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Good Evening!

STATE

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Roger Fain, convicted last week of killing an Austin woman, unsuccessfully tried to break out of the Williamson County Jail by stuffing toilet paper into the lock on his cell door, authorities said.

"He was battling the wind, trying to do that with the toilet paper," said Sheriff Ed Richards. "We think someone must have told him that would work; so, he tried it. ... It won't work."

The attempted jailbreak wrapped up Fain's stay in the county jail. He was on his way to the state prison in Huntsville before daybreak Wednesday, Richards said.

Fain, 41, arrived back at the county jail late Monday after a Tyler jury convicted him Friday of murdering Sandra Dumont, 39. State District Judge John Carter sentenced him to life in prison. He also is suspected of killing Darlene Anderson, 38, of Round Rock, and dumping her body in the same field where police found Ms. Dumont's remains.

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$11 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 6, 11, 17, 27, 35 and 41.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$18 million.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the Postal Service, it just makes cents.

The cent symbol, which disappeared from postage stamps in the early 1980s for aesthetic reasons, is being returned to low-value stamps.

Recent low-value stamps have carried numerals such as 01, 03 or 05 to designate their value. But officials said this caused problems with people confusing the values and even accepting some as dollar value stamps.

So all new issues of stamps worth less than 10 cents will have a single digit and a cent symbol to make their value clear.

The decision comes as the agency prepares to reprint several stamps including the 3-cent Paul Dudley White stamp of 1988, 3-cent Conestoga Wagon stamp of 1987 and 5-cent circus wagon stamp of 1990.

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AP) — Air Force officials said an F-117 Stealth fighter caught fire as it landed at Holloman Air Force Base, but the pilot escaped uninjured after the aircraft came to a stop.

"The extent of damage to the F-117 is unknown at this time," base spokesman Bob Pepper said in a news release.

A board of officers will be appointed to investigate the incident, which occurred at about 9 p.m. Wednesday, Pepper said.

The radar-evading Stealths are assigned to the 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base, near Alamogordo. The \$44 million plane is one of 50 Stealths in the Air Force fleet.

Officials say the Stealths have had a good safety record since the Air Force began testing them in 1981.

College seeks funds for new campus

By CHERYL BERZANSKI
News Editor

The evolving role of community colleges in distance learning and preparation for the future are the impetus behind a movement to construct a new Clarendon College - Pampa Center campus, school officials said today.

A building campaign to raise \$4.9 million for the new facility was announced today by members of a local steering committee and school administrators. The leadership group, which has been meeting for the last year, unveiled plans for a 54,000 square foot building on a 15-acre parcel of land located on the south side of West Kentucky. The land is to be donated for the endeavor by Dr. Ray Hampton and family.

The school at 900 N. Frost is located now in the former Sam Houston Elementary School building, which was being used as a storage building before being taken over by the college in 1978. The building is owned by Pampa Independent School District. Spring 1995 enrollment is 241 ac-

ademic students and 185 vocational-technical students.

The proposed building will provide 22 classrooms, two labs, a multi purpose meeting and classroom to seat 150, seven teacher offices, student lounge, study areas, EMT lab room, an electronics lab and a multi media learning resource center. The facility will be computer networked and cable television ready for access to distance learning.

Clarendon College's mission, according to Associate Dean Joe Kyle Reeve, is to provide an inexpensive, quality education to the service area of the college.

The scope of the community college is changing, Reeve said, primarily to the development of distance learning, which includes interactive satellite, telecommunication and computer technology.

"Distance is becoming quickly no longer a factor in education," Reeve said.

With the advent of distance learning in a facility designed to accept the technology required to deliver it, Pampa Center may begin to offer upper level and graduate classes, he said.

"You no longer have to have a teacher physically present in the classroom," Reeve said.

Dr. Jerry Stockton, president of Clarendon College, noted the average age of local campus students is dropping, as cost of a university education rises and entry level test score requirements influence some to seek a community college education. Stockton estimates a Pampa student who lives at home and attends Pampa Center may spend one-sixth to one-eighth the amount a Texas Tech University student spends living in Lubbock.

According to information from the school:

- The Pampa facility will be owned by the Pampa Center Foundation, a proposed non-profit tax exempt foundation. Until the Internal Revenue Service letter of determination is received, all funds collected will be held by the Clarendon College Foundation, stipulated for Pampa project use.
- No tax money will be used to build the new building.

- The present building is in need of repairs including a new roof estimated to cost \$150,000, boiler repairs and renovation to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The building has floor squeaks, inadequate cooling for summer, poor chalk boards and child-size toilet facilities.
- Utilities on the present building totaled \$25,550.03 in 1993 and \$22,389.92 in 1994. Energy savings are estimated to be \$6,000 to \$8,000 in a new building.
- Yearly payroll totals \$261,000. Of that, \$85,800 is part-time instructor salaries, with the remainder for seven full-time staff members at the college. Additional staffing requirements in the new facility will be based on enrollment.

Members of the Pampa Center steering committee include Darlene Birkes, Bill Waters, Jerry Foote, Duane Harp, Mike Ruff, Loyd Waters, Jack McCavit, Betty Hallerberg, Dot Stowers, Doug Carmichael, County Judge Richard Peet, Rick Massick, Don Lane, Dr. Jerry Stockton, Associate Dean Joe Kyle Reeve, Seleta Chance and Katrina Bigham.

Choir performance



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Fred Mays, choral director at Pampa High School, instructs the Concert Choir during class hour. On Sunday, the PHS choirs will present their contest program for the public at 2:30 p.m. in the Pampa Middle School auditorium. The choirs are set to travel to West Texas A&M University in Canyon for upcoming UIL competition.

Texas cities rally on behalf of targeted bases

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Base closure commission members emerged from a whirlwind tour of Brooks Air Force Base today, saying they were impressed with an alternative plan city leaders presented for saving Brooks' jobs.

Members of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission also noted the close ties Brooks has with the San Antonio medical community and the potential difficulty in moving to other cities large numbers of civilian researchers.

Mayor Nelson Wolff and other city leaders asked the commissioners to retain most Brooks jobs in San Antonio, but to close the base and make the Brooks complex a sort of annex to Kelly Air Force Base.

"I am very pleased to see an alternative that we can address," said commission member Benjamin Montoya of Albuquerque, N.M.

Local officials were pleased with the reaction.

"I think they are going to give it (the city's alternative plan) a fair hearing. They certainly didn't reject it."

As base closure commission members toured the base this morning, hundreds of citizens began rallying outside in hopes of keeping the base open.

"We want to keep the base open," said 76-year-old retiree Louis Smasal. "We're going to try."

At least 1000 people wearing blue and white "Keep Brooks Working" t-shirts lined both sides of the street in front of Brooks to cheer as members of the Base Realignment Enclosure Commission departed.

Brooks and two other Texas installations — Reese AFB in Lubbock and the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana — are targeted for closure by the Pentagon.

Lubbock got its turn to show off Wednesday, when residents put on a patriotically festive face for the visitors.

Several thousand flag-waving

residents honked horns and cheered at a motorcade through the city.

Yellow ribbons blazed from street signs and shrubs along the commissioners' route to downtown. Teen-agers got out of class to release balloons; drivers turned on their headlights.

At the rally site, those gathered tried to maintain a festive atmosphere despite the gloomy situation. Sporadically, the crowd broke into a group wave while many passing vehicles honked their horns.

"Anything to make a statement," said Marsha Laney, who brandished a styrofoam airplane.

The commissioners said they wanted to measure for themselves Reese's value to Lubbock.

"We need to be grounded in what is real and what is fictitious," said commissioner Montoya. "And so for me, to meet the people puts in perspective a particular base, and it puts data next to a face or next to a discus-

sion that I will remember."

Earlier, the commissioners stopped at Reese to talk with pilots and step into a T-1A Jayhawk.

The commission, known as BRAC, has several months to tinker with a list of bases the Pentagon has recommended for closure. A final closure list goes to President Clinton by July 1.

For Lubbock leaders, it was a chance to extoll Reese assets: abundant airspace, mild weather, modern facilities and a pioneer record in several aspects of pilot training.

The Pentagon made some mathematical errors and used flawed analysis in targeting Reese over other bases with similar missions, the city argued.

"We're a sophisticated community and understand that you have to operate government as efficiently as possible," said City Councilman Randy Neugebauer. "Correct the data, and whatever base needs to be cut, we're willing to accept that."

Prison sets dedication for ISF unit

The expanded portion of the Rufe Jordan Prison Unit is to be dedicated at 11 a.m. next Wednesday in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. Local and state dignitaries are expected to be on hand for the dedication of the 420-bed intermediate sanction facility, which is expected to open during the last half of April.

The local ISF is the first to be owned and operated by the state. It will house parole violators for 70 days to one year, according to Capt. Terry Tucker, who will be in charge of the addition.

Use of an ISF frees up penitentiary space for long term incarceration, Tucker explained. Parole violators who successfully complete a stint in an ISF return to their home counties to complete their parole, Tucker said.

There are four other privately owned intermediate sanction facilities in Texas, said Tucker.

The unit is to have an estimated payroll of \$1,320,000 with 80 employees, he said.

Buses will be available at the community building to carry visitors to a prison-catered dinner at the new unit. Tickets for the luncheon are \$10 each and deadline for purchase is Monday, April 10. Reservations may be made by calling 669-3241.

The building was donated by Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group, and site preparation and utilities were installed by the city of Pampa and Gray County. Construction funds were provided by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and Pampa Industrial Foundation.

Oklahoma man's body discovered

ELDORADO, Okla. (AP) — A road grader operator found the body of a 65-year-old Jackson County man in a ditch on Wednesday, authorities said, the same day the man's pickup was found in Quahah, Texas.

Kym Koch, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, said Herman Babb lived northeast of Altus but raised horses on land east of Eldorado and not far from where the body was found.

Ms. Koch said Babb appeared to die of a head wound. The OSBI believes his death is a homicide.

Tax cut bill

The tax-cut plan before the House Wednesday was approved 246-188. The plan would cost \$189 billion over five years.

Key provisions:

FAMILY
 • \$500-per-child credit for children under 18 in families earning \$200,000 a year or less. Would be phased out for the wealthiest families.
 • A credit of up to \$145 to offset the "marriage penalty."
 • The American Dream Savings Account, permitting tax-free withdrawals after five years for retirement, first-time home purchases, higher education, medical expenses.
 • One-time adoption credit of up to \$5,000.
 • Annual credit of up to \$500 for costs of caring for elderly relatives at home.

BUSINESS
 • Reduces capital gains tax for corporations, profits from asset sales.
 • Phases out the corporate minimum tax.
 • Increases size of estates exempt from estate and gift taxes from \$600,000 to \$750,000 by 1998.
 • Liberalizes rules on deducting expenses of home offices.

BENEFITS
 • Rolls back 1993 tax increase on higher-income Social Security recipients. Increases income recipients younger than 70 may earn and still receive full Social Security benefits, from \$11,280 a year to \$30,000 by 2000.

AP/Wm. J. Castello, Ross Toro, Eileen Glanton

Briefcase bomb blamed in explosion

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A stranger gave a rigged briefcase to a young boy and had him take it to a Hamas hideout minutes before a deadly explosion gutted the place, the Muslim militant group claimed today.

The man approached the boy as he played in front of the hideout, a second-story apartment in Gaza City's Sheik Radwan neighborhood, and handed him the case, said a Hamas leaflet distributed today.

"He talked to the boy and then the boy was seen entering the apartment," the leaflet said. "After a little while, there was a huge explosion in the apartment."

The leaflet said Kamal Kahil, a senior commander of Hamas' military wing Izzedine al-Qassam, arrived at the hideout a few minutes before Sunday's blast. Kahil was killed in the explosion and the leaflet suggested he was a target.

Three people died in the explosion, including a 4-year-old boy who was in the apartment, Hamas said. Police initially put the death toll at six, but so far only three bodies have been identified.

Hamas has been trying to portray the explosion as an assassination carried out by Israel and Yasser Arafat's government.

Israel has dismissed the allegations as nonsense and Palestinian police said the blast was set off when Kahil and his comrades mishandled a booby-trapped suitcase they were putting together for an attack in Israel.

House sends tax cuts to skeptical Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the central promise of their "Contract With America" fulfilled, House Republicans are basking in triumph after ramming through a five-year, \$189 billion tax cut Democrats say will rob from the poor to give to the rich.

But the glow may be short-lived. It's unclear which, if any, provisions of the huge package will survive a skeptical Senate and President Clinton's veto pen.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., declaring the moment "a truly historic and at the same time truly personal experience," shrugged off Democrats' criticism.

With victory in hand Wednesday night, Gingrich struck a conciliatory tone after a day of unusually acid debate. He thanked in advance of the vote the 27 Democrats who bolted to support the final chapter of the GOP's extraordinary 100-day juggernaut to reduce the size and reach of federal government.

"The American people can be proud of the United States House for what we have

done together," he declared. As midnight approached, Democrats ran out of procedural ploys and the bill Gingrich calls the "crowning jewel" of the "contract" passed 246-188. Republicans permitted no amendments and decisively rejected a \$32 billion Democratic alternative.

The GOP plan offers a \$500-per-child tax credit for families earning up to \$200,000, a reduction in the so-called marriage penalty on two-earner couples, tax breaks for retirees, expanded Individual Retirement Accounts, a credit for adoptive parents and a list of business-backed measures headed by a sharp reduction in the capital gains tax on profits from selling securities and real estate.

Now it goes to the Senate, where senior Republicans such as Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici of New Mexico and Finance Committee Chairman Bob Packwood of Oregon have wondered aloud how they can cut taxes deeply and simultaneously eliminate the budget deficit.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.,

considered the front-running GOP presidential hopeful for 1996, assured reporters, "We're going to have a tax bill." But he warned, "We didn't get elected just to rubber-stamp everything the House did."

The tax-cut bill will join in the Senate many other House-passed components of the "Contract With America" — welfare, crime, changes in the civil justice system among them — facing extensive changes.

Senate Democrats, although in the minority, wield more influence than in the House, whose procedures are designed to speed majority action. Their 46 votes are more than enough to stop action under Senate rules that require 60 of the 100 senators to break a filibuster.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the tax-cutting House GOP agenda was "designed to reward the rich and the well-connected at the expense of America's middle-class families."

"That is wrong and Democrats will fight it," he said.

Dutch nanny enters plea, ends shaken baby case

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — A teenage Dutch nanny accused of shaking an 8-week-old baby to death has returned to her native country after admitting that there was enough evidence to convict her of a lesser charge.

Sobbing "I didn't do it," Anna-Corina Peeze nevertheless agreed Wednesday to accept a plea bargain rather than undergo a second trial on an involuntary manslaughter charge. If convicted, she would have faced up to 10 years in prison.

Peeze, 19, did not admit committing any offense, but acknowledged the evidence could convict her of misdemeanor child abuse. Lawyers on both sides said neither Peeze nor the infant's parents could endure a retrial.

Peeze was required to immediately leave the United States for the Netherlands and begin serving 12 months of probation in Amsterdam. She also must receive psychological counseling and is forbidden from taking care of children for two years.

"I'm still scared. But I'm happy I'm going home — and hopeful," Peeze said. "I'm really sorry for the family, that this happened to them. But it happened to me, too."

A jury deadlocked last month over whether Peeze killed Brenton S. Devonshire of Ashburn. A second trial had been set for April 20.

"Nothing would have made us happy," said Brenton's mother, Sharon Devonshire. "Destroying

Anna's life certainly wouldn't have."

Prosecutors said Peeze shook the child last August when he would not stop crying. Doctors said the shaking slammed the baby's brain into his skull, bruising it and causing it to swell. He died four days later.

The defense argued there was no evidence that Peeze harmed the infant, who had been in her care for only a week.

AIDS virus gains resistance to drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — Treating AIDS patients with a single drug made the virus develop a resistance to not only that drug, but also many others of the same class, scientists reported today.

The study involved protease inhibitors, a promising group of experimental drugs designed to stop the virus from reproducing by disabling a crucial enzyme.

Researchers said the new finding suggests treatment with one protease inhibitor may make using another one later less effective, and that using several protease inhibitors at once may not avoid resistance, either.

Other experts said it's too soon to draw conclusions about what the findings mean for therapy.

The work is reported in today's issue of the journal *Nature* by Jon Condra and colleagues at the Merck Research Laboratories of West Point, Pa., and scientists elsewhere.

The work involved a Merck drug called MK-639. Condra stressed in a telephone interview that the results do not question the usefulness of that drug or other protease inhibitors.

Patients appear to be benefiting from MK-639 despite the development of resistance, and Merck is developing the drug "very aggressively," he said.

The results do suggest that if researchers want to test combinations of protease inhibitors, they should keep in mind that one drug in the mix might create resistance to the others, he said.

The study found that in four AIDS patients receiving MK-639, the AIDS virus spawned variants that showed varying degrees of resistance to MK-639 and all five other protease inhibitors tested.

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China Acupuncture Clinic


Edwin Wong, owner of the China Acupuncture Clinic, uses the ancient healing art of acupuncture to relieve chronic pain. This 3,000 year-old discipline has brought pain relief to millions of people around the world.

City patient credits acupuncture for pain relief

Robert Davis of Amarillo suffered from chronic knee pain. In his mind, he would eventually need surgery or have to resort to the use of crutches or a cane if alternative treatment wasn't found. One evening, while reading an article in the *Business Review*, he learned about Edwin Wong and the China Acupuncture Clinic. After seven treatments he has found relief.

"Thanks to Edwin Wong I can walk like a man ten years younger," the 83-year-old Amarilloan commented. "My wife, who worked for doctors 25 years, suggested I consult a traditional physician, but I have seen too many cases where the treatments only made matters worse. I endorse acupuncture because it isn't surgery. I believe the acupuncture treatments, which involve needles, are a lot less risky than surgery because less can go wrong."

Davis said the treatments have enabled him to live a more normal life. "I can't walk like I did 40 years ago, but that would have been an unrealistic expectation. I am free from pain without resorting to drugs and I have prevented knee surgery. I would recommend acupuncture to anyone who suffers from chronic pain."

Mr. Davis is just one of hundreds of Amarillo and area acupuncture patients who have reported pain relief after a series of acupuncture treatments. Many patients report relief after being treated with acupuncture. The amount of relief experienced and the time involved in achieving that relief depends on the individual and the ailment.

The China Acupuncture Clinic, with offices at 1700 N. Duncan in Pampa, is proud to offer hope to hundreds of people who suffer from all types of ailments and injuries. According to Edwin Wong, acupuncture is an ancient Chinese healing art that has been used effectively for centuries to help people stop smoking, lose weight, control pain and heal a long list of ailments. The treatment itself has been used for thousands of years and has gained increasingly popularity in the U.S. in recent years. In spite of this success, however, many Americans harbor misconceptions about how it works.

Acupuncture involves the use of a special type of needle that is inserted into definite "acupoints" on the body in order to obtain the therapeutic effect. Research shows that changes in physiology, psychopathology and biochemistry occur during treatment and these changes produce profound results including alleviation of pain.

Wong, a certified acupuncture specialist, says that acupuncture, according to the prestigious World Health Organization, has been successfully used in the treatment of at least 47 different diseases including migraine headaches, bursitis, osteoarthritis, trigeminal neuralgia, menstrual problems, sex problems and other ailments. Acupuncture is also utilized for weight control and to help people break the smoking habit. Wong reports a 90 percent success rate for smoking cessation treatment.

Rate of improvement depends on different individual conditions such as the person's constitution, duration of the illness, the nature of the disease, etc. Someone like Mrs. Womble may experience immediate relief while others may have to take more treatments.

Many patients ask if the needles hurt. When the needle is inserted into a certain acupoint, a slight sting may be felt. After that initial sensation, you will have a feeling akin to burning, pressure, soreness and numbness. Only after having such a sensation can the acupuncture treatment be effective.

The number of needles utilized in each treatment depends on the nature of the illness. Sometimes only one or two needles will be enough. For a patient with paralysis, Wong may use more than 10 or 20 needles. Usually six to eight needles will be used at any one time.

For consultation and more information about acupuncture, visit the China Acupuncture Clinic located at 1700 N. Duncan or call 1-806-669-3253. If you live in the Amarillo area visit them at 6015-B W. 45th or call them at 1-806-352-0225.

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Lifestyles

Fletcher among nominees for Distinguished Service Award

The Amarillo Women's Forum has announced the nominees for the 1995 Distinguished Service Award. This year's recipients will be announced at the awards luncheon on Saturday at the Amarillo Club.

This year's nominees are: Doris Alexander, Amarillo, nominated by Catherine Winsett of Amarillo; Helene Georgantones Botsonis, Amarillo, nominated by Kerri Botsonis of Amarillo; Joyce Courson, Perryton, nominated by Marilyn Van Petten of Amarillo; Louise Daniel, Amarillo, nominated by Nelda Florence of Amarillo; Diane Dick, Amarillo, nominated

by Maynette Scott of Amarillo; Louise Fletcher of Pampa, nominated by Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce; Cherry Kay Hamilton (deceased) of Fritch, nominated by Janelle Williams of Fritch; Rosa Lee Kalka, Dumas, nominated by Dale and Joan Coleman of Dumas; Wynon Mayes, Canyon, nominated by Alby Peters of Amarillo; Carolyn Roach, Amarillo, nominated by Bill D. Helton of Amarillo; and Sharla Vance Roselius, Amarillo, nominated by Jim Holston of Amarillo. This will mark the 20th anniversary of the Distinguished Service Award Luncheon.

It was organized in 1975 to honor out-

standing women, who have helped shape the development of the Texas Panhandle through their contributions of talent and skill.

Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award have been named from all of the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. The award recognizes and publicizes the visible examples set by these women that pave the way for others to follow.

Honorees are selected by a representative panel of Panhandle residents on the basis of an individual's lasting contributions or achievements that have been of significance to the region.

Hog dawg



John Wentworth (center) of Pampa was the winner of a half a hog which was raffled off by Hispanos Unidos April 1. With him are Vicki Davis (left), vice-president and Estelle Shorter (right), parliamentarian. The raffle was a fundraiser for the building the organization is building at 828 S. Cuyler.

Top O' Texas Aggie moms host district clubs' meeting

The Top O' Texas A&M University Mothers' Club of Pampa will be hosting the district meeting of the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs on Saturday at the Pampa Country Club.

Coffee and registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. A luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 a person, with reservations required.

All Aggie moms, wives and former students and graduates are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Judy Wood at 669-3039 or Ruth Thompson at 665-8137.

Club News

HIGHLAND HOBBY CLUB
Highland Hobby Club held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Gloria Norris with Ferline Calvert as hostess. Norris, president, gave a demonstration of the Pampered Chef cookware. Calvert cooked some cinnamon rolls in some of the cookware and served them to five members and three guests, along with a vegetable and dip plate that was prepared with some of the utensils that Norris was demonstrating at the club meeting.

Elsie Nail and Jewel Holmes won the door prizes. The May meeting will be with Marilyn Kirkwood.

HERITAGE ART CLUB
The Heritage Art Club met Tuesday with president Francis Hall conducting the business meeting.

Final plans were made for the club's upcoming art show which will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 29 and from 1-4 p.m. April 30.

The rest of the day was spent painting bunny rabbits instructed by Jo Ann Welch. Eighteen members attended.

Hostesses were Hall, Marie Smith, and Doris Pinson.

Janie Phillips won the door prize. The next meeting will be May 8 in the home of Betty McCracken.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Gray County Council of FCE met with 15 members present. Cultural arts items to be entered in district competition were judged by members.

The winners were Polly Benton, painting; fabric painting and craft painting; Madeline Gawthrop, fabric creations and holiday items; Renee Stout, fiber art, wearable art decorated garment, jewelry and miscellaneous; and Marie Donnell, hand quilted quilt.

Judging was followed by a salad luncheon and business meeting.

A crime summit will be held at M.K. Brown Civic Center Saturday. The district TATCE meeting will be held in Dumas April 20. Pam Club will host a spring craft workshop April 28.

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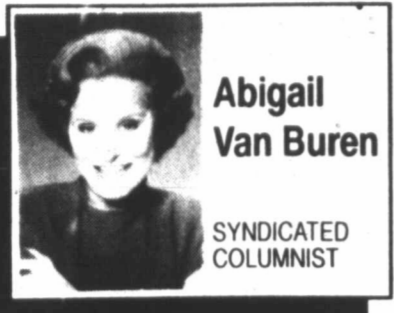
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Living will is a dead issue without doctor's compliance

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Grieving Widow, Edgewater, Fla.," concerning Living Wills brought back some painful memories. My husband died of a heart attack a year ago. When I discovered him, he had already started to turn blue. I called 911. The police arrived quickly and began administering CPR. After what seemed like a long time, I finally said, "Please stop; my husband has suffered with pain for years, and lately he's been talking about suicide — let him go! He has a Living Will."



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR WITHOUT: Your letter underscores the importance of stating one's wishes in writing. That is why I urge readers to have a Living Will. Also, it is imperative that physicians agree to honor it.

They said they were under standing orders to apply CPR until the emergency medical technicians arrived. When they got there, the police told them about the Living Will, but they insisted on contacting his doctor. I was grateful that the doctor instructed them to discontinue CPR. This illustrates that only the doctor's decision counts — not what the patient wants.

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked by the report of the grieving widow in Edgewater, Fla., whose physician refused to honor her husband's Living Will. His refusal was contrary to federal law.

Later the police officers, who were very comforting, told me that my husband was already gone when they arrived. It angers me when doctors who oppose the right to die insist they can keep patients free from pain. My husband tried for years to get some relief from constant pain. Doctors are not gods, and we should stop putting them in that position.

The Patient Self-Determination Act became effective on Dec. 1, 1991, and established without question that medical personnel and health-care institutions must respect and comply with Living Wills executed by mentally competent persons. Failure to abide by those instructions may lead to malpractice suits. It is also now well-established by

law and by court decisions that a mentally competent patient may accept or reject any recommended treatment. If the patient has signed a Living Will and should become unable to communicate, the "next of kin" is authorized to make decisions on behalf of the patient. Even now, it may not be too late for the grieving widow to take action.

ROY TORCASO, PRESIDENT, HEMLOCK SOCIETY OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA, MCLEAN, VA.

DEAR ABBY: You tell old people it's all right for them to hug, touch and kiss, but what about getting between the sheets for a little sex once in a while? We are both 85 years old, in good health, and we are very good friends. Is this an unpardonable sin?

H.B. IN ILLINOIS
DEAR H.B.: I am not authorized to pardon sins, but if I were, I would worry less about what two old lovers did between the sheets and more about man's inhumanity to man.

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Horoscope

Friday, April 7, 1995

Before launching any new endeavors or enterprises in the year ahead, finish what you've already started. Your best chances for success will come from things that already have a good foundation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Outsiders are apt to find you easy and forgiving today, but this might not be true of family members. If they anger you, there will be trouble. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and a SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Beware of inclinations today to overreact when you others offend you. There is a strong possibility that you'll read more into things than is intended.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Financial conditions could be subjected to big swings today. Through carelessness or extravagance, losses might overpower any gains you make.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Plan all of your moves carefully today, because if you don't, you might do things the hard way and your ambitions could go unfulfilled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might have difficulty distinguishing between a fresh affront and an old grudge. For your peace of mind, forgive and let go.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not let your curiosity get the better of you today and impel you to poke your nose into an affair where it doesn't belong. It might be regrettable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Partners or companions could be more of a hindrance than a help today when it comes

to getting important things done. Operate on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might spend more time talking about your intentions than doing anything about them. Produce first and let the results speak for themselves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is best not to become involved in situations where others have more control than you do. You weren't meant to play second fiddle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your mate might be just as determined as you are today to have his/her own way. An impasse will result if both parties are unyielding and stubborn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Co-workers might not perform up to your expectations today. Instead of coming down on them and stirring up more trouble, set an example for them to follow.

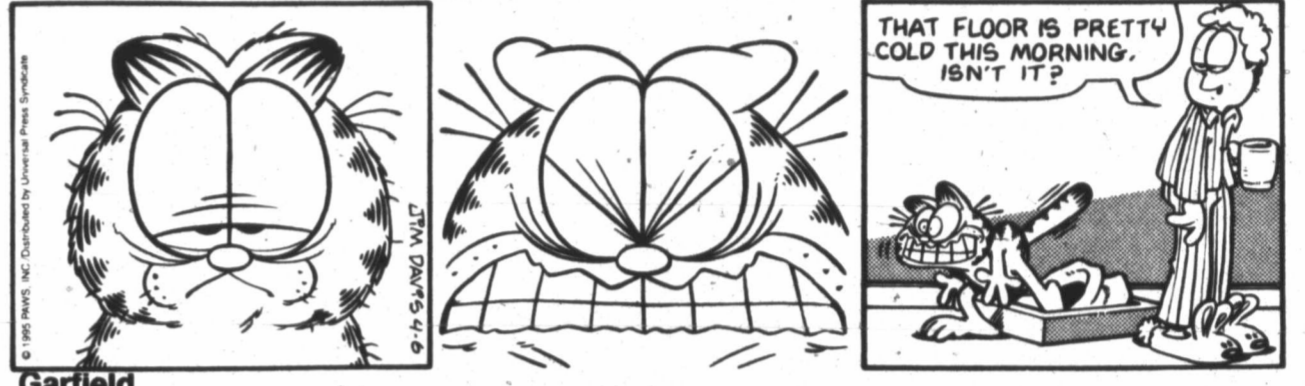
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not put something you value in jeopardy today. This could pertain to relationships, as well as material possessions.



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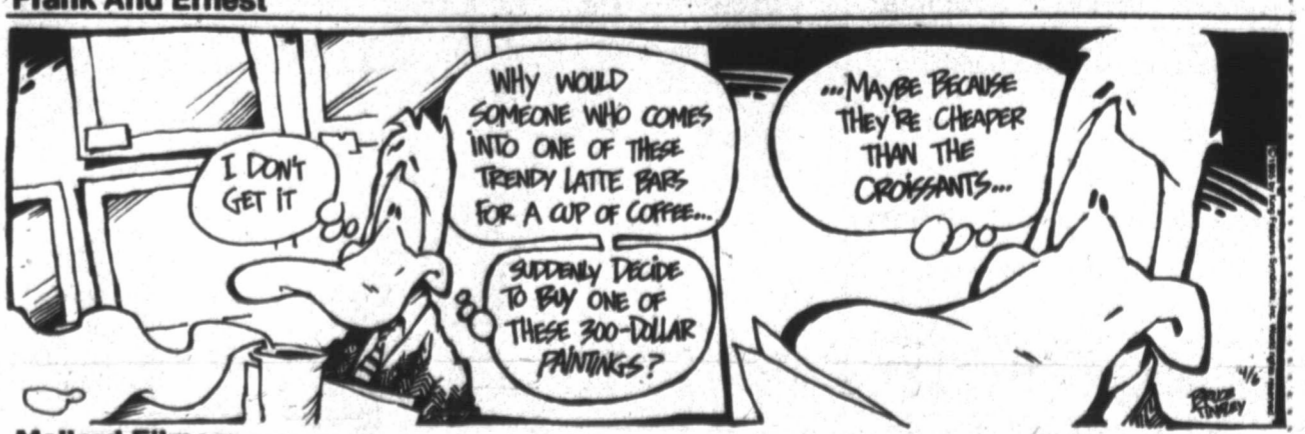
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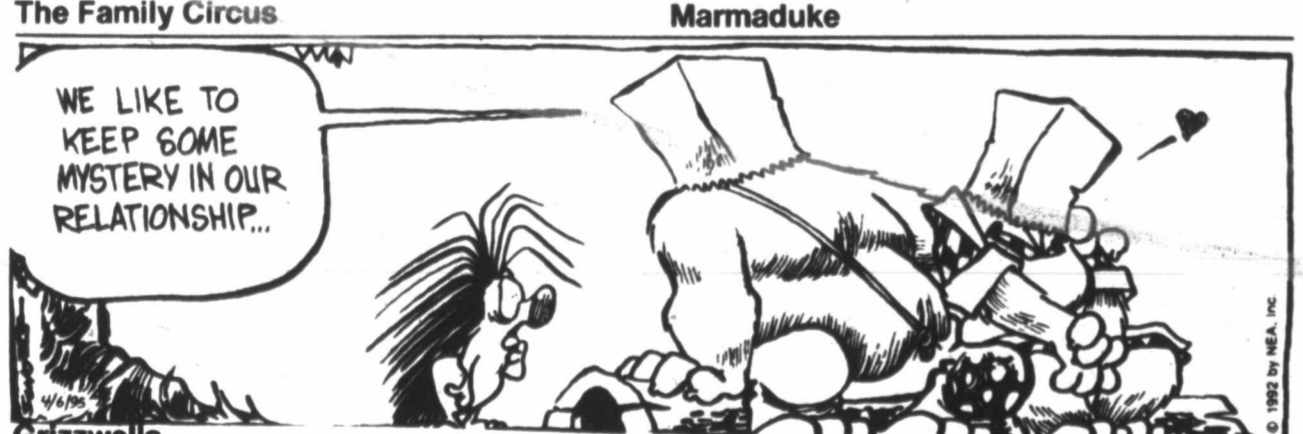
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"My eyes keep closing each other."



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O.J. defense makes scientific evidence look flimsy

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was no secret that O.J. Simpson's lawyers were going to make a big deal about the blanket tossed over Nicole Brown Simpson's body, the rookie criminalist and the crime-scene glove that got moved.

Yet when those issues were raised during a precise cross-examination of criminalist Dennis Fung, it all seemed so fresh, and so terribly damaging. All of a sudden, the defense was exposing cracks in the strongest part of the prosecution's case — the physical evidence.

By the end of Wednesday's court session, the defense had Fung, a prosecution witness, second-guessing his own decisions and those of top police investigators.

Defense attorney Barry Scheck got Fung to acknowledge that two bloody leather gloves — one found at the murder scene and one at Simpson's estate — might have been contaminated before they were tested. Prosecutors

say the glove found on Simpson's estate contains a mixture of blood from Simpson and the victims.

The defense wrapped up the court session by trying to show jurors a videotape of what it said was the murder-scene glove resting on a corner of the bloody blanket that covered Ms. Simpson's body. The defense said the glove had been moved from a spot under a bush.

Prosecutors objected and asked for time to analyze the tape. Superior Court Judge Lance Ito was to rule on the request today. Fung also was to return to the stand today.

Legal analysts praised the work of Scheck, whose reputation as a DNA expert has overshadowed his courtroom skills. Scheck discarded the brash, vocal style that grated on the judge in hearings out of the jury's presence, instead maintaining an intense yet restrained demeanor as he asked carefully plotted questions.

In the day's other major development, the jury lost a sixth member to allegations of

misconduct: Jeanette Harris, a 38-year-old black woman who reportedly failed to disclose her own experience with domestic abuse. She was replaced by a 44-year-old black woman who works as a computer technician.

Harris predicted a hung jury, saying that jurors are under too much pressure and might fear community pressure. She also said she was not swayed by the prosecution's case so far.

"The prosecution to me, from what I've seen so far, is just spinning wheels," she said. "They're not necessarily saying anything, but they're saying a whole lot of nothing."

The dismissal intensified fears that a complete panel won't survive the stresses of the trial long enough to deliver a verdict. Just six of 12 alternates remain. If the alternate pool is exhausted and the number of jurors falls below 12, a mistrial would be declared unless both sides agreed to continue with an undersized jury.

Bike helmet bill, no penalties

AUSTIN (AP) — Under a bill tentatively approved by the Texas Senate, youths riding bicycles on public roadways would be required to wear protective helmets — sort of.

The bill by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, requires that helmets be worn by juveniles under the age of 18, but it includes no penalties for violations, a situation that caused several senators to question why the measure was needed.

"Passing laws to make (people) law violators when you're not going to do anything to them anyway, it seems to me, is pretty superfluous," Sen. Don Henderson, R-Houston, said.

The Senate gave preliminary approval to the bill Wednesday with a 19-10 vote.

The bill's supporters characterized it as a health and safety measure.

"We believe this is a psychological tool and something that can help parents tell their children, 'Wear a bicycle helmet,'" Ms. Zaffirini said. "We believe that this will save people's lives."

She said many laws with no enforcement provisions exist on the state books.

"If this legislation only prevents one head injury, just one (to) just one child in this entire state, it's well worth our effort," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

Henderson, however, suggested that education programs would be a more effective way of encouraging children to wear bike helmets.

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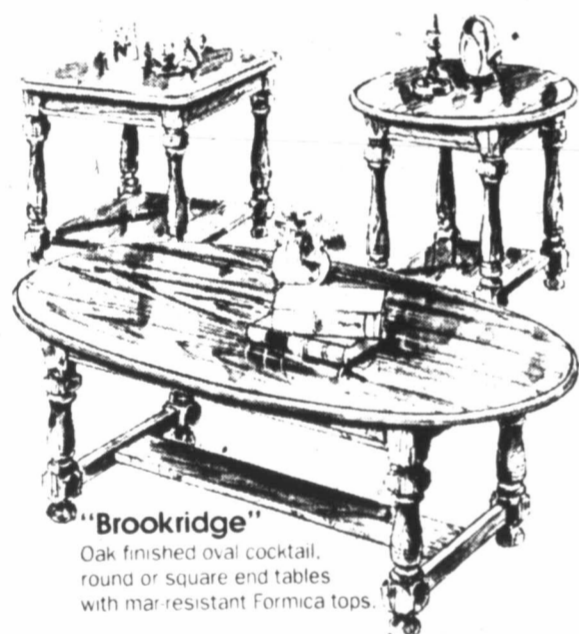
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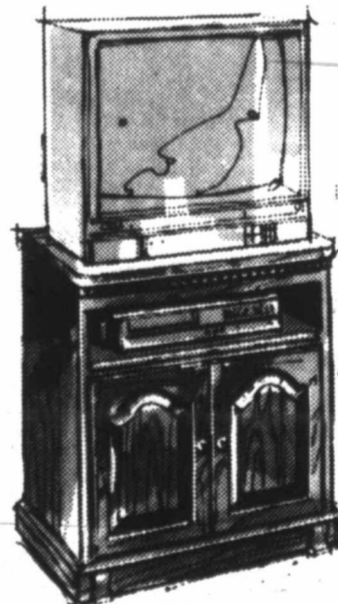
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