intervene to keep the land in U.S. hands.

The document Hashimoto signed today sets in motion a complicated legal procedure giving the central government authority over leasing privately owned land.

Ota has vowed to take the case to the Supreme Court.

Of the 32,000 landowners with plots used by the U.S. military on Okinawa, 2,937 are refusing to renew their leases, affecting about 10 percent of the land used by the American bases in Okinawa.

Neither Hashimoto nor Ota commented on the move, but an official in the Japanese Defense Facilities Administration Agency confirmed it and provided details. He declined to be named.

The lease for part of a 2,550-square-foot U.S. military radio communications facility near the

village of Yomitan expires Sunday. But renewing the leases against the will of the owners is a lengthy process. Ota has delayed for months.

A government committee can request special permission to continue the land's use for several months, but even that is expected to take 10 days to clear, leaving a gap of several days of technically illegal occupation.

A few weeks after the Sept. 4 rape, about 60,000 people joined in the largest anti-U.S. military demonstration ever on Okinawa; many other demonstrations followed.

A construction crew hurried today to complete a security fence around the U.S. military communications facility where police now expect protests against the forced renewal.

Ota has been proposing a plan that would remove all U.S. bases from Okinawa by 2015.

Kingsmill, Francis streets next for renovation project

Kingsmill and Francis streets west of downtown Pampa are the next roadways scheduled for rehabilitation, according to Public Works Director Richard Morris.

Construction on storm drainage for 23rd Street is expected to begin within two or three weeks and Duncan Street rehabilitation will begin when school ends in late May, according to a memo Morris sent Pampa city commissioners.

Presently, F.D. Baker Construction is working on the

north side of Foster from Hobart to West Street. About four weeks of good weather will be needed to finish the west end of Foster, he predicts.

Subgrade work continues from the east end of Foster from Ballard to Starkweather. East Foster will probably be out of service for an additional two or three weeks, he said.

Base material was applied March 21 on Starkweather from US 60 to Ivng. Starkweather should return to service within seven to 10 days.

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World briefs



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Sgt. Tinsey Harrison, standing, assistant commander of The Salvation Army in Pampa, visits with Ruby Callis at the Golden Agers luncheon on Tuesday. Ms. Callis has been a resident of Pampa since 1928.

Golden Agers seeking sponsors for luncheons

Pampa's Salvation Army is looking for additional sponsors for its monthly Golden Agers luncheons.

The Golden Agers meet the fourth Tuesday of each month for lunch at The Salvation Army building, 701 S. Cuyler. Golden Agers provide the lunch for those 55 and older or handicapped; there is no charge for the meal.

Recent sponsorship for the lunches was provided through a donation from Bill Kindle and FirstBank Southwest. Other sponsors are being lined up for subsequent months.

Assisting with the luncheon meeting this month were Rose Mary Shiffman and members from her Senior Developmental Class at Pampa High School, who helped to serve the lunch. Three

volunteers from the Pam Family and Community Education Club — Virginia Horton, Janice Carter and Gertrude Leonard — helped cook the food.

Volunteers assisting with the lunch included Maggie Ivey, Christine Kiper, Laura Hall, Vivian Carper, Carolyn Carter, Betty Rice, Peggy Ivey and Winnie Sweat.

Door prizes of gift certificates from Albertson's were given away this month. After the lunch, the Golden Agers played Bingo.

Any person or business wishing to be a sponsor for the monthly luncheon or otherwise assist with the Golden Agers meetings may contact local officers Lt. Dolores Camarillo or Sgt. Tinsey Harrison at The Salvation Army headquarters, 665-7233.

Morales says no to PAC funds

AUSTIN (AP) — Although he's only had one offer so far, U.S. Senate runoff candidate Victor Morales says he will not accept contributions from political action committees.

U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas and Morales' April 9 runoff opponent, says such a move is unrealistic and gives U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm another edge over Morales.

"No candidate who is facing a candidate like Phil Gramm can turn down the support simply because of the time that it would take to raise that much money one contribution at a time when the other guy gets it all in one lump sum," Bryant said.

Morales announced Wednesday that he would not accept PAC donations. He said such donations raise too many questions about the giver and the recipient.

"There is the question whether they are just dancing with these people," Morales said of politicians who take PAC contribu-

tions. "I want to remove that question mark."

Morales said he made his way into the April 9 contest without PAC money. He said he would make it through the general election against U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm the same way.

"It still can be done with individuals helping me as it has been done over the last 10 months," he said of defeating Gramm.

Morales acknowledged receiving only one offer of political action committee support. But he said when he wins the April 9 runoff, more offers will come.

"I am turning down what could be future large amounts of money," he said.

Morales, a high school government teacher in Mesquite, would not criticize PACs nor Bryant and Gramm, who both accept such donations. He said he simply does not want questions raised about his loyalties.

He said he is raising thousands of dollars through small donations.

Premier overrules Okinawa, renews leases for U.S. bases

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Bus carrying American students rolls into ditch

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A bus carrying American college students rolled into a ditch on the way to the Taj Mahal today, killing a University of Pittsburgh faculty member and four students, the U.S. Embassy said.

Four other students were hospitalized.

United News of India said the bus overturned in the ditch as it was trying to pass another vehicle. The Indian bus driver and a tour guide also were killed in the accident in northern India.

There were 30 people on the bus — 27 Americans, the Indian guide and two Indian drivers.

The bus crashed around mid-

night near Bhimnagar, a village 15 miles north of Agra, where the 17th century monument to love is located. The wounded were taken to an Agra hospital.

Prosecutors charge disco owners in deadly fire

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Prosecutors today formally charged five owners of a disco that burned last week with failing to enforce fire regulations. At least 159 people died in the blaze.

The Ozone Disco Pub was packed with more than 350 people, mostly high school and college students, when it caught fire March 19. Investigators say the disco's electrical system was overloaded and it had no proper fire escape.

The five owners were charged with criminal negligence resulting in multiple deaths and with violations of fire and building codes, prosecutors said. They face up to 12 years in prison.

Prosecutors had planned to charge six Quezon City officials at the same time, but decided to wait after Justice Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr. ordered them to also charge Quezon City Mayor Ismael Mathay.

Mathay was implicated by city permits and license division chief Patricio Dumlao, one of those fired by the mayor last week following the fire.

Dumlao submitted evidence that Mathay granted the Ozone a permit to operate, even though its owners had failed to comply with fire safety regulations.

Also being investigated for criminal negligence are the city engineer, the chief city electrician, the fire marshal, the chief of the fire permit and inspection division, a close aide of the mayor, and one building official.

Powell denies campaign aspirations

DALLAS (AP) — Colin Powell has once again left the door to his political future slightly but decidedly ajar.

On a visit to Dallas Wednesday, Powell restated his aversion to campaigning this year, despite many top Republicans' desire to see him join the apparent Republican nominee, Sen. Bob Dole, on the 1996 presidential ticket.

"It just isn't for me at this time," Powell told about 5,000

people attending the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association convention.

However, the retired general said that doesn't mean he might not be interested in another election at another time.

Republican candidate Pat Buchanan is one person saying he would fight any move by Dole to choose a running mate like Powell, who calls himself a fiscal conservative and a social moderate.

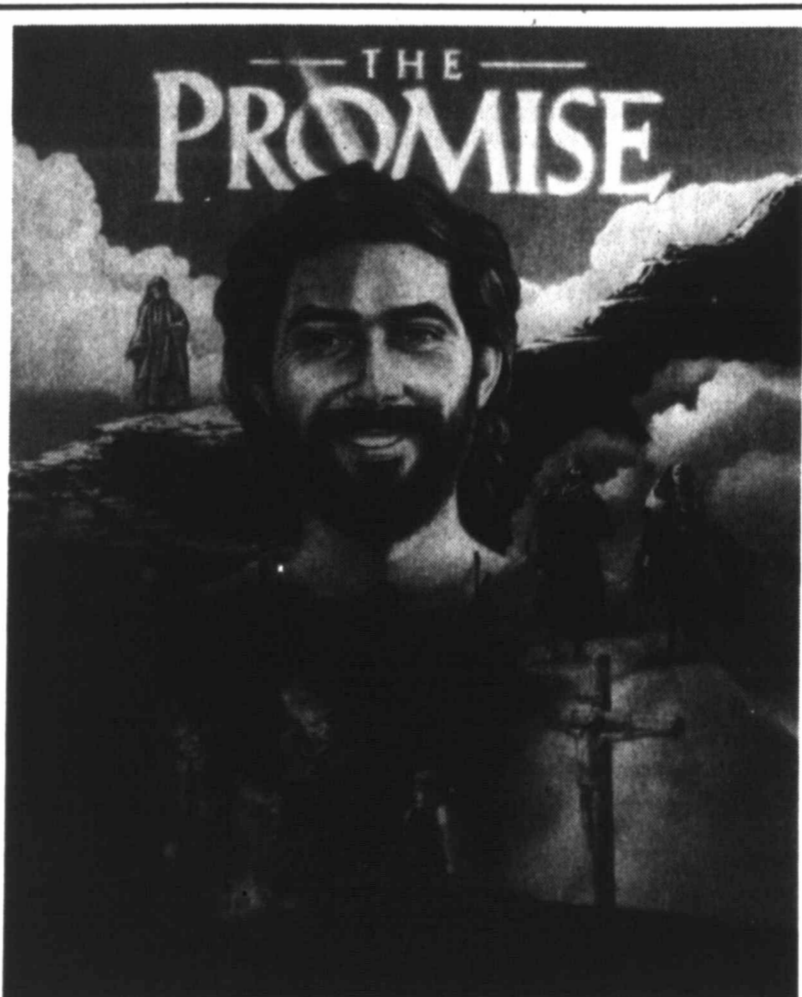
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Panhellenic coke party!



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Members of City Panhellenic, Shannon Buck, left, and Stephanie Kelly, right, gather with high school seniors Laura Marie Imel and Kimberly Sparkman to prepare soft drinks for Sunday's Coke party. Senior girls and their mothers are invited to Buck's home, 1812 Dogwood, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to learn about fall sorority rush.

Church decides not to exhume biracial infant

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — The mother is white. The father is black. Just days after their newborn daughter died and was buried in the cemetery of an all-white Baptist church, the deacons took a vote: Dig her up.

The policy of Barnett's Creek Baptist Church, dating back to its founding before the Civil War, barred minorities from being buried in its cemetery.

"I couldn't understand or believe somebody could do this to a child," said the baby's mother, Jamie Wireman. "It shouldn't matter what color she is. She is a child of God."

Whitney Elaine Johnson lived for just 19 hours after she was born without a completely formed skull. On Friday, she was buried in a tiny plot next to her great-grandfather, two days before the deacons took their unanimous vote.

"We didn't even have a chance to love her for as long as we wanted to love her," said grandmother Sylvia Leverett. "How uncouth can you be?"

The family responded the only way it knew how — through the media.

And when the story made front-page news in this south Georgia town Wednesday, members who knew nothing of their deacons' actions forced church leaders to change the decision. The body will be left in the cemetery.

"For the record, we are not going to exhume the baby," said Pastor Leon VanLandingham, who refused to answer further questions on the issue. "This was never intended to be the whole issue."

Gary Cooper, a bail bondsman who teaches Sunday school at the church, said members were unaware of what was going on.

Witness implicates Clinton in Whitewater loan deal

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A witness in the Whitewater trial testified that banker David Hale told him Bill Clinton was putting the pressure on for an \$825,000 loan to help "friends" of the then-Arkansas governor.

Defense lawyers objected to Bill Watt's testimony Wednesday, calling it hearsay, which is not normally admissible in court.

But U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. allowed it to show Watt's state of mind, warning jurors that it didn't matter whether Hale was telling the truth to Watt, his personal lawyer.

Clinton's former Whitewater real estate partners, James and Susan McDougal, and Gov. Jim Guy Tucker are accused of arranging nearly \$3 million in fraudulent loans through Hale's company and through Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan. The McDougals owned the savings and loan until it collapsed in 1989 at a cost to taxpayers of \$65 million.

The indictment against Tucker and the McDougals is based largely on allegations first made in 1993 by Hale, a banker in

Little Rock who pleaded guilty to fraud and conspiracy two years ago and was sentenced Monday to 28 months in prison.

Hale has claimed that Clinton pressured him in March 1986 to make a \$300,000 loan to Mrs. McDougal.

Clinton, who is not charged, has called Hale's claim as "a bunch of bull." He is expected to give testimony on videotape April 27.

The \$825,000 loan from Madison went to Dean Paul, who used the money to buy property from Hale.

Prosecutors allege the price of the land had been fraudulently inflated through bogus appraisals and that Hale used \$500,000 in profit from the loan to qualify for \$1.5 million in matching funds from the federal Small Business Administration. The government alleges that Hale then turned around and lent that money at the direction of Tucker and the McDougals.

Watt testified that he was delivering paperwork to Hale's office in late 1985 when Hale told him Clinton was pressuring him to close the \$825,000 deal.

Judge denies Panamanian new trial

MIAMI (AP) — Manuel Noriega won't get a retrial, even though a judge acknowledged he was troubled by reports that Colombia's Cali cocaine cartel bribed a key witness \$1.25 million.

Noriega, who was captured during the U.S. invasion of Panama and flown to Miami in 1990, is serving a 40-year sentence for protecting U.S.-bound cocaine

flights by Cali's rival in the Colombian drug trade, the Medellin cartel.

Defense attorneys argued last month that Noriega's trial was tainted by witnesses with ulterior motives — one who took \$1.25 million in cartel bribes and another who claimed he was promised a greatly reduced prison sentence.

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Senate passes line-item veto bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inviting presidential intervention to combat federal deficits, the Republican-led Congress is ready to give the White House historic authority to kill specific items in spending bills.

The House takes up so-called line-item veto legislation today — with passage there virtually assured — following a strong 69-31 vote of approval in the Senate on Wednesday.

Final passage would come more than a year after the House and Senate passed different versions of the bill, and after decades of debate over the wisdom of ceding legislative power of the purse to the executive branch.

"It will be the most significant delegation of authority by the Congress to the president since the Constitution was ratified in 1789," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who helped craft the final House-Senate compromise.

Opponents warned that it tipped the balance of powers dangerously toward the executive branch. Senators, said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., "are vot-

ing willingly to diminish their own independence as legislators. No longer will they feel absolutely free and independent to speak their minds concerning any president of the United States."

Judicial branch officials as well have expressed concern that the measure gives the executive branch excessive power to affect judicial branch budgets and thus influence its operations.

The bill gives the president the authority to single out for elimination specific spending programs, tax benefits targeted at groups of 100 people or less and new entitlements included in larger appropriations bills. Currently, presidents can only veto spending bills as a whole, making it impossible to single out low priority or pork barrel spending items for deletion.

Like other vetoes, however, Congress could override the veto of a particular "line item" by a two-thirds majority.

"No longer will people get away with the time-honored practice of hiding appropriations," said Sen. Dan Coats, R-

Ind., a chief sponsor of the bill.

The act must be renewed after eight years, giving Congress a chance to change or eliminate it if it's found that lawmakers have given up too much power or that a president is abusing that power. "The one thing we should not do is elect a vindictive president," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who hopes to live in the White House next year. "I don't think the present occupant is or the one challenging the president is, so we'll be safe for the next four years, and probably eight."

Dole and President Clinton agreed last week that the line-item veto would not go into effect until January 1997, removing it as an issue in this election year.

The House has included the line-item veto in a package of Republican "Contract With America" items attached to a bill to raise the federal debt ceiling. But House officials said the package contained language allowing the line-item veto bill to be considered independently so it can be sent to the president for signing.

TPMHA names new board of trustees member

Roger A. Lanier, Ph.D., regional dean of the School of Allied Health, for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Amarillo, was recently appointed to the board of trustees of the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority (TPMHA).

The appointment was made by Potter County Judge Arthur Ware. Dr. Lanier will represent Potter County residents and will join eight other board members in providing governance and oversight for TPMHA.

Dr. Lanier comes from the University of Oklahoma. He holds a doctorate in social sciences and health behavior from the College of Public Health at

the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Dr. Lanier joined Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center as regional dean in January 1994.

Board Chair Dean Copeland, of Pampa, and TPMHA's Executive Director Sandy Skelton cited Lanier's extensive experience in the health care industry and in health education at the university level as being valuable to the Mental Health Authority.

"As our agency becomes more and more involved with managed care, our board of trustees will be challenged with a great deal of change in the future. Dr. Lanier's knowledge

and experience will enhance the overall effectiveness of an already strong board," Skelton said.

Other TPMHA Board members are John Zimmer, Amarillo; Judge Tom Simmons, Hereford; Julie Attebury, Amarillo; Judge Willis Smith, Lipscomb; Liz Ladd, Amarillo; and Larry Campbell, Amarillo.

TPMHA provides a comprehensive array of services to persons with serious mental illness who reside in the upper 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Outpatient offices are located in Amarillo, Hereford, Pampa, Borger, Dumas, Perryton and Clarendon.

Four kicked off school baseball team for killing mascot

EAST BERNARD, Texas (AP) — Four members of the two-time defending Class 2A state baseball champions have been kicked off the team after admitting they put a cat in a sack and pummeled it with baseball bats until it was dead.

The cat was an adopted pet of sorts at Koym Field, the park used by the East Bernard High School team, but operated by the local Little League.

The four players turned themselves in Wednesday at the Wharton County sheriff's department on misdemeanor animal cruelty charges and signed statements admitting that they killed the cat on March 16.

Three of the teens admitted putting the cat in a bag and beating it with baseball bats. The fourth player admitted running over the cat with a pickup truck.

Superintendent Nancy McNeal went along with the recommendation of principal Jim Bruce that the four be required to run 25 miles a week for the next four weeks. But she didn't go along with Bruce's suggestion that they be allowed to remain on the baseball squad.

"Based on the serious nature of this offense, the four who were involved in the killing of the cat will be removed from the baseball team for the remainder of this season," Ms. McNeal said.

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Creative Artisans Network office



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The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Top O' Texans (Gold Coats) recently welcomed Creative Artisans Network to its new office at 120 W. Kingsmill, Suite 201. Present for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the organization's office are, seated from left, Tomoko Mechler and Kathy Gist, and, standing from left, Gold Coat Ken Rheams, Kelly Ebel, Grant Johnson, Theresa Alexander, Johnny Belt and Gold Coat Jack Reeve. Creative Artisans Network caters to the needs of the local creative artists.

Montana standoff powder keg situation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI has so far kept its standoff with militant "freemen" in Montana from erupting in the bloodshed that marked its sieges at Ruby Ridge and Waco, but experts warn that significant risks remain.

William Webster, the former FBI and CIA director, worries that politicians might try to force a prompt resolution. Other experts worry that a stepped-up FBI presence may create its own pressure for hasty action.

"Law enforcement should not be put under pressure by politicians to take precipitous moves," Webster said in an interview Wednesday. "It takes a lot of patience and balance to make the response commensurate with the threat, and negotiators need a real opportunity to do their work."

James X. Dempsey, deputy director of the Center for National Security Studies, a civil liberties group, says if the FBI commits too many resources the investment alone could generate pressure for action.

Last week, there was no visible FBI or police presence near the group's 960-acre Montana farm whose foreclosure in April 1994 might be said to have begun the dispute. This week, two of the anti-government "freemen" were arrested away from the farm house, roadblocks were set up by black-uniformed FBI agents with flak vests and rifles, a command post was opened and Assistant FBI Director Robert "Bear" Bryant went to the scene.

"They need to modulate their tactics so they don't get pressure to end high costs and a drain on resources," said Dempsey, who spent more than 10 years monitoring the FBI for a House Judiciary subcommittee. "At Waco, the entire Hostage Rescue Team was worn down from being used 51 days."

Attorney General Janet Reno herself has cited

wear-and-tear on the bureau's only hostage rescue team as one factor in her decision to approve a gas assault on the Branch Davidian religious sect near Waco, Texas, in April 1993. The remains of 75 people were found in the fire that the government says Davidians set as military tanks delivered the gas.

But Reno said Wednesday that in Montana "the FBI has gone to great pains to ensure that there is no armed confrontation, no siege, no armed perimeter and no use of military assault-type tactics or equipment."

Clearly, the standoff in the treeless wheat and ranch country of eastern Montana is a test of FBI Director Louis J. Freeh's determination to avoid repeating the deadly outcomes of Waco and the 1992 siege at white separatist Randy Weaver's Ruby Ridge, Idaho, cabin.

So far, no one has been killed or wounded. "I have to compliment the FBI here, which I don't do often," said Gerry Spence, Weaver's lawyer, "and I hope they continue to avoid escalating this into violence."

"It sounds like the FBI is handling this very well," said Alan A. Stone, Harvard professor of law and psychiatry, who wrote a report for the Justice Department critical of FBI conduct at Waco. "The main risk in a situation like this is that the police revert to military tactics of any sort in which the idea is: There's got to be some action. The action imperative risks the lives of agents as well as the others."

Stone was pleased to hear that FBI agents had not established a sealed, military-style perimeter, but instead were using a shifting set of roadblocks. FBI agents were merely questioning people driving to or from the farm and were not known to be preventing people from entering it.

Nation briefs

Prize-winning canine gets credit card offer

MONROE, N.C. (AP) — Think man's best friend deserves some credit? So does General Electric.

The company sent a letter to Janosch Vom Braunen Troll offering him a corporate credit card that's accepted at more than 12 million locations.

Just one bone of contention: Janosch is a 14-year-old miniature poodle.

"He's a champion and a prize winner, but a credit card?" asked an incredulous Vickie Mundy, who owns the chocolate-colored canine and the VIP Kennel where he lives.

In a letter addressed to Janosch (pronounced YON-ush), GE offered the pooch a GE Corporate Plus Visa card, entitling the cardholder to discounts on car rentals, hotel rooms and long-distance telephone bills.

"I guess they thought he was the president of some big conglomerate," Mundy said.

GE spokesman Neal McGarity said the mistake "very obviously" resulted from bad information on a mailing list.

"We have no record of a mis-

take like this ever happening before," he said.

Scientists reveal discovery of rare dinosaur skin

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — For years, it was just another pockmarked rock. Now scientists say an extraordinary dinosaur skin fossil is letting them reach back 70 million years.

The fossilized skin of a duck-billed dinosaur was discovered five years ago by a graduate student who was studying rocks near Deming in southern New Mexico.

It was only last year, however, that researchers began to suspect the 10-foot-long, 2-foot-wide textured rock was not just fossilized tree bark.

The texture resembles a mountain bike tire — rough, thick and bumpy, with somewhat symmetrical clumps of little crimped-edged knobs.

It is one of only about a dozen duck-billed dinosaur skin impressions discovered worldwide, said geologist Brian Anderson of Phoenix, a renowned dinosaur skin expert.

Scientists haven't yet tried to dig deeper at the site to see if any more

of the fossil is there, but hope the site will give them clues to how tissue such as skin can be fossilized.

Museum director Rick Smarr said a piece of the fossil will be put on display, and visitors will be able to stroke a rubber replica.

Aunt tearfully defends Erik and Lyle Menendez

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Erik and Lyle Menendez's aunt tearfully told jurors that the brothers were raised in a household where losing was unacceptable and signs of affection were never shown.

Teresita Baralt was the first witness to take the stand for the defense in the penalty phase of the brothers' murder trial.

She testified Wednesday that no one seems to understand the conditions inside the troubled family that led the sons to shotgun their millionaire parents to death.

"I can't see how nobody can see why it happened," said Baralt, the younger sister of slaying victim Jose Menendez. "There have to be powerful reasons for it to have happened. These kids are not killers."

Baralt was scheduled to resume her testimony today.

South Korean companies returning to drill in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — South Korean companies have returned to Texas to explore 180,000 acres in north-central Texas that may be part of a low-risk, moderately sized oil field.

The company, a unit of Daesung Group, a conglomerate with interests that include energy and car parts, initially plans to spend about \$25 million on the exploration project, according to the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal.

"If it's successful, I suspect you'll see a lot more Korean investment here," says Joong H. Chun, a Plano geophysicist who advises the Overseas

Petroleum Development Association of Korea, a 27-member group. "But we can't convince the management of the companies unless we show that exploration and production are going to be profitable."

South Korea has no oil of its own and imports 1.6 million barrels a day. With South Korea's current rate of economic growth, the government estimates daily consumption will climb to 2.3 million barrels by 2000. The country is attempting to meet growing demand while decreasing its reliance on the Middle East.

Newsmakers

NORFOLK, Va. - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David D. Copeland, son of David V. Stevenson of Pampa, has returned to Norfolk after completing a six-month overseas deployment aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport, which included duty in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia.

Copeland is one of more than 800 sailors and Marines aboard the ship who completed the 27,000-mile voyage. Copeland's ship was part of the three ship USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), which also included the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

The 1991 graduate of Baker High School in Columbus, Ga., joined the Navy in March 1992.

FORT WORTH - Kristi Dyan Glover, granddaughter of Roy and Jane Lowe of Pampa, graduate of Poolville High School at Poolville, Texas, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Tarrant County Junior College at Fort Worth.

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Kristi Dyan Glover

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Letters From Old Flame Give Woman Glow Of Confidence

DEAR ABBY: "Irritated in Ojai, Calif." was bothered by the fact that her husband has kept love letters from a previous girlfriend for more than 12 years and through three moves.

I've kept a previous boyfriend's love letters for 23 years and through seven moves. My husband has never asked me to dispose of them, and I wouldn't toss them even if he asked me to. These letters, along with other assorted keepsakes, help me define who I am now, based in part on who I've been in the past. The letters are nothing more than a record of a girl who was able to love and be loved — an important concept to someone who felt unloved by her family.

In my mind, they affirm my ability to have a loving relationship with my husband. Please encourage "Irritated" not to stop at simply telling her husband how she feels about the letters (and then waiting for him to "toss them out"). Tell her to take the time to explore with him the reason he has kept those letters. It may be an eye-opening, soul-searching experience for them both!

DARLENE IN REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR DARLENE: While it may be a "soul-searching experience" for some, it could be something else for others. People keep love letters for a variety of reasons, but it's a pretty good bet that there is an



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

underlying sentimental reason. This is the private business of the keeper — why must it be "explained"?

DEAR ABBY: May I address this to the "Bride-to-Be" whose father had a "terrible-looking" mouth? (He was missing several teeth in front; some had rotted away, leaving only stubby roots, etc.)

I know this is an exciting time for you and you want your wedding to be perfect, but please be thankful that your father will be present at your wedding.

I lost my dad when I was 19. Eleven years later, I married the love of my life. How I wish my father could have been there. However, my mother participated in my wedding. Like your father, Mom had dental problems. She had had all her teeth removed and was fitted with dentures, which she never wore more than 10 minutes because

they were very uncomfortable. I asked Mom to please wear her dentures on my wedding day. She wore them for a little while, then said she couldn't stand the "darned things," so she went to the ladies room, removed the dentures and put them in her purse.

Now I realize that whether she wore her dentures or not was very unimportant.

A PROUD BRIDE

DEAR PROUD BRIDE: Your parents obviously raised you with a healthy sense of values. I wish you every happiness.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Horoscope



Friday, March 29, 1996

You will have an opportunity to sharpen your managerial skills in the year ahead. You may even direct an arrangement that could result in either fun or profit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are in an appealing popularity cycle and you can win a number of new friends of either sex. Do not hide your sparkling personality. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This will be an unusual day because appearances will not always match reality. Even dark and seemingly futile predictions could have a silver lining.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your hunches compel you to get in touch with a special person today, take action. Something beneficial could result from an open line of communication.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be on a roll financially. If you do not generate the kind of return you had anticipated, try again. There is profit in your future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Sometimes it is unwise to mix business with pleasure, but this shouldn't be true in your case today. You may benefit from talking shop in social situations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Information that could help you to augment your finances could come from an unexpected source. Try to keep what you hear to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will achieve success today if you work closely

with friends. Put your faith in your buddies and not in individuals you've just met.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Put your most ambitious objective at the top of your agenda today. Hit the ground running and don't quit until you have the results you desire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Activities which present both a mental and a physical challenge will be the most enjoyable today. However, do not take yourself too seriously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you feel that by changing something, you can benefit your family, today will be a better day to do it than later in the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This will be a good day to negotiate a complicated contract. If the terms are fair to both parties, the agreement will stand on its own.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be compensated for the work or service you perform today, even if some people do not believe that your efforts deserve recognition.



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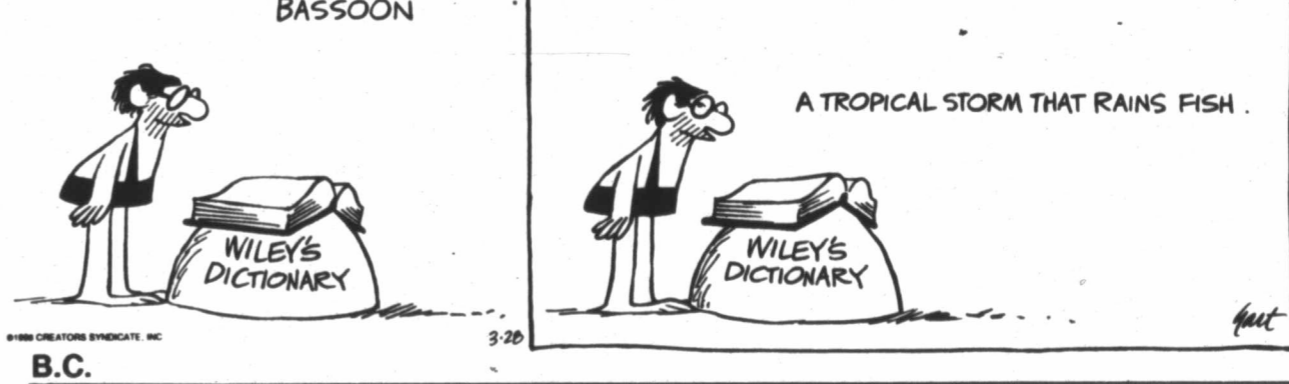
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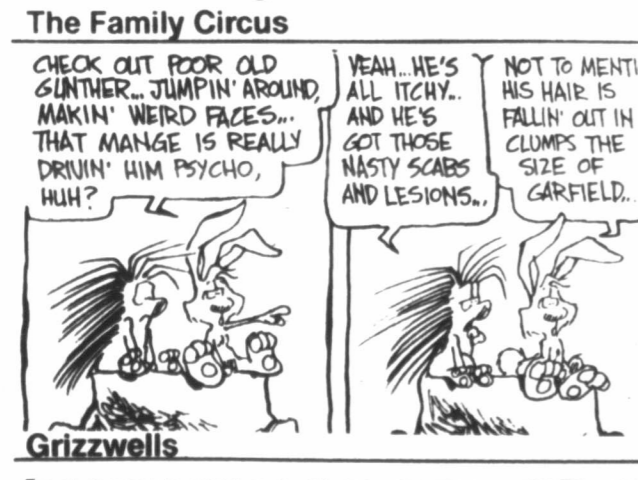
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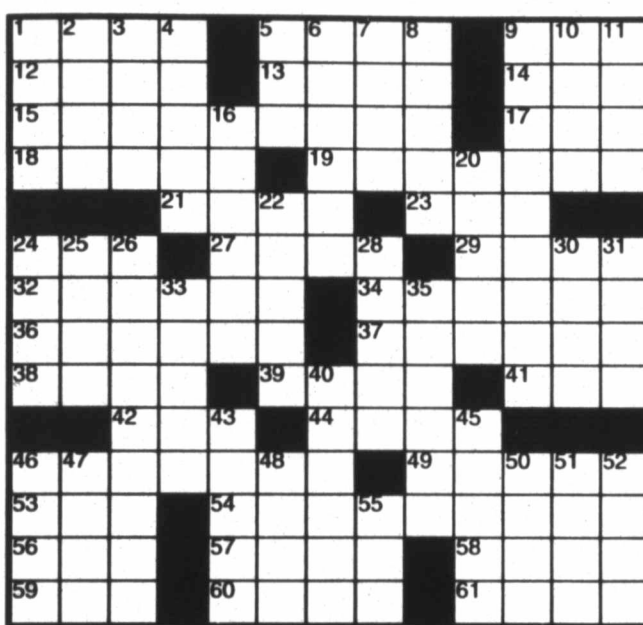
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- 43 Insect pest
- 45 Wing-shaped
- 46 — Girl (old TV sitcom)
- 47 Rower's tools
- 48 Citrus fruit
- 50 —'s Irish Rose
- 51 Sluggish
- 52 Cats and dogs
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Deceased in dentist's office was 'dead man walking'?

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man who died in a dentist's office from an overdose of sedatives could have survived if he wasn't a "dead man walking" because of a serious heart problem, a defense attorney says.

Vincent Perini made the remarks Wednesday in an opening statement at the trial of Dr. James Michael Davis, standing trial on charges of involuntary manslaughter.

Perini told jurors that Davis did not know that his patient had a serious heart problem when he performed routine gum surgery in August 1989.

Davis, the first physician in Tarrant County to be charged with criminal malpractice, has acknowledged administering the overdose. But, a healthier patient could have survived the error, Perini said.

The heart condition that Richard "Greg" Garland suffered from is known as "the widow maker," Perini told jurors. If Garland had not died in the dentist's chair, he would have died unexpectedly somewhere else, Perini said.

Jurors sentence man in murder rampage to death

DALLAS (AP) — A man accused in a thrill killing spree was sentenced to death after a prosecutor described the crimes as "beyond the pale of human comprehension."

A jury took about 2 1/2 hours to decide that Juan Rodriguez Chavez, 27, should die by lethal injection, officials said. He was convicted last week of capital murder in the July 2 robbery-shooting death of Jose Morales, 39, who was gunned down while using a pay phone.

In all, authorities believe Chavez killed 12 people between March and July of last year, most in street slayings.

Prosecutors told jurors during the sentencing phase that Chavez was involved in at least six other murders.

Nearly two dozen injured in chlorine spill

ABILENE (AP) — Six people remained hospitalized today, one in critical condition, with injuries suffered during a chlorine spill at a welding supply company that forced nearby residents to evacuate.

Nearly two dozen people were

injured in the Wednesday incident.

About 10 a.m., a worker at Paul Carroll Welding Supply Inc. loosened a valve on a one-ton tank and was sprayed by liquid chlorine, said Ken Dozier, division chief of training and safety in the fire department.

Part of the chlorine turned to a gaseous cloud and drifted into a north Abilene neighborhood. Authorities evacuated a number of residents around the company.

Patients permitted to receive controversial treatment

HOUSTON (AP) — Patients under the care of a Houston cancer doctor have renewed hope for recovery after a federal judge decided to let them continue their experimental therapy.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Simeon Lake ordered Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski to halt anti-neoplaston treatment for 120 patients not enrolled in clinical trials approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Lake stayed implementation of his ruling until noon Wednesday.

Shortly after the deadline passed, the judge amended his order, said Richard Jaffe, an attorney for Burzynski.

The 120 will now be permitted to receive the controversial treatment until the matter is decided by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Supreme Court ruling nullifies suit, but all is not lost

EL PASO (AP) — The Kickapoo's efforts to open a casino actually may have gotten a boost from a Supreme Court ruling that curtails congressional authority to resolve disputes about Indian gaming, attorneys say.

The court ruled Wednesday in a suit brought by Florida's Seminole tribe that Congress cannot expose states or state officials to federal lawsuits when negotiations break down over authorizing gambling on Indian lands.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the law passed by Congress in 1988 that allows tribes to operate casinos, gave tribes the right to sue states if they failed to negotiate on gaming compacts.

Because that is no longer the case, a federal judge is expected to dismiss the Kickapoo lawsuit filed last year in Pecos, Diamond said.

High Plains Land Bank members attend Farm Credit Bank meeting

Representatives of the High Plains Federal Land Bank Association of Pampa (Perryton) were among more than 850 attendees at the Farm Credit Bank of Texas 1996 Annual Meeting, according to Association President Robert R. Williams, Jr.

The annual stockholders' event was held in San Antonio.

FLBA directors and staff who attended were Mike Garnett of Spearman, John Duke of Darrouzett, O.C. Holt of Spearman, Wayne Maddox of Miami, Dean Burger of Groom, Lynn Davis of Morse, Jerry Blasingame of Perryton, Sandy Justice of Perryton and Robert R. Williams, Jr. of Pampa.

Bank Chief Executive Officer Arnold R. Henson told delegates that the Tenth Farm Credit District's loan portfolio and financial performance continued to improve in 1995. Loans in the district at year-end totaled \$3.8 billion and total capital improved to \$854.1 million, an increase of \$13.9 million or 1.7 percent from year-end 1994. Henson attributed the growth to aggressive marketing efforts, lower interest rates and new products.

The High Plains of Pampa (Perryton) has \$46 million in long-term agricultural loans outstanding to 425 farmers in seven counties. Offices are located in Pampa and Perryton.

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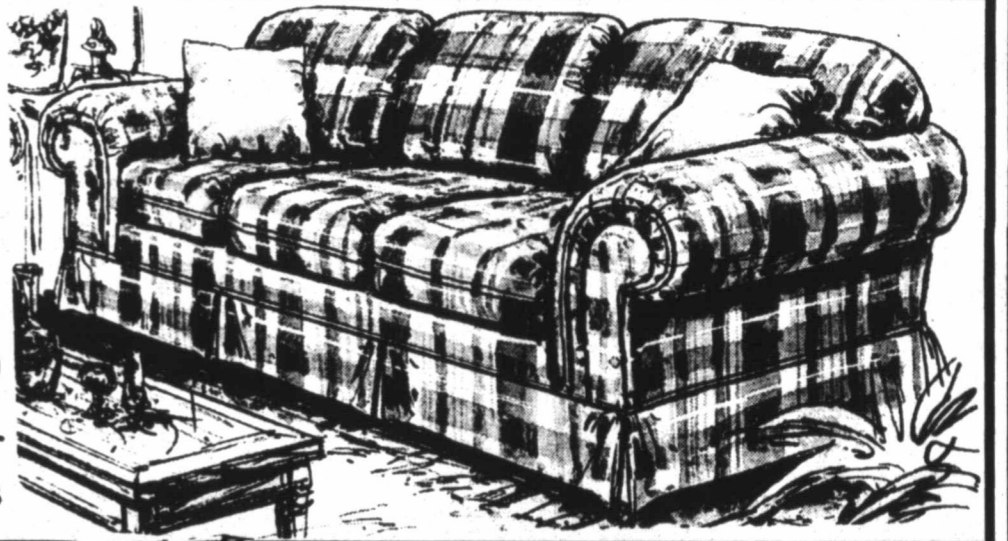
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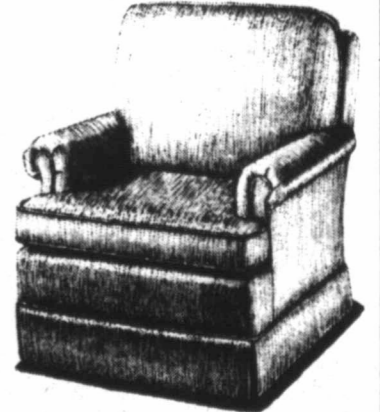


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