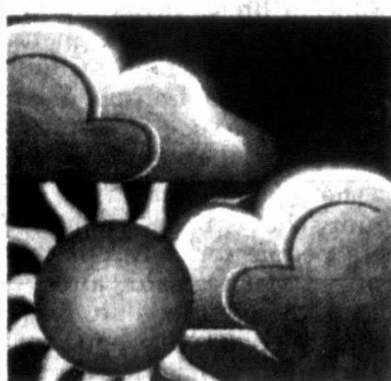


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AUSTIN (AP) — Two tickets, bought in San Antonio and Snyder, correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$35 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 8, 13, 17, 28, 47 and 48.

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

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Fearful the Antichrist would appear today to claim unbaptized children, thousands of Bogota parents flooded churches this week so their kids could receive the sacrament in time.

According to the New Testament, the Antichrist will bear the number 666. To many, today's date is ominous: The sixth day of the sixth month in a year ending in six.

Nearly 20,000 people were baptized in the capital this weekend, almost 10 times the average, church leaders said. Thousands more filled church pews in Bogota on Wednesday, and baptisms increased in the rest of the country as well.

According to the New York Times, a Protestant fundamentalist group distributed a pamphlet last week warning of the coming Antichrist. It spread panic among parents in this mostly Roman Catholic country.

One rumor frightened expectant mothers by warning that the Antichrist would be born today. Another said an evil being would possess children unprotected by baptism and mark them with a sign.

Church leaders advised people not to believe the rumors.

"Many people have not learned the core of the gospel and are easily misled by superstitions," Monsignor Octavio Ruiz of Bogota told Caracol radio.

TOKYO (AP) — A senior Japanese navy officer personally apologized today to the wife of an American pilot whose warplane was accidentally shot down by a Japanese destroyer.

Vice Adm. Yasuki Sugiyama, commander of fleet air forces for Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Forces, expressed his regrets to Carol Royster at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, the U.S. Navy base where her husband is stationed.

The Japanese ship Yuugiri rescued Lt. Cmdr. William Royster and his bombardier-navigator, Lt. Keith Douglas, after it mistakenly blasted their A-6E Intruder out of the air during multinational military maneuvers in the Pacific late Monday.

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Governor issues order banning use and sale of fireworks in Gray County

Gov. George W. Bush today issued an executive order banning the use and sale of fireworks in Gray County "because of the drought and extreme fire hazard there," according to a press release.

"Fireworks are as much a part of Fourth of July celebrations as picnics and flags, but parts of Texas are a tinderbox and no one wants fires to threaten lives or property," Gov. Bush said.

"Conditions vary throughout the state, and I urge county leaders to look at the situation in their individual counties and take appropriate action," he continued.

The governor indicated he would not issue a statewide ban but will authorize a ban for individual counties.

County Judge Richard Peet indicated that he was pleased with the governor's action.

"He basically has done exactly what he asked," Peet said, noting that the order doesn't specifically prohibit the possession of fireworks.

The commissioners had requested that prohibition as well, but Peet said he had no problem with its omission.

Gray County is the first in the state to formally ask the governor to use his authority to enact

a ban. The ban exempts municipally sponsored or permitted fireworks displays.

Commissioners approved a resolution Wednesday asking the governor to concur with the court's decision May 23 to ban use, sale and possession of fireworks in the county.

In Wednesday's special session, Gray County Attorney Todd Alvey reported to commissioners his recent consultation with the governor's legal council in Austin.

Alvey said they discussed a request to get the governor's support of the county's ban on fireworks associated with the Fourth of July celebration.

Wednesday's action was in response to a lawsuit filed late last month by a fireworks trade group. Texas Pyrotechnics Association filed a suit in 223rd District Court asking District Judge Lee Waters to prevent the county from enforcing the ban and to declare it unconstitutional.

A hearing is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the third floor courtroom of Gray County courthouse.

It is unknown how the governor's order will affect the lawsuit.

"If the governor makes his proclamation to ban fireworks

like Gray County has issued already, it should strengthen the county's position in the pending litigation and gives a little more legal significance to the action taken by our commissioners," Alvey said.

Commissioners asked that the governor's resolution exempt displays sponsored by a municipality.

Peet explained if weather conditions change and if there is a declared end to the drought, commissioners will consider rescinding the resolution banning fireworks.

He reiterated that today after hearing word of the governor's order.

"If weather conditions change, the commission will not hesitate to seek a release of that order," Peet said.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley said his opinion has not changed even after recent rains in the county.

"My personal situation is not changed, as I've only received a couple of inches or less in the past week or so, and other areas have not received as much. I, therefore, think we've made the right decision to protect our citizens and properties."

"The first objective of the commissioners' court is to preserve lives and our county, and we are elected by the citizens to carry forward these decisions.

"It is more important to protect lives and properties over anyone's making an extra dollar on the sale of fireworks during conditions we are now experiencing," he said.

The governor's office is urging counties to consider using provisions of a new state law, HB 828, which allows counties to limit the use and sale of certain aerial fireworks during times of drought, provided the county designates at least one safe area where aerial fireworks may be used. The safe area by provided by the county, a city or a local business or individual, and the law states that those who provide the property are not liable for damages resulting from its use.

The Disaster Act of 1975 gives the governor authority to issue executive orders which have the force and effect of law during times of disaster. All 254 Texas counties have been declared disaster areas because of the ongoing drought and imminent threat of wildfire.

County's ban illegal, says vendor

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A county-wide ban on the sale, use and possession of pyrotechnics is illegal and unnecessary, according to one local fireworks vendor.

Edward Kotara, a veteran of the fireworks business, said he attended Wednesday's meeting of Gray County commissioners.

He represents Jumbo's Fireworks and has sold fireworks for 30 years, dividing his time between teaching school in Arlington and living in Pampa.

Kotara believes the ban is a violation of people's right to enjoy the Fourth of July, a violation of the law and, in view of current rainfall, unnecessary.

"The state provided a way to deal with a drought year by law and provide a designated

safe place (for the use of aerial fireworks). They (county commissioners) ignored that by passing a total ban. ... They are now being sued for breaking state law. They are covering up by asking the governor to pass a ban. ... I think this is the worst example of a government dictating and taking away people's rights," Kotara said today.

"This is not a worst year. It has changed dramatically from drought to green. People are conscious of what they buy for their kids," continued Kotara, who admits to bias concerning fireworks.

"When we start taking away people's rights, we have removed the true celebration method of the Fourth of July," he said.

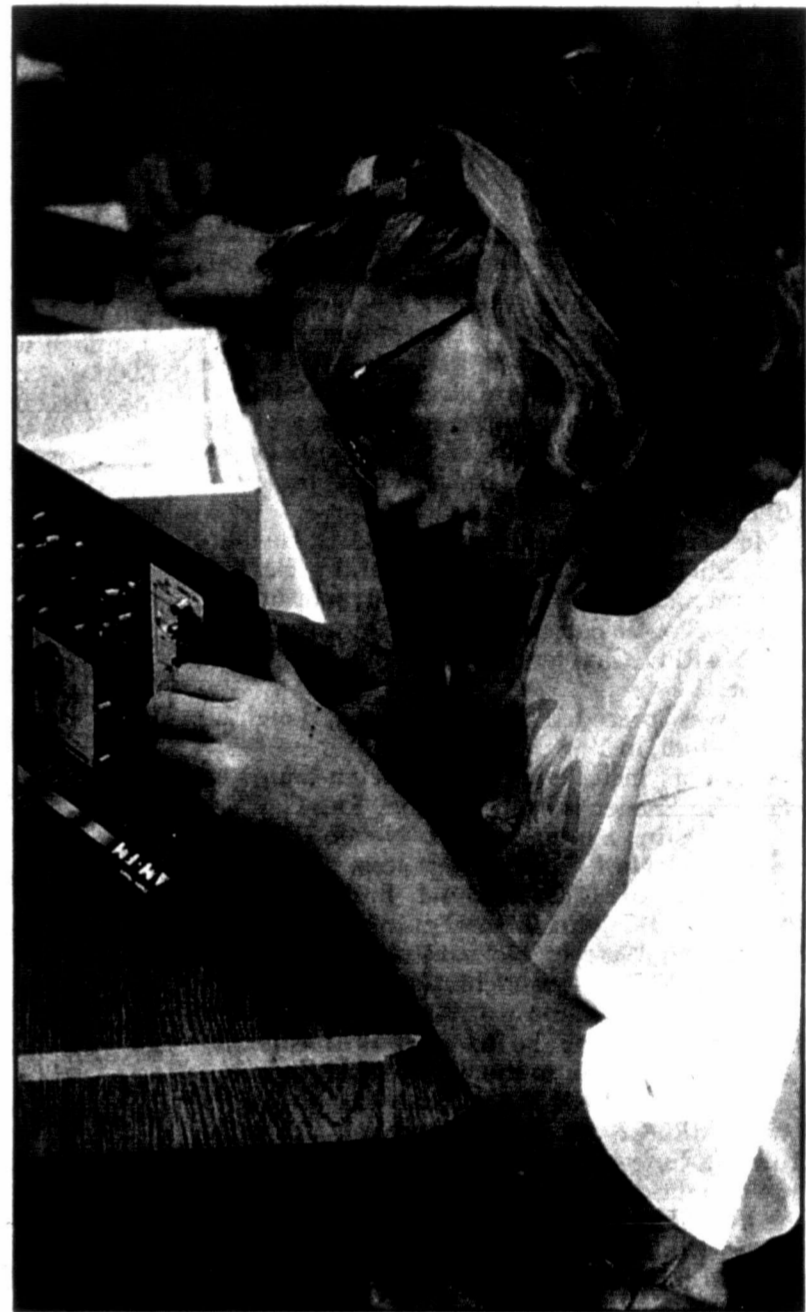
Kotara said he is not a member of Texas Pyrotechnics Association nor is he associated with the lawsuit.

Up on the roof



Jeremy Herndon, Rod Herndon and Brian Marsh work diligently under the hot sun reroofing a garage this morning on Dwight Street. The young men work with Roderick construction and were repairing Rick Marsh's garage roof.

Putting it together



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)
Mollie Baker works to install an FM tuner and antenna on an AM/FM radio kit this morning in "Electrical Highlights," a summer enrichment workshop at Pampa Middle School. Baker, who will enter sixth grade next year, and classmates in Debbie Weaver's class have learned how to power light bulbs and build circuits. Friday, the class will build an electric motor and light a Lego town.

Senate rejects balanced budget amendment again

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate today again rejected a balanced-budget constitutional amendment, as Republicans and Democrats waged an election-year duel over who could seem most sincere about erasing federal deficits.

In a roll call that Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., knew would fail but hoped would embarrass President Clinton and other Democrats, senators voted 64-35 for the proposal. That was two votes shy of the two-thirds margin required for approval of an amendment to the Constitution.

"The president vetoed a balanced budget. That's another reason we need an amendment," said Dole, referring to last year's veto of a GOP budget-balancing package by the man he hopes to oust from the White House.

But Clinton, speaking just before the vote was complete, told reporters that lawmakers were rejecting "the gimmick of saying we're going to have a balanced budget amendment which would take forever and a day to take impact." He said he and Republicans should continue efforts to work out a budget-balancing deal, which is considered an extreme long-shot for this year.

"However this vote comes out, it's not an excuse not to go on and balance the budget," he said.

The defeated amendment, which came within a single vote of passage in March 1995, would require a balanced federal budget by 2002. But it would leave decisions about how to do it for later — by the very politicians who have been stalemated over the issue for years.

When the Senate rejected the measure 15 months ago, Dole promised to bring the measure

up again during this year's political campaign. And so he did today, just five days before he resigns from the Senate to campaign fulltime for the presidency.

Dole's strategy was simple. With polls showing 80 percent public support for the amendment, Republicans believe its defeat will strengthen the GOP bid for the White House and continued congressional control by embarrassing Democrats.

"It's not whether you win or lose, but whether you've made the statement," Dole said.

Fifty-two Republicans and 12 Democrats voted for the amendment, while 34 Democrats and one Republican — Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon — voted no. Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., did not vote.

Republicans said the amendment would provide the pressure needed to force lawmakers to find the savings needed to end the unrelenting string of shortfalls that have saddled the government since 1969.

But Democrats argued that with Republicans and Clinton having each proposed competing plans for halting deficits by 2002, what is needed is a bipartisan agreement, not a change in the Constitution. They said Dole's support for the amendment along with possible big tax cuts and an expensive antimissile system is inconsistent.

They said today's vote was designed merely to make Republicans seem serious about budget cutting.

"Come on in politicians, off the sawdust trail, get baptized in the holy water of the balanced budget amendment, hallelujah," mocked Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

The White House joined in the attack, as spokesman Mike McCurry called the vote a "meaningless gesture" and a "sad commentary" on Dole's final days as a senator.

Energy secretary runs afoul of internal probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of thousands of dollars were mismanaged in connection with four overseas trade missions headed by Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, an internal investigation by the Energy Department concludes.

O'Leary called it a "professional review" and said in a statement, "I accept responsibility for the... accounting and administrative problems" surrounding the 1994-95 trips to India, Pakistan, China and South Africa.

While a final report by the department's inspector general on O'Leary's 16 overseas trips, including four trade missions, is not expected to be completed for several weeks, a draft of the findings was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The draft concluded that the O'Leary trade trips were marked by such poor management and sloppy record-keeping that thousands of dollars may have been needlessly paid for receptions, air travel, dinners and even lodging for embassy workers who lived in the cities that were visited.

According to the IG findings, O'Leary's four trade trips, plus a dozen other business trips abroad, cost the government \$4.57 million. Of that, \$3.42 million was spent on the four trade missions, each of which involved groups of between 59 and 67 people, including government officials and business executives.

The total cost for the trade missions, as described by the IG report, was about \$600,000 more than the \$2.8 million previously estimated by the department in congressional testimony and various documents.

The IG also questioned the nearly 15,000 hours of overtime connected with the trips, most of

it for security, and an estimated \$800,000 in support costs logged by embassies in connection with 11 of the trips, including \$523,634 for the four trade missions.

The report concludes a six-month investigation by the IG's office into O'Leary's overseas travel. She had requested the internal review after questions were raised late last year about her overseas travel, particularly the trade trips.

Since then, Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, has held a series of hearings in which he and other GOP lawmakers have questioned whether the trips were of any benefit. Barton could not be reached Wednesday for comment on the findings.

The IG report said while the trade trips may have been of some value, "the department cannot quantify the value" in either breaking down barriers for U.S. companies or bringing business agreements to fruition. It said there was no basis to conclude that the trips created U.S. jobs.

O'Leary, although acknowledging department miscues, reiterated that the missions helped U.S. businessmen who participated and "advanced their efforts to secure business deals and bring jobs home to American workers."

Thomas Grumbly, the department's No. 2 official, said in an interview that "the benefits outweighed the cost" although he said the IG report "makes it clear (the trade missions) could have been conducted in a more cost-effective way."

The IG report described numerous "internal deficiencies" in how executives and others were selected to participate on the trips and how money was spent.

Nation briefs

Governor tours churches, condemns arsonists

DIXIANA, S.C. (AP) — After visiting four black churches destroyed by arson, Gov. David Beasley condemned the burnings but not his state's racial climate.

"There are racial problems in every state and in every community," Beasley said Wednesday. "And as governor, we will continue to stand against racism in whatever form or shape it sticks its head up."

Twenty-six fires have struck black churches in the Southeast since early 1995: six in Tennessee, five each in Louisiana and South Carolina, five in Alabama, three in Mississippi and one each in Virginia and Georgia.

Beasley urged contributions to a governor's fund and pledged to donate a \$2,000 reward after touring burned churches in Barnwell, Lexington and Florence counties and a mosque in Greenville. He urged police patrols of rural churches and set up a statewide hot line for information on church burnings.

Pampa students journey to Germany



Eleven Pampa High School students are in Germany through June 20 as part of a foreign exchange program. The students left May 26 for Hildesheim, Germany, where they are currently attending classes in the local school with host brothers and sisters. Students hope to tour museum, cathedrals, castles and concentration camps while in such cities as Belsen and Berlin. Students from Hildesheim will attend class in Pampa in September. Pampa students, shown here before they left Amarillo, include (back) Micah Nolte, Kory Nickell, Trey Ford, Jack Leland, Paula Vigil, Erin Studtmann, Chalan King, Nikki Koehler, Jamie Silva and (front) Will Wright and Sean Cook. PHS German instructor Raye Stucker (front right) is also accompanying the group.

Schools ask parents to sign Internet permission forms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just like field trips, thousands of children nationwide need a signed permission slip to take a school-sponsored journey on the Internet. For their part, students must pledge not to dabble in superhighway smut or other noneducational material.

The Education Department estimates that more than half the country's public schools have access to the Internet, a worldwide computer network that is a fountain of educational information and research.

But the Internet also has a seedier side, with risque and extremist material, and some users don't always have a child's best interests at heart.

Proposals to protect children when on line are pending in Congress, but educators already are taking steps themselves. Permission slips are being sent home and educators are writing rules and regulations to foster responsible use of the Internet at school. They're also monitoring school networks for e-mail filled with foul language, or inappropriate files with no relevance to lessons.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice increases number of parole officers

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Criminal Justice announced Tuesday that 113 additional parole officers will be on the job by early July, a 10-plus percent increase in the number of parole officers supervising 75,000 released offenders.

The new officers will bring to 1,178 the number of parole officers in TDCJ's 67 district parole offices across Texas.

"These additional positions will enhance public safety by lowering the caseloads of all parole officers," Allan Polunsky of San Antonio, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said.

Melinda Bozarth, director of

TDCJ's parole division, said that hiring the additional officers was critical because the parole caseload has increased steadily in the past year contrary to earlier projections by the independent Criminal Justice Policy Council.

Bozarth said the new officers will include 11 specializing in sex offender supervision and 34 specializing in mentally impaired offenders.

She said location assignments for these specialist and the other 68 new officers was determined by caseloads in district parole offices to comply with state law mandating caseloads of no more than 75 parolees per officer.

Wayne Scott, TDCJ executive

director, said the new positions will be funded through savings made during the past nine months in all areas of TDCJ operations.

It will cost the department about \$4.5 million a year for the new positions. The average starting salary for a parole officer is \$24,000. The parole division operates on a \$129-million annual budget.

TDCJ's parole division does the actual work of supervising parolees who are released by decisions of the independent Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and of mandatory releasees whose mandatory release from prison is dictated by state laws on time served.

Don and Sybil Harrington Center announces cancer screening clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Parkway, June 10.

Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and a one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection and a mammogram by a mammography technician. Our program is certified by the FDA, the American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Breast Cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a

breast self-exam each month.

This screening clinic is available for women who qualify for financial aid and meet financial guidelines through grants from the Texas Department of Health and the American Cancer Society. Harrington Cancer Center offers free or low-cost mammograms to women who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 359-4673.

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Community Calendar

June

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

6 - LEFORS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER will sponsor a Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Clinic from 11 a.m. until noon. The clinic will be conducted by Quality Lifestyles. For more information, contact Stefanie Bailey, at 665-0886.

6 - ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meeting at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Parkway. For more information, contact Chrys at 665-0356.

6 - HISPANOS UNIDOS monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., 824 S. Cuyler. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact Victoria Davis at 665-0828.

6 - BOATMEN'S FIRST PAMPA BANKING CENTER presents WT seminar, How to Increase Your Profits and Improve Cash Flow, Pampa Community Building, M.K. Brown Room, 6:30-9:30 p.m. To register or receive more information, call (806) 669-8407.

7 - TOP O' TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE ASSOCIATION regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., at 1507 W. Kentucky. For more information, contact George Clark at 665-1917.

9 - FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, 1700 Alcock, hosts "Singing," from 2-4 p.m., with the public invited. For more information, contact Mina Towery at 665-3361 or 665-8529.

10 - AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PEOPLE will meet at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Van Leal from the Rufe Jordan Unit will speak on "Gang Activities." For more information, contact Betty Epperson at 665-0356.

10 - HIDDEN HILLS LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION will hold a Golf Playday at 6 p.m. All ladies are cordially invited. For more information, contact Christine Babb at 669-3315.

11 - TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL CLUB will hold its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Coronado Inn Dining Room. For more information, contact Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Vernell Houska at 669-7402.

13 - VFW POST 1657 will sponsor a Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Clinic from 10-11 a.m., 105 S. Cuyler. The clinic will be conducted by Quality Lifestyles. For more information, contact Cindy Ellis at 665-0886.

15 - BOY SCOUT TROOP #480 will hold a fundraising "Car Wash" from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church parking lot at Ballard and Foster. For more information, contact Ed Carter at 665-6818.

15-16 - CUO PRESENTS A WEEKEND "JUBILEE" full of craft booths, food booths, games and an old-time tent revival on Sunday given by Pampa's Dr. Edwin Cooley. Volleyball and basketball events to sign up for, with many other activities. A Community Unity Organization sponsorship. For more information, contact Mae Williams at 665-4765.

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

Gull deaths unexpectedly drawn out

BOSTON (AP) - When they announced their plan to poison thousands of Cape Cod seagulls to protect other shorebirds, federal officials made two promises: the gulls would die quickly and hardly any bodies would fall on the mainland.

Both promises have been broken.

Some of the 1,826 gulls killed so far took a week to die, officials said Wednesday. That's twice as long as predicted, sending baffled scientists into their labs to search for answers.

"Clearly, something was going wrong," U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokeswoman Diana Weaver said. "This was disconcerting to us and upsetting to the people there. It's still a mystery that this happened."

Also, about 35 percent of the known dead - or about 640 - were found in freshwater ponds, back yards, highways, and even the rooftop of a business on the mainland. An unknown quantity died in the ocean, with some being picked up by fishermen.

Many residents in Chatham on Cape Cod reported finding dead gulls on their property, Deputy Police Chief Wayne Love said. Those calls were referred to federal authorities, who picked up the carcasses within a few hours.

"The gulls have stopped dropping but the hullabaloo isn't over," Love said.

The majority of carcasses were found in White Pond, in a residential area. The avian poison - known as DRC 1339 - causes kidney failure, sending the birds to fresh water.

White Pond is not used for drinking by humans and wildlife officials said the poison cannot be transmitted to other animals.

The wildlife service and the Department of Agriculture on May 18 started putting poisonous margarine sandwiches in the nests of about 5,700 breeding great black backed and herring gulls at the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge on Monomoy Island, off Cape Cod.

Pampan wins \$1,000 from KAMR-TV

AMARILLO - Pampa resident Tim Epps won \$1,000 in the KAMR-TV \$100,000 Sweepstakes. The sweepstakes began April 25 and has made viewers from all over the High Plains a little richer.

Gamepieces were inserted into Sunday papers or mailed to homes in the area. Viewers sent in a card from the gamepiece with their name and address filled in. Then, all they had to do was watch to win!

The winners names were shown on the screen during News 4 at 5, 6 and 10 and Entertainment Tonight at 6:30 p.m. They then had ten minutes to call in and claim their \$1,000!

All the winners in the KAMR-TV \$100,000 Sweepstakes said they had calls from friends, neighbors and even people they didn't know, who wanted to make sure they



Tim Epps had seen their name on the screen.

State briefs

Slain girl's father files charges after new evidence surfaces

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A slain girl's father says new evidence in her attack led him to press a murder charge against the Air Force officer who headed a massive search for the missing 11-year-old.

Senior Master Sgt. Curt Seeman said Wednesday military investigators never told him he could prefer a charge of murder against his supervisor at Randolph Air Force Base, Maj. Robert Eric Duncan.

"I had no idea," Seeman told the San Antonio Express-News in a copyright story today. "They (Air Force investigators) never told me that I don't know why. Maybe they didn't know at the time. So, those two things caused me to act. I saw there was enough evidence."

Duncan was charged last month in the death of Heidi Seeman, who disappeared Aug. 4, 1990 after spending the night with a friend. Her body was found about three weeks later along a rural road in Wimberley.

Seeman filed the murder charge under military rules that permit one member to file

charges against another. The Air Force itself has not charged Duncan, though it has long treated him as a suspect.

Waste plant ordered to stop accepting hazardous waste

DALLAS (AP) - A judge has put a stop for at least 1 1/2 weeks to hazardous-waste handling at an East Texas plant with a long history of pollution violations.

State District Judge David Kay issued a restraining order that blocks American Ecology Environmental Services Corp. from accepting hazardous waste at its Winona plant until June 14.

He scheduled arguments that day in Dallas on whether to extend the prohibition for the duration of a lawsuit filed by seven neighboring residents of the plant.

The order does not shut down the plant, said Bady Sassin of Dallas, one of the attorneys for the residents. However, it "will basically stop the unlawful procedures from going on at that facility," he said Wednesday.

The Dallas lawsuit and two similar actions filed in Tyler state district courts also seek unspeci-

fied damages from the company.

Audit: Texas Tech to return up to \$964,000 in ag grants

DALLAS (AP) - Texas Tech University should return as much as \$964,000 in federal grants because of poor management of a program to help debt-ridden farmers, federal auditors have recommended.

The inspector general's office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture advised federal officials this spring to remove the Texas Agricultural Mediation Program from the Lubbock school.

An eight-month probe found an array of problems and "little or no oversight" from campus officials, officials said.

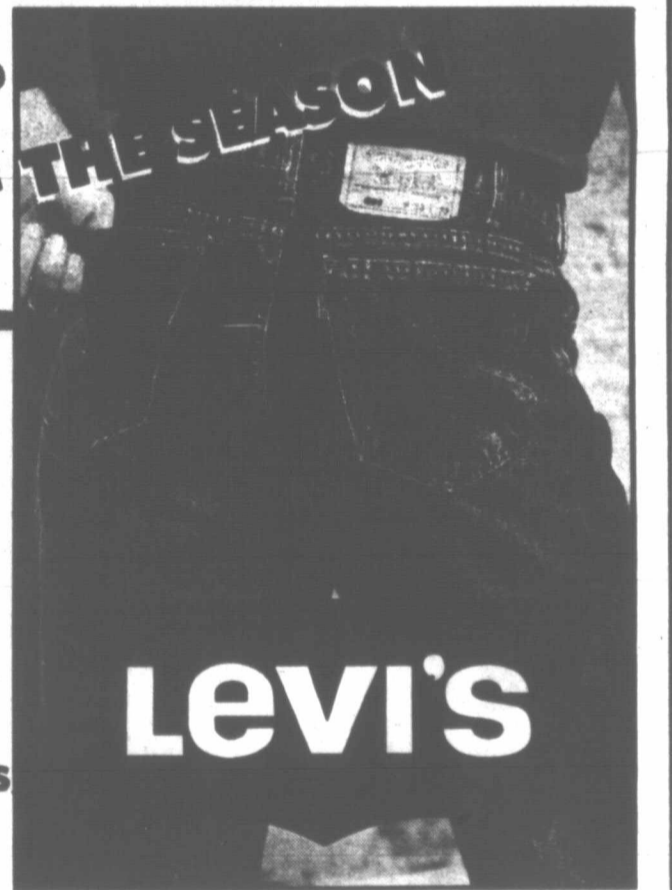
Robert Sweazy, Texas Tech vice provost for research, told The Dallas Morning News he has not read the 63-page audit report, which was completed in March. Nevertheless, he faulted the auditors' methods.

"They sent people out here who didn't have any background in how universities operate," Sweazy said. "It's kind of a mess."

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Man Likes To Give Reminders Of How Good A Friend He Is

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends with a certain gentleman for 45 years. I'll call him "Paul." I had been very friendly with his wife, who passed away eight years ago. She was a good-hearted soul and I thanked her for everything she ever did for me — or gave me. There was only one problem. She never stopped reminding me of what she had given me.

Now Paul is doing the same thing! Six years ago, he gave me a basket of artificial flowers for Easter and told me he had paid \$35 for it. Every time he saw me after that, he asked me if I was enjoying the flowers that he paid \$35 for.

Paul also sent me a Christmas card that played "Silent Night" when you opened it. Abby, would you believe that in July he asked me if the Christmas card he gave me was still playing "Silent Night"? Abby, what on earth is this man's problem?

HAD IT IN CARLSBAD, N.M.

DEAR HAD IT: It's anybody's guess. Perhaps he doesn't want you to forget the amount of money and effort he's invested in your friendship. At least you'll never have to worry about Paul's memory. He can remind the elephants.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a recovering alcoholic who loves to entertain. The letter from the woman in Tuc-

Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

son who abstains from coffee, tea and alcohol for religious reasons struck a chord with me. Like her, I'm comfortable dining out with people who order drinks, but shopping for liquor or keeping it around the house would present too great a temptation. I've found a couple of solutions.

One is to invite people for brunch instead of dinner. When offered an assortment of herb teas or fruit juices, no one clamors for a Bloody Mary. Another is to let guests bring whatever they want to drink. Here in the Midwest, no one accepts a dinner invitation without asking, "What can I bring?" I reply, "If you'd like wine or beer, bring it along."

Then I make sure they take home the leftovers.

In the winter, I've found that hot cider or hot chocolate is always welcomed; freshly squeezed lemonade draws raves in the summer.

If friends can't enjoy a few hours with you without drinking, they need to take a long, hard look at

their own alcohol use. I know — I've been there!

I didn't think I could have a social life in sobriety, but I was wrong. Now I enjoy the parties I give much more, and I don't have to face the cleanup while coping with a hangover.

Since I'm in AA, just sign me ...
SUE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR SUE: Congratulations on your sobriety, and thanks for a helpful letter.

DEAR ABBY: Tell "Frustrated in New Jersey" that she shouldn't have to "swallow" anything. Here's how I handled the bridesmaid thing with a bride-to-be who gave the ring back to her fiance three times.

With these bad vibes in mind, I asked the bride to sign an agreement, with a post-dated (the date of the wedding) check so if the wedding didn't take place, I could cash the check (for the dress only — \$180) and she would get the dress. She agreed.

Yes, she did marry the groom and I returned her check.

I did this because I already own two dresses, two purses and two pairs of shoes (never worn) costing a grand total of \$530.

This time, I covered my bases.
TAMPA BRIDESMAID

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday, June 7, 1996

A new, influential friend could help you to improve your lot in life in the year ahead. He or she will work behind the scenes on your behalf.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Subtle assertiveness will be an effective leadership tool today. This skill will enable you to take command of a development without stirring up a controversy. 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.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, try to allocate some time for mind-enriching pursuits. You can deal with contingencies more effectively if you exercise your brain rather than your muscles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, you will have a special knack for helping others to sort out complications they couldn't unravel themselves. Volunteer on an as-needed basis.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Partnership arrangements will be productive for you today. Do not attempt to accomplish a task independently if it can be done better with a competent ally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will feel good about yourself today if instead of serving your interests, you make an effort to help a person who needs you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) At a social gathering today, you will be the center of attention. Others will have a hard time resisting your magnetism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will not have peace of mind today if you fail to fulfill your domestic duties. Put your

home affairs before your outside interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change of venue could refurbish your outlook and spirits today. Try to go to a new place where you can participate in a new diversion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Financial situations should work out more advantageously today than they might tomorrow. Take advantage of every opportunity as soon as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you will want to be No. 1 even more than usual. This will be a worthwhile ambition as long as you appear humble when you cross the finish line.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can achieve greater rewards by keeping a low profile and letting the other guy be the front-runner. Remember that rewards are more important than applause.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, you can derive more pleasure from dignified activities than you can from fun-filled activities. Try to avoid the hot spots.
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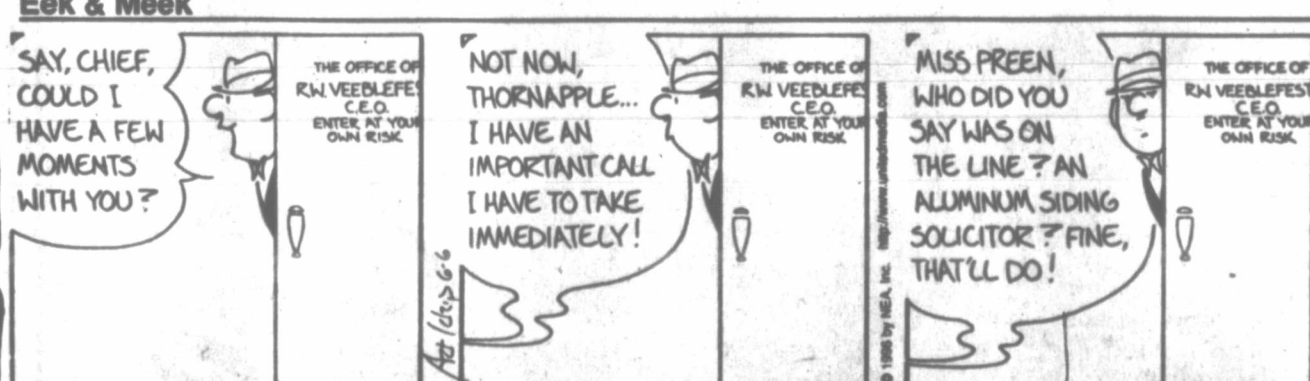
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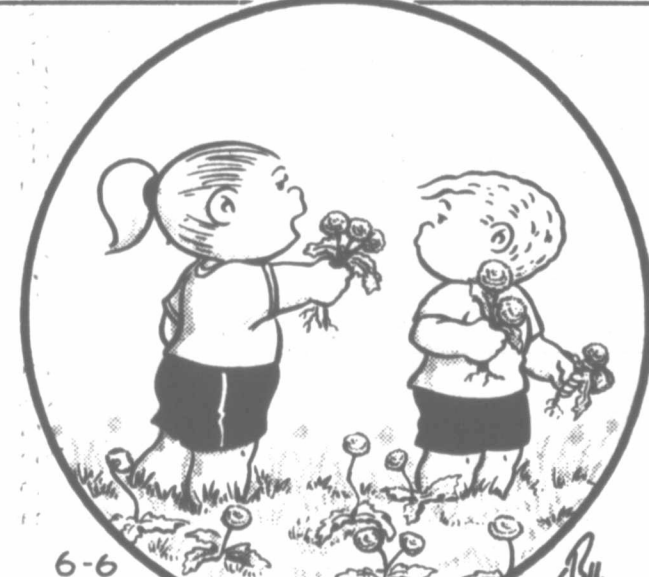
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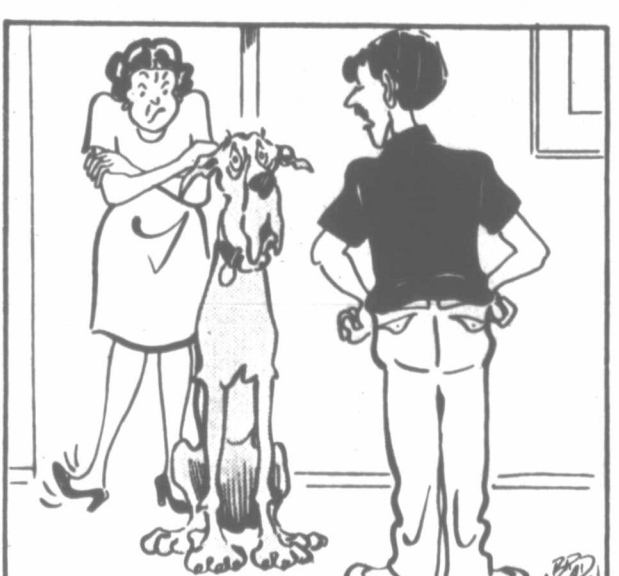
Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"They're not dandelions, Jeffy. They're dandelions. Dandelions have stripes."



"Okay, now let me hear your side of the story."

The Family Circus

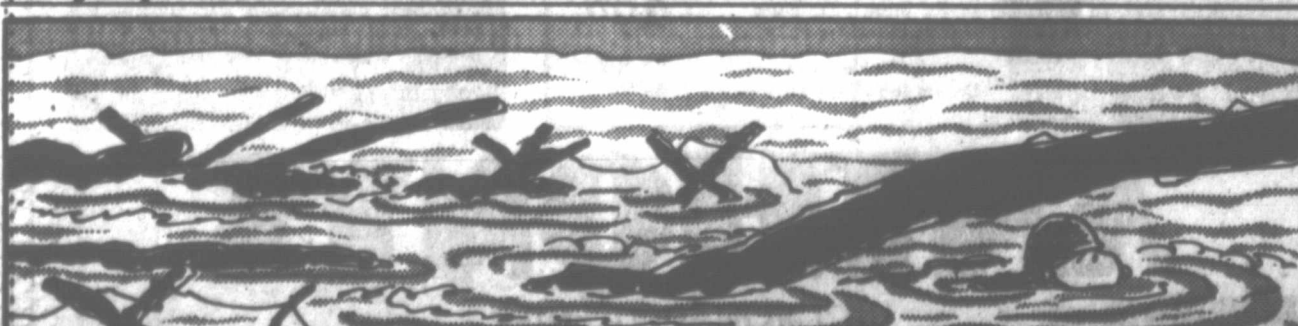
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Amarillo Garden Center to hold open house

AMARILLO - In celebration of National Garden Week, June 2-9, the Amarillo Garden Center will sponsor an Open House Sunday, June 9, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. which will include several activities.

Have you been wanting to know what plants will do well in a rock garden or have you been wondering what to put in a cottage garden? From 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. affiliated garden clubs, plant society members and Garden Center volunteers will share identification and growing tips with visitors throughout the gardens. Camp Fire youth will show off their WoHeLo Garden, a cooperative endeavor with the Amarillo Garden Center, Texas A&M Master Gardeners and Panhandle Plains Council of Camp Fire. In addition, the Center has a display of demonstration tomatoes in cooperation with the Texas A&M Extension Service.

A lecture on hummingbirds and hummingbird gardening will be presented at 3 p.m. by Dan True. Mr. True served as an on air television meteorologist in the Panhandle as well as New Mexico. A weather consultant for television movies and commercials, he is also the author of several books including *Hummingbirds of North America*, *A Family of Eagles*,

and *The Amazing Rufous Hummingbird*, soon to be published by University of Texas Press.

The Center will also be hosting the opening of "Herbs Growing and Enjoying," an indoor and outdoor educational display exhibition. For those gardeners still filling in their gardens or wanting to try some new plants, a variety of plants will be available for sale.

National Garden Week is a celebration to highlight the contribution of gardeners to our society and to our environment. Gardeners throughout the United States produce the food which feeds our nation as well as people all over the world. Gardening instills great respect and care for the environment and natural resources. Gardens furnish challenging and productive activities as they produce flowers, foliage, herbs, fruits, and vegetables that add beauty, fragrance, and nutrition to our lives.

The Amarillo Garden Center, located at 1400 Streit Drive, is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit educational organization situated on 3.3 acres in the Harrington Regional Medical Center complex. For more information, call the Center at (806) 352-6513. There is no admission charge to the Center and the Open House events.

World briefs

Skydivers survive after parachutes tangle

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Two skydivers survived an unplanned 10-second fall after they cut loose their tangled parachutes.

New Zealanders Graeme Bull and Jeff Kay were part of an eight-person maneuver 10,000 feet high Wednesday when their canopies became entangled.

The two spiraled 1,300 feet down out of control before Kay used a knife to cut them free.

Both then released emergency chutes and landed safely, although Bull dislocated his knee in the incident at Toogoolawah, 50 miles northwest of Brisbane.

"It was certainly an adrenalin rush," Kay told Channel Nine television news. "I don't mind mind admitting it was bit scary."

China begins groundbreaking toilet revolution

BEIJING (AP) — In the Beijing of the future, perhaps all toilets will be as charming as the Tolo SW-710 with a ZGHD-1 disposable seat. A limousine of lavatories, it's a monument to China's efforts to end centuries of discomfort.

To highlight what Chinese officials call a "public toilet revolution," Beijing staged the nation's first lavatory exhibition Wednesday in, of all venues, the Museum of the Chinese Revolution on Tiananmen Square.

Many of Beijing's 12 million residents don't have toilets at home. They rely on communal facilities, usually a hut with a trench, over which people squat together in a row.

In the summer, their stink makes them easy to find in the dark. In the

winter, they're cold — and they still smell.

Lou pointed out that the bathrooms shock foreign tourists.

Shoe mystery: Police discover what's left ...

HAMILTON, Ontario (AP) — Talk about two left feet.

Police in Hamilton found more than 1,000 shoes in a dumpster Tuesday night — all brand new, all Reeboks. And all, except one, for the left foot.

Constable Mark Taylor said the shoes, sizes 9 through 11, include runners, hiking boots and sandals worth about \$120,000 retail.

Officers suspect the shoes were stolen and discarded, but they haven't a clue why a thief wouldn't keep pairs.

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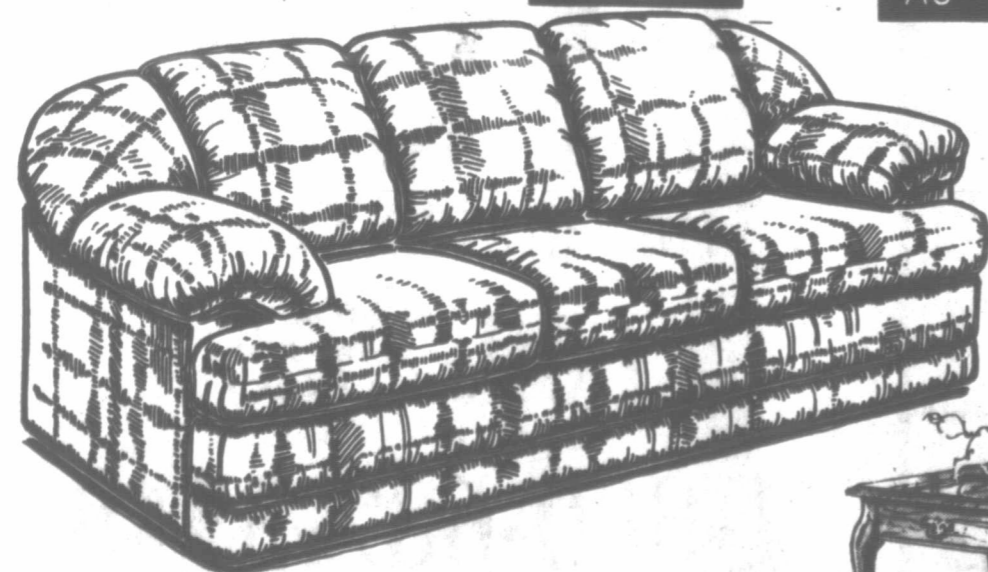
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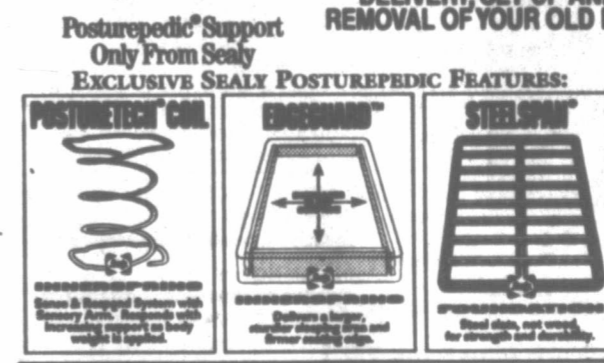
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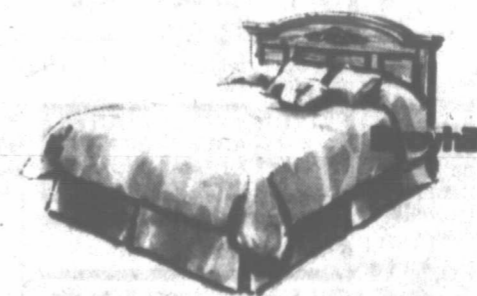
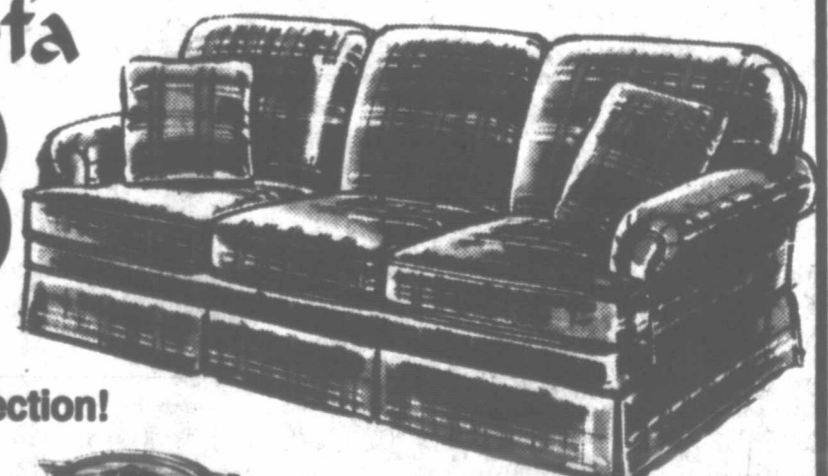
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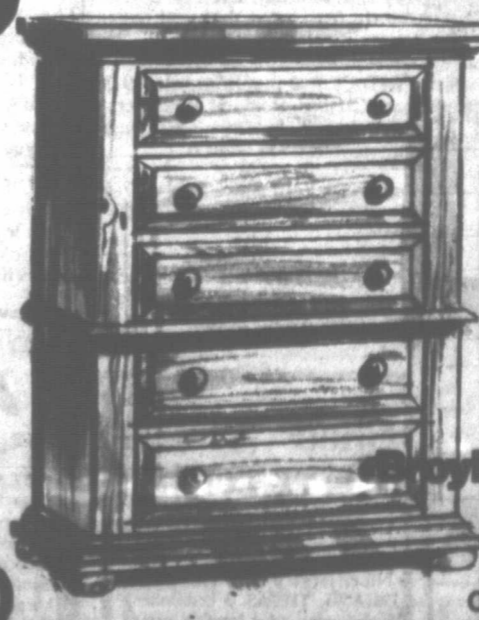
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