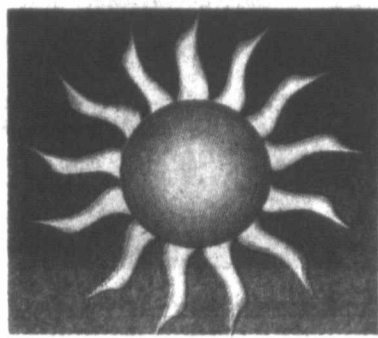


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**PAMPA** — The Pampa News has taken the leap into cyberspace.

The newspaper's new home page — located at [www.pan-tex.net/pampa-news/daily](http://www.pan-tex.net/pampa-news/daily) — officially launched Wednesday afternoon.

The page currently features local news, weather and sports as well as at least one local feature photograph per week.

Information will be updated daily by 5 p.m.

"This is an effort on the part of The Pampa News to keep up with and explore new technology," Publisher Wayland Thomas said.

A special section celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Top O' Texas Rodeo is in the planning stages, as well as future on-line ventures.

Thomas said the paper is exploring the possibility of adding local advertising to the page.

The paper can now also be reached by e mail at [pamnews1@pan-tex.net](mailto:pamnews1@pan-tex.net). E mail addresses for Thomas and reporters Chip Chandler and Cheryl Berzanskis may be found on the home page.

**PAMPA** — A representative of the Pampa Social Security office will visit area cities in July, August and September.

Most Social Security business can be handled by telephone by calling 1-800-772-1213 or the local office at 1-806-669-1010 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Visits are planned for 9 a.m. to noon on July 1 and Aug. 5 in the municipal court room, Borger; 9:45 a.m. to noon July 10, Aug. 14 and Sept. 11 in the Ochiltree County Courthouse, Perryton; 10 a.m. to noon July 9, Aug. 13 and Sept. 10 in the Wellington State Bank, Wellington; and 10 a.m. to noon July 3, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4 in the Texas County activity center, corner Sunset and Fifth, Guymon, Okla.

**PAMPA** — The Downtown Business Association's attempts to spruce up the Cuyler Street shopping area are being foiled by thieves lifting silk flowers.

About \$75 worth of flowers displayed in half-barrels in the 100 and 200 blocks of North Cuyler have disappeared within the last week, police reports show.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — One ticket bought in Tyler correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$12 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 10, 17, 19, 21, 25 and 29.

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

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## County votes to lift its local ban on fireworks

By SHERRY CROMARTIE  
Staff writer

A popping issue may have been diffused today when Gray County commissioners rescinded an earlier emergency order banning the sale, use and possession of pyrotechnics in the county.

In conjunction with that action, they also voted to ask Gov. George W. Bush to revise his own similar fireworks ban to prohibit aerial fireworks only.

The local and gubernatorial actions were a response to severe drought conditions in the county and fear of accompanying fire as the July 4 holiday approached.

Commissioners agreed the present moisture accumulation — 5.63 inches this year — is not sufficient to end the local drought, although conditions have improved and certain areas of the county are "greening up."

"My precinct has received rain, all right, but a lot less than what Pampa, McLean and Lefors, or other rural areas have received in recent weeks. And things are greening up, but a lot less green than other places," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said disaster conditions continue in the county and if conditions deteriorate he will

issue another temporary ban on fireworks under the Emergency Management Code.

"If conditions were to worsen (from present moisture to dryer conditions) we should not hesitate to put this into effect," he said.

The bans, however, earlier sparked a lawsuit by a trade group representing fireworks vendors. Texas Pyrotechnic Association asked District Judge Lee Waters to prohibit enforcement of the ban and declare it invalid. The issue never made it to court.

"We think that's the right decision and we are happy they recognized they did not have the authority to do what they previously attempted to do," said Lance Lewis, an attorney for Texas Pyrotechnics Association.

He declined to speculate whether the lawsuit against Gray County would be dropped, noting the nearness of Independence Day and questioning whether vendors would have time to sell fireworks.

"Some people may have still been harmed by their previous conduct," he said.

TPA will continue to study the issue, Lewis said.

Edward Kotara of Jumbo's Fireworks, applauded the court's decision.

"We appreciate the ability of the Gray County commissioners' court to make a good decision ... and return to the true American tradition of having fire works," he said today.

"It is going to be up to us — like Jumbo's Fireworks — to police this and to make sure they don't buy aerial fireworks. Our purpose is to help individuals. We will probably give out a piece of paper with safety tips and ideas on the type of fireworks that can be used like tanks, hens, copters, police cars, Indy cars, colored smoke balls," he said.

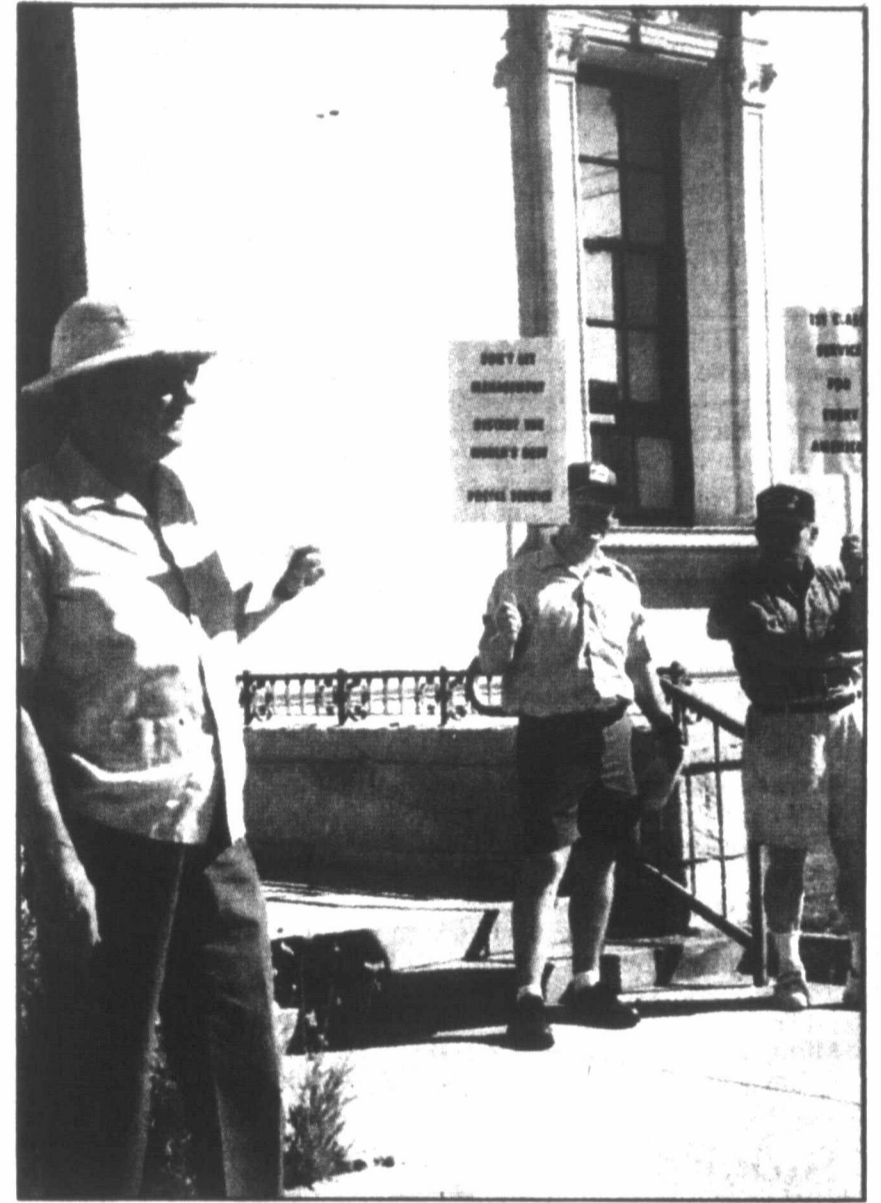
Kotara said he expects the Texas Pyrotechnics Association lawsuit to be dropped.

"It's probably stopped the other lawsuits," he said.

"It'll always be profitable. Fireworks seasons is always good — even in the bad years it's good," said Kotara.

Aerial fireworks include sky rockets and bottle rockets, missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, roman candles and mine shells and are considered to be uncontrollable by the user.

"Anything that lifts off the ground is an aerial fireworks — if it lifts above ground only a few inches or up to 50 feet, it is classified as an aerial device," Peet said.



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Letter carriers Dave Purcell in foreground, and Kevin Robinson and Gordon Flynn picketed in front of the Post Office Wednesday in 100 degree heat to tell the public their concerns about mechanization and privatization. Participants were allowed to wear their uniforms during the picket as long as they were off the clock, said union president Charlie Burke.

## Local letter carriers brave heat to hold informative picket

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

Local letter carriers toiled more than the mail Wednesday when they picked up signs warning the public mail service may be harmed by automation and privatization.

Picketing in front of the U.S. Post Office, 120 E. Foster, were about 11 members of Top O' Texas Branch No. 3094 of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The problem, according to letter carrier Bob Bigham, is management's effort to use machines to do the work.

"When they get it in service, Pampa will get some of this," he said. "They are trying to run it as a business."

That sentiment was echoed by letter carrier Cheryl Underwood. "We want to make the public aware of the way the Postal Service is going to do their automation," she said.

"We carry the mail every day, and they think they know a bet-

ter way," Underwood said. James Whitmarsh noted the picket was nationwide and aimed to be informational.

"We support letter carriers all over, especially in places that already have (increased mechanization). Maybe it will be better for us when it gets here," Whitmarsh said.

Postmaster Richard Wilson is in Lubbock today at Postal Service meeting, said Customer Service Supervisor Charlie Thompson.

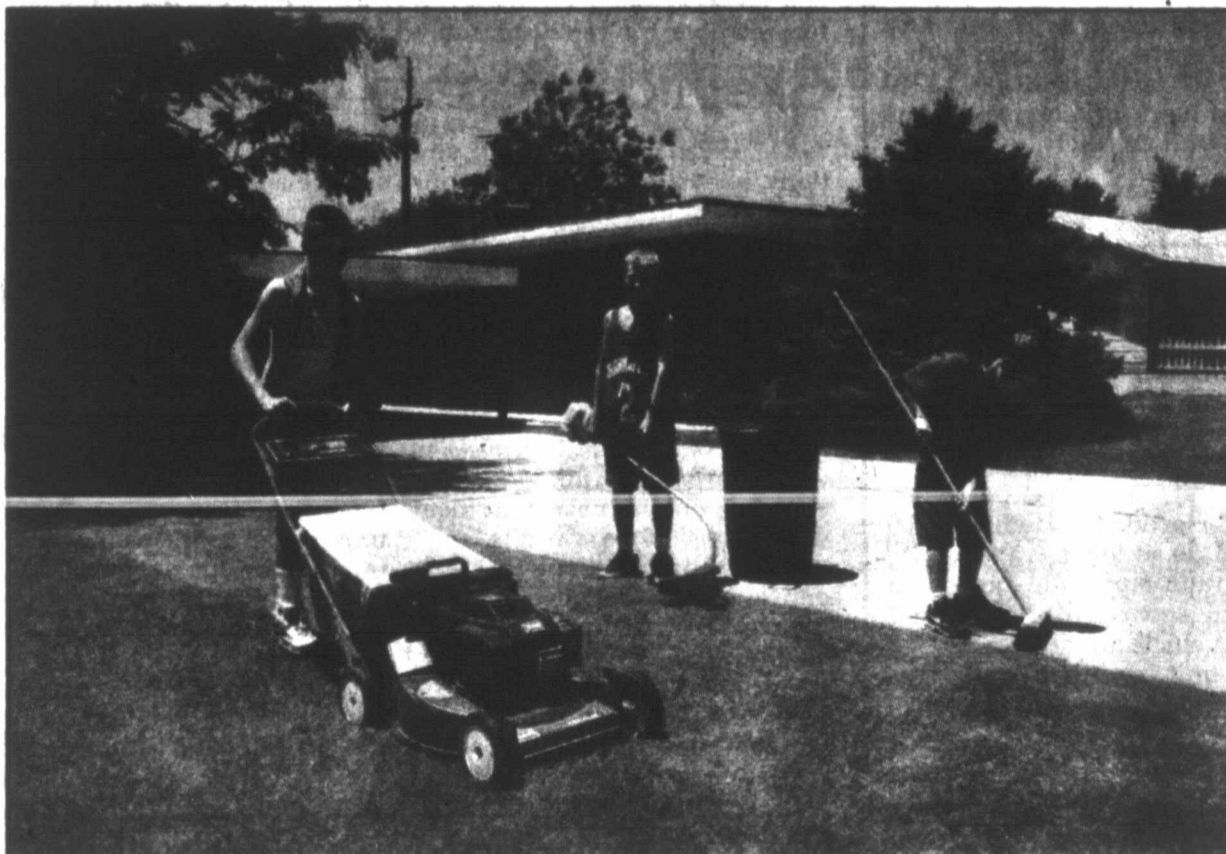
Thompson said he prefers to let Wilson comment on local mechanization issues.

Picketing retiree Don Emmons noted U.S. Postal Service is the best and cheapest service in the world.

"I figure they needed all the support they could get. They gonna have a hard time firing me," he said, repeating a rumor that picketers would be terminated.

Branch No. 3094 has about 35 members including retirees, said president Charlie Burke.

## Helping with the yard work



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

O.G. and Clea Trimble get some help from their grandchildren doing yard work at their residence at 1201 Williston. Working on their grandparents' yard Wednesday are Colby Brazile, 13; Clay Trimble, 12; and Cooper Brazile, 9, busy mowing, edging and raking up the yard.

## Supreme Court rejects NFL players' suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unionized workers cannot file antitrust lawsuits against employer groups for imposing salaries after a bargaining impasse, the Supreme Court ruled today in a case involving the National Football League.

The National Labor Relations Board, not federal courts, has primary responsibility for policing the collective bargaining process, the court said in an 8-1 decision.

Today's ruling upholds a federal appeals court decision that threw out a \$30.3 million antitrust damage award to NFL rookie players.

In other decisions, the court: — Refused to throw out the death sentence of a Virginia killer who said prosecutors "ambushed" him by producing surprise evidence linking him to two other murders. By a 5-4 vote, the court said Coleman Wayne Gray could not raise that claim in a feder-

al appeal of his state court conviction.

— Ruled, 7-2, in a Virginia case, the federal government cannot be forced to pay damages when it violates a law that protects disabled people from bias in federal agency programs.

— Ruled unanimously in a Utah case that federal tax claims on underfunded pension plans cannot be given a lower priority than competing claims by private creditors in bankruptcy cases.

In the NFL decision, the court said its ruling applies not only to professional athletes but other kinds of organized workers.

Allowing employees to sue over salaries imposed by employer groups after impasse "threatens to introduce instability and uncertainty into the collective bargaining process," Justice Stephen G. Breyer wrote for the court.

"It would be odd to fashion an antitrust exemption that gave

additional advantages to professional football players (by virtue of their superior bargaining power) that transport workers, coal miners or meat packers would not enjoy," he said. "We therefore conclude that all must abide by the same legal rules."

Justice John Paul Stevens, the lone dissenter, contended the football players should be allowed to sue. He added, "Other employees, no less than well-paid athletes, are entitled to the protections of the antitrust laws when their employers unite to undertake anticompetitive action."

Robin Conrad of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said the ruling was "very important for all businesses and not just those in the sport and entertainment industry."

"The decision is applying a basic time-honored labor law practice to the concept of multi-employer bargaining," she said. See NFL SUIT, Page 2

## Report: Rich still getting richer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rich are getting richer.

A Census Bureau look at income figures back to 1968 shows that the richest 20 percent of Americans are increasing their income more rapidly than the poorest 20 percent.

The top group jumped 44 percent in that period, from \$73,754 to \$105,945 for the average household, the bureau said.

During the same period the bottom fifth of households saw its incomes grow just 8 percent, from \$7,202 to \$7,762, the report found.

"The long-run increase in income inequality is related to changes in the nation's labor market and its household composition," the bureau said.

The increase in jobs for high-

ly skilled, trained and educated workers has helped boost incomes at the top scales, the report said. At the same time, fewer high-paying jobs exist for low-skill workers either in production or retail areas.

In addition, household incomes tend to fall as divorces and out-of-wedlock births shift households away from traditional married couples to more single parents and individuals.

Finally, there has been an increasing tendency for men and women of higher than average earnings to marry each other, thus boosting average household income at the top levels, the bureau said.

Progress has not been steady for either top or bottom income groups, the data shows.







**Nation briefs**

**Zodiac killer undone by own handwriting**  
 NEW YORK (AP) — In the end, the man who wrote taunting letters daring police to catch him was undone by his own handwriting.

A negotiator summoned to persuade a gun-toting Heriberto Seda to surrender after a standoff with police was by chance a detective who once had hunted the elusive Zodiac killer, who is blamed for three slayings.

Detective Sgt. Joseph Herbert noticed the suspect's strange handwriting and scrawls, including an inverted cross crowned by three 7's.

"It just jumped out of the page," said Herbert, whose mind instantly flashed to the Zodiac's letters. "I nearly fell off my chair."

At a news conference, Police Commissioner Howard Safir confirmed that Seda, 28, had been linked to the shootings that terrified New Yorkers in the early 1990s. A police source said Seda confessed to being the Zodiac killer.

**Separation performed on twin boys successful**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Two month-old brothers who had been joined from the chest to the belly button slept in different cribs for the first time hours after doctors separated them.

Hever Aron Moreno and Roman Alan Moreno, who also had shared a liver, were separated Wednesday in a five-hour operation at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center. About 18 doctors participated.

The twins were listed in stable condition on ventilators in the hospital's special care unit. Doctors expect to release the boys in two to four weeks.

"We're still worried and still praying, hoping that everything goes well," said Roman Moreno, the boys' father. "The kids aren't out of danger yet."

Aron and Alan, as they are called by hospital staff, each has his own organs, circulatory system and gastrointestinal tract.

Before the operation, they underwent a procedure to stretch the skin where they were joined. The extra skin was needed to cover areas exposed by the separation.

The boys were born May 16 in Chula Vista, south of San Diego. Their parents, who live in Tijuana, Mexico, came to the United States so their sons could get better treatment.

"I'm a mother and I wanted the best for my kids," Andrea Moreno said. "I knew there are good doctors here, and that it would be so expensive we couldn't afford it, but I just wanted to do what a mother would do."

**Watering the flowers**



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holman)

Christin Chisum waters the flowers in the redwood barrels in front of Rheams Diamond Shop, 111 N. Cuyler, where she works, helping with the beautification of downtown Pampa.

**Alien survives ordeal in desert, vows never to cross border illegally again**

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Julio Cesar Castillo-Godinez packed a nightmarish lifetime into less than a week in which he nearly died.

The 19-year-old was the sole survivor among at least five other illegal aliens who died trying to cross Arizona's deadly desert.

Castillo-Godinez has returned to Mexico after describing how he gave several of the men his urine to drink to stay alive a bit longer.

He vows he won't return to the United States, unless he can do so legally.

He also says he advises others contemplating a similar desert trek "not to cross because it's very difficult, and there isn't any water. So that they don't have to go through what we went through."

Castillo-Godinez said he chose to meet with reporters Wednesday before being taken voluntarily to Nogales — to return to his family in Empalme, Sonora — so he could warn others of the desert's dangers. "It's very hot, it's very difficult, and they could die."

He was trying to reach Eloy,

where he said his father works legally, picking melons. He said he and several men from the Mexican states of Sinaloa and Sonora, including two who were brothers and their cousin, had tried to cross seeking similar work.

Ronald Sanders, chief of the U.S. Border Patrol's Tucson sector, said they might have been smuggling narcotics. Castillo-Godinez denied that, saying they were approached about doing so but refused.

Nine men initially crossed into Arizona at about 3 a.m. on June 7 between Sasabe and Itak, a village on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation, he said. Three later became separated from the six he was among, Castillo-Godinez said.

It took about three days to reach Sells, about 65 miles west of Tucson. They walked another day, getting water on the reservation, before the group's unpaid guide, David Ramirez, began fading on the fifth day and refused to move from beneath a mesquite tree.

**Senate votes to repeal abortion ban after House vote upholds legislation**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion rights advocates won a rare victory in the Republican-controlled Congress as the Senate voted to allow abortions at U.S. military hospitals overseas.

The 51-45 vote Wednesday would repeal a new law banning those abortions. But first the House and Senate must resolve their disagreement on the issue. Last month a similar move in the House to overturn the abortion ban failed 225-192.

Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, called the vote, "a welcome break from Congress' unprecedented assaults on women's reproductive freedom."

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., included the measure in the \$267 billion defense authorization bill for 1997. This year's defense authorization — signed in January — contained the Republican-backed ban on abortions at overseas military hospitals.

Abortions long have been banned at domestic military hospitals, on the assumption that military women or family members could go elsewhere for safe abortions. At U.S. military hospitals overseas, the policy has changed back and forth over the years.

Murray and others argued that women have no safe alternatives when stationed overseas, and they framed that argument as one of basic fairness to women serving their country.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said the largely male Senate needed to see the issue from a woman's perspective.

"I wonder what my friends of the male persuasion on both sides of the aisle would be doing on this floor if suddenly it was announced that men couldn't get help when they were stationed abroad," Boxer said. "They would say, 'Regardless of what it is, we need our men in the military to be there.'"

Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., led the effort to uphold the current law and defeat Murray's repeal proposal. Coats said military women seeking abortions could travel to the United States if needed.

"What we're really dealing with here is the question of whether or not federal funds should be used in the performance of abortions," Coats said.

While Murray's measure would require women to pay for abortion procedures, Coats countered that taxpayers were still financing the military hospital overhead costs.

A dozen Republicans voted with Murray to repeal the abortion ban, while six Democrats

voted to keep the ban in place.

The Republican controlled Congress passed the ban last year and President Clinton reluctantly signed the measure in January as part of this year's defense bill. But the measure never was voted on separately in the Senate. Clinton said he opposed the ban but needed other provisions contained in the defense measure.

One of Clinton's first acts as president had been to rescind a Reagan administration executive order establishing the abortion ban.

The issue of abortions at overseas military hospitals typically affects only a few women a year. But it has become a touchstone for congressional debate on the abortion issue.

Three times earlier this year the Senate voted for anti-abortion positions.

Earlier Wednesday, the Senate voted 53-44 to retain increased funding in the bill for accelerated development of a national missile defense system.

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## Newsmakers

AMARILLO - Twin brothers Jeremiah L. Downs and Jason L. Downs, 1993 graduates of Pampa High School, were among the graduate candidates during commencement exercises held this spring at Amarillo College.

They were among 977 honored during a combined commencement for Amarillo College and its newest division, Amarillo Technical Center. They began their instruction with Texas State Technical Institute, which later incorporated with Amarillo College.

The brothers each received an associate degree in applied science in instrumentation technology.

The two are the sons of Beverly and Keith Taylor and Johnny and Brenda Downs, all of Pampa. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Downs and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Taylor, all of Pampa; and Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Colson, Amarillo.

WACO - Amber Chez Seaton of Pampa was among 1,216 students awarded academic degrees from Baylor University at the close of the 1996 spring session. Seaton earned a bachelor of fine arts degree.

FORT WORTH - Shannon Melissa Sehorn of Pampa was among the 906 Texas Christian University students who completed degree requirements at the close of the spring semester May 11.

TCU's commencement ceremony featured Burlington Northern Santa Fe Chairman, Robert Krebs as the keynote speaker.

The class of 1996 had 26 summa cum laude, 62 magna cum laude and 82 cum laude graduates and included six students who earned a 4.0 grade point average.

Sehorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Sehorn, received a bachelor of science degree with majors in psychology and biology.

STILLWATER, Okla. - Hui-Wen Jané Teng of Pampa, Texas, was among 2,890 Oklahoma State University students who earned recognition on academic honor rolls for the spring 1996 semester.

Teng was named to the Dean's Honor Roll. To make the honor roll, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours, make a 3.5 grade point (B average or higher), have no grade below a C and have no incomplete courses.

PLAINVIEW - Five Pampa area students were among those named to the spring 1996 semester academic honor rolls at Wayland Baptist University.

Named to the President's List were Scott Franklin and Kami Leonard, both of Canadian. The President's List recognizes students obtaining a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (all A's).

Making the Dean's List for the semester were Mischell Bowley of Lefors, Jacob D. Reed of Canadian and John K. West of Pampa. To make the Dean's List, a student must obtain a 3.5 grade point (B) average or higher.

AMARILLO - Amarillo College honored 977 graduate candidates during recent commencement exercises. This was the first commencement ceremony which combined the graduates of Amarillo College and its newest division, Amarillo Technical Center.

Fall graduates from Pampa include: Laura Curfman, Barbara Louise Burns, Virginia Kay Martinez, Tiffany Helyn Mathias, Linda Powers and Pami Dildy, all associate degrees in applied science, associate degree in nursing; and Matthew S. Hamon and Steven Kirk Keyes, both AAS, instrumentation technology.

Spring graduates from Pampa include: Marci L. Allen, AAS, dental hygiene; Cynthia A. Ensey, AAS, associate degree in nursing; Angelica M. Gutierrez, certificate of completion, programming; Jeanine M. Malone and Chil William Wilson, AAS, associate degree in nursing; Dwayne McBryde and Mark A. McCullar, both certificates of completion, basic firefighter; Brandon W. Niccum, certificate of completion, basic machine shop operator; and Donald D. Rowell, certificate of completion, basic peace officer academy.

Summer graduates from Pampa include: Lori Ann Crippen Brown, certificate of completion, medical data specialist; Michelle Denella Cardinale, AAS, radiation therapy; Shannon Harper Degner, AAS, medical laboratory technology; Connie A. Williams, Jason L. Downs and Jeremiah Lynn Downs, all AAS, instrumentation technology; Richard Cale Fleming and Scott P. Tarvin, both certificate of completion, diesel technician certificate; and Sherylyn Marie Snapp, AAS, occupational therapy assistant.

Nancy Elizabeth Trusty of Lefors received an AAS in nursing, and Jimmy Ray Henson Jr. of McLean received a certificate of completion in professional truck operations.

## Organized fight against cotton eating weevils faces extinction

LUBBOCK (AP) - The future of the state-mandated program to fight the cotton-eating boll weevil is in limbo following a judge's letter that indicates he deems it unconstitutional.

State District Judge Marvin Marshall sent the letter, dated June 6, to attorneys for 10 Plainview-area farmers suing for the elimination of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and to the agency's lawyers. The letter states that he will grant the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment challenging the constitutionality of the eradication effort.

The letter, which does not outline the judge's rationale, is not an official ruling. Marshall, who has been slowed by heart problems and complications from cancer treatments, has fallen ill since writing the letter.

An official ruling was expected sometime in July.

Lawyers and plaintiffs declined Wednesday to comment on the case.

Hale Center farmer Don Lyles, leader of an effort to organize a recall election to eject the foundation from the High Plains of Texas, said he'll continue to follow the law until he hears otherwise.

"I know there are people that, when they read that it's unconstitutional, they will refuse to write their checks," Lyles said. "There are going to be a lot of them."

Faced with the emergence of the highly destructive boll weevil in some South Plains counties, farmers voted overwhelmingly in April of last year to establish the foundation's spraying program in a 30-county area around Lubbock.

But some farmers in more northern counties, where the weevil threat is more remote, balked at the eradication program, which is funded by assessments on farmers.

The lawsuit and Lyles' recall effort, which are unrelated, argue that the boll weevil levy violates the Texas constitutional mandate that agricultural assessments be for marketing and educational purposes and be charged at the point of sale.

The weevil eradication assessments are due more than two months before the first harvests in the fall.

At this point, the letter doesn't force the foundation to cease operations, which Plains Cotton Growers Inc. boll weevil program coordinator Roger Haldenby considers a bright spot.

"I don't see it as a loss or a victory on either side," said Haldenby, whose group has operated a boll weevil spraying program in the High Plains for 32 years and will administer the foundation's malathion spraying, scheduled to start in two years.

## Rodeo horse's death investigated

BROWNWOOD, Texas (AP) - An anonymous call has triggered an investigation by the Brown County sheriff's office into the death of a quarter horse following a private rodeo last weekend east of Bangs.

When Bangs police arrived in response to the call, the horse was dead, officials said. The horse's owner and bystanders said the horse died of exhaustion, but the anonymous tip was that the horse had been beaten.

The rodeo was at the intersection of County Road 163 and U.S. 67-84.

Bangs police officer Chris Delgado said it appeared the horse had been cleaned with water just prior to the officers' arrival.

"Everybody denied that the horse had been beaten; however, we are working on some witness statements now that indicate otherwise," said Dave Fair, a deputy sheriff who specializes in animal cruelty investigations.

Fair said the horse's left eye revealed injuries consistent with some type of head trauma. But he declined to speculate on what type of weapon may have been used to beat the horse.

## Ten-year-old Selena star local hero

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) - Smiling broadly and waving beneath an armful of roses, 10-year-old Becky Lee Meza returned home to a hero's welcome after winning a role in the upcoming movie Selena.

"I didn't think there were going to be this many people here. Cool," the perky fifth-grader said as she scanned the crowd of friends and relatives that gathered Wednesday to greet her at the Harlingen airport.

The group cheered "Yeah Becky" and "We love you" as Becky and her parents

stepped off the airplane from California, where a news conference was held Tuesday to announce she would portray Selena as a child in the film about the slain Tejano singer.

A Harlingen native who lives just five minutes north in the tiny farming community of Combes, Becky was chosen over thousands of other little girls who answered a nationwide casting call for the part.

Actress Jennifer Lopez will play Selena as an adult in the movie, which starts filming in Texas later this summer.

## Counties seek cloud seeding bids

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The Alamo Area Council of Governments has voted unanimously to seek bids to seed the clouds in 12 South Texas counties, including Bexar County.

The council directed its staff Wednesday to seek bids on the cloud seeding.

Cloud seeding is the process of dropping a synthetic substance into a cloud to produce large raindrops. Versions of the process have been used in Texas since the 1970s.

Drought conditions have drained reservoirs in South Texas

and caused stringent water-use restrictions in San Antonio.

The council, a group of public officials from about 90 local governments within the 12 counties, made the decision during its semiannual meeting in San Antonio.

The specifics of the regional project were not discussed during the meeting, but George Bomar, meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, told the council there are two decades of data showing cloud seeding had increased rainfall in West Texas.

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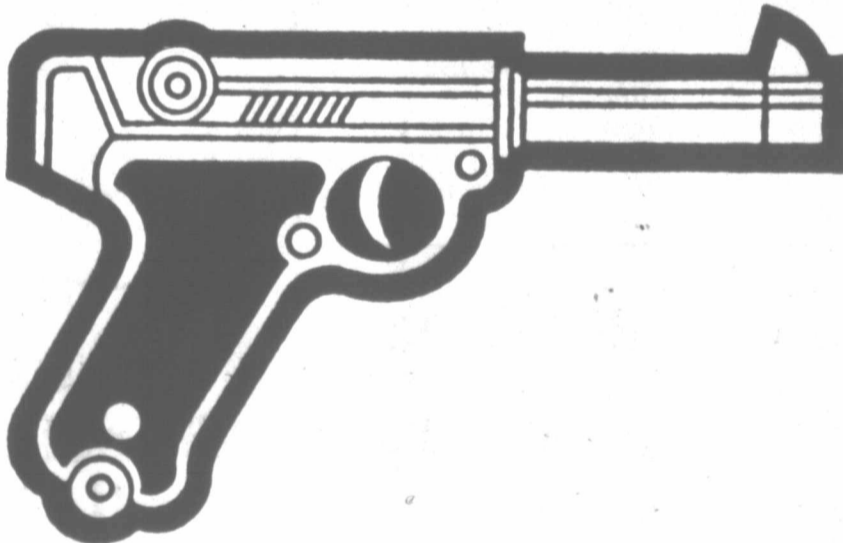
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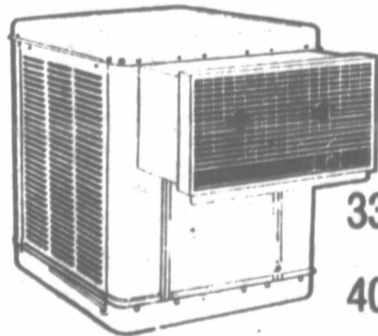
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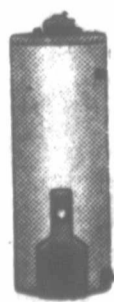
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AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

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.

20 - PAMPA CANCER AREA SUPPORT GROUP regular meeting, 7-8 p.m., Coronado Hospital Medical Building (NOT in the hospital). For more information, contact Kathy Gist at 665-4742 or Emily Washington at 669-7619.

22 - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS to host "Potluck Supper" at 6 p.m. at Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact John and Carolyn Stokes at 665-7896 or Jim and Kathleen Greene at 665-8067.

23 - PAMPA DESK AND DERRICK CLUB will meet at the Pampa Country Club. Regina Partain will present "Stress Management." For more information, contact Linda Slaybaugh at 669-7884.

24 - CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK to hold its monthly meeting at the Lovett Memorial Library conference room at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tomoko I. Mechler at 665-3002, Kelly Ebel at 665-2825 or Grant Johnson at 669-9887.

24 - 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.

25 - 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.

26 - TOP O' TEXAS RUPUBLICAN WOMEN'S Club will meet at noon at Furr's Cafeteria. For more information, contact Laurey Gilbert at 665-5563.

29 - THE ALL-STAR JUBILEE will present the North Fork Band, providing country and gospel music, at 8 p.m. at the Stokes Barn east of Pampa on Hwy. 60. Admission is \$3 per adult, with children under age 10 admitted free. A concession will open at 7:30 p.m. featuring Kenny's pig hip sandwiches and sourdough cobbler.

30 - SAXAPHONE MUSICIAN/SINGER GREG WINN will be in concert at 10:30 a.m. at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler. For more information, contact Mike Moss at 665-5941 or 665-6060.

July

3 - WAL-MART is sponsoring a free blood pressure clinic from 10-11 a.m. conducted by Quality LifeStyles. For more information, contact Stefanie Bailey at 665-0886.

4 - CITY OF PAMPA'S FIREWORKS DISPLAY at Recreation Park, 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bill Hildebrandt at 669-5750.

4 - 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.

5 - 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.

11 - VFW POST 1657, 105 S. Cuyler, is sponsoring a free blood pressure and blood sugar clinic from 10-11 a.m. conducted by Quality LifeStyles. For more information, contact Sara Wheelley at 665-0886.

11 - ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meeting at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Parkway. Speaker will be Mimi Mize with the Golden Phoenix Unit of Columbia Medical Center. She will have information for caregivers with her program titled "Labor of Love." For more information, contact Chrys at 665-0356.

8-10 - TOP O' TEXAS KID PONY SHOW, Recreation Park. For more information, contact Jane Jacobs at 669-3241.

11-13 - TOP O' TEXAS PRCA RODEO, Recreation Park. This will mark the 50th Annual Celebration of the Rodeo Association, many festivities are planned. For more information, contact Jane Jacobs at 669-3241.

13 - TOP O' TEXAS RODEO PARADE, 10 a.m. Entries being taken at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, phone 669-3241.

14-17 - REVIVAL WITH EVANGELIST GARY PACK, First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler. Preaching, drama, singing. Services schedule: Sunday, 6:30 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday, 7 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Moss at 665-6941 or 665-6060.

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.

## Clinton defends longtime friend Bruce Lindsey

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bruce Lindsey always was there for Bill Clinton - an intense, bookish aide at the elbow of a rising political star. He had Clinton's ear in 1980 when the young Arkansas governor's career hit the skids, and again in '92 when it soared.

Now it's Clinton's turn to stand up for the man who's always stood by him.

Prosecutors in the Little Rock, Ark., trial of two bankers are poised to implicate Lindsey in what they say was an illegal transaction involving Clinton's 1990 campaign for governor. Although Lindsey does not face charges, a defense attorney in the case said Wednesday the Clinton confidant will be named as an unindicted co-conspirator.

The president wasted no time defending his old friend.

"I've got lots of confidence in him," Clinton said moments after the Lindsey development

broke Wednesday. "I'm confident he didn't do anything wrong."

The action marks the first time Whitewater prosecutors have pierced Clinton's inner circle at the White House.

Lindsey is considered Clinton's closest adviser, other than first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. And his modest title, deputy White House counsel, belies Lindsey's influence on administration policy and politics.

The development clouds an already stormy political picture at the White House: Hours before the announcement in Arkansas, Congress opened hearings into the White House's collecting in late 1993 and early 1994 of private FBI files on more than 400 people, many of them Republicans. Three Clinton associates were convicted by Whitewater prosecutors less than a month ago.

And now Lindsey is a central figure in the

trial of Arkansas bankers Herby Branscum Jr. and Robert M. Hill in Little Rock, where opening arguments are expected today.

Prosecutors say Branscum and Hill wrongly used \$13,217 in bank funds to reimburse political donations to Clinton and other candidates. They also are charged with concealing from the Internal Revenue Service two withdrawals totaling \$52,500 by Clinton's 1990 campaign for Arkansas governor.

Lindsey, the campaign's treasurer, has said he arranged the withdrawals and broke one of them into four checks of less than \$10,000 each. Banks are required under federal law to report all cash transactions over \$10,000 to the IRS.

Lindsey said he never instructed anyone to keep it secret from the IRS, and was only trying to prevent Clinton's political enemies from learning about the withdrawal - and reacting to it - on the eve of the election.

## Prominent civil rights attorney Sandoval dead from apparent suicide

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Ruben Sandoval, an attorney who over several decades led hundreds of supporters on protest marches for Hispanic rights, is dead at 55 from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Sandoval was found dead Wednesday afternoon in his

San Antonio apartment.

"He was found with a rifle in his lap," homicide Sgt. Darrell Volz said. "It appears he committed suicide."

Sandoval had been under financial siege in recent months.

An examination of Bexar County records on Wednesday revealed that Sandoval was deal-

ing with a tangle of financial problems, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported today.

An medical examiner's ruling in the death was pending today, awaiting completion of an autopsy, officials said.

Survivors include three children, Ruben, Emiliano and Vela,

and two grandchildren. Funeral services are pending.

Revered as a defender of the poor by many and scorned by some who claimed he unfairly attacked law enforcement, the lawyer had made himself known across the state for his defense of civil rights and his political turf battles.

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## Best Advice For 'Other Man' Is To Get On With His Life

**DEAR ABBY:** We hear so much about "the other woman" and how slim her chances are for getting her lover to leave his wife. But I have never seen my problem in your column. My son is the "other man." Abby, what do you think the chances are that a beautiful girl will leave a very wealthy husband, even though they fight and she professes to truly love my son?

He makes very little money compared to his girlfriend's husband. I'd like to know if many men out there have ever been in this situation and how they resolved it.

Please don't sign my name or mention the name of my city. My son would "kill" me if he knew he was being discussed in "Dear Abby." But I hate seeing him constantly depressed because he can't marry the girl of his dreams.

CONCERNED MOTHER

**DEAR MOTHER:** I have no reliable figures on the number of women who have left rich husbands to pursue true love. One thing is certain, however. If a woman leaves the comforts of wealth for a man of modest means, she must truly love him.

If your son had asked me, I would have given him the same advice that I give to all "other women": "Get on with your life and find an available person to love; the cards are stacked against you." Waiting for a married lover to leave his (or her



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spouse, can be the longest wait in the world.

**DEAR ABBY:** Five years ago, I married a nice man who had been married before. (This is my first marriage.)

I am a professional woman with a demanding career and plenty of money of my own. My husband recently told me that his mother had her other son (who is in law enforcement) run my name through the FBI computer. Of course, they turned up nothing. I am furious! He said his mother did it as a "joke."

I am offended and hurt and no longer want to spend time with his family. Fortunately, he is not very close to them.

The problem I foresee is we would like to have a child. If we do, I'd like to know how I can keep this nasty woman out of our lives. Though my husband knows how I

feel about his mother's behavior, she would be the child's only grandparent. And I'm afraid he'd give in and let her run our lives.

Please help me, and do not use my name since this is a small city. **WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE**

**DEAR WORRIED:** Your mother-in-law was a mile out of line, and owes you an apology. I don't blame you for keeping your distance. Since you are concerned about what her role will be should you have children, the best time to come to a meeting of the minds with your husband is now, before the problems presents itself. Reach an agreement now so that you can stand united when the time comes.

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

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## Horoscope



**Your Birthday**

Friday, June 21, 1996

Who you know and what you know could turn out to be your best two assets in the year ahead. You can use this information to your advantage in many situations. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A critical family matter can be resolved today if all the members of your household cooperate. Everyone will have to play his part. 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. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Avoid getting in the middle of two dissenting factions today. You will want to help both parties, but neither may be interested in what you have to offer. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Try to make do with what you have at your disposal today, but if there is something you have to borrow, treat it as if it were your own. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** A wise adviser might give you some sage advice today because he or she can see your situation impartially. Your judgment might not be as sound. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Instead of trying your best today, you might leave something half-finished that could have been completed easily. Tomorrow you may be sorry. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** The possibility of personal achievement looks encouraging today, but you'll have to earn everything you get. You must work hard to avoid disappointment. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Usually,

you are a reliable and industrious individual, but today you might coast and then take credit for work performed by others. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Your behavior may be extreme today. In some instances you will feel ambitious; in other instances you might feel lethargic. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You will have to tread lightly when negotiating a deal today. A thoughtless decision could negatively affect something that should be profitable. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You will not benefit today if you get involved in a partnership arrangement with a person who lacks your initiative and ambition. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Although you must share your profits with the associates who helped you to make these gains, you do not owe anything to the people who did not help you. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If a close friend needs your assistance, do everything you can for him or her today. However, don't be embarrassed to deny financial support.

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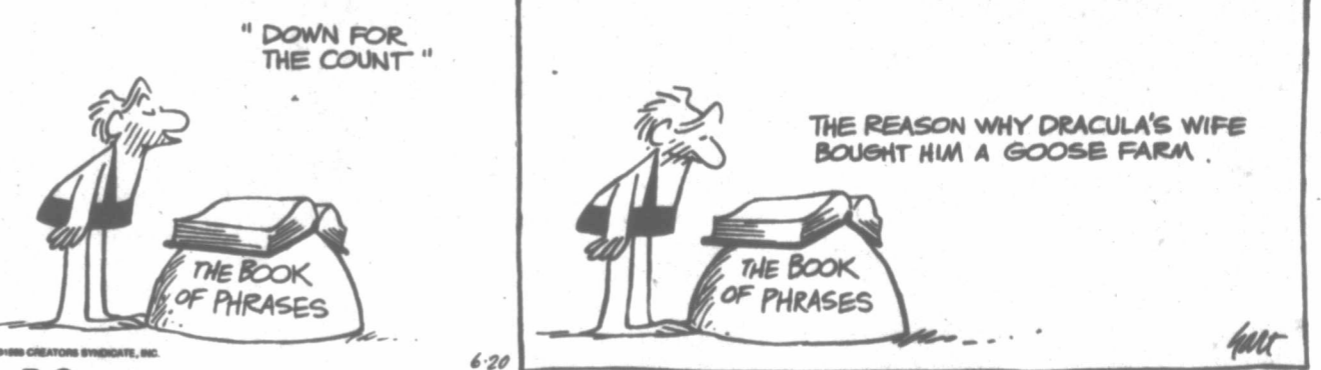
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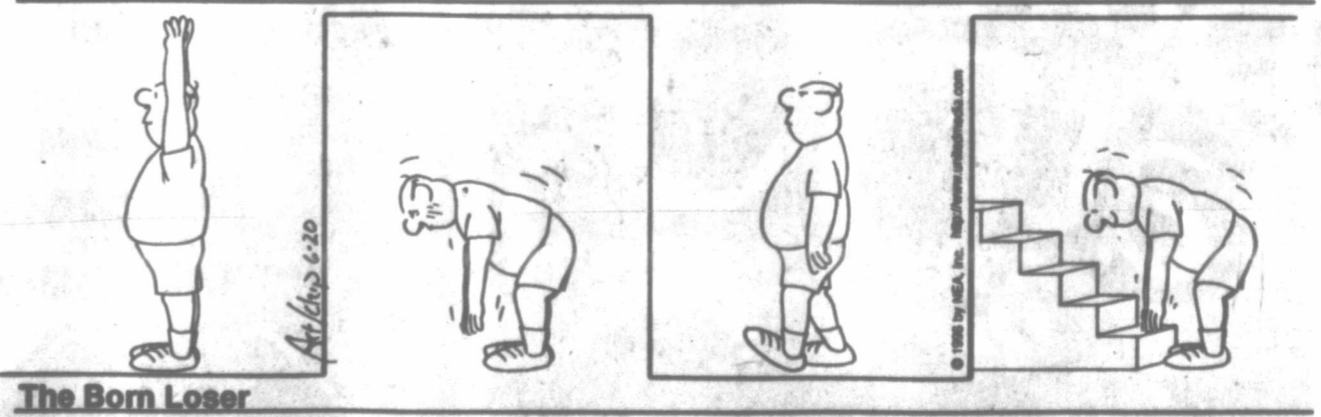
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## State briefs

### Trial of nurse accused of smothering daughter continues

LUBBOCK (AP) — Doctors were to continue testifying today in the retrial of a former nurse accused of smothering and shaking her infant daughter to death 12 years ago.

Deaf Smith District Attorney Ronald Saul has slated a parade of expert witnesses and doctors to in an effort to gain the same verdict another jury came to in 1993: Tanya Reid killed 8-month-old Morgan Reid by asphyxiating, then shaking the girl into a lifeless coma.

The defense contends the child died naturally on Feb. 8, 1984, just as Reid has said ever since.

"Opinions aren't worth 2 cents if they're not supported by facts," Amarillo-based defender Dean Roper said in his opening remarks Wednesday.

Reid, 38, was sentenced to 62 years in prison in 1993 for Morgan's death. A state appeals court last year overturned the verdict, citing State District Judge David Wesley Gulley's failure to consider a change of venue request out of the Texas Panhandle town of Hereford.

### Suit seeks to make post offices more accessible

EL PASO (AP) — Disabled Texans who allege the U.S. Postal Service is violating a federal handicapped accessibility law have sued for a court order that would force the agency into compliance.

A lawsuit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in El Paso charges the agency discriminates against the disabled statewide by failing to consistently provide ramps and not making other accommodations for wheelchair users.

"This is a serious problem and we need to come up with solutions," said Jose Lara of the Disabled Ability Resource Environment, an advocacy group that is one of the plaintiffs.

"We have to go to these extremes so we can make them see there is a great need," said Lara, who uses a wheelchair.

Stan Dubiel, a postal service spokesman in El Paso, said

agency officials were deferring comment until attorneys could review the suit. "We're going to have to wait until we see exactly what they are alleging," he said.

### Criminal court of appeals rules in three capital murder cases

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Criminal Court of Appeals has upheld three separate capital murder cases, including the conviction and death sentence of Ronald Howard, who claimed he shot a state trooper after listening to rap music.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Bill Davidson, 43, was shot in the neck at close range on April 11, 1992, after stopping the stolen car Howard was driving, according to the court's opinion, released Wednesday.

At the time of the stop, Davidson did not know the car was stolen. He had pulled over Howard for a missing headlight.

In a taped confession, Howard said he shot Davidson because he felt he was being pulled over for no good reason and feared being arrested and sent to jail.

His defense attorney, Allen Tanner, said the shooting was prompted by Howard's listening to "gangsta rap," which often focuses on drugs, sex, violence and a hatred for police.

### El Paso Energy concludes deal for Tenneco assets

EL PASO (AP) — As part of an ongoing restructuring of its business, Tenneco Inc. sold off its energy division to El Paso Energy Corp. in a \$4 billion deal that will effectively put it out of the energy business.

The merger, announced Wednesday, will create one of the top three natural gas companies in the nation, with total assets of about \$8 billion.

Tenneco had previously announced that it would shed certain divisions and focus on its auto parts and packaging business. The current deal marks the third time in the past 15 months that the Greenwich, Conn.-based company has sold or spun off a major division.

### Teen uses computer, FBI web page to capture 'most wanted' fugitive

ANTIGUA, Guatemala (AP) — A year ago that nice Mr. Young wired Sebastian Strzalkowski's computer for the Internet.

Last month the good deed was Young's ticket to Miami. In handcuffs.

It was the first time that a listing on the FBI's page on the World Wide Web lead to an arrest.

Sebastian, a 14-year-old computer buff, found Young's picture on the FBI's Web page three weeks after the family had signed up with an Internet service newly offered in this colonial town 20 miles west of Guatemala City.

Sebastian, who plays guitar in a small garage band and dabbles in computerized music, did not know what to do when he saw the family friend's picture staring at him from the computer screen.

The name attached to the picture was that of Leslie Isben Rogge, wanted for a string of American bank heists.

The kindly 56-year-old man the community here knew as Bill Young had been on the FBI's Most Wanted List for six years.

Rogge, married 13 years to Anne Young, whose real name was Judy Kay Wilson, had lived

undetected for almost four years in Antigua, a picturesque town whose indigenous market and colonial architecture draws floods of tourists each year.

Guatemala, a Central American nation shadowed by 35 years of civil war, appeared to offer Rogge and his spouse a perfect hiding place. The couple was well liked and blended easily into the expatriate community. About 2,000 Americans live in or near Antigua.

His family knew Rogge and his wife fairly well. Rogge often repaired their household appliances, including a VCR, which he gave Sebastian as a present. He drove them to a neighboring town to pick out Zorra, Sebastian's German Shepherd puppy.

Rogge's wife kept accounts for Sebastian's parents, who run an English-language magazine. Rogge advertised himself in the magazine as a handyman.

A year ago Rogge laid a telephone extension line for Sebastian's computer modem. When Internet service came to Antigua, so did the FBI's Most Wanted List.

"He was a great guy, he did all sorts of stuff for me, but if you do something wrong and it catches up with you then you have to pay for it," Sebastian said.

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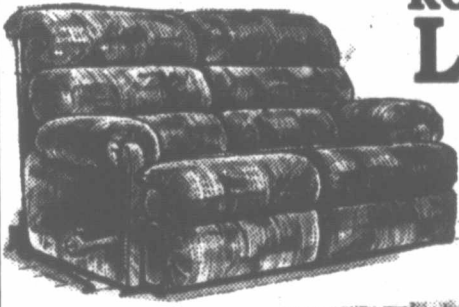
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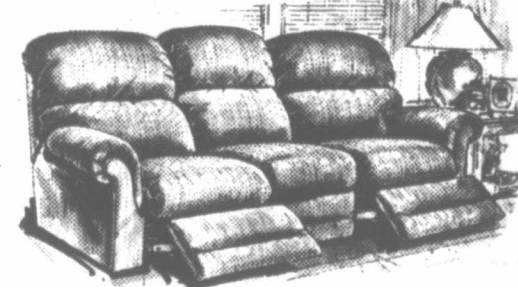


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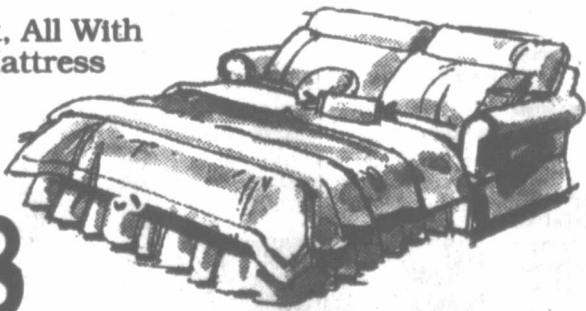


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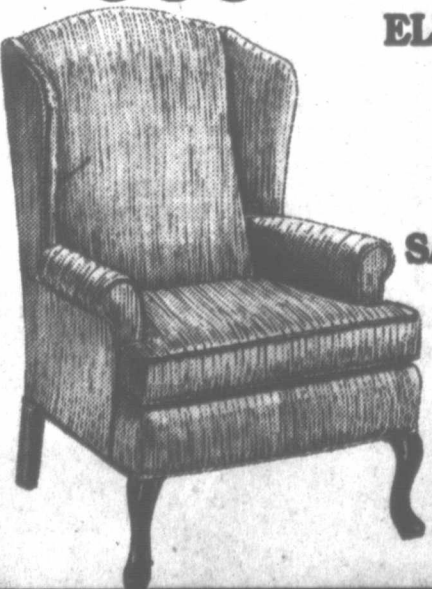
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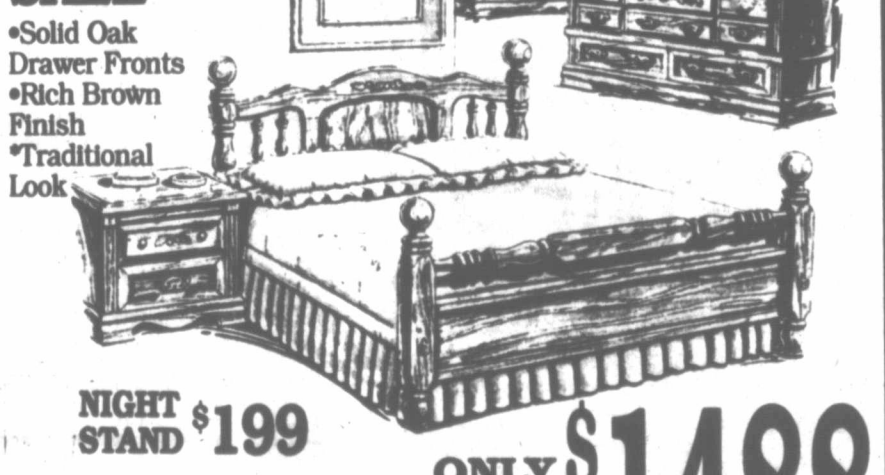
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