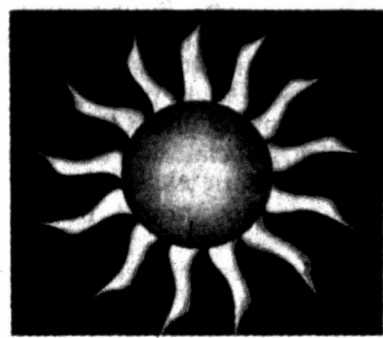


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McLEAN — City leaders here issued certificates of obligation for up to \$70,000 Monday night to finance the development of an empty building near Interstate 40.

For the past year, McLean City Council members have searched for a way to finance the laying of sewer and utility lines to the old Dairy Queen building on the west side of town.

In a series of public hearings and special meetings this month, the council decided to issue the certificates, passing an ordinance in a special meeting Monday.

The certificates will be issued through the Bank of Commerce in McLean. The city will repay the certificates in quarterly payments for up to 20 years, Assistant City Secretary Toni Bohler said.

Bohler said that City Superintendent Fred Smith would soon begin digging in preparation of line installation.

PAMPA — Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District has joined in the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week, taking place through Sunday, announced Troy Ritter, district chairman.

This year's theme is "Harmony: People and Places." This focus is especially appropriate, Ritter said in a release, if the country is to maintain the productive capabilities of basic natural resources of soil and water.

The Gray County SWCD was organized for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet the capabilities and needs of their land.

BORGER — The Saturday production of *Mixed Emotions* by Richard Baer to be presented by Boomtown Community Theatre has been purchased by the Borger Country Club, providing a sold-out performance.

Boomtown will present the comedy at the theatre, 407 N. Main, Thursday and Friday for the community and area residents.

Soup and Salad will be served at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday for \$13. A full dinner will be served on Friday for \$15. All seats are reserved and reservations must be made by noon the day of performance. Reservations may be secured by calling (806) 274-7011.

Mixed Emotions is under the direction of J. Scott Glenn. The cast includes Sam Cornelius as Herman Lewis; Barbara Scott as Christine Millman; Nathan Vickers as Chuck Vincent; and Robert Lundy as Ralph Landers. The house manager for this production is Beverly Cranfill.

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Judge says man can be tried as adult for murder

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A former Pampa man held without bond in Gray County jail will appear before a grand jury as an adult for a 1987 murder he allegedly committed while a teenager.

Norman Michael Patterson, 25, is accused of murder in the shooting death of his stepfather, Edward Patterson, on Sept. 2, 1987. He was also accused of stealing a Suburban belonging to the elder Patterson's employer and with which he was discovered that evening in Monahans.

Patterson was 16 at the time of the shooting at his Doyle Street address.

District Judge Lee Waters, in his capacity as juvenile court judge, waived juvenile court jurisdiction on the charge of murder and moved the case to 31st District Court in a Monday letter ruling. He also dismissed the accompanying charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle because the five-year statute of limitations has expired, according to the ruling.

"We are hopeful the judge will sign an order today and we are hopeful we can present it to the next grand jury that convenes," said Assistant District Attorney Tracey Jennings.

Jennings explained one requirement of a capital murder charge is that the murder occur during the commission of another

felony offense, in this case, theft of the Suburban. Without the theft charge, the requirement will not be met for capital murder in accordance with the Penal Code, she said.

Waters heard arguments from Jennings and Amarillo defense counsel Jeff Blackburn April 22 on the motion for discretionary change from juvenile to district court.

Blackburn argued both charges should be dismissed because Pampa police who investigated the crime between the date it occurred and Patterson's 18th birthday failed to exercise "due diligence" in attempting to prosecute him. The attorney argued DNA testing, a cornerstone of the prosecution's case, was available to law enforcement in 1987 and 1988 and should have been used if officers were indeed practicing "due diligence."

Waters' letter notes DNA testing was not held by Texas courts to have been generally accepted in the scientific community as a reliable criminal investigative tool and admissible as evidence in criminal trials until after Michael Patterson's 18th birthday on Oct. 17, 1988.

He also ruled it was not practical for the state to proceed in juvenile court before Patterson's 18th birthday because of a lack of probable cause at that time and because new evidence has been found since.

Investigators probe bombing

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Its damaged doors patched with plywood, City Hall returned to near-normal today as officials wondered about the purpose of a nail-packed pipe bomb that blew up in a doorway, throwing shrapnel the length of a football field.

The building was unoccupied and no one was injured when the bomb went off at about 3:15 a.m. Monday. A set of oak entry doors deflected the force of the blast, which threw debris including three-inch nails as far as a park across the street.

"Why a shrapnel bomb would be used at that hour, in such an uninhabited location, we don't know, unless it's a message, or a warning, or a practice run," Police Chief Terry Mangan said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing,

and police found no notes or other written materials with the debris, Mangan said.

City Hall workers were kept out until early afternoon Monday as bomb squads checked for more explosives. But the building was open as usual this morning, with no apparent extra security.

One of the damaged doors was patched with a large sheet of plywood and the entrance, one of two double-door entries on the building's front side, was blocked off.

Federal agents, who finished collecting evidence from the site Monday, refused to say how the investigation was progressing today.

Mangan said it was unknown whether the blast is related to two pipe bombings April 1 in suburban Spokane Valley.

Texas history students honored



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

El Progreso President Edna Hickman, left, and special projects chair Julia Dawkins, far right, present *Panhandle Pilgrimage* to seventh grade students Chris Shaffer, Kira Chumbley and Shanna Buck. The three students were named outstanding in their classes by their seventh grade Texas history instructors. This is the 22nd year the club has given the books to encourage interest in Texas history.

Divers fail to find missing former CIA director after boating accident

By JOHN HENDREN
Associated Press Writer

ROCK POINT, Md. (AP) — Divers who spent two days searching the rough and murky waters of the Wicomico River failed to find former CIA director William Colby, missing and presumed drowned in an apparent boating accident.

Coast Guard crews searched the river for more than five hours late Sunday and another 10 hours Monday before suspending their effort.

They were to resume the search today but storms could hinder efforts to find the 76-year-old former spymaster. Showers and thunderstorms, with some heavy winds, were forecast.

Colby's canoe was found Sunday on a sandbar about a quarter-mile from his vacation home.

He went canoeing late Saturday, but his absence wasn't noticed until Sunday night, when neighbors saw his car was still in the driveway.

Colby, who headed the CIA from 1973 to 1976 under Presidents Nixon and Ford, usu-

ally had returned to Washington by then.

A neighbor who checked his home found his radio and computer on. Investigators found dinner dishes on a table and clam shells in the kitchen sink.

Sheriff Fred Davis said authorities were treating Colby's disappearance as an accident, adding that he was presumed to have drowned. "We're not ruling out foul play, but we never rule out foul play," he said.

The sheriff did rule out the possibility of suicide.

Colby's wife, Sally Shelton-Colby, flew back from Texas, where she was visiting her mother, to show investigators where he usually went with his canoe and to take an inventory of her husband's clothes so she could tell searchers what he might have been wearing.

"He pretty much was a creature of habit and there were three (canoe) routes that he'd regularly take," said Maj. Jesse Graybill, a spokesman for the Maryland State Police.

Davis said Mrs. Shelton-Colby had spoken to her husband at

about 7 p.m. Saturday, and he had said that even though he felt tired, he was going canoeing anyway.

Authorities didn't know if Colby was wearing a life-preserver.

Neighbors said the water was rough Saturday and not good for canoeing.

"I don't see why a man his age would be out there," said neighbor Joseph Hervey. "If I went out there it would be in a 16- to 20-foot boat — not a canoe."

Colby began his intelligence career parachuting into France to fight the Nazis, and later headed the CIA's Saigon office during the Vietnam War.

He was dismissed by Ford as CIA director because of a growing feeling in the White House that he was cooperating too freely with congressional investigators looking into allegations of wrongdoing within the agency. The agency had been accused of plotting assassinations overseas and of spying on civilians in the United States.

Colby joined the CIA in 1950. After retiring, he practiced law and was a consultant.

U.S. officials assail Iran for international terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran is the "premier state sponsor of international terrorism" and is involved deeply in the planning and execution of terrorist acts, the State Department said today.

Its report, covering terrorist activities around the world in 1995, said seven Iranian murders of dissidents were confirmed compared with four in 1994.

Iran also gives varying degrees of assistance to an assortment of radical Islamic and secular groups from North Africa to Central Asia, the report alleged.

The study said the number of fatalities from international terrorism around the world declined from 314 in 1994 to 165 in 1995.

The report lists Iran and six other countries — Cuba, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria — as sponsors of international terrorism. The list is unchanged from the report issued a year ago.

Except for Iran, the report said

international pressure and sanctions largely contained terrorism by other state sponsors such as Libya and Iraq.

"In most countries, the level of international terrorism in 1995 continued the downward trend of recent years, and there were fewer terrorist acts that caused deaths last year than in the previous year," it said.

It said the number of international terrorist acts rose in 1995 from 322 to 440, largely because of a major increase in nonlethal attacks against property in Germany and in Turkey by the Kurdistan Workers Party, known by its Turkish-language initials PKK. The PKK is a rebel group that has been fighting the Turkish government for years.

The report said the decline in lethal international terrorism was not matched by a reduction in domestic terror or other forms of political violence.

Attacks against U.S. interests rose to 99 in 1995 from 66 in 1994, and the number of U.S. citizens killed rose from four to 12.

London piano duo



(Pampa News photo by Denny Cowan)

London piano duo David Nettle and Richard Markham play during the Pampa Community Concert Association's concluding season concert Monday night at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. See Page 2 for concert review.

Gramm proposes repeal of gasoline tax increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm has worked himself into the thick of congressional Republicans' election-year push to repeal President Clinton's 1993 gasoline tax increase.

With Democrats and Republicans competing for tangible ways to increase the amount of disposable income Americans take home, a gasoline tax reduction has emerged in GOP circles as a high-profile issue. Democrats have waged a concerted battle on raising the minimum wage.

Gramm on Monday outlined his plan to repeal the 4.3-cent gasoline tax hike enacted in 1993 over congressional Republicans' unanimous opposition. The federal tax now stands at 18.3 cents a gallon.

The Texas Republican said he became interested in repeal of the tax after watching gasoline prices rise to their highest level since the Persian Gulf War. Prices have jumped 14 cents in a year, 5 cents in just the last two weeks.

"I know how to do something about gasoline prices," he said at a Capitol news conference. "In fact, by repealing this 4.3-cent-a-gallon tax ... I can lower the cost for every family in America by about a dollar a tank."

Repeal would save 64.5 cents per fillup for a vehicle with a 15-gallon tank, 86 cents for a 20-gallon tank. "We have big tanks where I'm from," Gramm said, when challenged on his estimate of \$1 in savings per tankful.

Americans have paid \$11.3 billion in additional taxes since the gasoline tax hike took effect, Gramm said.

He said he would pay for his

tax repeal — estimated by congressional budget scorers at \$22.1 billion over five years — by cutting welfare benefits to legal immigrants and by auctioning rights to currently unused parts of the broadcast spectrum.

Gramm, who is seeking re-election to a third term, was immediately attacked by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. In a news release, the campaign committee said Gramm advocated fuel tax hikes in 1982 and in 1990. "Phil Gramm's rhetoric does not match Phil Gramm's reality," said DSCC spokeswoman Kate Jeffrey. "This gas tax flip-flop is just another example that Phil Gramm's most important constituent is himself."

Countered Gramm spokesman Larry Neal: "I'll stack Sen. Gramm's record on taxes against anybody at the DSCC, especially its chairman Bob Kerrey."

"We have advocated no tax increases," Neal added.

Gramm is seeking to attach his repeal measure to a noncontroversial bill strengthening taxpayers' ability to fight the Internal Revenue Service. "I believe we have a good fighting chance of making this happen," he said.

Friday, GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole proposed repeal in a letter to President Clinton — an offer the White House is weighing. Gramm said he discussed repeal with Dole the day before the majority leader wrote Clinton.

"I believe this will be a unified Republican position to repeal this tax," said Gramm, adding that House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Irving, also is on board.

Trophies for Patriot Band



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Holding the Sweepstakes trophies the Pampa Middle School Patriot Band won in UIL contests last week are, from left, Zenobia Dean and Rachel Conner, and back, Brent Coffee and Jonathan Brockington. The Patriot Band won Sweepstakes at the UIL Band Concert and Sightreading Contest at Amarillo, receiving 1 ratings from all judges. Pampa Middle School will be sending two bands to the Greater Southwest Music Festival at the Amarillo Civic Center on Saturday, with the Blue Band performing at 10:10 a.m. and the Red Band at 11:10 a.m.

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FAA blames wind-shear takeoff on faulty procedures

FORT WORTH (AP) — Federal Aviation Administration officials say a breakdown in communications among air traffic controllers allowed an American Airlines jet to take off into wind shear April 12 at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

The pilots should have been told that two other jets had experienced severe wind shear less than three minutes earlier, the officials said. The American jet, with 137 people aboard, almost crashed.

FAA officials said Monday it was a systems problem.

"I would not characterize it that somebody failed in their job; I would characterize it as a system deficiency," said Doug Murphy, the FAA's air traffic division manager for Texas and neighboring states.

"We did not provide the level of service our customers expect and deserve," Murphy said at a news conference. "In retrospect, we probably could have done things a little bit better. ... But I would not characterize it as a problem."

Texas with best yuk can laugh all the way to the bank

DALLAS (AP) — Don't tell D.C. Nix that this is no laughing matter.

It's quite the opposite, thank you.

Nix will help judge the Ripley's Believe It Or Not! "Oddest Laugh in Texas" contest, where the Texan with the state's best chuckle, guffaw, chortle, snicker or any combination thereof will walk off with a \$350 prize.

And Nix should know a good laugh when he hears one.

The 48-year-old San Antonio resident won last year's contest with a laugh he describes as

sounding like a "pig with asthma."

Prosecutor may drop theft case against Saldivar

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez says he may not pursue embezzlement allegations against Yolanda Saldivar, the woman convicted of murdering slain Tejano singer Selena.

Last September, Valdez said he would vigorously pursue the theft case and that he expected a grand jury to return an indictment against Saldivar within weeks in connection with allegations that she embezzled \$30,000 from Selena's business operations.

But then Valdez said more police investigation was needed, and he decided to postpone taking the case to a grand jury until after Saldivar's murder trial held in Houston in October.

Saldivar was convicted of murdering Selena Quintanilla-Perez and sentenced to life in prison.

Following the conviction, Valdez said the theft case would be presented to a grand jury as soon as he returned to Corpus Christi. Six months later, the case still hasn't gone to a grand jury.

Lawsuit over contaminated Alamosome dirt settled

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A court case over contaminated Alamosome soil has tentatively settled just before trial.

The city of San Antonio and the companies it sued reached a "memorandum of understanding" to settle the case Monday. The agreement was subject to City Council approval on Thursday.

The agreement calls for three defendants, including a dome construction company and two environmental consultants, to oversee cleanup of one dome dirt dump site.

Austin-based group advises tightening current tax breaks

AUSTIN (AP) — As Gov. George W. Bush prepares to pick a committee to hear public testimony on property taxes, a private group says those rates could be lowered by tightening tax breaks currently allowed.

"One reason for high tax rates is the erosion of the property tax base by exemptions, special valuations and other loopholes," said the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

"Since a significant proportion of property in Texas is exempt from taxation or taxed on less than its market value, the tax rates on the remaining property must be increased to raise the same amount of revenue," the center said Monday.

The center, an Austin-based group that does research on how government policies affect low- and middle-income people, said

the state comptroller has determined that the total market value of property in Texas in 1994 was \$817.1 billion.

However, it said, because of tax exemptions and special, lower valuations, the taxable value was \$661.1 billion. Exemptions include those for homesteads, the elderly, agricultural land and some business property.

Local school property taxes now total about \$10 billion a year. Bush has called rising school property taxes a crisis in the making and is seeking an alternative to recommend to the 1997 Legislature.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer will head the special committee and conduct hearings around the state. Other members of the panel likely will be named this week, said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

A special task force last month suggested three options to Bush: Creating a business activity tax; imposing a gross receipts tax on all business and investment income; and making changes in the current 6.25 percent state sales tax, such as expanding it to items not now taxed.

The Center for Public Policy Priorities entitled its report: "Property tax reform: Plug the leaks before you scuttle the ship."

It said property taxes in Texas, which has no personal income tax, are the 14th highest in the nation as a percentage of personal income.

"But before Texas abandons the property tax as a means of supporting public education, we should first examine ways to improve the current property tax system in order to decrease tax rates and

increase fairness," the center said.

It said the largest loss of property value is due to exemptions given for agricultural use. Such land is appraised according to its capacity to produce agricultural products, rather than on full market value. That loss was calculated at \$57.7 billion in 1994.

"Many Texans support their families by working the land and deserve separate valuation. But others take advantage of these provisions to shelter their property from full and fair taxation," the center said.

Various homestead exemptions accounted for \$46.4 billion in untaxed value. The report said \$13.1 billion was lost to tax abatements and other exemptions given to businesses, while property that's totally exempt — charitable, religious and government — accounted for \$38.4 billion.

Judge in favor of stronger punishment in sexual assault ordered off case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A district judge who wanted more severe punishment for a teenager accused of sexually assaulting a 3-year-old girl has been ordered to step down from the case.

The action allowed prosecutors and a defense lawyer to bypass objections raised by District Judge Carmen Kelsey who had rejected a plea bargain agreement that would have allowed Larry Campos, 16, to serve a 20-year sentence.

Prosecutors said the victim's family had agreed to the plea bargain, but the judge said the

sentence was "not enough."

The toddler's injuries from the sexual assault last fall were so severe that doctors used 10 stitches to repair her genital tears, authorities said.

"It was one of the most horrifying cases I've ever seen," the judge said Monday.

"I had to ask on the record whether I was reading the medical reports right," she added.

The deal was accepted by visiting Judge Pat Priest last Thursday, one day after District Judge David Berchermann held a hearing and ordered Judge Kelsey recused from the case.

Earlier this month, the judge had made known her opinion on the proposed plea. Defense lawyer Richard Langlois asked that the judge recuse herself on grounds of bias.

The judge refused, and the defense appealed. In a hearing Wednesday on the recusal, Berchermann ruled that the law prohibits Judge Kelsey from presiding over any future proceedings in the case.

"In my opinion, I don't think I did anything inappropriate or unfair," Judge Kelsey said. "After reviewing the file, I felt there was some very heinous evidence, and for that reason I thought the case was strong."

Prosecutor Jack McGinnis said that, in part, the state did not pursue a trial because a jury's decision would be difficult to predict.

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Pampa Lions Club names its Sweethearts for 1995-1996

For much of its 69-year history, the Pampa Lions Club has chosen a sweetheart to represent Pampa at the District Queens contest.

This year Laura Johnson was chosen to represent the Pampa Lions Club at the Annual District Lions Convention, which was held at Shamrock this month. Johnson was among a field of 10 outstanding Pampa High School senior girls. Amy Bradley and Stacy Sandlin were runners-up and were tied for that position.

Below are the Pampa Lions Club Sweethearts for the 1995-1996 year.

Laura Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson, was September Sweetheart for the Pampa Lions Club. She has been active in Student Council and is student body secretary. She was a netter for the Hustling Harvester basketball team for two years and is a varsity cheerleader. She played volleyball and tennis her freshman and sophomore years.

Johnson has been a member of the PHS choral program for four years and the Show Choir and the Concert Choir, each for two years. She has made All-District and All-Region Choir for four years and All-Area Choir for two years, and has been an alternate to the All-State Choir.

In UIL Solo Competition, she earned a Division I rating for four years, and a Division I Rating in UIL Ensemble Competition for four years. She was voted most outstanding choir member of her freshman choir and her sophomore choir and was named Outstanding Choir Student her sophomore year. This year she was elected Concert Choir vice president, and played a lead role in the musical production *Guys and Dolls*.

She has been selected to Who's Who Among High School Students and the National Honor Society and was named Outstanding Health Student in addition to participating in D-FY-IT (Drug-Free-Youth-In-Texas) on the advisory board. She is active in Teens Needing Teens (TNT), Art Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the youth of First Baptist Church and has been a DARE Role Model. She has taken dance lessons for 15 years, as well as piano and voice.

This year she was voted Miss Valentine and Most Talented in the Senior Class. Her freshman year she was Miss Howdy.

Ranked number nine scholastically in her class, Johnson will graduate advanced with honors. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and pursue a career in public relations and communications.

Amy Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley, was the October Lions Club Sweetheart. She has been a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society, and has been a Young Republican for four years in addition to serving as an executive board member of D-FY-IT for three years.

She has been a member of the varsity golf team the past three years, achieving Most Valuable Girls Golf Team Member in 1995. She has participated in the Second Team All-District Golf Team for two years, has been a netter for the varsity Boy's Basketball team for two years and is a varsity cheerleader.

Bradley has participated in the choral program for four years and has been a member of the Show Choir for one year and the Concert Choir for two years. She was selected Who's Who Among American High School Students for three years and the Presidential Academic Award for three years. She was Outstanding Biology Student in 1993 and Outstanding Keyboarding Student in 1995.

Bradley was Commercial Print Winner of the International Modeling and Talent Association in 1993. She competed in Miss Teen of America Pageant as Miss Teen of Amarillo in 1995. She has studied dance for 15 years including ballet, tap and acrobatics, and is an Amarillo Symphony Belle. She is a member of the United Pentecostal Church.

She will graduate advanced with honors and plans to enroll in pre-med at the University of Oklahoma.

Julie Noles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Noles, was the November Lions Club Sweetheart. She has been active on the Student Council, serving as student body reporter her senior year. She has participated in D-FY-IT, serving on the organization's advisory board for four years and as an activities chairman and vice president, and is a



Laura Johnson
... Pampa Lions Club 1996 Sweetheart

member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among High School Students.

She has played varsity tennis for four years and is team captain. She has been a varsity cheerleader for two years, serving as senior captain, and was a member of the junior varsity team prior to that. She is a DARE role model and has addressed fifth-graders about the benefits of being drug free.

Noles was voted Best Personality of the Senior Class and was a Homecoming Queen nominee. She will graduate with honors in May and plans to attend Texas A&M University in pursuit of a career in psychology.

Stacy Sandlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Downey, was the December Lions Club Sweetheart. She has been active on the Student Council, serving as Senior Class secretary, and is a member of Who's Who Among High School Students and the National Honor Society, of which she is currently serving as historian.

She participated in basketball and track her freshman year and was manager of the volleyball team her sophomore year. She has been active in D-FY-IT for three years and is involved in drama and Future Homemakers of America. She has been a varsity cheerleader for two years and is a senior captain.

She received the Health Award and the English Award her freshman year and has been a Homecoming Queen nominee. She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Sandlin will graduate advanced with honors in the top 10 percent of her class and plans to attend Texas Christian University or West Texas A&M University in pursuit of bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing.

Laura Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller, was the January Lions Club Sweetheart. She has been active in Student Council, serving as class secretary her sophomore and junior years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is chairman of Teenage Republicans.

She was a netter for the varsity boys' basketball team for two

years. She is a varsity cheerleader and member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is involved in D-FY-IT, Women's Choir, Concert Choir and Art Club, and has written for the "Generation Y" section of the *Amarillo Daily News*.

She is a 1995 National Youth Leadership Award recipient and a National Honor Society Award and Sociology Award recipient. She was recognized as Most Outstanding Junior in Student Council and is a Superintendent Scholar, Peer Tutor Advocate, Special Olympics Partner and Red Cross/Disaster Relief volunteer.

Miller is ranked in the top 10 percent of her graduating class and plans to pursue a degree in business or botany at Oklahoma State University.

Kimberly Sparkman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Sparkman, was the February Lions Club Sweetheart. She has been active on the Student Council, serving as vice president her freshman and sophomore years and as student body chaplain her senior year. She has been National Honor Society recording secretary.

She has been a junior varsity cheerleader and a varsity cheerleader for two years and has served as a senior captain. She has participated in varsity cross country for three years and varsity track for four years and is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She was honored as Outstanding Sophomore Student Council Member. She was voted Best Dressed in the senior class and has been a Homecoming Queen nominee. She is a Peer Tutor for the Senior Developmental Class and is a member of the First Baptist Church, where she is active in the church's youth group.

Sparkman plans to pursue a degree in psychology at Texas A&M University.

Shaylee Richardson, daughter



Amy Wyn Bradley



Julie Noles



Stacy Sandlin



Laura Miller



Kimberly Sparkman



Shaylee Richardson



Laura-Marie Imel



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Jane Brown

of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Richardson, was the March Lions Club Sweetheart. She has been active on the Student Council throughout high school, serving as Freshman Class representative, Sophomore Class representative, junior vice president and student body historian.

She is a member of D-FY-IT, serving on the organization's advisory board her junior and senior years, and of the National Honor Society, serving as current president of NHS. She is a varsity cheerleader.

She has received the Algebra II Honors Award, the Geometry Honors Award and the American Studies AP Award and was recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution as a DAR Good Citizen for Pampa High. She is a Peer Tutor and a member of First Baptist Church.

Richardson is ranked number one in the senior class with a grade point average of 4.222. She

will graduate advanced with honors and plans to pursue a degree in accounting at Hardin Simmons University.

Laura-Marie Imel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Steed, was the April Lions Club Sweetheart. She has been active on the Student

Council, serving as Freshman Class president and Senior Class representative.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and is active in D-FY-IT and has been active in choir.

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World briefs

Accused mass murderer charged at bedside hearing
HOBART, Australia (AP) — Burned from a fire he set and too weak to attend court, the man accused of killing 35 people at a Tasmanian tourist site lay in his hospital bed today while he was formally charged with murder.

Martin Bryant, 28, was charged with one count of murder. Police said additional charges would follow.

During a brief hearing closed to reporters, Judge Peter Dixon asked Bryant whether he was guilty or innocent, police said. Bryant did not enter a plea.

Dixon ordered the Hobart man to be held in custody and to appear in court on May 22. If convicted, he could face life in prison. Australia does not have a death penalty.

Bryant has been under heavy police guard in Royal Hobart Hospital since he was captured on Monday following a shooting rampage at Port Arthur, a colonial prison site 30 miles south of Hobart.

Police accuse Bryant of gunning down tourists ranging in age from 3 to 72 on Sunday, then setting fire to an inn at the end of an all-night standoff with hundreds of officers on Monday.

Policeman's confession rocks street kids' trial
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — As a stunned courtroom looked on, a Rio de Janeiro state trooper took the stand and coolly described how he executed a street urchin.

"I fired, and I fired again," Marcos Vinicius Emmanuel said Monday at the start of a trial seen as a test of Brazil's commitment to defend human rights.

His victim was one of eight street children shot to death the night of July 23, 1993. Six were sleeping on the sidewalk near Candelaria Cathedral in downtown Rio.

Observers disagreed over whether the confession was simply a coverup to protect some of the seven others — including six active and former policemen — indicted for the killings.

"The prosecution is worried," admitted assistant prosecutor Fernando Fragoso. "You deliver a few heads at the start of the trial to save the others that will face trial later."

Still, there is a consensus that the verdict will indicate whether this country is willing to end police abuses of civil rights, a holdover from decades of military rule.

EU praises British efforts to eradicate disease

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The European Union praised British proposals to eradicate mad cow disease as a "step in the right direction" — but has no immediate plans to lift a month-old ban on British beef exports.

At a meeting with his EU colleagues Monday, Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg of Britain offered to slaughter 40,000 cattle most at risk of developing mad cow disease. The plan was welcomed, and forwarded to animal and public health experts for study.

Today, EU farm ministers debated the British proposal as well as ways to prop up beef prices, which have plunged across Europe due to weak demand because of the mad cow scare.

In April, the EU bought 50,000 tons of beef to prevent a glut on the market. Today, ministers discussed new subsidies for farmers and more purchases of beef.

Women of the Moose officers



Pampa Chapter No. 1163, Women of the Moose, installed its officers Saturday night. Front row from left are Jean Parks, junior regent; Cynthia Mann, senior regent; Geneva Corcoran, recorder; and Angie Simmons, junior grad regent. Back row from left are Myra Jane Roth, chaplain, and June Summers, treasurer. Serving as installing officers were Cindy Walters, regent; Jean Bennett, guide; Nancy Davis, chairman; Lula May Engle, chaplain; and Abby Archer, musician.

Supporters struggle to get Perot Reform Party on ballot in remaining 41 states

DALLAS (AP) — Nine states down and 41 to go.

Ross Perot's supporters are seeking to get his Reform Party recognized as a third party before November but it's a tougher job than in 1992 when the Texas billionaire mounted an independent presidential bid.

For instance, in many states the party has had to fall back on paid petition gatherers, as well as volunteers, to ensure it gets enough signatures.

"It's hard to detect the kind of spontaneous wave of enthusiasm as in 1992. It may be out there, but it's hard to see it," said Lewis Gould, a Perot watcher and presidential historian with the University of Texas.

So far, the party has been officially recognized in California, Montana, Utah, North Dakota, South Carolina, Maine and Ohio, and it has joined with existing parties in Minnesota and Virginia.

"It was far more emotional" in 1992, agreed Russell Verney, the Reform Party's national coordinator. "Qualifying an independent is far easier than qualifying a new political party."

In Pennsylvania — an expected battleground for President Clinton and Bob Dole, the pre-

sumptive Republican nominee — the petition drive is ongoing with the Patriot Party which is changing its name to the Reform Party. The Patriot Party had ballot access only for state offices, but has to petition still for federal access.

Verney expects the tally to grow, soon adding New Mexico, South Dakota and Tennessee.

Perot hasn't declared himself a candidate for 1996, instead saying he will let the Reform Party decide at its Labor Day convention. He is traveling the country building support for the party, and has said he will serve as its presidential candidate if that's what members want.

"We have good people in Washington, trapped in a bad system," Perot told about 1,600 people Monday night at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. "If we allow the negatives of politics to drive American politics, we won't have this country's finest people in politics. Our legislative system is absolutely flawed."

Even though he is not a candidate, Perot gave \$614,942 to the Reform Party in the first three months of this year. He was the party's sole contributor, accord-

ing to a report filed with the Federal Election Commission. All but \$117,338 was spent by March 31.

The only failed petition effort so far has been in President Clinton's home state of Arkansas, where the Reform Party failed to meet the Jan. 2 deadline. The Reform Party plans a legal challenge.

Perot's people now are concentrating on gathering petitions in North Carolina, Arizona, Oklahoma and Texas, which all have looming completion dates.

"We're making great progress," said Dot Drew of Hendersonville, N.C., a volunteer for Perot since his 1992 run for the White House.

North Carolina's deadline is May 15, just two days after Texas, where 42,962 signatures are needed from registered voters who did not vote in March's party primaries.

"In gross numbers we're well over half," Verney said of the Texas effort.

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Study shows less calories prolong life

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less food may mean more life.

That's the conclusion of a study published today showing that aging slows down in monkeys who eat a well-balanced diet with the calorie content reduced by 30 percent.

The animals on a calorie light diet had a lower body temperature, a slower metabolism and fewer biochemical indications of aging, said Dr. George Roth, a scientist at the gerontology research center of the National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health.

"We (science) have known for 70 years that if you feed laboratory mice less food, they age slower, they live longer and they get diseases less frequently," he said. "We find that monkeys respond

in the same way as rodents and that the same biological changes may be in play here."

Roth said the same may be true for other primates, including humans.

A report on the NIA study is published today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Joseph Kennitz, a researcher at the primate center at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, said that changing the diets of monkeys in his lab has had similar effects but that the study is not finished.

"The findings to date from several labs do suggest that the intervention (diet restriction) has beneficial effects on health and on reducing age-related diseases and may ultimately extend the life span for primates," said Kennitz.

Report: State murder rate last year lowest since 1965

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' murder rate last year was the lowest since 1965, with decreases in almost every other major crime as well, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

That was the only offense in the state's Crime Index that went up from 1994 to 1995, with a 1.4 percent increase in the total number reported, the agency said Monday.

"While it is disappointing that incidences of theft increased, it is good news to us that all other categories of index crimes have shown a decrease. We are especially pleased to see that violent crimes have decreased," said Col. James Wilson, DPS director.

The murder rate in Texas dropped to nine per 100,000 people in 1995, the lowest since 1965's 7.5 per 100,000, according to DPS. The total number of murders in 1995 was 1,694, a 16.3 percent decrease from 1994.

The other index crimes, and percentage decrease in total number reported in 1995, are:

- Rape, down 6.4 percent.
- Aggravated assault, down 0.9 percent.
- Robbery, down 10.6 percent.
- Burglary, down 5.6 percent.
- Motor vehicle theft, down 5.3 percent.

Taken together, the number of all index crimes reported for 1995 was 1,064,362. That's a 1.4 percent decrease from 1994.

The index crime rate, or number of major crimes committed

per 100,000 population, fell 3.2 percent overall to 5,684.5, the DPS reported.

The crime rate dropped in every major category, with a 6.1 percent overall drop in violent crime and 2.8 percent overall drop in property crime.

The estimated value of property taken during the commission of index crimes in 1995 was more than \$1.2 billion, while law enforcement agencies recovered more than \$500 million in stolen property.

The number of arrests of juveniles increased 2.4 percent, well below the 15.6 percent increase from 1993 to 1994, according to DPS.

Wilson called that a good sign but added that juvenile crimes "continue to be a source of concern for law enforcement agencies statewide."

Victims rights advocate Bob Stearns, whose son was kidnapped and killed in 1974, said the reduction in major crime categories may reflect Texas' ambitious prison-expansion program and the initial effect of laws designed to keep violent criminals locked up longer.

"We've changed the laws. We've changed the prison population size. And we've made it possible to keep violent people away from the public. That should mean a reduction in violent crimes," said Stearns, founder of Victims Initiating Gains In Legislation (VIGIL).

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Wolf in Dog's Clothing Is Dangerous Mix For A Pet

DEAR ABBY: This is regarding the letter from "Worried in Visalia, Calif." I have had my own experience with a part wolf-dog that I would like to share.

A couple of years ago, we were in the process of buying a house and had to live temporarily in an apartment where animals were not allowed. My parents agreed to keep our dog until our house was finished. Their next-door neighbors owned three large dogs, one being a part wolf.

Our dog is a mini Doberman pinscher and quite small compared to the other dogs. One day when no one was at home at my parents' house, the three dogs came over their fence and attacked our little dog. The neighbor heard unusual yelping and went to check out what was happening. He jumped the fence to see the part wolf-dog tearing our little dog apart. The neighbor pulled the wolf-dog off and had to literally push our dog's intestines back inside before he could pick her up and take her to the vet. She had been torn open from her back down one side to the bottom of her stomach.

The neighbor, whose son owned the dog, was very apologetic and visibly upset about it and agreed to pay for the vet bill. Our dog was in the hospital for a week and we very nearly lost her, but she made it through the ordeal.

This is not the first time this dog has attacked. It has bitten another



Abigail Van Buren

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neighbor and chased my mother; it tried to attack them when they were walking next to the fence. The son of the neighbor refused to get rid of this dog, and they still have it.

A wolf-dog is a very dangerous breed, and anyone who plans to own one should reconsider because their behavior is very unpredictable.

I know this letter is long, but I hope you will print it so people will know how dangerous it is to own such a "pet."

G.K.T.

DEAR G.K.T.: Thank you for a valuable piece of advice. Dog lovers — are you listening?

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were recently invited to a neighbor's surprise 30th birthday party. It was held at an expensive restaurant and nothing was said about who was paying for the dinner.

At the restaurant, the waiter

explained the limited menu options to the 20 guests. No prices were mentioned, nor were we given the opportunity to make a selection from the menu. (I just assumed that our host had selected the food, so who was to argue?)

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DEAR EXPENSIVE EVENING: When people are invited to a birthday party, they naturally assume they are guests.

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Horoscope



Wednesday, May 1, 1996.

There are strong indications that more good things than you experienced in the past year may occur in the year ahead. However, do not take your new opportunities for granted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take care not to be influenced by an individual who exercises faulty judgment. If you want to be on the safe side, make all the decisions by yourself. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In regard to a contentious family matter today, let the majority rule. If everyone tries to have things his way, that matter may become complicated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you do not remain alert today, you might slight an old friend unintentionally by giving too much attention and praise to someone you met recently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A great opportunity might develop unexpectedly today and it will require a quick response. Do not make the mistake of thinking that you have unlimited time to act.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your extravagant impulses and prudent qualities might be engaged in serious combat today. You will regret it later if your wastefulness emerges victorious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, it will not be wise to try to take credit for something if someone else worked harder than you did. At least, you should share the applause.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This morning, some of your ideas might not repre-

sent your usual crisp thinking. In the evening, your mind will work logically again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In your financial affairs today, guard against the inclination to complicate a simple situation. Instead of building a maze, try a simple moat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should not expect too much from a business contact who has promised you some great deals. This person will not make good on his promises.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Outside obstacles might disrupt your intentions today. Free yourself from these entanglements as soon as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try not to label or categorize a person you meet for the first time today. When you get to know this person better, you will discover his or her hidden talents.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can achieve a meaningful objective today, but perhaps not as easily as you might think. Prepare to make a strong second effort.

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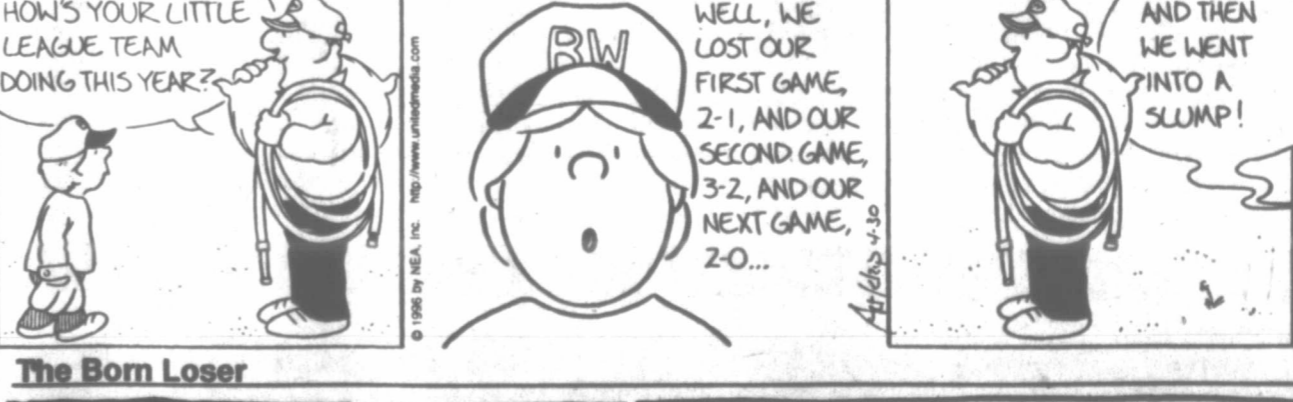
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Former associate files 'palimony' suit against famed pianist

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former associate has filed a "palimony" lawsuit against renowned pianist Van Cliburn, seeking millions of dollars in cash and property and alleging that Cliburn exposed him to the AIDS virus during a 17-year sexual relationship.

Thomas E. Zaremba, 48, of Center Line, Mich., a former member of the board of the Van Cliburn Foundation, brought the suit Monday in the 360th District Court in Tarrant County, a court that normally receives divorce filings.

"This has been absolutely a shocking surprise to me this afternoon," the 61-year-old Cliburn told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Cliburn's lawyer, Dee Kelly, said the claims are false and represent a cheap attempt to extort money from Cliburn.

"Van Cliburn categorically denies the charges," Kelly said. "This individual has been attempting to collect millions from Mr. Cliburn for the past year and a half."

"This suit is the result of Mr. Cliburn's

refusal to accede to his (Zaremba's) improper demands," Kelly said.

Zaremba is represented by Dallas attorney Mike McCurley, who represented tennis player Martina Navratilova as the defendant in similar palimony litigation four years ago.

McCurley said Zaremba met Cliburn, whose full name is Harvey Lavan Cliburn Jr., in 1968 and the two became sexual partners in 1977.

McCurley described the relationship as "akin to a common-law marriage."

"They were married in a same-sex matrimonial sense," he said.

The two men "began breaking up" two years ago, at which point Zaremba became aware of Cliburn's other sexual partners, the attorney said.

Zaremba, who teaches mortuary science at Wayne State University in Detroit, declined to comment about the lawsuit when reached by phone at his home in Center

Line, Mich., the Detroit suburb where he lives.

McCurley said Zaremba does not have the HIV virus "but he continues to be tested regularly because of his exposure."

McCurley also said he had no reason to believe that Cliburn has HIV. AIDS can take several years to show up after a person is exposed to the virus.

"We are not saying that at all," he said. "But there were specific incidents, where outside their relationship, Mr. Cliburn had sex with others who were HIV positive and later had sex with my client."

Cliburn told the Star-Telegram he has not been tested for HIV and does not have AIDS.

Cliburn, a lifelong Southern Baptist, has never married and has not been publicly linked romantically with anyone in more than three decades. A biography published in 1959 said he nearly became engaged during his first year at Juilliard, to Donna Sanders, who was also a student at Juilliard.

Brothers sentenced in sweatshop case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two brothers who helped run a sweatshop where 81 Thai nationals were held in virtual slavery while stitching clothes for Macy's and other upscale stores were sentenced Monday to six years in prison.

Wirachai and Phanarak Manasurangkun also were ordered to pay \$4.5 million in restitution to the workers, who had been held in the small apartment complex surrounded by a spiked fence woven with razor wire.

The brothers and five other Thai defendants — including their mother and another brother — pleaded guilty in February

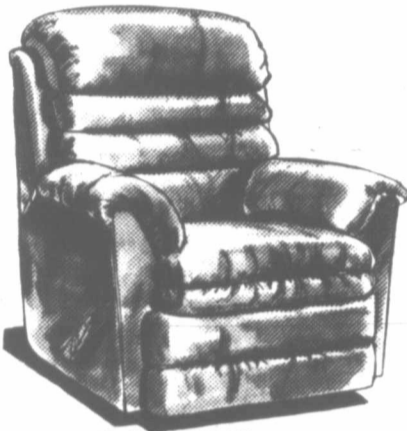
to violating federal criminal civil rights laws. The others have not been sentenced.

The workers already have received more than \$1 million in restitution from the government's seizure of sweatshop profits.

Some workers said they earned \$2 per hour and worked up to 17-hour days. Their passports were taken and some said they had been in the sweatshop for years.

Manufacturers bought the clothes stitched at the sweatshop and sold them to some of the nation's largest department stores, including Mervyn's, Macy's and Neiman Marcus.

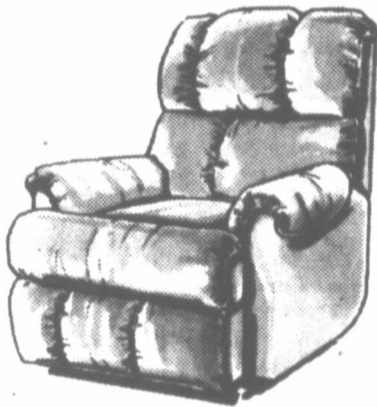
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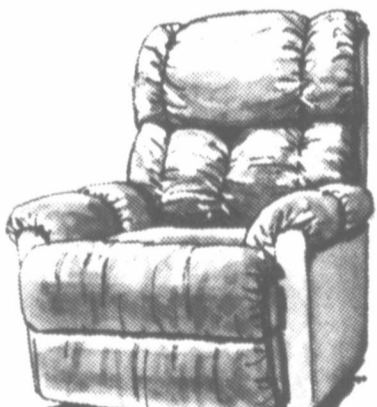


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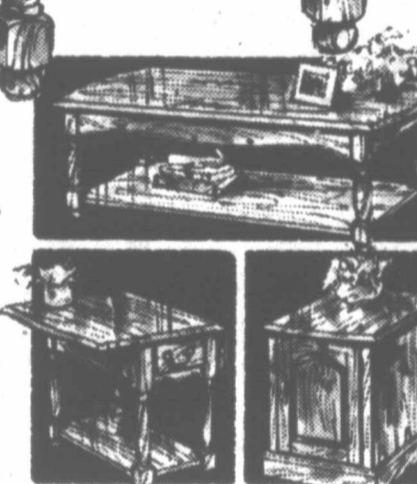
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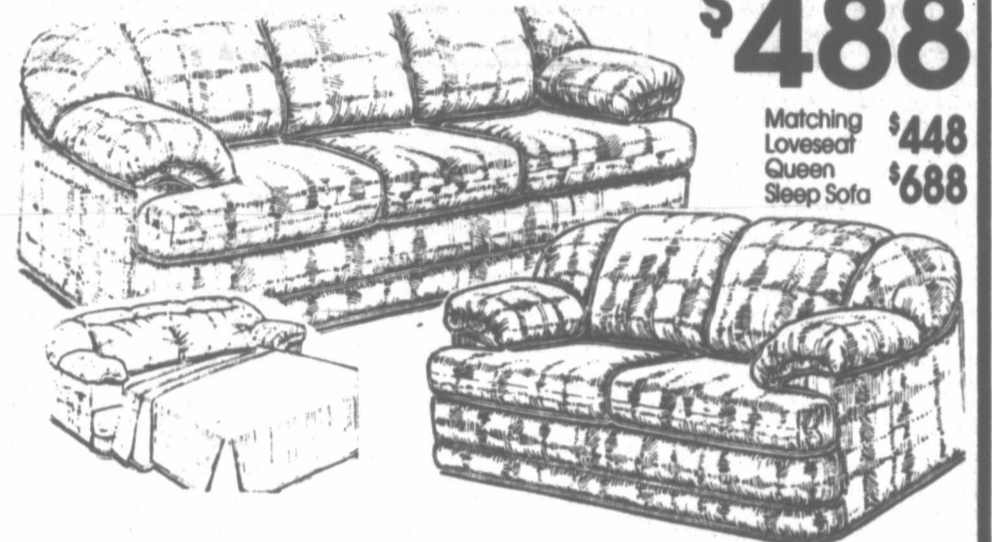
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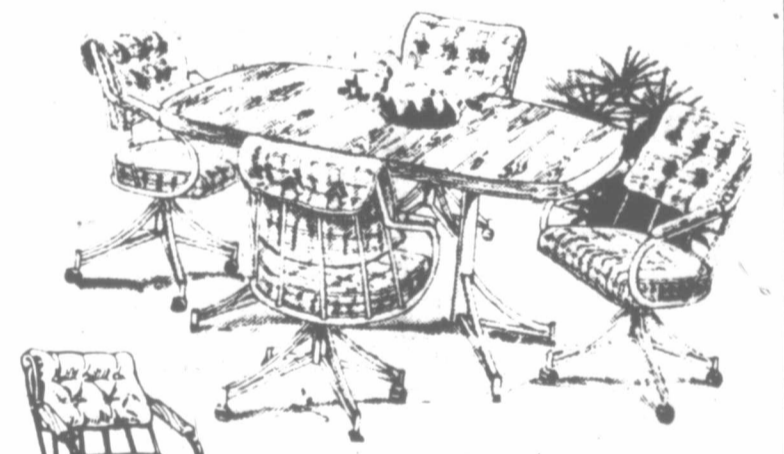
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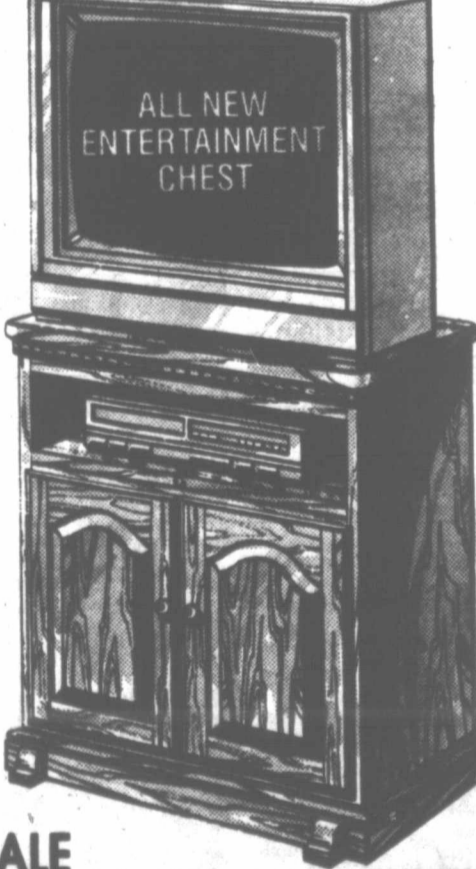


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