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The monthly functions are scheduled the first Tuesday of each month September through May at Pampa Country Club. All reservations should be made through the board office by calling 669-1811; however, to RSVP for the September luncheon, call Quentin-Williams Realtors at 669-2522.

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Uphill battle

U.S. faces challenges enlisting other countries' help with Iraq

By EDITH M. LEDERER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned Friday that the Security Council would be unlikely to support a new resolution for sending more troops to Iraq if the U.S.-led coalition doesn't agree to share decision-making and responsibility.

The U.S. campaign to get more countries to contribute troops to forces in Iraq faces an uphill struggle in a Security Council still bitterly divided over Washington's decision to launch a war without U.N. approval.

Annan reiterated that the United Nations was not considering sending a peacekeeping force to Iraq. But "the

council may decide to transform the operation into a U.N.-mandated multinational force operating on the ground with other governments coming in," he said.

That would "imply not just burden-sharing but also sharing decision and responsibility," Annan said after meeting with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. "If that doesn't happen, I think it's going to be very difficult to get a second resolution that will satisfy everybody."

Building consensus on broadening the U.N. mandate in Iraq would be the focus of upcoming, closed-door council sessions, discussions in capitals, and input from potential troop contributing countries, Straw and Annan said.

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Wood gatherers



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa High School students Jake Hopkins, left, and Zach Hucks, collect wood scraps for the Carpenter Ants booth at Chautauqua, Labor Day, Sept. 1, in Central Park. Children can create a wood design with the scraps, a make-and-take item. Art activities for children at the Pampa Fine Arts art tent include stamp art by Ruth Barrett, beaded items by the Salvation Army, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., sculpting by Mimi Gross, 9-11 a.m. Story telling takes place under the tree by Lovett Library staff members and story telling at the Indian tent by Black Bear at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Meredith unlikely to get N.M. water soon

AMARILLO (AP) — The water level in Lake Meredith on Thursday dropped to 62.9 feet, the lowest it's ever been, and no help will be coming from New Mexico, which is under contract to release water from Lake Ute near Logan, N.M., whenever it has adequate supply.

Kent Terry, Ute Dam caretaker, said it's been dry there also, the Amarillo Globe-News reported in its Friday editions.

Until the current dry spell, the record low level for Lake Meredith was 63.36 feet, achieved in May 1981.

Kent Satterwhite, manager of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, said the past two years have

been the worst ever for Lake Meredith in terms of water inflow. A drought contingency plan will be put into effect if good rains don't come soon, he said.

Under the Canadian River Compact between New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, the state of New Mexico must release water whenever it has 200,000 acre-feet of water, minus about 6,500 acre-feet of incidental water in some smaller reservoirs. An acre-foot is enough to flood an acre of land a foot deep.

Doug Murray, interstate Stream Commission project manager in Santa Fe, N.M., said Ute Lake has only 176,089 acre-feet of water. The mandated release level is approximately 5

feet below spillway level and the lake is about 10 feet below the spillway, Murray said.

No draws are made from Ute Lake for irrigation or drinking water, Terry said. The lake was built for municipal use, but is now being used for recreation.

Not since March 2000 has New Mexico released water to Lake Meredith. At that time, water was released for about a month and a half at a rate of 325 cubic feet per second.

Satterwhite said he doesn't think the lack of release from New Mexico has been significant in the declining water levels at Meredith.

"There just hasn't been rain in the

right spots," he said. "We need intense rains in the watershed."

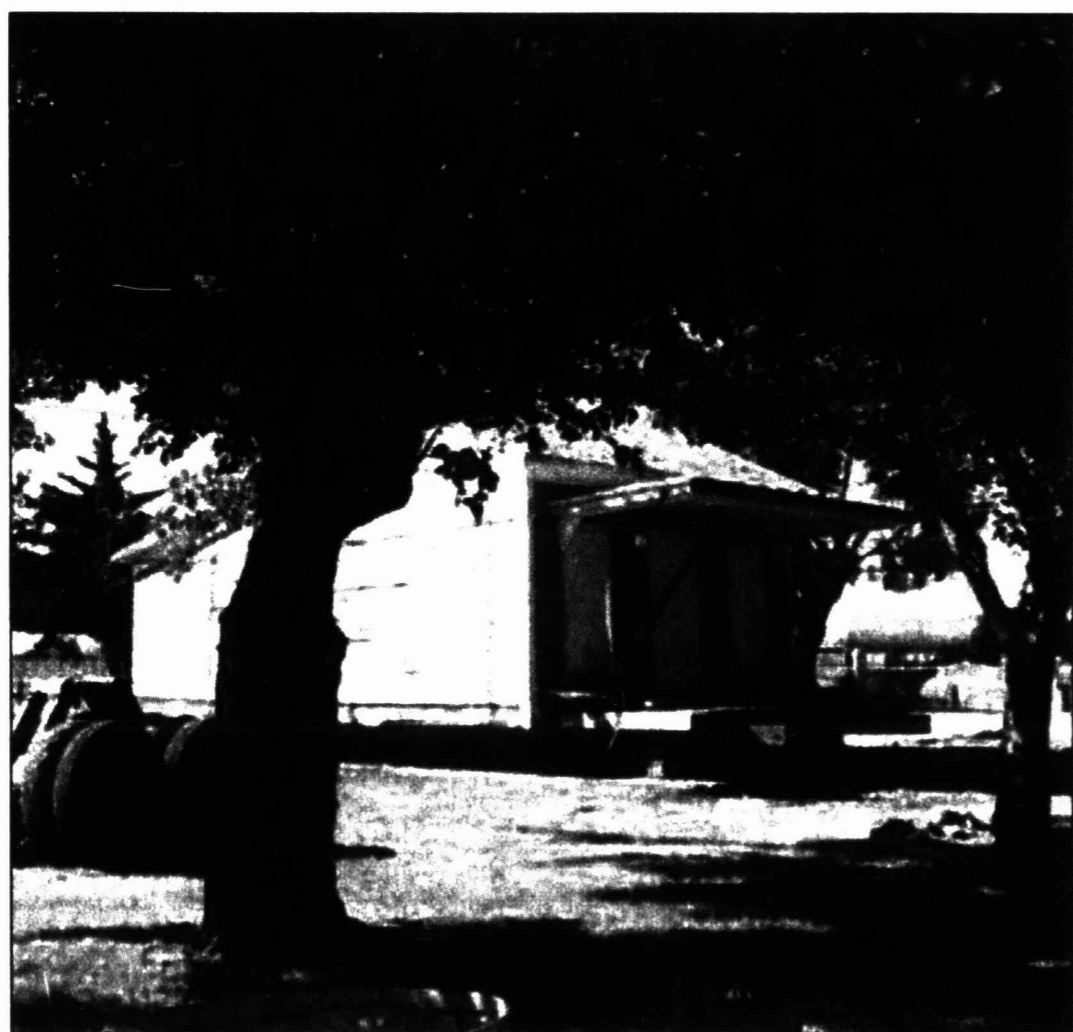
The Lake Meredith watershed is basically outlined by Interstate 40 to Tucumcari, N.M., on the south and Dalhart to south of Dumas on the northern edge, Satterwhite said.

If projections indicates there is less than a three-year supply of water in the lake, CRMWA will reduce deliveries by 10 percent to its member cities. In the second phase, less than a two-year supply, the reduction is 15 percent, and third, 1-year supply, 20 percent.

"If we kept having like the last two years over and over again, we would go to zero supply in three years."

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Shady rest



(Pampa News photo by Skyla Bryant)

One of Pampa's historic landmarks, The Pioneer Cottage, formerly located at Somerville and Yeager streets, waits to be settled into its new home in the under the shade in the park beside the train station at Atchison and Cuyler streets. The old homestead was moved to the new site to be more accessible to public's view.

Reference to God common in U.S.A.

WASHINGTON (AP) — American traditions — a kind of cultural deity — like a president taking office with the U.S. currency says "In God We Trust." Congress opens each day's work with a prayer, including this recent exaltation: "Blessed is the nation whose God is Lord."

Even the high court that decides how much God can be in public lives starts off each session with, "God save the United States and this honorable court," and displays a frieze that includes a depiction of Moses as the lawgiver, holding tablets with the Ten Commandments.

Whatever the outcome of the battle over the Ten Commandments monument in the Alabama state Judicial Building, religious symbols and words will continue to be embedded in the government, the courts and other public places.

God is in the details — even the grand designs — of the republic. Some of the expressions of religion are widely accepted as part of

of cultural deity — like a president taking office with the oath, "So help me God."

Others — school prayer, Christian icons in town squares, President Bush's turn to religious charities for social services — bring on pitched legal battles or at least a feisty debate over the separation of church and state.

Members of Congress who engage in that debate do so after a prayerful beginning to their day. A recent prayer in the Senate asked, "Fill our God-shaped void with Your presence and bid our striving to cease."

On the same day in the House, members bowed their heads to the plea that "You, Lord, will lead, guide and direct them in their affairs."

Around the country, state courthouses are decorated with religious art — although nothing quite like the 5,300-pound granite monument which made its debut in Alabama about two years ago (See REFERENCE, Page 3)

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Power company: Lines carried above-normal load

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — In the hours before the nation's worst blackout, several transmission lines in Ohio were carrying massive amounts of power "well above" emergency summer standards, a company that owns the lines said Friday.

American Electric Power owns or co-owns the power lines with FirstEnergy Corp., which is at the center of a U.S.-Canada blackout investigation. The company released the information with a timeline, but didn't offer any conclusions about the cause of the outage.

The company said it avoided potential widespread outages in its area — only

14,000 of its customers lost power — because automatic control systems detected "abnormal operating conditions" and tripped — or disconnected — from linked FirstEnergy lines.

"It is likely that the automated controls tripped some transmission lines moments before they would have burned down because of extremely high power flows out of our system," said Henry Rayne, AEP's executive vice president.

The power outage darkened homes and businesses in eight states and parts of Canada, affecting 50 million people. It shut down more than 100 power plants and knocked

Cleveland's water supply off line.

Investigators have pointed to three transmission lines owned by FirstEnergy in northern Ohio that shut down Thursday afternoon as the possible cause of the blackout.

AEP said its first failure came at 3:45 p.m. in a line it co-owns with FirstEnergy that comes from a Canton substation. AEP said the line was "abnormal", for 58 seconds. That was more than two hours after a FirstEnergy plant went black in Eastlake, according to another timeline released last weekend by the North

American Electric Reliability Council.

"A number of the lines were carrying power flows well above the summer emergency rating for the lines because of the massive amounts of power being drawn north from AEP's system," AEP said in a news release.

A Canton Center-Cloverdale line, for example, had a summer emergency rating of 197 megavolt-amperes, but was carrying 332 megavolt-amperes when it tripped, the company said. The East-Lima-Fostoria line tripped at 2,000 megavolt-amperes,

much higher than its summer emergency rating of 1,383, AEP said.

The blackout peaked across the Midwest and Northeast at 4:11 p.m.

The company said it was providing the data to the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), which is helping in the investigation led by the U.S. and Canadian governments, which took over the probe last week.

Even before last week's blackout, federal regulators were keeping close tabs on the way power is managed in the Midwest.

Computer virus fighters warn of Internet threat

NEW YORK (AP) — A fast-spreading computer virus already blamed for slowing or shutting down e-mail systems worldwide was programmed to coordinate a new type of attack, antivirus experts said Friday.

Instructions written into the "Sobig" virus, which began appearing Tuesday, call for infected machines running Microsoft Windows to try to download a program of unknown function as early as 3 p.m. Friday.

Experts suggested users clean their computers with antivirus software or turn off machines if they can't run the disinfecting programs. Users with firewall programs could also block UDP port 8998, the Internet opening the virus uses to communicate.

The attack was expected to end at 6 p.m., though the virus is programmed to try again every Friday and Sunday between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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MEREDITH

Satterwhite said.

"In October, there's a chance we will go to drought mode. We have a proposed plan in place. It's going to be close, and it kind of just depends on how conservative the cities want to be," Satterwhite said.

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BATTLE

Annan also said a U.N. team was en route to Baghdad to review security after the truck bombing of U.N. headquarters Tuesday that killed at least 23 people and injured at least 100.

"Although people's starting positions may be different, it is possible to reach a strong consensus," the British foreign secretary said.

Key objections to a resolution for sending more troops to Iraq have been Washington's insistence on retaining command of all military activity in Iraq, and its apparent refusal so far to broaden the U.N. mandate calling for the world body to supply humanitarian aid and help rebuild the war-ravaged country.

Annan said his discussions with Straw — and with Secretary of State Colin Powell on Thursday — focused on letting other countries participate in economic, political and security areas in Iraq.

Straw spoke of searching for ways "in which the international community can come together to strengthen the mandate of the United Nations and the role which the international community is taking."

Powell on Thursday made no mention of a broader U.N. mandate, instead making clear that the United States has no intention of relinquishing military authority.

Since the war to oust Saddam Hussein, U.S. troops have come under constant guerrilla attack. The massive bomb at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad added to the security woes of the U.S.-British occupation force.

Powell launched the drive for a new U.N. resolution on Thursday, calling on member states "to do more" to help Iraq. U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said later that Washington wants the resolution to encourage countries to provide troops, money and help with police training.

France, which led opposition to the war in Iraq, said that if the United States wants countries to share the military burden of restoring peace to the country, it must share "information and authority."

Expressing concern at the increase in acts of terrorism and sabotage, France's deputy U.N. ambassador Michel Duclos asked whether "we would be in this state" if a genuine international partnership had been established at the outset, with U.N. guidance.

Turkey's top political and

military leaders met Friday to consider a U.S. request to deploy thousands of Turkish soldiers in Iraq — a move that could make this predominantly Muslim country the third-largest foreign country in Iraq after the United States and Britain.

Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul told the newspaper Milliyet that Turkey could send peacekeepers to Iraq, but he stressed that soldiers would go to help rebuild the neighboring country and "definitely will not be occupiers."

Powell reaffirmed the U.S. determination to succeed in Iraq and insisted U.S. leadership provides "competent control" of the coalition force. He stressed that the U.S.-led force in Iraq is multinational already, with 30 nations providing 22,000 troops — 11,000 of them from close ally Britain.

"But perhaps additional language and a new resolution might encourage others," he said.

France, Russia, India and Germany have ruled out sending soldiers to Iraq unless a multinational force is authorized by the United Nations. Without U.S. agreement to cede some control to the world body, diplomats said the possibility of a robust international force appeared unlikely to attract much new support.

France and many countries say they've agreed that they want a greater U.N. role in Iraq. "That's the easy part," said Russia's U.N. Ambassador Sergey Lavrov. "How is the more interesting and difficult question?"

U.N. Ambassador Muair Akram said Thursday's briefing "started the ball rolling" on a new resolution.

"Everybody wants to help in stabilization," he said, "but it's a question of how we get that additional stabilization" — whether through the coalition force or additional forces."

Spain's U.N. Ambassador Inocencio Arias insisted the United States was interested in giving "a broader mandate" to the United Nations.

"The administration has the baton to conduct the orchestra, but they want to give the violins a bigger role than before," Arias said.

If Powell could win support from Annan and show flexibility on the concerns of key council members, he might be able to convince the White House and Pentagon that there are ways to maintain U.S. control while giving the international community a bigger role in Iraq.

REFERENCE

and reignited the debate over when God is welcome in public places.

Alabama's associate Supreme Court justices ordered the Ten Commandments monument removed from the rotunda of the state judicial building Thursday, despite Chief Justice Roy Moore's fiery defense of the granite marker. The U.S. Supreme Court has said it would not stay the removal, and Moore has promised he would appeal.

There has been some allowance for references to God in older symbols of the nation.

"Over the last 200 years, our conception of what's appropriate separation has changed," says David Campbell, who teaches political science at the University

of Notre Dame. These are mere "vestiges" of a past when religion and government were more entangled.

While God is in many places, in courtrooms it's a very delicate matter, says John Langan, professor of ethics at Georgetown University.

"People feel very vulnerable there," he said. "They need reassurance they won't be discriminated against and that their values will be taken seriously."

But Langan says, people don't consider religious words or signs on currency a real threat.

"You buy the same things with the money whether it has the same message or not," Langan says. "You don't have to worry about it. No one is going to ask you if you're Protestant, Catholic, Jewish or Muslim. They'll

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just take the money."

Even so, religious references on money are rare outside of fundamentalist Islamic states such as Saudi Arabia which says on one of its bills: "There is no God but God, and Muhammad is his prophet."

America's Declaration of Independence in 1776 presupposed that people believed in a divinity. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights ..."

But the Constitution which followed says nothing about religion except to guarantee its free exercise and its only reference to a higher power was a much used expression: "Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven."

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Hobart Baptist celebrates 50th

Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, is planning a "50th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration" the week of Aug. 29-31.

Among the scheduled events and activities commemorating this anniversary celebration is an evening worship service at 7 p.m., Friday, with former pastor Harold Hook followed at 8 p.m., by an ice cream fellowship in the church courtyard.

At 6 p.m., Saturday, an evening worship service with Lewis Ellis is on tap followed at 7 p.m., by a "Sandwich, Chips and Dips Fellowship" in the courtyard. Sunday at 9:45 a.m., a joint youth and adult Bible study will be held in the auditorium of the church.

Jim Fox, former pastor, will preach during Sunday morning worship services and at 12 noon a catered lunch with Dyer's Bar-B-Que will be served at a cost of \$7 per adult and \$5 for children 3 through 9 years of age.

Hobart Baptist Church first began as a mission of First Baptist Church, Pampa, in August of 1946. A building and lots on Hobart Street were donated by Elmer Barrett. This site became known as Hobart Street Baptist Mission. The Rev. Curtiss Brown, a student minister, was the first pastor. In 1951, a new sanctuary, with a seating capacity of 200, was built.

On Nov. 8, 1953, with W.F. Vanderburg as pastor, Hobart Street Baptist Mission was organized into Hobart Street Baptist Church. Everyone

who came for membership during the month of November 1953 became charter members of the church.

In 1954, a plot of land at 1100 W. Crawford was purchased. An educational building was built, and the sanctuary was moved from Hobart Street to the new location.

In 1956, a house at 1044 S. Sumner was purchased to become a church parsonage. Also in 1956, the educational building caught fire and heavy damage was suffered. While repairs were underway, the church met for Sunday school, training union and worship services at Lamar Elementary School.

In June of 1960, the present sanctuary was completed and dedicated. On Nov. 4, 1974, final payment on the church building was made, making us debt free. Since that time, there have been many additions to both the church buildings and the parsonage.

After the completion of the new sanctuary, a church slogan was adopted. "The end of your search for friendly church." The hope is that this will always be true.

A Spanish Baptist Mission was begun in 1990. Hobart Baptist Church helped support this mission both financially and with the use of the old sanctuary. Later in 1992, the old sanctuary building was sold to the Spanish Mission, and they moved it to Barnes Street, where it continues to serve as a building for the Spanish people

to worship Jesus.

During the years the church has purchased, used and sold an old church bus and a 15-passenger church van. A 31-passenger people carrier was purchased and a garage was built to house it.

In 2002, the parsonage was sold to Lewis and Tula Ellis.

Many updates both to the building and its contents have been made — its fellowship hall has been renovated and a state-of-the-art sound system has been installed along with steel siding.

Pastors of Hobart Baptist Mission and church include the following: Curtiss Brown, 1946-49; Vanderburg, 1949-54; L.E. Barrett, interim 1955, 1956-57; Claude Harris, 1955-56; John Dyer, 1957-64; A.G. Purvis, 1964-69; Ronald Mooney, 1970-73; Dr. C. Gordon Bayless, interim 1973-74; John Hansard, 1974-77; William R. Lawrence, interim 1977-78; Lewis Ellis, 1978-79; Doug DuBose, interim 1979; Dennis Barton, 1979-81; Haskell Wilson, 1982-84; Jim Fox, 1984-94; J.C. Burt, interim 1994-96; Harold Hook, 1996-99; and Jim Powell, 2000 to present.

During its 50 years of existence, many people have been baptized at Hobart Baptist, and many have joined by letter or statement.

With former and current members scattered throughout the world, the extent of the church's outreach and influence will never be known.

'Holy Land' topic of special program

Glen Howard, missionary/teacher, will present "Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith and Israel Today" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Pampa churches, including Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship and First Pentecostal Holiness, are combining their efforts in bringing this program here.

To help illustrate his presentation, Howard will bring with him a large map of the Holy Land to be spread on the floor of the Heritage Room. Seating arrangements will place participants around this 28' x 12' map. In an "interactive experience for people of all ages," participants will "walk the land of Israel," following the footsteps of Jesus, his disciples, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Howard, a native of Oklahoma, has spent many years in the ministry. For the past 10 years, he served as founding pastor of International Church of Budapest, Hungary, and as president of Central European Bible Institute, a two-year Bible college.

He and wife Ellen arrived in Budapest just as the Communist "Iron Curtain" came down and witnessed the transition of Eastern Europe to a democratic government.

Prior to their ministry in Europe, Howard was director of Manila Bible Institute in the Philippines for six years. They experience the "people power" movement that saw the overthrow of dictator Ferdinand Marcos. During the couple's ministry in Manila, they were instrumental in establishing 17 new churches in the greater Manila area.

Howard has taken many trips to the Holy Land and has visited several Biblical sites in Turkey, Greece and the Middle East. He is church liaison for the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem and has taught the Jewish Roots program in Europe and throughout the United States.

At present, Howard serves as associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City and he continues to minister in Hungary and Eastern Europe.

The Howards have four children and 11 grandchildren.

Has God's book been lost here?

Who lost God's book? Kind of a strange question to hear, huh? Well, once in Old Testament times, somebody lost God's book. Take a look with me at 2 Kings 22:8-13 and 2 Chronicles 34:14-21. These are two different accounts of the same story.

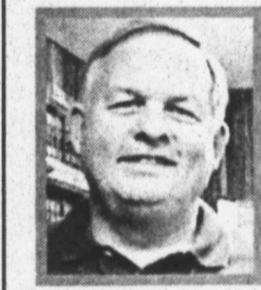
Here is the background. The nation of Israel split after Solomon died in about 930 BC. The 10 northern tribes began to be referred to as Israel and the 2 southern tribes we usually called Judah.

In about 640 BC, after 57 horribly wicked years under the rule of Manasseh and Amon, Judah found an 8-year-old boy named Josiah on the throne. At age 16 he began to seek a deeper walk with the Lord. Then at age 20 he began to lead Judah back to Jehovah. He initiated a time of "house cleaning" to rid Judah of the idols and shameful things/ways that had hidden God from His people. Then at age 26, he commanded that the temple of the Lord should be renovated and restored. During the work on the temple something incredible happened. Here is the Chronicles account.

"While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord that had been given through Moses. 15 Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, 'I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord.' He gave it to Shaphan. 16 Then Shaphan took the book to the king and reported to him:

"Your officials are doing everything that has been committed to them. 17 They have

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paid out the money that was in the temple of the Lord and have entrusted it to the supervisors and workers." 18 Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. 19 When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. 20 He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, a Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant:

21 "Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book

that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."

What an incredible story. Those 57 years of wickedness had pushed God's book so far into the background that it was appropriate to say that it was lost. Unbelievable, huh?

Well, if that could happen to them, it can happen to us too. Let me get nosy now. Where is God's book in your life? Oh, I don't mean in which room you keep your Bible. Where is God's book in your life? How often do you

read it? How often do you study it?

In this age of shallow discussion-oriented Sunday School classes that require no preparation of any kind, Bible study and scriptural knowledge are getting to be endangered species in many churches. If we are not careful, even though we have a Bible in every room, we can still be the one that loses God's book. God's word wasn't given to live on a shelf or a table, but in a believer's mind and heart. And that will not only require reading our Bible, but studying it too. Devote some time every day to God's book.

Your Bible wants to be one of your best friends. But that will require the two of you spending a lot of time together. God bless.

CHURCH BRIEF

Wednesday Youth Group begins Aug. 27

Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, will sponsor a Wednesday Youth Group from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., starting Aug. 27. Entry will be through the west door entrance off the back parking lot. The group is open to youth in sixth through ninth grades. Food and different activities will be provided each week. For more information, contact Becky at 669-6186.

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More than one in 10 adopted U.S. children born overseas

By GENARO C. ARMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many American parents look abroad to adopt children because the process usually is faster to complete.

Nearly 13 percent, or 200,000, of the country's 1.6 million adopted children were born outside the United States, the Census Bureau found in its first report on adoptions. The largest number come from Korea.

By comparison, 4 percent of the 59.8 million children living with a biological parent, or roughly 2.3 million, were foreign-born, according to data from the 2000 census being released Friday. There also are 3.3 million stepchildren.

Some parents want to avoid the legal wrangling that may

arise if an adopted child's birth parents fight to reclaim custody, said Patrieja A. Hill, executive director of ACTION Inc., an adoption agency in Dayton, Ohio, and mother of 20 adopted children.

"If they go international, they won't have that legal uncertainty," Hill said.

The number of immigrant visas issued by the State Department to orphans coming into the United States for adoption increased dramatically from 1990 to 2000 — from 7,000 to nearly 18,000.

More than one-fifth of all foreign-born children adopted came from Korea (47,555), followed by China (21,053), Russia (19,631), Mexico (18,021) and India (7,793).

Administrative delays and roadblocks in the U.S. foster care system also can make a prospective parent search overseas, said

Thomas Atwood, president of the National Council for Adoption in Alexandria, Va.

Adopting from a foreign country through a well-organized program generally takes a year, Census Bureau analyst Rose Kreider wrote in the 24-page report. Adopting through the foster care system can take several years.

There are indications the domestic adoption process has improved since a 1997 federal law gave states more financial incentive to find quality homes faster for foster children, Atwood said.

Adopted children live in homes with higher median incomes than children living with a biological parent (\$56,000 versus \$48,000) and are more likely to live in homes that are owned (78 percent versus 67 percent). Only 12 percent of adopted children live in poverty compared with 16 percent of the other kids.

Experts say adopted parents generally must show they can adequately provide for a child. Private agencies charge on average \$10,000 for adoptions, though the cost can be as high as \$40,000, Hill said.

Among other findings in the report:

—Some 10 percent of adopted children have a mental disability, compared with 4 percent of the other kids.

—The average age of the parent of an adopted child is 43 compared with 38 for the biological parent of a child. Adopted parents who have trouble conceiving a child naturally often wait until later in life before turning to adoption.

—Girls were adopted more often than boys — 835,000 to 750,000. The report said one reason is that more single women adopt girls than boys.

The findings are from answers to a question that asked, "How is this person related to the head of household?" Besides "adopted son/daughter," other answers included "husband/wife," "natural-born son/daughter" and "stepson/stepdaughter." The 1990 census did not separate "natural-born" and "adopted."

The new report examines only children living with an adoptive, biological or stepparent.

The Health and Human Services Department asked the bureau to add "adopted" as an option to keep better statistics of families.

On the Net:

Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov/>

Arizona governor taking heat for gasoline shortage

PHOENIX (AP) — Long lines and higher prices at gas stations throughout the Phoenix area are shaping up as a major leadership test for Gov. Janet Napolitano.

The Democrat who took office eight months ago has been in the spotlight since shortages emptied most Phoenix stations' tanks early in the week.

"This is an opportunity for the citizens to see how the governor operates in a crisis, and I think their judgment is in the results of how quickly we get this fixed," said state Treasurer David Petersen, a Republican. "There are a lot of questions."

While Napolitano said the pipeline company and distributors provided misleading information about the severity of the problem and failed to act on what they did know, critics pointed fingers at her.

GOP lawmakers said Napolitano did not act soon enough to get enough gasoline to the pumps after a pipeline burst that normally carries a third of Phoenix's supply burst in Tucson. Some motorists voiced similar sentiments.

"I want to know why the governor hasn't been more proactive," said George Harris, who waited nearly an hour early in the week to get gas.

"They should have been working with the federal government expediting things," Harris said. "She should have used her political clout to make it happen."

Even Napolitano's choice of words — initially calling the shortage a "problem" but not a "crisis" while urging the public to refrain from hoarding — drew criticism.

"When lines are wrapped around the block, gas stations are closing and tempers are flaring, I call it a crisis," said state Sen. Dean Martin, a Republican. "'Don't worry, be happy' is not a good plan of action for an emergency."

The pipeline ruptured July 30 near Tucson due to what its operator called a defect. Houston-based Kinder Morgan Energy Partners shut down the line Aug. 8 because of safety concerns, and many Phoenix area stations ran out of gas last weekend as worried motorists scurried to fill up their tanks.

Napolitano cut short an out-of-state trip to a national governors conference and, starting Monday, began holding daily news conferences.

She said industry officials had warned her office that some stations could lack gas but said nothing about serious disruption of supply.

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New fed regs for local phone competition

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Consumer and industry groups promise to challenge just-issued rules for telephone and Internet competition that give states new powers over local markets and give the regional Bell companies new rights to protect their high-speed, broadband lines.

The rules issued Thursday in a 576-page report allowed states to continue requiring the Bells to lease parts of their phone networks to competitors at wholesale prices.

But it also allowed companies that install high-speed fiber optic lines to keep them off-limits to Internet rivals. Companies that run high-speed DSL service over existing copper wires must open them to other Internet service providers.

Companies providing telephone and Internet service gave the rules a mixed review.

"Together with regulators, we will work to remove the barriers that deter competition in the local phone market, and we will consider appropriate avenues to reverse the unfortunate decision restricting competition in the broadband marketplace," said Wayne Huyard, president of MCI Mass Markets.

The Consumer Federation of America, an advocacy group, said it would ask the FCC to reconsider its rules on high-speed Internet access.

"Why shouldn't consumers of 21st century communications get the same benefits from competition that millions of wireline consumers already enjoy?" Research Director Mark Cooper asked.

The local phone companies weren't happy with the FCC's decision to allow states to continue requiring them to lease part of their network at wholesale prices.

"It's unfair to Qwest customers that they continue to be forced to subsidize these giant corporations," said Steve Davis, Qwest Communications's senior vice president of public policy.

The rules were the result of contentious 3-2 votes in February. Chairman Michael Powell was on the losing end in the vote on phone competition, the first time he has been in the minority since taking over the five-member panel in 2001.

"There are some important achievements in this order that have long been objectives of mine — namely substantial broadband relief," Powell said. "Yet, regrettably, there are some fateful decisions as well that I believe represent poor policy and flout the law."

Commissioner Michael Copps, one of the two Democrats on the five-member FCC and part of the three-member majority on phone

competition, offered the opposite view.

"We preserve essential tools to foster voice competition," Copps said. "The bad news is this decision plays fast and loose with the country's broadband future. Consumers, innovation, entrepreneurs and the Internet itself are going to suffer."

The order gives states the right to continue requiring the former Bell companies to lease elements of their networks, such as lines and central office switching capabilities, to competitors at wholesale rates. To foster competition in residential service, companies such as AT&T and MCI enjoy low lease prices set by friendly state regulators.

In the face of evidence that competitors could provide their own switching, which routes calls from individual homes and businesses to the phone network, Powell would have phased out these low-cost leases in nine months.

But the final FCC order allows states to continue discounting switching leases, except when a market proves to be competitive by having either three competitors that provide their own equipment or two wholesalers that sell the service.

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Airman's indictment garnering skepticism

MIAMI (AP) — Some Cuban-Americans questioned the timing of the murder indictment of a Cuban general and two pilots in the shooting down of two civilian planes in 1996, saying the charges smacked of political maneuvering by the Bush administration.

But U.S. Attorney Marcos Jimenez denied Thursday's indictment was politically motivated.

The indictment was filed seven years after four men were killed when their planes were shot down over the Florida straits by a Cuban MiG.

"That's not what we do. It's based solely on justice," Jimenez said.

He refused to say whether Washington played any role in the decision, saying he authorized presenting the case to a Miami grand jury.

"These charges should have come a long time ago," said Jose Preval Lafita, a Cuban journalist who came to Miami in the 1960s. "It's apparently time for President Bush to start his campaign."

A group of 13 Florida state legislators wrote Bush recently to say his steadfast support in the Cuban-American community could be in danger in the 2004 presidential election.

The men — Gen. Ruben Martinez Puente and the MiG-29 crew, brothers Lorenzo Perez Perez and Francisco Perez Perez — are accused of attacking the unarmed planes operated by the Miami-based Brothers to the Rescue.

Charges include murder, destruction of aircraft and conspiracy and carry a possible death sentence. But the accused live in Cuba, and extradition is impossible since no diplomatic relations exist between Cuba and the United States.

Relatives of the four fliers killed in international airspace welcomed the indictment and said they hoped for an eventual prosecution, either by fluke arrests outside Cuba or the fall of Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Calif. Congressional Dems favoring Cruz

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California's congressional Democrats, seeking insurance against the odds of a Republican taking over the governor's office, are urging voters to oppose the recall — while asking them to vote for Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante.

The unanimous move Thursday by the 33-member delegation was a formal acknowledgment they can't count on Gov. Gray Davis to survive the recall. Other core Davis supporters quickly followed suit — the California Teachers Association, for example, said it too would support the "no on recall, yes on Bustamante" campaign.

Bustamante welcomed the news about the delegation endorsement at a San Diego press conference.

"I think it's very significant. I think it shows institutional movement to make sure that we're going to be in a perfect position on either side and we're going to have a win-win situation," he said.

At a press conference in San Francisco, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said she called the embattled Davis the night before to warn him of

their decision, which she called "an act of friendship."

"The lieutenant governor's name is on the ballot, and he is the legitimate successor in the case of a vacancy," Pelosi said. "So while we strongly and vocally oppose the recall, we urge a yes vote on Bustamante."

Meanwhile, Davis continued to fight for his job, appearing in Los Angeles with Sen. Dianne Feinstein to press for a permanent federal ban on assault weapons and then holding a "town hall" style meeting in a San Francisco suburb, where he got standing ovations from a crowd of black business leaders.

Davis had sought to keep Democrats off the ballot. Once his lieutenant governor decided to run, Davis still hoped to keep Democrats united against the recall without throwing their support behind Bustamante. Aides sought to present the news in a positive light.

"We considered it a victory. We're all focused on the same goal, and that's defeating the recall. There's just different strategies out there about how to go about it," said Gabriel Sanchez, spokesman for Davis' campaign committee.

Even if they vote "no" on the recall Oct. 7, voters will still have the opportunity to choose a replacement candidate.

Pelosi said the delegation's decision should boost Democratic turnout, particularly among Hispanic voters "energized" by the prospect of electing a Hispanic governor. Davis and Bustamante have a frosty relationship and rarely speak, but the governor appears to be coming around to their need to combine forces, even possibly campaigning together at some point. "It's entirely possible that we can find ways going forward to coordinate one another's activities," Davis said Wednesday.

A new poll showed 58 percent of likely voters would recall Davis if the vote were held today, while 36 percent would vote "no." If the Democratic governor is removed, 23 percent would replace him with actor Arnold Schwarzenegger and 18 percent with Bustamante. None of the other 133 candidates topped 5 percent in the Public Policy Institute of California poll, which had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Sen. Barbara Boxer has

joined all the Democratic representatives in backing the Bustamante strategy.

Not Feinstein. "I am not going to vote on the second part of the ballot. I am going to vote on the first part of the ballot and my vote is going to be to vote 'no' on the recall," the state's popular senior senator said.

The decision by the House members could increase pressure on Republicans to unite behind a single candidate. In addition to Schwarzenegger, former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth, businessman Bill Simon and state Sen. Tom McClintock are on the ballot on the GOP side.

Davis has focused on key issues for Democratic voters in press conferences and "town hall" meetings — the kind of forum popularized by former President Clinton. In Los Angeles, Davis even tried on a famous Clinton aphorism for size.

"The fact is the entire nation is going through a tough time, with a tough economy — 3 million jobs have been lost — and people feel that here. I feel their pain, if you will," Davis said in describing the reasons for his sinking popularity.

Tests link all three sniper-style shootings; sketch released

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Now that all three sniper-style slayings at area convenience stores have been linked to the same .22-caliber rifle, investigators say they have "a direction to go in."

Ballistics tests confirmed Thursday what authorities and many residents had suspected — that the shootings unnerving this city were linked. Whether they were random has yet to be determined.

"Now that we know it came from the same weapon," Charleston police Chief Jerry Pauley said, "we've got a direction to go in."

A composite sketch was also released Thursday of a man with dark hair — short in front, longer in back — long sideburns and a goatee.

Witnesses told police they saw a large white man in a dark-colored, two-tone Ford F-150 extended cab pickup the night two of the killings occurred. The first shooting happened four days earlier.

Gary Carrier Jr., 44, of South Charleston, was killed Aug. 10 while making a telephone call outside a Charleston convenience store.

Four days later, Jeanie Patton, 31, and Okey Meadows

Jr., 26, both of Campbells Creek, were killed within 90 minutes of each other at rural convenience stores about 10 miles apart and less than 20 miles east of Charleston.

All three were shot in the head or neck, authorities said.

The Campbells Creek killings appeared to be drug-related, according to Kanawha County sheriff's officials. Pauley said there is no evidence yet that drugs were involved in Carrier's slaying.

Carrier's death and the unrelated fatal shootings of two men in a parked Cadillac, also the middle of this month, have

disquieted the quiet neighborhood across from the Go-Mart.

Natausha Brooks' young son hasn't spent the night by himself since he saw Carrier's lifeless body two weeks ago.

Brooks had heard the gunshots, saw the police lights and went outside to look. So did her school-age son.

"At first, he was having nightmares," Brooks said. "He sleeps with me now."

Mike Bailey of Sharon pumped gas into his pickup truck at the Go-Mart at sundown, unfazed by word that the slayings were linked.

"It doesn't really bother me," Bailey said. "If your ticket's going to get punched, it's going to get punched, so why worry about it?"

Brooks fears a suspect isn't close to being caught.

"He might go during the day, now that they're looking for him at night," Brooks said. "They're talking about the car that he drives. He's probably switched up now. He's no dummy. He watches the news too. It's everywhere, on every channel."

7-Eleven targets women with calorie-free Slurpee

DALLAS (AP) — Slurpees have been a steady seller in 7-Eleven stores since the 1960s, but many devotees who first tasted the slushy treat as kids are grown up and worried about their waistlines.

The convenience-store company is trying to win those customers back with its first calorie-free Slurpee.

The retailer hopes that the Diet Pepsi Slurpee will attract women, dieters and diabetics who avoid regular Slurpees, which pack about 330 calories into a 22-ounce serving.

The new flavor will be launched officially at most of 7-Eleven's 5,300 U.S. stores Friday, although it has been available in many stores for a few weeks.

The retailer sells 13 million

Slurpees a month and believes it can increase that total by 12 percent to 14 percent with Diet Pepsi and a lineup of other reduced-calorie flavors. Slurpees represent a small fraction of 7-Eleven's total sales — tobacco accounts for more than one-fourth — but about 60 percent of Slurpee buyers make other purchases.

7-Eleven has tried healthier Slurpees before. A low-calorie cherry flavor bombed in the 1990s. "The problem was we didn't make it taste as good as a regular product," said John Ryckevic, who manages the Slurpee category for Dallas-based 7-Eleven.

In January, 7-Eleven added flavors from Kraft Foods Inc.'s Crystal Light line of drinks that have about one-

third the calories of a regular Slurpee. A raspberry ice version has sold well, and 7-Eleven plans to introduce strawberry-kiwi in October.

But the company is pinning most of its hopes in the diet category on Diet Pepsi, which it tested in Tampa, Fla., and Detroit earlier this year.

Dietitians said the calorie-free Slurpee would be a good alternative to sugary drinks.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Man's Income-Supplement Plan Could Land His Family In Jail

DEAR ABBY: My common-law husband, "Rudy," my daughter and I are very happy and live an average life. However, like all families, we experience financial pressures from time to time. To supplement our income, Rudy has decided to make and sell a "popular" drug. He says this will be a "one-time thing." I'm afraid it won't be, and if he makes a huge profit, he'll want to continue.

Rudy is a good man. He wants badly to provide for his family. We both work hard at our full-time jobs during the day — and we don't do drugs. This is like a new world to me and I'm scared. Rudy knows I don't approve. He thinks he did the right thing by telling me about this beforehand instead of doing it behind my back. We tell each other everything, but that doesn't make it OK.

What should I do?

AFRAID IN CALGARY, CANADA

DEAR AFRAID: What Rudy plans to do is illegal, and because you know about it, you are an accessory. I don't know how old your daughter is or what kind of drug Rudy is manufacturing, but it cannot be physically or emotionally healthy for her to be around this.

If you think you are having financial pressures now, they'll seem like a walk in the park if you and Rudy are both doing time in prison. Draw the line — and do it now!

DEAR ABBY: I am a 56-year-old grandmother who has been married to "Albert" — my high school sweetheart — for almost 35 years. Yesterday, Albert e-mailed me some information about a wife-swapping club that meets in our neighborhood. I am beside myself!

Albert is the only man I've ever been with in my entire life, and to learn that he wants to swap me for another woman is devastating.

I have since checked the "history" on my husband's computer, and I have learned that he has spent hours on the Internet researching this topic.

Last week, we made love three days in a row. It pleased me no end

— until I realized what inspired it. Prior to that, Albert and I have never had sex more than once a week in all the years we've been together.

Please help me, Abby. I am ready to pack my bags and leave. Just knowing that he's serious about wife-swapping makes me sick to my stomach.

DISILLUSIONED IN THE CAROLINAS

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: Under no circumstances should you allow yourself to be coerced into anything that you feel is immoral. (And spouse-swapping qualifies for that category.)

I don't blame you for being upset, but don't pack your bags yet and don't panic. You and Albert have some serious talking to do, and the sooner the better — preferably in the presence of a marriage counselor. Albert's craving for variety should be discussed in an environment that is emotionally supportive for both of you. Some couples achieve this through playing out their fantasies together. (Have you seen the yogurt commercial where the wife is dressed up like a French maid?) Good luck ... and please let me know how you resolve this.

DEAR ABBY: I am 8 years old and one of my best friends drowned last year. She was only 7. If she had worn a life vest, she wouldn't have died. Please tell parents that if their kids aren't good swimmers, they should wear a life vest.

MISSING MY FRIEND IN MARYLAND

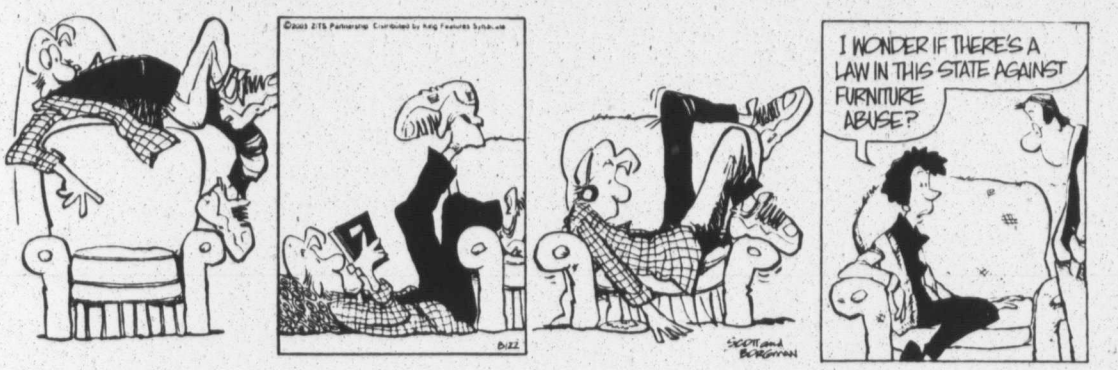
DEAR MISSING MY FRIEND: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your friend. That's an excellent reminder. Now for one of my own: Children and adults should never swim alone.

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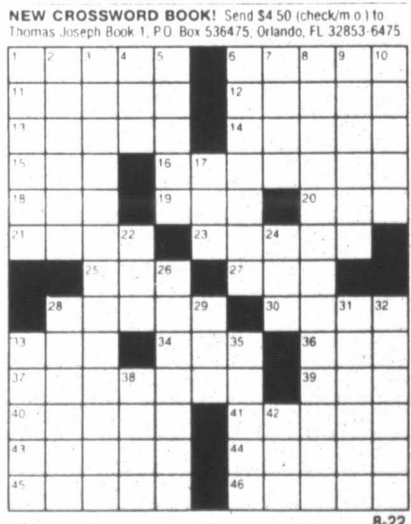
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 15 Train unit
 - 16 Choice of colors
 - 18 Fire aftermath
 - 19 Six-pt scores
 - 20 Cave flier
 - 21 Sediment
 - 23 Writer Schtag
 - 25 Goal
 - 27 Snap
 - 28 Software holder
 - 30 Card game for three
 - 33 Saloon
 - 34 Ball girl
 - 36 Binary base
 - 37 Generally
 - 39 Greek letter
 - 40 Actor Williamson
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- 8 Plane feature
 - 2 As a precaution
 - 3 Plane feature
 - 4 Light metal
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 - 10 Winter weather
 - 17 Plugs
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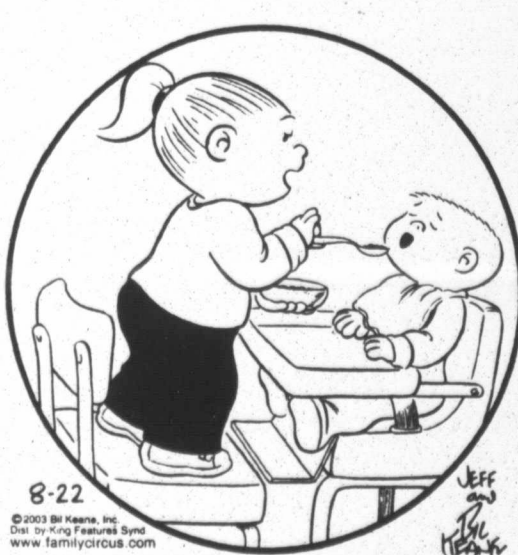
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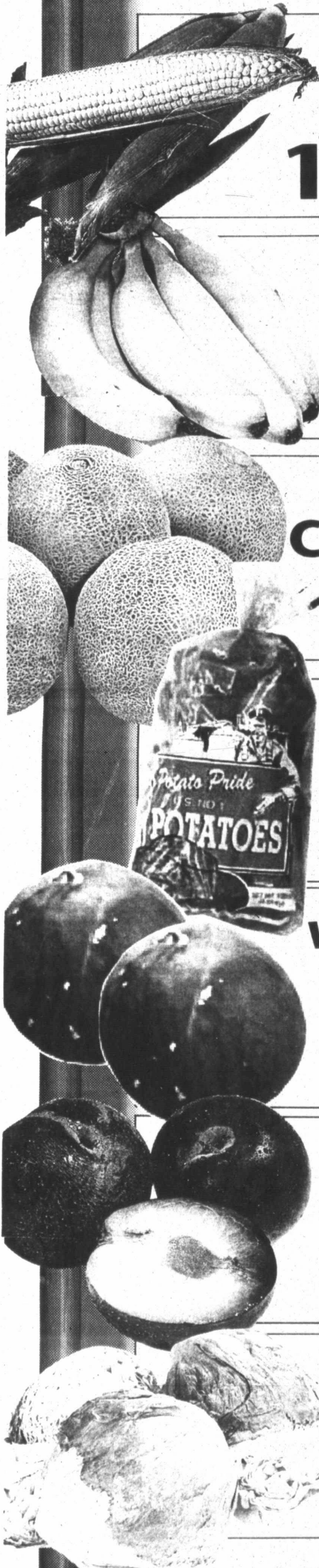
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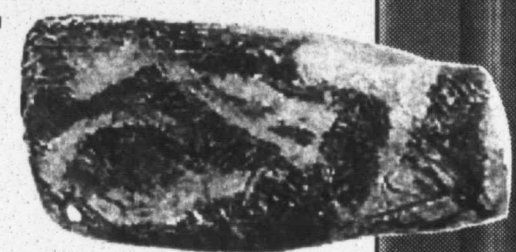
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